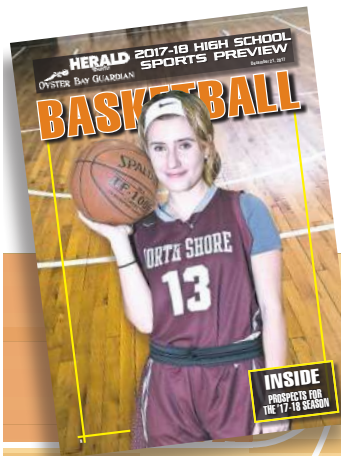


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Santa sighting in Glen Cove

The annual U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive in Glen Cove on Dec. 10 included a visit by Santa, who took a break from packing his sleigh to thank donors for helping to make the holidays a little more special for children in need. More photos, Page 9.

St. Rocco's celebrates 80 years in G.C.

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In 1890, a group of Italians immigrated to the U.S. and settled in the Orchard Neighborhood in Glen Cove. They would become the founders and first members of St. Rocco's Parish, which will celebrate its 80th anniversary on Christmas Eve.

On Dec. 10, parishioners gathered at Chateau Briand in Carle Place to celebrate 80 years of their Italian Catholic heritage in Glen Cove.



Courtesy Carl Bruno

A brief history

Together the immigrants formed the St. Rocco Society, a mutual aid society. They built what was called Orchard House, a center for the Italian community. Celebrations, activities and meetings were held in the house, including Sunday masses led by Italian-speaking priests.

Community members soon decided they wanted an actual church, so they built a small wooden chapel nearby.

"It was like a little stable," recalled Laura DiLeo, a life-long member of the parish. "We used to hear Mass there occasionally, whenever a priest came to visit." DiLeo, now 96, added that she was one of only three girls in the

COMMUNITY MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED to help build St. Rocco's Church.

choir at that time.

The congregation continued to grow, until the small chapel could no longer hold all the members.

In 1933, the St. Rocco Society and another group, the St. Marina Society, purchased land on Third Street in Glen Cove. Surrounding property owners donated land to the groups in the hope of building a church.

Even though many families were suffering during the Great Depression, they still donated

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City sells Coles School for \$2.1M

Tiegerman to move middle school to the property

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The City Council voted 4-2 on Dec. 14 to sell the Coles School in Glen Cove to Tiegerman, formerly the School for Language and Communication Development, for \$2.1 million. The school has stood vacant for eight years.

Tiegerman is a not-for-profit school for children in pre-K through high school with lan-

guage and autism spectrum disorders. Additionally, it has a community service agency for adults. The pre-K and elementary school is on Glen Cove Avenue.

The decision to sell received mixed reviews from council members and meeting attendees, with Councilmen Efraim Spagnoletti and Roderick Watson voting against the measure.

"I just can't get to a place of being comfortable with selling it

or giving it away," Spagnoletti said. "I promised my constituents I would fight to hold onto some assets in Glen Cove . . . It's not personal at all."

"Having gone to Coles School, I am overjoyed that it is remaining as an educational conduit," Councilman Joe Capobianco said, noting he went there when he first came to the U.S. from Italy.

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Glen Cove seniors thank city's first responders

By DANIELLE AGOLIA
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For the past few years, the Glen Cove Senior Center has shown its appreciation to the city's first responders by hosting a "Heroes Luncheon."

This year, the seniors invited the Glen Cove EMS, Police Department, Auxiliary Police, Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management and Harbor Patrol to enjoy a good meal and good conversation on Dec. 6.

Several Center members spoke to the crowd and shared personal stories of their experience with these first responders and how they helped them, whether at the Center or in their homes.

"It was just making it real-life," said Secretary to the Executive Director, Laurie Huenteo. "These people actually touch our lives, we see them, we know they are here to help."

The Senior Center and the GCPD also

have a good relationship because two liaisons, Officers Marco Telese and Ed Loeffler, come to the Center almost every Wednesday at lunchtime to talk to members about scams or any other issues they have.

The group also viewed a slideshow of the City's first responders in action and a YouTube video about a day-in-the-life of one.

Eric Shuman, the Center's activities coordinator, also had the idea to put together cards for the local heroes. Megan Pemberton, assistant to the activities coordinator drew each organization's vehicle, like a boat for Harbor Patrol and an ambulance for EMS drawn on the front. The seniors then signed each card.

"A lot of time people that put their lives on the line, they do it because they love it," added Huenteo. "It's nice just to be given a thank you."



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A PERFORMANCE OF "Help Me On My Journey" by Jean Ealy got the crowd and the heroes smiling and clapping along.



LEE DELVALLE, PRESIDENT of SAGE, spoke to the group and thanked the city's first responders.



THE HEROES WERE all given poster cards with notes and thank-yous from the seniors. Tony Jimenez accepted for the EMS.

Governor proposes investing \$11.5M in gang prevention

By SCOTT BRINTON

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Sunday that he is seeking \$11.5 million to provide a greater number of after-school and vocational training programs for young people in “high-risk” communities to prevent them from joining the notorious El Salvadoran gang MS-13.

The gang is responsible for a recent killing spree, with victims murdered in Suffolk and Nassau counties, and their bodies buried in wooded areas in the Roosevelt-Baldwin and Freeport-Merrick areas, according to FBI agents, state troopers and Nassau County police.

The Herald has reported extensively on those killings, and in the Nov. 9-16 editorial, “It will take all of us working together to defeat MS-13,” called on state and local officials to provide more after-school programs to keep young children away from MS-13 and other gangs.

“The trouble is,” the editorial read in part, “at least some school districts, particularly in high-risk areas, are cutting the after-school programs that young people so desperately need. Now, more than ever, kids need art, music and sports so they stay busy and off the streets. Members of MS-13 don’t start out as drug dealers and killers. They begin by committing petty crimes in their local neighborhoods at early ages.”

“MS-13 and the senseless violence it trades in have made New York communi-

ties fearful and recruited too many youth to a dead-end path of violence and crime, and we refuse to let this continue,” Cuomo said. “The key to our comprehensive plan to change that is to target gang activity by attacking the root cause — youth recruitment — through programs and outreach to protect vulnerable students from being preyed on, and stop the scourge of MS-13 once and for all.”

MS-13 is an international criminal gang that emerged in the United States in the 1980s, according to Cuomo.

According to the National Institute of Justice, the vast majority of gang members join between the ages of 11 and 15. A study in Fairfax, Va., showed that when the state implemented a strategy focusing on after-school prevention, serious gang activity decreased by 39 percent. Additionally, a study of after-school programs in 12 high-risk California communities found that, among participating youth, vandalism and stealing dropped by two-thirds; violent acts and carrying a concealed weapon fell by more than half; and arrests were cut in half. School discipline, detention, suspensions and expulsions also dropped by a



MS-13 and the senseless violence it trades in have made New York communities fearful.

third.

Cuomo is proposing:

■ To expand after-school programs in at-risk areas by investing \$2 million to extend the Empire State After School Program to schools and non-profit organizations in at-risk areas on Long Island, which will be identified by the State Office of Children and Family Services, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Division of State Police, county executives and local law enforcement officials.

■ To increase job and vocational training opportunities for at-risk young people by creating a special \$5 million program within the state’s New York Youth Jobs voucher program to provide

individualized job training to young people who are the most at risk of being recruited into gangs.

■ To provide gang-prevention education programming to at-risk students with a \$1.5 million investment over three years in locally run programs targeted at middle and high school students focused on early intervention and violence prevention.

■ To expand comprehensive support services for at-risk young people, especially immigrant children because, Cuomo said, MS-13 “is infamous for its efforts targeting vulnerable young people, especially immigrant youth without strong family ties and social support.” The governor proposes investing \$3 million over three years to support comprehensive case management for at-risk young people.

■ To deploy a Community Assistance Team comprised of six state troopers, three investigators, one senior investigator and one supervisor. The team will partner with local law enforcement and use intelligence derived from the Computer Aided Dispatching Program, New York State Intelligence Center and Regional Crime Analysis Centers to identify and engage gang activity hot spots or respond to departmental and community requests for increased service.

Cuomo also recently announced the deployment of a new Gang Violence Prevention Unit, consisting of 10 state troopers. The unit will work to identify early warning signs of gang activity and coordinate closely with the Suffolk County Police Department on an “Educate the Educators” program to help teachers and faculty members recognize the early warning signs of gang involvement and recruitment and provide training to students on the dangers of street gangs.

N.Y. State Ed Dept. Board of Regents expands graduation options for special-needs students

By ZACH GOTTEHRER COHEN

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The New York State Education Department’s Board of Regents approved a measure to expand graduation options for students with disabilities. The change gives school administrators greater discretion to grant high school diplomas to students who have good grades, but struggle with state tests.

The change was adopted as an emergency measure, and took effect on Tuesday. After a 45-day public comment period, the board is expected to make the reform permanent, meaning that students hoping to graduate in May will be able to make use of it.

“As policy makers, it’s our job to give all students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to meet the state’s graduation requirements,” Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa said in a statement. “The rules we adopted today will enable many students with disabilities to graduate high school with a meaningful diploma.”

The policy shift, which followed years of activism by local parents and incremental changes by the Board of Regents, combines two previously created measures aimed at credentialing spe-

cial needs students.

The Career Development Occupational Studies “Commencement Credential” was designed as an alternative for these students. Roger Tilles, Long Island’s Board of Regents representative, said that CDOS “was supposed to take the place of a diploma.” But CDOS recipients, who had to prove to their administrators that they were prepared for post-school employment, found that their prospective employers and colleges had never heard of it, and for the most part, did not consider those who earned it as high school graduates.

The “superintendent determination” option was created in 2016 to give administrators the opportunity to grant diplomas to students who didn’t pass their Regents exams, but achieved a minimum score of 55 on both the English and math tests.

For some students, including Zachary Wallmuller, a CDOS recipient from Oceanside, those testing requirements are prohibitive. Wallmuller has an audio processing disorder akin to dyslexia for speech rather than print, and had passed three of four Regents exams. The English Language Arts test features a number of listening portions, in which long passages are read aloud. “He took it 4 times,” his mother, Nancy Wall-

muller said, “and failed it miserably,” with scores as low as seven out of a possible 100.

The policy shift waives the test score requirements to be eligible for the “superintendent determination” option, as long as the student has earned a CDOS credential. Non-CDOS recipients who meet the previous Regents test standards will remain eligible.

“We must continue to have high expectations for all students,” State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia said. “The rules adopted today by the Board of Regents maintain the rigor of our graduation requirements, while providing a new mechanism for students with disabilities to demonstrate they’ve met the State’s graduation standards.”

State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, since 2015, held a number of forums where parents shared their stories to state education officials, and organized lobby trips up to Albany, most recently in July. A contingent of local parents were in Albany when the board announced the policy change.

“This major step will unlock a world of opportunity for kids whose potential has been stymied by an unyielding bureaucracy,” Kaminsky said. “I have met with far too many students who



Maureen Lennon/Herald

ROGER TILLES, of the Long Island Board of Regents spoke to parents at a Rockville Centre High School event in February about diploma options for special needs students.

demonstrate a clear ability to succeed on the next level, but have been unfairly prevented from receiving a diploma. Some of these students may go on to change the world and I look forward to seeing what they will achieve.”



Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

THE COLES SCHOOL will be turned into Tiegerman's middle school, and the back of the property will be reserved for the city's Youth Bureau.

City selling old school to Tiegerman for \$2.1M

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acres at the front of the property, which includes the Coles School. Tiegerman officials plan to move their middle school program there.

The city will retain the rear portion, which is about two acres and includes open space and one building. Mayor Reggie Spinello said the goal is to move the Glen Cove Youth Bureau to the back so children have open space to play.

Former City Councilman Steve Gonzalez's son currently attends Tiegerman. "They have been a pillar of the community, and my wife and I have truly enjoyed my son's progress," he told the Council. "This is one of the City Council [and] Reggie's better moves in his term of office."

Resident Drew Lawrence said that because Tiegerman is a not-for-profit, the city will not collect taxes on the property. "I would also request that consideration be given to some conditions and restrictions put on the sale of the property," Lawrence

suggested. "Should something occur, that the school would not be able to just sell it to a developer and have it torn down."

The city purchased the school for \$2.4 million from the Glen Cove City School District in 2002, and leased it to Solomon Schechter School until 2011.

"The amount of money that it would take to restore the Coles School — the plumbing, the asbestos, the air-conditioning — every single system in this building needs to be replaced for millions and millions of dollars," city attorney Charles McQuair said. "Every year that we hold onto it, we have to pay the bond, and we lose money."

Turning the property into a new school with the Youth Bureau out back also aligns with the Brownfield

Opportunity Area study that the city is now conducting, officials said.

Spinello said the community benefit would go beyond dollars and cents of the deal. "I think that that piece of property, to stay as it is, is really a home run for us."

Having gone to Coles School, I am overjoyed that it is remaining as an educational conduit.

JOSEPH CAPOBIANCO
Councilman



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THOMAS AND ALEXA Potter were excited to meet Santa and enjoy Christmas treats at the Youth Bureau's annual Milk & Cookies with Santa event.

Youth Bureau invites Santa for milk and cookies

On the snowy evening of Dec. 15, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau hosted its annual Milk and Cookies with Santa event. More than 200 children and their families were treated to a fun-filled evening featuring storytelling; cookies donated by Panera Bread and Glen Cove Hospital Northwell Health; coffee and hot chocolate provided by Starbucks; and a visit by Santa Claus himself. Each child received a special present thanks to the generosity of the Glen Cove community.

"Each year the Youth Bureau's Milk & Cookies with Santa event is a sweet success, as children look forward to attending this Glen Cove holiday tradition," Mayor Reggie Spinello said.

"I am grateful to our Youth Bureau team and our Youth Board," said Spiro Tsirkas, executive director of the Glen Cove Youth Bureau. "Especially Sandra Potter and her staff, who organized our event, wrapped all of the presents, coordinated donations and even volunteered to read."



SANTA RECEIVED A big welcoming hug from a young fan.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

'Adopt Me' Portraits

Help a furry friend find a forever home by painting a portrait to promote their adoption. The program will be held at the Bayville Free Library (32 School St., Bayville) on Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. Two hours community service will be awarded to participants. Recommended for children in grades 6 through 12. (516) 628-2765.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



This year Brookville Church Multifaith Campus in Glen Head will host a traditional Christmas Candlelight Celebration at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24. Bring your friends and family to come together on this Holy Night. Enjoy music from The Brookville Church Choir, youth performances and a special Christmas message (2 Brookville Rd, Glen Head). (516) 626-0414.

Mutual Concerns Christmas Dinner

Come meet neighbors and join the spirit of the season! The Mutual Concerns Committee, together with Sherlock Homes Realty, is sponsoring the 21st annual Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Sea Cliff at the Methodist Church on Downing and Carpenter Avenues. All are welcome. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Info: (516) 671-1717.



Cherished traditions from days gone by

Step back in time for some old-fashion holiday spectacle. Old Bethpage Village Restoration shares some festive merriment, by candlelight, during its annual Candlelight Evenings event, Tuesday through Saturday, Dec. 28-30, 5-9:30 p.m. The rustic landscape of the restored village is transformed in the spirit of the season. Tour the grandly decorated candlelit homes and hear stories of Christmases past, retold each night, along with musical entertainment, a bonfire and refreshments. Info: (516) 572-8401 or www.obvnrnassau.com.



New Year's revelry

End the year on a musical note, giving 2017 a lively send-off, at the Madison Theatre's "Billboard Live" New Year's Eve celebration, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. Don a party hat

and enjoy some festive revelry without having to venture too far. Enjoy the band's take on '70s rock hits and rock on into the New Year. Info: (516) 323-4444.

Daughters of the British Empire celebrate at the Brookville Country Club

The Westminster Abbey chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire celebrated Christmas at the Brookville Country Club, which was beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Victoria Crosby, regent of the chapter, proposed a toast to the Queen, and to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on their engagement.

After a delicious buffet lunch, which included Yorkshire pudding, fish and chips, bangers and English Trifle, Crosby presented a 25 year pin of service to member Irene Baron, and a 40 year pin to member Joan Simon.

Crosby then entertained everyone with a reading of the poem, "A Charles Dickens Christmas," from her collection of British themed poetry, before introducing the guest speaker and author, Monica Randall.

Randall's presentation, "Winter Dreams" included photographs of winter scenes at the mansions and clothing styles on the North Shore of Long Island in the Gold Coast era. A variety of raffle prizes, which filled two tables, were then distributed to the lucky winners.

DBE, founded in 1909, is a national non-profit organization of women of British and British Commonwealth birth and heritage, and women married to men of British and British Common-



LUCILLE TAVERNA-GIARDINA, LEFT, and Inge Costa were sure to wear their holiday best.

wealth birth and heritage. Funds raised support four nursing homes in New York, California, Texas and Michigan. Westminster Abbey is the only chapter on Long Island and all proceeds support the Victoria Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Ossining, N.Y.

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MEMBER OF CONNOLLY School's K-Kids created shoeboxes full of goodies for Operation Christmas Child.

Connolly K-Kids donate to Operation Christmas Child

The Connolly School K-Kids recently took part in Operation Christmas Child, collecting school supplies, personal hygiene items and toys to send overseas this December.

Thanks to the generosity of the Connolly School community, the K-Kids packed and shipped off seven boxes of holiday cheer.

The Connolly K-Kids is a community service organization for fifth-grade students that is sponsored by the North Shore Kiwanis Club. The students' Kiwanis liaison is retired Connolly teacher Leslie McCarthy, and Krystle Gonzalez and Sandra Vigliotti serve as the Connolly K-Kids advisers.

Nature exploration at Gribbin

Gribbin School kindergarten and first-grade science buddies in Irene Kamola's and Antoinette Hatzopoulos' classes took nature walks and explored fall science during the season last month.

Earlier this fall, Kamola recently drove by the biggest sunflower she had ever seen. It barely fit in her truck, but she knew she had to take advantage of this unique teaching opportunity.

She took the sunflower back to her classroom where the students learned about the parts and lifecycle of a sunflower and used their math skills and vocabulary to measure themselves. They made a graph of their favorite sunflower seeds to eat — raw, roasted or salted — and read books and learned a poem and song about sunflowers. The teachers also explained how seeds travel and grow, with students letting their own seeds go in anticipation of new plants sprouting in the spring.

Kamola and Hatzopoulos continue to nurture their own love of science and nature in their students, and were students themselves in the Teachers' Greentree Ecology Workshop this past summer.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

GRIBBIN SCHOOL KINDERGARTNERS Brianna Pietri and Isidora Doeschner measured themselves against a giant sunflower.

Glen Cove celebrates All-County musicians

The Nassau Music Educators Association has designated 41 students from the Glen Cove City School District as All-County musicians. These students were selected based on last year's New York State School Music Association scores and teacher recommendations. Performances will be held at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts in January.

The Glen Cove Music Department and members of the administration congratulate these students on this outstanding musical achievement.

Glen Cove High School:

- Chorus (Ed Norris)
- Hannah Boecklin
 - Elijah James
 - Kylie Jenkins
 - Mykaela Pajuelo
 - Gilbert Reyes

- Arden Sanders
- Alondra Schuck
- Kevin Villatoro
- Julianna Wilson

Orchestra (James Guarini)

- Owen O'Regan
- Andrew Woska

Band (Brittney Frank Rifkind)

- Michele D'Ambrosio
- Meghan Smith
- Abigail Weiser

Finley Middle School:

- Chorus (Joy Sullivan)
- Aurora Curcio
 - Cassian Gerasimenko
 - Caleb Ham
 - Doris Serrano

- Kristen Sita

- Katherine Stewart
- Elle Woska

Orchestra (Christopher Lippe)

- Virginia Graziosi
- Brooke Tran

Band (James Guarini and Keith Schmidt)

- Josiah Aschalew
- Gianna Gambino
- Miranda Weiser

Connolly Elementary School:

- Chorus (Sandra Vigliotti)
- Charlie Alcantara Espinoza
 - Jenna Garcia
 - Chris Angel Parra
 - Summer Payne

- Julia Petrisso

Orchestra (JoAnn Criblez)

- Angelina Squarciafico

Band (Ed Smith)

- Jolie Prezeau

Landing Elementary School:

Chorus (Sandra Vigliotti)

- Kaelyn Bonilla
- Mayleen Chavez-Reyes
- Vera Glouchkov
- Peyton Peil
- Madison Verene

Band (Ed Smith)

- Isabella Smith

Orchestra (Rosita Mallo)

- Leila Cullen
- Deborah Zavala

Celebrating the Festival of Lights

Residents and city officials gathered in Village Square on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 17 for the annual lighting of the city's Grand Menorah.

Conducted by the Chabad of Brookville, Rabbi Mendy Heber lit the menorah and recited some inspiring messages for the holiday season. He said the same way the Macabees still lit the menorah even though they had very little oil, we should also be looking at what we have rather than what we don't.

Fun was had by all thanks to a dreidel moon bounce, delicious sufganiyot (traditional Jewish jelly doughnut) and gelt, Chanukah crafts and music.



Photos by Roni Chastain/Herald Gazette

CITY OFFICIALS JOINED the Chabad of Brookville for the annual lighting of the city's Grand Menorah. (above)

RABBI MENDY HEBER lit the city's Menorah during the ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 17. Light bulbs had been replaced with oil lamps for the lighting. (left)

SARA OSTER, ISRAEL Heber, Chana Heber, Shandy Karzak and Mussy Karzak came out to Village Square to watch the Menorah lighting and enjoy a few sufganiyot. (right)



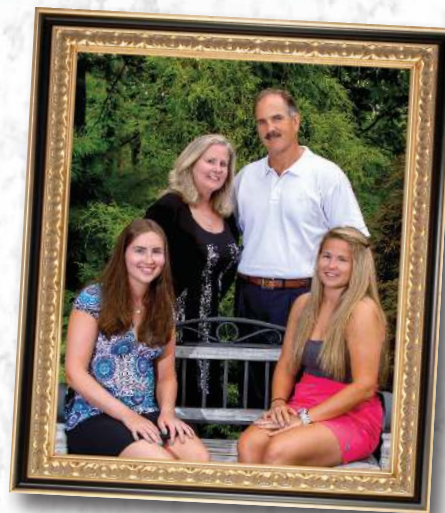
Happy Holidays!

To all our Glen Cove Community,

I always love the holidays! It's such a special time for families, friends and neighbors to celebrate the wonders of the season. It is an opportunity to worship, to give thanks, and to help those who are less fortunate. A time to share a meal, share a story, and stop to remember the importance of being together.

As my family and I gather once again for our annual holiday celebration, I would like to thank all of you for your support. It means so much to me. As each new year begins, I am increasingly grateful to you for investing your trust and confidence in me as your Supervising City Court Judge. In the twenty nine years since I first came on board as Associate Judge, I have consistently strived to rise to the challenges of the court with fairness and integrity.

Whenever you spot me around town – at City Hall, at the Senior Center, at the National Night Out Against Crime or enjoying the music at our downtown concert series – please be sure to say hello. You, our citizens, are what make this city a wonderful place to live and work. I look forward to serving another year as your Glen Cove Supervising City Court Judge. I hope you and your family have a wonderful and blessed holiday season!



Best Wishes,
The Hon. Richard J. McCord and Family



HERALD SPORTS

Hofstra wrestlers look to make noise

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In its fifth season competing in one of the nation's top college wrestling conferences, Hofstra is pinning hopes that a familiar stage will aid a strong finish.

Hofstra hosts the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships in early March, giving the Pride a chance to compete on the home Mack Sports Complex mats for a chance at making a loud statement against some of the more storied wrestling programs. The EIWA is the country's oldest wrestling conference featuring top academic schools from the Ivy League and Patriot League including perennial powers Cornell and Lehigh.

"To host the oldest wrestling tournament in the country in front of our home fans is incredible," said fourth-year head coach Dennis Papadatos. "We need to use that to our advantage."

Senior heavyweight Michael Hughes gives the Pride hope for a presence on the EIWA podium and a deep run in the NCAA Championships slated for March 15-17 in Cleveland. Hughes redshirted last year in part because of a five-year program for his physical education major and was ranked seventh by InterMat Wrestling for 285 pounds after winning his first 15 matches. Papadatos said Hughes has a strong shot at becoming Hofstra's first All-American since 2012 and serves as a strong example off the mat as well through his leadership with Hofstra's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

"Expectations are as high as can be for him," Papadatos said of Hughes. "He is focused."

Hofstra returned 10 starters from last year's 6-11 team that went 2-6 in the challenging EIWA. Sophomore Sage Heller led the Pride with 23 victories at 174 pounds last year and got further battle tested over the summer by earning a bronze medal with Team USA at the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

"We have high expectations for him," Papadatos said of Heller, a former three-time Illinois state qualifier from the Chicago area. "He has all the tools."

Sophomore Vinny Vespa also shined



Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

AS A FRESHMAN last season, Sage Heller, left, won 23 of 40 matches at 174 pounds, leading the Pride in victories, and then earned a bronze medal over the summer with Team USA at the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

during his rookie campaign after posting 18 wins and placing fifth in the EIWA Championships at 133 pounds last season. Other returnees who Papadatos is looking to strive for greatness include Ryan Burkert (149 pounds), Nezar Haddad (197), Cory Damiana (184), Bobby Fehr (165), Connor Burkert (141), Jacob Martin (125) and Connor Burkert (141).

"The goal at the end of the day is to get as many guys to the national tournament as possible," said Papadatos, who was a

two-time NCAA Championship qualifier for Hofstra. "I believe we have the ability and we have to believe that it can and will happen."

The Pride closed their December schedule on a high note with a commanding 26-9 win against George Mason on Dec. 10 under the bright lights in the Theater at Madison Square Garden. The win put Hofstra at 3-4 in dual matches heading into a three-week break for final exams and the Christmas holiday.

Hofstra has a busy home schedule on tap for January starting with a 6 p.m. bout on the 12th against the Air Force Academy followed by two matches on Jan. 14 versus Bloomsburg and EIWA foe Binghamton. After facing Buffalo on Jan. 27, the Pride close the home schedule with league tilts versus Sacred Heart on Feb. 11 before back-to-back home matches on Feb. 17 against Brown and Harvard.

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THE ANNUAL TOYS for Tots event got kids involved, who were able to help load up giant tractor-trailers with toys.

Glen Cove hosts Toys for Tots drive Santa's job will be a little easier this year

By **DANIELLE AGOLIA**
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School Street in Glen Cove was closed down on the morning of Dec. 10, but not because of the first snow of the season.

Three 20-foot box trucks and three 40-foot trailers were busy being loaded with over 55,000 new toys, donated by generous Tri-State area residents wanting to give back during the holiday season.

The annual U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive held in Glen Cove was a huge success, and the toys will be donated to children during

the holidays who are in need of gifts.

Put on for the seventh year by Joe LaPadula, owner of Martino Auto Concepts in Glen Cove, the street was filled with colorful custom cars and decked-out trailers in honor of the season.

The Glen Cove Police, Auxiliary Police and Fire Department donated their trucks and cars for the event as well.

The annual good-cause event attracted visitors from near and far, even as far as the North Pole. Santa stopped by to say thanks for the donations which help make his job a little easier.



Courtesy Joe LaPadula



(Clockwise from top left) **MANY OF THE** cars on display were holiday themed, like this Lamborghini.

A GROUP OF kids were able to climb on a Marine Humvee to get a better view of the custom cars on display.

SOOJIN KIU TOOK a drive in one of the custom Toys for Tots cars during the event last weekend.

TRAFFIC WAS LITERALLY stopped in the downtown thanks to a festive and entertaining display of trucks, flags and custom cars from Martino Auto Concepts and around the Island.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 21

Music Jam

Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Bring your acoustic instrument and your voice, or just come listen to an old-fashioned jam. (516) 671-4290.

Friday, Dec. 22

Meet and Greet with Santa

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Join the Center for a visit from Santa. (516) 759-9610.

Adult Coloring

Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 3 to 4 p.m. Now that the days are getting shorter, we all need a way to brighten our days. Coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind. Meetings are relaxed and informal. Coloring pages and supplies will be provided. (516) 671-4290.

Saturday, Dec. 23

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.

Dancersize with Carol

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 9:30 a.m. Enjoy ten sessions of Dancersize classes with Carol Rodriguez for a \$50 fee. Registration and fee required.

Tuesday, Dec. 26

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.

Garvies Point Film Series

Garvies Point Museum & Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. The museum is offering three film screenings of "How The Earth Was Made." (516) 571-8010.

Glen Head Rotary Meeting

Cedar Creek Restaurant, 75 Cedar Swamp Rd., Glen Cove, 6:45 p.m. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Serving the Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, and Sea Cliff communities. For information, call Charlie at (516) 277-2600.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Glen Cove City Council Meeting

Glen Cove City Hall, Main Chambers, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. The city council will hold a public meeting. (516) 676-2000.

New Year's Eve Craft

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Ring in the New Year by creating crafts to help celebrate. Recom-



photos courtesy of Metro Creative Connection

Holiday poinsettia display

The Main Greenhouse at Planting Fields Arboretum will have a Holiday Poinsettia and Cyclamen Display during the month of December. You can see this holiday display daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it is free with admission.

The Park is closed on Christmas Day. For specific questions about the display, please contact the Park Office (516) 922-8600 (1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay).

mended for grades K through five. (516) 676-2130.

Movie Time

Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 11 a.m. Enjoy a screening of "Despicable Me 3," recommended for ages 3 and up. Snacks provided. (516) 628-2765.

Thursday, Dec. 28

Movies at the Library

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 1 p.m. Join us for a Thursday afternoon movie at the library. "Tommy's Honour" will be screening in the MNA Community Room. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. All are welcome. (516) 671-1837.

Birthday Cake Playdough

Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop by the Children's Room to make playdough using frosting, cornstarch and sprinkles. (516) 671-1837.

Friday, Dec. 29

Smarter Social Security

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Get smarter about your Social Security with this workshop, sponsored by the library. (516) 676-2130.

New Year's Party

Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 3 to 4 p.m. Children of all ages are invited, featuring noisemakers, party games, a countdown, and snacks. Dress up in black and gold, and get ready to rock around the clock. (516) 671-1837.

Pizza and Picturebooks

Sea Cliff Children's Library, 281 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 3 to 4 p.m. Book discussions for kindergartners and first graders. (516) 801-3402.

Pajama Party

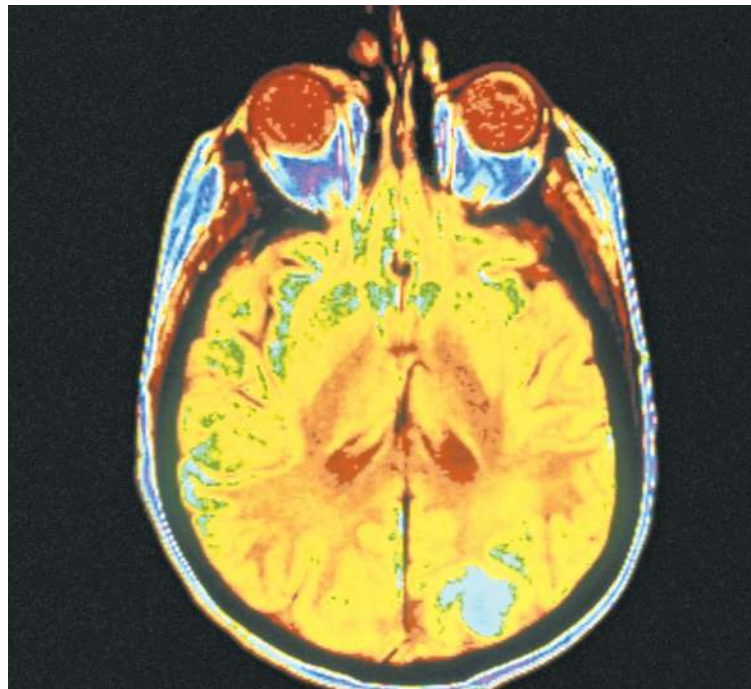
Bayville Free Library, 32 School St., Bayville, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Teens can enjoy a fun evening of pizza and a movie. Please bring a dessert to share. Registration is

open for children in grades 6 through 12. (516) 671-1837.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Winter Birdfeeder Craft

Garvies Point Museum & Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$5 per participant in addition to museum admission. (516) 571-8010.



Brain fitness class

Tuesday, Jan. 2, Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Improve memory skills, build brain strength, and learn about positive thinking and nutrition for the brain. It's fun, easy, and you will be amazed by how you can boost your brain power. (516) 676-2130.

Sunday, Dec. 31

New Years Eve at Still Partners

225 Sea Cliff Ave, Sea Cliff, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chris Kinnear will join Andy Aledort and his band The Groove Kings at Still Partners to perform on New Years Eve.

Monday, Jan. 1

Mayoral Inauguration

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St. # 304, Glen Cove, 3 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend the inauguration of Timothy J. Tenke and city council members. (516) 676-2000.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Northport Chorale Casting Call

Northport High School Choir Room, 154 Laurel Hill Rd., Northport, 7 p.m. All voices are eligible to audition for this open casting call. There will be additional call dates on Jan. 10 and 17. Contact Debi at (631) 704-6144 or Pearl at (631) 239-6736 for more information.

Glowing Snowman Lantern

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main Street, Oyster Bay, 4 to 5 p.m. It's cold outside, but this cheery snowman will warm up your room. Paint a plastic lantern, decorate it with winter themed trim to light up at night. Registration starts on Jan. 2 for non-residents, space permitting. Recommended for children age 3 to 5. Please register in the Children's Room or call (516) 922-1212.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Second Annual Seed Packaging Party

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 1 to 4 p.m. The Seed Library is gearing up to repackage more seeds for the 2018 growing season and would love your help. Registration required. (516) 676-2130.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Alzheimer's: What You Need to Know

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Daphne Perry, from Stony Brook Medicine's Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's disease, will discuss common causes of memory problems in older adults, the role and needs of patients and caregivers, as well as community resources available for those affected. (516) 676-2130.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Author Lecture

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Tom Fabbri, wellness coach and author of "Ageless You Adventure," will discuss his new work "Being Brave Is Not the Absence of Fear," and the importance of living your dreams by overcoming fear and embracing obstacles. Learn ways to rise above limitations, fear and negative thought. (516) 676-2130.

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Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

GCVFD thanks members of the community for their continued support

At the Nov. 27 department meeting of the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department, two community members who have gone above and beyond to assist the department were presented citations.

Lisa Travatello, the Public Relations Officer for the City of Glen Cove received a citation for continuously worked with the department's Public Information Committee and assisting in creating and sharing numerous press releases for department events, including the 180



Photos courtesy GCVFD

LISA TRAVATELLO, CITY public relations officer, was honored by the GCVFD for her continued help in promoting their events.

Anniversary and Fifth Battalion Parade and Drill this year.

The second citation was presented to Peter Morra, owner of Glen Cove Beer Distributors. For many years, Morra and his staff have provided refreshments at department events and ensured restocks when necessary. Morra and his staff have also opened their doors to the department at a moment's notice, even in the middle of the night to provide extra water and Gatorade during fires and other emergencies.

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Webb Institute student wins scholarship

Webb Institute, a four-year college specializing in naval architecture and marine engineering, announced Vincent Commisso from the class of 2018 as the sixth recipient of the annual American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Scholarship.

The ABS Scholarship Program provides financial support to deserving engineering and naval architecture students based on GPA, class rank, leadership ability, and faculty recommendations. The scholarships are part of a broad program at ABS that supports students in the offshore oil and gas and maritime industries. Each year, a Webb student is awarded a full-tuition scholarship and a \$2,500 room-and-board stipend.

Commisso is a senior student from Wantagh, N.Y. He has an outstanding academic record and has served the Webb community as a Student Organization



Courtesy Webb Institute

WEBB INSTITUTE STUDENT Vincent Commisso was awarded the annual American Bureau of Shipping Scholarship.

President, a member of Webb's Leadership Committee, and a key member of Webb's Communications Committee.

Chamber holds holiday party

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce held a Holiday Dinner Dance on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Glen Cove Mansion.

Members and guests danced the night away and enjoyed drinks, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert. Raffles and Chinese Auction gifts from local shops were also distributed during the night. Business-owners and guests had a great time getting together to celebrate the holidays.



Photos by Elisa Dragotto/Herald Gazette

MEMBERS OF GLEN Cove's Chamber of Commerce, Rick Cody and Karyn Pasqualina, right, enjoyed refreshments by the fire.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Board Members were happy to provide holiday entertainment for fellow business owners.



MAREZA RIVERA AND Brenda Lopez of Glen Cove Child Day Care and Lisa Cohn, the chamber's vice president, enjoyed catching up during the holiday party.

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Building a more inclusive health class

Educators: Teaching students to accept is key in a rapidly changing world

By **ERIK HAWKINS**

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

In the past three years, Rich Wojcieszki, who teaches health in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, said he has had five or six students actually come out to his health class during units on sexuality and identity.

"It starts with having a good rapport in the class," he said. "It's interesting to see how open and accepting a lot of the students are."

During one sharing activity called the "Genderbread Man," Wojcieszki said, many students use the time to bare their souls, to a degree, and tell their classmates how they identify. "Sometimes the kids seem relieved to do it," he said.

Transgender students and the fluid nature of the discussion around identity and orientation have been part of a wave over the past several years that Eric Caballero, the Central District's director of health and athletics, said has made it clear to educators that, "quite honestly, textbooks are like automobiles — once you drive them off the lot, they're outdated."

Investing in stopping bullying

Districts that ignore the issue or do not adopt their own anti-discrimination policies run the risk of students experiencing bullying or not having access to vital information, according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

For example, despite the Dignity for All Students Act, which was passed in New York state in 2010 (see box), and was intended to create discrimination- and bullying-free public schools, both remain significant issues in the state — and many schools have not kept their policies up to date to ensure that all students are treated fairly.

GLSEN found in a 2015 study that a majority of LGBTQ students surveyed in the state reported hearing anti-gay or transphobic remarks in school, while half of the students surveyed reported being harassed because of their gender



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RICH WOJCIESKI TEACHES health in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, and said in the past several years he has seen several students come out to their entire class during units on sexuality and identity.

expression.

The study also found large numbers of students being kept from normal behaviors such as displaying affection publicly, using the bathroom that aligns with their gender identities or using their preferred names or pronouns (see box).

"Since 2005, we have seen significant investment in bullying-prevention in the United States, and an unprecedented level of public attention to this serious issue," Dr. Eliza Byard, executive director of GLSEN, said. "It's encouraging to see that we're making progress. However, it is absolutely clear that we must pay more focused attention to some of the most persistent forms of bias in order to continue to move the needle and improve the school climate in America."

According to Caballero, Central District educators have been discussing

inclusivity and making sure their human sexuality curriculum includes information on identity and expression for at least six years. "I'm happy to say we're kind of ahead of the curve," he said.

"We have incorporated transgender issues into our human sexuality units, specifically at the high school level," he said. "But the reality is, to our kids' credit, they've been much more accepting of people who are different, regardless of sexual orientation, ethnicity or whatever the case may be."

Nora Gelperin, of the national educational organization Advocates for Youth, meanwhile, said that while it is "wonderful" that many school districts nationwide are realizing that they need to address transgender issues, many districts lag behind and need guidance.

"So many administrators will say, 'We don't have any gay or trans kids here,'" she said. "And I say, 'No — you're just

blind to it.'"

Gelperin has taught human sexuality and trained educators 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.

The top request that Gelperin and her colleagues at Advocates for Youth get is to visit districts and train teachers on proper pronouns, references, as well as locker room and bathroom best practices.

"It used to be we had the one lesson plan on sexual orientation and just tried to muddle through it," she said.

It's all about the kids

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.

The most important step that districts can take, Gelperin said, is to ensure that people of all gender identities and expressions are talked about across all subject areas.

"The best practice is to have it be part and parcel," she said. "Any time you talk about families, talk about a wide range of families and what families can look like ... it's just more important to weave it into everything that you do."

"We should be talking about all kind of relationships, not just heterosexual relationships," she added.

A group of nine health teachers and an outside education consultant are currently working with Caballero to revamp Bellmore-Merrick's health curriculum to make it more representative of students' daily realities, focusing on social media, gender identity and mental health.

"I think if we're ignorant and uneducated when these things arise, you can find yourself in a precarious situation," Caballero said. "At the end of the day, it's not about anything else but the kids, regardless of sexual orientation."

Next week: Schools focusing more and more on "experiential" learning.

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GLSE finds New York LGBTQ students still struggle

- Eighty-seven percent of LGBTQ students reported hearing "gay" used in a negative way, while 63 percent reported hearing negative remarks about transgender people.
- Sixty-five percent reported facing verbal harassment over their sexual orientation, while 30 percent reported physical harassment or assault.
- Fifty percent reported facing verbal harassment over their gender expression; 24 percent reported physical harassment or assault.
- Forty-two percent of students said they were either prevented from expressing PDA in school or using the bathroom or locker room that aligned with their gender identity.
- Only 22 percent of students said that their schools have comprehensive anti-harassment policies that included specific protections for gender identity and sexual orientation.
- Only 31 percent of students reported being taught positive attributes about LGBT people in class, or having an "inclusive curriculum."

New York State Dignity for All Students Act

- Signed into law by former Gov. David Paterson in 2010; implemented statewide in 2012.
- Made it the state's policy to make all public schools free of discrimination and harassment.
- States that harassment includes the creation of a hostile environment by conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that could interfere with a student's performance, opportunities or benefits, mental emotional or physical well-being.
- Forbids harassment based on a student's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or sex.
- Requires school districts to create policies to prevent harassment, raise awareness and sensitivity of employees to possible harassment and enable them to respond effectively to it.

Learning reading, writing and arithmetic in a mansion

By LAURA LANE

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“Gold Coast Classrooms” began with a ringing of a large brass handheld bell, the kind that teachers used years ago to signal that it was time for school to begin. The program at the North Shore Historical Museum on Dec. 2 was a salute to the mansion schools, so the bell, which at least one person attending the event said he remembered hearing as a child, was fitting for an evening rich in memories.

Between 1890 and 1940 there were 1,200 mansions built on the Gold Coast. Panelists Barbara Schoen Brundige, Mark Guthiel, Keith and Peggy Michel, Vin Salamone, and Barbara Willett – who rang that same bell often when she was a teacher – shared their memories of the North Shore schools and colleges housed in the mansions.

“Sometimes they used the entire estate but sometimes just the mansion,” said Amy Driscoll, the museum director, to the sold out crowd. “We often hear stories about the schools and asked our panelists to share the memories they found most striking.”

Brundige had fond memories of living at North Shore Day School. “Dad wanted to establish a sport’s camp and bought it [in 1947],” she said. “We cared for everything that went on there. There were stained glass windows and a fireplace in



Laura Lane/Herald Gazette

“GOLD COAST CLASSROOMS,” an evening that included nostalgia as well as humor, was sold out at the North Shore Historical Museum.

every room.”

The mansion was built in the 1800’s by the Bushby family. When Brundige was a child she lived with her family on the upper two floors of the main house. Her mother, Ida Mae Schoen, opened a nursery school there in 1949, and oversaw a camp in the summer. When her parents divorced in 1961, her mother bought the school from her ex-husband and ran it for 15 years. When her Brundige’s mother retired, she and her husband bought the school. It was a day camp and day school until they sold it 18 years later. North Shore Day School and Camp still

exists today.

“My mother was a teacher there,” said Guthiel. “It was a magical place, a progressive school with a bunch of tables, chairs and pillows. I loved to slide down the banister.”

Keith Michael said that when he went to the Webb Institute, which remains a marine engineering and naval architectural college today, there were only 24 students. “Now there are 98 students,” he said. “It’s the toughest school in America. I spent a lot of time studying.”

He’s the president of Webb now and the once all boys school is coed.

His wife, Peggy, went to the Grace Downs Airline School, which trained women to be airline stewardesses and secretaries. “I learned typing and stenography,” she said. “I got a job at Pan Am. What I remember most about my days at the school are the friendships.”

Grace Downs moved from Manhattan in 1959 into the F.W. Woolworth mansion in Glen Cove, until it closed in the 1970s.

Salamone, a 1963 graduate from LIU Post, worked there as an athletic administrator, coach and trainer for 50 years. “I remember my first class was in Marjorie Merriweather’s bedroom,” he said.

Willett began her career as a teacher at the Deasy School going on to teach at Killibeg in Locust Valley, which was an elementary school at the time. “One teacher used the bathtub for her files,” she said, smiling. “The rooms were crowded and we didn’t have a desk. Upstairs there were bedrooms.”

Some people who came to enjoy the presentation had gone to the schools. One man asked Willett if she still had his keys that he lost at school. She assured him she did not.

There was some discussion about the different teaching methods that were utilized then, which would be considered old fashioned by today’s standards. For example, Guthiel said there were no textbooks when he was in school. “We learned everything by doing,” he said. “To learn math, we baked brownies.”



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THE QUESTION:

Are you on Santa's naughty or nice list - and why?



Nice! I help in chores, like raking leaves and mowing the lawn with my pretend lawn mower. And sometimes I help wash dishes.

MACKENZIE GILLOON
Kindergarten



I sometimes help my brother with things like his spelling and science homework so he knows more stuff. That's why I think I'm on the nice list!

KAYLA PEREZ
4th Grade



I'm good to my sissy. I give her lots of kisses, and I play games with her like 'Hide and Seek' and 'Ring Around the Rosie.'

BRIDGET ELLIS
Pre K



Nice! I have fun with my brother and sister and help out with them. I watch them when mommy needs to make dinner, and we play the matching game.

KATE O'BRIEN
2nd Grade



I've been doing good stuff for other people, like giving to the poor. I always play with people that don't have a lot of friends, and I greet everyone with a smile!

ANTHONY CHIOFFE
3rd Grade



I'm nice because I help my friends when they get hurt by helping them walk to the nurse, and I tell the teacher.

EMILY DOMBROWSKI
2nd Grade

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CITY COUNCILWOMAN PAMELA Panzenbeck spoke during the ceremony on Dec. 10 to honor lifelong volunteers and members of St. Rocco's Church Angelina Anzalone, left, with flowers, Yolanda Ruthkowski and Laura DiLeo.

Church's anniversary falls on Christmas Eve

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what they could to support construction of a church, raising money and working to convince Bishop Thomas Molloy of the Diocese of Brooklyn to create an Italian parish.

Carl Bruno, another life-long parish member, said his mother, Theresa, was instrumental in getting the church approved by the diocese because she spoke English and Italian. She drove several times to Brooklyn with a few men from the community, and she did all of the talking with the bishop and his secretary. They were then informed that permission from St. Patrick's Church was needed to create another parish in the area. In 1934, the group received all necessary approvals.

Michael Pascucci was chosen as the architect, and he modeled the design after a church in Sturno, a town in southern Italy, from which many residents had emigrated.

Community members then donated their time and talents to help build the church. DiLeo said her father, Michael Macedonio, was one of the builders, and there is a stained-glass window in his name inside the church.

The Church of St. Rocco broke ground on July 18, 1937, and was completed by Christmas Eve that year. The community celebrated with a blessing and first Mass by Bishop Thomas Molloy.

The Rev. Elidoro Capobianco was assigned as the church's first pastor.

Soon Italians from surrounding communities began visiting the church by bus to attend Mass with an Italian-speaking priest. Today the parish continues to attract members with its close-knit Italian family culture.

The church today

DiLeo said not much has changed since the church's humble beginning. Although the congregation has grown and the services are no longer in Latin, there is still an Italian Mass each week.

Since her days as a choir girl and member of the Rosary Society, DiLeo still spends time volunteering. She has helped count the Sunday collections for nearly 30 years, helps cook and serve the food for St. Rocco's Feast, and continues to attend Mass every weekend.

"I love my church and I want to be involved," she explained. "I think it's a very beautiful church."

She was one of three long-time members and volunteers of the parish honored at the anniversary dinner. The other honorees were Yolanda Ruthkowski and Angela Anzalone.

Committee Chairman Dr. Gary Galante said the women were chosen based on their long history of active volunteerism with the church.

"In honoring the church, I think we honored the past parishioners that helped to build our church," Galante said.

More than 200 people attended the event, which included a dinner and dancing, including former pastors.

Bruno, who now lives in Glen Head, still travels the short distance back to Glen Cove to attend services in his parish. Throughout the years he served as an altar boy, was part of the Holy Name Society, was chairman of the 40th and 60th anniversary events, treasurer of the feast for nearly 50 years and a former treasurer of the parish.

"It's my parish. I love my parish," he said. "I love the people, and I love what I do."



MONSIGNOR CHARLES CANIVAN, pastor of St. Dominic's in Oyster Bay, offered a blessing during the groundbreaking.

Art of illusion

It's not all what it seems at Nassau County Museum of Art

There's a lot of talk about "fake" lately and separating what's "real" from untruth. Nassau County Museum of Art jumps into that conversation with its latest exhibit, "Fool the Eye," which opened last month and continues through March 4.

The exhibit, guest-curated by Franklin Hill Perrell (the museum's former chief curator) and Debbie Wells, challenges viewers to experience the wonder of masterful artistic techniques. It includes examples of traditional trompe l'oeil (a technique that uses realistic imagery to create the effect that the depicted objects exist in three dimensions) and a wide range of other approaches to illusion. The works on view include larger-than-life oversized objects, hypnotic geometric abstractions, sculptures made of unexpected materials, images with mind-bending impossibilities and fine art so seemingly realistic, they are (nearly) indistinguishable from real things.

"Franklin and I have curated other exhibits for the museum," says Wells. "This time we picked a fun, whimsical trend in art history that we can share with visitors in an engaging way."

The exhibit shows how artists use visual tricks to manipulate the perception of space, incorporating spatial illusion. "We are surprising viewers," says Wells. "They look at one thing and see another."

When visitors first walk in to the exhibition space, for example, everyone is greeted by Marc Sijan's sculpture of a security guard, which is placed near where Roy Lichtenstein's "Waterlilies Blue" is hanging.

"People come in and it seems that a security guard is protecting the Lichtenstein," Wells says. "Then you take a second look at the guard and realize that the guard is not real. It's a really good way of getting visitors when they enter the museum into the mood of the exhibit."

To separate what's real from what is a clever ruse takes an alert eye and the willingness to examine art carefully. Take a few steps to the right and observe, draw your conclusions about what you think you see. Then, a few steps to the left reveals a whole new image. The guesses multiply. Is it a flat surface or a sculpture? Is it a photograph or a painting? Is it made of wood or bronze, rubber or steel? Is it real or faux?

In fact, it's a visual journey that challenges perceived perceptions of what we think is "real."



Courtesy of Arthur and Arlene Levine
Otto Duecker's image of Marilyn Monroe, "Gold Marilyn," 2010, oil on board, is featured in the exhibit.



Courtesy of Louis K. Meisel Gallery
Look closely at the box of slides. Randall Rosenthal's "Slide Box," 2016, may not be as it appears.

"People have to resist the urge to touch things," says Wells. "You can't believe what you are seeing. What you think you are looking at isn't really what you are looking



Courtesy of Gerald Peters Gallery NY
Marc Sijan's "Security Guard," 2016, welcomes visitors to the museum.

at."

Consider Otto Duecker's image of Marilyn Monroe. "It seems as if a black and white photograph has been taped to the wall," says Wells. In fact, it's not that at all.

"It's all a lot fun," she says. Everyone does double takes, looking from different angles to figure out what they are seeing. We all tend to take for granted what we see. 'Fool the Eye' forces you to really look at the art works."

"The timeless tradition of trompe l'oeil art uses perspective, unexpected materials and optical trickery to "fool the eye" to entertain or convey a message," Wells states in the exhibition catalogue. "In this exhibition, Franklin and I bring many fine examples dating from the 19th century all the way to modern day. We created categories from traditional to "out of the box" techniques that we are sure will appeal to art lovers of all kinds (and even those who will simply be amazed by the sheer cleverness of the art!)."

"It 's been an honor for Franklin and I to curate this exhibit," she adds. "We've included a combination of pieces from New York galleries, along with those from Long Island artists. It's always important for a Long Island museum to show Long Island artists."

Above all "Fool the Eye" will surely make visitors think and provoke discussion throughout the galleries about reality vs. deception. "There really is something for everyone," says Wells. "Kids seem to especially enjoy the exhibit as they try to figure things out."

'FOOL THE EYE'

When: Nassau County Museum of Art, One Museum Dr., (off Northern Blvd.), Roslyn Harbor. Admission/Hours: \$12, \$8 seniors and \$4 students and children. Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (516) 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

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SEASONAL DELIGHTS Cedarmere's Holiday Wonderland

Cedarmere, the historic Roslyn home of 19th-century poet and editor William Cullen Bryant, hosts a lively holiday celebration, including singing of favorite carols and wintry stories with family and friends. Paul Helou — a favorite with kids — leads the sing-along, with his entertaining personality and ingenious playing of his one-of-kind guitar. The Main House is, of course, is trimmed for the occasion, and the Great Room, especially, is filled with wonderful decorations and toys. Refreshments are served all afternoon. The Mill is also open for this special occasion, where you may catch a glimpse of some hard-working elves making preparations for their own celebration there.

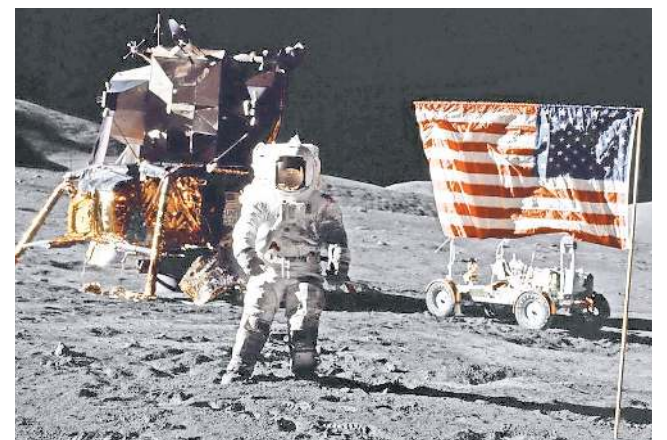


WEEKEND Out and About

Saturday, Dec. 23, 2-4 p.m. \$15. Cedarmere, 225 Bryant Ave., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 544-3944.

FAMILY FUN Blast Off to the Moon

Cradle of Aviation celebrates the Apollo 17 moon landing (Dec. 7, 1972) with holiday recess programming. Families will learn about the record-setting moon landing, with its most total moonwalks, total rock samples collected and longest time in lunar orbit. Young visitors can commemorate this mission with varied activities for all ages. Design and create a space helmet and put "astronaut training" to the test by searching for hidden moon rocks around the museum. Also check out the Hands-On Science Zone where everyone can make a crate, take part in the Astronaut Challenge and Doodle on the Moon.



Tuesday through Monday, Dec. 26-Jan. 1 Cradle of Aviation Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 572-4111 or www.cradleofaviation.org.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage

Annie

The irrepressible comic strip heroine comes to life in the beloved musical, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21-22, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 23, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 24, 2 and 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 26, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 27, 3 and 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Carolann Solebello and Rich Lanahan

The singer-songwriters share the stage with acoustic guitarist Gerry McKeveny, Thursday, Dec. 21, 8:30 p.m. (open mic at 7:30 p.m.). Hard Luck Cafe at Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 425-2925 or www.fmsh.org or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.



Friday Night Fever with the New York Bee Gees

The tribute band in concert, Friday, Dec. 22, 8 p.m. With special appearance by Raniere Martin's Tribute to Donna Summer, and Shining Star's Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

New Horizons String Orchestra

The orchestra explores varied string quartet works, Friday, Dec. 22, 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 or www.paramountny.com.

Playboi Carti

The rapper in concert, Saturday, Dec. 23, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Harlem Globetrotters

The sharp shooting hoops stars in action, Thursday, Dec. 28, 1 and 6 p.m. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

Matisyahu

The reggae artist teams up with Orphan, for the Broken Crowns Tour, Friday, Dec. 29, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



A Charlie Brown Christmas

Share the holiday season with Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang, when Charles M. Schulz's beloved story comes to life on the Madison Theatre stage, on Thursday Dec. 28, 2 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 29, 2 and 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and their pals as they put on a play, save and tree and finally uncover the true meaning of Christmas, featuring the classic Vince Guaraldi score

Tickets are \$45-\$55, available at 323-4444 or www.madisontheatre.org. Madison Theatre, Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre.

40th Anniversary

David Clarke's 'Songs in the Attic'

A musical tribute commemorating the 35th anniversary of Billy Joel's Live From Long Island concert, Friday, Dec. 29, 8 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 901-1807 or www.landmarkon-mainstreet.org.

Saturday Night Fever Tribute

Denny Terrio and Donna Pescow host a musical tribute to the iconic film, Saturday, Dec. 30, 8 p.m. With Tavares, France Joli, Yvonne Elliman, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, Disco Unlimited, Lenny Zaktek aka Gonzalez, Carol Douglas, Ruben Faison of The Strikers, Felipe Rose of The Village People, and more. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

For the Kids

Balloon Workshop

Join Mismatch the Clown and learn to make balloon objects, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m. Registration required. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Scrimshaw Craft Workshop

Carve a scrimshaw-style keepsake box, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 12-3 p.m. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or www.csh-whalingmuseum.org.

Simple Machines: Lego Engineering

Join the Long Island Science Center for an engineering workshop, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 3:30 p.m. Work with levers, pulleys and Lego models to learn about observation, making predictions and interpreting data. For grades 3-6. Gold Coast Public

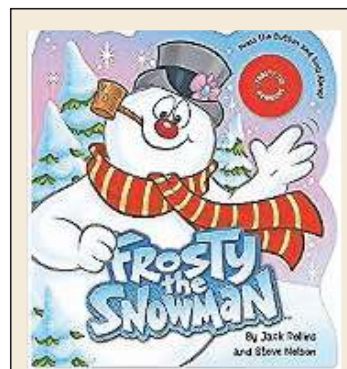
Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Movie Fun

See "Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2," the second installment of the superhero adventure based on the Marvel Comics superhero team of the same name, Thursday, Dec. 28, 6 p.m.; also "Captain Underpants," the animated superhero comedy, Friday, Dec. 29, 1 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencove-library.org.

Craft Workshop

Make a bird feeder out of recycled materials to enjoy and observe birds all winter long, Saturday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. A starter pack of bird seed is included. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.



Frosty the Snowman

Join Jenny and Frosty on their chilly adventures as they try to save the town of Chillsville from mean old Ethel Pierpot and her evil machine that will melt all the snow, Saturday, Dec. 23 11 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 27-30, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 31, 11:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Museums/ Galleries and more...



Tony Vaccaro: An American Photographer

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

The Art of Dr. Seuss

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

Fool the Eye

An exhibit that examines how artists use perceptual illusions, devising visual tricks to manipulate space, incorporating spatial illusion. Featured are 20th- and 21st-century artists whose work has explored illusion, including Salvador Dali, Janet Fish, Audrey Flack, Jasper Johns, Judith Leiber, Roy Lichtenstein, Vik Muniz, Ben Schoenzeit, and Victor Vasarely. Through March 4. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

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

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

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.

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 Feb. 2. Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center, 100 Crescent Beach Rd., Glen Cove. 571-8040 or www.hmtcli.org.

Seashells...Nature's Inspired Design

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



Movie Time

See "The Hitman's Bodyguard," an action comedy about a top protection agent who must guard his mortal enemy, the world's most notorious hitman, Thursday, Dec. 28, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

On Screen

See the classic film noir "They Live by Night," Friday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

A simple thank you

Now that the election is over and the final votes have been tallied, the time has come for me to decide what's next in my post-retirement journey. Regardless of what I decide, I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to those who have supported me during the four years in which I have been privileged to serve as my hometown's mayor.

When I was elected to my first term as mayor, I was well aware, having been a member of the City Council minority that Glen Cove was not in good fiscal shape. In the first hour of my first day on the job, I learned what I had inherited — a municipal government deep in debt in a city that was on the road to failure after years of suffering from incompetent management. What I found was, in a word, startling. Every filing cabinet in the mayor's office was empty. Not a single piece of paper was left behind to assist me in undertaking this new role. The only thing I found in the entire office was a sticky-note. The note was inscribed with two words — "Good luck!" It was attached to a small envelope containing two Tylenol tablets. That was the condition of the office and the condition of the city for which I was about to lead. I made a promise to

myself on day one that when it came time for me to pass the torch to my successor, I was determined to leave Glen Cove in far, far better shape than I had found it.

That time has now come. The torch is about to be passed to a new mayor and I'm pleased to report that I have kept my promise, both to myself, and to the residents of our fine city. In my four years in office, I managed to reduce the city's outstanding debt by \$10 million dollars while stabilizing real estate taxes, limiting any increases to just a half of one percent, while property values increased by 9 percent. During this same period, I was able to pay off the city's deficit bond and obtain two credit upgrades, which will make future borrowing less

expensive for Glen Cove taxpayers.

While accomplishing these financial successes, I also managed to get three major development projects started that had been languishing for years. In the long run, those developments will generate over \$500 million in new tax revenues. These projects alone will also produce 1,400 new jobs and stimulate our local community with \$56 million dollars of new economic activity. I promised that Glen Cove would be open for business, and during my term I brought 70 new businesses into our city.



REGGIE SPINELLO

I feel a great sense of satisfaction that I have been able to keep every promise I made when I first ran for mayor. And I'm more than proud to say that I was able to do it without political

favoritism and without looking the other way when it came to prosecuting landlords of illegal housing. I was absolutely determined to improve not just our city's financial standing but more importantly, its quality of life. In every instance, I did what I believe every public official should do. I played it straight, even at the risk of angering people who didn't agree with my determination to keep politics out of the best interests of our community. That was a risk I was willing to run in order to make our city a better place. Some say I paid the price for doing that, but I won't compromise myself for a vote. And now I am certain that Glen Cove is a better place and I have every confidence that it's moving in the right direction.

I've loved this job and I'm grateful to those who let me serve for these last four years. I thank my wife Coleen and my family for their support and the sacrifices they made throughout my candidacy, as the job of mayor is 24/7. So, for now I leave with a simple thank you to my fellow Glen Covers, my leadership team and all those city staff members and volunteers who were by my side the whole way helping me to get this job done and to improve our way of life.

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In search of holiday cheer

Dear Great Book Guru,

I have a confession to make: I feel like the Christmas Grinch. Please, please recommend a good book or two to get me in the Christmas spirit.

— *A Grinch in Search of Cheer*

Dear Grinch,

Never fear redemption is at hand. First, I am going to make an unusual suggestion — “The Christmas Spirit,” by renowned playwright and local resident Fred Stropfel. Far from the usual sentimental holiday fare, this play deals with death and redemption in a darkly humorous manner.

Julia Kennedy finds herself sitting in her cozy living room on Christmas Eve engaged in a fight for her life. The Christmas Spirit in the title is actually Death and he has come for Julia. She begs for more time and in exchange offers Death the chance to celebrate a family Christmas with all the trimmings. Her assortment of

dysfunctional family members plus the local priest, some troubled young guests, and the Christmas Spirit, who calls himself Jack Frost, gather at Julia's invitation to celebrate the holiday. Life-altering secrets are revealed that offer hope . . . for a moment. Our friends and family love gathering every year for a reading of this monumental work. It is available in many formats but the Amazon Kindle version is the one we use. If you prefer a more traditional approach, I suggest “A Christmas Carol,” by Charles Dickens. We read a beautifully illustrated



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and abridged version by Stephen Krensky on Christmas Eve afternoon. It takes about an hour with each of us taking a page or two. Get out the egg-nog and gather around with your friends and family for a wondrous weekend!

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

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It's time for Christmas!

BY REV. TRAVIS YEE

Trinity Lutheran Church

Welcome to the season of Christmas! It's such a wonderful time of year and probably the only time when everybody tries to get along at the dinner table. This specific season reminds everyone that we're supposed to be merry and happy. That's what the cards, stamps, commercials, and elves tell us all.

Even though with every new year the season of Christmas changes with exciting products and better ideas and the new year might come and go, for Christians, it

doesn't change. Christmas becomes that single point for Christians to come together. Churches and families are packed on Christmas as we all listen together to that one common denominator that connects us all — Jesus Christ.

Living in a commercial world we might believe that certain items are only useful for certain people. But the message of Christmas isn't just for Christians. The reason why we celebrate Christmas is to hear what God wants for everyone to hear, which is the wonderful news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ being born in a stable. But the announce-

ment of Jesus isn't just for Jewish people or for Christians. The Bible states in Luke:10 "And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'" In Luke:11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

When the angels spoke to the shepherds, they could have turned away. They were after all working, and had to care of their livestock. They were paid to care of their sheep. Shepherds were at the bottom of the working totem pole and couldn't afford to leave work. But they heard this good news and wanted to see what the angels had said. Can we blame them? If angels appeared at your job and told you wonderful news, what would you do? I probably would drop everything and go to the city of David to see this wonderful gift!

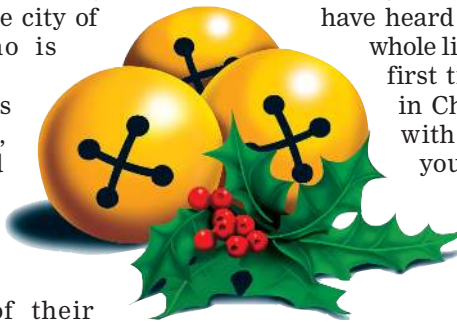
People might think the news of Christmas is old, but it's not. As a Christian for over 25 years, Christmas for me is still

new. It's new because it reminds us all that God still loves everyone each and every day. And it's new because it reminds us that this gift never gets olds.

People young and old have a chance to hear the good news of Jesus. If you have heard this good news your whole life-time or if this is the first time you're interested in Christmas, may God be with you. May God reach your heart and tell you that Jesus' birth is for you.

As the angels sang that night, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" God is pleased because Christ has been born. God is pleased because His Son is the reason why we have Christmas. As my daughter says, "Jesus is the reason for the season."

If you would like to hear more about Christmas I invite you to join us at Trinity Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve at 5:30 and 8 p.m. and Christmas Day at 10 a.m. Peace be with you during this Christmas season!



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OBITUARIES

Muriel J. "Moo Moo" Mercadante

Muriel J. "Moo Moo" Mercadante, 96, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Dec. 16, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Dominic J. (Chip); mother of Mark (Debbie), Joy Farrell (Robin) and the late Vincent; sister of the late Charles, Vincent, Anthony, Theresa Morsony, Joan Gretz and Joseph; grandmother of Gabriel and Katrina Farrell. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mercadante was a member of the Glen Cove Woman's Club and the Golf 18 Holers. She also volunteered for Glen Cove Hospital Auxiliary.

Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Thursday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco's, Friday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. Burial to follow at Holy Rood Cemetery.

Carol Templeton

Carol Templeton, 91, formerly of Glen Cove, N.Y. died on Dec. 15, 2017. Beloved

wife of the late Dr. Gordon Templeton; loving mother of Andrew (Kathy), Melissa Beauchamp (Jacques), Duncan (Aileen) and Janise Urishko (Chuck); cherished grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of three; dear sister of Elizabeth Skidmore (James), Joan Enwright (James), Eleanore Sorenson and the late Teddy and Henry; also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Memorial visitation was held at Oyster Bay Funeral Home.

Elizabeth M. Beglin

Elizabeth M. Beglin, 90, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Dec. 15, 2017. Beloved wife of the late George W. Sr.; loving mother of George W. Jr. (Doreen), Gerald E., Paula (Frank), Carol (Michael) and the late Elizabeth Bromley; dear sister of Edmund Hill (Benita); adored grandmother of William, Alexandra, Andrew and George III; cherished great-grandmother of William, Elias and Melanie.

Visitation was held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove, N.Y. Funeral Mass at St. Patrick's Church. Burial Locust Valley Cemetery.

John Sawicki

John Sawicki, 75, of Glen Cove and formerly of Glen Head, N.Y., died on Dec. 6, 2017. Beloved husband of Patricia "Pat;" loving father of Susan Mitchell (Charlie), Sharon Anucik (George) and Steven; dear brother of Robert and the late Marianne; proud grandfather of Dylan, Madison and Ryan.

Visiting was at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass was at St. Boniface Martyr Church of Sea Cliff. Interment Calverton National Cemetery.

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OPINIONS

Thank Sen. Richard Shelby for Roy Moore's defeat

As polarized and negative as American politics has become, something happened last week that shows there's still a reservoir of good sense in America's political system. The U.S. Senate election in Alabama was decided on the basis of character and fitness, not simply party politics, and the result is worth noting.



**ALFONSE
D'AMATO**

Over the past several decades, elections in Alabama have been one-sided affairs, with Republican candidates elected by comfortable majorities. That was expected to be the case in the special election to fill the Senate seat left

vacant by the appointment of Jeff Sessions as attorney general. But when the GOP primary nomination went to Roy Moore — a fringe candidate with a dark past — a few brave Republican leaders came forward and essentially said, "No, we'd rather lose a Senate seat than lose our integrity."

No one deserves greater recognition for the rejection of Moore than Alabama's senior senator, Richard Shelby, who, at great political risk, came out forcefully against Moore in the crucial final days of the campaign and helped prevent his election.

I've been proud to know Senator Shelby as both a colleague and a friend. He has always been a solid conservative who put principle above party. As Alabama's junior senator — and a Democrat — in the 1990s, he could no longer abide by the leftward drift of the national Democratic Party and became a Republican, where his party matched his convictions. He has always hued closely to his conservative principles, no matter which way the political tides were running.

So when Shelby publicly said he couldn't vote for Moore, his credibility and seriousness definitely impacted the election result. For that, Shelby has earned accolades as a profile in courage. And he has provided an example that

other Republicans should follow.

Conservative members of the party should make no apologies for rejecting fringe candidates who are so far out of the mainstream that they cannot possibly appeal to the broader electorate. In the past few election cycles, these fringe candidates have won GOP nominations for statewide offices only to go down in flames in general elections. In Indiana, a staunchly conservative senator, Richard Lugar, was defeated in the 2012 Republican primary by a far-out right-winger who then went on to lose badly that November. In Delaware and Nevada, where the GOP had an excellent chance to pick up open Senate seats in 2010 and 2016, respectively,

the same thing happened: Fringe candidates won primary election battles, only to lose the general election war.

If those three seats were now in GOP hands, the Republican majority in the Senate would not be hanging by such precarious thread, with almost no margin for error. But that's also why it's all the more

remarkable that GOP leaders were willing to sacrifice another crucial Senate seat rather than sacrifice their principles.

I also agree with Long Island's own congressman, Peter King, who rightfully took on alt-right guru Steve Bannon for demanding that the GOP drag itself so far over to the fringe that it would have lost the great middle ground that comprises a big swath of America's political landscape. And the same goes for the Democratic rabble rousers who are always trying to drag their party over to the antifa left. If the two political parties are pulled even more toward their extremes and away from the center, expect the vitriol and gridlock in Washington to continue. They'll be so far apart that they'll never be able to meet in the middle and address the very real challenges, both foreign and domestic, that the country faces. And that won't be good for either party, which means it will be worse yet for America.

Al D'Amato, a former U.S. senator from New York, is the founder of Park Strategies LLC, a public policy and business development firm. Comments about this column? ADAmato@liherald.com.

Dear Europe: Step up. It's payback time.

We've hit a rough patch in America. For the first time in memory, the eyes of the world are looking toward us with more pity than admiration. Our burnished reputation, earned through decades of economic and pro-democracy leadership, is tarnished. Our moral compass is spinning. And the spinner in chief, sadly, is our president.



**RANDI
KREISS**

In 1948, the United States launched the Marshall Plan, which pledged \$13 billion (\$130 billion in current dollars) to rebuild Europe. Every European country benefited from our largesse. Now it's payback time: We need their support to see us through the Trump years.

On the day he took office, President Trump began dismantling the government, as promised. Strong bastions of leadership and research and governance, like the Department of State, are dangerously understaffed and unprepared for the inevitable crises ahead. Domestically, Trump has hobbled our departments of housing and environmental protection and consumer protection and education, presaging a lack of services and funds for our most needy citizens.

Our government, cheered on by the

president, is shaking the pillars of our singular democracy, rolling back progress on race relations, gender equality, immigration rights and economic opportunity. Just a year ago, we were a country that welcomed newcomers without regard to race or religion. Now we impose travel bans on predominantly Muslim émigrés.

The president, who should be the beating heart of the nation and its moral center, is a self-serving buffoon, coyly boosting hate groups, denying climate change and supporting reprehensible candidates like Roy Moore, an accused pedophile.

America needs a helping hand, and it should come from Europe, which we rebuilt from the ashes of World War II.

Just last week, President Emmanuel Macron of France, in what was considered a response to Trump's intransigence, welcomed American climate scientists to France to do their research. He named several Americans as winners of a grant to study climate change in Paris.

One of the applicants, Ashley Ballantyne, a bioclimatologist at the University of Montana in Missoula, said in an interview, "It used to be that European scientists would come to the U.S. for opportunities. But I think the tides are turning, and there have been several really well respected, mid-career scientists leaving

for institutions in Germany and Switzerland and France [and] England. ... In some respects, there's been a bit of a reverse brain drain."

Our allies in Europe should step up in any way possible to help us get through this. So how about if England helps Puerto Rico get back on its feet? It's clear that our president doesn't see the devastation

of the island that Hurricane Maria left behind as an urgent matter.

Maybe Germany could take in the "dreamers" who Trump is threatening to deport and allow them to finish their education and launch their careers. Germany has been very generous with immigrant populations, so maybe it's willing to help. Especially after Trump was so publicly disrespectful of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Sweden might provide free reproductive services for American women who soon may not be able to find abortion providers. And Switzerland, we'll need some money if the new GOP tax plan creates a catastrophic deficit, as expected. Canada wasn't part of the Marshall Plan, but it might want to set aside more parks and wilderness areas, since our president is shrinking our protected lands to accommodate even more oil drilling. Soon we may have to go to British Columbia to hike without seeing a pipeline.

Maybe England can help Puerto Rico. Perhaps Germany can take in the 'dreamers.' But we Americans own this problem.

Perhaps Italy can send over a team to keep our rivers and reservoirs clean, so that while Trump & Co. are killing our environmental regulations, we can keep our drinking water safe for our children and grandchildren. Austria, the home of modern psychotherapy, might provide counselors to treat the great numbers of women coming forward with sexual harassment and assault accusations. At least 12 of them have accused the president of inappropriate or illegal behavior. Surely these women could benefit from free supportive therapy.

What no one can help us with is the man himself. We did it. We elected a morally depraved individual who brings a dark vision and a cold heart to the presidency. Donald Trump is evolving into the worst version of himself: willfully ignorant about the critical issues facing America, mean-spirited and divisive. He neglects the business of government, including security briefings, at his pleasure and our peril. The land of the free and the home of the brave can do better. Until we do, let's accept a helping hand from those who accepted our help in their hour of need.

I know it's wishful thinking — a fantasy. We own this problem. We voted our way into this mess, and eventually we'll come to our senses and vote our way out.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

New York state prioritizes gang prevention

In late October and early November, FBI agents, state troopers and Nassau County police began showing up at local parks and in secluded forests in central Nassau County — in the Roosevelt-Baldwin and Freeport-Merrick areas. Officials were there in search of bodies — and they found them.

More precisely, they found “human remains” — teenagers who had been hacked to death with machetes. Among those killed were two one-time Freeport High School students.

The notorious El Salvadoran gang MS-13 was likely responsible, authorities said. The killings sent a chill across the county. Central Nassau isn’t the kind of place where gangland killings are supposed to take place, or so we believed.

In our Nov. 9-15 editorial, we called on

elected leaders to do more to ensure that after-school and community-policing programs are not cut in high-risk communities. On Sunday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo stepped up, saying that he would seek \$11.5 million in state funding for more after-school, vocational-education and community-policing programs. We can only say, thank you, Governor!

There is little doubt in our minds that the best way to halt the scourge that is MS-13 is to keep young people from joining the gang in the first place. That means keeping kids off the streets and occupied in productive activities that give them a sense of self-worth — and that help them understand that their future lies in obtaining the best possible education. Art, music and sports are critical.

In last month’s editorial, we noted, “At the

elementary, middle school and high school levels, it’s more difficult to spot members of [MS-13]. Yes, you read right. MS-13 members can be as young as elementary age, according to a recent Florida International University study, “The New Face of Street Gangs: The New Gang Phenomenon in El Salvador.”

“In so many cases, MS-13 members look like regular schoolchildren. But they’re not.

“MS-13 isn’t so much a gang as it is an international crime organization that targets children and middle-school students, most of Latin-American descent, for membership. According to Florida International University, 60 percent of members join before they turn 15 and 77 percent before they reach 17.”

Indeed, it will take all of us working together to defeat MS-13. It’s good to know the governor has our backs.

This holiday season, give to hurricane relief

The holidays can be one of the most stressful times of year, with shopping and cooking, and more shopping and cooking. For most people it is also a joyous time of year, with precious hours spent with family and friends, often reminiscing about the year that has passed.

We can’t help but think how fortunate most of us are. Please, enjoy the holidays. This year, though, take a few minutes to reflect on the hundreds of thousands of hurricane victims in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico who still very much need our help, and consider giving to the American Red Cross or any of the many other organizations providing aid to those in need.

Five years ago at this time, so many Long Islanders were struggling to recover from Superstorm Sandy. Some still are. We under-

stand the psychic pain that so many are enduring down south. Lending a helping hand demonstrates that you care, and that alone can go a long way toward repairing the damage.

The Herald sent care packages full of snacks to community newspapers in Texas and Florida, knowing how hard the journalists there would be working to cover the aftermath of the hurricanes. We also took up a collection of canned goods and other food to send via Island Harvest to Puerto Rico.

We were incredibly touched by the thank-you letter we received from Valerie Harring, executive editor of Breeze Newspapers in Cape Coral, Fla. “Thank you for the wonderful cheer-up package of goodies sent in the wake of Hurricane Irma,” she wrote. “Nothing makes a stressed newsroom happier than

free food.” Thinking back five years, we can vouch for that.

Harring went on to say that the Breeze newsroom was so moved by our seemingly simple gesture that the editors and reporters there took up a collection of their own and made a donation, in the name of Herald Community Newspapers, to ECHO Global Farm, a nonprofit organization in Fort Meyers, Fla., that “assists small farmers and families throughout the world by teaching them how to more effectively produce the food needed to meet the needs of their families and communities.”

Despite sustaining \$100,000 in damage to its facility, ECHO is providing aid to Puerto Rico, whose small family farms were ravaged by Hurricane Maria. To learn how you can help this organization, go to www.echonet.org.

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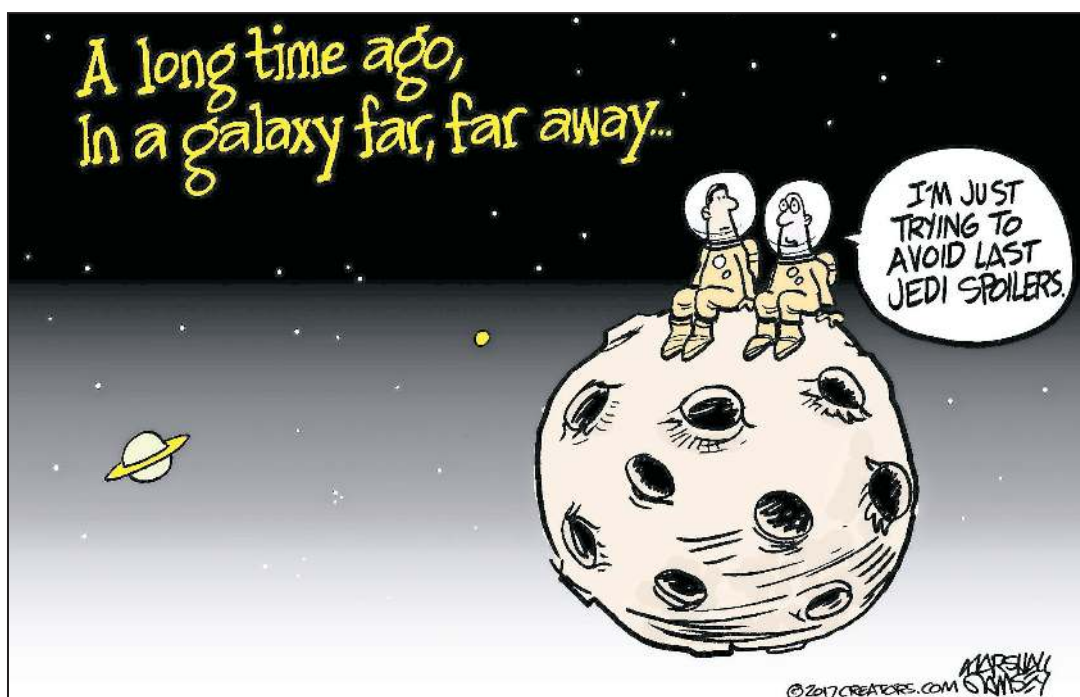
Be careful what you wish for

To the Editor:

Marcia Silverman, a newly elected Glen Cove City councilwoman, boasts the distinction of being a serial plaintiff who has sued the city several times and continues to pursue her lawsuits against it, even as she is about to become part of its government.

She opposes just about every development under way in Glen Cove, and if she has her way, it’s a good bet she’d stop the waterfront redevelopment, the redevelopment of Village Square and for sure, the Villa project on Glen Cove Ave., which just happens to be next to her house.

People are entitled to voice their opinions and objections to progress, but when you consider the old adage, “Be careful what you wish for,” it appears that she didn’t think about the ramifica-



OPINIONS

Is disaster looming for the Grand Old Party?

I'm sure some readers will recall the great Tylenol scare of 1982. Over the course of a few days, seven people died in Chicago from taking cyanide-laced capsules, which affected sales of one of Johnson & Johnson's most popular products. Though the lead suspect was never charged with planting the poisoned capsules, he served 13 years for extortion after demanding \$1 million to put a stop to the murders.



**JERRY
KREMER**

Drug executives predicted that Johnson & Johnson's net income would take such a serious hit that the company would never survive the tragedy. In less than a year, how-

ever, Johnson & Johnson rescued the Tylenol brand by creating tamper-resisting packaging. It then used intense advertising and promotion to save the company. Most observers of the industry cite the Tylenol response as one of the best corporate recovery plans in history.

Last week, the national Republican Party took its worst political hit in 20 years in Alabama, where a Democrat was elected to the U.S. Senate in a state that is

as Republican as any state could be. Saddled with an unattractive candidate, Roy Moore, and poor organization, Republicans were pummeled by an outpouring of women and minority voters. The loss of the seat to a Democrat wasn't just a local political event. It will have repercussions for at least the next year, and maybe longer.

The Tylenol tragedy was a case study of how a company saved one of its brands. The question for Republicans is whether the party of Lincoln can clean up its act and make its brand attractive to generations of voters who have stuck with it but are now jumping ship. One significant number coming out of the Alabama special election is that over 20,000 Republican voters wrote in other names in obvious disgust with their party. Another exit poll statistic involved confidence in President Trump. That poll showed an even 48-48 split over the president's performance in office in a traditionally deep-red Republican state.

Republican leaders have now been thrust into crisis, and it's appropriate to ask whether they have a game plan to get out of it. Desperate to get any legislation signed by Trump, Congressional Republicans are sticking with him even though

he's wildly unpopular, knowing that there may be a big price to pay in 2018. Voters around the country are angry at the government and at the party in power, and each week that's being proven in big and little ways.

The loss of the governor's office in Virginia by a large margin was evidence that educated suburban men and women are disgusted with the GOP. Minority voters, who often skip voting in so-called off years, are coming out in record numbers. The Democratic wins in Nassau and Westchester counties were a serious local blow to the Republican Party. The thought that this 2017 phenomenon may carry over into next year has to be chilling for Republican candidates.

It's clear that the party brand has taken a serious hit because of Trump's unpredictable conduct in office. His daily insults of friends and enemies, and his negative attitude toward our allies, including Canada, France and Great Britain, have damaged the American brand as well. Trump's executive orders, which threaten our clean air and our consumer protections, are chasing once-loyal voters away. His daily tweeting has become a

joke.

Can the downward party spiral in Washington be stopped before a 2018 disaster? It's doubtful that the Republican leadership will part company with Trump. Absent a finding of obstruction of justice by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, it's almost certain that all 51 Republicans in the Senate will stick with the president and hope that their tax "reform" bill, which strongly favors the rich, will bring political redemption. I agree with two Republican-leaning television commentators who recently predicted that the tax package would lead to the loss of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives next year and threaten a few Republican Senate seats now thought of as safe.

In 2010, the Democratic Party took a big beating for pushing the Affordable Care Act. Next year it will be the Republicans' turn to take it on the chin. The party in power has no rescue plan similar to Johnson & Johnson's post-Tylenol disaster recovery, and it will pay a big price for its blindness to political reality.

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tions of a victory, which is about to put her on the City Council.

Glen Cove is defending itself against her lawsuits. Once she's on the City Council, and the city's attorneys meet with the mayor and council to discuss litigation strategies against Silverman, will she get to attend those confidential meetings and then report to her lawyer? And when votes come up that affect the projects that are under way, will she be able to cast a vote on the council from which she will receive a personal benefit?

And what about the new mayor? He and Silverman are the only two Democrats in city government. Is he going to permit her to vote on issues when she has a personal interest in the outcome?

Silverman has a huge ethical problem, and her election has now given the new mayor the same ethical issue to contend with. Maybe her best course of action would be to simply thank the voters for electing her and then step down to avoid the impending disaster.

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Israel's capital should be Jerusalem

To the Editor:

It is with dismay that I read Rabbi Janet

B. Liss's comment on President Trump's announcement that henceforth the United States would recognize Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital and begin to move our embassy there. Her comment that the announcement was "ill-timed, reckless and was made without a strategy of helping foster peace," is truly uninformed. Israel, alone among nations, has endured the humiliation of a sovereign state by not having its own capital recognized by the world at large. What other nation would be required to suffer such a humiliating situation? Imagine if the British prime minister refused to recognize Washington, D.C. as our capital on the grounds that we undertook a revolution against England in 1776.

Can anyone imagine that any other nation would be asked to "share" its capital with a hostile people and negotiate a partition, as the so-called peace activists propose? Belfast in Ireland? Damascus in Syria? We were warned by enemies and friends that this historic moment would be met with violence. That might be. Every step in the return of the Jewish people to their national homeland has been met with acts of vengeance. But if this administration holds firm, this too shall pass. Shame on Rabbi Liss, who seems to have forgotten what Jews read at holidays and weddings, "If I forget thee O Jerusalem may my right hand lose its strength." (Psalms 137:5).

Kudos to those representing us in Congress, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi and U.S. Rep.

FRAMEWORK by John Keating



On the plaza at the Louvre – Paris

Kathleen Rice, both staunch supporters of Israel. To those in the clergy who seem to be so concerned about peace, and tremulous about supporting our president, I would offer another excerpt from Jewish liturgy recited

at the Seder every Passover: "Next year in (the rebuilt) Jerusalem!"

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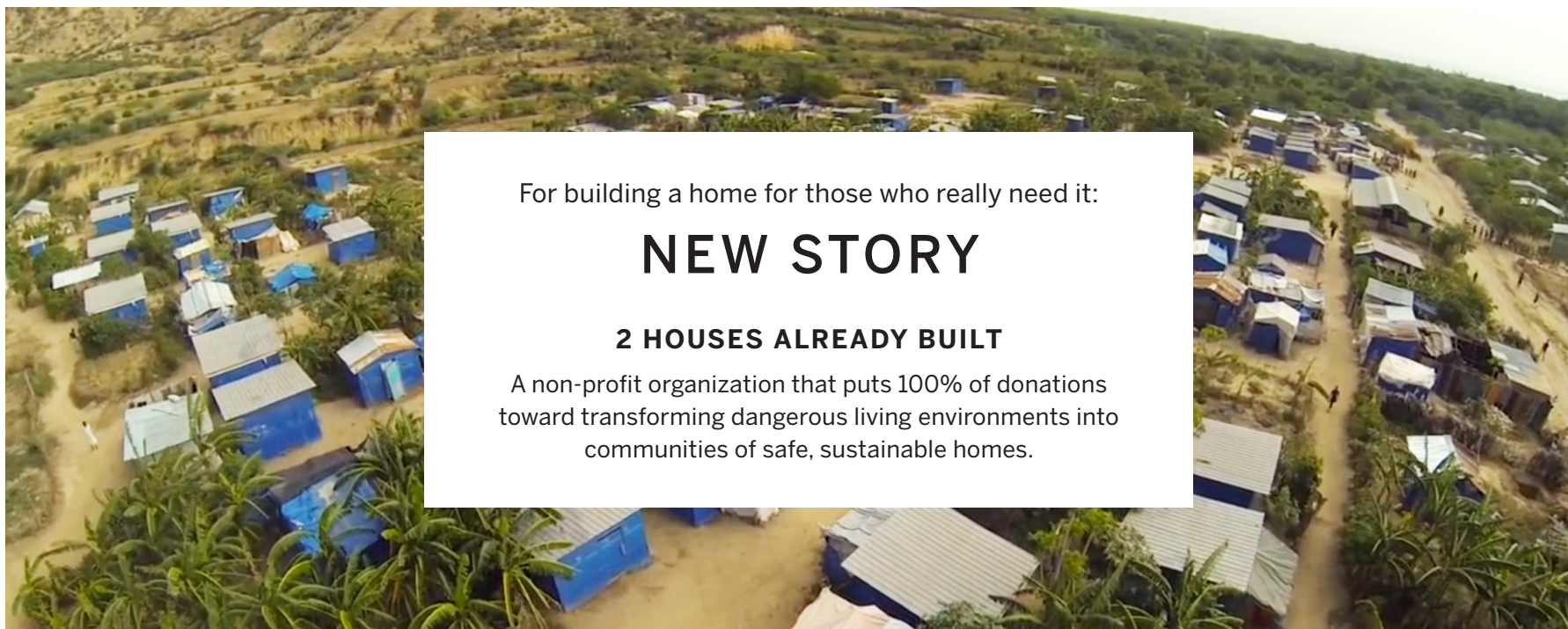


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