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**'Painting with a Purpose' in Glen Cove**

Splashes of Hope held a benefit, "Painting with a Purpose," to raise money for its art program on Jan. 19 at The View in Glen Cove that included an opportunity for residents to help paint a mural that will hang in the hallway of Glen Cove Hospital. Heather Burgee, founder and CEO of Splashes of Hope, added her artistic touch to one of the murals. More photos, Page 10.

**Long Islanders join thousands at March for Life in D.C.**

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Crowded buses left in the early-morning darkness on Friday from different parishes on Long Island, all bound for Washington, D.C., and the March for Life.

Two buses, holding 94 passengers, left from St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove. Parishioners from the Catholic church and All Saints Regional Catholic School were among them, as were

parishioners from St. Rocco's.

Not everyone on the bus was Catholic. The Rev. John Yenchko, from Oyster Bay's North Shore Community Church, which is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America, brought along some members.

"It was the first one I went to in D.C.," Yenchko said, "even though I've been supporting the pro-life movement for the past 35 years."

He added that he found the

march to be about love. "Proverb 31, Verse 8 says: 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,'" he said. "That's what we were trying to do. Speak up for the tiny."

Kelsey McManus, a parishioner at St. Rocco's, works at All Saints. She has been attending the march since 2001. Good weather and minimal traffic allowed for the buses from Glen Cove to arrive early. McManus

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**State audit slams G.C. spending plan**

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the city's water system, may force it to incur more debt.

The New York state comptroller's office issued its triennial audit of the City of Glen Cove's finances last month, which was harshly critical of the city's budget processes, oversight and internal controls. The report contrasted sharply with former Mayor Reginald Spinello's assertions, after his electoral defeat last November, that he left the city in better shape than he found it.

The auditors revealed that the city's total fund balance at the end of 2016 was \$409,000 in the red. The deficit in the general fund is projected to exceed \$2 million by the end of the year, with revenues from all sources declining by roughly 4.4 percent. This means that dealing with emergencies, such as the ongoing problems with

The audit found that:  
 The report ... described a system so rife with weaknesses, lack of oversight, and vagueness that it was potentially open to abuse.

**N.Y. STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE**

■ The city had not designated an independent authority to audit claims and payroll.

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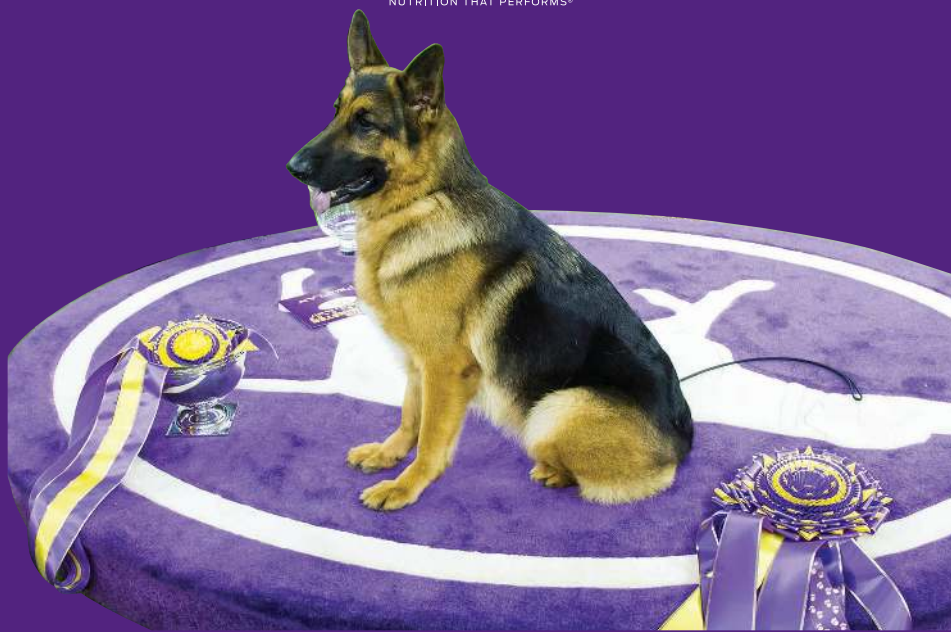


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**GLEN COVE CITY** Council met on Tuesday, Jan. 23 to discuss a number of resolutions, many of which were aimed at getting Mayor Timothy Tenke's new administration up and running.

## G.C. council mulls lawyers, group home

By **TIMOTHY DENTON**

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It's hard to believe it's only three weeks since the new mayor and city council took their oaths of office. Whether the subject is group homes, animal shelters, upgrades to the city water system, or attorneys, the council are already beginning to show signs of wear.

In particular, questions about a proposed group home for people with eating disorders, such as anorexia or bulimia, on St. Andrew's Lane; and the ongoing wrangle about city attorneys brought out the sharp divisions among council members, as well as the most vocal and vehement responses from the public.

After calling the meeting to order, Mayor Timothy Tenke moved acceptance of the minutes from the previous meeting, financial reports, and warrants for various disbursements. He then presented commendations to Fire Capt. Peter Salamido and GCPD officers Matthew Testy, and Kathleen Theodoro, who rescued two residents trapped in a house fire on Jan. 14, on St. Andrew's Lane.

Next, the mayor proposed the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck for the fire department. The vehicle, costing roughly \$1.3 million, would replace the current vehicle, which was past the normal life cycle for such equipment, according to what Chief Robert Marino said at the pre-council meeting on Jan. 16. The department expected to take delivery of the custom-built truck in about a year. The measure was unanimously approved.

The council then took up the issue of the city attorney. This was essentially a rehash of the discussions that have taken place in every council meeting since Jan. 1. Tenke had made a number of attempts to replace Charles McQuair, the city attorney, arguing that the mayor had the right to choose his own official representation. Tenke said he felt the "need for someone I can trust in that role," and that McQuair did not meet that test. "I'm being forced to

work with people and depend on people I did not pick," Tenke said. Councilwoman Marsha Silverman supported Tenke's position, suggesting that it was reasonable for the mayor to make his own choice for such a sensitive position.

Then followed discussion of the two other agenda items dealing with city attorneys. In particular, Councilman Kevin Maccarone moved that the mayor "enter into professional agreement with Chase, Ratkopf, & Chase LLP, to provide legal counsel to the planning and zoning boards." This was the fourth time in three weeks that Maccarone had urged the city to extend the contracts of Messrs Chase et al., despite the fact that they were among the most expensive of the city's attorneys. Those contracts dated from Spinello's first term. At one point in the pre-council meeting, an exasperated Silverman had asked, "Why are you pushing so hard for them?" In the end, however, Maccarone's resolution passed along straight partisan lines — five-to-two in favor.

Finally, Tenke opened the floor to public comments on a proposed group home for people recovering from eating disorders. This home, on St. Andrews Lane, would be covered by the Padavan Law, which stipulates that up to 14 people may live together in therapeutic communities without requiring a zoning variance. In other words, they would be treated exactly as if they were a family.

Tenke announced at the beginning of the meeting that the council would hold a public meeting on Feb. 7, to discuss the issue. But the Padavan Law is designed to avoid NIMBY (not in my back yard) arguments, which leaves the council effectively powerless to block a sale if it is agreed to by the seller and purchaser. What the city and council can do is create a situation that is so inimical to recovery that the community goes elsewhere. Capobianco, for one, seemed inclined to follow this strategy. As for the citizens of Glen Cove, many expressed anger and a lack of support for the group home.

# Maureen Basdavanos: disarming deputy

## Seasoned No. 2 looks forward to rolling up her sleeves – again

BY TIMOTHY DENTON

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Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos never imagined she'd be sitting where she is. Born Maureen Moran, she is the daughter of Irish immigrants who came to the U.S. as adolescents.

"We always worked," she said. "Like many immigrant families, we didn't have much, and everyone had to contribute what they could. My parents were the only ones in the family who made the trip, so each summer, we'd go to Ireland and work on our family's farm."

She said the family would leave "as soon as school was out, and we didn't come back until the day before it started up again." As she remembered, that those were good days, as much for the time spent with family as for the feeling of working together.

After graduating from North Shore High School ("No, I'm not a native"), Basdavanos spent a year at the Katherine Gibbs School in Melville in the advanced secretarial program. After that, to work, first for Coca-Cola in Garden City as an executive secretary and administrative assistant.

From there, she moved to Sea Cliff to work as the assistant office manager at the health center. Along the way came marriage and the birth of her son Sean (with the Irish spelling, she said with a smile). This was followed by increasingly responsible positions as office manager, bookkeeper, and assistant to the director at a variety of organizations, including the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation. She was also active in the community as a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and with Glen Cove C.A.R.E.S. – once she moved to Glen Cove.

So, the inevitable question: How did she end up working in the mayor's office? "I loved working at Smithers," she said, "and when it ended, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do next. I knew [former mayor] Ralph Suozzi from my



Courtesy Maureen Basdavanos

**DEPUTY MAYOR MAUREEN** Basdavanos sees her role shifting in her second stint as deputy mayor.

work in the community. And everybody knew him. We'd meet socially from time to time, but I never had any idea of working for him."

But they kept running into each other, and on one of these occasions he broached the idea of Basdavanos coming on board as his deputy. "At first, I said no," she said. "I had no experience in politics and no interest, really." But he asked her every few months, "and my husband gave me a nudge or two, and eventually, I said yes."

At first, she shied away from the title. "I told him, 'I'll do whatever you want,'" she said, "but do I have to be called deputy?" It's clear that by now, she has grown much more comfortable with the title.

She worked for Suozzi from 2008 to 2013. "I was mostly

his deputy in a traditional sense," she said. "I kept him organized and kept the office running smoothly. I didn't have anything to do with the projects" that were becoming an increasingly large part of the political as well as physical landscape in Glen Cove. "We were a good team."

When Suozzi lost his re-election bid to Reginald Spinello in 2013, "I didn't stay on," she said, "[Mayor Spinello] had his own deputy in mind, but I don't think I would have stayed even if I'd been asked. We had different styles."

Between stints at City Hall, she took some time off. "We had some family stuff, my mother-in-law needed more and more care, until we finally moved her in with us," she said. When the 2017 campaign came around, then-councilman Tenke asked her to come and work with him. "I thought about turning him down, but my husband told me to do what I wanted to do. So, I said yes."

In the election, "I did whatever needed to be done," she said. When Tenke won in a three-vote squeaker he asked her to return.

So, what does a deputy mayor do? "Every mayor is different," Basdavanos said. With Suozzi, "I mainly just ran the administrative side of things, worked on events and local stuff." But now, under the new administration, "I'm more involved in the projects," such as the Garvies Point development. Tenke "wants another pair of eyes on things. He wants another pair of ears in a meeting." Tenke and Basdavanos have known each other for "10 or 12 years," she said, or nearly Tenke's entire career in government.

"What I enjoy most about the job is the ability to make a difference in people's lives," Basdavanos said. "I know, that's kind of the standard answer. But it's true. I'm in a position to get things done, to be of help. What I like least is the politics. At some point, it becomes toxic. But I know it comes with the job."

## GCFD swears in new officers at annual installation banquet

The Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department held its annual installation dinner on Jan. 13, at the Crescent Beach Bay Club, to swear in new officers and honor outgoing officers for their service to the department. Ex-chief Michael Maher moderated the festivities.

Incoming GCVFD Chief Robert Marino welcomed department members, their families and distinguished guests, after which Mayor Timothy Tenke swore in the officers of each of GCVFD's four companies, the fire police unit and the rescue squad.

"I wish to extend a note of gratitude to the membership for electing me as chief of the department for the next two years," said Marino. "I will work with my three assistant chiefs to maintain the high quality of standards and leadership that have been the hallmark of each and every chief over the department's 180-plus year history," he said.

"The city owes a great debt of gratitude to our volunteer fire department," said Tenke, "as each and every time the horn sounds, you voluntarily put your lives on the line for the safety of our community." Tenke added his congratulations to Marino as he took the department's help, as well as thanking outgoing chief Phillip Grella Jr. "for his outstanding service to the department."



Courtesy Sean Basdavanos

**GCVFD CHIEF OF** Department Robert Marino, far left, presents a plaque to outgoing chief Phillip Grella Jr. They are joined by, from left, 3rd Assistant Chief Christopher Valeo Jr., 1st Assistant Chief Marvin Tate Sr., and 2nd Assistant Chief Robert Retoske.

## KEVIN'S CORNER

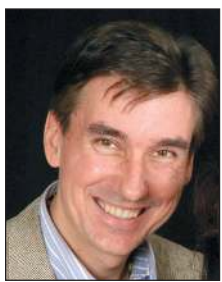


Courtesy Claudia Marra

**CLAUDIA MARRA, THE** wife of Marra's Restaurant owner Mario, who died from a drug overdose, with her two sons, left and . She has written a book detailing her family's experience.

# Drug addiction – the story behind doors

**R**emember Marra's Restaurant at the corner of Glen and School streets? Remember Mario Marra? I do. I remember him as a fantastic business owner with a great head for marketing and promotion. Before he opened the restaurant in early 2000, he did what few successful business



KEVIN HORTON

people do — he created a buzz. I clearly remember his advertisements. Full page, all black with small white type in the middle, "Coming soon . . . Marra's Restaurant." Simple, to the point and effective. Once open, Marra, a born chef, created an atmosphere of family, friendship and dedication to the community. Hugely successful for a number of years, he was able to sell the restaurant and embark on the dream of opening additional locations, but that dream was cut short on March 15, 2009, when Marra overdosed on prescription pain medication.

He left behind his wife Claudia and sons Luca and Max.

Now, Claudia is sharing her story in her new book, "The Addict's Widow," showing both the human and the evil side of an addict. "I wrote my book in parallel alternating anecdotes titled, 'The Light and Darkness,' to show that my late husband was a good person, a successful business owner, and a great father, but his dreams were destroyed by substance abuse," she said. "I wanted to convey to my readers that drugs destroy dreams

and tears apart families."

A lifelong Glen Cove resident, Claudia has been an English teacher at the Glen Cove Middle School for over 20 years. A few months ago, Claudia read an article in the Herald, about her husband's doctor who was being charged with causing the overdose deaths of two of his patients. "In my heart, I know he played a role in the death of my late husband too."

After eight years of staying quiet, she reached out to the Herald because she needed to share her story on how her late husband had died. Then she shared her story on her blog. "Once I shared my story, I couldn't believe how many people had reached out to me," she said. "I knew right then that I was in a position to help people."

"I wanted people to know that drugs do not discriminate," she said. "They destroy mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, the rich, and the less fortunate. Living with an addict was very difficult and my life at the time was consumed of constant worry."

Many people reached out to her. Some had loved ones that were battling addiction and it they said it was comforting to share their stories with her. "Some even read my blog to their loved ones who were battling addiction hoping that it would encourage them to stop using," she said.

She decided she could reach even more people by writing a book. "When people read my story, I want them to know that their story can have a different ending," she said. "Addicts need to know that they must seek help and not tomorrow and not next week. They need to seek help today. Recovery comes first and everything else after that can wait."

"The Addict's Widow" is available through Amazon.

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ Male, 45, homeless, was arrested for theft of services and refusal to pay for service on Cottage Row and Forrest Ave., on Jan. 19.

■ Female, 35, from Levittown, was arrested for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, circumvent interlock operate without device, operator in violation of conditional license and

operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, on Cedar Swamp Rd., on Jan. 19.

■ Male, 21, from Glen Cove was arrested for third-degree assault on Hazel St., on Jan 15.

■ Male, 42, from Glen Cove, was arrested for strangulation 2 – obstruction of breath and second-degree harassment, on Frost Rd., on Jan. 15.



Herald file photo

**AFTER A STUDENT** found a threatening note at Robert M. Finley Middle School, students were evacuated.

## Middle, elementary students evacuated after bomb threat at Robert M. Finley

BY ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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After a student at Robert M. Finley Middle School found a threatening note on the morning of Jan. 22, the building, and the adjacent Deasy Elementary School were evacuated.

The note, which was discovered at 8:23 a.m., referred to a possible bomb inside the school building, according to the Glen Cove Police Department, who were immediately called to the scene.

The threatening note's author, a student, was identified later that day by a joint investigation of the GCPD and school officials. The student was interviewed by police, who said that his or her reason for writing the note remains

unclear.

In a letter posted on the district's website, Finley Principal Nelson Iocolano referred to, "poor decision-making on the part of a student," and added, "we are handling it appropriately."

Iocolano also referred to "several incidents this year" that have led to evacuations. "The decision to evacuate is not one that we take lightly," he said, emphasizing that when it comes to student safety, "we must err on the side of caution."

"We plan to use this as a teachable moment," the letter continued. In the coming weeks, Iocolano said, the school will hold "additional safety assemblies" aimed at addressing "what consequences might result from pranks or poor decision making."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Nearby things to do this week

#### Tea Tasting Workshop: Teas of China

Discover the birthplace of tea. Kristine Henderson, a certified tea professional and sommelier, will conduct a tasting seminar at the Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. Henderson will focus on tea culture and the flavors and aromas of this alluring beverage. Registration is required, seating limited. Info: (516) 671-1837.



#### Celebrating Tu B'Shevat

On Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., The Regency, 94 School St., Glen Cove, will be celebrating Tu B'Shevat. The holiday is also known as the "New Year for Trees." Join us for some traditional celebratory snacks symbolizing the seven fruits of the Land of Israel. Please RSVP to Gail at (516) 674-3007.



#### History & Pop Culture of the Twenties

Join Marilyn Carminio at the Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., on Friday, Jan. 26 for a retrospective journey back in time. Learn about the history, music, fads and fashion of the Roaring Twenties, and discover why these really were "the good old days." The program starts at 2 p.m. Info: (516) 676-2130.



#### Exploring nature on a winter's day

Take a family hike through the Center for Science Teaching & Learning's trails, in Rockville Centre, on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2-3:30 p.m., to learn about what wild animals are up to during the cold winter. Afterwards, warm up inside and visit CTSL's exhibit to see how the preserve's animals cope with the cold. Info: (516) 764 - 0045 or [www.cstl.org](http://www.cstl.org).



#### Hear it, see it — and then draw it

Introduce preschoolers to the wonders of art. Bring the little folks, ages 3-5 to Nassau County Museum of Art to look, listen and create with picture books and art, on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children and their adult companions share storytime followed by a walk through the gallery and drawing activities inspired by illustrations in the museum's story book and the art on view. Info: (516) 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).



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# HERALD SCHOOLS

## Students learn about raptors through owl pellets

Fourth graders in Connolly School's Academic Plus program learned about the characteristics of raptors by dissecting owl pellets.

Before dissecting their pellets, each group researched different raptors and wrote realistic fiction designed to convey what they had learned about the reptiles' habitat, diet and neighborhood, as well as how humans might have affected them. The students were encouraged by their teacher Cheryl Carmody to exercise creative license, according to science, technology, research, engineering and arts. She said they cre-

ated outstanding projects such as dioramas and posters, to accompany their writing.

Farmers have owl pellets examined to determine what rodents are pestering their crops, Carmody explained. She then equipped each team with an owl pellet, plastic gloves, magnifying glass, and tweezers, so they could begin to identify any bones or other materials they discovered in their pellets.

The Academic Plus program is an accelerated program offered to students in grades three through five at Connolly and Landing schools.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Clockwise starting from Upper right:

**ACADEMIC PLUS FOURTH-GRADERS** Saoirse Fiefor, left, and Katie Chun examined the contents of their owl pellet together.

**BRYANNA ROTHWELL, LEFT,** and Sasha Galvez show their STREAM teacher Cheryl Carmody the animal skull they found in their pellet.

**KATERINA CUKRI, LEFT,** used a tweezer, while classmate Marissa Niece examined their owl pellet's contents with a magnified eye piece.



## Gribbin School second-graders shared memories, stories and snacks



Clockwise from above:

**SECOND-GRADER SEBASTIAN HALUCH** presented his small-moment story about skiing to his classmates.

**EMELY SANTOS GARCIA** shared her writing with her father, Gerardo Santos Garcia.

**BLAKE ANDERSON SHARED** his story with his mother, Val Rose Anderson.



Second-graders at Gribbin School became storytellers and authors on Jan. 18, as one-by-one they shared small-moment stories with invited family members and classmates.

Each student went to the microphone at the front of the class and shared a story, which teacher Coleen Brunhuber put onto the class Smart Board. Students wrote about a variety of experiences, that included skiing, bowling, and apple picking. After reading their works aloud, students returned to their desks and shared the nonfiction books that accompanied the stories, as well as snacks, with their specially invited guests.

The students are honing their writing skills

using a new program developed by the district in partnership with Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.

Students are reading and writing every day as part of the project, and they're really excited about it," Brunhuber said.

The nonfiction project required each student to become an expert on a subject of their own choosing, she added. Research was carried out using the PebbleGo application. Students learned the importance of sensory details and that each story must have a beginning, middle, and end. They also used authors, such as Jane Yolen, as mentors on the project, Brunhuber added.

## HERALD SPORTS

## Glen Cove enters home stretch

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



## ANTONIO GEORGE

North Shore Sophomore  
Wrestling

**NORTH SHORE CAPTURED** the Nassau Conference 4A regular-season title, going 5-0, and qualified for the county dual meet playoffs where it lost a hard-fought 39-38 decision to Uniondale on Jan. 18. George has played a big part in the Vikings' success and is ranked No. 2 in Nassau Division I in the 99-pound weight class behind only Chase Liardi of Massapequa. George is undefeated so far and won a bunch of matches at 106 pounds as well, including a dominant 15-0 technical fall victory in the dual meet playoff bout.

## GAMES TO WATCH

## Thursday, Jan. 25

No games scheduled

## Friday, Jan. 26

Girls Basketball: V.S. South at North Shore ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Boys Basketball: North Shore at V.S. South ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Boys Basketball: Roosevelt at Glen Cove ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Boys Swimming: Herricks at North Shore ..... 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 27

Girls Basketball: Glen Cove at Roosevelt ..... 12 p.m.

## Monday, Jan. 29

Gymnastics: Garden City at North Shore ..... 6:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 30

Air Rifle: Garden City at Glen Cove ..... 4:15 p.m.  
Girls Basketball: North Shore at Friends Aca. .... 6:15 p.m.  
Boys Basketball: Friends Aca. at North Shore ..... 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Jan. 31

No games scheduled

BY J.D. FREDA

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After dropping three games in a row in mid-to-late December, the Glen Cove girls' basketball team regrouped and went on to win four of its next six. During that stretch, stark improvement was shown and 'a new gear' was found, according to first-year head coach Navro Allen.

"They're starting to believe in themselves," Allen said. "The kids are still young, but they're starting to believe that they are as good as I tell them they are. That could be a scary thing for other teams."

To kick off that successful stretch, Trinity Hudson piled up 24 points in a 58-42 winning effort at home against Malverne. Destiny Howell added 15 points, before matching her backcourt mate in the ensuing matchup, mirroring Hudson's 18 points in a thunderous 53-26 victory over Roosevelt on the road. Roosevelt was held to 8 points each quarter until the final frame, where it could only manage two points.

"The team is making a huge jump both offensively and defensively," Allen said. "The next big jump we need to make is execution while the pressure is on."

Kennedy did just that Jan. 10, putting pressure on the young Glen Cove team after climbing back from a 13-7 deficit in the first quarter to make it 32-19 at the half. The Wildcat's diverse scoring approach with double digit contributions from four players on the night proved too much for the Lady Big Red. Hudson and Howell combined for 33 of their team's 42 points.

After dropping one more to Plainedge a few days later, Glen Cove would bounce back, winning two straight against Roslyn and Hewlett respectively. Howell and Hudson returned to form after a tough performance against Plainedge, and responded in a big way. Howell (26 points, 8 rebounds) and Hudson (22 points, 13 rebounds) led this reenergized Glen Cove team to a 60-56 key victory on the road.

"Everybody has made a jump in skill level," Allen said. After mentioning Hudson and Howell and how they continue to improve, he lauded the efforts of Aaliyah Stone. "She has made a tremendous jump from the start of the season until now," Allen said. He also mentioned Brianna Guillen and Jaynise Espinal as extremely



Donovan Berthoud/Herald

**GLEN COVE'S ALIYAH** Stone ripped down a rebound during its 65-42 defeat at Kennedy on Jan. 10. The Lady Big Red split four games since that loss.

hard workers who have improved greatly.

Although dropping its last game to conference-leading Sewanhaka (13-1 overall, 8-0 in A-II), the story changed from their first meeting this year. On Dec. 21, Sewanhaka pulled ahead early and never looked back, earning a huge 41-point victory over Glen Cove. This time around, Sewanhaka pulled ahead by 22 midway through the third quarter, before the Lady Big Red cutting the deficit to 5 with just a few minutes left to play. Sewanhaka head coach Alex Souprios quickly called for a shift from the zone press to a man press, solidifying the victory in a much closer matchup.

In their three latest losses, Glen Cove went up against a trio of opponents with a combined 3 conference defeats, but played valiantly as a better overall team.

"We want to become a great basketball team," Allen said. "We want to upset people and we want to do things other people told us we can't."

With four games left in the regular season, and two wins needed for a playoff berth, Allen believes his team deserves that nod. "I want to get them to the playoffs," Allen said. "They've worked so hard and come so far this year, they deserve that."

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# Women's March big

BY LAURA LANE  
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An estimated 200,000 women, men and children took to the streets of Manhattan last Saturday on the first anniversary of President Trump's inauguration.

Many traveled from Long Island to participate in the Women's March by taking the Long Island Rail Road, where the trip to Manhattan acted as a precursor of

what was to follow. The atmosphere on the train was jubilant, with protesters cheering for one another as they boarded the train, especially if they carried signs. And for those who didn't have signs, someone usually had extras to offer.

Placards at the march, held on Manhattan's Upper West Side, had a variety of messages, with many indicating a disdain for Trump. Others encouraged people to vote and thus make their voices



**FROM TOP: PROTESTERS** at the Women's March carried a variety of signs.

**THE WAIT FOR** the LIRR wasn't bad with warm temperatures.

**AFTER EXITING THE** subway, it took a few moments to figure out which way to go.

**RIGHT: THERE WERE** several people encouraging voter registration.

**MANY BROUGHT THEIR** babies to the march.

**THERE WERE MANY** signs encouraging voting.





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heard. The march included people of all ages, with little girls chanting alongside adults, all demanding equality. Anti-sexual harassment messages were shared, as were commemorations of the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that gave women the right to an abortion.

As is typical at big events in Manhattan, many stood by watching the march.

But several onlookers also joined in the action, chanting along with protesters, cheering them on or waving signs that they had made to indicate their support.

The only moments when angry voices were raised came when marchers paused at hotels owned by Trump. Many stopped to yell "shame" at the people coming and going from them. But soon the protesters moved on, perhaps realizing that the person who fueled their anger wasn't there.



Photos by Laura Lane/Herald Gazette



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Little girls, carrying homemade signs chanted along with the adults.

**THE HAT THAT** made its mark at last year's march was seen once again.

**PROTESTERS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** people to get out and vote.

**SEVERAL PEOPLE JOINED** hands to create a wall along the parade route.

**EXHAUSTED MARCHERS JOINED** other New Yorkers on the subway to go home.

# HERALD NEIGHBORS

## Benefit paints pictures of hope for G.C. hospital

BY TIMOTHY DENTON

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Splashes of Hope held a benefit on Jan. 19 at The View Restaurant to aid its art therapy program at Glen Cove Hospital.

Hosted by chef-owner Jeanine Di Menna, the evening was called "Painting With a Purpose." More than three-dozen people attended the function, which raised money for a series of murals that will be painted by patients and hung in the hospital's hallways. Participants enjoyed a variety of food from The View's justly renowned kitchen, including a dessert of beignets with caramel sauce, while working on a mural from a series called "The Seasons." Matt Grabowski provided musical accompaniment.

Splashes of Hope aims to "change hospital environments from clinical to colorful," according to founder and CEO Heather Burgee. The large murals are laid out in stencil form and then painted in by patients. The project is especially powerful for Di Menna; she first learned about the organization while hospitalized for a serious head injury. "The colors and just creating something helped me maintain a positive attitude" during her long hospitalization, she said before the event.



Photos by Sue Grieco/Herald Gazette

**CAROLYN MCGILlicuddy FOCUSED** on her brushstrokes as she "painted with purpose."



**MATT GRABOWSKI PROVIDED** the musical accompaniment.



**BENEFIT PARTICIPANTS FROM** left, Tom Chang, Heather Buggee, Jimmy Knapp, Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos, Oksana Danziger, Eileen Sleckman and Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.



**LISA PAPAZIAN PAINTED** leaves on her tree



**CHEF JEANINE DI Menna** applauds the finished mural.



**GUESTS ENJOYED A** buffet prepared by The View master chef Jeanine Di Menna.

## Thursday, Jan. 25

### “Bag It” Screening

Sea Cliff Village Hall, second floor, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Village of Sea Cliff’s Environmental Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Sea Cliff Library and All Our Energy. “Bag It” follows Jeb Barrier as he navigates our plastic world. (516) 671-0080

### Movies at the library

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 1 p.m. Join us for a screening of “Dunkirk.” Movies are shown twice a month in the MNA Community Room. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. All are welcome. (516) 671-1837

### Computer Kindergarten

Bayville Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 6:30 p.m. Get schooled in computers. This is a slow-paced, user-friendly class for first time computer users. Using Windows computers, this class covers the basics in a way that even the most inexperienced user will understand. (516) 628-2765

## Friday, Jan. 26

### History & Pop Culture of the Twenties

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Join Marilyn Carminio for a retrospective journey back in time. Learn about the history, music, fads and fashion of the Roaring Twenties, and discover why these really were “the good old days.” (516) 676-2130

## Saturday, Jan. 27

### Arts Angels Film Festival

North Shore High School, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 7 p.m. Come watch an amazing and diverse collection of short animated films from up and coming animators. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

### Penguin Palooza

Whaling Museum & Education Center, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. What kind of penguins live in the arctic? Touch some real penguin feathers, go on a scavenger hunt and create lots of penguin crafts. Recommended for all ages. The cost is \$15 per child and \$5 per adult; members receive half price. (631) 367-3418

## Monday, Jan. 29

### U.S. Citizenship Test study group

Bayville Library, 34 School St. Bayville, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is now open. Adults preparing to take the United States citizenship test are invited to our weekly practice workshop. (516) 628-2765

### Free health screenings

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure test and simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 or older. Patient education and referrals also provided. Free flu shots also available. (516) 922-1212



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## Heart health in Huntington

Come meet the authors of “Heart Smart For Women: Six S.T.E.P.S. In Six Weeks To Heart-Healthy Living,” Jennifer Mieres, MD, and Stacey Rosen, MD, at the Book Revue (313 New York Ave., Huntington) on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

As leading cardiologists, Drs. Mieres and Rosen are spreading the word that heart disease is preventable. Their new book offers a complete roadmap for women of all ages who are ready to live their most heart-healthy life.

The program, which will begin at 7 p.m., includes a brief presentation by Drs. Mieres and Rosen. From 7:30 to 8:30, there will be a Q&A period followed by the book signing. Info: (631) 271-1442

### Executive Functioning workshop

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. If your child is struggling with time management, organization, and working memory, come to this workshop and learn strategies to help them be successful in school and life. Registration required. (516) 671-4290

## Tuesday, Jan. 30

### Author lecture

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Author Bill Blyer presents a detailed lecture featuring the history of the Fire Island Lighthouse. Learn about the shipwrecks offshore that prompted the construction of the lighthouse, as well as the inadequacies that led to a new, taller tower, and how the lighthouse was eventually shut down. (516) 676-2130

### Meditation

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. Class includes discussion on the benefits of meditation, guided relaxation, visualization and meditation. Breath work and music will also be used to enhance the experience. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. Please register at the Reference Desk, or call (516) 922-1212.

## Wednesday, Jan. 31

### Smarter Social Security

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. If you

are married or have ever been married, learn about Social Security spousal benefits and whether you are eligible to receive them. Daniel G. Mazzola, CFA CPA, will be presenting and taking questions. Please register at the Reference Desk, or call (516) 922-1212.

### The Beginnings of Glen Cove

North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Historian Dr. Mille DeRiggi will tell the tale of one of Musketa Cove’s first settlers, Colonel Lewis Morris. Morris-owned lands were used as boundaries on the Andros Pat-



## Dog Tales

Children often feel more comfortable reading to dogs than people since they are viewed as “non-critical.” Petting the dog lowers stress and brings positive association to reading. Registration starts for non-residents on Jan. 25. Please register in the Children’s Room, or call (516) 922-1212. (Friday, Jan. 26, 4:15 p.m., Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay)

ent, yet little is known about this Barbados native. Come discover this fascinating part of Glen Cove history, surrounded by objects commemorating the 350th anniversary of the Glen Cove community. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Refreshments will be served. (516) 801-1191

## Thursday, Feb. 1

### Presidential Trivia

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 6:45 p.m. Celebrate President’s Day with some politically-charged trivia. (516) 671-4290

## Friday, Feb. 2

### Brixology Towers

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay. Join other mad scientists to find out how structural engineers use ideas from physics to solve problems. Work together to build a structurally sound tower with a working elevator, then test and improve your design for strength and stability. Registra for non-residents begins on Feb. 1, space permitting. Please register in the Children’s Room, or call (516) 922-1212.

## Sunday, Feb. 4

### Karkowska Sisters Duo

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 2 p.m. The library presents the award winning, internationally acclaimed ensemble, Karkowska Sisters Duo, performing in the program “Virtuosity with Laughter.” Anna, virtuoso violinist and Kasha, concert pianist, will perform treasures of classical music with unforgettable stories and humor. Join us for a very entertaining afternoon. All are welcome. Seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Co-sponsored by the Town of Oyster Bay Department of Community and Youth Services, Cultural and Performing Arts Division, as part of its Distinguished Artists Concert Series. (516) 671-1837

## Thursday, Feb. 8

### Bridging Kids Workshop

Finley Middle School, 1 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Assemblyman Charles Lavine, in association with Bridging Kids Integrated Playgroups, will host an informative workshop for parents of special needs children. Andrew Cohen, Esq. and Mitch Weisbrot, CLU, Chartered Special Needs Consultant, will bring their expertise as the featured speakers. The discussion will include government benefits for individuals with disabilities, special needs trusts, establishing guardianship, and how to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits. (516) 676-0050

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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



City of Glen Cove

**OFFICERS GREGORY DENK**, standing second from left, and Matthew Meli receive their shields. They were joined from left, by Councilman Michael Zangari, Deputy Chief Christ Ortiz, Chief William Whitton, and Mayor Timothy Tenke. Also present were city council members, from left, Joseph Capobianco, Nick DiLeo Jr., Kevin Maccarone, Pamela Panzenbeck and Marsha Silverman.

### City hires two new police officers

Gregory Denk and Matthew Meli were appointed to serve as city police officers as of Jan. 9, when they received their shields before the mayor and council. Both officers formerly served in the NYPD and were hired to replace officers who will retire this year.

Denk is a graduate of St. John's University, with a degree in criminal justice. He was an anti-crime supervisor in the 102nd precinct in the Bronx, where he had served since 2009. Meli served with the NYPD since 2015, after graduating from

Siena College as a political science major. Both are Glen Cove natives.

"Officers at the Glen Cove Police Department take great pride in what we do, and we are proud of our consistent top rankings in national polls that deem Glen Cove as one of the safest cities in New York and the United States," said Glen Cove Chief William Whitton. "We expect a lot of Gregory Denk and Matthew Meli, and I am sure we are going to get it," he continued, "as both officers come highly recommended by their commands."



City of Glen Cove

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** Executive Director Patricia Holman, left, presents a check for \$425 to Youth Bureau Executive Director Spiro Tsirkas for his organization's efforts during the City Hall Holiday Marketplace. They are flanked by youth bureau staffers Jackie Yonick, far left, and Sandra Potter.

### Friends of Glen Cove Youth Board receive donation from Downtown BID

The Glen Cove Youth Board received a special donation on Jan. 10 from the Downtown Business Improvement District for its efforts to provide special programs for the city's youth. Patricia Holman, executive director of the BID, presented Spiro Tsirkas, executive director of the Youth Bureau, with a check for \$425 for his organization's efforts during the City Hall Holiday Marketplace. Holman said she was pleased "to support the

[Youth Bureau's] efforts to provide special programs for our community's youth." Mayor Timothy Tenke said the city "appreciates the downtown BID working with our city's special events team on programs that provide benefit to both the youth of our city and local businesses. We thank the Glen Cove community and all of the marketplace vendors for their participation in our annual shopping event," he added.



Courtesy Rocco Ieraci

**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE** participated in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., including some from our area.

## More young people march

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was pleasantly surprised that the National Mall was already mobbed with marchers.

"This year, with the weather being so nice, it helped bring even more people out," she said. "It was definitely more crowded than in years past."

Asked if she believed that the increase in participation might encourage the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade, she said she couldn't say. "We continue to hope and pray that people's hearts and minds will change," McManus said, "that they will see everyone has an inherent right to life."

Timothy O'Keefe, of Wantagh, said he has been attending the march for the past 35 years. "I go to show my support for the unborn and to try to have an impact on the law," he said. "For me it's a way to raise consciousness and be a public witness."

O'Keefe enjoys the entire experience, including the bus ride, during which passengers join in reciting the Rosary. "At the march, you hear people chanting or singing," he said, adding that he couldn't help but notice an increase in the participation of young people this year. "There were a lot of young people from schools this year. It's a big commitment to go. We all go out of love."

Mariellen Orozco, of Glen Head, went with her two children. "My son, who attends All Saints, went last year and had a very positive experience," Orozco said, adding that 25 students from All Saints went this year. "I wanted to share in his experience, so I decided to accompany him this year."

She said that although the sheer size of the crowd made it difficult to walk, she was

### ORIGINS OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE

The Supreme Court handed down the landmark decision Roe v. Wade in 1973, making it legal for women to have an abortion. The first March for Life was held in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22, 1974, to protest that decision, and it has been held each year since.

glad she went. "It's important to have the march, because it's important for our leaders to know that there are significant amounts of people who don't believe that killing is the answer," Orozco said. "If a woman was shown love and understanding instead of ridicule, maybe she wouldn't decide to have an abortion."

Marie Gallagher, of Glen Cove, said she has been going to the march since she was a young girl.

"I think it's important to support women who find themselves in a difficult situation with an unplanned pregnancy," she said. "I'm not for assisted suicides either. Human life is sacred."

It's important, Gallagher added, to "let our legislators know this is how we vote."

President Trump became the first president to address the marchers by way of live-stream video. "You come from many backgrounds and many places, but you all come for one beautiful cause, to build a society where life is celebrated and protected and cherished," he said. "The March for Life is a movement born out of love ... You love every child born and unborn, because you believe that every life is sacred, that every child is a precious gift from God."

Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Paul Ryan also spoke, but the president's remarks appeared to make the biggest impact.

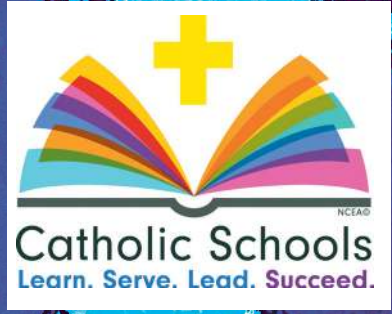
"It's nice to have a president that understands the value of life," Gallagher said. "I know some people may not care for him, but he supports life issues. One of the reasons he got elected is that he is pro-life."

The marchers proceeded up Constitution Avenue to the Capitol, and then to their final destination: the Supreme Court.

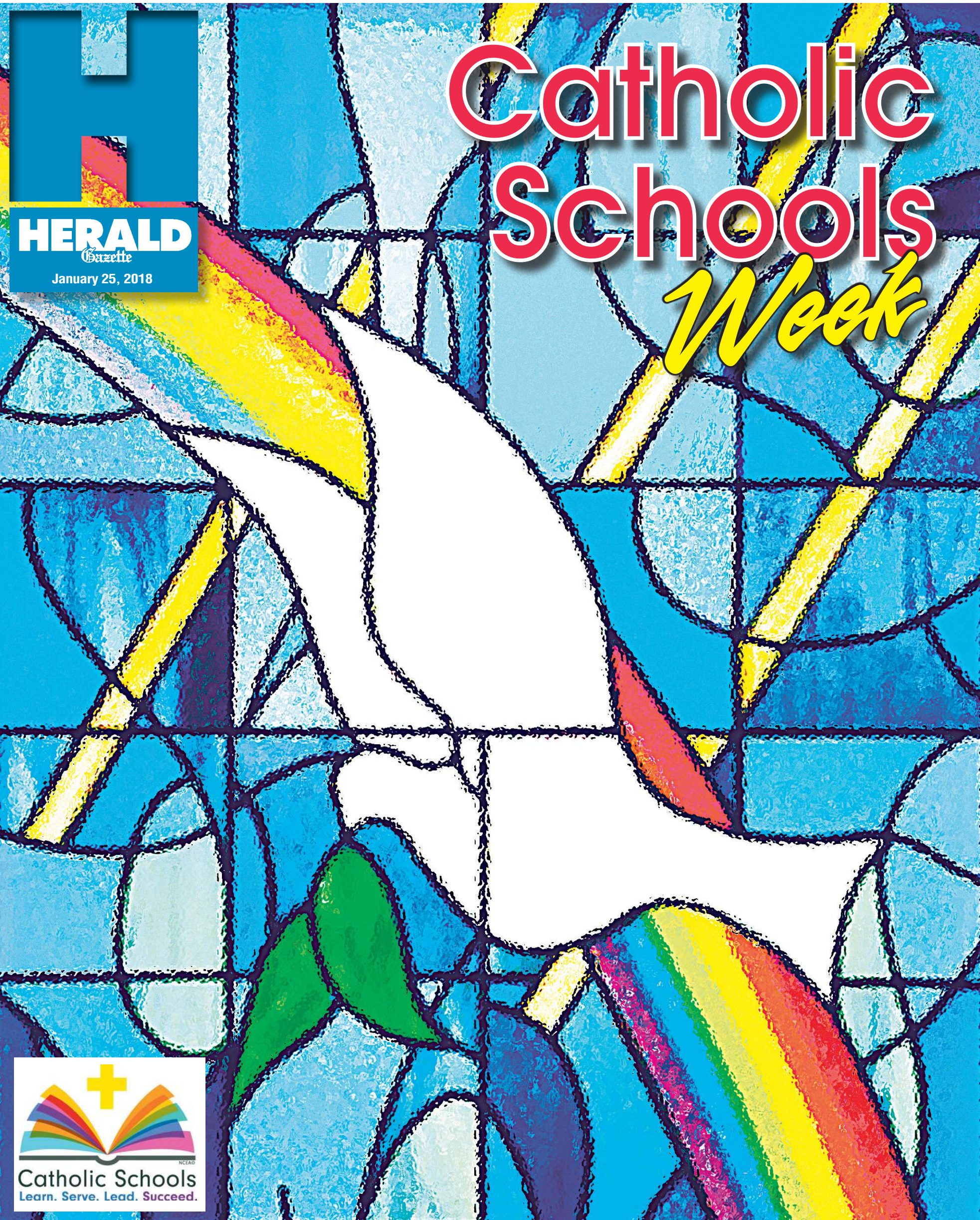


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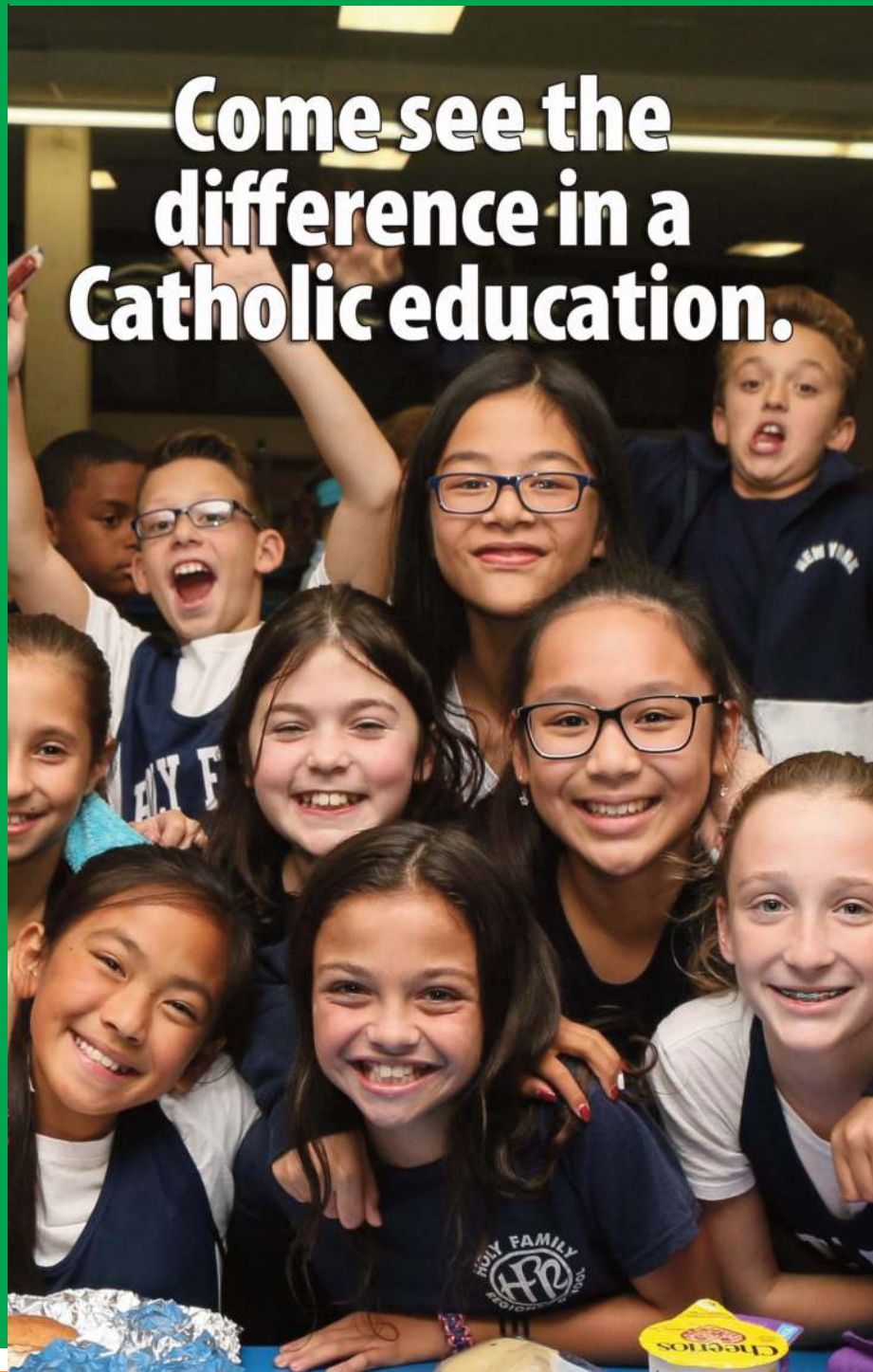
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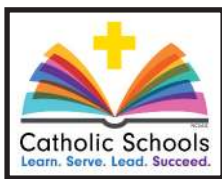


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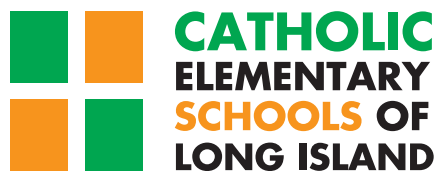


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In some cases, schools and parishes also have scholarship funds available. Families are encouraged to speak with the Principal at the school of their choice about the options available. You'll also find a Frequently Asked Questions sheet in the Financial Aid section of the LICatholicElementarySchools.org web site. (About Us>Financial Aid) or by visiting the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation website at [www.TomorrowsHopeFoundation.org](http://www.TomorrowsHopeFoundation.org)



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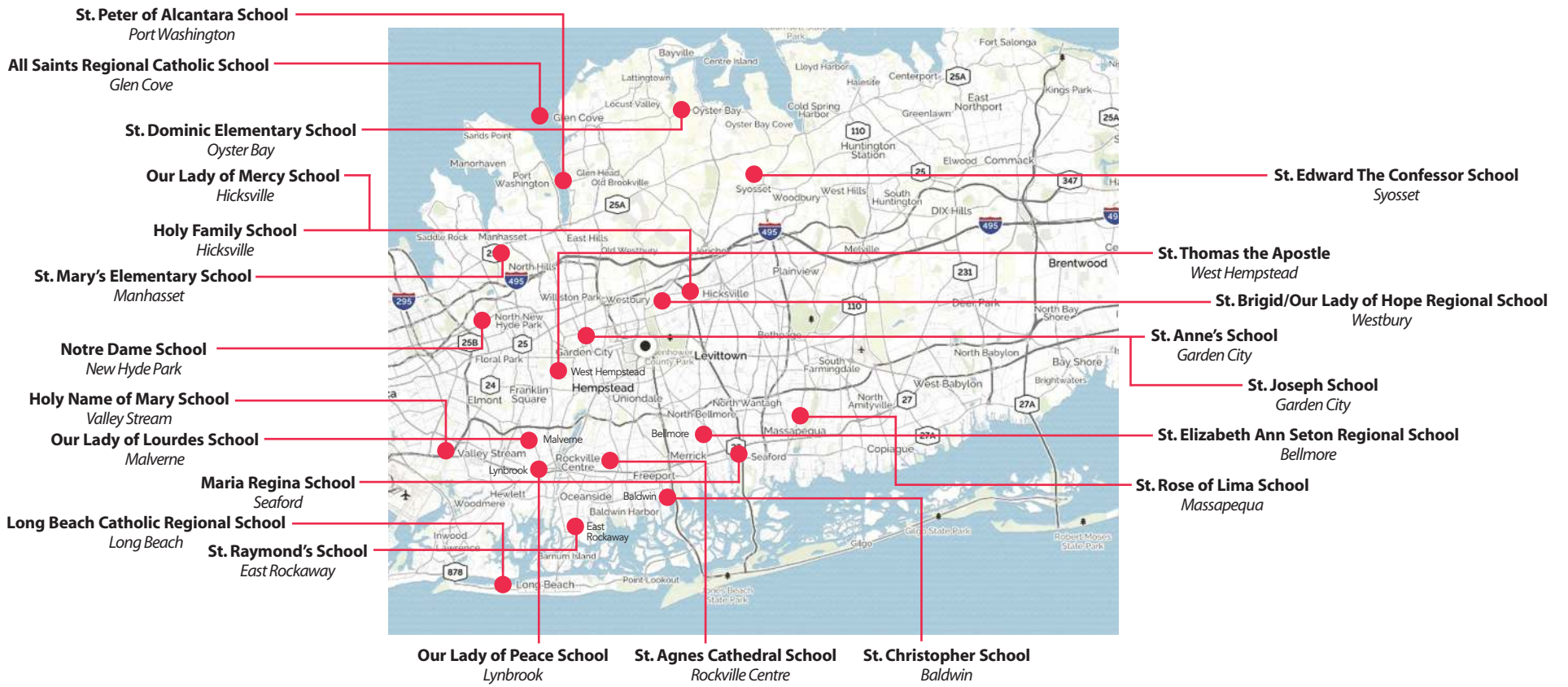
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12 Pearsall Ave., Glen Cove  
(516) 676-0762  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Holy Family School**  
25 Fordham Ave., Hicksville  
(516) 938-3846  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
Monday through Thursday,  
Jan. 29- Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Holy Name of Mary School**  
90 South Grove St., Valley Stream  
(516) 825-4009  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.;  
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 9:30-11 a.m.

**Long Beach Catholic Regional School**  
735 W. Broadway, Long Beach  
(516) 432-8900  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m - 12:30 p.m.,  
following the 10 a.m. Liturgy  
(St. Ignatius Parish);  
Monday Jan. 29, 9:30 -11 a.m.

**Maria Regina School**  
4045 Jerusalem Ave., Seaford  
(516) 541-1229  
*Open House for Early Childhood Center:*  
Thursday, Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m.; Grades  
Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and  
Kindergarten - Ages 3, 4 and 5.  
*Open House for all grades Nursery  
through Grade 8:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 12-2 p.m.

**Notre Dame School**  
25 Mayfair Rd., New Hyde Park  
(516) 354-5618  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.;  
Monday, Jan. 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
and 1-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 30,  
9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Our Lady of Lourdes School**  
76 Park Blvd., Malverne  
(516) 599-7328  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

**Our Lady of Mercy School**  
520 S Oyster Bay Rd., Hicksville  
(516) 433-7040  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.;  
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 9:30-11 a.m.;  
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1-2 p.m.

**Our Lady of Peace School**  
21 Fowler Ave., Lynbrook  
(516) 593-4884  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,  
following Mass at 9:30 a.m.

**St. Agnes Cathedral School**  
70 Clinton Ave, Rockville Centre  
(516) 678-5550  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
(following the 9:30 a.m. Mass and  
10:30 a.m. Hospitality in the Parish  
Center).  
*Registration:* Tuesday, Jan. 30,  
8:30-10:30 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.;  
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
and continuing throughout February  
and March.

**St. Anne's School**  
25 Dartmouth St., Garden City  
(516) 352-1205  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 12:30-2:30 p.m.,  
following Family Mass at 11:45 a.m.

**St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School**  
101 Maple Ave., Westbury  
(516) 333-0580  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m. School Tours:  
Monday through Thursday,  
Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher School**  
15 Pershing Blvd., Baldwin  
(516) 223-4404  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.;  
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 9-11:30 a.m.

**St. Dominic Elementary School**  
35 School St., Oyster Bay  
(516) 922-4233  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;  
Monday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**St. Edward The Confessor School**  
2 Teibrook Ave., Syosset  
(516) 921-7767  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.;  
every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School**  
2341 Washington Ave., Bellmore  
(516) 785-5709  
*Open House:*  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**St. Joseph School**  
450 Franklin Ave., Garden City  
(516) 747-2730  
*Open House:* Sunday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-  
12:30 p.m., following 9 a.m. Catholic  
Schools Week Opening Mass.

**St. Mary's Elementary School**  
1340 Northern Blvd., Manhasset  
(516) 627-0184  
*Open House:* Sunday, Jan. 28; 11:30  
a.m., following 10:30 a.m. Mass in the  
Church of Saint Mary.

**St. Peter of Alcantara School**  
1321 Port Washington Blvd.,  
Port Washington  
(516) 944-3772  
*Open House:* Sunday, Jan. 28,  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., following the Catholic  
Schools Week Opening Liturgy at 9:30  
a.m. Tours on request all week.

**St. Raymond's School**  
263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway  
(516) 593-9010  
*Open House and pancake breakfast:*  
Sunday, Jan 28 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,  
following the 9 a.m. Catholic Schools  
Week Opening Mass.

**St. Rose of Lima School**  
4704 Merrick Rd., Massapequa  
(516) 541-1546  
*Open House:* Tuesday, Jan. 30,  
9:30-10:45 a.m. (observe classes in  
session) and 7-8 p.m. (talk with the  
teachers and meet other school parents).

**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
12 Westminster Rd., West Hempstead  
(516) 481-9310  
*Open House:* Sunday, Jan. 28, 11:30  
a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 29,  
9-11 a.m.

# Experience the difference

Catholic High Schools of Long Island

**M**ore than 11,000 young people discover learning and faith in the 10 Catholic high schools of Long Island. From southwestern Nassau County to the East End, these high schools reflect the tradition, commitment, and family spirit of their communities. Three are owned and operated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, two grew from local parishes, and five are the apostolates of religious orders. Each has its own identity – all are defined by academic excellence on a foundation rooted in faith.

Dedication to success in the classroom, however, is the hallmark that sets Catholic schools apart: 99 percent of graduates from these schools continue their education at college, and last year, they earned more than \$355 million in college scholarships and grants.

The religious and lay faculties of Long Island's Catholic high schools build upon history and tradition to deliver a contemporary education to their students. At St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, for instance, students learn on iPads for a dynamic, interactive program of studies. Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, an all-girls school of the Sisters of St. Joseph, science education is complemented by participation in local and national science fairs, and partnerships with Hofstra University's Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science and National Grid. In Riverhead, Bishop



Long Island's Catholic High Schools offer a challenging education, providing an outstanding experience that combines vigorous academics, extracurricular activities and a strong foundation in faith.

McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School students learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through hands-on work in the school's Apple computer lab. Kellenberg Memorial High School's Robotics Club brings those disciplines together from design to creation in a collaborative setting.

Alumni of Catholic high schools remain close to the mission of their almae matres. Years after graduating, you'll see alumni return regularly to catch a Cougars football game at St. John the Baptist in West Islip. Oyster Bay's St. Dominic High School welcomes college-age alumni back every win-

ter for a convivial luncheon. At St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington, students realize that they are "classmates for four years, and Friars forever."

What keeps so many graduates connected to their Catholic high schools is the well-rounded, values-centered environment to form the complete person. It's reinforced by daily Mass and food drives at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Hicksville. Young men of Chaminade High School in Mineola regularly perform service projects in the community. Young women are empowered by mission trips and a nurturing yet challenging program at Our Lady



of Mercy Academy in Syosset. A host of extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports at each school further develop friendship, faith, and understanding.

The goal of each Catholic high school is as sacred as it is simple — to provide young people with an education that challenges, inspires, and prepares students to lead successful lives at work, at home, and in the community.

The Catholic High Schools Entrance Exam is used for admission to these ten schools in the 9th grade. More information about it and the Catholic High Schools of Long Island may be found at [www.CHSEE.org](http://www.CHSEE.org). Open Houses will also be scheduled for prospective candidates and their families in the fall. ■



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# Catholic Schools Week

Focusing on the value of a Catholic education



Catholic Schools Week is upon us — Jan 28 to Feb. 3 — with the goal of raising the awareness of Catholic elementary schools as an outstanding educational option.

This year's theme of the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States is "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

The week is set aside to promote the unique nature of the Catholic schools in each community. Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses and open houses to thank parishioners, to welcome visitors and to introduce new families to the benefits of a Catholic education. It frequently kick offs with a Mass and open house on the first Sunday (Jan. 28), and a series of events designed to recognize the contributions of students, parents and faculty during the course of the week. Many schools offer additional open houses and opportunities to visit during the week as well.

Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

In addition to the internal events (teacher and parent recognition events, school 'spirit' days, special assemblies, etc) it is also a week where the schools open their doors to the families of their Parish/Parishes they serve, and to the general public who might be considering the benefits of a Catholic education.

#### As a school family, how do I participate?

Each school publishes a complete list of events and activities taking place in their school during the week. School families are encouraged to visit the web site of their school.

#### As a family considering a Catholic education, how do I learn more?

Catholic Schools Week features Open Houses at the schools where parents and students can visit the school(s) they think they might be interested in and get a tour of the facility, be introduced to the teachers, meet some of the current families and children and generally learn about the academic, spiritual, social and physical development programs.

#### As a prospective family, do I have an 'assigned school'?

One of the first differences you will notice about Catholic school is that you get



Catholic schools provide the academic rigor and study regimen, the moral and spiritual instruction, and a full complement of after-school activities to meet all of life's challenges.

to select the school that you believe your children will be most successful in. There is no direct 'assignment' based on where you live and most school districts provide busing to the school of your choice within a 15-mile radius.

#### Is there a difference in tuition to attend a different school?

Long Island's Catholic Elementary schools set their own tuitions, so they vary slightly, but there is no penalty for choosing a school outside of your Parish or town if you are a Parishioner in the Diocese. The system of schools is an asset here on Long Island for all of the families of the Diocese and for all of the families of Long Island.

#### What should parents look for during their visit?

Many parents of current students tell us that their decision was emotional and based on a feeling of warmth and caring they got during their visit. Others are more analytical and make direct comparisons based on the results on standardized test scores and high school admittance history. Regardless of how you make your decision, the schools are 'open books' during this week, providing whatever information prospective families desire to support their decision.

#### When parents select Catholic elementary school, what are the most frequently cited reasons?

The reasons that are most frequently mentioned are: academic excellence, the reinforcement of the values lived at home, Catholic religious identity, a safe, nurturing environment for learning, more individualized attention to each student's learning needs, an outstanding extracurricular program and the level of partnership established with parents.

#### Will attending Catholic elementary schools help my child get into a prestigious Catholic high school?

Attending a Catholic elementary school isn't the only way to get into a Catholic high school, but it is still the best way. The Catholic high schools are open to all students and typically have a very significant number of students from a public school background. Students qualify for Catholic high school through a test for 8th graders that is administered in October of each year. Typically the students from Catholic elementary schools are best prepared for the academic rigor, the integrated program of faith and values, and the service orientation of the high schools. Virtually all of the students from Catholic elementary school (99 percent) are admitted to a Catholic high school with the vast majority getting into the school that is their first choice. You can learn more about the high school entrance exam, and about the Catholic High Schools at <http://CHSEE.org>.

#### Are non-Catholics welcome in the schools?

The schools are welcoming places to everyone without regard to race, religion or national origin. A religion class is a requirement, students participate in Liturgies, and faith is an integrated part of daily activities, but many schools have a significant population of students who attend because of the quality of the education alone.

#### How can I learn more or choose the school(s) I would like to visit?

There is a resource for families on the Internet that provides a very complete picture of the Catholic elementary school experience. It features an interactive map that is your guide to each of Long Island's distinctive Catholic schools, and that lets you view the geographic options for your children at <http://licatholicelementaryschools.org>. ■

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The schedule below details how one of our schools creates a focus on two values in each in of the nine years of elementary and middle school.

**Kindergarten** – Courtesy and Respect: Learning the importance of politeness and good manners in dealing with others, as well as the need to respect one another, and personal and public property.

**First Grade** – Punctuality and Neatness: Being on time for school and with assignments and being neat in both school work and homework.

**Second Grade** – Kindness and Generosity: Understanding the need to reach out and help one another and realizing the joy in giving more than is expected.

**Third Grade** – Hard Work and Perseverance: Recognizing the importance of diligence and a good work attitude, the



From an early age, students learn to excel in a nurturing environment and gain confidence needed for success throughout their lives.

satisfaction of doing our best and the need to keep trying despite obstacles.

**Fourth Grade** – Honesty and

*Responsibility:* Being truthful and keeping our word, doing the right thing even when no one else is looking, accepting the con-

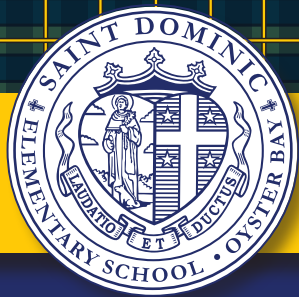
sequences of our actions and meeting our obligations.

**Fifth Grade** – Patience and Discipline: Learning to be patient with ourselves and others, saying "yes" to the right things and "no" to the wrong things, and taking charge of ourselves by controlling our actions and emotions.

**Sixth Grade** – Tolerance and Justice: Learning to accept and appreciate the differences in others and treating them with equality and fairness.

**Seventh Grade** – Thoughtfulness and Compassion: Understanding the needs and feeling of others and treating them with equality and fairness.

**Eighth Grade** – Loyalty and Courage: Caring about our relationships with others and being willing to show it through our actions; having the strength and will to do what is right even when we're afraid or it's unpopular. ■



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# A three-year descent into vagueness

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City comptroller Sandra Clarson received the report in December, and forwarded it to the outgoing mayor and City Council. An updated version of the report, with the city's responses and a detail of actions taken to date, was forwarded to the current administration on Jan. 12.

Of the four areas of concern, the first appeared most significant, because the sale of assets and the issuance of debt to cover shortfalls had the potential to leave the city without adequate resources with which to meet emergencies. "Borrowing to balance an operating budget with no realistic plan to replace the debt . . . can lead to a deteriorating financial condition," the report stated. The use of debt and one-shot revenues to support recurring expenditures, such as payroll, administrative costs and the day-to-day operations of the city, it continued, "is a short-term solution and only temporarily defers the need to address structural imbalances . . . City officials should not rely on debt to finance recurring operating expenses."

City officials issued bond anticipation notes totaling \$4.9 million throughout the period covered by the audit. The notes were issued to fund \$2.2 million in tax certiorari payments, \$2.2 million in separation payments and \$435,000 in legal judgments, but were not included in the city's budgets for those years, the report added. "Tax certiorari and separation payments are routine costs of doing business," it stated, "and these expenditures should be paid from annual appropriations."

## Interfund transfers

The auditors examined the use of interfund transfers, and found the city in violation of its own charter. Though the use of such transfers is common, the city charter allows them only from accounts that show a surplus, and only if they are paid back in the year in which they were made. The audit showed interfund transfers totaling almost \$5 million from the general fund and the water fund in years when those funds showed deficits, auditors wrote. "Loans were not paid back at the end of each fiscal year as required by [general municipal law]," they concluded. The report detailed interfund loan balances owed by the recreation fund as well, totaling roughly \$1.9 million at the end of 2016.

The city's own audited financial statements attributed these year-end imbalances mainly to the time lag between the delivery of goods and services and reimbursement for them. Auditors wrote, however, that audited 2016 financial statements still had not been issued by August 2017. City officials could not offer adequate explanations, the report stated, "and the city's accounting did not provide details of the loans' purpose." And the auditors found "no council resolution authorizing these transfers [to the recreation fund]."

## Financial planning

"The city has not adopted a written multiyear plan," the auditors wrote, "or a fiscal improvement plan." Last April, the

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## City of Glen Cove

# Financial Condition, Claims Processing and Payroll

### Report of Examination

Period Covered:  
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016

2017M-210



Thomas P. DiNapoli

**THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S** triennial audit of the city's finances pointed up a number of key concerns.

mayor and comptroller gave state authorities a multiyear projection that showed expenditures and revenues, as well as operating surpluses or deficits from 2012 through 2015. It also provided estimates for the years 2016 to 2022. Those estimates,

however, failed to include fiscal performance goals, or establish "specific actions with quantifiable results [setting] benchmarks to assess progress and the actions taken," the report stated.

City officials maintained that the gen-

eral fund and the water fund would no longer have deficits as of 2018 and 2019, respectively. The city could not provide a basis for those projections, however, and because the city did not establish "a written [multiyear] improvement plan," auditors had "no assurance that the financial condition will improve."

Finally, the state comptroller singled out inadequate oversight of claims processing and payroll. "The council has not designated an individual independent of the city's purchasing or check signing process to audit all claims prior to payment," the report said. The city charter requires the city comptroller to audit claims, but the comptroller is also responsible for signing all checks. The City Council reviews and approves claims, but no thorough audit of claims is ever performed.

Further, "the payroll clerk's duties were not adequately segregated," the report stated, because the clerk "was responsible for creating new employee profiles, making changes to employees pay rates, collection of employees' time records, recording hours worked or salaries to be paid, and maintaining custody of paychecks until checks were picked up by department heads." The report cautioned that "the payroll clerk performed all these duties without any oversight . . . The absence of adequate controls over processing payroll may leave the payroll system subject to errors and irregularities."

The report emphasized that it found no evidence of wrongdoing. But it described a system so rife with weaknesses, lack of oversight and vagueness that it was potentially open to abuse.

The auditors offered a detailed list of recommendations, the most prominent of which were the adoption of structurally balanced budgets; making sure that routine operating expenditures are paid by annual appropriations in the city budget; ensuring that interfund transfers are conducted according to the city charter and state municipal law; and adopting a formal multiyear financial plan subject to regular review.

Speaking after the Jan. 16 pre-council meeting, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who ran for her seat on a platform of greater fiscal transparency, stressed the need for planning. "The action plan submitted by the prior administration is not sufficient to uphold our fiduciary duty to the public," Silverman said. Based on her expertise in banking and finance, she added that "the consistent and repeated failure to comply with yearly comptroller's reports — and now this audit — show the critical need for change from within."

It will be a long process, Comptroller Clarson cautioned. "Change is always difficult," she said, "and these municipalities [on Long Island] have gotten used to doing things a certain way. Nobody wants to raise taxes; nobody wants to cut services." That is how cities such as Glen Cove, among others, end up reaching for the array of temporary fixes the report criticizes.

## Key recommendations by state auditors

- Adopt structurally balanced budget.
- Ensure routine expenditures are paid by annual appropriations.
- Bring interfund transfers into compliance with city charter and general municipal law.
- Adopt multiyear financial plan and review when updated.
- Adopt plan for fiscal improvement, setting goals and establishing performance benchmarks.
- Open budget process to independent audit.
- Ensure that claims, purchasing and payroll have additional level of oversight.

Source: Office of the New York State Comptroller

# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

## Game on — in good taste on Super Sunday Score big with zesty game day flavors

Those gridiron warriors will be the focus next Sunday, Feb. 4, when most of us will huddle up at our TVs to watch the 52nd battle for that championship ring.

Whether your gang includes football fanatics or those mostly interested in the half-time show and the commercials, the big game is an occasion for some casual winter entertaining. Even non-fans often spend at least some time with an eye on the game — so a good party can make the game that much more enjoyable (even for the less interested among us).

Besides the game, the day is also about food — and plenty of it.

The key to hosting a successful Super Sunday gathering, is to serve never-miss, crowd-pleasing dishes that can be made in quantity.

Of course, Buffalo flavor-inspired foods and football always seem to go together, but think beyond those traditional flavors for a new twist on your game day cuisine.



Dip away. A winning dip is always a fan favorite. Try a flavorful, Bruschetta-Topped Hummus dip, in addition to the guacamole. Put a twist on traditional hummus by topping it with bruschetta.

### Bruschetta-Topped Hummus

- 2 cups multi-colored cherry tomatoes
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 10 fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus additional (optional)
- salt, to taste
- 1 container hummus (10 ounces)

To make bruschetta: Cut cherry tomatoes into quarters or eighths, if large. Place in small mixing bowl. Stir in garlic, basil and olive oil, and season with salt, to taste.

Scoop hummus out of container and swirl onto serving

plate. Top with bruschetta and drizzle with touch of olive oil, if desired. Serve with fresh vegetables or pita chips.



Wings are a never-miss gametime favorite. Whether you're hosting the game-day party or bringing a dish to a friend's bash, Buffalo wings are always a winner.

### Crispy Baked Buffalo Chicken Wings

- 4 pounds chicken wings
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup Buffalo-style hot sauce
- 1/2 cup Chunky Blue Cheese or Ranch dressing
- 1/3 cup Blue Cheese Crumbles
- Carrots and celery

Lay wings on rack on rimmed baking tray and let dry in refrigerator overnight, or pat dry with paper towels.

Heat oven to 250 F. Put one oven shelf in lower quarter of oven and one in top quarter.

Place wings in large resealable bag. Add baking powder and salt. Shake bag to coat wings evenly.

Line tray with foil. Spray rack on baking tray with nonstick spray. Place wings skin side up on rack. Bake on

lower shelf 30 minutes.

Move tray to higher shelf and turn oven up to 425 F. Bake 40-50 minutes, rotating tray halfway through. Wings are done when they are dark, golden brown and skin is crispy.

While wings bake, whisk together butter and hot sauce; keep warm.

Remove wings from oven and toss with hot sauce; sprinkle immediately with blue cheese crumbles. Serve with blue cheese or ranch dressing, carrots and celery sticks.



Everyone is always ready to dig into a platter of nachos. Add some sausage for a new take on this fan favorite.

### Brat Sausage Nachos

- 1 pound bratwurst sausages, sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 (14.5 ounce) package tortilla chips
- 1 (16 ounce) can refried beans
- 2 tablespoons pickled jalapeno pepper slices
- 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder; or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper; or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon onion powder; or to taste

Preheat oven to 300 F.

Brown the bratwurst slices in a skillet over medium heat, 10 to 12 minutes, stirring often; drain excess grease and set the sausage aside.

Melt the butter with olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat; cook the onions in the butter and oil mixture, stirring often, until soft and brown, about 20 minutes. Set aside.

Spread the tortilla chips onto a baking sheet in an even layer.

Spread the bratwurst slices, caramelized onions, dollops of refried beans, jalapeno pepper slices, and Mexican cheese blend over the chips.

Sprinkle with chili powder, cayenne pepper, and onion powder.

Bake the nachos until hot and the cheese is melted, 10 to 15 minutes.

— Karen Bloom  
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### ON STAGE PROJECT Trio

Blending classical training with their eclectic taste in musical styles, PROJECT Trio — flutist Greg Pattillo, cellist Eric Stephenson and bassist Peter Seymour — combine classical training with eclectic taste in their jazz, hip-hop, rock, Americana, and bluegrass arrangements. They've made an impact on audiences of all ages by bridging the gap between classical music and pop culture, Bursting onto the scene with landmark videos right out of the Internet generation, PROJECT Trio is a not-to-be-missed musical experience. Gramophone Magazine recently singled out the group as "an ensemble willing and able to touch on the gamut of musical bases ranging from Baroque to nu-Metal and taking in pretty much every stylism in between," while The New York

## WEEKEND Out and About

Times has called beatboxing flutist Pattillo "the best in the world at what he does." The ensemble was forged out of a collective desire to draw new and diverse audiences by performing high energy, top quality music. Using social media to broaden their reach beyond the concert stage and classroom, PROJECT Trio even has its own YouTube channel.

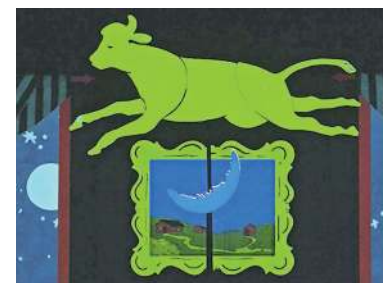
Friday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m. \$32. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LUI Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).

### FAMILY FUN

## 'Goodnight Moon' Meets 'The Runaway Bunny'

Mermaid Theater of Nova Scotia brings to life two beloved children's stories through

their unique style of puppetry and black light. Adapted from Margaret Wise Brown's 60-year-old classic, "Goodnight Moon" is a celebration of familiar nighttime rituals, while "The Runaway Bunny" is a pretend tale of leaving home evokes reassuring responses from his loving mom. Both stage adaptations feature endearing animal puppets and stunning scenic effects based on Clement Hurd's illustrations, and evocative musical accompaniment. Mermaid Theater brings a fresh appreciation of the stories and images that have delighted several generations to the stage. A variety of styles of puppets are used, including rod and tabletop puppets, to tell the two tales. The talents of just three puppeteers, who manipulate all the puppets and scenic elements, guide the captivating production, intended for ages 2-6. Sunday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$25. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmain-street.org](http://www.landmarkonmain-street.org).



### Performances/ On Stage

#### Nathan Macintosh

The energetic comedian shares his fresh perspective in his ranty, need-to-get-this-out style, Friday, Jan. 26, 9:30 p.m. Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or [www.cinemaartscentre.org](http://www.cinemaartscentre.org).



#### Once

The acclaimed musical based on the Oscar-winning film about an Irish singer-songwriter, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 25-26, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 27, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### At the Movies

The popular cabaret couple Paul and Rochelle Chamlin perform big screen favorites, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or [www.glencoverlibrary.org](http://www.glencoverlibrary.org).



#### Blues Traveler

The popular jam band in concert, with special guest Los Colognes, Saturday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### The Class of Life

A theatrical experience that takes the audience on a journey highlighting one man's life, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m. The one-man show blends humor, drama and life experience. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Yamato — The Drummer of Japan

The acclaimed ensemble in concert, Sunday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).

### For the Kids

#### Penguin-palooza

Explore penguins that live in the Antarctic,



### Darlene Love's Valentine Tour

The rock 'n roll icon returns to the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Friday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m.

The adored vocalist has done it all — and continues to captivate audiences with her warm, gracious stage presence and dynamic performances.

Since the early '60s, as part of Phil Spector's wall of sound hit factory, this songstress has done it all — from movies like the highly successful "Lethal Weapon" series to Broadway hits like "Hairspray" and "Grease." She even starred as herself in "Leader Of The Pack," credited as Broadway's first 'jukebox musical.'

Love's career and legacy has reached new heights, as a result of being featured in 2013's award-winning documentary "20 Feet from Stardom." She'll have everyone feeling the love on her latest tour.

Tickets are \$85, \$77, \$67; available at 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org). Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Touch some real penguin feathers, go on a scavenger hunt and create penguin crafts. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or [www.cshwhalingmuseum.org](http://www.cshwhalingmuseum.org).



#### Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat

The trouble-making cat comes to life on stage in a lively musical; Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Laurie Berkner Live

The singer-songwriter in concert, Sunday, Jan. 28, 3 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### Crafting Together

Uncover your inner artist during an art workshop, Thursday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m. Use mosaics, boxes and duct tape to create something special. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or [www.glencoverlibrary.org](http://www.glencoverlibrary.org).

### Museums/ Galleries and more...



#### Tony Vaccaro: An American Photographer

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

#### Artists' Choice

A two-artist showcase of works that complement and contrast. Through Feb. 25. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or [www.bjspokegallery.org](http://www.bjspokegallery.org).

#### The Art of Narrative: Timeless Tales and Visual Vignettes

An exhibition that explores storytelling in art from the 16th through 20th centuries. Illustrations by early American modernist Arthur Dove and others, a genre group by John Rogers, experimental photography by Martina Lopez, and abstract work by

James Rosenquist are included, as well as works by Alonzo Chappel, François Girardon, George Grosz, Daniel Ridgeway Knight, and many others. Through April 15. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

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

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

#### 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](http://www.hmtcli.org).

#### Masters Show 2018

An exhibit of varied works by local artists. Participating artists include Lauren Skelly Bailey, Shain Bard, Grainne de Buitlear, Anahi DeCanio, Ralph DeCarli, Kathie Domney, Bill Farran, Geraldine Hoffman, Philip Jordan, Marc Josloff, Sharon Lobo, Jared Long, E Craig Marcin, Stan Mehlman, Michelle Palatnik, Jim Sabiston, and William Von Gonten. Through Feb. 3. Main Street Gallery, 213 Main St., Huntington. (631) 271-8423 or [www.huntingtonarts.org](http://www.huntingtonarts.org).

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

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

#### Movie Time

See "Stronger," the biographical drama based on the memoir of a Boston Marathon bombing survivor, Thursday, Jan. 25, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### On Screen

See the film classic "Young Mr. Lincoln," starring Henry Fonda as the young president-to-be, Friday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.; also "Marshall," the biopic that tells of the life of a young Thurgood Marshall, as he battles through career-defining cases, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Film Screening

See the documentary "Josef and Anni Albers: Art is Everywhere," Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27-28, 1-4 p.m. The film

explores the lives of the pioneers of 20th century modernism, including rare footage. Nassau County Museum of Art, Manes Center, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

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#### Armchair Travel

Travel to Naples and other Italian points of interest in a multi-media presentation with Elena Florenzo, Monday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Film Classics

See the classic romantic comedy "Funny Face," starring Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

#### Book Signing

Hear motivational speaker and Emmy-nominated songwriter Sheira Brayer, speak on her mother-daughter empowerment book "Motiv8: 8 Ways to Rock Your Own World," Thursday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m. She and her daughter will also perform songs from the companion album. Book Revue, 313 New York Ave., Huntington. (631) 271-1442 or [www.bookrevue.com](http://www.bookrevue.com).

#### Trivia Time

Match wits with fellow trivia buffs, with Quiz Mistress Kristine Janusas, Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:45 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).



#### Fool the Eye

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

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# VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

## THE QUESTION:

If you were a photographer for a day, what would you take pictures of?



I have an interest in photographing birds. I'd especially like to get hawks in flight and cardinals on a branch.

**KAMEHA COLE**  
7th Grade



I would photograph whales, dolphins, seals, piping plovers... really any wildlife at the beach.

**BETSY GLAZER**  
Volunteer



I would like to go to the North Pole and take pictures of the Northern Lights and penguins.

**LUCY CAREY**  
4th Grade



I would go to Los Angeles and take pictures of the Hollywood Walk of Fame and different recording studios.

**KIERA HARDING**  
5th Grade



Wild animals... gorillas, cheetahs, monkeys, alligators, and stuff like that.

**OLIVIA JURADO**  
1st Grade



I would take pictures of deers and my fish Pinky and Spotty.

**CAYDEN CARDIFF**  
Kindergarten

# HERALD Crossword Puzzle

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Winter woe
- 4 Movie fragment
- 8 Restaurant employee
- 12 Deteriorate
- 13 Stash
- 14 Head light?
- 15 Formed rust
- 17 Too
- 18 Felon's flight
- 19 Tasted
- 21 Miss Muffet's bugaboo
- 24 Prune
- 25 Candy in a dispenser
- 26 Deli buy
- 28 Rid of frost
- 32 Sandwich cookie
- 34 Yuletide quaff
- 36 Crucial time
- 37 Re ebb and flow
- 39 Existed
- 41 Individual
- 42 In medias —
- 44 Libra symbol
- 46 Sweet girl in an old song
- 50 Yale student
- 51 Poi base
- 52 Worried greatly
- 56 Ear-related
- 57 Links warning
- 58 Detergent brand

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- 9 Corridor
- 10 Differently
- 11 Comestibles
- 16 Father
- 20 Chic, in the '60s
- 21 Location
- 22 Actress Gilpin
- 23 Take off
- 27 Violinist's need
- 29 Put on a pedestal
- 30 Chaplin prop
- 31 Spud's buds
- 33 U-shaped part of a row-boat
- 35 Petrol
- 38 Hawaiian souvenir
- 40 Parts of an act
- 43 Big glitch
- 45 — Baba
- 46 Teeny bit
- 47 Piece of info on an invitation
- 48 Great Lake
- 49 Ids' counterparts
- 53 Raw rock
- 54 Before
- 55 Beavers' construct

### DOWN

- 1 To and —
- 2 Bagel topping
- 3 Worked with
- 4 Doorbells, often
- 5 Claiborne of fashion
- 6 Mid-month date
- 7 Accelerator, e.g.
- 8 In need of balm, maybe

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## Lying in limbo

Dear Great Book Guru,

**W**e were at the Women's March in New York City last weekend with friends and family. It was an amazing display of unity and activism. The signs were wonderful- ranging from "Love Trumps Hate" to "Toddlers Against Tyranny." As we marched, we talked about many things, including good choices for our book clubs. Someone mentioned a new novel about Lincoln. Any thoughts?

— Marching with the many



**ANN  
DIPIETRO**

he visits the crypt where his young son Willy lies after having just died of typhoid fever. The president's grief is so intense that Willy cannot move on. The other ghosts, many who refuse to believe they are dead, share their life stories. There is the racist soldier who brags about the many women he raped, a miserly widow, a young mother who fears for her children, and a group of slaves that recount the horrors they have endured. Interspersed throughout are quotes from Lincoln scholars and journalists offering commentary on the events of the day.

Saunders tells an extraordinary tale, both beautifully poetic and ribaldry humorous, of love, grief, and redemption. Highly recommended!

*Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at [annmdipietro@gmail.com](mailto:annmdipietro@gmail.com).*

Dear Marching, George Saunders's "Lincoln in the Bardo" is an excellent book club choice. Although central to the plot, Lincoln is only one of 166 characters we encounter in this very unusual, award-winning novel. Bardo is the place where the dead await their afterlife, possibly reincarnation, possibly damnation. We meet Lincoln as



Courtesy Fox Hollow/Instagram

**FOX HOLLOW, AN** indie rock band, is raising money at this year's Homecoming Show to benefit the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

# Local band to rock out for a good cause in G.C.

BY ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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Hicksville indie rock band Fox Hollow is coming to the end of their 2018 tour across the east coast and they are coming to Glen Cove. Per band tradition, their homecoming show will raise money for charity.

This year, the band will donate all the concert's proceeds to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a prevention network of 161 crisis centers nationwide that provide a 24/7 toll-free hotline to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

Fox Hollow will play alongside fellow bands The Firnats, Lated, and Figure Eight, of Syosset, for the benefit concert this Sunday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at a house venue in Glen Cove.

"Every homecoming show after a tour, we've decided to do a benefit show to raise money for a different charity," said Mike Themistocleous, Fox Hollow's vocalist and guitarist. "Last year, after the Planned Parenthood show, Chris [our drummer] asked me if we could raise money for a mental health charity. After some research and speaking with a worker from the NSPL, we decided to raise money for it."

The band organized the concert independently of NSPL, but its representa-

tives were extremely grateful that a benefit concert of this kind would be done, effectively raising awareness for suicide prevention.

Fran Karliner, the director of development at the Long Island Crisis Center in Bellmore, which is a part of the NSPL network, was also appreciative. "[We] appreciate all community efforts to raise visibility of suicide prevention and awareness," she said. "Fundraising is imperative so that crisis centers such as ours can provide that much-needed service."

Themistocleous explained that organizing the show was a team effort. "I set up our January 2018 tour and contacted The Firnats from Virginia about it, and Chris contacted Lated about joining the show," he said.

Themistocleous added that Fox Hollow had been playing with Syosset-based Figure Eight since day one. "They're such fantastic people and played the Planned Parenthood show with us, so we knew we'd have them back," he said.

The singer said that contributing to an important cause through music sheds a silver lining. "With this show, we can provide a fun, entertaining time to those attending, shed light on a beautiful cause, and inspire people with our music," he said. "Suicide is such a horribly tragic thing, and the NSPL supports you, which is such a beautiful beacon of hope. People really need to learn more about depression and suicide, and with more benefits, organizations such as the NSPL can keep going strong."

Statistics indicate that suicide is the tenth leading cause of death nationally, and the second leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24. "We need everybody to be our partners in our lifesaving work," Karliner said.

Fox Hollow's homecoming show to benefit NSPL is Sunday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. Message Fox Hollow on Facebook, or email them at [foxxollowcontact@gmail.com](mailto:foxxollowcontact@gmail.com) for the address. Tickets are \$5.

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## OPINIONS

# A good job is the best medicine

**W**hen Medicare and Medicaid were created in the 1960s, they received strong support in Congress from both parties. Then, in the 1990s, a bipartisan coalition added the Children's Health Insurance Program to the nation's health care safety net. (I was one of the senators who voted for it.)

Unfortunately, when Congress passed Obamacare in 2009, it was enacted strictly along party lines, with the Democratic majority shutting out the Republican minority from any meaningful input.



**ALFONSE  
D'AMATO**

Today, these political fault lines still keep the parties far apart on many aspects of health care policy. But there are some things that shouldn't be

debated. Recently, the Trump administration announced a new policy allowing states the flexibility to require able-bodied adults who receive Medicaid benefits to enroll in work training and education courses. Can there really be any question about encouraging those who can work to prepare themselves for

today's jobs?

We are fast approaching a full-employment economy, in which jobs will go unfilled unless people currently not seeking work do so. Already, many jobs requiring various skills go begging, with too few Americans adequately trained to fill them. And jobs today are getting better, with higher pay. Minimum wages are on the rise, and starting pay is moving higher, too. Ask the 1.5 million Walmart employees who just got a \$2 an hour raise — equal to \$80 more per week and \$4,000 more per year — and \$1,000 bonuses if that extra cash in their pockets isn't a big deal for them. Millionaires like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi may say that's only "crumbs," but to working Americans, money like that is a *very* big deal.

All this should encourage our national leaders to cheer for America's workers and encourage them to help grow our economy. Every increase in national productivity and economic activity creates more jobs and more upward mobility for all Americans. That's why unemployment among African-Americans — who were hit hardest by the 2007-09 recession — is now at historic lows. But

that's not good enough. Young blacks are still under-employed, often saddled with poor education and few job skills. It's time we focused more attention on getting them the skills for today's employment opportunities.

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Which brings me back to the administration's policy to grant states the authority to require job training as a condition for receiving Medicaid benefits. Some out-of-touch critics may not appreciate just how important a job can be to one's self-worth and dignity. But if a young person can get a decent job, see his or her wages and bonuses climb steadily, have good benefits like health care and look forward to moving up the economic ladder, how can that not be good?

Today, the safety net for American workers is stronger than ever. Along with Medicaid and CHIP benefits, working families can receive direct assistance under the earned income tax credit, can still qualify for assistance under the food stamp program and are often eligible for housing assistance. But the best safety net is a good-paying job that makes for a productive life and turns people into contributing members of the American economy.

In the next few years, Washington will have to face the growing pressure on the federal budget from social programs like Medicare and Social Security that could threaten benefits for future generations. Hard choices will have to be made about raising the age at which we become eligible for these programs. Members of the next generation will likely have to work longer to qualify for their benefits, which is all the more reason their employment opportunities and incomes must expand. As America's workforce grows into the 21st century economy, let's encourage an economy that grows, too.

And in New York, let's do more to keep our kids and grandkids here, rather than losing them to lower-taxed states with greater job opportunities. I talk with too many Long Island neighbors whose kids are forced to move to Atlanta or Austin or other Sunbelt cities. Let's get our own house in order and lower the cost of state government so we don't slip further behind sunnier climes and rosier futures elsewhere.

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## When two and two don't make four

**D**ear Barb:

Last night Don and I went out with your husband, Bill, and his new girlfriend, Judy. I know, I know — you and I joked about this eventuality, but here it is, happening in real time.

You died a year ago, and I promised to keep you in the loop, so here goes.



**RANDI  
KREISS**

After all your dreadful cardiac events, the fact that you died wasn't a surprise; I'm sure you weren't surprised, either. But you and I never stopped talking when you were alive, so why should we now? We never made a plan for how to

stay in touch, so I'm figuring maybe you read the Herald.

In case you don't have internet access, let me assure you, your kids are doing OK and honoring your memory by reaching out to Bill and visiting him often. You were worried about your "baby," Sally, but her cancer scare was just that, a scare. She's fine. Your grandson, Elliot, just got into Emory University. The little one, Isabel, is playing on

her school's soccer team. I apologize in advance if you know this stuff already. We here, in the life, are handicapped by not knowing what comes next.

Bill seemed so lonely in the weeks after you died, and then, typical of Bill, we went out to dinner one night and he told me he was "done" with grief. Really. As if one can wrap it up, tie it with a bow and throw it down a chute. To his credit, he had tried to help himself. He went to bereavement groups, and therapy, and finally landed happily in a men's group where the common quest is finding a woman to date. Apparently, the men, all over 70, pass around women's names and numbers like lottery numbers. I'm being glib, but it's a good thing; it is so debilitating to be lonely as one gets older.

Bill's search became obsessive. He told me he had more numbers than he could possibly call in a week. Women were leaving text messages and friends were offering fix-ups. Eventually a woman he went out with told him he wasn't for her but she had a friend he would like. That was Judy.

I'm happy for him, but I didn't want to go out with them. You and I were the

glue in the relationship. Our husbands were companionable, but they were pretty much along for the ride, while you and I shared something special. I think we "got" each other, no small thing.

I want Bill to be happy, and I hope to see him, but not as couples. It's unfair, but some relationships just can't be mixed and matched. People aren't chess pieces.

I knew your husband was dating someone because he called me a few months back to ask about possible weekend getaways for golf and hiking. Bill, hiking?? When you were alive he would barely walk, what with the back braces and ankle straps and the belly hanging over his pants. The newly single Bill slimmed down, and he's thrown away his crutches, figuratively speaking. He said he was seeing someone and I didn't ask any questions.

Then, last week, he asked us to go to dinner to meet his new love interest. We said yes, but for me it was a "never again" experience. Oh, it was all OK. But you were the fifth person at the table. Judy is a perfectly nice woman (am I killing her with kindness?), although it's a little concerning that she

was married four times, so far. And she's lying about her age.

She is cheerful and gifted at small talk. She's neither conservative nor liberal, neither Democrat nor Republican, neither a feminist nor a chauvinist. In other words, you would hate her. She and your husband seem to have a friendship with benefits, the benefits being companionship and traveling and the not-having-to-eat-dinner-alone thing.

I wish them well, but I had nothing to say to her and she had nothing to say about anything but herself and her teaching gigs and the cocker spaniels she raises. She was missing the all-important X factor, X equaling humor. You and I never met a life situation we couldn't and didn't laugh about. The last time I saw you, we hugged and shared a wicked joke about the ridiculous possibility of Trump getting elected. Maybe you don't get election results. I'll spare you the bad news.

My dear friend, you were so smart and quick and in love with life. I still hear your voice in my head. Really, I'm enjoying this conversation with you, even though you're dead, more than I enjoyed talking to her, and she was right across the table. Just wanted to let you know.

Love, Randi

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Now's the time to speak up on school budgets

**A**s far back as 1993, there was talk at the highest levels of government of consolidating Long Island school districts to save money and provide greater resources for the Island's poorest districts.

That debate is likely to be resurrected in the wake of the Republican tax overhaul passed by Congress and signed by President Trump last month. The GOP plan eliminates most of the deductions for state and local (property) taxes, while also nixing the deduction for interest on home-equity loans. In effect, housing just got even more expensive for Long Island homeowners than it already was.

Already we are seeing some talk of consolidation in district budget discussions. That talk is likely to intensify when homeowners realize the extent to which the GOP plan will impact their personal budgets — and that the upcoming income tax cut, which will offset the loss of deductions in the short term, will expire in 2025.

A quarter-century ago, a Long Island University-C.W. Post study, "A Closer Look at Long Island's Public Schools," found that the smaller the school district, the whiter and wealthier it was, and the greater the number of resources it provided for students. Then Gov. Mario Cuomo and Assemblyman Jerry Kremer, who is now a Herald columnist, jumped on the study, insisting that it provided the objective data they needed to help make the case for consolidation, according to The New York Times.

Back then, Roosevelt spent a little

more than \$8,000 per pupil, while Jericho spent twice that. Not much has changed. Jericho still outspends not only Roosevelt, but also just about every other district. Jericho's per-pupil spending is \$35,792 per year, compared with \$26,207 for similar school districts and the statewide average of \$22,556, according to Jericho's own budget brochure.

In the coming weeks and months, local school districts will plan and lay out their 2018-19 budgets, deciding how to allocate their precious resources in the form of student programming. Taxpayers have a right to say how they believe that money should be spent. Residents are the ones, after all, who pay for the schools.

We strongly urge homeowners to get involved in their districts' budget processes by attending meetings devoted to reviewing school spending plans, while also writing us letters to the editor to express their thoughts. Let's get a conversation going!

In recent years, districts have had to make tough choices as financial pressures on schools have mounted. Rising health insurance and pension costs, implementation of the property-tax cap and declining state aid have meant cuts in programs and staff, and in some cases, closed schools.

This year, we can be thankful that state aid for education is projected to rise. But given the rapidly changing state of the federal tax structure, which will inevitably affect decision-making at the local level (meaning in our school districts), it's more important than ever

that people stay informed and speak up and out.

School district consolidation, if it ever came to pass, would be a monumental change for Long Island's districts, which have, for a century, acted independently, with hyper-local representation on boards of education. Consolidation, whatever form it might take, would bring larger districts with enormous budgets that would require even greater vigilance than is needed now.

Consolidation would be a long-term, and likely tumultuous, process. In the shorter term, we could very well see at least some school districts looking to scale back programming to rein in expenses and more tightly control property taxes — yes, more tightly than is already the case.

It's more important than ever for school trustees and administrators to hear from the public when planning next year's budgets. School officials want to produce spending plans that will earn residents' support in the May 15 budget vote, which is why residents need to be involved in the process early. District officials' decisions on how to spend taxpayer money need to reflect the community's needs and wants.

Whether or not you have children in the schools, you have an investment in the public education system. Budget meetings are listed in your school calendar and on the district's website. Get involved by making it a point to attend at least one budget session in your district in the coming months.

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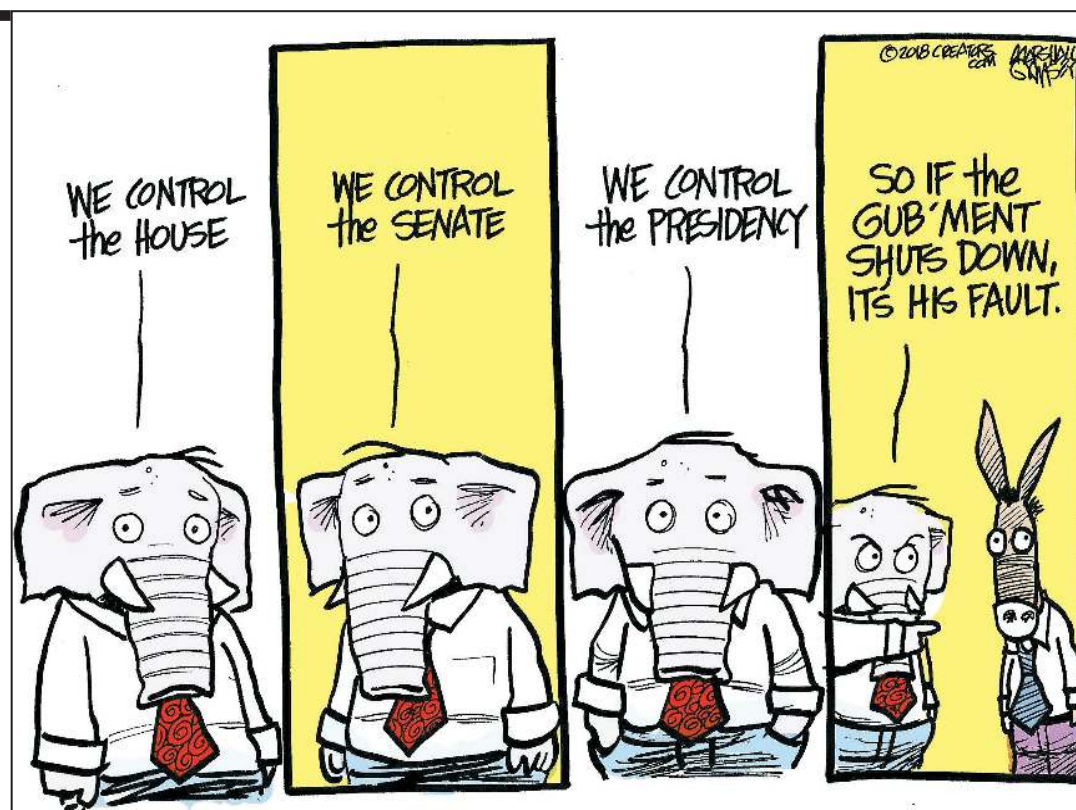
### D'Amato couldn't be more wrong

To the Editor:

One can always count on Alfonse D'Amato to be partisan, but the cherry-picking of facts in his Jan. 18-24 column, "No, America, the sky isn't falling, is a bridge too far. He starts with the economy, stating that it is booming under the current administration. While the economy is doing well (and we should all be happy for that) D'Amato forgets to mention a few things.

For instance, while Walmart did say it was raising starting wages, it also stated that it would be laying off roughly 1,400 employees at the same time, most of them middle-management positions. This comes on top of Macy's recently laying off 10,000 employees and Limited laying off 4,000. Walmart's new largess is more likely related to its 50 percent annual turnover rate, making it difficult to hire anyone, as opposed to tax benefits.

D'Amato also notes the record-high Dow, but



## OPINIONS

# Buckle up, L.I., the GOP tax plan is headed our way

**A**s I wrote this column Saturday — the first anniversary of President Trump's inauguration — the federal government was shut down. By Monday, it appeared poised to get back to work, as a compromise deal to end the legislative stalemate was in the works, so the nation could breathe a collective sigh of relief.

This isn't about the shutdown, however. I've been trying to wrap my head around Trump's massive tax "reform" plan — the one hurriedly passed with little transparency and virtually no public input at the end of 2017, the one that permanently lowers corporate tax rates from 35 to 21 percent, and the one that pundits say is a most excellent deal for the wealthy (it is) and a truly lousy one



**SCOTT  
BRINTON**

for Long Island's middle class (yes and perhaps no, depending).

In the coming weeks, all of us who work are supposed to receive a modest tax cut. How much that cut will be remains a little nebulous. We know this: The cut will expire in 2025, according to the legislation that Congress passed and Trump signed

last month.

Implementing the cut could take longer than expected, however, because of the shutdown, according to Politico. Reformulating nearly every tax procedure that the agency has practiced for decades in weeks is, at best, a trying, if not impossible task. Add to that the shutdown, and well, things got chaotic. Let's hope they get back on track quickly.

No matter what, the tax cut will take effect eventually. Then what?

Let's begin with the premise that the tax plan will increase the national debt by \$1.8 trillion over the next decade, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. One trillion is the number 1 followed by 12 zeroes. It's one million times one million. Multiply that figure by 1.8, and that's how much the plan is projected to increase the debt.

According to the Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan think tank based in Washington, D.C., our national debt is now 103 percent of our gross domestic product. That is, the nation now owes more money than we can produce in goods and services each year. The federal government currently makes \$276 billion in interest payments on that debt annually. I shudder to think of the debt-service payments it will have to make annually in 2028.

The funny thing is that all — or most — of the GOP's debt hawks seemingly disappeared late last year. Instead, they handed

their corporate donors the greatest of holiday gifts in the form of disproportionately large tax breaks.

I know what you're thinking: Thanks, Scott, for reminding us of all the macro-economic perils that lie ahead for the nation. What about me, the average Long Island homeowner? What does all of this mean for my bottom line?

I'm not an economist or a financial adviser. I'm a journalist, so please take what I write with whatever volume of salt you like. I have, however, covered economic issues, along with state, county, town and school district budgets, for 25 years, so I do have a sense of what the tax plan might mean for Long Islanders. Here are my thoughts:

If you're a homeowner who stretched financially to purchase a McMansion above your price range, or if you recently revamped and/or expanded your home with a large home-equity loan, you could be in trouble. All homeowners lost much of the longstanding deduction for local (property) and state taxes under the GOP plan. That's a big hit for anyone, but especially for those who bought or built big. At the same time, interest on a home-equity loan (traditionally used for remodeling) is no longer deductible, whereas it was previously, up to \$100,000, so we could see a downturn in home contracting.

It's unclear how much personal income tax cuts will offset the loss of deductions.

We'll know soon enough. This is certain: The offset won't last long, because the tax cuts are scheduled to expire in seven years, after which all but the wealthiest of Americans will likely see their income taxes rise.

So brace yourselves. The Long Island housing market could be in for a bumpy ride in the coming years. Many Long Islanders overleveraged themselves over the past two decades, even after the 2008-09 recession. So we could see a downturn in the Island's housing market as, potentially, more people sell larger homes and replace them with more modest abodes or, sadly, move to more affordable regions of the country. The GOP tax plan could force many Long Islanders to downsize, but the potential upside is the lowering of home prices, which might — might — open the housing market to numerous families who are now priced out of it.

Like any legislation, there will be a yin and yang. For the wealthy, it will mostly be good news. For Long Island's middle class, caught unaware by the tempest in a teapot that is Donald Trump, not so much.

In my next column: My suggestions for dealing with the GOP tax plan.

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leaves out the much more representative S&P 500, which is a more broadly based sampling and is growing at exactly the same rate it has been for the past eight years.

Most disingenuous is his indication that the recent tax cut bill is helping the economy. The facts are that the tax cut gives very small, temporary benefits to the middle and lower class and much larger, permanent cuts to corporations and the very wealthy, thereby adding an estimated \$1.5 trillion to a deficit already expected to hit record levels in the coming years.

I assume that by giving a pittance to 90 percent of the population (while increasing fees and cutting programs which many rely), this administration believed it could create cover, while adding to the record wealth disparity in this country. The top 1 percent of the U.S. population currently own 38.6 percent of the country's worth, while the bottom 90 percent own 22.8 percent. These levels, which we have not seen since the early 1900s, will become much worse as the tax cuts, reductions in estate taxes and other "gimmies" to the wealthy go into effect.

I would not have believed it possible, but D'Amato goes further afield on foreign policy. When is the last time an American president had 2 million British citizens sign a petition demanding that he not be allowed to visit their country due to racist statements and policies? What president has so thoroughly alienated our closest neighbors by verbally attacking a trade agreement (while doing nothing to change it) and demanding they pay for an environmentally disastrous and ineffective wall? How about referring to an entire continent, one rich in natural resources and strategically critical, in scatological terms? There is no room to go into his war against our own intelligence agencies, his reckless nuclear war baiting, his needless provocations in the Middle East and other foolish and dangerous words and actions. Suffice it to say that I am for the first time ashamed of my government when speaking to European friends.

## FRAMEWORK by John Keating



At the Norwegian Royal Palace (gloves strongly encouraged) — Oslo

Finally, the ex-senator points out that the devastating tax bill passed by Congress might be a way of learning to live within our means. Is he saying he is unaware of the fact that New Yorkers get back from the federal government only 84 cents of every dollar we contribute? It is difficult to believe that he is unaware that downstate New York sends billions in excess state tax revenue to upstate New York, which is less likely to be injured by property tax deduction restrictions.

Maybe the red states and Upstaters are the ones who should learn to live within their means. This Republican tax law is a politically targeted attack on metropolitan New York, and to pretend otherwise, to quote another distinguished Republican leader, is putting lipstick on a pig.

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