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Smiles and prizes at the Snapper Derby

Mikey Grella, 7, won a fishing rod and trophy for Best Angler at last Saturday's Mayor's Snapper Derby at Priybil Beach. Story, more photos, Page 4.

Fire destroys headquarters of NOSH

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In a blow to families who have been struggling throughout the coronavirus pandemic, a fire broke out at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347 hall in Glen Cove on Tuesday morning, destroying the headquarters of NOSH, a program of the North Shore Soup Kitchen. The food pantry had operated out of the Hill Street building since April, serving about 500 families on the North Shore each week.

No one was inside the building at the time of the fire, and no injuries were reported.

As of press time, the cause of the blaze was undetermined.

According to Christine Rice, chairwoman of NOSH/North Shore Soup Kitchen, 200 deliveries were supposed to go out on Tuesday, starting at 10:30 a.m. She was notified about the fire at 7:20 a.m. While the Glen Cove Fire Department saved the building, everything on the second floor was lost, including 23

refrigerators and freezers full of meat and produce and a few thousand pounds of dry goods — enough to feed the families for two months.

“We are obviously devastated by the fire, but extremely glad that no one was there and no lives were lost at the time of the fire,” Rice said.

We are determined to come back stronger than ever.

CHRISTINE RICE
Chairwoman, NOSH/
North Shore Soup
Kitchen

“We are determined to come back stronger than ever, and are in the process of finding a new location so we can continue our mission to all of the families we have been serving. Any help from the community is more than welcome.”

From week to week, about 150 people volunteer for the organization, which serves families in Glen Cove, Glen Head, Sea Cliff, Roslyn, Locust Valley, Lattingtown and Bayville.

The fire affected the second floor of the building, and Glen Cove VFW James Donohue Post 347 Commander Henryk Nowicki said that several items

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Glen Cove schools to continue masking requirement for students

BY JILL NOSSA
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Mask wearing, social distancing and disinfecting are here to stay for at least another year in Glen Cove schools, and remote learning will not be an option.

The Glen Cove City School District outlined its plan ahead of the mask mandate for students issued by Gov. Kathy

Hochul on Tuesday, when she also announced that school staff members across the state will be required to be vaccinated against the coronavirus or tested weekly.

Mask restrictions eased in late spring, but many people — even those who had been vaccinated — began masking up again indoors by mid-summer, out of caution as well as the fear

of spreading or catching the virus. As infections rise nationally among children due to the highly contagious Delta variant, the debate over masks has become a heated one.

“To protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff,” Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said, “the district will have an indoor mask

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Annual race to fight childhood cancer returns

BY LEAH DWYER

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Grab your running shoes, because Glen Cove's annual Nicholas Pedone 5K is right around the corner.

"We run for a cure, we run to help raise awareness for childhood cancer," race director Anthony Famiglietti said, "and we run to help other children fight cancer."

The annual race differs from others because it focuses on raising awareness for childhood cancer, according to Famiglietti, who helped create the race in 2013 after Nicholas, his cousin, was diagnosed with cancer. The first race was held in April of that year, and Nicholas, age 7 and a second-grader at Glen Head Elementary School, participated. He died on May 26, 2013, but his family decided to make it a tradition and soon created the Nicholas Pedone Foundation to help other children fighting cancer.

To kick off Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, every September or late August, the streets of Glen Cove are flooded with gold, the color for childhood cancer awareness. The event also coincides with Nicholas' birthday, Aug. 30.

"The impact that Nicholas had on the community and all the people that knew him and loved him and followed his story are now part of this bigger event," said Josephine Pedone, Nicholas' mother. "They all come together and contribute to our mission, which is to help us continue to deliver smiles to courageous kids fighting cancer."

The 8th annual Nicholas Pedone 5K is on Aug. 29 at 9 a.m., starting at Glen Cove



Courtesy Nicholas Pedone Foundation

PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2019 race as they ran toward the finish line.

High School. Children under 10 can participate in the fun run, one lap around the high school track. The proceeds from the event go to the Nicholas Pedone Foundation. Medals, awards, and money will be handed out to honorees and winners. To register for the run, go to fighthardsmilebig.org.

"When he was diagnosed with cancer, we just really saw his true personality shine," Pedone said. "He smiled his way through fighting cancer for seven months."

Nicholas' smile serves as the inspiration for the foundation's slogan, "fight hard, smile big." The foundation works to

help deliver smiles to children battling cancer through creating care packages for children with cancer, hospital outreach projects, high school scholarships, and donations to families.

The Nicholas Pedone 5K began in 2013, when Famiglietti was a senior at Glen Cove High School. In one of his classes, Cause, the students were tasked with putting on a community service event. That year the race raised about \$25,000 for the family's medical bills.

Now eight years later, the event is organized by the Nicholas Pedone Foundation, and normally has between 500 to 800 run-

ners. The event was held virtually last year due to the pandemic and raised nearly \$1 million.

"For every year that we do it," Famiglietti said, "for me, it's just another year that Nicholas is crossing the finish line with us."

The race recognizes not only the race winners, but also honors a child fighting cancer and someone who has made an impact. The honoree "cancer warrior" this year is Carsyn Volpe, who is in stage 4 relapse neuroblastoma. A donation will be made to his family. Additionally, an award called the CAP award is given to a person who has left a deep impact on the community or the foundation. The CAP award was created in honor of Andrew Fierstein, a 2013 graduate of North Shore High School who died at age 20 after battling childhood cancer, and stands for "continuing Andrew's positivity."

Jimmy Peck won the first Nicholas Pedone 5K and was a CAP award recipient two years ago. Peck helped raise \$10,000 for the Nicholas Pedone Foundation and was surprised with the award in 2019.

"I've won lots of trophies and awards in my life," Peck said, "but the CAP award was, and still is, the only one that has ever sat on the mantle of my home."

Peck participates in the Nicholas Pedone 5K every year.

"I've run in the Great Cow Harbor, LI Marathon, Marcum Challenge, Bluepoint 10 miler, and about 50 other top races on Long Island," Peck said. "I know good racing events on Long Island and this one is the best, in my opinion."

Covid vaccines available for county workers

BY JULIA REMICK

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David Pitti, a Nassau County facilities and plumbing employee for 32 years, received his first dose of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine at the county legislative building on Aug. 5. He was the first employee to be vaccinated as part of the county's new vaccination program.

Oyster Bay doctor Andrew Bennett said he supports the county's efforts. "Any way to get the maximum number of people immunized is good," he said. "Making it easy for them to get the vaccine is a good idea. Less than 10 percent of my patients have not received the vaccine. They say they are concerned about long term side effects or that they don't trust the government. We ask everyone to get it."

The program aims to vaccinate more county employees and their families by offering the vaccine at county buildings. "While many of our employees are vaccinated," said County Executive

Laura Curran, a Democrat from Baldwin, "we want to make it even easier for those who have not been vaccinated."

At first, Pitti said, he didn't know what to expect and hesitated to get the vaccine. After seeing the hospitalization rate shoot up, he changed his mind.

"Now feels like the right time to do it," he said, "for the safety of myself and for the safety of others."

While Pitti received his first vaccine dose at a room on the second floor of the legislative building, two other county workers waited their turns. The room, transformed into a clinic, had individual pods that were divided with privacy shields for employees to receive their doses.

Curran said she moved forward with the idea after seeing Covid-19 cases rise with the emerging delta variant.

"The delta variant of the coronavirus is much more contagious, and we are seeing an uptick in cases, and we're also seeing some breakthrough cases, folks who are fully vaccinated who get the delta variant," Curran said. "But I just

can't say this enough: If you are fully vaccinated, the chances of you contracting the virus are much smaller, and more importantly, it will keep you from dying."

Bennett said his patients are asking when they can get the booster to protect them against the delta variant.

"Medical advice is to get the vaccine, regardless of the small percentage of people who have side effects," he said. "We should be public spirited and do this for our community."

Vaccine clinics are at police precincts, the Sheriff's Department, the Department of Public Works, the Fire Marshal's Office, the Department of Social Services and Public Safety.

Curran said 1,000 professionals, including members of the department of health and medical reserve volunteers, would administer shots of either the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Nassau is leading the state with 83.1 percent of adults over 18 who have received at least the first dose, Curran

said. "So, 83.1 percent is great," Curran said. "We want 100 percent of folks who work for our county vaccinated."

To encourage employees to be vaccinated, they and their families who receive their second doses will be entered into a \$200 raffle, sponsored by Stew Leonard's. There will be six winners, one for each vaccine clinic location. County workers are also eligible for up to four hours of paid leave during the workday to be vaccinated, Curran said.

Breaking down the statistics to show the difference in cases and hospitalizations between the unvaccinated and vaccinated could help persuade unvaccinated people to get their shots, he said.

If there is a high demand for vaccinations, Curran said the program would be expanded.

It follows an initiative she announced on Aug. 3 to vaccinate employees and their families at local businesses. Since then, Curran said the county has received dozens of inquiries from businesses about setting up vaccinations on site.

Children hook snappers galore at annual derby

The 2021 Mayor's Snapper Derby hosted by the Glen Cove Anglers Club on Saturday, Aug. 21, brought out 52 children to the Pryibil Beach Fishing Pier for an action-packed morning of fishing.

"The timing of this year's derby could not have been better," Mayor Tim Tenke said. "Just a day before Tropical Storm Henri, it was great to see the weather held up and all the children smiling that the snappers were biting."

"This was another great year for the Snapper Derby with plenty of fish biting, talented young girls and boys and a great group of volunteers and sponsors whose generosity was appreciated by all families," said Tom Manzione of the Glen Cove Anglers Club and Snapper Derby chairperson since 1998. Every child was a winner as they each received a free T-shirt, hot dog, soft drink and a fishing accessory.

"Watching the excitement in the eyes of a child who just caught their first fish of the day is a special moment," added Manzione.

And excitement was on full display as Mikey Grella, age 7, took home the trophy and prize for "Best Angler" with 18 snappers. Additional winners included:

Junior Division:

- Brooks Fox, first place
- Dominic Preuss, second place
- Avery Kormoski, third place

Senior Division:

- Logan Calamussa, first place
- Frank Tornicchio, second place
- Jackson Papas, third place

The Glen Cove Mayor's Snapper Derby is held in cooperation with the City of Glen Cove Department of Youth Services & Recreation with support from the Glen Cove Anglers Club and the Matinecock Rod & Gun Club. 2021 Snapper Derby sponsors include: Duffy's Bait & Tackle, Fallon Painting Inc, Ferris Orthodontics, Friends of Tim Tenke, Glen Cove Anglers Club, Glen Cove Beer & Soda, Glen Cove Democratic Committee, Glen Cove Iron Works, Glen Cove PBA, Glen Cove Republican Committee, Glen Cove Youth Services & Recreation, Harbor Marine Service, Maass Dedication LLC, Matinecock Rod & Gun



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GLEN COVE ANGLER'S Club Commodore Sal Groe, Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Jackson Papas, Avery Kormuski, Brooks Fox, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Mikey Grella, Dominic Preuss, Frank Tornicchio, and Mayor Tenke.

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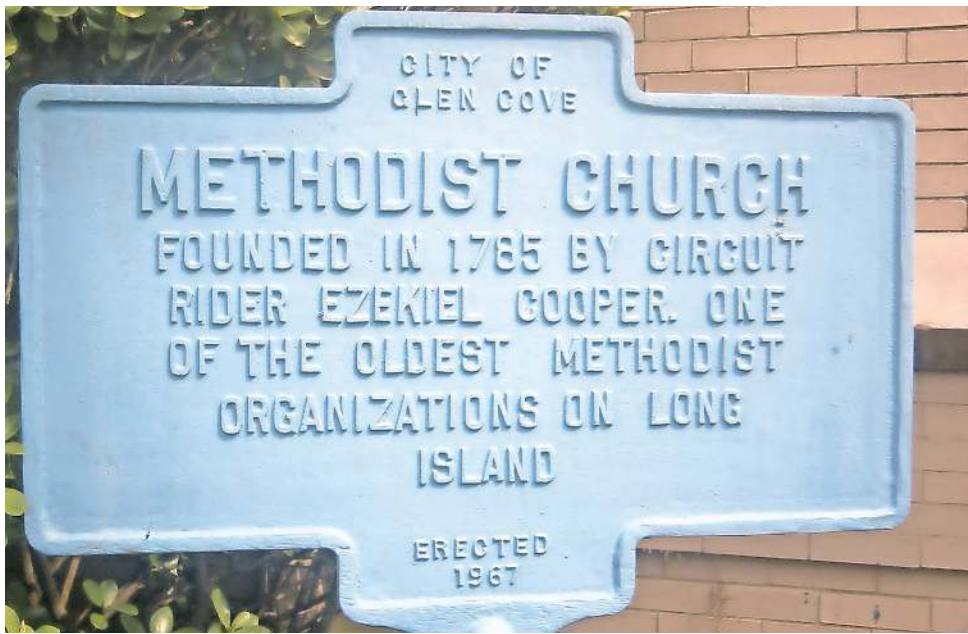
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THE ORIGINAL MARKER was erected in 1967.

The history of Carpenter Methodist Church

One of the oldest Methodist congregations on Long Island was organized in Musketa Cove in 1785 by Ezekiel Cooper, a traveling minister. Musketa Cove's Methodist congregation is the earliest religious group to establish themselves here. Although the Society of Friends (Quakers) had been gathering in the Matinecock area since 1671, and their meeting house was built in 1725, neither their farms nor the meeting house were a part of the community in those early years.

At that time there were no buildings in Musketa Cove designed to accommodate public gatherings of either a religious or secular nature. The congregants of the Methodist Episcopal Church initially met at local homes, such as those of Jesse Coles and Latting Carpenter, and later, they gathered to worship in the community's schoolhouse, built in 1783 on the west side of what is today School Street.

By 1844, the Methodists had decided to build their first church in the village of Glen Cove (renamed as such just 10 years earlier). Jacob Titus donated the land for this building, and the church was constructed at the northeast corner of what is today Highland Road and School Street, at a cost of about \$1,200. Note that it wasn't called School Street in those days – the entire main street through the village was named Glen Street, according to local maps as late as 1891. School Street did not get its name until the closing years of the 19th century, likely to recognize the location of the community's early schools. Glen Cove's second school building, the Union School, was across Highland Road from the church, on the opposite corner.

While the Methodists may have been the first organized Christian sect in the community, their house of worship was not Glen Cove's first church. The members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, organized in 1833, built their house of worship the following year on Glen Street, across from where the Avalon is today.

The Methodists opted to build a second, larger church in 1909. This was erect-

ed at the same location as their existing structure, on the corner of School Street and Highland Road. Perhaps they were motivated by the fact that a new Presbyterian Church had just been built a short ways up the road at the intersection where School Street met Cottage Row and Forest Avenue. The Methodist's earlier 1844 chapel was moved to the rear of the property for use as a Sunday school, and the church that we see today on School Street was constructed in its place. The new church was dedicated on June 12, 1910 as the Carpenter Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, so-named because more than half of the \$30,000 cost of the building and its equipment came from the Carpenter family, heirs of Musketa Cove's founder Joseph Carpenter.

In 1939, "Episcopal" was dropped from the name, and then, in 1968 the name was changed again to the Carpenter Memorial United Methodist Church. In early 2005, Glen Cove's United Methodist members began sharing The Village Church in Bayville with another congregation. The church building that has been a prominent landmark at Highland Road and School Street since 1909 was sold in 2008 to Hanmuam Baptist Church, affiliated with the Southern Baptist denomination. In addition to the Southern Baptists, several other religious groups now share this building. A few years ago the congregation of the Carpenter Memorial United Methodist Church returned to Glen Cove, and met at the North Country Reform Temple on Sundays. However, today there is no listing for this congregation in Glen Cove or the surrounding area, and they may have joined with one of the other United Methodist Churches.

This historical marker, erected by the City of Glen Cove in 1967 to denote one of the oldest Methodist churches on Long Island, is located in front of the building on School Street. The Glen Cove 350 Committee had the marker repainted in 2019 by Forest Iron Works. -- Dave Nieri, City of Glen Cove Historian

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A CONCERT-GOER PUT her hands in the air as former “The Voice” contestant Wé McDonald performed a rendition of “Rise Up” by Andra Day at the Never Forget Concert at Northwell Health at Jones Beach Theater on Saturday.

Never Forget Concert remembers 9/11

By **KATE NALEPINSKI**

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Even an impending tropical storm can't halt America's pride. Despite rain caused by the approach of Henri, the Never Forget Concert at Northwell Health at Jones Beach Theater — a music festival to honor the nation's military, first responders and 9/11 victims — went off as planned Saturday night.

All proceeds from the concert went to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, a nonprofit created in 2001 that works to provide mortgage-free houses and other benefits to injured veterans, Gold Star families and first responders.

Around 7 p.m., the show kicked off with the bagpipe groups Emerald Society and NYPD Pipes and Drums, made up of active and retired New York City Police Department members. Two American flags on the stage waved in the wind as the national anthem was performed by “The Voice” contestant Wé McDonald.

The CEO and founder of Tunnels for Towers, Frank Siller, then took the stage. “We can never forget what happened 20 years ago,” Siller said. “The foundation makes sure we never forget by honoring the sacrifice, and we honor the sacrifice by doing good. Let us do good for the greatest of all Americans: those who are willing to die for you and I.”

Siller founded the nonprofit to honor his brother, Stephen, a New York City firefighter who strapped 60 pounds of gear to his back and ran two miles through the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel to the twin towers, where he died in the effort to save others.

Sporting an FDNY T-shirt, “American Idol” contestant Jax performed “My Hero” by the Foo Fighters. It was followed by a performance by Danny Rodriguez, a former New York City police officer who said he was two blocks from the World Trade Center when it collapsed. He devoted his cover of “Into the Fire” by Bruce Springsteen to those who lost their lives



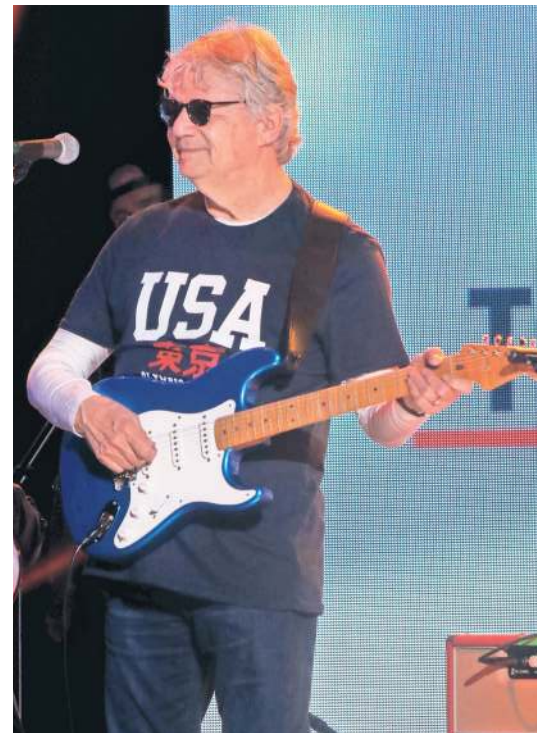
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during the attacks.

Rapper Flo Rida later hit the stage with his track “My House.” During a brief technical issue, the audio for “Wild Ones” cut out. Flo Rida invited Jax back to the stage to help him finish the 2011 tune.

As the rain began to intensify, Flo Rida encouraged the crowd to keep dancing. “To see you all out here smiling for something so purposeful — my hat goes off to you guys. This is a moment to cry tears of joy, so DJ hit it,” he said, leading into his “I Cry.” After he motivated the crowd to shout “Tunnels to Towers” several times in unison, he ended with his chart-topper “Low.”

Additional performances by Journey, The Chainsmokers, Wyclef Jean, the Steve Miller Band, Gavin DeGraw, John Fogerty of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Ann Wilson of Heart and Lee Greenwood rounded out the night.



McDONALD STRUCK A victory pose after the audience cheered following her performance of the national anthem at the concert.

STEVE MILLER OF the Steve Miller Band sported a U.S.A. Olympics shirt during the Never Forget Concert.

BAGPIPE GROUPS EMERALD Society and NYPD Pipes and Drums, made up of active and retired New York City Police Department members, performed on stage.



Former Herald's editor to be honored at Irish Festival

By **SCOTT BRINTON**
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The 49th Nassau County Ancient Order of Hibernians Feis and Irish Festival is set for Sunday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Nickerson Beach in Lido Beach, and this year's honoree will be John O'Connell, the former executive editor of Herald Community Newspapers, who retired in 2016.

"It's such a high honor to have been chosen as the honoree of this year's Nassau County Ancient Order of Hibernians Feis and Irish Festival," O'Connell said. "Having participated in the Nassau AOH Feis for many years, and knowing all the wonderful, hard-working Hibernian volunteers who give of themselves each year to promote and sustain the best of Irish heritage and culture that this feis and festival represents, I am truly blessed and humbled to be selected by those Hibernians as the 2021 honoree."

At the feis and festival, there will be Irish step dancing and live music by Bangers and Mash. There will also be Irish vendors, bagpipers, children's games, Irish language demonstrations, an art competition and a raffle.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m.

The entrance fee is \$10 per person.



Children under 16 will be free. All local, state and federal Covid-19 safety precautions will be adhered to. For more information, go to www.NassauAOHFeis.com, or email MikeNYAOHsports@gmail.com. Nickerson Beach is at 880 Lido Blvd in Lido.



Photos courtesy John O'Connell

THE 49TH NASSAU County Ancient Order of Hibernians Feis and Irish Festival will be held Sept. 19 in Lido Beach, at which John O'Connell, left, the Herald's former executive editor, will be honored.

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Friday, August 27

Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Stand By Me" (1986) at the library. In a small Oregon town, a group of friends - Will Wheaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman and Jerry O'Connell - are in search of a missing teenager's body. They set out on an unforgettable two-day trek that turns into an odyssey of self-discovery. When they encounter the town's knife-wielding bullies, the boys discover a strength they never knew they had.

Live Music: Sea Cliff Rocks

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.

Downtown Sounds: The Nikki Torres Experience

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.

Saturday, August 28

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.

Edible and Medicinal Wild Plants on the North Shore

From 3 to 5 p.m. join Ellen Kamhi, PhD, RN, The Natural Nurse® at Hive Market in Oyster Bay, to explore edible and medicinal wild plants. Ancient people lived by knowing and eating the local plants. Those plants are still there, you just need to learn which, when, why and how to use them safely for food and medicine.



Courtesy MPSMF

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival: Lonesome Traveler

Beginning at 7 p.m. at Morgan Park, enjoy 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. This summer marks Morgan Park Summer Music Festival's 62nd season of free high-quality performances for family audiences in the magical setting of Morgan Memorial Park.

Ax Throwing Workshop

Beginning at 2 p.m. at Locust Valley Library join Alpha Axes and experience training from a specialized team in their very own mobile axe throwing trailer. All precautions will be carefully followed. Register online as space is limited at locustvalleylibrary.org. This event will take place in the lower parking lot.

Walk through the Japanese Stroll Garden and Shu Swamp

Beginning at 10 a.m. at the John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden and Shu Swamp in Mill Neck, learn all about iconic cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), its value to wildlife and a research project when its striking bloom marks its presence. Register online at northshorelandalliance.org.

Sunday, August 29

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Monday, August 30

Jazz Night at La Bussola

At 40 School St., Glen Cove, at 7 p.m. featuring pianist Danny Mixon, accom-

panied by bassist Bryce Sebastien, La Bussola Ristorante is putting on a Monday Jazz Night, to continue every Monday for the foreseeable future. There will be two shows each week, at 7 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m., each an hour long.

Tuesday, August 31

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, September 1

Curator's Corner: The Liberation of Paris

Beginning at 11 a.m. at the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center, the Museum and Programming Director, Dr. Thorin Tritter, will talk about a photograph in the gallery of the Fohrenwald Displaced Person camp, and discuss the Long Island Survivor, George Oscar Lee, who was one of the community leaders in the camp. Register online at hmtcli.org.

Thursday, September 2

Sunset Serenade: Hunt and Hughes

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.

HAVING AN EVENT?

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

5 things to know about your town

- The Glen Cove Senior Center Rose Shoppe Boutique is open Mon - Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.
- Glen Cove Downtown Sounds free concert series continues every Friday at 7:30 p.m.
- The North Shore Board of Education will meet on Sept. 2.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Board of Trustees will meet on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

WHILE MASKS WILL be required indoors, they will be optional outdoors this school year.

Masks required again this school year in Glen Cove

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requirement — at all times except when eating — for all students and district employees.”

In addition to the guidance previously issued by the State Education Department, Rianna said, the district is adhering to the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Nassau County Department of Health.

Masks will be required indoors and on buses, but not outdoors. Frequent mask breaks will be scheduled for students, Rianna said, and social distancing will follow the CDC guidelines, which recommends that students maintain at least three feet of distance from one another when possible.

There will be no remote teaching or hybrid-learning model this school year, the superintendent said, unless mandated by the state or as result of other circumstances related to Covid-19. In the case of an emergency, the schools will be equipped to go virtual.

Additionally, Rianna said, the promotion of frequent hand-washing and other hygiene protocols will continue, and district buildings will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.

In the early days of the pandemic, when most schools offered only remote learning, few children were hospitalized with Covid-19, but the situation has changed with the spread of the Delta variant. The Food and Drug Administration’s full approval of the Pfizer vaccine earlier this week applies to those ages 16 and older. The vaccine still has emergency use authorization for 12- to 15-year-olds, and the vast majority of experts agree it is safe. Children younger than 12, however, still cannot get the vaccine.

In her address on Tuesday, when she was sworn in, Hochul called the mask rules and the new vaccine requirements for educators part of an effort to curb the outbreak fueled by the variant. “None of us want a rerun of last year’s horrors,” she

said.

Although the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the doctors and epidemiologists in the state Department of Health have all said that requiring masks in schools will slow the spread of the virus, discussions at school board meetings and on social media of whether they should be mandated have grown heated in recent weeks, with many parents insisting that they should have a say in school policy.

Daniel Rios, a parent of an incoming freshman at Glen Cove High School and a sixth-grader at Finley Middle School, said he was opposed to the mask mandate. He kept both of his children home last year, but does not have that option this year.

“The amount of misinformation being put out there is extremely dangerous,” Rios said, noting that he has read peer-reviewed literature from around the world indicating that masks do not work. “I think there’s a culture of faith-based science that has infected a lot of people, and unfortunately, people are still running on fear.”

His biggest frustration, Rios said, is that decision makers are not looking at all of the research available on the subject, and they seem to be dismissive of those who question the efficacy of masks. A sports massage therapist, he said he has researched masks’ psychological effects on children, particularly students at the lower elementary level. “So many children get social cues from people, and when you don’t have that, you’re lost,” Rios said. “That can lead to more anxiety and stress, and could lead to other things where you have to diagnose and medicate.”

Furthermore, he said, younger children tend to touch their masks more often, resulting in more fungus, bacteria and viral debris on their mouths than on any other part of the body. The thin, stylish masks that most people wear, he said, are not effective against spreading disease.

“I’m firmly against masks,” Rios said, “and I think it should be a parent’s choice.”

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Back-to-School Education in the 'new normal'

Getting past one-word answers

Supporting your teen's school life during the pandemic

'Fine.' 'Good.' 'Yeah.' 'Lit.'

If you're the parent of a teenager, you're probably more than familiar with one-word answers. Whether in response to asking them how their day was ("meh") or to what they want to do with the rest of their life ("dunno"), teens are experts at dishing out short replies.

A teenager's reluctance to engage in conversation can stem from a variety of reasons, from a desire for space to budding independence to developing communication skills. In most cases, it's not only normal, but it's also a necessary stage of adolescence.

Add in the frustrations of a global pandemic, which has resulted in virtual schooling, social distancing and canceled events, getting past one-word responses might be a little more difficult right now.

However, these Covid-19 hurdles may be more than just frustrating — they could be impacting their education as well as their mental well-being.

A survey of over 1,500 teens ages 13 to 19 revealed that during the pandemic:

- ✓ 71 percent of teens feel anxious or depressed about school work
- ✓ 60 percent of teens say feelings of stress have led them to not do their best on a school test
- ✓ 67 percent of teens pretend to feel fine so they don't worry others.

As your teen heads back to school for what is sure to be another complex school year, it's crucial to maintain regular — and productive — communication with them. Consider these questions to ask your teenager about school during the pandemic that will actually get them talking.

What has been most challenging about your school experience during Covid-19?

It's no secret that Covid-19 has thrown a number of obstacles at every age group, but teenagers have faced a particular set of challenges.

What was meant to be one of the best periods of their life, chock-full of new classes, sports seasons and social events, has turned into a much more isolated experience. They're likely facing a variety of disappointments due to the pandemic — and it's important to validate those feelings.

Ask your teen what's been tough about school during Covid-19. Are they feeling disconnected socially? Do they get annoyed with wearing a mask all day? Are they experiencing screen fatigue?

Explain that it's perfectly normal to be frustrated right now. Then, take the time to brainstorm solutions together. Remind them that while extra precautions are critical to keeping them and others safe and a fun mask can be a great addition to their outfit. Whatever their challenges are, don't dismiss them. They may be looking for a good window to talk through their problems with someone, including you.

When talking to your teen, solicit their opinion. Ask them what they would change and why that would help. If their proposals aren't feasible, such as foregoing a mask, have a conversation about why. If they suggest alterations that might work, explore possibilities like utilizing online resources, hiring a tutor, or reaching out to their teacher.

What has being a student during a pandemic taught you?

By now, it's pretty clear that this time period is one for the history books. Similar to the 1918 influenza pandemic — the most severe pandemic in recent history — students



will likely be reading about Covid-19 many years from now.

Remind your teen that while not necessarily always a positive one, they are living through an important historical time period. And as with most historical events, there's something to be learned.

Ask your teen what they have discovered while navigating school through the pandemic. Maybe they've realized how much can be accomplished virtually — or how exhausting using technology all day can feel. Maybe they have gotten much closer with a small circle of friends versus a broad group of acquaintances. Or maybe they're simply recognizing how to take pleasure in small moments during a difficult time.

Whether it's about themselves, their social circles, or the world at large, encourage them to maintain focus on what they're learning during this unique period in history.

How can I help you get the most out of your school experience right now?

Whether your teen is 13 or 18, they're being asked to display a high level of maturity right now. They are responsible for protecting themselves and others — all while keeping up with school in a less-than-normal situation. All of this can be exhausting.

Discuss how you can help them succeed, and be ready to step up when they need you.

Teens may boast independence left and right, but they're still developing the ability to problem solve, make informed decisions, and fully think things through. Now more than ever, they may need extra support to navigate school effectively. This may be in the form of helping them organize their workload, providing them with a more private workspace, or reaching out to a teacher for advice. As long as they're reasonable requests, do your best to accommodate their needs when possible.

Above photo: The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the world for everyone. While teens would much rather be going about their school day without these added concerns, this is their reality for the time being.



Easing back in

Re-adjustment is a process

After the challenges of last year, kids may finally get to be kids again. This upcoming school year means being reunited with friends, having some sort of regular schedule again and finally having the chance to show off those new clothes, backpacks and clever school supplies. Good for them and good for parents, right? While there are concerns about keeping kids safe from Delta and other emerging Covid-19 variants, at least parents won't have to worry about teaching common core math or listening to lessons in between conference calls. What a dream!

Unfortunately, there's some apprehension about going back for many families. What can you do if you notice that your child is having a rough time with this change? Pediatric psychologist Vanessa Jensen, PsyD, ABPP, offers some sage advice to help make the process easier.

Why good change can also be stressful

"In general, going back to school is just a big change. It's a whole new setting especially for kids who are going from elementary school to middle school or middle to high school," Dr. Jensen says. "All of the sudden, they're expected to know what they're doing. It's a huge shift from being their little space at home to now being in this world of back to school."

How to recognize when your child is having a tough time

She adds that if you're not sure if your child is having a hard time with the transition back to school, think about how they normally act when they're stressed and look for those behaviors. For example, if your child gets headaches or stomach aches when they're anxious, you'll know that school is stressing them out should they start having them more frequently.

"We have a tendency to go toward certain behaviors when we're stressed. My suggestion is for parents to think about what their child does when they get stressed in a new situation," she says. "Think about the behaviors that they usually revert to whether it's hiding in the background of a small group or acting out and trying to be the funny kid. Once you recognize what they tend to do under stress, that's probably what you're going to see as they enter into a new situation."

Help teens make the adjustment

We remember our teenage years. Some of us were wild and loud. Some of us were shy and quiet. But regardless of our personalities, most of us probably kept our crushes, craziness and challenging times under wraps. Dr. Jensen advises us to keep that in mind when it comes to teens. While it's natural to want to know every single thing that's going on in your teen's life, prying or being overbearing will only make things worse.

"If your child has been able to handle things in general, give them some space. But if you're worried, you can always say things like, 'You seem a little stressed. You know, I'm around,' or 'Have you talked to your friends?' And if they have talked to their friends, you can always follow up with 'Well if you want to talk to me, I'm here.'"

Reassure them gently and gradually. "If you overwhelm your child with questions, (and I compare this to throwing buckets of water on them), they're going to think, 'Whoa, I'm not going there.' So, give them space. They know you're there."

Above photo: Back-to-school checklists are back, though they may look a bit different this year as students learn to adapt to full in-person instruction.

Donna Summer tribute to close out Downtown Sounds 11

The music of Donna Summer will be featured when Nikki Torres and the Girls of Summer take the stage to bring the 2021 Downtown Sounds Concert Series to a close at the Glen Cove Village Square Plaza on Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. This phenomenal tribute show involves Torres playing the role of the legendary queen of disco along with a seven-piece all-female group who bring the music of that bygone era back to life.

Summer's musical career spanned from 1974 until her untimely death in 2012. During those 38 years, she sold over 100 million records worldwide and won five Grammy Awards. With this in mind, it's not surprising that in 2016, Billboard ranked her sixth on its list of the greatest dance-club artists of all time behind only Madonna, Janet Jackson, Rihanna, Beyoncé and Pet Shop Boys. She was also honored posthumously with induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013.

Torres' love for music can be traced back to when she began performing at the age of 10. As she grew older, she signed record deals with both Profile and Sony Records. What is more, she has toured as a background singer for Tony Records' Diana King and her resume also includes recording stints with Maxi Priest and Foreigner. However, her greatest claim to fame might just be her creation of and performance in a Gloria Estefan tribute show that has entertained many audiences over the years, including during the opening week of Downtown Sounds 2018. Anyone who experienced that concert will recall Torres front center on stage at the Glen Cove Village Square playing the role of Gloria with audience members dancing along with her in the street. She is looking forward to returning to Glen Cove and getting the same response when she plays the role of Donna Summer this year on the Downtown Sounds stage.

After experiencing concerts only in virtual form last year, it has been uplifting for area residents to once again



Christina Daly/Herald

ALL SUMMER LONG, people have been dancing in the streets and enjoying the concerts.

experience live music in person on the streets of Glen Cove during the first eight weeks of Downtown Sounds 2021. After all, excluding last year, this experience has been an annual summer occurrence for over 20 years. However, being that last year's virtual presentations were very well-received, this year concerts are videotaped, so if you miss it you can go to Glen Cove Downtown BID on Facebook and watch at a later date. This means that people from around the globe who are unable to travel to Glen Cove can witness the spectacle as can those in proximity who yearn to experience the sound of music on the Glen Cove village streets, but not quite

ready to do so in the public domain.

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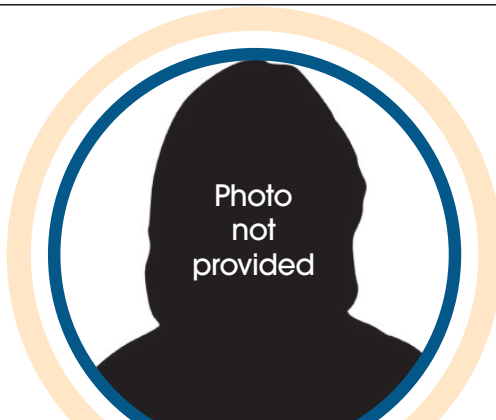


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Nurse Manager
Acute Rehab Unit
Glen Cove Hospital



When we started hearing about the pandemic, none of us really believed it would happen, or be as bad as it was. We were all scared but were able to keep things moving despite what was going on. In my 40 years in healthcare, [Covid] was by far the most difficult situation I had to deal with and witness. Throughout the pandemic we were able to still provide that rehab for patients even if they had covid. We all supported each other in the unit. We had great support from the hospital and the community; we worked as a team the entire time to try and make something good out of a bad situation.

Our patients felt so isolated; we would bring patients to the window to wave to their family members they couldn't see because of the Covid guidelines in the hospital. It was definitely really tough trying to get them through this while getting ourselves through it

at the same time.

I always felt so safe in this environment, in the hospital, we always had all the protective equipment we needed — there was never a worry that we didn't have what we needed to protect ourselves. But when I went home, I couldn't listen to the news. My way of decompressing from everything I was seeing at work, and coping with the entire situation was to shut it off as soon as I entered my house. It's so important to mask up, even if you're vaccinated when you go out places; this delta variant is no joke. We need to make sure we're protecting ourselves, yes but other people too because of how easily spread this new strain is.

We're going to continue to fight the fight with this virus, we aren't going to surrender.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

TINA RUSHFORTH

LINDENHURST

Nurse Manager
Intensive Care Unit
Glen Cove Hospital



I've been in this hospital for 24 years and have worked in many units along the way. When we first saw our Covid patients at the hospital, I was working as an assistant nurse manager for one of our rehab units, and because of my experience, when we opened up these surge units for patients with Covid that we didn't have staff for, I was asked to step in and help work that unit.

I did that until the need wasn't there anymore because we saw the numbers go down and there weren't as many medical patients being admitted. After that, Glen Cove opened a respiratory rehab unit for patients that were in different hospitals and had survived Covid, but were still on ventilators and had no mobility because they were in bed for three to four months. We had a special

team, and the majority of these patients got better, so that was the good part of Covid.

Last August, I moved on to become the nurse manager for our ICU. I went from working four 10-hour shifts to being here five days a week, 12 hours a day, and I learned new things and became a leader to people I didn't know. It was a little overwhelming at the time, but I did it because that's what I had to do. I'm in a better place now here in ICU because I have my regular staff and they know how to care for these patients.

I think the past year has taught us a lot about nursing in a perspective. I think our staff has done really well adapting and making patients feel comfortable. It's been a crazy year, but we've all learned so much from it.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO



CINDY JOHNSON

MERRICK

Head Nurse,
Bellmore-Merrick
Central High
School District



I am a nurse at Calhoun High School, and I'm also the lead nurse for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. I oversee 10 nurses throughout the district, and I act as an advocate for the nurses; helping them out if they need it or by carrying out things asked by Eric Caballero, our director of health. Sometimes I also contact our state representatives up in Albany.

Plus, we take care of all of the students.

I've been the head nurse for five years, and going through the pandemic was rough in the beginning but we have a great team of nurses in the Bellmore-Merrick district. We all pulled together and were there for each other. We are a very close-knit team; we all work well together and everybody is a team player.

Before I worked in the district, I was a nurse

at Winthrop Hospital and I was a pediatric nurse in North Shore, Manhasset for over 20 years.

Covid definitely took a lot of extra work from us. We did contact tracing in partnership with administrators and had to be even more diligent than we already are when a student wasn't feeling well. We also kept very open communication with parents because everyone was so stressed. It was a lot for everybody.

Our main goal, of course, was to make sure that all students and staff in the building were safe and healthy each day.

I do what I do because I love taking care of the kids. I always want to help anyone who needs help. I have three kids who all graduated from Calhoun.

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Thousands of pounds of food lost in fire

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of sentimental value were destroyed, including a 10-foot-long wooden VFW emblem that hung on the wall and a painting of the Morgan Park gazebo by a member's daughter. The firefighters were able to save the memorabilia from downstairs, he said, though the hall will be out of commission for several months.

The hall was built in 1920 by post members, and it is where today's members say they intend to stay. The plan is to repair the extensive damage with insurance money. "We've been to tougher places," Nowicki said. "We'll rebuild and keep going."

Shortly after the pandemic started, NOSH was founded by Courtney Callahan, of Locust Valley, who was a member of the North Shore Soup Kitchen Board of Directors, to provide emergency meals for the hungry during a time when regulations restricted serving meals. The North Shore Soup Kitchen has fed community members for 32 years, operating from First Baptist Church of Glen Cove until the pandemic hit. The two groups joined forces in July 2020, and began feeding people in need out of the Church of St. Rocco in Glen Cove last August.

The effort grew with demand as the pandemic dragged on, and NOSH moved to the VFW hall this spring, because



Jill Nossa/Herald

THE BRICK BUILDING remains intact, but the fire destroyed the fresh, frozen and dry food stored upstairs, as well as some sentimental memorabilia inside the Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

there was adequate space to store all the food that was needed. Volunteers pack bags filled with emergency meal kits and distribute them from the parking

lot to walk-ins or van drivers who deliver them to homes.

Not only does the organization need a new location, but also donations from

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Anna Di Rienzo

Anna Di Rienzo, age 92, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 18, 2021. Loving sister of the late Edmond Covell, Robert Grella (Barbara), Marcia Ring and Noreen Grella. Dear aunt of Bill (Martha), Christopher, Michael, Jimmy, Michele and Allison (Brandon). Great aunt of Christian, Hannah and Tessa. And loving cousins. Visitation held at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, www.whitting.com. Funeral service held at St. Boniface Martyr Church, Sea Cliff. Interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Old Brookville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Children of Hope Foundation, www.amtchildrenofhope.com

Willis M. Summers

Willis M. Summers, of Bayville, died on Aug. 17, 2021, at age 62. Beloved husband of Laura Haggerty-Summers. Loving father of William. Dear brother of Diane Arnold (Jay) and David Summers (Lorna). Also survived by a niece and a nephew. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at St. Gertrude RC Church. Interment at Greenfield Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to HYPERLINK "<http://samartianspurse.org/>" samartianspurse.org

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Lost in translation

Dear Great Book Guru,
With just a few weeks of summer remaining, I would love to find a book I can take with me to Sunset Serenade, one of my favorite events. Every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. there is a concert at Clifton Park organized by the Sea Cliff Civic Association and chaired by Petrice Kaider. I love to get there early with a good book and wait for the music to begin. Do you have something special to recommend?
—Fan of Sunset Serenades

one we meet are global citizens with little ties to anyone or anywhere. There is a strange sense of dread throughout.



**ANN
DIPIETRO**

Visiting a friend, she is a witness to a vicious assault of an art dealer. Later, he re-appears and the mystery of his presence becomes more and more sinister. Her relationship with a married journalist is a constant throughout, but chances for her happiness appear bleak. When she is assigned as principal interpreter for an African warlord charged with horrendous crimes against his people, she begins to question her skills, safety, and sanity. This is a fascinating story of communication missteps. Highly recommended!

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

Dear Fan of Sunset Serenades,
I too love these concerts and I have a wonderful book for you: "Intimacies," by Katie Kitamura. The narrator is a young woman who has just moved to Amsterdam from New York City to work as a translator at the international court at the Hague. Her father has recently died and her mother has moved to Singapore. She and almost every-

Setting the record straight on taxes

We are coming upon the fall and, for better or worse, political season is now upon us. The past few editions of the Herald have contained political promotional material in the guise of a "Letter to the Editor" from candidates running for local office. In 2017, I ran for mayor because I was tired of deception and misinformation. However, as is evident through the various letters to the editor and political signs around town, my opponents seek to continue their deception and misinformation. For example, there is a lawn sign throughout the city that states "Mayor Tim Tenke Raised our Taxes 8% During a Pandemic." That is false. The



Mayor Tim Tenke

adopted 2021 tax levy presented a 6.83% increase. However, discussion of the tax levy raises another example of their deception, which is how the previous administration led residents to believe that the city's finances were balanced and did not require any revenue adjustments for over four years. What they fail to tell you is that they relied on \$13.1 million of one-shot revenues from 2014 through 2018.

While it was an extremely painful decision to raise taxes, raising taxes was necessary because of what some of my opponents had done (or not done) in years past. For years, my opponents presented a rosy picture of the city's finances, buttressed by proclamations of no tax increases – but what they failed to tell you is how they achieved that. They relied on one-shot revenues, such as sale of city assets, building permit fees, and other one-time occurrences to fund operating expenses, and balance a

budget that did not take into account ever-increasing expenses. Relying on one shot revenues in this fashion is not dissimilar from using credit cards to make ends meet and then suddenly running out of credit or winning the lottery and spending extravagantly with no plan for your expenses when the lottery winnings run out. Because of my opponent's failure to equalize expenses with sustainable recurring revenues, and their reliance on one-shot infusions to fill holes, there were no more one-shot revenues to fill holes with for 2021.

In 2021, I had to make a decision to raise taxes or drastically cut expenditures.

In this case, cutting expenditures to fill the massive hole would have meant, amongst other things, laying off 40 city workers (including first responders such as police officers and EMS workers during a global pandemic), closing the Senior Center and Youth Bureau, ending youth recreation activities as we know them, reducing sanitation pick up to once a week, and eliminating our recycling program. I knew that if residents were faced and understood the decision I made, they would agree with it. For an average of about \$250 per year per household, which is certainly not an inconsequential sum, residents could maintain the same quality of life and city services they had become accustomed to without suffering any reduction in services.

In short, residents should not allow themselves to be deceived.

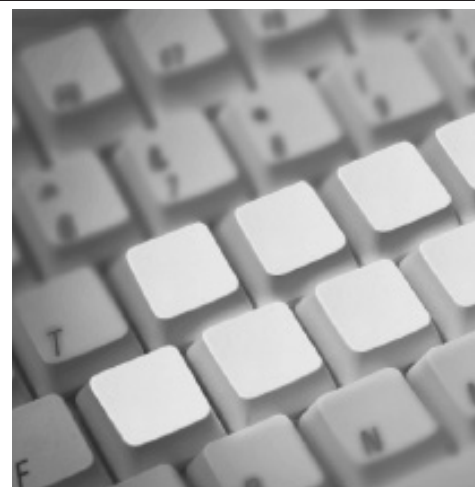
Show off your dog to win prizes

The Beacon at Garvies Point launched new social media contest this week. In honor of National Dog Day on Aug. 26, all Glen Cove residents are invited to the dog park at Garvies Point to share pictures of their furry family members, with a chance to win dog-centric prizes, celebrating the dog-friendly community at Garvies Point.

To enter this contest, participants are required to capture the best photo of their pup at the Garvies Point dog park and post it on Instagram. There will be three winners selected with the chance for three followers to win a

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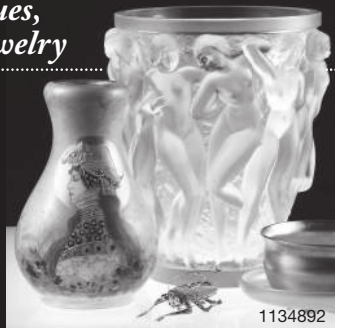
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OPINIONS

Welcoming a new face in Albany

It's hard to believe that the Cuomo dynasty has come to an end, but New York now has a new governor, Kathy Hochul. I use "hard to believe" because for nearly 11 years, Andrew Cuomo had such a dominant role in the daily life of all New Yorkers. To the best of my recollection, no governor in my lifetime was in your face as much as Cuomo was.



**JERRY
KREMER**

As I look back over the past 55 years, there have been eight governors occupying the Albany mansion. At least five of them served four or more years. But none of them was as powerful a figure as Cuomo. During the height of last year's coronavirus crises, New Yorkers — and people around the world — looked forward to his daily briefings on how New York was coping with the pandemic. For that brief period, Cuomo was a 24/7 presence.

If you think back on past governors,

whether Nelson Rockefeller or Mario Cuomo, you realize that none of them was as front-and-center as Andrew Cuomo. If it wasn't an update about Covid-19, the news would carry a story about the almost daily feud between Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. No matter what media you followed, there was a daily story about some Cuomo initiative. It seemed for some time that the only place the governor didn't inhabit was your bedroom.

But the days of a Cuomo in the news are over, at least for now, and many in the political arena consider this a blessing. Hochul may be surprised to find out how many people are ready to welcome her with open arms. As much as Cuomo accomplished — and he did do a lot — the state was ready for a respite with a new face on the Albany scene.

It's a historical fact that New York governors and New York City mayors have a hard time getting along. They view the political stage as having only one spotlight, and they will do anything

to grab it. Of all the feuds that I recall, none was as nasty as the Cuomo-de Blasio wrestling match. If de Blasio announced that he was lifting some Covid restriction, Cuomo would immediately step in and say not so fast.

In the run-up to her swearing in, Hochul met privately with de Blasio, and they exchanged pleasantries. In addition, she spoke extensively with de Blasio's likely successor, Eric Adams. Don't be surprised if, in the coming weeks and months, the new governor takes the extra time to make nice with any politician who had been scorned by Cuomo.

At the top of his hit list were the two leaders of the State Legislature, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins. No one has ever written a love story about a New York governor and an Albany legislative leader, but Cuomo's relationship with the current legislative leaders was especially hostile. Both would sit down with him and hammer out state budgets, but the level of dis-

trust was always high. Every legislative leader has a pretty strong ego, but none could eclipse Cuomo's.

In the weeks ahead, Hochul will no doubt go out of her way to establish a close working relationship with both state leaders, and they, in turn, will shower her with compliments and pledges of harmony and good things to come. That is a welcome change of atmosphere, because the new governor has a lot on her plate, and she'll only have a short window of time to attack a host of issues. At the same time that she'll be wrestling with new challenges, there will be a handful of politicians plotting to challenge her next year in a primary contest.

For now, though, New Yorkers can look forward to their state government functioning normally, with no sign yet that former Governor Cuomo is planning a return to power.

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Heading west, into smoke and wildfire hell

I confess, the headline is hyperbolic, but for a Long Island woman on her first cross-country road trip, the wildfires and smoke demand purple prose. We arrived in an area of California that is designated "purple" because conditions are "extremely unhealthy," according to the weather service. It rained ash.



**RANDI
KREISS**

We sea-level dwellers are accustomed to clean air and no elevation issues. Right now I am at 6,700 feet and I can't see the mountains in front of me. We knew the West was in a wildfire and air-quality crisis, but we

needed to move, to change the scenery and mostly to see our kids and grandkids who live out here. We started planning this trip last year during the lockdown, and the planning itself was liberating.

Driving cross-country has been my dream. My husband has always put it off, dreading the endless driving days through the middle. But that's what I wanted, to experience the unchanging open prairie and the nothingness. How can you really know it's all out there if

you don't drive through it?

Like most dreams, I got just a piece of it, but these days that counts.

Early last week we flew to Denver, picked up a rental car and drove to Cheyenne, Wyo., then Park City, Utah, then Elko, Nev., before we arrived in California. The experience has been both better and worse than expected.

The flight was great and the car was waiting for us. This sounds matter-of-fact, but as an obsessive planner, I had spent dozens of hours scrolling through hotel and car websites, trying to find the best — and the most cancelable — plans. We heard all the horror stories of people being stranded at airports with no cars available.

The day we landed, Denver had the worst smoke and air quality of any place in North America. We headed out, stopped at a Walmart to buy a cooler, a small bed for Lillybee the dog and enough water for a Sahara crossing, and then we drove to Cheyenne.

In the months since we first planned this adventure, the Delta variant has overwhelmed the hotel experience. Everything that can be is online. Breakfast buffets are masked affairs with no real buffet, just grab and go. No house-

cleaning services unless requested.

Cheyenne itself is hot, dry and seemingly the center of the American military complex. Streets are named for generals. We drove by a life-sized missile on display in the park. The only surprise in Cheyenne was Mort's Bagels in the center of town.

The drive to Park City made me think of the movie "North by Northwest," in which Cary Grant gets strafed by a crop-duster out in the middle of nowhere. We drove through featureless high plains studded with occasional red rocks. The openness can feel disorienting.

We stayed in Park City for two nights. I've wanted to visit ever since Robert Redford brought the Sundance Film Festival to the area. As it turns out, we should have gone 25 years ago. Today, Park City is emblematic of all the overdeveloped mountain towns overrun by rich folks who want seasonal mega-mansions on the slopes.

Two days into the trip, the Delta surge necessitated that we wear masks indoors everywhere and eat only at restaurants with outdoor tables. On a personal level, we were doing well. Lillybee turns out to be a roadie. Eight hours in the car is doable. She isn't picky about

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sleeping arrangements.

We felt good just being let loose, but there were new constraints, and we knew we were losing ground to the virus. Our luggage comprised two huge bags, one carry-on and Lillybee's bed. We were quite well organized, and only lost one Kindle along the way, although we thought we'd lost the car keys and our phones too many times to count.

News of the world popped up along the way on the phones and in headlines splashed across newspapers. It was all disturbing: masking meltdowns, Governor DeSantis of Florida on the ascendency, Cuomo self-destructing and then, suddenly, Biden hitting a wall in Afghanistan. Fortunately, the TVs in our hotel rooms didn't work and we wouldn't let a repairman in, so no TV.

Our last night on the road was in Elko, and it must have been forgettable because it was just three nights ago and I forgot the highlights.

The big takeaway so far is the smoke and the intense heat around the country. Driving along the Great Salt Lake felt like traversing Mars. Nothing but shimmering heat as far as we could see, the salt flats stretching in all directions like a prophecy.

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New York must require masks in school

New York's new governor, Kathy Hochul, made it clear in the days leading up to her ascension to the state's highest office that she would like to see a statewide mask mandate for schoolchildren and their teachers.

Thank you, Governor. We need you to work toward, and enact, such a mandate, by way of the State Department of Health, in order to end the partisan bickering that we have seen at Board of Education meetings of late. Anti-maskers, extolling the virtues of personal freedom, clash with parents who are concerned that their children may be next to fall victim to the coronavirus, and often older teachers who are worried that they might get sick and perhaps die.

On June 15, then Gov. Andrew Cuomo, believing the vaccines had tamed the viral invader, lifted all Covid-19 restrictions. For the schools, that was a mis-

take.

Children under 12 are now most vulnerable to the disease because they cannot, as yet, receive the Covid-19 vaccines. Their only forms of protection are vigilance and masks. Kids tend not be vigilant, so, really, masks are it for them. Infection rates — and even hospitalizations — are soaring across the country among children. We have a sacred obligation to protect them.

That is the primary reason the state should require students to wear masks at all times in school. Otherwise, what we will get is a hodgepodge of rules. The Massapequa School District came out last week to say it would not require masks, but rather recommend them.

Recommend them? Who are officials there kidding?

Meanwhile, the Baldwin, Roosevelt, Jericho and Riverhead school districts have all said they would continue to

require masks. Good for them. That's the right thing to do.

No single Board of Education should have to make this decision, however. That's why the state must step in.

In June, we thought we had beaten back Covid-19. Then along came its close cousin, the so-called Delta variant, which is significantly more infectious and potentially more deadly for the unvaccinated than the original strain of the disease. The variant had been with us for months, but it hadn't really taken hold in New York until recently.

Let's face it: We have a ways to go before we eradicate this disease. No one is suggesting that we return to the restrictions that we saw in the early days of the pandemic. We should, however, take every reasonable precaution to limit the spread of the virus. That begins with requiring masks for all students.

Get a Covid-19 booster when it's offered

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said last week that those who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus will likely need a booster shot after eight months — meaning that those who were first in line to be vaccinated in January are already coming due for their boosters.

CDC officials said that the Food and Drug Administration is now reviewing the efficacy and safety of booster shots, but they will probably become available this fall. We say this: Be prepared to get a booster if and when it is offered.

All of us must do all that we can to eliminate this terrible scourge and restore normalcy to this country. Vaccines, masks and social-distancing requirements are our only real defenses against the coronavirus, for which there is no known cure.

The Covid-19 vaccines are extraordinarily effective in keeping people out of the hospital and preventing death. We are, however, seeing an increasing number of "breakthrough" cases, in which vaccinated people are testing positive for the coronavirus and even getting sick. But their symptoms are most often mild to moderate, officials say.

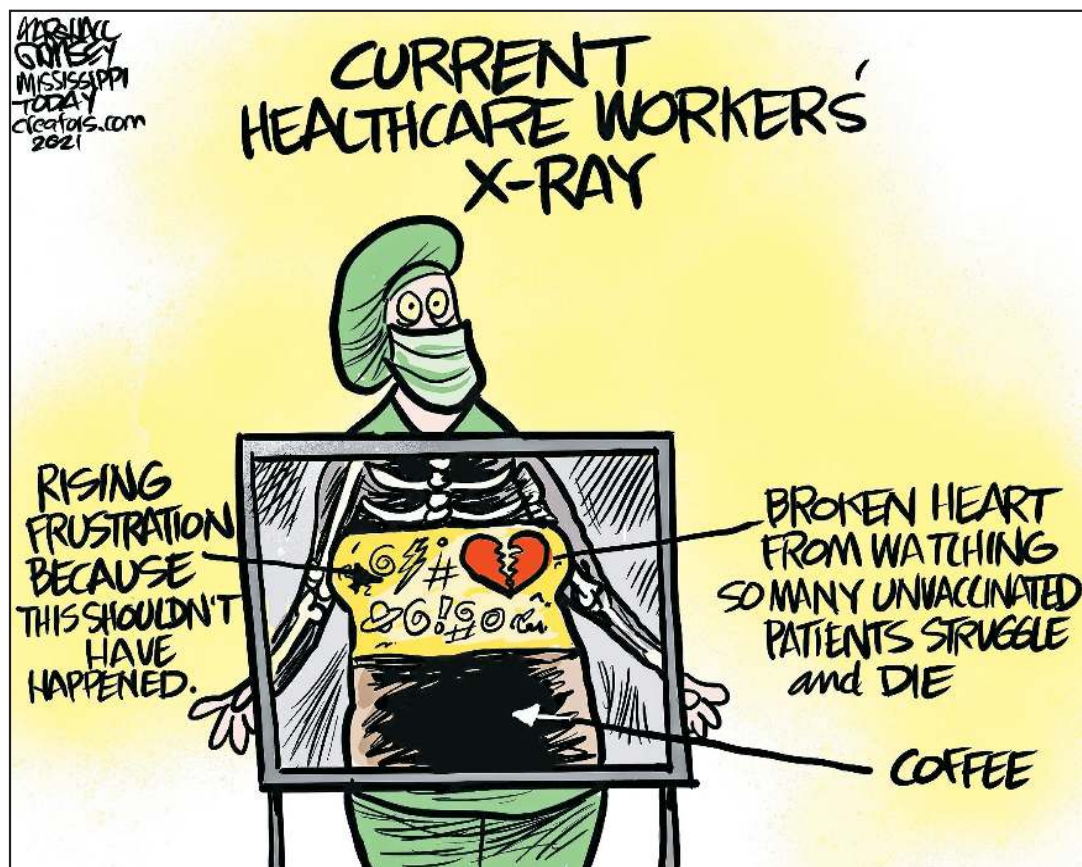
The overwhelming majority of people who are on ventilators (97 percent) and who are dying (99 percent) are unvaccinated.

As of last Friday, the seven-day Covid-

19 infection rate for Long Island had crept up to nearly 4 percent — that is, the Island is now seeing four times as many cases as it did at the start of the summer. Officials attribute the spike to the Delta variant, which has spread across the country like wildfire, particularly in states like Florida and Texas, where peo-

ple tend to eschew basic safety precautions like masks and social distancing, and the vaccination rate is significantly lower than in the Northeast.

Bottom line: If you haven't been vaccinated, now is the time. If you have been, be ready for a booster.



OPINIONS

History repeats itself in Albany — again and again

Andrew is out and Kathy is in — a stunning political tale that seems to have taken everyone by surprise. Unless you have a long memory, that is, and have lived in Nassau County for a generation or more.

Remember Karen Burstein? She's still alive and well, and as far back as 1970, when she was 28, she ran as a Democrat for Congress opposed to the Vietnam War. She lost that contest. In 1972 she was elected to the State Senate from the Five Towns, and ended up serving three terms.



RONALD J. ROSENBERG

The long commute to Albany must have given her plenty of time to think — and seethe. Burstein has since revealed that she found herself immersed in a misogynistic world where male chauvinism was just a prelude to sexual harassment, and where high skirts and low blouses were often the requirements for staff advancement. In an era when demands for equal pay for equal work

were met with smirks, and staying after office hours wasn't about reviewing legislation, Burstein has said she found it a toxic, demeaning and corrupting environment.

She confronted it publicly, condemning it for what it was. The result was indifference. Albany's sexist culture crossed partisan divides, Senate districts and generations of politicians.

As late as the 1990s, political consultant Dick Morris told the Village Voice, "Our image of the Empire State is as a bastion of liberalism, feminism and good will to women who seek higher office. In fact, it is one of the most sexist political environments in the nation."

And now here we are, solidly in the 21st century, when we have made enormous progress in creating genuine equality in the workplace — unless you review the predatory actions of one Andrew Cuomo. Let legions of therapists try to analyze his tortured person. This was a man who, at the same time he was signing legislation empowering women to speak out against sexual harassment in the workplace, was

engaging in inappropriate, unwanted behavior that would have fathers of daughters lying in wait outside the governor's mansion to pop him in the nose.

Now, New York's first woman governor has taken over the office. Kathy Hochul has an urgent agenda that ranges from ever-changing coronavirus issues to public works to a progressive State Legislature that is pushing jobs, investments and entrepreneurs out of state. Oh, and she also has to raise tens of millions of dollars to run what may be a primary followed by a general election. She also needs to clean house of Cuomo staff loyalists who would like nothing more than for her

to fail.

It still remains a rocky road for women in New York state politics.

Geraldine Ferraro ran for U.S. senator twice and never got past the primaries. Elizabeth Holtzman was another Senate race loser. Burstein ran and lost the race for state attorney general. Kathleen Rice didn't survive the primary for that job. There are other names as well, like Mary Ann Krupsak, who are known only

to students of arcane state politics, but their experiences reflect the difficult life of women in an Albany distilled by Cuomo's most recent actions.

There is an axiom in politics that says if you aim for the king, your shot better be fatal. In the case of Cuomo, a punitive, vindictive, abusive politician who has fallen from grace is far from mortem. Consider his interview with New York Magazine. "I feel like I did the right thing," he said. "I did the right thing for the state. ... I'm not gonna drag the state through the mud, through a three-month, four-month impeachment, and then win, and have made the State Legislature and the state government look like a ship of fools, when everything I've done all my life was for the exact opposite. I'm not doing that. I feel good. I'm not a martyr."

This is surely not the voice of a penitent man.

Karen Burstein would probably ask us, "And just what were you expecting?"

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LETTERS

Pulling out is a mistake

To the Editor:

I voted for Biden with enthusiasm, but in May wrote to the Herald opposing his decision to withdraw the last remaining 2,700 American military from Afghanistan — citing the setback it would be for women and girls there. Remember that it is now 20 years without major Taliban presence. A whole new generation of Afghans has evolved, with the internet creating a more democratic environment through social communication. Afghanistan has changed and policy should have changed too.

Our American presence there is not for nation-building, but the Afghans have been building their own nation. They just needed what we had made available and now have pulled out from under them. For the decades since the end of World War II, we have left tens of thousands of our military personnel in Germany and Japan. We could afford to leave 2,700 for another unspecified number of years.

BOB PRAVER
Glen Cove

Cuomo wasn't that great

To the Editor:

In August 2018, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, "America was never that great." He forgot about the millions of immigrants who have come here to seek a better life and live the American dream.

During his administration, scandals included sexual harassment, several thousand nursing home deaths from the coronavirus, and the alleged use of state employees on the taxpayers' dime and time assisting in ghost-writing his book, for which he was paid \$5 million. With ever-increasing taxes and long-term debt, job losses, a failed public education system and declining public transportation, it is the Empire State that was never that great, as it declined under Cuomo's watch.

Don't let the door hit you on the way out, Governor.

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