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**Santa's helpers spread cheer**

The St. Rocco's Food Truck Festival and Holiday Boutique debuted on Saturday offered something for everyone, including a visit from Santa. Some of his elves were there to spread Christmas cheer too, including Sofia Greco, far left, Gianna Longobucco, Gianna Zangari, Virginia Graziosi and Jacqueline Perfetti. More photos, Page 9.

**Study looks into neighborhood revitalization**

State grant and city fund studies

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As part of Glen Cove's revitalization efforts, the city is using a Brownfield Opportunity Area program grant to evaluate potential redevelopment in an area that encompasses the neighborhoods along Pratt Boulevard, Sea Cliff Avenue, Cedar Swamp Road and the Glen Street Long Island Rail Road station.

The BOA grant of \$402,100, funded by the New York Department of State, provides financial and technical assistance for the reuse of areas that have been designated former brownfields — areas where hazardous contamination was a concern. The city will kick in \$44,678 toward the studies.

According to Community Development Agency Executive Director Ann Fangmann, city officials hope to have a draft

implementation plan finished by next spring. They are now focusing on sites including the Orchard Neighborhood, the Glen Street train station, the Photocircuits property, the Coles School and the Glen Cove Day Care Center.

**W**e're definitely not looking to replace any low- to moderate-income housing that's already in the Orchard Neighborhood area.

**ANN FANGMANN**  
 CDA executive director

**Sea Cliff Avenue**

The properties along Sea Cliff Avenue being investigated are former brownfield sites, where Photocircuits and the Pall Corporation once operated. At the Photocircuits site, a groundwater treatment system was recently installed and will be operational by the end of the month, according to Erica Ringewald, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Groundwater contamination is also being addressed at both sites. Ringewald said that remedies are currently in the design

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**Famed animator shares his talents at the Glen Cove Library**

Children learn the basics of the art

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On Saturday, several Glen Cove children took part in a special animation class at the Glen Cove Library, taught by artist Ed Klein. It was an unusual opportunity, though one they might not appreciate until they're older.

Klein's animations have been

featured in more than 300 films, television shows and commercials produced by the Walt Disney Company, Warner Bros. Studio and Hanna-Barbera Productions, to name just a few, and he has animated characters including Bugs Bunny, Fred Flintstone and Mickey Mouse.

Before delving into the lesson, Klein played a game with the

students. He started to draw a character, and the first child to correctly guess who it was got to keep the drawing. He also quizzed the students with questions like, "How many buttons are on Mickey Mouse's pants?" and "What town does Fred Flintstone live in?" He made sure every child received a drawing

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FORMER LOCATION OF MARTIN VIETTE NURSERY

# New electric vehicle charging station in Glen Cove

## City comes closer to becoming Certified Clean Energy Community



Photo Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**ERIC DOBRIN, FAR** right, received the ceremonial first charge for his Chevy Volt alongside Noelle Diehl, left, former CDA team member, Ann Fangmann, executive director of the CDA, DPW's Stephanie Soter, Nicolas Shearman, CDA member, Mayor Reggie Spinello and Ron Gulmi of Alternative Energy Solutions.

As we witness a rapid expansion in the market for electric vehicles, the demand for electronic charging infrastructure has increased. To meet the changing — and charging — needs of Glen Cove residents and visitors, the Glen Cove Community Development Agency and the Department of Public Works collaborated to secure funding from a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant for Glen Cove's first Electric Vehicle

Charge Station.

Located on the first floor of the Pulaski Garage behind City Hall, the charging station was unveiled on Nov. 21 and was joined by Ron Gulmi of Alternative Energy Solutions, a Green Power Technology Channel Partner, and Eric Dobrin, a downtown business professional and an electric vehicle owner.

"The City of Glen Cove is excited to be able to provide this new service free of

charge to our community," Mayor Reggie Spinello said. "As Glen Cove is a city on the grow, we welcome new opportunities like our new electric vehicle charging station to promote a cleaner and greener Glen Cove."

According to DPW's Stephanie Soter, the installation of the city's charging station is the third of four High Impact Action items completed in Glen Cove's pursuit of becoming a NYS Energy

Research and Development Authority Certified Clean Energy Community.

The first was the benchmarking of the energy use in all city facilities, the second was the city's unified solar permit process and our final step, which is in the process of being completed, is a code enforcement training initiative with our Building Department. Once the final item is completed, the city will submit its accomplishments for certification review.

## Nassau County police sued by immigrant rights activists

BY ERIK HAWKINS

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The Hempstead-based Central American Refugee Center is suing the Nassau County Police Department over its policies dealing with immigrants, claiming that police are violating state law.

The immigration rights advocacy center, also known as CARECEN, filed a suit on Nov. 20 on behalf of a 26-year-old immigrant who has lived in Nassau County for 9 years, and fears she is at risk for detention and deportation. The woman is referred to as "Jane Doe" in the suit.

According to CARECEN, county police have a policy of contacting ICE after they determine the identity of a foreign-born arrestee, taking people into custody on the basis of ICE warrants and holding them on an ICE "detainer" — all of which they say runs contrary to New York State Law.

An ICE detainer is a request from the federal agency that law enforcement hold someone for up to 48 hours beyond when they would normally be released so that ICE can take them into custody.

According to CARECEN, Nassau police violate state law with this policy, because in New York, officers can only make warrantless arrests if there is reasonable cause to believe a crime is being or has been committed.

Being an undocumented immigrant in the U.S. is not a crime, according to the suit, and any arrest made on the basis of an ICE warrant or detainer, or any holding of an arrestee based on an ICE request, is an unlawful request.

"The policy puts the immigrant population that CARECEN serves in Nassau County at risk for unlawful arrests," CARECEN's attorney, Stefan Krieger, wrote, "because members of that community can be arrested or held in detention

beyond the time they would otherwise have been released based on an ICE warrant or detainer."

In their suit, CARECEN referenced the recent arrest of an undocumented immigrant who was stopped for failing to use a turn signal, arrested and turned over to ICE for deportation.

"Foreign-born residents choose not to report crimes or attend court appointments because they fear that any interaction with the police may result in their being transferred into ICE custody," Krieger wrote. "Any foreign-born individual faces a risk from an otherwise routine police interaction in his or her daily activity, and, as a result of unlawful arrests by NCPD, Nassau County residents have been deported, and have been separated from their family and community."

The suit seeks a declaratory judgment finding that the police department's policy is unlawful.

Detective Lieutenant Richard LeBrun, of the department's public information office, issued a statement in response to the suit.

"Regardless of a person's legal status, all persons in Nassau County are required to abide by the local, state and federal laws currently in effect," LeBrun said. "The Nassau County Police Department will not inquire into any person's immigration status unless they are arrested for a crime. This includes the immigration status of crime victims, witnesses, and anyone who calls the police seeking assistance."

The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled in a similar case in July, according to court documents, that state and local police do not have authority under state law to arrest or hold undocumented immigrants solely based on an ICE warrant or detainer.

## CRIME WATCH



Photo courtesy GCPD

**ERICK JOSEPH, 30**, of Baldwin, was arrested for forcible touching and sexual abuse at the Massage Envy in Glen Cove.

### Baldwin resident arrested for sexual abuse at Glen Cove Massage Envy

On Nov. 27, the Glen Cove Police began investigating an allegation made by a 28-year-old woman who stated she was touched inappropriately during a massage at Massage Envy at 95 School Street in Glen Cove.

The woman told police that the massage took place in September and that she notified Massage Envy the next day regarding the incident.

She said that during her massage, the

massage therapist, Erick Joseph, 30, of Baldwin, touched her inappropriately and manipulated her arm causing her hand to touch him.

After an investigation, Joseph was arrested at Massage Envy on Nov. 29 in Glen Cove by Glen Cove Detectives and charged with forcible touching and third degree sexual abuse.

Joseph will be arraigned in Glen Cove Court on Dec. 5.

### Anzelmo is back in politics – and he is winning

Glen Cove's own Anzelmo Graziosi recently threw his hat back into the political rink in his adopted hometown of Stamford, CT and won the position he was seeking on the Board of Representatives.

Glen Cove residents will remember Anzelmo Glen Cove's deputy mayor under then Mayor Thomas R. Suozzi from 1999 to 2001. He was a Glen Cove City Councilman from 2002-2003. But in 2003, he gave up the seat on the council to move to Stamford with his wife, Dr. Maria Violi, who established two veterinary clinics in the area.

#### Kevin's Corner



KEVIN HORTON

Anzelmo concentrated on practicing law and raising the couples five kids until now.

"With everything going on in Washington," said Anzelmo, who ran on the Democrat and Independence lines, "I felt it was once again time to get involved and help make a positive difference in people's lives. It was important that I show my children when something is wrong, you don't just sit around and complain. You take action."



ANZELMO GRAZIOSI

He was born and raised in Glen Cove. His parents, Rosa and Nicola, still reside here in the city along with Anzelmo's twin brother, Rocco, and sister, Virginia.

Anzelmo's former boss endorsed him in his bid for the Stamford Board. Upon hearing of his win, Suozzi said, "I am so happy for Anzelmo. The people he will now represent have someone who is smart, hard-working and devoted to them. It's a big win, win!"

### GCPD Arrests

■ Man, 30, from Baldwin, was arrested for forcible touching and third degree sexual abuse on School Street on Nov. 29.

■ Female, 49, from Glen Cove, was arrested for driving while intoxicated on School Street on Nov. 29.

■ Female, 24, from Glen Cove, was arrested for third degree assault on Austral Ave. on Nov. 27.

■ Man, 36, from Bayville, was arrested

for endangering the welfare of a child on School Street on Nov. 27.

■ Man, 27, from Glen Cove, was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Glen Street on Nov. 26.

### NCPD Arrests

■ Andrew Rodriguez, 24, from Glen Cove, was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Glen Cove Road in Greenvale on Nov. 25 at 4:05 a.m.



Photos courtesy Glen Cove Police Department

**POLICE SEIZED OVER 11 pounds of marijuana, 15 grams of cocaine, and \$4,800 in cash from Zachary Tayne's Glen Head home.**

### Police intercept drug delivery through USPS

On Dec. 4, the Glen Cove Police Department along with the U.S. Postal Inspectors intercepted a package destined for delivery at 12 Rini Road in Glen Head. After determining that the package contained narcotics, a search warrant was issued for the home.

At about 7 p.m., Glen Cove detectives, along with the U.S. Postal Inspectors and Nassau County K-9 Unit entered the home and placed the resident, Zachary Tayne, 28, under arrest. During the search of the residence, detectives seized over 11 pounds of mari-



**ZACHARY TAYNE** 28, was arrested after a package containing narcotics was sent to his home in Glen Head.

juana, 15 grams of cocaine, and \$4,800 in cash.

The defendant was charged with two counts of third degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and first degree criminal possession of marijuana. Tayne was arraigned in First District Court on Tuesday.

"This was a joint investigation between the Glen Cove Police Department and the United States Postal Inspectors Office," said Det. Lt. John Nagle. "The seizure of the drugs will assure that they will not be distributed to the surrounding community."

*People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.*

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*Nearby things to do this week*

**Luncheon at Brookville Country Club**



Bring out your inner Downton Abbey and join the Daughters of the British Empire at their Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 12 p.m. at the Brookville Country Club, followed by a presentation of "Winter Dreams" by author Monica Randall. Admission is \$55 per person. Hats and/or period costume are optional. Please make

checks out to Westminster Abbey DBE and mail to 128 Burtis Ave., Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771. For more information, email westminsterabeydbe@aol.com.

**Screening of "The Richie Boys"**

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center's David Taub Reel Upstanders Film Series presents a screening of "The Richie Boys" on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 12:30 p.m. The film details the untold story of a group of young men who fled Nazi Germany and returned to Europe as soldiers in US uniforms. They knew the psychology and the language of the enemy better than anyone else. In Camp Richie, Maryland, they were trained in intelligence and psychological warfare. Not always courageous but determined, bright and inventive, they fought their own kind of war. They saved lives. They were victors, not victims. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to attend. (Info): (516) 571-8040.



**80th Anniversary Celebration of the Church of Saint Rocco**

The Church of Saint Rocco cordially invites you – parishioners, former parishioners, volunteers, family, and friends – to our 80th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Chateau Briand, (440 Old Country Rd., Carle Place, N.Y.). Join us for an evening of cocktails, a four-course meal, and dancing. Tickets are \$85 for adults

and \$35 for children ages 7-14 (younger children may come too) and may be purchased at the parish office or after all weekend Masses. (Info): (516) 676-2482.

**Visit with Scrooge**

That crochety miser Ebenezer Scrooge makes his way to Rock Hall Museum, in Lawrence, on Sunday, Dec. 10, 5-7 p.m. Scrooge will tell his story of how he changed from a hard-hearted miser to a kind-hearted man by reading from Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." With Victorian caroling and refreshments. Info: (516) 239-1157.



**Fool the Eye Meets Fool the Palate**

The astonishing one-two punch of a great trompe l'oeil work of art is the magical effect of "Fool the Eye," Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, featuring work by some of our great masters of optical wizardry. Join guest curator Franklin Hill Perrell for an illustrated lecture and gallery walk-through that places the works of the exhibition in their art historical and philosophical context, Sunday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m. Following the tour, trompe l'oeil meets its match in the wine world via a "blind tasting" that challenges visitors – the connoisseur and amateur alike – with identifying the region and vintage of some of the great wines of Long Island, California,



France and parts unknown. Info: (516) 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

**G.C. Youth Bureau provide Thanksgiving meals**

Every year the Glen Cove Youth Bureau coordinates with other outreach and social agencies along with the Glen Cove schools to provide a full Thanksgiving feast for families who otherwise would not have a holiday meal. Pre-registration forms were distributed to partner groups and school lists were merged to facilitate one list ensuring that all who requested a meal were given all the fixings for a Thanksgiving holiday dinner.

The Youth Bureau staff worked closely with volunteer parishioners headed by Coleen Spinello, St. Patrick's Church and Gribbin Principal Francine Santoro at St. Rocco's Church to categorize the food and fill bags with food donations.

Food was donated by many generous organizations, private individuals and groups. A community bingo event was also hosted by Glengariff Healthcare Center and spearheaded by Bonnie Nogin to help raise money and collect canned goods for



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**GLEN COVE YOUTH** Bureau members collected donations that provided families in need with a Thanksgiving meal.

this effort.

Over 320 baskets were provided to Glen Cove families in need so that they could celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with a festive meal, and it gave an understanding of the true meaning of giving and gratitude for all who gave and received.

**The Friends of the Glen Cove Library looking for new board members**

The Friends of the Glen Cove Library are seeking new members to join its Board of Trustees. The board meets every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the library at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove.

The Friends of the Glen Cove Library is the fundraising arm of the library, provid-

ing programs, services and items not provided for in the library's budget. Sources of funding include dues and donations, items sold in the library and an annual book and author luncheon.

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# HERALD SCHOOLS



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**ANDY DELGADO, JARED** Vengas and Joshua Filippone received academic acknowledgement from the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

## Seniors honored by National Hispanic Recognition Program

Glen Cove High School seniors Andy Delgado, Joshua Filippone and Jared Vengas received academic acknowledgement from the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Each year, the NHRP awards this honor to approximately 5,000 of the 250,000 Hispanic and Latino students who take the PSAT in their junior year.

The NHRP identifies academically exceptional Hispanic/Latino students, an honor that can be used on college applications. Students are chosen based on their performance on the PSAT, and they are required to have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Congratulations to Delgado, Filippone and Vengas.

## Glen Cove senior selected to perform in All-State Band

Meghan Smith, a senior clarinetist at Glen Cove High School, was chosen to represent the school in the All-State Symphonic Band at the 2017 NYSSMA Winter Conference.

Meghan was chosen based upon her outstanding score at last year's solo NYSSMA adjudication and will perform with the best high school musicians in New York State.

The conference took place in Rochester, N.Y., from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3.



**GLEN COVE HIGH** School senior Meghan Smith and band teacher Brittney Frank Rifkind are thrilled she went to the 2017 NYSSMA Winter Conference.

## Landing fourth-graders learn to write challenging thesis statements

Landing School fourth-graders in Melissa Harechmak's class are writing personal essays using Writing Workshop, a new program initiated by the district in partnership with Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.

According to Harechmak, each Writing Workshop unit lasts about three to four weeks, and consists of lessons that are 10 to 15 minutes each. The first lesson in each unit always begins with a teaching point. Currently, her class is learning that writers support their thesis by developing different types of facts to reinforce it.

The students began by brainstorming a thesis statement. Once it was developed and received approval from their teacher, the students were then asked to come up with three small stories to support it.

Students have been working collaboratively to help each other develop ideas and meet with their teacher during conferences to review their progress.

Harechmak said the goal of each unit is to engage students to work together to come up with a story that models the teaching point.

"Through these guided lessons, we're creating a love of writing and building habits for our students as they continue their development as writers," Harechmak said.

After drafting their mini-stories, students will sort and organize their ideas to begin the first draft of their essay. Once the independent writing is complete, Harechmak will review and edit each student's writing. Students will then make revisions and will collaborate with their classmates to seek further suggestions.



**LANDING SCHOOL FOURTH-GRADE** teacher Melissa Harechmak met with Jahlia Barnes and reviewed her thesis.

# Former brownfields may be redeveloped

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phase, and are also expected to be completed by spring.

She also said that the DEC has an agreement with Hampshire Corporation, which is proposing the redevelopment of the Pall site, to coordinate the remedial construction with the redevelopment of the site as a self-storage facility.

“These sites are being cleaned up under the state Superfund program,” Ringwald said. The goal is to “return these properties to active use that is protective of public health and the environment, and commensurate with current and anticipated zoning.”

Accessibility issues at the Glen Cove Day Care Center are being studied, with the potential to relocate the facility or create new, safer pedestrian and vehicular access from Orchard and/or Sea Cliff Avenue, Fangmann said.

## Coles School

Mayor Reggie Spinello has expressed a desire to move a city agency, such as the Youth Bureau, to the area behind the Coles School. “What’s most far along is the negotiations with the prospective purchaser of the actual school for the reuse as a private school,” Fangmann said. “People want to see the building reused. People also want to see more community amenities for this area and this site.”

The grant also helped fund the appraisal of the school, an environmental assessment, the evaluation of a potential abatement, as well as site design and redevelopment cost estimates.

## Orchard Neighborhood

The Orchard Neighborhood was not deemed a brownfield, but Fangmann said that city officials are studying pedestrian circulation and parking issues. The city, which owns a 14-space parking lot on Capobianco Street that requires residential permits, is looking into different scenarios for reuse of the property, including a larger parking lot or a park. Combining properties into an affordable housing project, if landowners become interested in selling, is another possibility.

“We’re definitely not looking to replace any low- to moderate-income housing

that’s already in the Orchard Neighborhood area,” Fangmann said. “We’re only looking to potentially add more attainable housing to the city’s housing stock” — possibly a dozen or so units aimed at those in the 60 to 80 percent area median income range, or \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year.

A “green” infrastructure study, to identify areas where the city can implement rain gardens, bioswales and native plantings, is also under consideration.

## Glen Street train station

The area surrounding the Glen Street station includes a commercial building that is for sale and a large parking lot, which Fangmann said is not usually full. “If someone was to redevelop this site, we want to require them to have an access point between [the train station] and the rest of the Orchard Neighborhood area,” she explained. “We would ask them to include a pedestrian ramp or even a multi-use ramp that could include bicycles to connect this property with the rest of the neighborhood.”

If a developer were to make the site residential, Fangmann said, 80 units or so might be feasible, and officials are studying whether the market could support a requirement to build more lower-income units than the current 10 percent required by city code.

## Zoning

Fangmann said the city is also evaluating zoning overall. The Orchard Neighborhood, for example, is an Incentive Overlay District, which allows developers such things as density bonuses if they use “green” building methods and include streetscape improvements.

“Before we were just in a planning phase,” Fangmann said. “Now we’re putting some more concrete numbers to things.” The work began a decade ago, she said, because the sites have changed over the years due to turnover in ownership or changes in environmental status that have prepared some for redevelopment.

“We want to use the grant fund effectively and in a way to actually support the projects,” said Fangmann. “We don’t want to do analysis for analysis’ sake.”



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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** Executive Director Ann Fangmann explained the map showing areas in Glen Cove where the Brownfield Opportunity Area grant will be used.

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Revamped Molloy full of potential

BY TONY BELLISSIMO

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Coming off a special 18-win campaign that ended with a tough overtime loss to St. Thomas Aquinas in the East Coast Conference championship game, Molloy College's men's basketball team is faced with the task of replacing three of its top five scorers, including its top two rebounders.

"It's going to take some time to replace what we lost," Lions head coach Charles Marquardt said. "A lot of guys are stepping into bigger roles. We're going to go 10-deep and we'll need multiple guys to get us 10 or 12 points to pick up the scoring slack."

Molloy went 13-5 against ECC foes last season, thanks in large part to key departures Charlie Marquardt, the coach's son who averaged nearly 22 points per game and shot 91.2 percent from the line, Jaylen Morris (19.9 ppg, 7.0 rpg), and Mike Guzzardi (11.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg.) Marquardt scored a program-record 51 points in the finale.

The Lions return a pair of starters and were ranked sixth in the preseason poll in the 10-team ECC. They endured a rugged November schedule that included trips to St. John's and Hofstra. "The schedule was built to challenge us early," coach Marquardt said. "You find out what you're made of and what you need to work on."

"It'll be interesting to see where we're at in a month," he added.

Junior Curtis Jenkins, a product of Farmingdale High School, is Molloy's top returning scorer and off to a strong start averaging 16.8 points through six games. He poured in 12 per game last season and sees time at both guard spots. "Curtis is a great defender who plays with intensity and has a great work ethic," Marquardt said. "He can rebound and get out on the break. He has a mid-range shot and likes to attack to rim."

Sophomore Nick Corbett is Molloy's other returning starter. He too can run the show from the point or serve as the shooting guard. He earned ECC Rookie of the Year honors last winter and averaged 9.3 points per game. "He's pretty skilled and can fill it up when he gets

going," Marquardt said of Corbett, who is off to a blazing start with a team-leading 17.4 points per game. "He's still maturing and getting better every day. He does a nice job protecting the ball and he's our main perimeter threat."

Rounding out the starting backcourt thus far has been sophomore Nolan Kelly, whose picked up where he left off last season when he closed with a rush. He's an accurate shooter contributing around 8 points.

Another sophomore, Valley Stream North grad Josh Dennis, logged important minutes last season and has emerged as a starting forward. He defends well, rebounds and has a lot of spring in his step. "He's coming into his own," Marquardt said of Dennis, who chipped in 5.7 points and 4.5 rebounds through November.

At center, redshirt freshman Justin Caldwell enjoyed lots of success at Baldwin High School and is making an impact for the Lions after missing last season with a knee injury. He's 6-foot-7, 230 pounds and brings a tremendous work ethic and ability to rebound and defend, Marquardt noted.

While the starting five has been consistent so far, there's no telling what December will bring as the Lions have many other contributors pushing for more minutes. Junior Chris O'Reilly appeared in just two of the first six games but hit for 17 points against Assumption. Junior Mike Torre ranks third on the team at 8.3 points per game, and his freshman brother Steven has already made one start. Six-foot-5 junior Derrick Okunpolor and sophomore Keenan Loder are also playing vital roles.

The Lions shot 49 percent from the floor in their lone November victory, a 63-61 decision over Caldwell University. Mike Torre (17), Jenkins (14) and Caldwell (14) all scored in double figures.

"Our defense is ahead of our offense right now," Marquardt said. "Everything we do is with an eye on the ECC. I think St. Thomas and Bridgeport are the teams to beat, and the race is going to come down to which teams improve the most. We can be in the mix."



Courtesy Molloy College Athletics

**JUNIOR CURTIS JENKINS** averaged 12 points per game last season and was also co-Defensive Player of the Year in the East Coast Conference.

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**ANNETTE AND HARRY** Smith browsed for gifts at the St. Rocco's holiday boutique.

## Holiday shopping and food truck festivities at St. Rocco's

The church that brings to life the “Best Feast in the East” brought a new holiday tradition to the city this year, the first St. Rocco's Food Truck Festival and Holiday Boutique.

On Saturday, a handful of food trucks lined up outside of St. Rocco's with everything a holiday shopper would need to eat so they could keep shopping. The trucks offered cheese, steaks and zeppoles, and Cuban and Mexican bites too.

Inside, residents got a hefty amount of holiday shopping out of the way thanks to local vendors. Jewelry, home décor, sweet treats and more were available for shoppers to peruse.

Santa Claus also stopped by to say hi and take down the present suggestions from the children.

Then at 5:30 p.m., everyone gathered around St. Rocco's Christmas tree for a special tree-lighting ceremony.

(Clockwise from right)

**ARIANNA GIOVANNIELLO, 10**, and her brother Daniel, 8, enjoyed some tasty treats.

**PETE AND ALLISON** Prudente worked in Glen Cove's own Big Red Food Truck at the city's first holiday food truck festival.

**FELICIA ROMEO SOLD** her designs made from up-cycled materials at the St. Rocco's holiday boutique.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, Dec. 7

### Photo Journey through the Holocaust

Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, Welwyn Preserve, 100 Crescent Beach Rd., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Meryl Menashe, a Holocaust educator, will present a photo journey through the Holocaust. Sponsored by the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Teachers Program. (516) 571-8040.

### Photo Snow Globes

Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 7 p.m. Come on up to craft a photo snow globe to share with someone you love this holiday season. Recommended for grades 6 through 12. (516) 628-2765.

## Saturday, Dec. 9

### Pancake Breakfast

The Regency, 94 School St., Glen Cove, 9:30 to 11 a.m. The Rotary Club is hosting a breakfast with Santa. Adults are \$10, children \$5, children 4 and younger are free. (516) 676-1233.

### Downtown Holiday Marketplace

City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring homemade, hand-crafted business gifts and goodies. Proceeds benefit the Glen Cove Youth Bureau. (516) 671-4600.

### Introduction to the Nutcracker

Sea Cliff Children's Library, 281 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 10 to 11 a.m. Music and dance and all you ever wanted to know about the Nutcracker ballet, with Dan DiPietro as Drosselmeyer. (516) 801-3402.

### Living Nativity

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 16 Glenwood Rd., Glen Head, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join us to hear and see the Christmas story. There will be live animals, carols, hot chocolate, and a Christmas shop. (516) 676-4540.

### Santa's Workshop at Mill Neck Manor

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, festively decorated Mill Neck Manor. The family friendly event features photos with Santa, refreshments provided by Mrs. Claus, custom holiday gift items, arts and crafts for the kids, tours of the mansion, and more. Bring non-perishable food items and unwrapped toys to help support those in need this holiday season. The event will also be held on Sunday, Dec. 10. (516) 628-4238.

## Sunday, Dec. 10

### Church of St. Rocco 80th Anniversary

Chateau Briand, 440 Old Country Rd., Carle Place, 1 to 6 p.m. Join the church for the evening, which will include cocktails, a four-course meal and dancing. Tickets are \$85 for adults and \$35 for children ages 7 to 14. Children under 7 are free. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office or after all weekend masses. (516) 676-2482.

### Farwell Luncheon

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, 11:30 a.m. The parish will hold a luncheon for Fr. David MacDonald,



## Hands-on 3D pop-art workshop

Participate in an interactive art demonstration with internationally renowned 3D pop artist Charles Fazzino, creator of the "Heroes of the Holocaust" exhibition. The program will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 3:30 p.m. During the workshop, kids will get the opportunity to work with Charles to create a replica of his piece, "After the Darkness," which he created exclusively for the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center (Welwyn Preserve, 100 Crescent Beach Rd., Glen Cove).

Kids will contribute their own work to the collaboration and get a behind the scenes look at Charles's distinctive 3D technique and how it is created. Space is limited. RSVP to Deborah Lom at (516) 571-8040. A donation of \$10 to participate is requested.

who is retiring. He will give his last service on Christmas Eve. (516) 676-4222.

## Monday, Dec. 11

### Gingerbread House Workshop

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 4:15 p.m. Work together to create a beautiful gingerbread house display. Open to families with children grades K through fifth. (516) 676-2130.

### Mindful Movement Yoga

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Kids will love this energy releasing class that improves physical strength, self-esteem, concentration and the ability to interact socially. Please bring a towel or mat. Please register in the Children's Room or call (516) 922-1212.

## Tuesday, Dec. 12

### Bayville Book Club

Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 1:30 p.m. The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George is our December selection. Join us for a lively discussion. (516) 628-2765.

### Hooks and Needles

Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join needlecrafters for an evening of working, sharing and chatting. Make items for the VA or Hospice while making new friends, or work on your own project. No instructor present. (516) 628-2765.

## Wednesday, Dec. 13

### Holiday Snowman Craft

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen

Cove, 7 p.m. Using small flower pots, paint and assorted materials, create a cute personalized snowman craft. Dress to make a mess. Recommended for grades 1 through 5. (516) 676-2130.

## Thursday, Dec. 14

### Legion Meeting

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. The Glen Cove American Legion Post #76 will hold its monthly

meeting on the second floor of the senior center. (516) 676-1294.

### Winter Snowman Program

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Have fun in this movement and music class and create a snowman craft. Recommended for ages 18 months to 5 years. (516) 676-2130.

### Movies at the Library

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd.,



## It's A Wonderful Life

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Playwright and comedy writer Sal St. George explores the complex backstory of the American holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." Learn about the origin of this story and the circumstances that turned this obscure lost film into a national treasure. (516) 676-2130.

Locust Valley, 1 p.m. Join us for a screening of "The Big Sick," rated R. Movies are shown twice a month at in the MNA Community Room. All are welcome. The Friends of the Library provide light refreshments. (516) 671-1837.

## Friday, Dec. 15

### Milk and Cookies with Santa

Glen Cove Youth Bureau, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. Receive a free photo with Santa and enjoy a holiday reading and delicious treats. Reservation required. (516) 671-4600.

### Dog Tales

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Children often feel more comfortable reading to dogs than people because they are viewed as "non-critical." Petting the dog lowers stress and brings positive association to reading. Child must be able to read. Please register in the Children's Room. (516) 922-1212.

## Saturday, Dec. 16

### Natural Ornament Workshop

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Create a hand-crafted ornament from natural resources. The program is \$5 per participant in addition to museum admission. (516) 571-8010.

### Pilates

Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 10 a.m. Classes held every Saturday through Jan. 8. In person registration is required as there is a \$30 fee payable in cash or check made out to Bayville Free Library. (516) 628-2765.

### Aromatherapy for the Holidays

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 12:30 p.m. Enjoy vanilla and chocolate lip balm, peppermint body scrub and citrus berry hand sanitizer this holiday. Learn about essential oils that will make your spirits bright. All participants leave with products to keep for themselves or give as gifts. Recipes and handouts included. (516) 922-1212.

### Northwell Health Holiday Spectacular

Glen Cove Hospital, 101 St. Andrews Lane, Glen Cove, 3 to 6 p.m. Free holiday family fun. (516) 674-7300.

### Holiday Gift Design

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 3 p.m. Share your talents with your loved ones by giving gifts from your heart. Make cards and other gifts. Contact Ms. Jessica with any food allergy concerns. Recommended for grades 6 through 12. Register online. (516) 671-1837.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@iherald.com.

# NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Photo courtesy George Dunn

**GEORGE AND PATRICIA** Dunn of Glen Cove welcomed their grandson Gavin George in April.

## Welcome to the world Gavin

George and Patricia Dunn of Glen Cove joyfully announced the birth of their grandson, Gavin George, on April 12. Gavin was born at N.Y. Presbyterian Hospital, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 20.5 inches. He resides in Riverside, Conn., with his proud parents Joseph and Caitlyn Dunn and older siblings Charlotte and Owen.



Photo Courtesy Olga Scileppi

**NORTH SHORE INN** volunteers donated their time during this Thanksgiving season.

## Thanksgiving bounty at North Shore Inn

Glen Cove and its surrounding communities have been blessed with volunteers who are passionate about helping others who are less fortunate. During this past Thanksgiving season, volunteers at the North Shore Inn helped distribute turkeys and nonperishable food, and personally served guests a Thanksgiving meal.

About 150 turkeys donated by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation and Apple Bank of Sea Cliff were distributed by Inn volunteers on the Monday before Thanksgiving. Volunteers also filled bags

with nonperishable items donated by St. John's of Lattingtown, which were distributed on the Friday before Thanksgiving.

A hot Thanksgiving meal funded by Grace's Table Foundation Inc. was served on Thanksgiving Day by volunteers and others from the community as well.

The Glen Cove Soup Kitchen serves a hot meal every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. in the basement of the First Baptist Church, 7 Continental Avenue, Glen Cove.

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# When sex education meets technology

## It's less about 'plumbing,' more about being a 'good human'

By **ERIK HAWKINS**

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Part three in the series "Educating the 21st Century Child."

When educators and experts talk about the state of sex education in 2017, they return again and again to the concept of responsibility. The responsibility they speak of, however, has nothing to do with "safe sex," the catchphrase so many adults remember from their middle and high school health classes.

Instead, educators talk about social media, an ever-present fact of life in the 2010s that has brought the topics of sexuality, mental health and technology closer than ever before.

"It's more teaching how to be a good human being now," said Nora Gelperin, the director of sexuality education and training at Advocates for Youth, a national education organization. "It takes someone with a strong educational background to be able to address more issues of mental health, navigating safely online and a lot of the issues regarding anxiety and depression — how does that show up in your friendships or romantic relationships?"

Gelperin has been teaching human sexuality and training education professionals for more than 20 years, and was part of the team that developed a set of national sexuality education standards that has been adopted by 32 states.

"What's tricky is, the core can get very diluted and reduced to a plumbing lesson when students really want to talk about social media," Gelperin said. "Students are often way ahead of where the curriculum is."

Eric Caballero, director of health and athletics in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, agreed, noting that the only school in which students shouldn't be engaged in frank discussions about sexuality, social media and mental health is "the school of ignorance."

"More than ever, we need to be honest and realistic in terms of having these conversations with our students," Caballero said. "In reality, they're not going to always be at home with us."

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**RICH WOJCIESKI**, a Bellmore-Merrick health teacher, administered a test in his health class on Dec. 1 after speaking with the Herald about changes in the ways educators tackle human sexuality with the proliferation of social media.

### Instant gratification

With the unprecedented level of connection and availability of information that came with the age of smartphones and tablets also came new dangers and potentially volatile situations that can further complicate the already difficult period of adolescence, Caballero and Gelperin agreed.

Also, they said, bullying and breakups have taken on new dimensions, when both can now be done via a simple Snapchat or Facebook posting.

"When that communication is not positive, it creates a slew of other issues for us," Caballero said, adding that "it's hard enough being a kid, let alone navigating the hurdles of what social media means when you're growing up."

According to a 2015 Pew Research Center study, 92 percent of teens go online daily, and 24 percent admitted to being online "almost constantly." Most of teens' online activity goes on within the relative privacy of their cell phones — and nearly 75 percent of teens have them, according to the study.

In 2015, Pew found, only 12 percent of teens reported not owning a cellphone.

"It used to be that you had to at least go to your laptop," Caballero said. "Now they have access to things with the flick of a fin-

### Plugged-in teens

■ Ninety-two percent of teens report going online daily — and 24 percent say they are online "almost constantly."

■ Seventy-five percent of teens have access to a smartphone, while just 12 percent say they have no cellphone.

■ Ninety-one percent of teens go online using mobile devices at least occasionally, and among them, 94 percent go online daily or more often.

■ Seventy-one percent of teens use Facebook, while 52 percent use Instagram and 41 percent use Snapchat.

■ Seventy-one percent of teens say they use more than one social network site.

■ A typical teen sends and receives 30 text messages a day.

■ Source: Pew Research Center.

ger, and . . . not only does it expose them to things that their parents haven't had the opportunity to have a conversation with them about, but it also causes complications with their peers that are the end result of access to social media."

"We live, unfortunately, right now, in a world of instant gratification," he added.

### Drowning in information

Rich Wojcieski, who has taught health in the Bellmore-Merrick Central District for 17 years, said that in recent years, the prevalence of social media in students' lives has made it a major part of how they talk about their relationships, and the sex-

education curriculum has had to adapt.

According to Wojcieski, in addition to role-playing exercises, students now play out scenarios in which they communicate on social media. "That's what they're doing most of the day," he said. "A lot of the times their relationships are through texting and Snapchat and Facebook."

Also, "even though our students are drowning in information, it's hard to know what's trustworthy and accurate," Gelperin said, noting that she has encountered students in high school who say they have read online that condoms don't work.

The National Sexuality Education Standards Core Content and Skills, which Gelperin helped to develop, stress that by the end of eighth grade, students should be able to identify accurate sources of information about sexual health, gender expression and sexual orientation, as well as reproductive health care and sexually transmitted diseases.

Also, in grades six to eight, the standards recommend that students begin being taught how to evaluate the health of a relationship and to develop strategies to use social media safely and respectfully.

"Ideally, we would have undergrad programs that appropriately prepared health teachers with content around sexuality," Gelperin said, also stressing the importance of ongoing professional development addressing gender identity, rape culture, sexting and misogyny — all of which, she said, show up every day in high schools across the country.

"So I think teachers need a ton of support . . . and a budget," she said.

*Next week: Students struggling with sexual and gender identity.*



Courtesy Eric Caballero

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**ERIC CABALLERO**  
Bellmore-Merrick Central District director of health and athletics

# E-cigarettes now banned indoors in N.Y.

## New law 'clears the air' of confusion

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA  
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Gov. Andrew Cuomo has signed a bill putting electronic cigarettes into the same class as traditional tobacco cigarettes. On Oct. 23, Cuomo signed the legislation which includes e-cigarettes and vaping devices in the Clean Indoor Air Act, which bans them in public spaces where tobacco products are prohibited. The legislation was passed overwhelmingly by both the State Assembly and Senate in June.

"These products are marketed as a healthier alternative to cigarettes but the reality is they also carry long-term risks to the health of users and those around them," Cuomo said in a press release. "This measure closes another dangerous loophole in the law, creating a stronger, healthier N.Y. for all."

Sixth District Republican Senator Kemp Hannon was the lead sponsor on the bill. "It was something relayed to me by a fair number of people," he said. "I think it's a balance between individual rights and collective rights." He noted the people can still use e-cigarettes, but now people in restaurants or workplaces will not be disturbed by the vapor.

Cuomo signed legislation in July that banned the use of e-cigarettes on school grounds, and many N.Y. counties, including Suffolk, have already banned the use of e-cigarettes in public places. This legislation will now make the law consistent across the state.

According to the Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island, e-cigarettes are marketed as a "healthier alternative" to traditional cigarettes, but the vapor generated contains nicotine and other toxins. A study performed by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in February also found high levels of five toxic metals—cadmium, chromium, lead, manganese and nickel—in the liquid in e-cigarettes.

"One of the things that is troubling is that the metals in e-cigarette coils, which heat the liquid that creates the aerosol, are toxic when inhaled," said study leader Dr. Ana Maria Rule, an assistant scientist in the Bloomberg School's Department of Environmental Health and Engineering. "We do not know if these levels are dangerous, but their presence is troubling and could mean that the metals end up in the aerosol that e-cigarette users inhale."

"With very little known about the long term effects of exposure to vapor emitted from electronic cigarettes, I felt it was my duty to vote in favor of this legislation that prohibits the use of e-cigarettes in other smoke-free environments," said Assemblyman Charles Lavine.

Assemblyman Michael Montesano, a Glen Head Republican, believes this is an effective piece of legislation. "This was an unregulated issue, and while we can't regulate those who use these devices, we shouldn't subject secondhand smoke to other people, especially children, in confined spaces," he said.

Montesano was also concerned about the unknown origins of the ingredients used in different vape and smoke flavors. "You go into any local smoke shop, and there are hundreds and hundreds of different varieties to choose from," he said. "Nobody knows where these ingredients come from, or the potential harms they may carry."

Joanna Commander, an advisor to the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse, said this was a "positive move" that would help combat the culture of acceptance surrounding e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

"The problem with these devices is that they're marketed as a safer and better alternatives to cigarettes," she said. "The law will not only help control the behavior of e-cigarette users, but also those exposed to the smoke vapors they give off."

Carol Meschkow, Nassau Project Coordinator for the Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island, works with municipalities including S.A.F.E. in Glen Cove to provide free educational resources and establish tobacco-free policies.

"After all of the things that we've been working towards, we've hit stumbling blocks with e-cigs with the kids," said Meschkow.

For almost a decade, the TAC has been working with S.A.F.E. with a focus on educating the youth in Glen Cove on the dangers of tobacco. Together they have implemented entryway smoking bans by the Glen Cove Library and a reduction in store marketing.

"Any piece of legislation that's passed is a grassroots movement," Meschkow said. "For these kids who don't want to be the replacement smokers, they've been heard with the inclusion of the Clean Indoor Air Act. Since our youth are the primary initiators of smoking, I am happy."

Sharon Harris, executive director of S.A.F.E., said the recent exposure of youths to vaping has put an emphasis on their collaborative efforts to educate youth on the importance of not falling into this habit. "For us, youth that have not only gotten the message but have shared it with their peers and respective adults has been a great sense of satisfaction, knowing that our youth feel that they have been heard with the passage of this legislation."

Alyssa Seidman contributed to this story.



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**ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND** vaping devices have been added to Clean Indoor Air Act, which prohibits them from being used in public places where tobacco products are banned.

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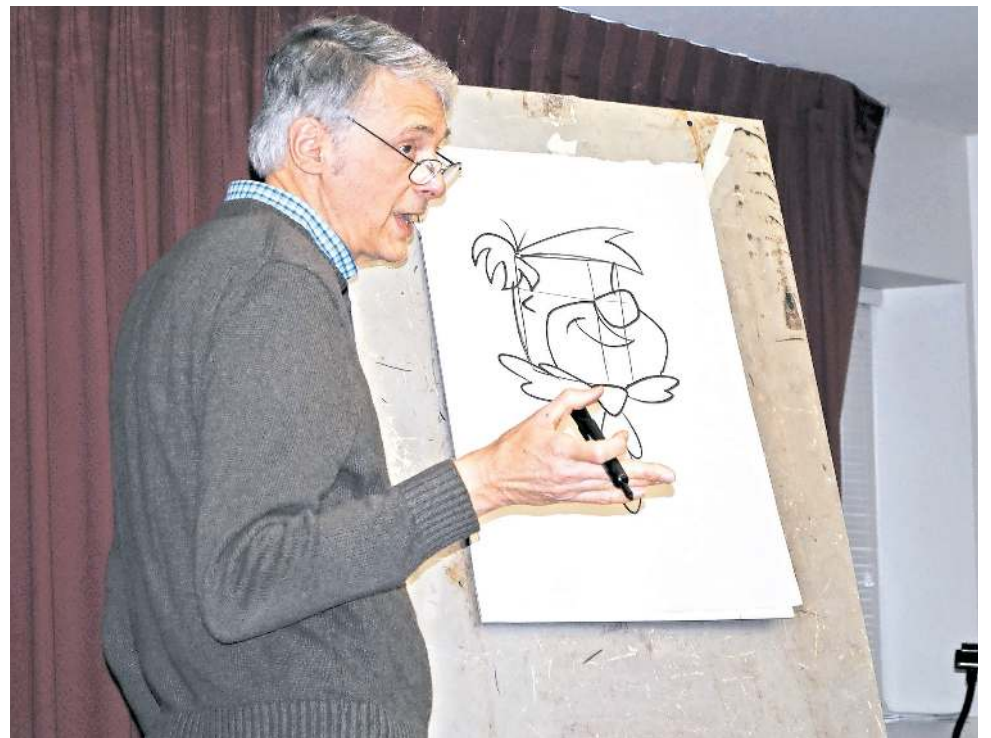
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**ED KLEIN GAVE** each of his drawings out to the students in his class.

## Animator encourages use of personality lines

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personalized with his or her name, and gave out sketched characters including Goofy and, in the spirit of the holidays, Frosty the Snowman and the Grinch.

Klein's students then practiced drawing squares, circles and triangles. These basic shapes are the foundations of drawing the characters, he explained. Then, using those shapes, he led a step-by-step process of drawing several iconic characters. Even parents got involved in the lesson.

Klein also talked about personality lines. Unlike a straight line, a personality line has curves and turns, but never touches or crosses itself. It has "personality," he said. He asked several children to come to the front of the class and draw their own versions of a personality line. Using each line as a guide, Klein drew a character. Regardless of how crazy the line was, the character came out perfectly shaped each time.

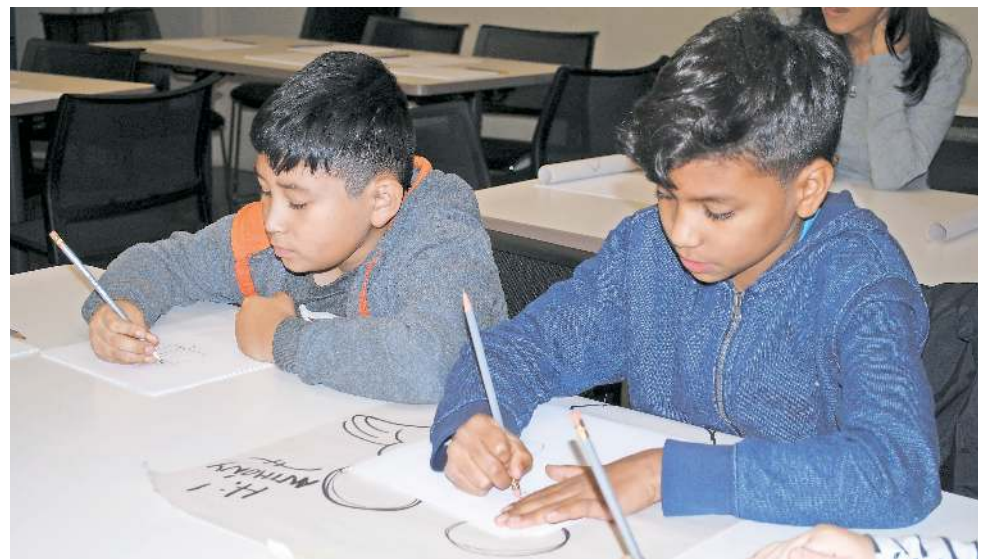
The children and their parents clearly

enjoyed the class, and requested photos with Klein at the end.

The reason why he teaches these classes is simple: "I can take my experience and share it with young people," he said.

Klein began his journey to animation after he saw "Pinocchio" when he was 12. He became fascinated with the art, and cited Walt Disney as an inspiration. "I was surrounded by a lot of teachers that encouraged me to draw," he said. "That's why my word to any young person is to just keep working at it."

He studied animation at Pratt Institute, the New York Institute of Technology and LIU. He has been animating for 35 years, and has taught cartooning for 25 years. He designed toys, games and apparel for Warner Bros. when the company operated retail stores. Growing up in Mattituck and now living in Mastic Beach, he has worked with the art department of BOCES, and as a freelancer, he continues to draw and teach in schools and libraries across Long Island.



**BRYANT REYES, 9,** and Anthony Fernandez, 9, followed along with Ed Klein's instructions on how to draw Fred Flintstone.

## ‘A New York State of Mind’ on Long Island Sweet Adelines’ Greater Nassau Chorus shares festive harmonies

The harmonious sounds of the award-winning Sweet Adelines’ Greater Nassau Chorus will fill the auditorium at Mineola High School on Dec. 10 when these ladies entertain their audience with “New York State of Mind.”

The concert includes performances by the Mineola High School Treble Chorus, the Mineola High School Acappella Singers, and the Greater Nassau Chapter Quartets.

The Baldwin-based Greater Nassau Chorus (GNC) is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International (SAI), a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, competition and performance. Since 1960, GNC has been bringing four-part acapella music to Long Island. Its member include women from throughout Nassau County, representing both the South and North Shore communities.

Under the leadership of Master Director 700 Harriette Walters, GNC is an award-winning international competitor, with 12 regional first-place finishes and nine top 10 international finishes.

Walters, of Baldwin, has directed the chorus since 1984, helping to guide them from a small, regional chorus into a powerful, award-winning international competitor. (The “700” identifies that the director’s chorus has scored 700 points out of a possible 800 at a regional competition.) Walters received that distinction when GNC scored an 710 at

the 2013 Region 15 competition in Albany, becoming the first mid-size chorus ever to score over 700 in a competition.)

Music and barbershop are Walters’ lifelong passions. As a singer in the acclaimed quartet “a.k.a.” (third place finish SAI Internationals 2014) and as a director, she brings the finesse and vision of a true artist to her ensemble.

Through her guidance, Greater Nassau Chorus members are treated to a Master Class in vocal production and artistic performance on a weekly basis. She helps chorus members achieve new levels of technical perfection and artistic prowess.

Her talent and leadership skills have brought Walters well-deserved recognition in the SAI world. In demand both in the United States and abroad, she brings her coaching skills to a wide variety of choruses and quartets. Her abilities have also been honored by Region 15; through the establishment of the Harriette Walters Leadership Award.

Her many titles include membership on the International SAI Teaching Faculty and Editorial Review Board, as well as sitting on the International Education

Direction Committee. She also serves as Regional Education Coordinator.

“This journey is a lifelong passion for me,” says Walters. “I look forward to making beautiful music; helping each chorus member grow and learn, seeing that incredible energy flowing at rehearsal and hearing those ringing chords — it’s truly sublime.”

As regional champions once again this past year,

GNC was awarded the honor of representing the New York/New Jersey Region at the Sweet Adelines International Competition held in Las Vegas in October. Against competition from choruses as far away as Sweden and Canada, GNC took home a 7th Place International medal.

The chorus’s repertoire includes popular standards, Broadway show tunes, contemporary music and rock. They have performed at Radio City Music Hall, were featured on CBS Sunday Morning News, FIOS 1 News and Hofstra’s “For Your Island TV,” and frequently appear at charitable events, weddings, anniversaries,



Photos courtesy Greater Nassau Chorus  
Master Director Harriette Walters, center, leads the Sweet Adelines’ Greater Nassau Chorus. The ensemble will showcase their harmonies in a holiday concert, joined by the Mineola High School Acapella Singers on Sunday.



The Sweet Adelines in action, during a competition.

parties and street festivals.

“We are so excited to bring our barbershop harmonies and award-winning performance from Las Vegas Internationals to our friends and family here on Long Island,” adds Events Coordinator Nicole Ferrara, who has been with the GNC since 2014. “Audience

members will be treated to songs ranging from standards to Broadway to pop and of course, some holiday cheer.” This is Ferrara’s second year chairing the event.

— Mary Malloy  
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### NEW YORK STATE OF MIND

**When:** Concert featuring The Mineola High School Treble Chorus, The Mineola High School Acapella Singers, and The Greater Nassau Chapter Quartets. \$20, \$15 students 18 and under. To purchase tickets, call Kathy at kzssing4@optonline.net

**When:** Sunday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Mineola High School, 10 Armstrong Rd., Garden City Park.

### IN CONCERT Cherish The Ladies

The Grammy-nominated “super-group” offers up “A Celtic Christmas” in their inimitable style. Taking their name from a traditional Irish jig, the ladies have showcased their talents on the worldwide concert stage for over 30 years. They continue to demonstrate that their jig is not up as they blaze their way into another decade of joyous music making. Under the leadership of the irrepresible flute and whistle champion Joanie Madden, these ladies ring in the holiday season with a dynamic performance that includes a blend of virtuoso instrumental talents, thrilling vocals, captivating arrangements, and lively step dancing.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. \$45, \$40 and \$35. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky



### WEEKEND Out and About

Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

### GATHERING OF SUPERHEROS Comic Con Long Island

Die-hard comic book and superhero fans can meet their favorites and immerse themselves in the world of the pop culture when Comic Con arrives here on Long Island. The convention offers a peek at the newest development in film, TV, gaming, comics and collectibles through varied workshops and panels, among other programming components. And, of course, the celebrity meet-and-greets and autograph, photo and question-and-answer sessions are always a big draw. The star-studded celebrity lineup includes that Justice League duo Superman (Henry Cavill) and Wonder Woman

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Coming Attractions

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#### Annie

The irrepressible comic strip heroine comes to life in the beloved musical, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7-8, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 10, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. \$78 and \$73. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Broadway Holiday

Holiday musical showcase, performed by a cast of Broadway theater stars, Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. Reservations required. Coe Hall, Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-8600 or [www.plantingfields.com](http://www.plantingfields.com).

#### Marshall Tucker Band

The southern rock band in concert, Thursday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### Chevelle

The alternative metal band in concert, Friday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### The Mavericks

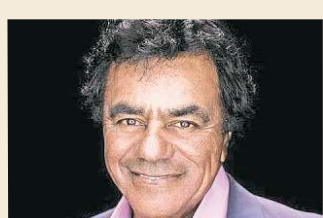
The neotraditional country/Latin/rockabilly band in concert, with Antigone Rising, Friday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.thespaceatwestbury.com](http://www.thespaceatwestbury.com).

#### New Horizons String Orchestra

The orchestra explores varied string quartet works, Friday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. New members playing violin, viola, cello or bass are invited to join. Huntington Public Library, 338 Main St., Huntington. 785-2532 or [www.fhso.org](http://www.fhso.org).

#### Hot Tuna Electric

The iconic rock blues band in concert, with guitarist Steve Kimock, Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).



#### Johnny Mathis

The iconic "Voice of Christmas" in concert, Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).

#### Todd Rundgren

The singer-songwriter in concert, Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at



### Pinkalicious the Musical

Families will be thinking pink when Elizabeth and Victoria Kann's much-loved book springs to life in a musical romp on the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m.

As fans of the book know, Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe — a dream come true for this pink loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament.

The show is geared for grades K-3. Tickets are \$28; available at 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org). Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Wonderous Stories

The popular Beatles tribute band in concert, Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.thespaceatwestbury.com](http://www.thespaceatwestbury.com).

#### Counterclockwise Ensemble

The eclectic chamber music quintet in concert, Sunday, Dec. 10, 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](http://www.cinememaartscentre.org).

#### Holiday Doo Wop Extraganza

Classic doo wop groups perform, Sunday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Lineup includes Jay & the Americans, Dennis Tufano (The Buckinghams), Jay Siegel's Tokens, The Classics, The Chiffons, The Capris. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).



#### South Side Johnny & The Asbury Jukes

The Jersey shore rockers in concert, Sunday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### Marcie Passely

The vocalist performs the classic tunes of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232

Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

### For the Kids

#### Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy a festive morning with Santa, hosted by the Rotary Club, Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:30-11 a.m. The Regency, 94 School St. Glen Cove. 676-1233.



#### Frosty the Snowman

Join Jenny and Frosty on their chilly adventures as they try to save the town of Chillville from mean old Ethel Pierpot and her evil machine that will melt all the snow, Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Ye Olde Victorian Holiday Party

Ring in the holidays with a Victorian-style celebration, Sunday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Dip a candle and make other crafts to make while listening to sea shanties. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or [www.cshwhalingmuseum.org](http://www.cshwhalingmuseum.org).

#### Holiday Snowmen Workshop

Create a personalized snowman craft, using small flower pots, paint and assorted materials, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. For grades 1-5. Registration required. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave.,

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#### 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.lamantiagallery.com](http://www.lamantiagallery.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. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Harvest of Artists

An annual non-juried exhibition of local artists. Through Jan. 14. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or [www.bjspokegallery.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Seashells...Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, in celebration of Garvie's 50th anniversary. Through Dec. 30. Garvie's Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or [www.garviespointmuseum.com](http://www.garviespointmuseum.com).

#### Coe Hall Annual Tree Lighting

Celebrate the season at Planting Fields Arboretum's Coe Hall, with visit from Santa, Friday, Dec. 8, 5-8 p.m.; tree lighting at 6 p.m. With caroling by the Barber Shop Quartet and varied entertainment. Coe Hall, Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-8600 or [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.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](http://www.hmtcli.org).



# The Merry Tree Festival comes to Glen Cove

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA  
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Walking through downtown Glen Cove is especially festive this year, thanks to the 40 live, decorated Christmas trees that line the streets.

Started three years ago by Glen Cove's Public Relations Officer Lisa Travatello, the Merry Tree Festival was her way of bringing even more Christmas spirit to the city while getting local businesses and community organizations involved.

Various city agencies, families, community groups and local businesses sponsored a tree and spent the weekend following Thanksgiving decorating them. Many trees were decorated with the theme of the sponsor: La Famiglia Restaurant decorated their tree with little pizza slices and

gingerbread men, Meritage Wine Bar used different wine ornaments and Glen Cove Harbor Patrol used rubber ducks.

Sponsors purchased the trees at \$350 from the local Mario Fischetti Nursery. The money goes towards the purchase of the tree, the decorations and the upkeep. The tree boxes were built by Cipriano Yanes of the Glen Cove Parks and Recreation Department.

After the holidays, most of the trees are planted in city parks and facilities, while a handful are planted in Glen Cove's new Christmas tree farm in Dennis Brian Murray Park. Travatello said hopefully in 20 years or so, the city's Christmas tree can come from that farm.

The Merry Tree Festival runs along both sides of Glen and School Streets and will be on display until Jan. 6.



Photos by Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

**GLEN COVE AMC** used tickets as decorations and filled clear ornaments with movie theater popcorn.



**THE GLEN COVE** Community Garden group decorated its tree with vegetable and fruit ornaments in addition to seed packets.

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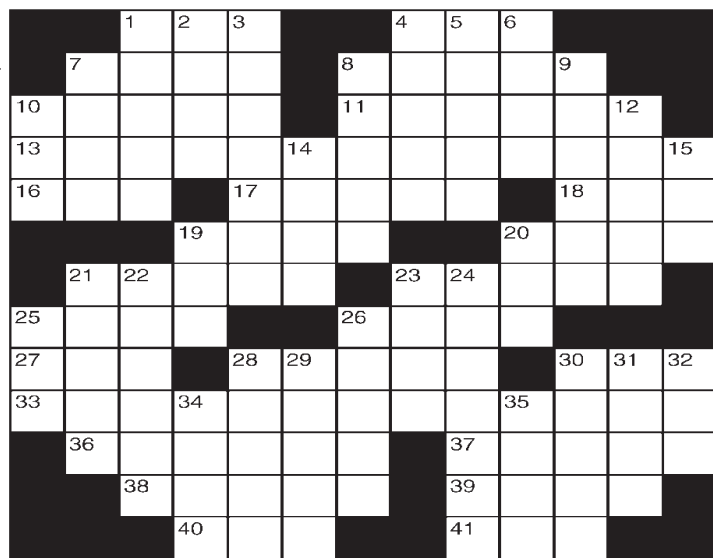
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- 37 Screwdriver ingredient
- 38 Construction fastener
- 39 Previous nights
- 40 Understand



- 41 Scooted
- 8 Spars
- 9 Go places
- 10 Agent
- 12 Preferred invitees
- 14 Foundered
- 15 Perched
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## VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

### THE QUESTION:

What is your favorite Hanakkah memory or tradition?



Everybody in my family has always had their own Menorah, so we take them all out, from my great grandparents' down to my own children's, and we light them all together. We go through a LOT of candles!

**LISA CHARSCAN**  
Director



Mom takes "Mensch on a Bench" out, and then it gives me my presents!

**MADLINE McMURRAY**  
3rd Grade



Making latkes with my family. When I was little, I made them with my grandparents, now I'm making them with my children. I love seeing the excitement on my kids' faces!

**DIANA FREEDMAN**  
Director



Opening up presents! I love unwrapping the paper and the sound it makes. And I like the gifts I get like toy cars. This year I hope I get this wrestling cage thing.

**ANDREW RICHETTI**  
3rd Grade



I just love lighting the Menorah! Watching the candles burn is so relaxing!

**FAITH GELFOND**  
4th Grade



We set up our electric Menorah and invite family over for a feast of latkes and bread and toppings, and I make my deviled eggs. Then we say wishes.

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## OPINIONS

# New Yorkers facing incoming fire from all sides

**N**ew Yorkers got a double threat last week. We learned that North Korea now has a missile capable of threatening New York — and we learned that some of our leaders in Washington seem to see New York as a tempting target, too.

First, on North Korea, the latest missile launch seriously escalated the danger from that rogue state. The missile was apparently shot from a mobile launcher that concealed its firing until the very last minute. That could make the detection and preemptive interception of such missiles extremely difficult, putting South Korea, Japan and the U.S. homeland at high risk for a lightning nuclear strike by North Korea.

If Kim Jung-un's missiles can indeed hit the U.S. with such speed, the U.S. might be left with only the options of trying to intercept an incoming missile in the air (akin to hitting a bullet with a bullet, according to experts) or

launching a retaliatory nuclear strike against North Korea. The result could be devastation on both sides.

The only deterrent to such an exchange might be the risk of total destruction of North Korea by an overwhelming U.S. response. In the case of a war, there would be no "mutually assured destruction" like that which kept the U.S. and the Soviet Union from resorting to nuclear war for 50 years. The U.S. would suffer terribly for sure, but North Korea could be wiped out of existence.

That was the message U.S. ambassador Nikki Haley gave to the United Nations in stark terms last week: "The dictator of North Korea made a choice yesterday that brings the world closer to war, not farther from it," Haley said. "We have never sought war with North Korea, and still today we do not seek it. If war does come, it will be because of continued acts of aggression like we witnessed yesterday. And if war comes, make no mistake, the

North Korean regime will be utterly destroyed."

While the U.S. can and should continue to ratchet up sanctions against North Korea in an effort to change its dangerous behavior, it may be that the only way to prevent this impending conflict is for China — North Korea's closest ally and protector — to finally step up and act. We should send an unequivocal message to China that the last best chance for peace on the Korean peninsula rests with the Chinese government. It must impose its own severe sanctions on North Korea, including cutting off the lifeline of trade that sends oil and other sustenance to Kim Jung-un's regime. Otherwise the march toward

war may be unstoppable.

Here at home, the danger is not just from this potential conflict pitting the U.S. government against North Korea. The tax bills that are now before Congress take aim at New York and other states by eliminating or severely limiting deductions for state and local taxes,

home mortgage interest, medical expenses and student loan costs.

Taken together, these changes would hit particularly hard here. Many New Yorkers who have put up with our high state and local taxes might see this as the last straw, and finally make the difficult but logical decision to leave New York for a state with a more hospitable climate, in terms of both taxes and weather. The Sunbelt has been growing at the expense of the Northeast for years, but Washington's singling out states like New York with punitive tax measures like the ones now before Congress would only hasten the flight south and west.

That would be bad for New York, and if the state falters, it would be bad for the nation. New York is America's financial center. We generate more dollars for the federal government than we get back. Firing a tax missile in our direction from D.C. might not just damage us. It could damage all of America.

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**ALFONSE  
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## Are the outed men contrite or just busted?

**T**his morning I asked my mother, 94, if she was ever sexually harassed. Most days, over our coffee, we share an amiable silence. But waking up to a loud crash (the sound of Matt Lauer tumbling from his lofty perch), I wanted to know



**RANDI  
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how to think about these daily revelations of bad behavior. What is happening between men and women?

I figured it made sense to look back in time before we think about how to move forward.

My mother immediately set down her spoon

and said, "Yes." She told a story from 75 years ago, with total recall. "I was a clerk at the United Lawyers Service," she recounted. "One of the judges chased me around his desk, but I was faster than he was." She smiled. Any angst over the incident had been dissipated by time. I got the sense that, for her, it wasn't altogether terrible to be chased.

I thought about my own life. When I was 18, I worked for a physician over

the summer break from college. It was a hectic diet office, basically a pill mill. The doctor was in his 40s, and his new wife was my age, a teenager. One day at work, he approached me when we were alone and slid the head of his stethoscope down the front of my uniform. I

felt embarrassed and got away, and I never told anyone. I didn't think about it again until I sat down to write this morning.

On a first date in college, a guy I had met at a mixer drove me back to campus after a movie. Suddenly he pulled off the road and attacked me, all hands, under my coat and all over my body, until I screamed and told him to drive me to the dorm. I was upset enough to call my parents at 1 in the morning, and my mother kind of said, "Boys will be boys."

My mother also told me to dress "sexy" when I was a teenager, suggested I wear something "low-cut" in my 20s and last week told me to go blond. She is of a certain generation and a certain mindset, believing that a woman's looks and body are her currency in the world.

Don't think for a minute that I have

this figured out. I'm just spinning along with everyone else, trying to parse the man-woman harassment thing. I didn't think it had anything to do with me, but it does; it has to do with every single one of us. It matters what happened to us growing up. It matters how parents raise their sons and daughters.

The more I think about it, the more I remember. An incident that disturbs me the most occurred when I was only 12. We were in Atlantic City for a weekend with my parents' best friends and their kids, a son my age and a daughter, 9. The parents went out to dinner and left us kids in the hotel room to watch TV.

We were lined up in one bed, our eyes fixed on the screen. Suddenly the boy reached over and grabbed my developing breast. It hurt, and I shoved him so hard that he cracked his head on the wall. He kept clear of me after that. He's a lawyer now in Florida, and I haven't seen him in more than 50 years, but I feel queasy just thinking about that night. I'm 100 percent sure he has no memory of the incident. We were just kids. But I can remember the color

and pattern of the shirt I was wearing.

Where am I going with this? I'm thinking that my history of relatively minor sexual harassment still left its mark. How do women cope who suffer from persistent harassment in a situation they can't escape?

The recent accusations and confessions and firings aren't nearly as satisfying as they should be. Men we admire for their real achievements and talents are admitting to offensive, demeaning and gross behavior toward women. I feel betrayed and suspicious. Do they really feel contrition or just busted? What are the guys in the cloakroom and the clubhouse and the boardroom really saying when the mandatory sexual harassment training is over? How can we ever know anyone's heart?

What about my male friends who still email sexist and crude jokes on a daily basis?

When the president of the United States is an admitted sexual harasser, how can we condemn others and not hold him accountable?

We are in the throes of a great, destabilizing cultural shift. The process is painful and unpredictable and emotionally charged, and we hope the change will be for the better. We hope.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Find peace through understanding this holiday season

In Arabic-speaking and predominantly Muslim parts of the world, Christmas is known as Eid al Milad, or the Festival of the Birthday, referring to the birth of Christ. Although not an essential part of Muslim tradition, the season of Christmas and Hannukah is still revered among Muslims because it is seen as important to the “people of the book,” or the Christians and Jews of the world. And in Muslim tradition, Jesus is considered a prophet, and the story of Hannukah holds a place in Muslim teachings.

Criticizing Islam as “dangerous” is never OK, but for these reasons and more, this holds doubly true during the holiday season. So when President Trump retweeted posts by far-right British politician Jayda Fransen last week, portraying Muslims as violent criminals, it struck a particularly harsh and ignoble tone.

This season should be a time of understanding and giving, not bigotry and fear-mongering, so the response by White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders that the retweets “elevate the conversation,” and “talk about a real issue and a real threat” only perverted that ideal.

According to a Pew Research Center study, Muslims are among the fastest-growing ethnic or religious groups in the U.S., and are projected to make up roughly 2 percent of the population by 2050. This shouldn't be a cause for alarm, however. The overwhelming majority of Muslims in America are law-abiding citizens who want nothing more than to live in peace.

Mosques in Nassau County are regular participants in food drives and charity

benefits to aid the poor. In fact, it is part of their mandate to aid those in need. At the same time, they work to increase tolerance and understanding among people of all faiths. The Islamic Center of Long Island in Westbury, for example, has done tremendous outreach work, partnering with a range of local institutions, including Molloy College in Rockville Centre.

**M**uslims respect Christian and Jewish holidays, and deserve our respect, too.

A November Pew report, however, revealed that in 2016, assaults against Muslims in the U.S. surpassed 2001 levels, when they spiked in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. There were 127 reported victims of assault in 2016, compared with 93 in 2001, according

to FBI statistics. It appears that the inflammatory rhetoric we have seen over the past two years has emboldened people who feel threatened by a religion that is unfamiliar to so many.

While recent years have seen an uptick in attacks on U.S. soil by radicalized American Muslims, mass shootings by non-Muslims are still far more common. On Long Island, where there are roughly 80,000 Muslims, there is no indication that they commit crimes at higher rates than members of any other religious group.

We can't know whether proposals from the top for travel and immigration bans and tougher vetting of Muslim migrants are inspired by cynical political opportunism or of genuine fear caused by ignorance. Either way, they are woefully mis-

guided and, most important, dangerous.

Treating religion as the problem only serves to mask the real causes of religiously motivated violence, which is often rooted in political and economic factors. Yes, many predominantly Muslim countries in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia have been rocked by violence in recent decades, but much of it has origins in local and international politics. Many of these countries were once colonies of European empires, and many have limited economic autonomy under international banking agreements.

These factors have frequently been identified by scholars as leading to gross inequality, disenfranchisement and resentment of corrupt, ineffectual and often authoritarian governments, often backed by Western powers.

In Europe, where terrorist attacks by Muslims are more common than in the U.S., economic and social factors have led to mass disenfranchisement and segregation of Muslim communities. We also must not forget the billions of dollars of Saudi money flowing into religious schools, spreading a uniquely conservative brand of Islam that preaches exclusion and intolerance.

Make no mistake: This isn't an appeal for political correctness at the expense of safety and security. Instead, it is an entreaty to think of our Muslim neighbors as people with the same concerns and aspirations as anyone else. This holiday season, try to dig deep to find empathy for them. Claims that they have a greater potential for violence have no basis in reality. Don't buy into them, especially now. This should be a time for understanding.

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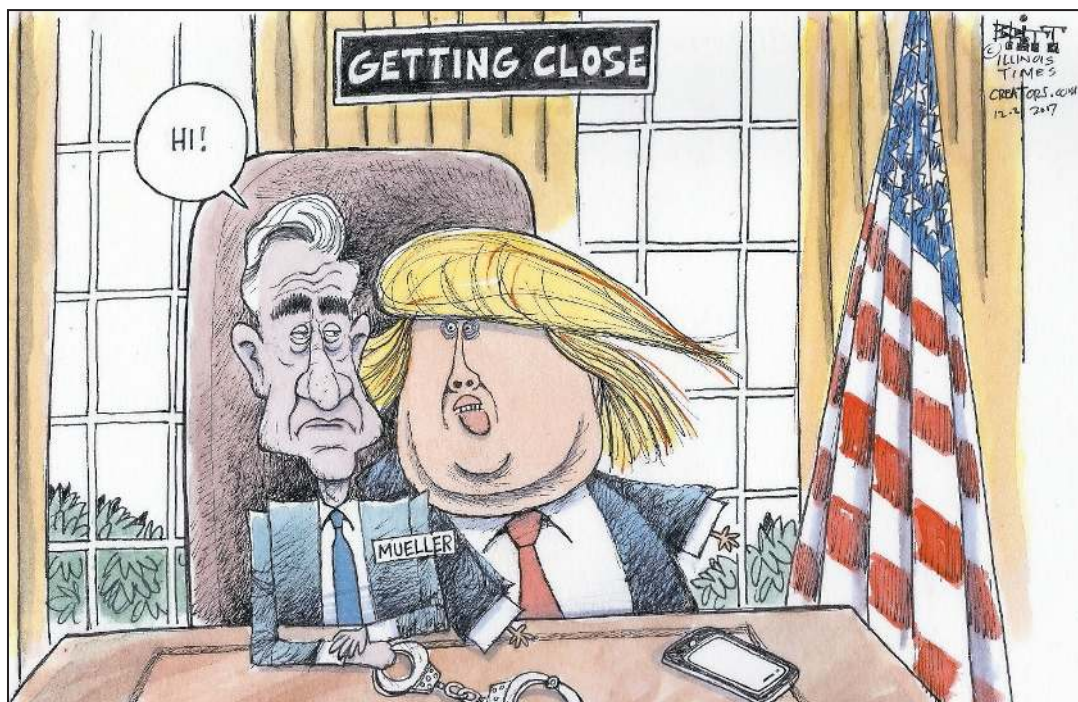
### Glen Covers are victims of Politics 101

To the Editor:

Four years ago, after literally decades of incompetent management, Glen Cove voters had an awakening. Tired of double-digit tax increases, declining values of their homes, a continually deteriorating downtown, loss of local businesses and a general view that Glen Cove was on its way to going out of business, the electorate had what seemed to be the wisdom to put a man in the mayor's office who possessed the necessary skills and abilities to turn things around.

Whether by accident or design, somehow a political light bulb turned on and the voters, sick and tired of ineptitude and ineffectiveness in their public officials, elected Reginald Spinello, a retired, successful former business executive, to captain their ship before it turned into the Titanic of small cities.

In fewer than four years, Spinello demon-



strated how local government can be effectively run without having to make political appointments to stay in office, without having to do favors for owners of illegal housing, or having to stick homeowners with incessant tax

increases to cover huge financial mistakes — and without having to engage in all the usual and customary political tricks and game-playing that tend to keep unsuccessful people in office because voters are just too lazy or unin-

## OPINIONS

# Renewing the renewable-energy debate

From afar, the five windmills looked like nothing more than toothpicks. But as our fishing boat drew close to the 30-story structures, the couple of dozen people in our group hurried to the vessel's bow to take in the majestic sight of them.

On a sunny October day, I joined a tour of the offshore wind farm constructed last year in the Atlantic Ocean 3.8 miles southeast of Block Island, R.I. On our approach to the windmills, we lingered for a minute, in awe of the structures towering above us. Then out came the cell-phones to snap photos and selfies.

The Block Island Wind Farm, built by Rhode Island-based Deepwater Wind, was indeed a sight to behold. It's intended as a "demonstration" project to show that offshore wind is a viable, economical form of energy production. I had long dreamed of visiting the wind farm, as I'm a big believer in renewable energy, particularly offshore wind, as a means to reduce fossil fuel use and stave off the worst effects of climate change, including stronger hurricanes.

In the early 2000s, I covered the Long Island Power Authority's campaign to construct a wind farm 3.5 miles south of Jones Beach. After a decade of planning, however, LIPA killed the project in 2007, before construction began, because of cost concerns. Original projections estimated that the wind farm, with 40 turbines — enough to produce 1 percent of the Island's energy needs — would cost \$356 million. A later study suggested it could run as high as \$811 million, which would have meant a monthly \$2.50 surcharge for ratepayers.

At the time, I noted in a column that construction costs would likely rise over time, so why not build immediately? Even if they didn't, I argued, we should get

going on offshore wind sooner rather than later.

The Jones Beach project was supposed to be America's first offshore wind farm, and Long Island was supposed to become a hub for wind turbine manufacturing. Rather than construct planes and spaceships, as we did during Grumman's long reign, we were supposed to build windmills. That never happened, however.

Instead, we ceded the global offshore wind turbine market to Europe, which already had a decade-and-a-half jump on building offshore wind farms by the time we even had the final blueprints and schematics for one: Denmark constructed the world's first offshore wind farm in 1991.

In a competitive bidding process last December, Norway's Statoil won the right to erect offshore windmills 11 miles south of Jones Beach, paying a record \$42.46 million for 79,350 acres of the Atlantic Ocean, according to the federal Bureau of Ocean Management.

I was reminded of all this last Friday when I attended Vision Long Island's 16th annual Smart Growth Summit in Woodbury and sat in on a panel discussion on the state of solar power on Long Island.

A small group of activists fought the Jones Beach wind farm in the mid-2000s because, they argued, it would ruin their view of the Atlantic. Save Jones Beach members spoke often about solar energy as an alternative to offshore wind. We should grab low-hanging fruit, they contended, by erecting land-based solar arrays wherever we could, and by insulating buildings like crazy to make them more energy-efficient, before we "industrialized" the ocean.

The solar/energy-efficiency route was precisely the direction that LIPA took, and continues to take — though it does now plan to construct the nation's largest offshore wind farm 30 miles east of Montauk Point to help power the Island's South Fork. Deepwater Wind, the company

that is building it, estimates that the 15-turbine project will cost \$740 million to \$1 billion and be completed in 2022.

So, how did the solar/energy-efficiency plan pan out? Since 2011, PSEG-LI has managed Long Island's energy grid for LIPA. To date, solar arrays have been installed on 40,000 of the Island's 1.1 million residential and commercial rooftops, supplying roughly 4 percent of our energy needs, according to Mike Voltz, PSEG-LI's director of energy efficiency and renewables and a Smart Growth panelist. Most of the arrays were installed in recent years.

Tax credits to encourage people to erect solar panels on homes and businesses are drying up, though, so we are seeing a slowdown in the number of Long Islanders going solar, with a 20 percent drop over the past year, Voltz said.

In an extended online opinion piece in Rolling Stone last Friday, "Winning Slowly Is the Same as Losing," Bill McKibben, the famed environmentalist and Middlebury

College scholar, wrote that we must — must — go all in on renewable energy if we hope to slow sea-level rise caused by global warming. The trouble is, as far as I'm concerned, we continue to plod along with demonstration projects and underfunded incentive programs, when we need to go faster — a lot faster.

We mustn't argue about which forms of renewable energy are best. They're all better than fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas. And when it comes to beating back global warming, it's a now-not-later proposition, as McKibben rightly noted. It has been for decades.

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## LETTERS

formed to demand a change for the better.

Most people are frighteningly uninformed about almost everything that requires them to pay attention. And that brings us to the recent election in Glen Cove. The people who have benefited from a city government that has finally turned the corner on incompetence evidently stopped paying attention. There are myriad stories of voters so satisfied with the Spinello government that they couldn't conceive of his losing a third term in office to finish what he started, and they stayed home because it was raining on Election Day. Spinello lost by three votes.

Now the taxpayers and voters of Glen Cove can look forward to a city government being headed up

by an insurance company lawyer whose resume boasts not a single thing that qualifies him to handle a \$70 million budget. During most of his six terms as a city councilman, Tim Tenke supported nearly every losing initiative that Spinello had to spend four years turning around.

No doubt about it, Tenke's victory proves the premise of Politics 101. All you need to do is appeal to enough people who are uninformed about exactly why things got better over the last four years and then just hope it rains on Election Day. It may be a long time before another Reggie Spinello comes along and is willing to fix the mess again.

**MICHAEL A. LEVY**  
*Glen Cove*

## Correction

The Neighbors Page in the November 30–December 6 issue should have stated that it was the members of The Glen Cove B.I.D. that were responsible for making the annual Holiday Festival on Nov. 25 such a success.

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