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SONGS FOR MEADOW

Brittany Maier, who is blind, autistic and developmentally disabled, gave two inspiring performances at Meadow Elementary School last Friday, playing for 750 students and 100 teachers. **Story, page 25.**

To the Xtreme

Baldwin resident takes ice skating to new level

BY ANTHONY RIFILATO

It's just after 8 p.m. on a Friday at Newbridge Arena in Bellmore. The place is teeming with teenagers, and the line snakes along the wall as people wait for the public session to begin at 8:30.

These are the Friday nights during the winter months at Newbridge. The teenage girls wear puffy jackets with faux fur hoods, and hold hands as they skate in groups and try to keep their balance. Teenage boys in Element T-shirts and other skateboard wear hang out and do the occasional trick on the ice as the music reverberates through the rink.

Among the teenagers, and even the adults, 24-year-old Baldwin resident Dan Perceval stands out. He wears a bright red helmet, red track suit pants and a white T-shirt that reads "Dan Perceval's Xtreme Ice Skating." As Perceval shimmies and snakes along the ice, performing dynamic moves, he towers above most people here in his skates.

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'He defies gravity.'

GENE PERCEVAL
Father

Overcrowding draws parents' ire

Board says it will look into demographic study amid concerns

BY MARLEY SEAMAN

parent Donna McDougal.

which could have problems in the future. The board would then consider its options.

"That is something the board has frankly been reluctant to consider. It's not as simple a solution as one

Crowded classes and closing

Board President James Scannell said that the board was aware of the