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Lighting up the sky for Shelter Island: Fireworks next Saturday brings Islanders together By Ambrose Clancy



it was over, something to keep the memory alive until the following evening gathering in July at Crescent Beach.

independence, was thrilling, but there was something else, something deeper that she experienced as a little girl, and still does. "Seeing so many people, all together in one place, for a small Island, that was and is just so rare," said Ms. Brigham, the president of the board for the past three years of the nonprofit

For Ms. Brigham, the booming fireworks show over the bay celebrating America's

Shelter Island Fireworks, Inc. "When I was little, walking up the hill, or seeing the fireworks from a boat, or as a teenager on the beach with friends, there was always a great feeling of connection," she said, adding that the walk to the Tuck Shop after the extravaganza gave a creamy topping to a perfect July day.

event, when families, friends and visitors all make that connection. There's an atmosphere of ease and fun that attracts visitors, Ms. Brigham said, noting that Scott Cooper, the Fireworks board's liaison to Grucci, which stages the show, always makes it a point to attend the Island's show with his family. Ms. Cadzin, one of the original founders and members of the Fireworks board — which kept the tradition alive nine years go when there was a possibility it would sunset forever — agreed that the unique Island show not only brings out Island families and friends

every year, but some visitors plan their vacations to the Island around the event.

The Shelter Island Fireworks is different, she said, because of the communal spirit of the

floating, exploding and sounding high over the water on a warm July night, but the realization that "the whole Island is there. We're all together." This year the show goes on Saturday, July 13, 9 to 10 p.m. at Crescent Beach, rain date Sunday, July 14. To support the 2024 Shelter Island Fireworks, make a donation by going to ShelterIslandFireworks.com and click "Donate," or you can mail a check to Shelter Island Fireworks, Inc. PO Box 452, Shelter Island, NY 11964.

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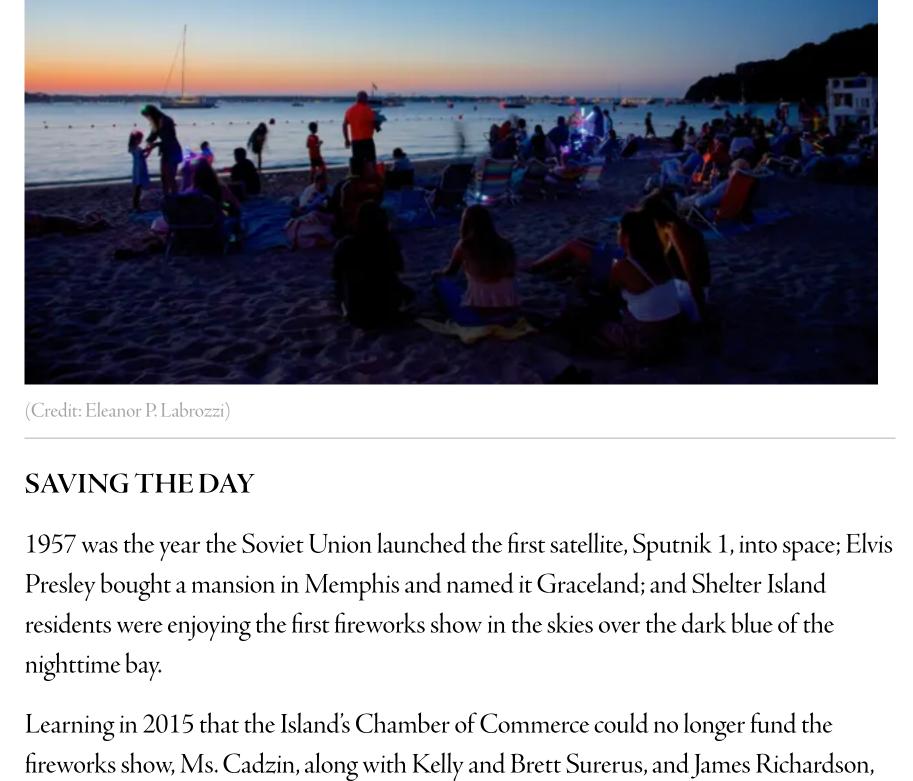
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pitching in, and many volunteers making the evening a success.

Her family moved to the Island when she was 10, and she immediately fell in love with

"the magical" show. And like Ms. Brigham, it wasn't just the spectacle of light and sound

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few months so the show could go on. Since then, the fireworks have been community supported.

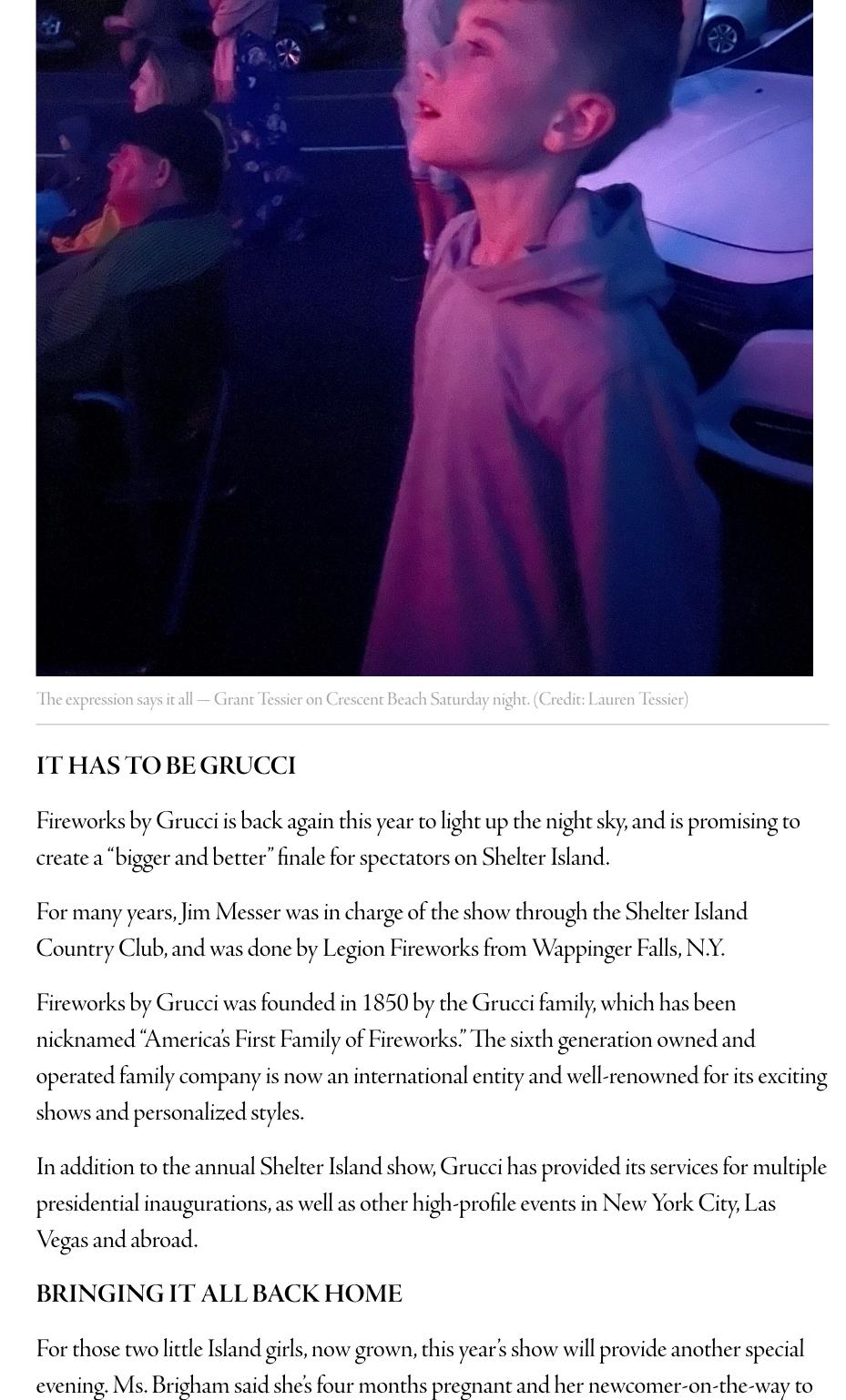
businesses who help sponsor these events.

The organization that saved the show in 2015 relies completely on donations to sustain this beloved annual ritual. When the original board decided to take action, members of the group felt it was important that new traditions be created. The organization now puts together programming and events both before and after the

fireworks show in order to bring in the needed funds, and there is a long list of Island

put their heads together to save the event. "There was a lot of group texting," Ms. Cadzin

said, and a GoFundMe page was soon up and running, raising \$25,000 dollars in just a



the family will be with her on the beach. For Ms. Cadzin, it's an anniversary to celebrate.

"Of course, everyone on the beach knew except me" she said. Then added with a smile,

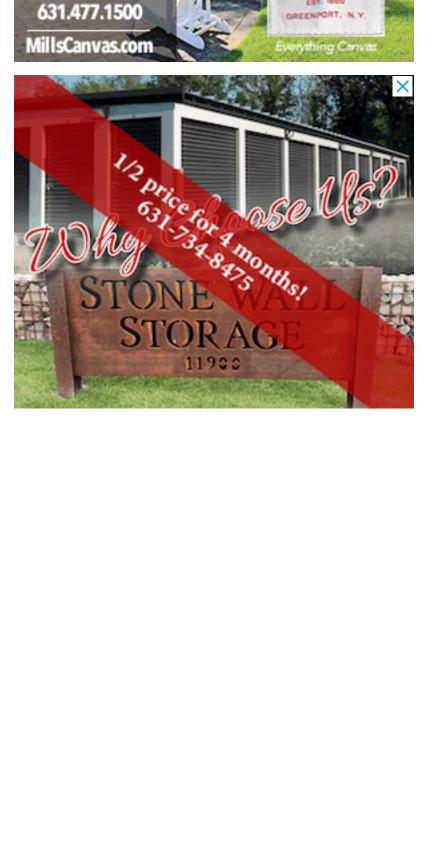
At the 2017 fireworks show, her husband, Mark Keerans proposed.

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