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NEW FRIENDS MILTIADIS Fokas, left, and Christopher Hueter experienced what it would be like to live in a wigwam at the Garvies Point Museum.

Giving thanks at Garvies Feast

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For 35 years, Garvies Point Museum and Preserve has hosted an annual Northeastern Native American Feast the weekend before Thanksgiving, offering an assortment of activities that simulate and celebrate Native American culture. The feast usually draws up to 2,000 people throughout the weekend.

Veronica Natale, who has been the museum director

for six years, said the feast is an event that volunteers and visitors look forward to every year. "A lot of work goes into it, but it's nice to see people enjoy it and hopefully learn something," she said.

This year, as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the museum included a new interactive activity as part of the feast. Visitors were encouraged to create a dugout canoe from the trunk of a tulip tree using natural tools such as seashells and

sticks. "They learn how much work it really is, and how long it takes to make," Natale said.

Walking through the different activities offered at the feast, Natale stopped at the stone-drilling station. The red shale stone grindings, she explained, are mixed with water at a nearby station to create tribal face paint.

Outside, people tried spear throwing with an atlatl, a tool that pre-historic

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Residents react to tax reform

House, Senate release tax bills that would hit L.I. hard

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The House of Representatives' tax bill passed by a 227-to-205 vote on Nov. 16, paving the way for high-tax suburban regions like Long Island to be hit hard by tax increases while much of the rest of the country could see at least modest cuts in federal taxes, according to local elected leaders. The legislation would limit or eliminate deductions for property taxes, mortgage interest and state and local taxes.

All 192 House Democrats opposed the measure, including Rep. Tom Suozzi, who represents the 3rd Congressional District, which includes Glen Cove. Long Island Republicans Peter King, of Seaford, and Lee Zeldin, of Shirley, were among 13 GOP members who voted against the bill.

"For those who supported this

bill, they are complicit in what will be a devastating tax increase on the middle class," Suozzi said. "I urge the Senate to reject this legislation and instead work with the House to pass a bipartisan bill that makes sense and protects hard-working middle-class families in New York and across the country."

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STUART HELD
Glen Cove

Glen Cove resident Stuart Held also opposed the bill. "I think the bill that passed in the House favors the ultra-rich," he said. "The little guy looks like they aren't getting any recognition." He added that he hopes the Senate bill will not be approved.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office recently released its analysis of the legislation. According to the CBO, the House plan would add roughly \$1.7 trillion to the U.S. debt over 10 years. The Senate plan was still being analyzed at press time.

If the House plan were to become law, the national debt

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“When NYU Winthrop’s TAVR team replaced my heart valve, they gave me my life back.”



For John Elliott, sailing is living. He’s been on the water for most of his 91 years. In all three theaters during World War 2, as a merchant seaman, and for the last 70 years sailing out of the Rockaway Point Yacht Club.

But recently John was so fatigued and short of breath, he could only walk a few steps. His aortic valve was failing. A condition that could lead to heart failure, and death. His daughter, a nurse, told John about a minimally invasive valve replacement procedure called TAVR, or Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement. She took him to one of the country’s leaders in TAVR: NYU Winthrop Hospital. They replaced John’s valve through an artery in his leg. In no time at all, he was back to sailing off Breezy Point.

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Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories on what is surely among the most important subjects we cover — Educating the 21st Century Child. These days, as we have found, school remains much as it was 20, 30 or 50 years ago, in the 20th century. In myriad ways, however, it's not your father's or mother's school anymore. Technology is an ever-expanding part of what teachers are teaching, no matter the class, from English to art, engineering to calculus. At the same time, collaboration among students is critical. Teaching young people how to work together, educators say, is vital in an increasingly interconnected world.

Students still read textbooks and jot notes in paper binders today, but technology reigns supreme in most all Long Island schools and in most all grades, from kindergarten through high school. How teachers apply that technology and how students learn to use the high-tech devices at their disposal will, no doubt, have a profound effect on education — and the work world of the future.

Shifting career paths

The World Economic Forum estimates that 65 percent — almost two-thirds — of children entering primary school today will ultimately be working in jobs that don't yet exist. In the U.S., primary school students are 5 to 12 years old.

This year, CNN Money reported that the top job in the United States is application developer. It was a job barely on most people's career radar a decade ago. App developer jobs are expected to increase by nearly a third through 2020, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Three-dimensional printing, which can be used to produce anything and everything, from simple chip clips to keep snack bags closed to complex airboxes for Formula One race cars, would have been the province of the military and the government years ago, as was the case with the first computers. Elementary schools now have access to these devices, and children can understand their applications. Better still, they can use them to create.

"We need to think outside the box and see the potential of each student here at school," said Josh Wyner, the assistant principal of the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway High School in Cedarhurst. "One student might grow up to be a programmer and one might grow up to sell me the product, but together we can create a team and atmosphere where our students can collaborate."

The C's of education

Creativity, collaboration, communica-



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RABBI BARUCH NOY, the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway's STEM curriculum coordinator, showed Peter Drukker, center, and Noah Popack how to use the state-of-the-art laser cutter in the middle school's laboratory.

tion, critical thinking and culture-based learning have replaced reading, writing and arithmetic as the framework for education. Chris Pelletier, the assistant superintendent for instruction in the Rockville Centre School District, said that children attending school now will have as many as five different careers over the course of their working lives, and will need to adapt to what he called a "shelf life" for creativity and ever-evolving skills.

He said that critical thinking is about dissecting issues, systems and machines and piecing them back together, while collaboration is needed because "no one works alone anymore. No one is solving problems in a vacuum." Communication is vital to decipher what is

real information and what is not, he said. "We need to use the tools the kids are using and teach them to use them in a smart way," Pelletier said, adding that he is a huge advocate of technology. "We have to get beyond old-school formulation."

To keep the ball moving forward, Lee Araoz, the Lawrence School District's coordinator of instructional technology said, teachers must immerse themselves in technology and share that knowledge with students. Araoz is also serving on the state's Educational Technology Advisory Committee for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

Updated International Society for Technology in Education standards

The seven Educator Standards are:

- **Learner** — Educators continually improve their practice by learning from and with others, and exploring proven and promising practices that leverage technology to improve student learning.
- **Leader** — Educators seek out opportunities for leadership to support student empowerment and success and improve teaching and learning.
- **Citizen** — Educators inspire students to positively contribute to and responsibly participate in the digital world.
- **Collaborator** — Educators dedicate time

to collaborate with both colleagues and students to improve practice, discover and share resources and ideas, and solve problems.

■ **Designer** — Educators design authentic, learner-driven activities and environments that recognize and accommodate learner variability.

■ **Facilitator** — Educators facilitate learning with technology to support student achievement of the 2016 ISTE Standards for Students.

■ **Analyst** — Educators understand and use data to drive their instruction and support students in achieving their learning goals.

Source: International Society for Technology in Education

He demonstrates technology tools ranging from Google School to Twitter, and shows teachers the most up-to-date web-based applications, calling it "digital literacy." Applying the standards established by the International Society for Technology in Education (see box), he said, teachers can learn the value of being connected educators. Updating standards established in 2008, the ISTE released a revised version earlier this year. The organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a nearly 40-year-old nonprofit that aims to help educators improve their use of technology in education.

"We need to show teachers the value of an online educational community such as Twitter," Araoz said. "Age has nothing to do with it. It's about attitude. Teachers are much more invested when it comes from within."

There are also ISTE standards for students — at www.iste.org — that should also help propel the way they are educated, Araoz said, adding, "Students really feel self-involved in the learning process in a unique and creative way."

Next week: Applying technology in the classroom.

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NEWS BRIEF

Own a piece of history in Glen Cove

In 2018, the City of Glen Cove will celebrate 350 years since its founding and its 100 year anniversary as a city. Activities and events will continue through the big celebration week, which is scheduled from May 24 to May 28, 2018.

One of the commemorate initiatives will be the creation of the Glen Cove 350 anniversary Heritage Garden that will be at Mill Pond Park between the new downtown Village Square and Garvies Point waterfront developments. The Heritage Garden will be a focal point between these two additions to the Glen Cove landscape.

Local residents, families, businesses and organizations can own a piece of the Heritage Garden by buying one of the paving stones that will adorn the garden's new downtown walkway to the waterfront. "This is the perfect opportunity to leave a personal remembrance for now

and future generations," said Lauren Wasserfall, chairperson of the Glen Cove 350 Anniversary Heritage Garden program. "Whether it's for personal, business, anniversary, birth, a favorite saying, or other message, buying a paving stone is an ideal way to say happy 350th birthday to Glen Cove."

Pavers are available in two sizes: \$100 for a rectangle and \$350 for a square.

Buying a beautifully engraved paving stone will allow residents to leave an everlasting legacy in Glen Cove and be a permanent reminder of your generosity. They also make a great

holiday gift. All orders must be received by December 1.

For more information, please contact Jacki Yonick at the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, (516) 671-4600.

For more information on Glen Cove 350, visit <http://glencove350.com>.



Photo courtesy City of Glen Cove

TO OWN A piece of history, the City of Glen Cove is offering residents an opportunity to purchase bricks in two sizes.

CRIME WATCH

GCPD Arrests:

- Man, 20, from Glen Cove, was arrested on a parole warrant on Nov. 16.
- Man, 50, from Glen Cove, was arrested and charged with an open warrant for fourth degree grand larceny on Nov. 15.
- Man, 43, from East Elmhurst, was arrested and charged with fourth degree grand larceny, fourth degree criminal possession of stolen property and two counts of second degree identity theft on St. Andrews Lane on Nov. 15.
- Woman, 27, from Ravenel, S.C., was arrested and charged with resisting arrest, second degree obstruction of gov-

- ernmental administration, second degree harassment and vehicle traffic law violations on Cole Street on Nov. 14.
- Man, 41, from Glen Cove, was arrested on an open warrant for resisting arrest, third degree menacing and disorderly conduct on Nov. 14.
- Man, 31, from Muttontown, was arrested and charged with second degree criminal contempt on Dickson Street on Nov. 13.
- Man, 22, from Glen Cove, was arrested for driving under the influence, speed not reasonable and moved unsafely from lane on Cedar Swamp Road on Nov. 12.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

Return of those Sugar Plums

"The Nutcracker" dances its way into the holiday season, starting with Long Island Ballet Theatre's narrated, slightly abbreviated version of the holiday classic, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 and 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 26, 1 and 4 p.m., at Landmark on Main Street. The story comes to life with dazzling costumes, beautiful sets and intricate choreography set to the famous Tchaikovsky score. Info: (866) 811-4111 or www.liballettheatre.com.



Stepping back in time

Journey back to the 19th century for a look at Thanksgiving as it was celebrated in the 1800s, at Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25-26. Old-fashioned wood burning stoves, beehive ovens and hearths are fired up as "villagers" prepare a variety of foods and baked goods, using historical recipes. Fiddle music entertainment and children's activities add to the festive ambiance. Info: (516) 572-8401 or www.obvrnassau.com.



Stress management

Stress is ever-present in our busy lives and impacts each of us differently. Completely doing away with stress isn't possible, but we can manage it and relieve some of the problems associated with it. Dr. Penny Stern will be at The Glen Cove Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. to provide practical suggestions for de-stressing your life. (Info): (516) 676-2130.

Learn how to make gelato

No matter the season, Italian gelato never fails to please. But what exactly is the Italian answer to ice cream? Where did it come from, and what makes it so different? Find out all about the Italian ice cream from Elena Florenzo, who will present a PowerPoint presentation. Then taste authentic Italian gelato! The program will be held on Monday, Nov. 27 at the Gold Coast Library, located at 50 Railroad Ave. in Glen Head, at 7 p.m. (Info): (516) 759-8300.



Power of food

Kids and adults will go crazy over the aromas of crunchy, colorful foods and the chance to help an award-winning professional chef and culinary nutritionist prepare some healthy dishes. Join Dr. Robert Dell'Amore for this fun, interactive and delicious program on Friday, Nov. 24, at the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, at 89 East Main St. in Oyster Bay, at 12 p.m. Please register in the Children's Room. (Info): (516) 922-1212.

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Campus Drive named after former Glen Cove superintendent

Florence Andresen: A pioneer for female educators

The Glen Cove Board of Education, administration, city officials and community members gathered to honor former district superintendent and educator Florence Andresen during a dedication on Nov. 5 at Glen Cove High School. Andresen, who now lives in Saratoga Springs, came back to the city that reveres her for the event.

As part of the celebration, Campus Drive, the roadway that runs in front of the high school, was renamed "Florence Andresen Way."

Andresen taught English at Glen Cove High School for seven years, before advancing up the administrative ladder. After serving in a series of leadership roles, including dean and principal of Glen Cove High School, she was named superintendent of the district. Andresen's appointment as superintendent in 1986 made her one of the first female superintendents of a K through 12 district in N.Y.

Board of Education President Amy Franklin welcomed those in attendance and discussed the board's motivation for honoring the former district educator.

"Andresen is an inspiration to us all," Franklin said. "She is an amazing role model for young women and an educational trailblazer. As one of the first female superintendents in New York, she paved the way for others to follow. During her 34-year career in our district she had a positive impact on an entire generation of Glen Covers."



Photos courtesy of Glen Cove City School District

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT AND educator Florence Andresen, center, was honored by the GCCSD and city officials when they named the high school Campus Drive in her name.

Andresen is a graduate of Skidmore College and was the lone female student in Hofstra University's school administration graduate program in 1959.

Respected by students, parents, teachers and her fellow administrators, Andresen received numerous awards throughout her career, including the 1987 Nassau County Woman of the Year, the Charles F. Kettering Foundation Distinguished Educator Award (1981, 1984 and 1985), *Newsday's* Distinguished Educator Award in 1989 and the 1991 Long Island University's Distinguished Educator of the Year award, which recognized her 10 years there as an adjunct professor of educational administration and leadership.

With all of these accolades, her friends and former students all agree that her most treasured honor was being voted "Most Popular Teacher" by high school seniors year in and year out.



GLEN COVE HIGH School's Student Senate members, Delegate to the Board Colleen Lynch, far left, Public Relations Angela McCarthy, President Rebecca Tan, Treasurer Amanda Ieraci and Vice President Ryan Greenfield helped get the new sign installed.

Connolly students take democracy into their own hands

Connolly School students had an opportunity to vote when they took part in the school's student council election, prior to actual Election Day.

Class representatives vying for the positions of president, vice president, treasurer, archivist and secretary delivered lively speeches to the student body. Each candidate explained why they would be the best choice to represent the school and discussed how they would make Connolly a better place.

The election was observed by Glen Cove Mayor Reginald Spinello, mayoral candidate Councilman Tim Tenke, along

with Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Dr. Michael Israel and Principal Julie Mullan.

Mullan commended the candidates on their speeches and the posters they created. She also acknowledged how difficult it is to stand before a large group and speak and encouraged students to vote for the right candidate.

"It is your job to listen to them on the issues and take notes," Mullan advised. "This is not a popularity contest. I do not want you to vote for your friends, I want you to vote for the best candidate."

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HERALD SPORTS

Hofstra prepares for postseason run

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The Hofstra men's basketball team got a head start on the 2017-18 season with a late summer exhibition tour to Canada that head coach Joe Mihalich hopes plays dividends in March.

The Pride swept four games north of the border while also bonding off the court during the long bus trips to Ontario and Quebec. Mihalich said the journey facing top Canadian college teams was also a unique opportunity for his players to experience cultural sites in historical cities like Montreal.

"It was a great experience for our guys," said Mihalich, whose Hofstra team was picked to finish fourth in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) preseason poll. "It was a great chance for the guys to come together and we played some great games there."

The Pride return leading scorer Justin Wright-Forman, who averaged 18.1 points per game last season.

The 6-4 junior guard emerged with a breakout sophomore campaign after barely seeing playing time as a freshman during senior year of 2016 CAA Player of the Year Juan'ya Green.

"His maturity is what I'm most impressed with," said Mihalich of Wright-Forman, who scored 25 points in Hofstra's season-opening 77-74 win against Army-West Point. "He's very confident."

Wright-Forman brings explosive scoring ability to the backcourt and Mihalich is also hoping for big production in the paint by 6-9 senior Rokas Gustys. The Lithuania native was hobbled by injuries last year, but still averaged 9.2 points and 12.1 rebounds per game. As a sophomore, Gustys ranked second nationally in rebounding.

"He is really committed to make this the best year of his life," said Mihalich of Gustys, who tallied 14 points in Hofstra's 75-57 Nov. 13 victory against Kennesaw State. "I think he is going to."

Hofstra boasts plenty of depth to complement Wright-Forman and Gustys including sophomore guard Eli Pemberton, who averaged 12.8 points a game as a freshman and tallied a career-high 27 points in 72-69 win against Dayton in the

Charleston Classic on Nov. 17. The Pride should be aided in the backcourt by the return of junior point guard Desure Buie, who missed most of last season with a torn ACL and meniscus. Kenny Wormley, a transfer from Iowa's Indian Hills Community College who previously played at Siena, gives the Pride another weapon around the perimeter.

Forwards Joel Angus III and Matija Radovic are newcomers to Hofstra who could be integral pieces of the Pride's drive to finish atop the CAA standings. Angus arrives on

Long Island as a Hofstra graduate student after a three-year career at Southeast Missouri State while Radovich played on five Serbian national championship teams.

Oceanside High School graduate Hunter Sabety returns to the Pride frontcourt looking to make waves in his final college basketball season. Last year in his first season in a Hofstra uniform after transferring from Division III Tufts University, the local product provided a spark off the bench leading Hofstra the team with 40 blocked shots and ranking second in rebounding.

"He came here as a Division III transfer and he has turned himself into a very good Division 1 player," said Mihalich of the 6-9 260-pound Sabety, who started four games last year when Gustys was injured. "He's terrific."



GUARD JUSTIN WRIGHT-FORMAN led the Pride in scoring last season, averaging more than 18 points per game while shooting 49.3 percent from the field.



Photos courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

ROKAS GUSTYS LED Hofstra in rebounds in 2016-17, averaging more than 12 per game.

The schedule is highlighted by a Dec. 22 game across the street from Hofstra's campus at Nassau Coliseum against national power Villanova, which is led by former Pride head coach Jay Wright. Hofstra's first two CAA home games are slated for Jan. 5 against James Madison at 7 p.m. and Jan. 7 versus Elon for a 4 p.m. tip-off.

College of Charleston was picked to capture the CAA, but Mihalich thinks the Pride have the ability to make a run at a

conference crown and achieve the program's first NCAA Tournament bid since 2001. The veteran head coach hopes Hofstra can achieve one of the league's top seeds for the CAA tournament and be positioned for a March Madness run.

"We have a tough non-conference schedule that will hopefully sharpen our teeth for conference play," he said. "Our expectations are that by the end of the year we are one of the teams that can win the CAAs."

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SENIOR CENTER MEMBER Peggy Venturino, left, sang several songs with the lunch's entertainment, the N.Y. Trio.

Glen Cove seniors give thanks this holiday season

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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The Glen Cove Senior Center has a lot to be grateful for this year, which they made known at the annual Thanksgiving luncheon celebration on Monday. The room was filled with thankful residents who enjoyed a delicious and early taste of the holiday with a classic thanksgiving lunch. A live performance by the N.Y. Trio kept the seniors entertained, and even member Peggy Venturino got in on the action, singing God Bless America with the group.

The center also held a food collection, which will go to the North Shore INN, the local food pantry. Rev. Dr. John Ceasar of the Village Church of Bayville was there to bless the meal, and Mayor Reggie Spinello, Assemblyman Charles Lavine and officials from Delia DeRiggi-Whitton's office were there to show their thanks to the center on behalf of the community.

Executive Director Carol Waldman also expressed her gratitude to the lunchtime volunteers who not only help serve hot, nutritious meals during the holidays but every single day during the rest of the year.



(Clockwise from above)
MARIA PINEDO, FRANCISCA Hernandez and Carmen Martinez enjoyed the Thanksgiving-themed lunch during Monday's celebration.



DIANE ROMANO AND Patricia Master have been senior center lunchtime volunteers for over a decade.



CHRIS GUNN, ELIZABETH Priczak and Victor Sawoch were grateful to spend time together during the holiday season.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 23

Turkey Trot and Fun Run

The North Shore Community Youth Organization, 200 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head, 9 a.m. The organization is hosting its annual Turkey Trot 5k and Kids Fun Run on Thanksgiving morning.

Friday, Nov. 24

Preschool Open Play

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Bring your toddler to the Children's Room for some fun play! 516-676-2130.

Power of Food

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E Main St., Oyster Bay, 12 to 1:15 p.m. Kids and adults will go crazy over the aromas and crunchy, colorful foods. They'll get the chance to help an award-winning professional chef and culinary nutritionist prepare some healthy foods. Join Dr. Robert Dell'Amore for this fun, interactive and delicious program. Register in person or call 516-922-1212.

Boy Scouts Holiday Plant Sale

Glen Head Post Office, 240 Glen Head Rd. #1, Glen Head, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Troop 195 of Glen Head/Glenwood Landing is holding its annual holiday fundraiser. Poinsettias, decorative pines, and cedar baskets will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit troop leadership programs, High Adventure camping, and equipment purchases.

Pop-Up Traveling Art Show

60 Roslyn Avenue, Sea Cliff. A most unusual art show will pop up for five days in Sea Cliff with paintings, prints, photography, sculpture, ceramics, and a mixed media installation. Artist and curator Megan Sirianni will be exhibiting her work along with celebrated local artists. There will be an opening reception at the gallery on Saturday, Nov. 25th from 2 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 25

Holiday Frolic in Glen Cove

Downtown Glen Cove, 1:30 p.m. Celebrate the season with a fun-filled day of holiday frolic, shopping. Free horse and carriage rides, photos with Santa and free hot cocoa, coffee and candy canes at 1:30, the Glen Cove High School Jazz Band performance at 3:30, and celebration of Glen Cove's Tree of Light at 4:45. Residents are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys4Tots. Music by Frank Rendo.

Monday, Nov. 27

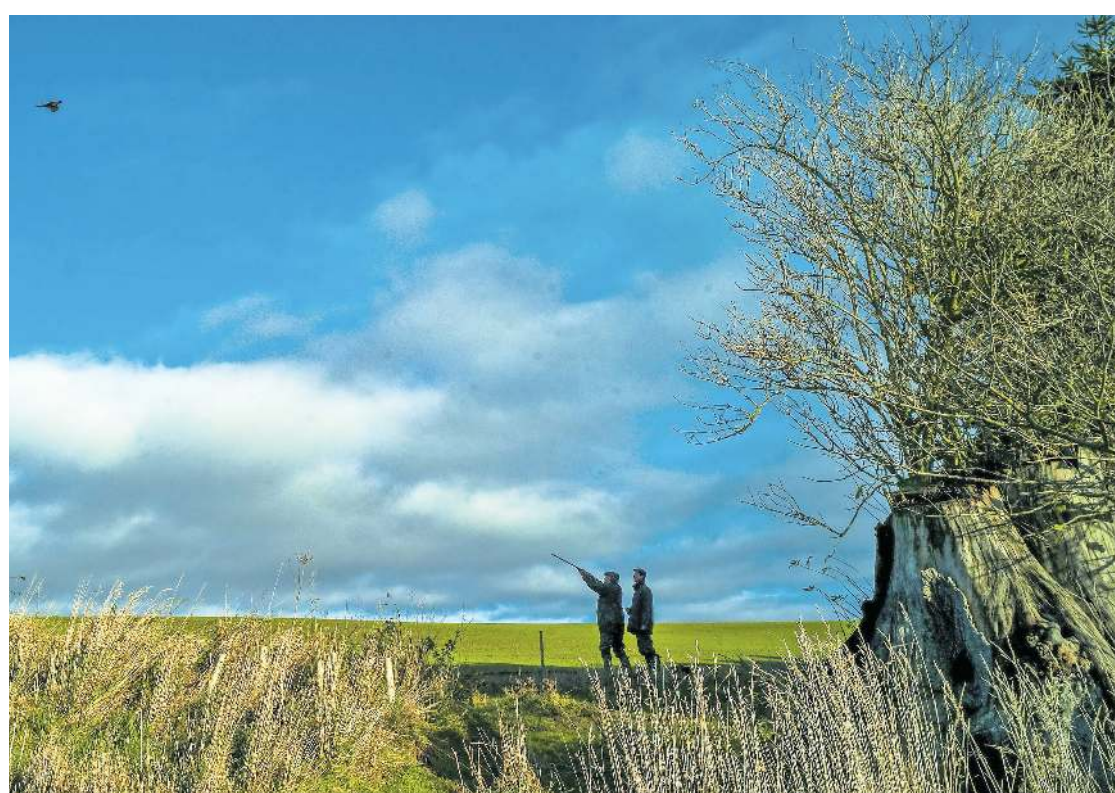
Stony Brook discussion

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen Street, Glen Cove, 12:15 p.m. Recognizing signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia. (516) 759-9610.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Christmas Beautification

Village Garage, Sea Cliff, 10 a.m. The Sea Cliff Beautification Committee is sponsoring a seasonal beautification at the Village Garage. Help add the lights and bows to the Christmas wreaths.



Wild Bird Photography

The North Shore Audubon Society presents this special program by photographer Scott Joshua Dere. Learn how to shoot wild birds in nature; participants will pick up photographic techniques, composition, and strategies in approaching subjects, especially birds of prey.

Dere will discuss how to take the sharpest image possible by demonstrating with his own super telephoto lenses. He will also review field etiquette, and how to travel with the necessary equipment. The presentation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Manhasset Public Library, 30 Onderdonk Ave., Manhasset. The event is free and open to the public.

There will be coffee, goodies, & Christmas music.

City Council Meeting

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., 7:30 p.m. The Glen Cove City Council will hold a public meeting. 516-676-2000.

Oyster Bay Town Council Meeting

Town Hall, Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Tiramisu class

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. Tiramisu is the most loved, delicious and request of Italian desserts. Explore the ingredients, the recipe, the secrets and the taste of this classic Italian dessert. Presented by Elena Florenzano. Register at the Reference Desk or call (516) 922-1212.

Thursday, Nov. 30

Board of Education Meeting

North Shore High School, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 7:30 p.m. The North Shore School District board of education will hold a public meeting. 516-277-7800.

Friday, Dec. 1

Christmas Fair Dinner

United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff, 63 Downing Ave, Sea Cliff, 5 to 8 p.m. A pork dinner will be served on Friday evening. Reservations required. Residents can shop at the Christmas Fair on Friday evening and all day Saturday. 516-671-0392.

Blessing of the Creche & an Evening with Santa

St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 235 Glen St., Glen Cove, 6 to 10 p.m. The Evening with Santa is from 6 to 10 p.m. The Blessing of the Creche will be at 7:30 p.m. outside, where the creche will be displayed on the corner of the hill by Glen Street and Pearsall. 516-676-0276.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Food Festival & Christmas Boutique

Church of St. Rocco, 18 3rd St., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. The home of the St. Rocco's Feast is launching an annual Christmas event! The day begins at 11 a.m.

with food trucks outside, and a Christmas boutique in the Madonna Room. There will be a tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. complete with Christmas carols! Save the date and bring the whole family! 516-676-2482.

Christmas Bazaar

Church of our Lady of Kazan, 2 Willow Shore Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 to 4 p.m. Come to the Christmas bazaar in the parish hall. Buy delicious homemade borscht and desserts. Get some holiday shopping done—we have jewelry, Russian nesting dolls, lacquer boxes, and many other gift items. 516-468-1579.



Tree Lighting

The Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions' Club is hosting a Christmas tree lighting at the Village Green -- right outside of the library -- on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. There will be entertainment, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas with the Roosevelts

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for the annual "Christmas with the Roosevelts" holiday event. Seasonal music will be performed by the musical group, Rose Tree, and carolers will be on site to bring holiday cheer. Activities will include arts and crafts for children and complimentary hot cocoa and cider. 516-922-4788.

Sea Cliff Holiday House Tour

Six Sea Cliff homes, dressed in the spirit of the holiday season, open their doors & share their charm and seasonal cheer. Tickets are \$40 for adults and children over 12 years. Children under 12 years are not permitted. For tickets and information, call or visit Sherlock Homes Realty, 305

Sea Cliff Avenue. 516-671-1717.

Sunday, Dec. 3

Colonial Christmas Concert and Tea

North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove, 3 p.m. Enjoy a pre-holiday treat with Emily Bader and Michael Goudket, who will perform with an extensive variety of historic and modern instruments and melodies. Wine, tea, and treats will be served. Admission is \$10. Sponsored by United World Foundation. 516-801-1191.

Holiday Concert

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Join Tom Polito and friends for an afternoon of musical entertainment. This six-piece band will play some old-time favorites as well as tunes that'll be sure to get you into the spirit of the holidays. 516-676-2130.

Santa's Workshop

Mill Neck Manor, 40 Frost Mill Rd., Mill Neck 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Claus have taken over the enchanting Mill Neck Manor, which will be dashing with holiday décor. This festive, family friendly event will take place inside historic Mill Neck Manor, and feature photos with Santa, baked goods and hot cocoa from Mrs. Claus, customized holiday gift items, children's arts and crafts, tours of the historic mansion and more! Please bring non-perishable food items and unwrapped toys to help support those in need this

holiday season. 516-628-4238.

Monday, Dec. 4

Healthy Holiday Meal

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. Dr. Robert Dell'Amore will teach how to make a healthy holiday meal with a spicy twist. Learn how to make spicy, fragrant, and sweet one-pot chicken with classic roasted potatoes flavored with roasted tomato, paprika and a pinch of chili powder. 516-922-1212.

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THE LENETSKY FAMILY welcomed their first son, Kai, on Nov. 5.

Welcome to the world Kai

Jennifer Russell and Garth Lenetsky are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Kai Burnett Lenetsky. He was born on Nov. 5, 2017 at 7:10 a.m. at 10 lbs, 22 inches. The proud grandparents are Jean Russell, Phyllis O. Burnett and Lester Lenetsky of Glen Cove. Congratulations to all.



Photo Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

STUDENTS NEVAEH AMBLES, front left, Isabella Smith, Javier Escobar Granados and Dennis Veith presented a check with American Red Cross representative Dawn Nielson, back left, Landing K-Kids adviser Margaret Kelly Clark, student council advisers Denise Pawlowski and Maria DePace and K- Kids adviser Amy Mendrinos.

Landing School K-Kids and student council raise money for Red Cross

Landing School K-Kids and members of the student council raised more than \$500 for the American Red Cross hurricane relief effort. The K-Kids held a pen

and pencil sale, while the student council held a bake sale. Congratulations to the students on a job well done.

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Making Glen Cove an Age-Friendly Community

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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It is no secret that Glen Cove is going through changes, with multiple housing projects and various revitalization projects in the works downtown.

Glen Cove Senior Center Executive Director Carol Waldman has made it her life's work to make sure the elder population on Long Island is not forgotten, especially in Glen Cove during all these changes. That is why she is spearheading the way for Glen Cove to become part of AARP's network of Age-Friendly Communities, which will make the city more livable for people of all ages, not just seniors.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of U.S. residents 65 years and older will increase by 105.2 percent by 2060. With the number of seniors on the rise across the nation, Waldman thought what better time than now to get this status for the city.

AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities is an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program, "an international effort launched in 2006 to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and the parallel trend of urbanization," according to the website.

The program has participating communities in more than 20 nations, as well as 10 affiliates representing more than 1,000 communities.

AARP Livability Index for Glen Cove:

(Based on a 1 to 100 scale)

■ Housing: 34	■ Health: 68
■ Neighborhood: 65	■ Engagement: 58
■ Transportation: 52	■ Opportunity: 57
■ Environment: 78	

AARP ranks a community's livability by averaging the scores of seven criteria, and comparing them nationwide. Each criteria is based on a 1 to 100 scale: housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement and opportunity. Glen Cove holds a livability score of 59.

While the score has no effect on the city's ability to become an Age-Friendly Community, getting the status will unlock new ways for the city to improve its score.

Waldman, along with project administrators Vincenza Caruso and Hali Layton, approached the Senior Advisory Council to the Mayor about the project. They realized that to have the most effective project plan, they would need to create a project advisory board with more community members to represent the seven criteria

and all age groups. As of now, 29 members of various community organizations are part of the board ranging from city departments, to the library, youth bureau, hospital and religious institutions.

"Having the police and the schools on board, we're really going to get a broad perspective on what it means to grow up and grow older in the community," said Waldman.

Caruso and Layton, both senior center volunteers, have been conducting focus groups at the center to gather data on what residents are satisfied with and what can be improved. Layton said they have heard suggestions like more benches and walkways. Waldman added some ideas they could look into including more or better lighting and signage, curb cuts and crosswalk safety.

"Anything that makes the community a better place for people of all ages to live is a great idea and certainly worth the time and investment," said Layton.

"A lot of these different items that AARP looks at, we're already working on as a city," said Community Development Agency Executive Director Ann Fangmann. The city has received a grant to make curb cuts ADA-compliant. One thing Fangmann said she would like to see is better connectivity in the downtown area, and eventually pass a Complete Streets policy, which would require certain designs to make the streets safer and more comfortable for all ages.

Waldman sent out the application to AARP in early November and is waiting for approval. If the city gets approved, the advisory board will meet and relay their concerns and suggestions for their groups. They will then conduct more surveys and put together a two- to five-year action plan with various initiatives.

Getting the Age-Friendly status will give the city access to new resources that other communities have used, whether it is ideas they have implemented or specific grants they have applied for.

If the application gets denied, the board will still meet and discuss a possible action plan.

"It's important to be able to address the needs of older citizens and young as well," said Caruso. "And be able to adapt to all the changes that are occurring."

Glen Cove seniors inspired by famous purse art

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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In May, the Adult Day Program at the Glen Cove Senior Center took a trip to the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook for a special program geared toward people with memory issues. The program, "In the Moment: Art Engagement for People with Memory Loss," offers interactive exhibit experiences, which are designed to spark imagination and encourage lively discussion.

During the program, the seniors viewed work by a famous artist couple — Judith and Gerson Leiber. Judith is famous for her intricately bedazzled handbags and the seniors had the unique opportunity to touch and hold them before being lead through the exhibit.

When they returned back to the center, the group was so inspired by the art that they decided to recreate Judith's handbags in their own style. They scoured the cabinets and art closets for all kinds of containers including shells, cans and boxes, and decorated them with gems, crystals and other material.

Each bag came out so original that the senior center took photos and sent them to the museum, that was thrilled to see the tangible results of its grant-funded program. They also promised to send the photos along to the Leiber's.

"It was a really fun outing and our guys are still talking about it," said Lisa Craig,



Photos Courtesy Glen Cove Senior Center

FRANK SCHWARZ ADMIRER one of Gerson Leiber's famous paintings at the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook.

the program director at the center. "It made such an impression, it was really a very special day."

Craig said it is thanks to the S.A.G.E. Foundation that the senior center is able to provide this great artistic programming. For more information visit www.glencoveseniorcenter.com/sage.



THE SENIORS WERE so inspired by Judith Leiber's handbags that they created their own versions using items found around the senior center.



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Critics say GOP tax plans favor the rich, while hurting Long Island

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would increase by 6 percent over a decade, after which it would nearly equal the nation's gross domestic product, according to a letter to Congress written by CBO Director Keith Hall.

Both the House and Senate bills would keep tax exemptions for employer-sponsored health plans and retirement savings accounts, explained Howard Gleckman, a senior fellow at the Tax Policy Center at the Urban Institute and Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

The House bill would repeal most of the state and local tax deduction, but would retain a limited deduction of \$10,000 for property taxes. The Senate bill would scrap that deduction entirely. The House bill would impose new caps on mortgage interest deductions, while the Senate bill would end them. And the House bill would end the deduction for medical expenses, while the Senate bill would retain it, Gleckman said.

Both bills would cut corporate income tax rates and tax rates on pass-through businesses, such as partnerships, from 35 percent to as low as 20 percent. The stan-

dard deduction for average tax filers would be doubled.

The tax cuts "would primarily benefit businesses and high-income households," Gleckman said.

Sea Cliff Mayor Edward Lieberman said that the New York Conference of Mayors has taken an official position opposing the elimination of tax deductions. "To me it's another example of prejudice, both financial and otherwise," Lieberman said. "If [they're] eliminated, it's going to affect approximately 35 percent of New York state's population who uses those itemized deductions."

Lieberman called the proposals an "unfair assault" on local taxpayers. "Hopefully the Senate will amend that aspect of the bill to ensure the elimination doesn't take place," he said.

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, agreed. "I'm not in favor of the House's proposal, and I hope the Senate votes it down," she said.

Sea Cliff and Glen Head residents are already feeling the brunt of property tax increases from New York American Water. A decision by the state Public Ser-

vice Commission earlier this year forced the company to include its property taxes in ratepayers' bills.

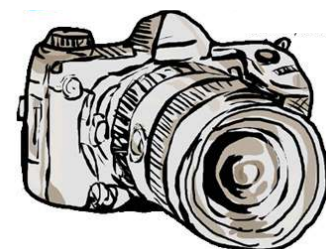
"It's another aspect of an undue interference on residents," Lieberman said. "They will be double taxed on top of all the other charges that we're receiving in addition to the high water bills."

Alex Gallego, president of the Oyster Bay Chamber of Commerce and senior vice president of investments at Raymond James, said that tax reform is needed, but the proposed legislation could go either way, to benefit or hurt Oyster Bay residents. "It is important to note that the detailed framework still needs to be translated to legislation," Gallego said, "and details of the final legislation could differ significantly from the framework."

The two tax plans will be debated and modified in the coming weeks, before a unified bill can be agreed on and sent to President Trump for signing. Trump made tax reform, in particular simplifying the tax code, a centerpiece of his 2016 campaign, and is banking on passing legislation this year to bolster his declining poll numbers, according to a number of pundits.

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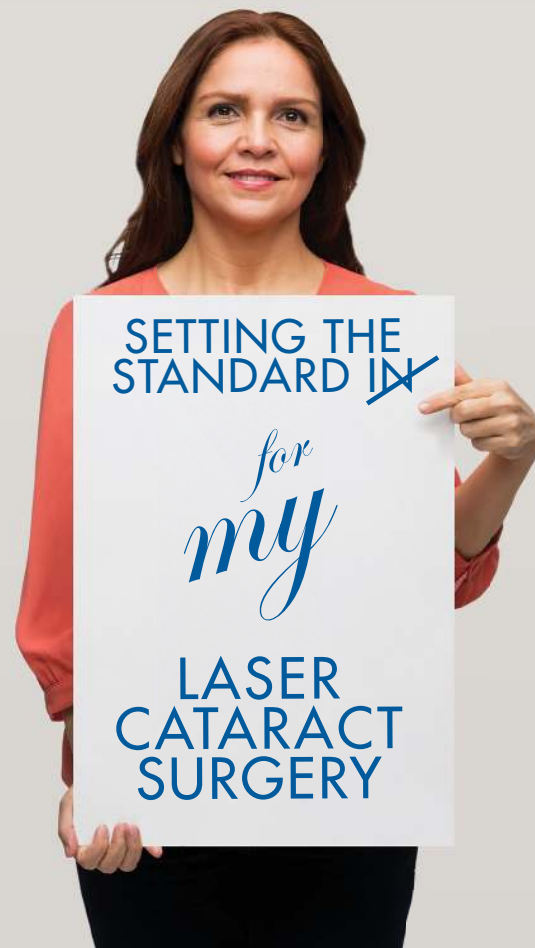


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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Glittery charms at the Cradle of Aviation Museum Holiday treats delight all at the Long Island Festival of Trees

Now that we've polished off the turkey, the festive season is clearly in focus. To kick things off, the Festival of Trees returns to Museum Row in Garden City with the latest edition of its popular spectacle this weekend.

Artisans, local entertainers, volunteers and visitors will gather at Cradle of Aviation Museum, Friday through Sunday to usher in the season. Everyone comes together to share in the festive spirit and support the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau, the beneficiary of the event (along with the museum).

As always, the trees are the highlight all weekend long. The display of 40 6 1/2-foot trees and hundreds of 2 1/2-foot mini-trees commands attention as soon as visitors step into the museum's grand atrium.

Each is creatively decorated with a unique theme. Among the highlights, Long Island Children's Museum contributes "Dino-Mite Holiday" and the Theresa Academy of Performing Arts in Lido Beach has created "A Person's a Person, No Matter How Small," with the help of the student artists who participate in TAPA programs. Other standouts include the Homemakers Council of Nassau County's "Angels Among Us," which includes over 100 ornaments all handmade by crafters from throughout Nassau County. Flowers By Voegler, of Merrick, offers up plenty of bling with "Sparkle and Shine," and Oyster Bay's Kristi Halpern does a tree each year fashioned with luxurious ribbon; this year's version is "Christmas Elegance."

"It is my pleasure to decorate a tree each year with my co-workers," says Flowers by Voegler owner Theresa Soto. "We thoroughly enjoy being a part of the festival and love coming up with new themes each year. We have won ribbons for our tree and have been happy to hear that our tree always sells and the funds raised go to programs and services at CP Nassau, which make us very proud."

The glittering display also includes those mini-trees — in different themes, of course — and wreaths, and swags, all accompanied by a gingerbread village of almost 100 original gingerbread creations, cooked up every year by culinary students from the Barry Tech Institute in Westbury. As always, all trees and gingerbread



Photos courtesy Patricia Quinn

Cradle of Aviation Museum is filled with holiday glitz this weekend as it welcomes the Long Island Festival of Trees. The event features entertainment, crafts, and varied activities, in addition to the creative display of trees.

LONG ISLAND FESTIVAL OF TREES

When: Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$15, \$10 ages 2-12. Admission includes entry to the festival and the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

Where: Cradle of Aviation Museum, Museum Row, Charles Lindbergh Blvd. Garden City. (516) 378-2000 ext. 648 or www.cradleofaviation.org or www.cpnassau.org.

houses are for sale.

The festive trees provide a shimmering backdrop for the many activities that will appeal to ages, including entertainment and a holiday marketplace. And, naturally, Santa is around to visit with families throughout the weekend.

"Next year CP Nassau will celebrate 70 years of helping individuals with disabilities and their families," says CP Nassau Executive Director Bob McGuire, a Point Lookout resident. "Over the years so many wonderful people in the community have joined forces with us to hold the Festival of Trees. If it were not for the



The Polito family of Wantagh find a new friend during their visit.

generosity and sharing of talents of so many, we would not be able to run this great event. We are so very grateful to our volunteers, entertainers, tree designers, bakers and other helpers and supporters. We invite all our friends in the community to stop by and start off the holiday season here. You will have fun and at the same time, help make a difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities."

The entertainment lineup throughout weekend features performances by local singers and dancers, including Sea Cliff's Ballroom Legacy Dance Studio. "I heard how wonderful the Festival of Trees is and am very happy to be invited to bring joy and happiness to all through dancing this holiday season," says owner Veronika Simeonova. "I am pleased to be supporting CP Nassau."

Rockville Centre's Leggz Ltd. Dance troupe is always a crowd-pleaser, doing excerpts from their upcoming holiday production of "The Nutcracker."

The Force also finds its way in on the action, in the form of Star Wars re-enactors from the 501st Legion and Empire City Garrison who appear on Saturday. They'll mingle with festival-goers involve fans in their always popular "Blast a Trooper" event that day.

Kids will certainly want to visit with Santa, and, of course, the Festival Marketplace, which includes the Festival Toy Shoppe, is another busy spot.

The festival has legions of devoted volunteers for whom the event remains a longstanding holiday tradition.

"Volunteering at the festival is something that I look forward to all year," says Karen Kiefel, of Valley Stream, a longtime volunteer and CP Nassau Board member. "My family and friends help me run the Dept. 56 shop that is filled with amazing collectible and retired pieces from Dept. 56 collectors. Our prices and selection can't be beat and 100 percent of the proceeds go to the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County. Running this shop every year is a true labor of love!"

And Joan MacNaughton, a Lynbrook resident and director/owner of Leggz Ltd. Dance, adds: "I have been volunteering as the entertainment coordinator for the festival for over 15 years now. I love every minute and all the groups that I work with also tell me how much the experience means to them!"

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HOLIDAY FUN Vanderbilt Mansion Celebration

Explore William K. Vanderbilt's former summer residence dressed up in its holiday finest by local designers and garden clubs. Their creative touch brings additional charm and magic to the 24-room Spanish Revival House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Celebrate the season at the Vanderbilt's annual tree lighting, which includes carol singing, an ornament workshop for the kids, refreshments, and, of course, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. This remarkable estate offers an intimate look at the life of a privileged family from the Jazz Age through



WEEKEND Out and About

World War II. The rooms are as William and Rosamund Vanderbilt left them, filled with priceless art, furnishings and personal possessions. Guided holiday tours begin Nov. 24, through Jan. 3.

Saturday, Nov. 25, 12 p.m., with tree lighting at 4 p.m. \$7, \$6 seniors and students; \$6 additional for tour. Vanderbilt Mansion, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5562 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

ON STAGE Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

The beloved TV classic soars off the screen and onto the stage just in time for the holiday season. All the iconic characters come to life in this fast-paced musical adap-



tation: Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph. This holiday tradition speaks to the misfit in everyone, with the heartwarming message that what makes you different can be what makes you special. The magical world of the North Pole comes to life in the large scale "holly jolly" musical with all the classic songs, and the famous reindeer and his companions help save Christmas.

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. \$58, \$48, \$38. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage

Annie

The irrepressible comic strip heroine comes to life in the beloved musical, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 26, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. \$78 and \$73. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Bingo Players

The dance-electro band in concert, Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m. \$20 and \$25; \$35 day of show. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.



Dark Star

The Grateful Dead tribute band in concert, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25, 8 p.m. \$75, \$49.50, \$39.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

The Machine

The Pink Floyd tribute band in concert, Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. \$75, \$59.50, \$39.50, \$29.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Old Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.



Melissa Etheridge

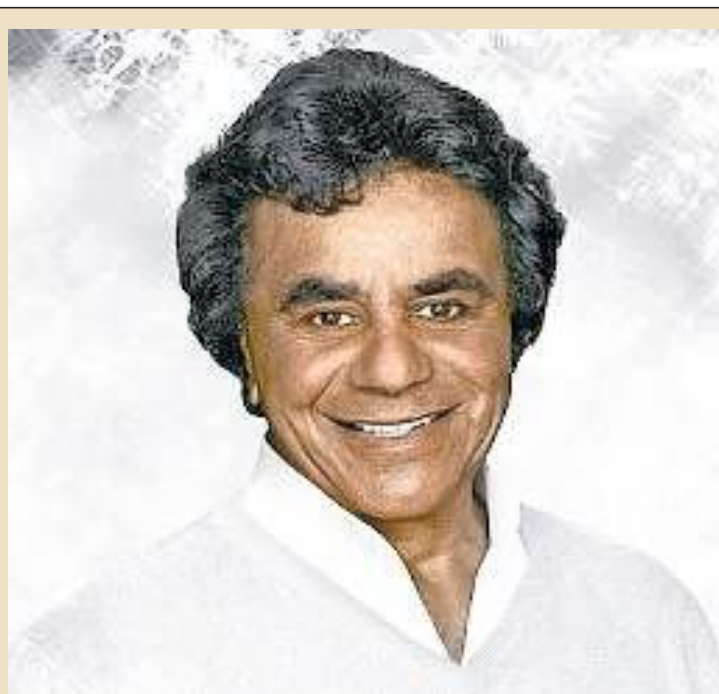
The singer-songwriter in concert, with "Merry Christmas, Baby," Sunday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m. \$109.50, \$99.50, \$89.50, \$79.50, \$49.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

98 Degrees at Christmas

The contemporary pop band in concert, Sunday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. \$99.50, \$84.50, \$69.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Old Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

The Nutcracker

A narrated, slightly abbreviated version of the holiday classic, presented by Long Island Ballet Theatre, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 and 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 26, 1 and 4 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (866) 811-4111 or www.liballettheater.com.



Johnny Mathis

The iconic crooner celebrates the season at Tilles Center, with a new edition of his popular Christmas concert, on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.

Mathis has recorded more than 80 albums, including six Christmas albums that have made him the undisputed "Voice of Christmas."

His sublime vocal approach to music eclipses passing fads and trends. Performing in an incredible variety of styles and categories — from music composed for stage and film to golden era jazz standards, contemporary pop hits, and holiday music — has assured Mathis' reputation as one of the most enduring vocalists around.

Share some in some holiday cheer as Mathis performs some of his greatest Christmas hits and personal favorites.

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Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville.

Counterclockwise Ensemble

The eclectic chamber music quintet in concert, Sunday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Program includes contemporary compositions. Sky Room Cafe at Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinememaartscentre.org.



Celtic Thunder

The Irish vocal group in concert, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. \$99.50, \$89.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Old Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Train

The pop-rock band in concert, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m. \$199.50, \$139.50, \$79.50, \$49.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Kirk Franklin

The acclaimed musician-choir director in concert, with R&B vocalist Ledisi, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. \$99.50, \$89.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre

at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Old Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

For the Kids

Disney On Ice Dare to Dream

The latest edition of the ice spectacle, with Moana, now through Sunday, Nov. 26. Tickets start at \$20. Nassau Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Tpke., Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.nycblive.com.

Friday Flick

See "Cars 3," the animated sports comedy with Lightning McQueen back in action, Friday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Frosty the Snowman

Join Jenny and Frosty on their chilly adventures as they try to save the town of Chillsville from mean old Ethel Pierpot and her evil machine that will melt all the snow, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m. \$15. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Movie Fun

See "Cars 3," the animated sports comedy, Friday, Nov. 24, 1 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

Matinee Time

See Disney's "Dinosaur," the animated

adventure about an iguanodon dinosaur raised by a family of lemurs, Saturday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free with admission. Garvies Point Museum & Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove. 571-8010.

Arrowhead Workshop

Examine native America's role in the whaling industry, Sunday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m. See and touch an authentic Native American whale oil lamp, and create an arrowhead necklace to wear. \$12. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.

Museums/ Galleries and more...



Tony Vaccaro: An American Photographer

Works by the acclaimed photographer, who become one of the most sought after photographers of his day, photographing everyone from John F. Kennedy and Sophia Loren to Pablo Picasso and Frank Lloyd Wright, are on view. Through Feb. 4. Gold Coast Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck. 829-2570 or www.goldcoastarts.org.

The Art of Dr. Seuss

An exhibit that celebrates the artistic legacy of Theodore Geisel, focusing on his private collection of paintings and sculptures created through nearly 70 years of artistic innovation. Through Dec. 24. LaMantia Gallery, 127 Main St., Northport. (631) 754-8414 or www.lamantia-gallery.com.

The Art of Narrative:

Timeless Tales and Visual Vignettes
An exhibition that explores storytelling in art from the 16th through 20th centuries. Illustrations by early American modernist Arthur Dove and others, a genre group by John Rogers, experimental photography by Martina Lopez, and abstract work by James Rosenquist are included, as well as works by Alonzo Chappel, François Girardon, George Grosz, Daniel Ridgeway Knight, and many others. Through April 15. Heioskscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

Environmental Consequences

A solo exhibition of fabric-multimedia works by Nicole M. Pach. Through Nov. 29. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or www.bjspokegallery.org.

Fool the Eye

An exhibit that examines how artists use perceptual illusions, devising visual tricks to manipulate space, incorporating spatial illusion. Featured are 20th- and

21st-century artists whose work has explored illusion, including Salvador Dali, Janet Fish, Audrey Flack, Jasper Johns, Judith Leiber, Roy Lichtenstein, Vik Muniz, Ben Schoenzeit, and Victor Vasarely. Through March 4. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

From Frankenthaler to Warhol: Art of the '60s and '70s

An exhibition that delves into the two trends that defined the art of the 1960s and '70s: abstract and representational works. Color Field, Minimalist, Pop, and Photorealist work by Don Eddy, Audrey Flack, Helen Frankenthaler, Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Richard Lindner, Claes Oldenburg, Fairfield Porter, Robert Rauschenberg, Larry Rivers, James Rosenquist, Andy Warhol, Tom Wesselman, and others are included. Through March 11. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

Seashells...Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, in celebration of Garvies' 50th anniversary. Through Dec. 30. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

Gingerbread House Workshop

Assemble a gingerbread house from scratch, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. \$12 materials fee. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

On Screen

See "The Beguiled," an atmospheric thriller about the unexpected arrival of a wounded Union soldier at a girls school in Virginia during the Civil War, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1:15p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.



Heroes of the Holocaust

An exhibition of works by 3D pop artist Charles Fazzino. With new works, sculptures and a curated selection of Fazzino's Judaica-themed art from the past 25 years. Through Dec. 8. Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center, 100 Crescent Beach Rd., Glen Cove. 571-8040 or www.hmtcli.org.

Having an event?

Submissions can be emailed to kbloom@liherald.com.



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MEMBERS OF ROCKVILLE Centre Boy Scout Troop 163 hollowed out a tulip tree with shells and sticks to help create a dugout canoe at the Garvies Point Museum and Preserve's annual Northeastern Native American Feast last weekend.

Thanksgiving fun for all at annual Garvies Feast

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tribes used for hunting.

There were other activities to enjoy that are regularly offered at Garvies, like the interactive woodland village. There visitors can get a taste of Native American life by sitting in a canoe and wigwam.

Pottery lessons are also offered year-round. In the craft room, visitors were taking a pottery class on Saturday. With clay from natural deposits at the preserve's Hempstead Harbor beach, they sculpted bowls and vases.

And it wouldn't be a feast without food. Tables full of Native American dishes offered a real-life display of the diet of Northeastern Indian tribes, including four types of popcorn, tubers, cranberries and a boiled corn soup, which tasters were surprised to learn was unsalted. "Back in those days, the tribes didn't use salt," Natale said.

Volunteer Jason Abdale, who supervised the spear-throwing station, said the feast is one of the more popular events that the museum sponsors. "In our modern world, where everything is pre-packaged, it's important to see how things were done in the old days," he said. "Everything you needed you had to

work for. If you wanted food, you'd have to harvest it or catch it. If you wanted clothes, you had to make them. If you wanted shelter, you'd have to build everything from scratch."

Volunteer Dick Doster, who has maintained the preserve's trails for more than 20 years, assisted patrons at the dugout canoe station. "It's nice to see that they're having fun doing the job," he said.

Carolyn Jimenez brought her four grandchildren to the feast on Saturday so they could learn about Native American culture. "I've been to the museum before, and it's very unique and underrated, and this is an exceptional event," she said.

Jimenez added that one of her grandsons had asked to bring his Nintendo DS along, but she said no. "Once we arrived, they were engaged the minute we got out of the car," she said. "People love a museum that's hands-on."

Natale said the event attracts people from across Long Island. "Some people come every year, and for some it's their first time visiting," she said. "It's a great opportunity to promote the museum and educate people, but at the same time it's engaging, interactive and fun."



MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS HELEN Wegner, left, and Peggy Maslow offered up Native American food, including corn, cranberries and an assortment of tubers.



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VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

THE QUESTION:

How do you cook a turkey?



You kill a chicken, I think, and then you chop it up and eat it.

JACK McSHEA
1st Grade



Go to the refrigerator aisle, and get a hard chunk of chicken. Put it in the oven and let it sit in there for about an hour.

JENNA ALESSO
2nd Grade



Well, you can get a turkey from the store, and put it in the oven for some minutes. Then you can check it and put it in for some more minutes. Then you put sweet dressing on it.

MAIA CANTON
1st Grade



You take the skin off and stuff it with chicken nuggets and then put it in the oven.

GIANNA SEMOSH
1st Grade



Carve out the meat inside and stuff it with things to eat, like hot dogs or anything that has meat in it. Toss it in the oven and take it out after two minutes or something.

JECOLIYAH WILLIAMS
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You have to get chicken, rice and ham. You put it in the microwave for about 40 minutes, and when you take it out, the chicken will come out fried.

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John W. Charon Secretary to the Glen Cove Civil Service Commission

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Plaintiff designates NASSAU as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 215 SEA CLIFF AVENUE SEA CLIFF, NY 11579 Section: 21 Block: 137 Lot: 1285, 1286, 1330, 1331

INDEX NO. 006366/2016 CIT BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. VITO LIANTONIO, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE E. LIANTONIO;

JOANNE ANDERSON, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE E. LIANTONIO;

JAMES LIANTONIO, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE E. LIANTONIO;

JOHN LIANTONIO, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE E. LIANTONIO, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin,

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BY: IRINA DULARIDZE, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675 87690

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY to discuss Local Law 04-2017, amending Local Law 04-2009, Chapter 252-39 Cold War Veterans Exemption.

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Dated: November 13, 2017 BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE THOMAS SCOTT, CHAIRMAN 88607

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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

The road not taken

Dear Great Book Guru,

Thanksgiving weekend is upon us and I look forward to time with friends and family, but also time for a good

read, something thought provoking yet entertaining. Any recommendations?

— Thankful for Thanksgiving



ANN DIPIETRO

Dear Thankful for Thanksgiving,

My book group last week discussed a modern classic, "Remains of the Day," by Kazuo Ishiguro and we all agreed it was a wonderful choice. While many had seen the award-winning movie, few of us remembered reading this 1989 Nobel Prize winning novel.

Set in the early 1950's, it is told from the first person perspective of Stevens, an aging British butler. He had spent much of his life in the service of Lord Darlington and is now employed by a wealthy American, as part of "a package." The American is the new owner of Darlington

Hall and Stevens heads the staff that accompanies the manor. Stevens thinks back on his unquestioning loyalty to a man who is revealed to be a Nazi sympathizer and a mediocre dabbler in world politics.

When he has the opportunity to travel the back roads of England, Stevens decides to visit Miss Kenton, a woman he had worked with decades before. As he reminisces about their years together, we begin to realize there was great affection between them that was never articulated. When Stevens meets her, she is unhappily married and voices regret over choices she has made. Stevens obviously is moved,

but even now cannot reveal his true feelings. A story of remembrance and regret as these characters view the "remains of their days..." Highly recommended!

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

OBITUARIES

Madeline McCord

Madeline McCord, 88, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on November 16, 2017.

Beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of William (Anne), Richard (Maryann) and Maureen (Steven); devoted friend of Manny; dear sister of the late Patricia Wells; proud grandmother of seven; cherished great-grandmother of 12. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and her pet pal Rudy.

McCord was a retired Glen Cove School District educator.

Visitation at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove, N.Y. Funeral Mass at the Church of St. Patrick. Burial at Holy Rood Cemetery.

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE Solution time: 21 mins.

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OPINIONS

Congress must get tax reform right

When the House Ways and Means Committee met to consider its bill to revamp the U.S. tax code, a towering stack of volumes titled “Income Tax Regulations” were piled on the dais.

Those volumes spoke a thousand words — or, more accurately, a few million of them — about the daunting task confronting Congress as it wrestles with tax reform. The mind-numbing complexity of the U.S. tax code, with its byzantine provisions affecting almost every aspect of the American economy, makes tax reform a challenge even for those few who can honestly claim to understand every facet of the code.



**ALFONSE
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But there is one overarching principle that should guide Congress through this maze: Middle-class tax-

payers should be made no worse off by tax law changes, and no state or regional or economic sector should be stripped of tax relief simply to benefit another. Yet that is exactly what Congress may do, unless reason prevails in the next few weeks.

This tax overhaul effort began with worthy goals: to improve American competitiveness by reforming the corporate tax system

to bring it into line with other industrialized nations; to repatriate trillions of dollars stashed in overseas tax havens so that money can be used to power our economy and help rebuild critical infrastructure; and to provide at least some modest tax relief to the hard-pressed middle class.

As a senator who served in Congresses that successfully navigated several tax reform efforts without sinking them, I also appreciate that every senator and representative has a duty to plead for the interests of his or her constituents. But that must be balanced by the responsibility to appreciate the needs of other states' constituencies.

As my former colleague Sen. Pat Moynihan regularly pointed out, New York state consistently delivers far more tax dollars to the U.S. Treasury than it gets back from Washington, due in large part to the major federal tax revenue generated by Wall Street. Moynihan and I used this fact to staunchly defend New York's financial interests when tax bills came before Congress. We didn't attack tax provisions benefiting other states, but neither did we let New Yorkers' taxes increase to benefit those in other states. We worked on a bipartisan basis to protect our state.

Yet under current tax reform proposals Congress is considering, there's now a real

possibility that New York's contribution to federal revenues will become even more unbalanced, adversely affecting the state. Both the House and Senate versions of the tax bill contain provisions reducing the allowable federal deduction for state and

local taxes. The proposed House bill would cap this deduction at \$10,000, and the Senate bill would eliminate it altogether.

For many New Yorkers, federal income taxes would actually go up, not down, if either of these bills were to pass. Adding injury to insult, the House bill would eliminate the full home mortgage interest deduction. Taken together, these changes could lower home values by up to 20 percent and send the U.S.

housing industry — which accounts for one-sixth of the national economy — into a tailspin.

The irony is that if the proposed tax reforms were to work as advertised by supporters, the U.S. economy would instead grow substantially, which would mean that Wall Street would thrive, and thereby generate even more tax revenue originating here to be sent to Washington, while New Yorkers would pay more in federal taxes. So, if the proponents of tax reform are right, New York would suffer a double penalty.

There is a way to address this inequity.

Congress could act responsibly, trimming some proposed tax cuts and closing glaring tax loopholes. For instance, rather than repealing the estate tax or the alternative minimum tax entirely, as proposed, more modest adjustments in these taxes could be made. Likewise with the proposed corporate tax reduction. As Sen. Orin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which is handling the tax bill, has indicated, a corporate rate somewhere between 22 and 25 percent would accomplish the goal of reducing businesses' tax burden without shifting it to individual taxpayers.

Finally, closing the notorious “carried interest” loophole, which allows hedge fund managers to pay a capital gains tax rate of 23 percent rather than a 39 percent income tax, like most taxpayers, could raise billions per year. Taken together, these savings could be applied to restoring the full deduction for state and local taxes.

Having been involved in successful tax reform efforts, I know there's a way to go about it fairly and equitably. It's been done before, and it can be done again. It simply requires Congress to act in the best interests of all rather than some, which in turn requires bipartisanship and compromise. That's what taxpayers should expect.

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Thanksgiving blessings: Where do I begin?

Do I write from the Thanksgiving playbook about “raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens,” or do I write from the heart? Lately, authenticity seems more important than ever, so permit me to write from the heart.

My father died one year ago this week, and the thankfulness I feel for his long life, and especially for his peaceful and easy death, are real and ring true. I am grateful. When he was 65, Dad said at his big birthday party that he was a fulfilled man and could die happy whenever it was time. Then he lived another 32



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years.

When he died just before last Thanksgiving, my mother went to live with my sister for six months, and then moved in with my husband and me for the past six months. It has been a year that has challenged our ideas on aging and our sense of our own mortality.

I had supposed once upon a time that caring for my aged parents in their last years would be a gift to them and me, a time to come full circle in life. I imagined

they would always be as they always were, except with white hair — caring and funny and at the top of their game — a child's fantasy.

In real life, my mother is sad and disconnected and burdened by this time that has been given to her: From her point of view, at least she was “needed” when my dad was alive. She was his primary caregiver for the past 10 years, making his meals, pushing him to get up and get dressed, keeping him walking and, mostly, keeping him alive. Her own vision and hearing were failing, but she pushed through it. She complained all the time, but they lived on their own and she had a purpose.

Suddenly (to her), her husband of 72 years had a heart attack and died. She had always said that if something happened to Dad, she wanted to live with us. So within two weeks we packed up her belongings, moved her out of her home and set her up with my sister for the first six months.

Together we arranged for “helpers” and visiting nurses and new doctors and new canes and walkers. We decided it wasn't safe for Mom to cook on our computerized stoves, so at age 94, she had to stop the cooking and baking she had been doing all her life. She had to give up driving and live in a home that wasn't hers. And, from her point of view, everyone was telling her what to do, and when, and then leaving her alone while they went out to have a good

time.

She believes her poor vision and hearing are too much of a liability in social situations for her to reach out to anyone or join any group or return any phone call. We have rung all the bells that one rings in these situations, but she is not picking up.

We learned this year that some problems can't be fixed; they just have to be lived through and learned from. And it's a tough lesson.

I have given up on big solutions and am thankful for small moments. My mother and I have breakfast every day before her helper comes. We share a quick hug and ask each other how we slept. Every day she says she was up every hour: I tell her no one over 50 sleeps anyway.

I am grateful for this small ritual: My mother and me, drinking coffee. After decades of solo breakfasts, suddenly there is this old woman across the table (or is it a mirror?), this husk of the woman she was, this shadow of the mommy and the caregiver, provider and teacher of my own first years. I look at her and remember how she was and wonder how I will be if I live to be very old.

I try not to overthink it all, but there is

power in these morning encounters because they are relatively new for us and incredibly precious and also so difficult. After all, we haven't even lived near each other for 30 years, and now

we're sitting across from each other at the kitchen table every morning.

Her life isn't what she would choose for herself. But we find ourselves in this complex family dance, and we are following one another as best we can.

I'm thankful for my sister as we parent our parent, and my husband for his helping hands, and our helper, who is a walking, breathing, loving gift of a human being, and my friends, who hold my hand through it all.

Most important blessing?

Laughter. My mother doesn't laugh anymore, but my sister and I do. We have to. We laugh about our guilt and our mother's half-baked memories and our own creaking bones.

We are old babes taking care of a really, really old babe who looks just like us, except with white hair. That's funny, isn't it?

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Shop locally – it's about saving our communities

So many of the small business owners who occupy storefronts in our downtowns give so much to their communities, volunteering their time, energy and dollars to beautify our local commerce zones during the holidays. Or they might coach a Little League team, sponsor any number of youth activities or serve as mentors to at-risk high school students.

They do so because they care. They not only work in our communities, but they live here as well. They earn their livelihoods and make their lives locally.

It isn't always easy. Making a go of it as a small business owner is rough these days, particularly with the growing popularity of internet shopping, especially among millennials.

In the coming weeks, consider spending at least part of your holiday budget at your local shops and eateries. Like so many businesses, this is their busy season. They need all of our support to stay in business.

You can only imagine what our communities would look like without our small businesses. Our downtowns would become boarded-up ghost towns. That wouldn't be good for any of us, because our property values would inevitably decline.

Once upon a time, holiday shopping was

an experience. Folks carved out entire Saturdays or Sundays and headed to their local downtowns to browse through the retail shops. The experience was fun and quaint. You had lunch at the local diner.

Then along came the malls. People flocked to them. The box stores, with their steep discounts, followed. With each successive iteration of the holiday shopping experience, consumers were drawn increasingly farther from their hometowns.

Now folks don't even need to leave their homes to shop. They can order everything online, and it arrives within days. Prices are often cheaper than at the box stores, because many online retailers don't charge state

and local sales taxes.

That's really bad news not only for mom-and-pop shops, but also for state and local governments — and, ultimately, taxpayers. With reduced sales-tax dollars streaming in, local governments have been forced to either increase property taxes or reduce critical services. Often they have chosen the latter, lest they be accused of raising taxes.

The number of consumers who make their purchases online is expected to reach 270 million by 2020, with internet com-

merce largely driven by mobile devices, according to www.internetretailer.com. Online sales are projected to reach \$638 billion in the next five years, up 56 percent from \$409 billion in 2017. None of this bodes well for the downtown brick-and-mortar retailer.

Too many small businesses are threatened by internet-based companies that don't play by the same rules of commerce as traditional mom-and-pop shops. If we are to have thriving downtowns that are the centers of our local communities, we must spend our dollars locally.

When nonprofit charity groups like the Kiwanis Club need raffle prizes, who do they call? Our local small businesses. When village officials want to host Halloween parades or menorah and Christmas tree lightings, who do they call? Our local small businesses. When the elementary schools need guest readers, who do they call? You guessed it — our local small businesses.

Let's also not forget that these businesses employ lots of local folks. They need us, and we need them. If the internet kills them off, then all of us will inevitably suffer.

Our downtown shops often offer more personalized service than do the retailers at the mall or online. It's a friendly, down-home experience that is so rare these days. The best way to support local businesses is to shop in their stores and buy their goods and services.

Happy holidays!

LETTERS

Guns aren't the problem

To the Editor:

I have some advice for the writer of the letter "Reinterpret the Second Amendment" (Oct. 26-Nov. 1). Even if you dislike firearms and have no desire to own them, you would be ill-advised to let anyone legislate away the Second Amendment right to lawfully acquire, possess and use a firearm for law-abiding purposes.

The United States is one of three nations that gives law-abiding citizens such a right. We also have in our First Amendment the rights of religion, free speech and assembly. Would the writer be willing to accept or suggest changes to our First Amendment in order to restrict, modify or control other rights?

The "brightest-light" legislators who were mentioned in the previous letter — U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, Rep. Kathleen Rice and Sen. Charles Schumer — usually shine brightest after horrific, firearm-related tragedies such as in Newtown, Conn., or in Las Vegas. That is when they seek to enact more prohibitive gun laws, which violent criminals have traditionally ignored.

Instead, these bright lights could propose laws and enforce existing laws to make it clear to violent, predatory criminals that they will serve longer sentences, with no plea bargaining and no parole, if they commit violent, gun-related crimes.

Look at Governor Cuomo's bright-light NY SAFE Act. It was enacted in haste overnight, when emotions prevailed after the Newtown trag-



edy in 2012. After several years of the SAFE Act, like any of the other 20,000 or more other federal, state and local anti-gun laws, it has done nothing more than herd "sheep" (law-abiding citizens), rather than control "predators" (violent criminals).

No legislator can show reliable, objective data to conclude that the SAFE Act, and other similar anti-gun laws, have quantitatively reduced vio-

lent, predatory, firearm-related crimes. If there were only one gun left in America, it would be in the hands of a recidivist predatory criminal.

The writer spoke of "weapons." A weapon is in the hands of a criminal. A law-abiding gun owner or a law enforcement officer has in his or her hands a "firearm" that has been lawfully acquired, is lawfully possessed and is used in a lawful manner.

OPINIONS

Holding county government accountable for its actions

I am honored by the great responsibility I have been given to serve as Nassau's next county executive and to pursue the goals I set out during the campaign — ending the culture of corruption and giving Nassau County a fresh start. I believe we can accomplish them by working together.



LAURA CURRAN

With the election behind us, it's now time to govern, and to bring real results for the people of Nassau. We need to restore trust in government, end the practices that waste taxpayer money and focus on true economic development.

The first step in achieving these goals will be hiring people based on

what they know, and not who they know. All of the deputy county executives and department heads I hire will have the knowledge and experience to run their departments efficiently and ensure that taxpayer dollars

are spent appropriately. They will be tasked with creating lean departments, with every job being used to serve the public good. Everyone working in government will be here to serve the people, period.

I will not appoint anyone who holds a party position, Democrat or Republican, and everyone who works for me will be prohibited from fundraising on my behalf. Nassau County residents deserve to know that the people in my administration are not here for political reasons — they are here to move the county forward. The days of county government as a jobs program for members of the political class are over.

Another step we will take right away is the creation of a "Doing Business With" list, which will track vendors who do business with the county. They will be severely limited in the amount of money they can contribute to me going forward, and my hope is that we can

reach consensus on more such applications. This will erase any perception that vendors receive county contracts for any reason other than the ability to do the best job at the fairest price.

By taking these actions, I am confident we will begin to restore the trust of Nassau County taxpayers that their elected officials are here to serve them.

With the trust of our residents, we will be able to move forward with a real economic vision that keeps young people and families here, attracts new businesses and grows our tax base. Just look at the Hub, where we have 77 acres of parking lot just waiting to be developed with a mixed-use blend of commercial, retail and housing units. That has to, and will, change.

To truly make Nassau County a destination, we have to create affordable housing

along with reliable public transportation. Too many millennials and empty-nesters are leaving Long Island because they can't afford apartments or single-family homes. It's time we reverse that trend. It is not only the right thing to do, but will also help attract new businesses when they can be confident that their employees will have an affordable and good quality of life.

To enact these safeguards in our government and turn this economic vision into a reality, I will work closely with people of all political stripes and with the supervisors, mayors and city managers who run our local municipalities. And, of course, I will need the input and buy-in of taxpayers.

That's why I ask all county residents to hold me, my administration and all other public officials accountable. We must live up to the promises we made to deliver real progress.

I look forward to serving the great people of this county and helping Nassau finally live up to its potential — and I know we can accomplish it all together.

Laura Curran, a former journalist who was once an editor at the Herald Community Newspapers, is the county executive-elect.

LETTERS

I share the writer's heartfelt sorrow about the Newtown, Las Vegas and other gun-related tragedies. Our differences may be mostly over how such tragedies could have been prevented by existing laws or how they could be prevented in the future, if at all.

ROBERT M. PEMBERTON, SR.
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Tax deductions must be preserved

To the Editor:

As members of Congress from different parties, we disagree on many issues. We both, however, support tax reform that would create jobs, simplify the tax code and strengthen the middle class. And there is no disagreement between us that state and local tax deductions can neither be eliminated nor modified in any way when it comes to local residents filing federal income taxes, as the Trump administration has proposed in its tax reform plan and Congress is preparing to pass. We cannot allow this to happen.

Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, elected officials must understand that ending or even tinkering with the deductions would be bad for New Yorkers, and especially bad for Long Islanders. To eliminate the deductions would be patently unfair and would amount to a tax increase for hundreds of thousands of families across the region.

As currently constructed, the House of Representatives version would cap property tax deductions at \$10,000, while eliminating all state and local income tax deductions. The Senate version would be even more dra-

conian, with all state and local tax deductions wiped out. While the House plan would not go quite as far as the Senate's, nearly every middle-class family on Long Island would be hurt financially.

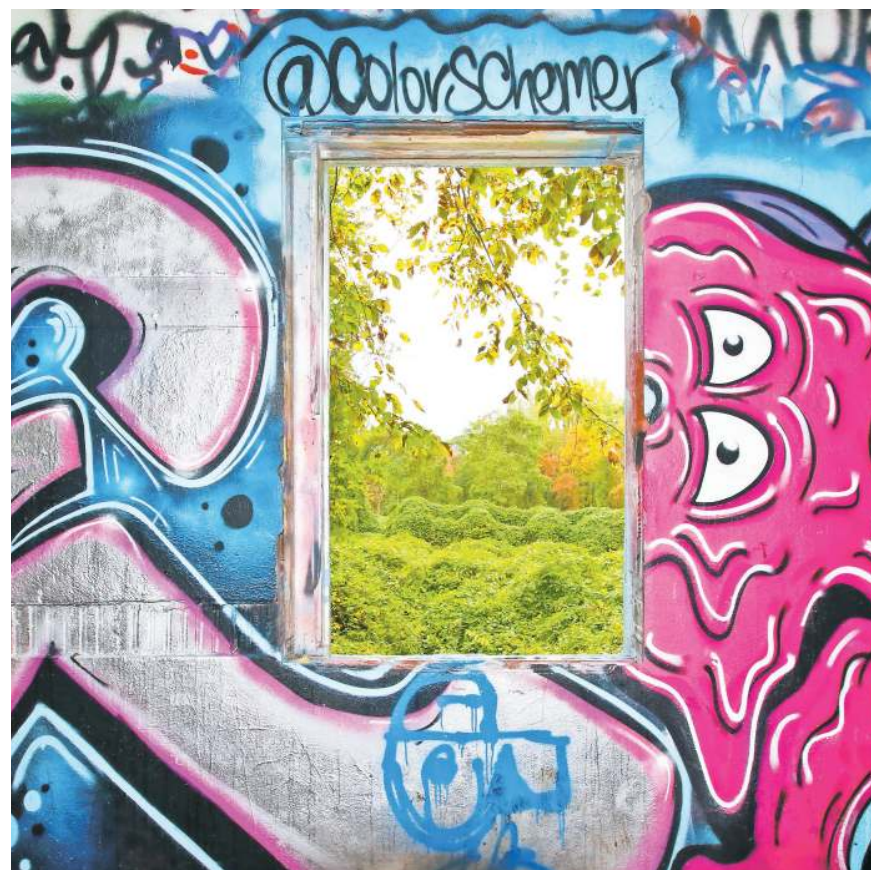
New York has some of the highest state and local taxes in the nation, while our state is the largest net donor to the federal government. According to a report by the Rockefeller Institute of Government, a public-policy think tank, New York sends \$48 billion more in taxes to the federal government than it receives in aid — more than any other state. Much of that \$48 billion helps subsidize other states through federal programs.

Also, a study by the research institute of the Long Island Association, the region's largest business group, found that scrapping the deductions could cost Long Island taxpayers up to \$2.5 billion a year. And an estimate by the state Department of Taxation and Finance concluded that close to 950,000 Long Islanders would be hurt if state and local tax deductions were eliminated.

Our agreement on tax reform goes beyond protecting those deductions. We favor corporate tax reform to create jobs in America and to capture corporate profits that companies are keeping offshore. We believe that any tax reform plan must include tax cuts for the struggling middle class. The last time Congress came together to overhaul our tax code was 1986. Since then, the code has become voluminous. We must simplify it.

In a still-recovering economy, a single misguided action could lead to a series of problems, including an economic slowdown. The actions being proposed would be a punch to the gut for our struggling middle class and the hard-working families of our districts, many of whom are still reeling because of the economic meltdown that

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began in the last decade.

We have been told by those who have written this bill that the middle class would thrive under this plan. We know that's not true for New York's middle class. Thus we are standing together, regardless of party labels, to say that Long Island families deserve to have the state and local tax deduc-

tions preserved in their entirety and be able to keep what they have rightfully earned.

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