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# Holiday Craft Fun at Deasy

Deasy School students in Michael Battaglia's second grade class enjoyed creating memorable holiday crafts when their parents visited their classroom prior to the holiday recess.

The children happily painted Christmas ornaments and constructed edible dreidels out of pretzels, marshmallows, fluff and chocolate, before feasting on a bagel breakfast with their families. According to Battaglia, the activities were planned as a way to educate students about the holidays and traditions of others.

"As part of the curriculum we teach the students about the holidays," Battaglia said. "It's also important to tie into the different traditions of other people in the community."



(right) This second grader proudly displayed the candy cane ornament she painted in class. Photos courtesy of the Glen Cove City School District.

## Glen Cove Youth Bureau Holiday Food Drive 2014 a Success --Thanks to Many

Once again, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau's annual Holiday Food Drive was an overwhelming success, due to the many generous donations that were received from charitable institutions, youth groups, businesses and individuals. The generosity of all who contributed made it possible for the Youth Bureau, in collaboration with the Friends of the Glen Cove Youth Board, to provide nutritional assistance to over 1,300 people from 322 families during the months of November and December.

The Glen Cove Youth Bureau's Youth Council kicked off the annual food drive by collecting donations outside of North Shore Farms and King Kullen. The Council's hard work resulted in two minivans-full of

nonperishable items, as well as generous cash donations. Members of Girl Scout Troops 125 and 1844, and the Glen Cove High School DECA and Interact Clubs also held successful food drives.

The East Island Association's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program spearheaded a collection among its members which netted numerous nonperishable food items, frozen turkeys and cash donations. In addition to holding a food drive, members of Girl Scout Troop 1844, headed by Lydia Rodgers transported the Association's donations to the Youth Bureau and helped pack Thanksgiving food baskets. Assistance

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Teen volunteers, with encouragement from Mayor Reggie Spinello and Councilwoman Pam Panzenbeck kicked off the 2014 Holiday Food Drive in early November by collecting donations outside King Kullen and North Shore Farms. The students' efforts resulted in two minivans full of donations.



# Holiday craft fun at Deasy



A second grade student applied fluff to his edible dreidel before placing the chocolate candy kiss on the end.

# Sea Cliff Kindergarten Family Celebration

As an annual tradition, all three kindergarten classes at Sea Cliff School participate in a Family Study during the late fall months ending in a Family Celebration. To the delight of their proud parents, grandparents, and friends, the children performed a number of enjoyable songs and poems on the Sea Cliff stage as part of their culmination. They included the Mandarin Family song (sung in mandarin), the Dreidel song, Jingle Bells, My Little Sister poem, Uncle John poem, Family Tree song, and the popular song, "Do You Want to Build A Snowman?".

families show their love in different ways?" The students learned that while all families are different, the glue that holds them together is love!

Many thanks to all of the Sea Cliff kindergarten teachers and Mrs. Hassett-Bordes who worked so hard with their students to make this culmination such a wonderful educational experience. Additionally, our gratitude goes out to all of the students for their heartwarming performance.

*Article and photos by Shelly Newman  
Pictured are Kindergarteners at Sea Cliff School at their culmination Family Celebration where they performed for their parents, families and friends. Additionally, they learned that while all families are different, the glue that holds them together is love.*

After the performance, everyone was invited back to each of the classrooms to continue the celebration and share in the Traditional Family Books made by the students and an Artifact Museum complete with family portraits, family trees, and visuals that show "How



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## K of C Honor Students of the Month for Glen Cove High School

The Knights of Columbus, James Norton Council, honored Adriana Vertiz as the November, 2014 Student of the Month and Jesse Alvarado as the December, 2014, Student of the Month, for their outstanding academic performance and community involvement.



*Pictured presenting the students with their certificates in Glen Cove High School left to right- Hon. Richard J. McCord, Glen Cove City Court Judge, Diane Johnson, Guidance Department, Glen Cove High School, November Student of the Month, Adriana Vertiz, (December Student, Jesse Alvarado not in picture), and Thomas Curran, Past Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus*

## North Shore Inn Annual Gift-Giving Event

North Shore INN volunteers hustled and bustled to ready the annual holiday gift-giving event for the many guests who attend the INN at Glen Cove on a regular basis and families who attend at holiday time.

Estelle Moore, President of the Glen Cove INN (also known as the Soup Kitchen) worked in tandem with Harriet Lewis and Janet Rosenberg, co-chairpersons, who worked tirelessly in heading the laborious task making sure this holiday season, as in the past, would once again be memorable for families in need.

In preparation for distribution, on December 16th, volunteers sorted clothing for men, women and children of all ages and hundreds of toys and games were also sorted to ensure children would receive age-appropriate gifts. In addition, volunteers prepared over 400 white shopping bags lined with decorative red tissue paper which they stuffed with these wonderful gifts that were distributed on December 17th. The joyful and festive atmosphere was enhanced when volunteers greeted men, women and children with seasonal sentiments and guests responded in like kind. Their display of gratitude and appreciation was genuine and heartfelt giving the INN and its volunteers a sense of accomplishment and gratification to know that this event continues to reap rewards for all.

Much of the success of this event depends on the organizations and families who charitably contribute gifts and toys showing a generosity above and beyond the call of duty. Helping their fellow man experience joy, especially during the holiday season, overtly displays a community that cares and is active in their mission to help the needy

and homeless.

The following is a list of donors and contributors: NS INN, Kiwanis Club of North Shore, Apple Bank/Sea Cliff/Locust Valley, North Shore Key Club, Notre Dame Church, Grace's Market, NS Lions Club, London Jewelers, Locust Valley Church, Comfort .Dental of Glen

Cove, Sandra Chizzoui, Diane Cullinan, Dr. & Mrs. Joe Sheinbaum, Barbara & Pam Bongiorno, the family of Eric Carlstrom and Soup Kitchen volunteers.

NS INN President Estelle Moore expressed her sincerest gratitude to the donors and volunteers for their help in making this gift-giving event a happy

and memorable occasion. Helping others is a priceless experience which enriches the lives of those who do so. For more information, please call the INN at 516.759.7726.





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**NCDC holds Thank You Party and Food Drive**

On Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Chairman Jay Jacobs and the Nassau County Democratic Committee held a Thank You Party at Stango's at the Orchard in Glen Cove. The party was not just a celebration of the holidays, but was a way to thank all of the staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the 2014 Election Cycle.

In addition, the party marked the Committee's Annual Food Drive. Chairman Jacobs – seen here with Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton – and the NCDC collected close to 75 lbs worth of goods to be donated to Island Harvest.

Of the event, Chairman Jacobs said, "As a Democratic Committee, it is

our duty to adhere to the values and principles of the Democratic Party and, in doing so, continue to serve the people of this County and give back to those less fortunate. I am proud to partner with Island Harvest in donating food and other necessities, as we celebrate the past year and look forward to a better 2015."



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## “Wrap it Up” Exhibit and Benefit for GCAC Extended until 2/8



“Wrap It Up” the second annual art exhibit and sale to benefit the Glen Cove Arts Council, was held in early December, with a wine and cheese reception at the Hersh Gallery at 14A Glen Street in Glen Cove. Artworks by LIAFA, the Long Island Academy of Fine Art, donated 50% of the sales to GCAC. Many of the small works of art priced from \$200-\$600, perfect for holiday gift giving, were sold at the opening, but there are still some available for purchase as the exhibit has been extended to February 8, 2015. Small works of art are also thoughtful gifts for Valentine’s Day.

Steve Forster and his wife Rebecca, both artists and co-owners of LIAFA/Hersh Gallery, were very pleased with the attendance and sales of art by teachers and advanced students which included, Ken Cerreta, Rebecca Forster, Steve Forster, Beatrice Barkin, Smadar Maduel, Larry Aarons, Marjorie Van de Stouwe, Debbie Kossoff, Michael Korol, Manu Saluja, Amy Jalbert, Gladys

Santiago, Robin Kappy, Jessica Dayan, Christine D’Addario, Leeanna Chipana, Daniel G. daSilva, Emily Adams, Robert Armetta and Dina Brodsky.

Talented youth from the community have been taking classes at LIAFA through scholarships provided by Glen Cove Arts Council, and this is a way for LIAFA to give back.

“Glen Cove Arts Council is very grateful to all the artists for their generous donations of time and talent.” said Victoria Crosby, founder and president of GCAC.

The mission of GCAC is to expose the arts to people, especially youth, who may not have opportunities to take classes in the arts, or to visit museums, theater, opera, or ballet.

For information on GCAC email [GCartsCouncil@aol.com](mailto:GCartsCouncil@aol.com). For further information on LIAFA or Hersh Gallery visit [LIAFA.com](http://LIAFA.com) or [hershfineart.com](http://hershfineart.com) or call 516 590 4324.

## Glen Cove Youth Bureau Holiday Food Drive 2014 a Success --Thanks to Many

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also came from individuals who brought their donations to the Glen Cove Public Library, Youth Bureau, Glengariff, Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, The Atria and The Regency.

Assistance also came from outside Glen Cove. The Youth Bureau was fortunate to receive bountiful food baskets from students at The Green Vale School. Once again, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection in Glen Head generously donated complete thanksgiving dinner for 38 families. The North Shore Lions Club, which supports the Bureau throughout the year, made very generous donations to benefit all of the Youth Bureau’s November and December outreach programs. Generous support was also received from the

Glen Cove United Methodist Church in Bayville.

Thanksgiving dinner is not complete without a chicken, turkey or ham. Our call for meat was generously answered by Glen Cove Anglers Club and Island Harvest. The meat was kept fresh with the assistance of Webb Institute and St. Hyacinth Church, both of which graciously provided freezer space until it was time to distribute the baskets. All of the food was delivered to the families in reusable bags that were donated by Parker Jewish Institute, Daniel Gale and the Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks to the generosity of many, the holidays were truly a time to give thanks, both for a delicious meal and for the people and groups that made it possible.



### The Interview

*A movie review by Katherine Kranz*

2014-2015

Runtime: 112 min

Rated R (Harsh language, crude humor, nudity, drug use and some violence)

Stars: James Franco, Seth Rogen, Randall Park

The most controversial movie of the last year was neither of the high profile biblical dramas, “Noah” and “Exodus: Gods and Kings.” It was not “Selma” with its questionable portrayal of President Lyndon B. Johnson. It was not “Under the Skin” with its near constant use of full body nudity or the graphically violent “The Raid 2.” It wasn’t even master of controversy Lars von Trier’s sexual epic “Nymphomaniac.” It was in fact a comedy lead by Seth Rogen and James Franco, which according to Rogen himself was never intended to cause such a stir.

“The Interview,” directed by Rogen and his frequent collaborator Evan Goldberg, was the topic of heated conversations around the globe. The movie, focused on an assassination plan against the head of North Korea Kim Jong-Un, had raised eyebrows since its inception. On November 24, 2014, it was pointed to in the large scale hack attack on Sony Pictures. An anonymous group released an overflow of the company’s most damaging information and threatened theaters with 9/11 style attacks should they play the movie. Essentially, “The Interview” was dragged into America’s first cyber war. Alas, the movie that had the world up in arms was not even a good one.

The would-be assassins are the host of a popular tabloid show Dave Skylark (Franco) and the show’s producer Aaron Rapaport (Rogen). It comes to their attention that Kim Jong-Un (Randall Park) is a fan of the show, and they score an interview with the reclusive ruler himself. Not long after a deal is finalized, they are tasked by the US government to use their scheduled interview with

Kim Jong-Un as an opportunity to “take him out.” Dave and Aaron, best friends as well as colleagues, are the least competent men for the job, however they are the only ones who could get close enough to succeed.

Our introduction to Dave and Aaron gives the movie promise. An interview with rapper Eminem turns into a hilarious parody of the entertainment news industry. After that the script, penned by Dan Sterling, becomes bumbling and dull. There is an obsession with homosexual based humor that just comes off as childish. Elaborate set-ups fizzle out without a laugh. There is not a

single quotable line or memorable gags. And when Dave starts to fall for Kim Jong-Un’s manipulations, their immediate comradery seems completely implausible. It should take more than a few obvious lies from a cruel dictator to shake Dave’s trust in Aaron.

What few laughs there are comes from Dave and Aaron’s friendship, surely strengthened by Franco and Rogen’s numerous collaborations. Franco brings an enthusiastic

likability to a character that easily could have been irritating while Rogen adds a gentle seriousness. Watching the two of them bicker and argue is the highlight. Randall Park is amusing as the devious leader with father issues. If only these actors actually had something funny to do.

With such a straightforward plot, one would think there was enough time and creative energy to develop more interesting characters and clever dialogue. Instead the end product is bland and unsatisfying. Rogen and Franco are so much better than this, as they have shown many times in the past.

As “The Interview” increasingly becomes accessible to a wider audience despite many theaters refusing to show it, through a growing number of on-demand services, it has become more of a symbol of our First Amendment right to free speech than quality entertainment. This comedy, as disappointing as it is, will have a long chapter in cinematic history. But perhaps next time we should leave the fictional assassinations of prominent historical figures to Quentin Tarantino.

Grade: C





## Blue Ribbon Celebrations at Glenwood Landing School

*"This is a very exciting time and we have been celebrating since we found out in September. In 1981, Terrel M. Bell created this award, the National Blue Ribbon Award, to recognize schools whose students thrived and excelled. The Blue Ribbon Award is considered the highest honor an American school can achieve. We are here today because our school deserves this award and we deserve to celebrate..."*

**- Bridget Finder  
Principal Glenwood Landing School**

Dressed in blue, all of Glenwood Landing School including Principal Bridget Finder, the students, faculty and staff gathered in the auditorium for the first of two National Blue Ribbon celebrations held in December 2014. NYSED Board of Regents Member, Roger Tilles, was a special guest speaker on December 10. Also present were members of the administration including Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Robert Chlebicki, and Assistant Superintendent Business, Olivia Buatsi, members of the Board of Education, the SCA, parents, families, and community members of the North Shore School District.

Principal Finder welcomed everyone and graciously thanked all those in the audience including her students, teachers, and parents. To kick off the GWL Blue Ribbon festivities on December 9th, all of the faculty and staff took to the stage to sing a special version of the popular song, "Celebration," to the delight of their students! The celebration(s) continued with Principal Finder's welcome speech, songs by the GWL Chamber Choir, "The Road to the Blue Ribbon" video as told by fifth graders, writing contest entries/winners, faculty/staff recognition and congratulatory messages from Dr. Melnick, BOE President Dr. Herman Berliner, and Mr. Roger Tilles, a tribute to the entire community, and closing remarks from Principal Finder. Additionally, many sponsors including James Coppola (Boyce, Hughes & Associates, LLP), Kim Bello (Our Saviors Lutheran Church), Margaret Clark (Trinity Episcopal Church), Shirley Molina (Dental Associates for Kids Only, LLP), Dennis Monyihan (Halliday Financial LLC), and Perry Frankel, MD (Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics) were all graciously thanked.

Last September, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized 337 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2014 based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Glenwood Landing School was chosen as an Exemplary High Performing School. In November 2014, the Department of Education honored the public and private schools at a recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. which was attended by Principal Finder and members of the GWL faculty.

A summary of Glenwood Landing's application can be found at the following link: [http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/14ny275pu\\_glenwood\\_landing\\_elementary\\_school.html](http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/14ny275pu_glenwood_landing_elementary_school.html). To see the announcement, please visit <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/53395916>.

In his congratulatory speech, Mr. Tilles said, "I represent Long Island and was elected by the legislature to represent 126 school districts, over 500 schools. Glenwood Landing School was one of three schools (on LI) that have won this National Blue Ribbon Award. This is why it is special and this is why it is a really big deal for us, for Long Island, N.Y. State, and for the country..." He added, "The one thing that all three National Blue Ribbon Schools that I visited (on LI), have in common is the collaboration of teachers working with each other to develop the curriculum, develop programs, and collaborate with their principals. That doesn't happen in every school. It doesn't happen in many schools. So, I want to congratulate both the Board of Education and North Shore Schools Administration for letting it happen. Especially, the principals and teachers for making it happen. I think it really made a big difference..."

Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick in his congratulatory remarks applauded the incredible work that the faculty at Glenwood Landing is doing as well as throughout the whole district. He also thanked the parents and the students. He said, "It is truly amazing!" He further thanked the administration and the Board of Education for everything that we are able to accomplish at the North Shore Schools. He concluded by thanking Principal Bridget Finder on receiving this coveted award and for being an incredible and professional instructional leader.

To conclude, the fifth graders presented Principal Finder with flowers and read her a special poem. Congratulations go out to everyone at Glenwood Landing School for all of their hard work and dedication for receiving this prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award, the highest honor an American school can achieve!

*Pictured are photos from the Glenwood Landing School Blue Ribbon Celebrations with special guest speaker NYSED Board of Regents Member, Roger Tilles. The Blue Ribbon Award is considered the highest honor an American school can achieve. Article by Shelly Newman Photos by Lisa Anselmo and Shelly Newman*



## Paul Andersen Speaks at North Shore High School

In December, students and faculty got a special treat when YouTube legend, Paul Andersen, was the exclusive guest speaker at North Shore High School. Mr. Anderson has been a teacher for over 19 years and was the 2011 Montana Teacher of the Year. He was also one of 4 finalists for National Teacher of the Year and met President Obama in the Oval Office. Mr. Andersen has made TED talks and is also the creator of the Bozeman science videos.

Known as the "Science Guru", Mr. Andersen has helped science students around the globe with his videos on many topics including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, just to name few!

In a crowded high school library, Mr. Andersen's inspirational presentation was titled, Lessons of a Lifetime. He charismatically spoke about the teachers who changed his life and quoted singer/songwriter James Taylor who wrote, The Secret of Life is Enjoying the Passage of Time. He said, "What is really important is that you be the best student(s) you can be. And, learn how to learn before you go to college."

Mr. Andersen further explained topics including the widely used mnemonic called the Memory Palace or place(s) in your mind where you can store information that you need to remember. In addition, he suggested that there are similar skills between "gaming" and "learning" since both require practice

and the ability to get better and better (perseverance) to go up a level (to succeed).

To conclude, Mr. Andersen gave tips on how to study and prepare for the upcoming A.P. exams including buying the study guides or respective Cliff Notes early as well as not just memorizing the facts but thinking about the "big ideas." In

addition, he encouraged students to ask a lot of questions. Plus, come up and take "selfies" or photographs with him!

Later that afternoon, Mr. Andersen met with faculty members to discuss educational advances in technology (i.e., iPads). Thank you to high school teachers, Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. Menchel, for bringing this wonderful

learning opportunity to the faculty and students. In addition, many thanks to Mr. Paul Andersen for being the special guest speaker at North Shore High School and for inspiring all those who attended his educational presentations.



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## Learning Times Three for These ECC Children



Michele Iannotti, of Bayville, has triplets. Early on she knew her son Grayson would need services, which he began at 18 months. Grayson, who is nearly five, was enrolled at the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center (ECC) in September, 2013. Iannotti enrolled her two other children, Riley and Derek, into another preschool. She soon noticed a difference in how the children were learning.

"Grayson knew his alphabet and letters and sounds and the others didn't," Iannotti says. She made the decision to enroll Riley and Derek at the ECC and the two children entered the school last February. "After a month and a half at the ECC they knew their letters too. It was amazing," she says. Iannotti believes

the program at Mill Neck is great and that all three of her triplets are thriving because of it.

The Early Childhood Center, established in 1991, is a preschool providing early and intensive assistance to hearing children, ages three and four, with a range of special communication needs. These needs include speech and language delays and disorders, cognitive and motor deficits, and autism-related disorders. After completing the program, most preschoolers will attend kindergarten in their home school districts.

There are two types of classrooms at the ECC, which are full day and offered five days a week.

Self-contained classrooms are available for children experiencing delays. Like preschool programs at other schools, music, art, and computer skills are incorporated. Children in self-contained classrooms also receive the services they need, such as speech, physical and occupational therapy.

The other classrooms are integrated, meaning they are comprised of children

who have communication and language delays and their typically developing peers. These classes allow students with special needs to learn, play and socialize with typically developing children.

"We believe kids can learn from each other whether they have special needs or not," says Suellyn Giserman, ECC's principal. "At our preschool I see very happy children making lots of progress academically, socially and emotionally."

Grayson began at the ECC in a self-contained classroom, but soon joined his sister Riley in an integrated one. "In the integrated classes they don't hold kids back at all," Iannotti says. "The teachers push the kids as far as they can without frustrating them. At Mill Neck they work with the children one on one so they know what the kids need help in, even if it is personality-wise, like my quiet son Derek."

Giserman attributes the ECC's success in part to the format of the school day, saying, "The children's entire day is structured and they have more of a schedule." She adds, "The ECC is really a very happy place with a dedicated staff."

Grayson would agree. In fact, Iannotti says each morning he can't wait to go to school. "He gets up each day and makes his lunch and is ready to go and I have to tell him that there is still a half hour before we can leave for school," she says,

smiling. "I'd definitely recommend that others enroll their children at the ECC. They will go to kindergarten with a great foundation and a love for learning."

Founded in 1991, the Early Childhood Center (ECC) provides early and intensive assistance to children, ages 3 and 4, who may have deficits in speech, language/communication, cognitive and gross and fine motor development. The Center also provides full evaluations of preschool children suspected of having developmental delays. Most children who attend the program graduate and attend kindergarten in their home school districts. The ECC is part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which also includes Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, founded by Lutheran Friends of the Deaf in 1947. For more information about the Early Childhood Center, please call (516) 922-4100, ext. 276, or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Thankful for a Giving Community To The Editor,

As the holiday season comes to a close, on behalf of the Mutual Concerns Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all those who helped make this holiday season a bit brighter for those in need.

We would like to offer special thanks the following: The Glen Head American Legion for supplying food and delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, Daniel Gale Real Estate for donating turkeys and to all those in the community who donated money or dropped off non-perishable food, turkeys and hams to our pantry: AHRC, Glenwood Fire Company, Waldbaums, Paul Spivack, Nick Virgilio, Karen Kessler, North Shore Middle School, Nina Livingston and the Sea Cliff Elementary School, Christine Halloran and the North Shore High School, Boy Scout Troop #43, North Shore Kiwanis, Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lion's Club, and the Sea Cliff Arts Council.

We would also like to thank Terry Sciubba and all her volunteers for organizing and hosting the 20th Annual Christmas Day Dinner and to all those who donated gifts to the "Adopt a Family" for Christmas: The Palazzo Family and Wendy D'Avino. I would like to give a special thank you to the students who gave their time to organize the emergency food pantry and to Shane Dommin, who created the Mutual Concerns Website for us.

We are always astonished—and appreciative beyond expression—to see the outpouring of giving. It's an outpouring that seems to intensify and grow each year. It gives us yet another reason to be thankful.

*Peggie Como, President  
Mutual Concerns Committee*

## Make It A Win/Win To The Editor,

The internecine City Council behavior concerning the re-appointment of Zefy Christopoulos as the Mayor's Chief of Staff was both unexpected and

unanticipated.

It is quite possible that the dissenting City Council Members know full well in their hearts that the Mayor appointed Zefy recognizing that she has the professional background, formal education, life time experience, and specialized hands-on-training that provides requisite Chief of Staff knowledge, skills, and abilities needed in support of his publically stated agenda items. Zefy Christopoulos has a long history of providing the highest levels of communication, coordination, and cooperation that is needed to get things done in a public sector environment.

Maybe your readers will agree that CEO's in both public and private sectors historically and traditionally hand-pick and/or re-appoint their Chiefs of Staff without interference. I hope your readers will also understand that this is usually done as a means of improving and tightening the CEO's span-of-control working with problem identification / solutions, internal and external personnel issues, day-to-day operations, and fiscal matters.

Moving along, I would like your readers to recognize that whenever a mission oriented – task organized effort involving veterans, citizen's groups, recreational, public safety, public works, aging, etc. has to be jointly worked-out with City and other agencies, Zefy Christopoulos is the "can-do – go-to" person you will need.

A simple call to the Mayor's Office at 676-2004 supporting Zefy's re-appointment might help our City to be in a "Win – Win" status rather than the "Win – Lose" situation we are now in.

*Robert N. Pemberton, Sr.*

## But Maybe It Is Personal To The Editor,

When someone starts to explain himself with, "Hey, it's not personal, but . . ." - you can probably bet that's exactly what it is – personal, maybe even very personal.

So take, for example, City Councilman Anthony Gallo, who now has a URL web address which he's apparently set up to

inform the public about what he says are issues of importance – at least those of importance to him.

In a year-end posting entitled, "It's not personal, It's about the process . . .", Mr. Gallo makes the silly observation that the Glen Cove City Charter is akin to the U.S. Constitution and by golly, he's sworn to uphold it. He explains that a year ago, he voted in favor of the "Chief of Staff" position in the Mayor's office. Now, he and his cohort, Councilman Spagnoletti, are against it.

Claiming that after three full years sitting on the City Council, he's finally taken up a study of the City's Charter, Mr. Gallo says he now knows what he's doing. And guess what? Based on his study, he can't find the "Chief of Staff" position enumerated anywhere in the City Charter, so it obviously doesn't exist. All this has caused him to "re-evaluate" his "yes" vote of a year ago – the vote he cast before becoming an expert on constitutional government.

Armed with Councilman Gallo's Socratic method of analyzing the Charter, I found myself drawn to following the same analysis. So, I started in the Public Works Department and looked for a job title and description for those guys who stay up nights and clear the streets after a snow storm, while everyone else is home, toasty warm under the covers. And guess what? Councilman Gallo is right. There's no job title or description for the guys who drive the snow plows. Nor are there any descriptions for a myriad of other jobs performed by city government employees who are essential to making the place run.

That led me to envision in my mind's eye a lone Councilman Gallo waving a copy of the City Charter in the midst of a snow storm, declaring that all those guys in the trucks are operating without the Constitutional authority to remove snow because their jobs are not, as he posits, "recognized in the Charter."

Silliness aside, Mr. Gallo is dead wrong. Not every single job in the City is "recognized" in the City Charter as he would like it to be. Just try firing everyone whose position isn't specifically described in Councilman Gallo's local Constitution. Based on that premise, Glen Cove would be out of business tomorrow since the only positions that appear in the Charter are the Mayor, the City Council and the various heads of

boards and departments. All bosses, no workers.

One has to wonder if, when Mr. Gallo and his twin thinker on the City Council, "Councilman Spagnoletti, recently voted against the Chief of Staff position, they realized they were using their power to try to actually put someone out of a job over what Mr. Gallo, a gym teacher whose own job is protected by tenure, believes is a matter of what he calls, the "process." And one also has to wonder why the person he'd be putting out of that job should be someone who has been a right-hand to the Mayor during the past year in which Mr. Spinello has accomplished more in getting Glen Cove to move ahead than have the last five mayors combined.

Reminiscent of Sen. John Kerry's famous flub, "I was for it before I was against it," there is no way to read the Gallo-Spagnoletti "no" vote on the Chief of Staff position as anything other than personal. They managed to personally attack and offend the holder of the job while they disrespected their own mayor by trying to deny him the assistance of someone who has been by his side every step of the way in moving Glen Cove forward. In the interest of accuracy and the transparency this Doubtful Duo always espouse, perhaps Mr. Gallo's explanation would have been more apt had it carried the title, "It's not about the process at all, it's personal . . ."

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# Obituaries



### Joseph Pascucci

PASCUCCI, Joseph L. Sr. of Sea Cliff, NY on December 31, 2014 age 88. Beloved husband of the Late Grace and loving companion of Judy Paris. Cherished father of Rick (Mary), Deborah (Evan Portnoy) and the Late Joseph Jr. (Maureen). Dear brother of 9 siblings who predeceased him. Proud grandfather of Linda Burgos (Garlon), Ricky, Laura Ciullo (Jason), Crystal, Megan, Lauren, Karli and the Late Anthony (Lori Ann). Great grandfather of 7. Mr. Pascucci was a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a longtime member of the Sons of Italy. He was also a member of Center Club of Glen Cove Travel and a former member of the Men's Club of Glen Cove.

Friends may visit at the Funeral Home of Dodge-Thomas Glen Cove, Saturday 7-9; Sunday 2-4 and 7-9pm. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco Monday 10am. Interment East Hillside Cemetery. DodgeThomas.com

### Kathleen Phillips

Phillips, Kathleen of Glen Cove, NY on Jan. 1, 2015. Beloved mother of Kate Casper and Anne Phillips. Cherished grandmother of William and Arianna Romeo. Dear sister of John and Robert Sury. Funeral Mass at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Glen Cove, NY. Interment private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Long Island Cares. Arrangements by Whitting Funeral Home.

### Charles Philactos

PHILACTOS, Charles J. of the Bronx, NY on Jan 2, 2015 age 87. Dear brother of Gloria Jakubek and the late George, Alexander and Gregory. Uncle of several nieces and nephews. He was a longtime Civil Engineer for the NYC Department of Transportation. Funeral Service held at Zoodohos Peghe Greek Orthodox Church on Bruckner Blvd. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Arrangements handled by the Funeral Home of Dodge-Thomas Glen Cove, NY. www.DodgeThomas.com

### Angelo DeMartino

DeMartino, Angelo of Glen Head, NY on January 1, 2015. Beloved husband of Harriet. Loving father of Elena (Ralph M.) DeMayo and the late Frank DeMartino. Cherished grandfather of Michael (Nina) Scarlatti, Ralph A. DeMayo, Kristen M. DeMayo and great grandfather of Ariel, Mike and AnniBelle Scarlatti. Dear brother of Sophie Barbieri and Dominick DeMartino. A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

### Elise Voboril

Elise Voboril, a 40 year resident of Glen Cove, passed away on January 1, 2015 in Columbus, Georgia. She was 86. Born in Belgium, she was by all measures a gracious, elegant and athletic woman, a loving wife, mother and involved caring grandmother. She is survived by sons Michel (Debbie) and Tony, grandchildren TJ (Lauren), Therese (Phillip), Dane (Sarah), and Jan (Matt) along with four great grandchildren: Nicea, Imme, Phillip and Violet. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Milos, and daughter-in-law Tessie. McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home. Interment East Hillside Cemetery.

### Jose Garcia

Garcia, Jose Danilo of Glen Cove on January 2, 2015. Loving son of Victoria and Valentin. Dear brother of Jamie and Valentin. Funeral Mass at the Church of St. Patrick. McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home.

### Robert Alexander

ALEXANDER, Robert C. of Glen Cove, NY on January 1, 2015 age 76. Beloved husband of Alice. Loving father of Robert III, Robin, Kyle, Gary and Jocelyn. Dear brother of Sandra Sharp. Grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 2. Longtime employee of LI Paint for 40 years. He loved to hunt and fish and his family always came first. Reposed at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service held at First Baptist Church of Glen Cove. Interment Roslyn Cemetery. DodgeThomas.com

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y., when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views on the following applications:

Case #7-2014- ELIZABETH & MICHAEL LINCKS- (Continuation) Applicants propose a new rear addition, a new patio, and a new pool at 34 Westland Drive, Glen Cove, N.Y., as shown on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 30, Block 35, Lot 18, with more than the permitted maximum lot coverage and interior floor area of a single family dwelling in the R-2 Half Acre Residence District.

Case # 1- 2015- HUGH & BERNADETTE FINEGAN- Applicants propose to maintain a rear wood deck and a finished basement for the non-confirming two-family dwelling located at 15 Gaffney Street, Glen Cove, N.Y., as shown on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as section 21, Block 81, Lots 6 & 20, with insufficient lot width, lot area, front yard setback, rear yard, and minimum distance to front property line and with more than the permitted maximum coverage and interior floor area required in the R-3A Single Family Residence District.

Case #2- 2015- OSIA MENGISOPOULOS- Applicant proposes a new two-family dwelling at 18 Valentine Street, Glen Cove, N.Y., as shown on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 31, Block 35, Lot 6, with less than the required lot size and lot width, with less than the required minimum front and side yards and with more than the maximum lot coverage and interior floor area permitted in the R-4 One and Two Family Residence District.

Dated: January 2, 2015  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE  
STAURT GROSSMAN, CHAIRMAN

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: NOICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, to discuss Local Law 01-2015, amending City Charter - Article II, Section C2-19, Department of Code Enforcement; powers; duties. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Tina Pemberton  
City Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held as to the following matter:

Agency: Zoning Board of Appeals, Village of Sea Cliff  
Date: January 20, 2015  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Place: Village Hall, 300 Sea Cliff Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York

Subject: Application of Chris and Erin Pepe, 8 Porter Place, Sea Cliff, to enclose a front porch and construct an addition, which construction requires variances of the following Village Code sections: (a) 138-508 in that the proposed addition and enclosed porch will be located 3.75 feet from the Porter Place front property line, where a minimum of 25 feet is required. A variance of Village Code §138-510, which makes the front yard setback requirement applicable to all front yards for a corner lot property, also is required for this front yard encroachment as the property is a corner lot; (b) 138-513.1 in that the addition and porch will encroach into the minimum height-setback ratio plane; (c) 138-1102 in that the applicants propose to increase an existing non-conformity where no such increase is permitted; (d) 138-509 in that the existing lot width is 83.39 feet, where a minimum width of 100 feet is required; (e) 138-513 in that the existing residence has a height of 33.5 feet, where a maximum height of 30 feet is permitted; and (f) 138-513.1 in that the existing residence encroaches into the height-setback ratio plane. Premises are designated as Section 21, Block L, Lot 112 on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map.

Application of Felicia LeBow, 184 Brown Street, Sea Cliff, to reconstruct and raise the roof structure, which construction requires variances of the following Village Code sections: (a) 138-413 in that the residence will be three (3) stories where a maximum of two (2) stories is permitted, and (b) 138-413.1 in that the residence will encroach into the height-setback ratio plane in the front yard and the side yard. Premises are designated as Section 21, Block 170, Lot 390 on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map.

At the said time and place, all interested persons may be heard with respect to the foregoing matters. All relevant documents may be inspected at the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 300 Sea Cliff Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York, during regular business hours.

Any person having a disability which would inhibit attendance at, or participation in, the hearing should notify the Village Clerk at least three business days prior to the hearing, so that reasonable efforts may be made to facilitate such attendance and participation.

Dated: January 7, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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# Name the Celebrity



This week's celebrity was born Krekor Ohanian in Fresno, California on Aug. 15, 1925. He is an American film and TV actor of strong Armenian descent. He was an avid football and basketball player in high school. His strong football talents earned him the nickname "Touch", which earlier in his film career, he was credited. He adopted his stage surname after Henry Willson said "Ohanian" was too close to the actor George O'Hanlon's name. A little aside Hollywood history-- Henry Willson was an American Hollywood talent agent, who played a large role in popularizing the beefcake craze in the 1950s. He was known for his stable of young attractive clients such as Rock Hudson, Tab Hunter, Robert Wagner, Nick Adams, Troy Donahue and Clint Walker, among others. In 1937, Willson was introduced to Hollywood High School student Judy Turner. He renamed her "Lana", got her cast in small roles and finally introduced her to Mervyn Leroy at Warner Brothers. The rest is history, so let's get back to our column celebrity.

Before changing his name, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. After the war, he attended the University of California at Los Angeles. It was while he was playing college basketball that Director William Wellman took notice of his expressive facial features. That led to some small film roles but

what started his noticeable roles was being cast in the critically acclaimed John Wayne film, "Island in the Sky". He was a crewman on one of the search-and-rescue planes. In 1956, he played an Amakelite herder in Cecil B. DeMille's "Ten Commandments". He also had roles in "Good Neighbor Sam" (1964) with Jack Lemmon and Edward G. Robinson and "Where Love Has Gone" with Susan Hayward and Bette Davis.

### Last Week's Celebrity

Last week's celebrity was Herbert Marshall. During the First World War, he served in the London Scottish Regiment with fellow actors Basil Rathbone, Ronald Coleman and Claude Rains. He later recalled his time on the Western Front. "I knew terrific boredom. There was no drama lying in the trenches ten months. I must have felt fear, but I don't remember. I was too numb to recall any enterprise on my part." In 1915, he was shot in the right knee by a sniper at Arras, France. After a succession of operations, doctors were forced to amputate his leg near the hip. Marshall remained hospitalized for 13 months. He later recalled, in private, that after his injury, he had initially over-dramatized his loss and was wrapped up in self-pity and bitterness. Before long, however, he decided he wanted to return to the theatre and learned how to walk well with a prosthetic leg in order to do so. While he was recovering at St. Thomas' Hospital in London, King George V, Queen Elizabeth's father, visited the hospital. When asked to pick which of the actor's legs he thought was artificial, the king chose the wrong one.

Marshall suffered from his war injury for the rest of his life from phantom pain common to amputees and from the prosthesis. One friend remembered that he kept holes in his pants pockets so that he could inconspicuously loosen a strap on his prosthesis in order to ease his discomfort. The pain in his leg became more pronounced later in life, including bothering him on film shoots in ways noticeable to others and exacerbating his usually very slight limp.

During WWII, he made numerous appearances on the Armed Forces Radio Service. He was also one of the leaders of a Hollywood British committee that helped organize the community's contributions to British War Relief. Using his own money, for travel, he also visited many military hospitals during the war. In particular, he focused in encouraging soldiers with amputations to keep a positive attitude and not think of themselves as handicapped or limited. Over the years, as different soldiers shared encounters with Marshall, one in particular remembered how Marshall taught him how to waltz with a prosthesis in place and not to feel conspicuous. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Head

## Answer to last weeks Crossword

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of the Allied Forces in Europe, noted in private, that of all the stars he met in Europe, during the war, he was most impressed with Marshall and Madeline Carroll, who worked as a nurse at field hospitals.

His health in decline, due to cardiac problems and a battle of wits with the bottle, Marshall died on January 22, 1966 of heart failure.

Correct callers: Will and Babs Hutchins, Don Adams, Mario Moccia, Roberta Pezza

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# Great Book Guru

- Ann DiPietro

Dear Great Book Guru,  
Well, now the holidays are really over- everyone is back at work or school and the winter blues are beginning to set in. Do you have something to help your readers get through this dreary time of year?

Looking to Beat the Winter Blues

Dear Looking to Beat the Winter Blues, I received a very interesting book as a Christmas gift from Daniel DiPietro: THE ANTIDOTE-Happiness for Those Who Can't Stand Positive Thinking by Oliver Burkeman, a writer for the British newspaper The Guardian. Burkeman debunks many self-help champions like Norman Vincent Peale, Wayne Dyer, and Eckhart Tolle with their message of looking on the bright side and thinking positive thoughts will guarantee a happy outcome. Instead he suggests looking to the ancient Greeks, especially the Stoics with their realistic approach to life's adversities. By confronting and studying the worst scenarios, he suggests we can embrace failure and loss and be free to enjoy what remains. It is certainly

a counterintuitive idea, but the author gives much evidence of its success. He also uses the tenets of Buddhism to support his belief that a good life is one lived in the present, accepting that the past is over, and that the future will never to be realized. THE ANTIDOTE offers a very readable, at times humorous survey of philosophical trends over the centuries and we are left with a much more nuanced definition of happiness.



## North Shore Lions Club Sponsored Peace Poster Contest Local Winners Selected From Finley Middle School

This year the North Shore Lions Club of Glen Cove chose to participate in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Amy Tabor, chair for the club, approached Principal Nelson Iocolano of the Finley Middle School at the beginning of October to ask his students participate. Students were given a month to create a poster with this year's theme of "Peace, Love and Understanding." Judging criteria for the posters was originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3rd Amy along with Lions District Governor Fred Rieger presented the winners with their prizes. Prizes, provided by the North Shore Lions Club, were VISA gift cards.

First prize of \$100 was presented to Odalis Yanes, 2nd place of \$75 went to Jennifer LaRocca and 3rd place of \$50 to Madeline Starke. The first place poster created by Odalis was then mailed to the District Governor to be entered into the district judging.

District judging will take place Monday evening November 24th at the district open meeting in Plainview.

The North Shore Lions Club wishes to thank Principal Iocolano, his staff and all the students who participated in this event. The Club is happy to have established this relationship with the Finley Middle School and looks forward to future endeavors.



L to R: Lions Club Chair, Amy Tabor 1st PI Odalis Yanes, 3rd PI Madeline Starke, 2nd PI Jennifer LaRocca Lions District Governor Fred Rieger

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Reality TV Shows  
by Myles Mellor

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- 15. Multivitamin supplement
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- 17. Dating show
- 20. Gave it a shot
- 21. Dublin's home
- 22. Morse Code signal
- 23. Back
- 24. Chicken serving
- 26. Fair
- 28. Long, dismal cry
- 32. Biblical verb ending
- 35. Math term
- 37. Fish hawk
- 39. Show in which less is more
- 42. Old-fashioned women's hood
- 43. Alliance acronym
- 44. Jonson work
- 45. Sledding spot
- 46. Fast and lively
- 48. Large lizard
- 53. Contents of some urns
- 57. Occurred
- 60. A deadly sin
- 61. Wired
- 62. It has a home edition
- 65. Top
- 66. Combustible pile
- 67. Cousin of an ostrich
- 68. Beethoven work in E flat
- 69. Get wind of
- 70. Friend of Frodo

- 7. Unkind look
- 8. Plant life
- 9. Buenos \_\_\_\_
- 10. Arthur Godfrey played it
- 11. Catches
- 12. Tina Turner, e.g.
- 13. Strong cleaners
- 18. Blocks
- 19. Golfer's concern
- 24. Bell sound
- 25. Secretary booboo
- 27. Suspiration
- 29. Give or take
- 30. Garden intruder
- 31. Stringed instrument
- 32. Cut
- 33. Popular cuisine
- 34. Hot spot
- 36. Farm layer
- 37. One of four Holy Roman emperors
- 38. Propagandist
- 40. Singaraja is its capital
- 41. Tale
- 47. European capital
- 49. Ninnies
- 50. Not fulfilled
- 51. Map abbr.
- 52. Nature goddess
- 54. Busy places
- 55. "The Illinois \_\_\_\_ Bandit" (Zappa song)
- 56. Emergency supply
- 57. Entanglements
- 58. Rod for a hot rod
- 59. "Enough!"
- 61. Southern stew
- 63. Grind
- 64. Reply to a captain

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- 1. Barbarians
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# Children's Christmas Service at St John's of Lattingtown

St. John's of Lattingtown celebrated Christmas Eve with their annual 4PM Christingle Service--a classic Nativity play wrapped in a lesson about Advent and decorated with loads of beautiful costumes, banners and Children carrying Christingles--oranges with a candle atop symbolizing the light of Christ, a red ribbon representing the blood He shed for us, candies representing the bounty of the earth and the orange itself representing God and mankind's dream for a planet of peace.

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