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tly shot point-blank four times a traffic stop for a broken nt. Other incidents relate r tales of extreme measures it seem to be not-so-extreme -putting Eric Garner in a choke or selling loose cigarettes, ng Walter Scott for fleeing olice after a traffic stop. Surely, nethods could have been taken st these nonviolent criminals, it putting a life in jeopardy. NCPD's new policy changnich include limiting the use oke hold and stressing the use rmediate weapons, such as and mace—are a positive step l making sure extreme physical s only used when necessary. police officers, of course, need ble to protect themselves and ns as they subdue subjects,

ng to kill is an irreversible



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Have an interesting point to make? Did you see something in the paper that you loved or hated? Tell us about it by writing a letter to the editor and see your thoughts in print. All topics are welcome, but please keep the letter under 500 words. You must provide your name and address, but don't worry, we will not publish your address. Send all letters to ejohnson@antonmediagroup.com or mail it the old fashioned way to 132 E. Second St., Mineola, NY 11501.

measure that should be used only in life-threatening situations when an officer or civilians' safety is undoubtedly compromised. There are no take-backs once shots are fired, and officers should be thoroughly trained in trying to de-escalate situations, instead of immediately pulling out their guns. In cases when physical force is called for, the first objective

should be to disarm, not kill.

The new regulations put in place by the NCPD will hopefully prevent our community from becoming the next Baton Rouge, Falcon Heights, Ferguson or Baltimore. And more importantly, it will hopefully protect both citizens and police from extreme actions that can never be reversed.

-Betsy Abraham

nding our children to school movies, we can no longer hide I the political status quo. ndo marked the deadliest mass ng our nation has seen. Since gedy, we have seen the nation ogether in powerful ways, with ers of both parties stepping upport common-sense gun ce prevention legislation. we can all agree that the angerous people amongst us, ing terrorists, should not have to firearms.

e is reason to have hope that prevent gun violence before it ns. We can do this through sensia safety laws and programs in nools and communities that help ntify the signs and signals, and ne before a shooting happens. e are simple actions you can keep this hope alive and he change we need. Call on

your state's congressional leaders to support gun violence prevention legislation to keep guns out of dangerous hands. Specifically, call the Capitol Hill switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for your senators or representative. Attend the hundreds of local rallies, marches and community and press events taking place around the country and in your backyard. Spread the word, through letters like this one, word of mouth and social media, about the need for common-sense gun reform. Finally, learn about Sandy Hook Promise's free violence prevention programs, which can be implemented in our schools and communities. More information can be found at www. sandyhookpromise.org.

With your help, we can make history. Congress is listening, and is closer than ever to passing meaningful legislation that can help prevent

gun violence before it happens. Every effort—no matter how seemingly small-makes a difference and is part of the cumulative movement of Sandy Hook Promise and other concerned citizens across the country who want to see an end to gun violence.

-Laurie K. Gibbons

Response To Letter To Parents

On behalf of the Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA), I first and foremost want to express our sincere condolences to the friends and family of the teen referred to in the "Urgent Letter To Parents" and to commend Jack Bolton for speaking up on the dangerous issue of mixing drugs and alcohol.

As he states in his letter, talking to your children about drugs and

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Letters to the editor are welcomed by the Manhasset Press. We reserve the right to edit ie interest of space and clarity. All letters must include an address and daytime telephone



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 13

MWCABC Board Meeting

The Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting in the second floor conference room at Manhasset Public Library from noon to 3 p.m.

Ladies Sunset Sail Manhasset Plandome Newcomers Club hosts a sunset sail for ladies at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the beautiful view of Manhasset and catch a glimpse of Manhattan. Visit www.manhasset-

Thursday, July 14

newcomers.org for more details.

Property Tax Exemptions Workshop

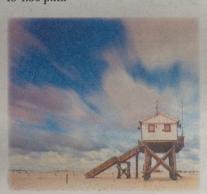
Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano, in partnership with Legislator Richard Nicolello, has arranged to bring Department of Assessment office operations to the Manhasset Public Library. Department staff will assist any homeowner who would like to file for the veterans, senior citizen, Cold War veterans, volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, limited income disability or home improvement (for homeowners already in the STAR Program) the Enhanced STAR property tax exemption on site. Homeowners who will be filing for a property tax exemption are encouraged to make copies of their 2015 federal and state income tax forms, driver's license and any other documentation that is required prior to the workshop. Documentation requirements can be viewed on the application available on the Department of

 Assessment website at www.mynassauproperty.com. For further information regarding property tax ex- emptions that are offered by Nassau County, contact the Department of Assessment Exemptions Division at 516-571-1500.

Saturday, July 16

Intro to Coding for Teens

 Discover computer programming by building simple mobile applications. You will learn the fundamentals of Microsoft Visual C#, and you will build user interfaces with text boxes, buttons and labels. Learn on your own computer. This class will cover both Mac and PC. If you do not have a computer, a PC computer can be provided. Those wishing to learn on a Mac must bring their own. From 3 to 4:30 p.m.



Sunday, July 17

Sunday Afternoons at the Beach

Come on down to the North Hempstead Beach Park and listen to the Mack & Soul cover band play some of the most famous tunes ever produced. Performance will begin at 1 p.m.

Monday, July 18

Film with Mary Dono: Joy

. After 10 years of trying to mass-mar- ket the revolutionary floor mop she had invented, housewife Joy Mangano strikes gold with a

personal pitch on Wednesday, July 20 OVC that turns her Miracle Mop into an

overnight marketing

Jennifer Lawrence,

Bradley Cooper and

Édgar Ramírez (124 min., rated PG-

13). Showing will be at Manhasset

strive to be honest but kind when

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miracle. Starring

Robert De Niro,

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Divorce Mix & Mingle

Complimentary happy hour for individuals contemplating divorce or are in any stage of divorcing at Green's Pub at 436 Plandome Rd. Join the law firm for an opportunity to "mix and mingle" and meet some people in a similar situation in a relaxed environment, and get a chance to ask some legal and financial questions. Also celebrating Wisselman, Harounian & Associates 40th anniversary. RSVP Sharyn at sharyn@lawjaw.com, 516-773-8300

Tuesday, July 19 Manhasset Scribes Finding difficulty maintaining focus when working toward a writing or www.lawjaw.com. goal? Feel that outsiders provide diversion to vision? Afraid joining Thursday, July 21 · a writers' group might be intimi-· dating? Writers require both the **Neighborhood Social** seclusion to write and read. Other writers are the best readers. Scribes

Manhasset Plandome Newcomers hold its monthly neighborhood social at Marco's Waterfront Grille at 43 Orchard Beach Blvd. in Port Washington. For more information, visit www.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

manhassetnewcomers.org.

General Taxes Due

The second-half 2016 General Taxes are due on July 1 and payable without penalty until today.

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alcohol is paramount to help prevent such tragic consequences of substance use. Mixing drugs and alcohol is particularly dangerous.

Parental conversations with kids have the greatest influence as to whether or not youth will use drugs and alcohol. Children need to hear from their parents that experimenting with drugs and alcohol is

back, that is what adolescents do.

CASA encourages the community to come to our prevention programs and utilize our many resources at www.manhassetcasa.org to help talk with your children about substance use. Check out our upcoming program Drug Trends in Youth that will be held at MHS in September 2016.

While parenting is an imperative aspect of preventing underage drinking and drug use, community

neighbors on these issues to support your conversations. We encourage teens to join our CASA Youth Committee Club at MHS, where they can make a real difference in the lives of other teens.

Let's work together as a community to help our youth grow up into healthy young adults. Thank you to Jack Bolton for bringing attention to this serious matter.

-Caryn Sawyer, PsyD