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DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF corn were on display at Garvies Point Museum for the Native American Feast last Saturday and Sunday.

A feast full of history at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve

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Hidden in the woodlands of Glen Cove, visitors wandered the grounds of Garvies Point Museum and Preserve during the annual Native American Feast last Saturday. Each year, the weekend before Thanksgiving, the museum invites patrons from near and far to take part in a variety of activities that celebrate Native American life.

“Being a museum, educa-

tion is our No. 1 goal,” said Veronica Natale, the museum’s director. “So we like to bring education through hands-on activities. People get more out of learning when it’s hands-on and visual.”

Guests applied tribal face paint made from red shale, which was ground at a stone-drilling station. Children weaved in and out of wigwams in the interactive woodland village, and visitors sampled fare from Native American food displays, which fea-

tured four types of popcorn, cranberries and boiled corn soup. In the pottery studio, patrons used natural clay deposits from Hempstead Harbor beach to sculpt bowls and vases.

Marianna Ferrari, who came from Queens, said she enjoyed the exhibits, which she said realistically portrayed life in native tribes. “The multisensory aspect of it [is more interesting than] just reading about it in your

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Challenging attitudes on aging

By **YOUN-JOO PARK**
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Aging Revolution” last Sunday at The Landmark in Port Washington. Carol Waldman, the executive director of the Glen Cove Senior Center, moderated the event.

Deeply woven into the fabric of Bernard Macias’s childhood is the steadfast presence of his grandmother. She lived with his family, welcomed him home from school each day and cooked meals he remembers to this day. “I was very lucky to grow up seeing my grandmother,” Macias said, “but my kids — they look at older people a bit differently than I do.”

Now an associate director of AARP Long Island, Macias’s job is raising awareness of older populations.

He and community leaders, activists, sociologists and policy makers were part of a panel that offered insights on aging at a program called “Conversations from Main Street, the

When an older person forgets something, why is that person having a ‘senior moment’? Well, why don’t we see that as a ‘junior moment’ for younger people?

ASHTON APPLEWHITE
Ageism author

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Colvin's story unfolds in two films, a book

By LAURA LANE

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"Marie's death is extremely painful for us," Cathleen Colvin said when asked how the family is handling the release of not one, but two films and a biography of her sister, the legendary war correspondent Marie Colvin, who was killed on Feb. 22, 2012, in Homs, Syria. She was 56.

The documentary, "Under the Wire," which covers the last three weeks of Colvin's life, was released on Nov. 10. Cathleen, who goes by Cat, said she was shocked when she saw the film for the first time week's before. An attorney from Oyster Bay, she joined filmmaker Chris Martin at the International Film Center in Manhattan to answer questions after its screening on Nov. 10. "Under the Wire" was included in the Viewfinders Competition, a documentary film festival held each year at IFC.

Describing the film as intense, Martin said that Colvin as one of the "greatest war correspondents," adding, "The strategy of dictators to silence the press in places like Syria has been successful."

The documentary was based on the book "Under the Wire: Marie Colvin's Final Assignment," by photographer Paul Conroy. He accompanied Colvin in Syria, and was seriously wounded when she was killed. "Paul wrote the book because he felt a burden to tell the Syrian people's story and the danger to journalists," Cat Colvin explained. "This was important to Marie, too."

Colvin's closest friend during her teenage years, Jerelyn Hanrahan, found the documentary disturbing. "I cried all the way home," she said. She comforts herself with memories of happier times, like when she and Marie went to the Oyster Bay club Rumrunners, which closed years ago. "Marie loved wearing stilettos," Han-

rahan said, "and we'd dress to the nines and dance all night long."

Colvin had also been targeted while on assignment in Sri Lanka in April 2001, when government troops were fighting Tamil Tiger guerillas. A grenade was fired at her when she yelled, "Journalist!" She survived, but lost the sight in her left eye and from then on wore a patch, which became her hallmark.

Colvin and Conroy arrived in Syria on Feb. 13, 2012 on assignment for the British national newspaper, The Sunday Times. Conroy said in an interview on the Al Jazeera television show "The Stream" that they were there to tell the story of the Syrian civilians trapped in the war-torn city of Homs, which the Syrian Army had been bombing for five years.

"Lebanese intelligence told us that any journalist found in or around Homs was to be executed and the bodies thrown on the battlefield," Conroy recounted. "We knew that going in."

Cat Colvin said she felt a connection to the documentary because of Conroy, who reminds her of Marie. "They thought that if they could do their jobs better — if Paul could capture the pain of the suffering that he saw firsthand and if Marie could just write better, people would see how unacceptable it was," she said. "And they thought that if they could bring it more graphically to the world, it wouldn't continue."

The other film about Colvin, "A Private War," starring Rosamund Pike, was released on Nov. 2. The story is accurate, her sister said, except for the portion that delves into her personal life, as well as some of the other characters. They are combinations of various people that she had relationships with, Cat explained.

"Rosamund's performance is brilliant; she mastered Marie's mannerisms and voice," said Cat, who met with the actress



Courtesy Cat Colvin

CAT COLVIN, LEFT, was close to her older sister, Marie, a respected war correspondent.

several times. "It's a difficult film for my family to watch. It does depict my sister's murder."

A biography was also released on Nov. 1. "In Extremis: The Life of War Correspondent Marie Colvin," was written by Lindsey Hilsum, international editor for Channel 4 News in England, who was also a foreign correspondent. "Lindsey was a close friend of Marie's," Cat said. "She spent a lot of time in Oyster Bay working on the biography, interviewing Marie's friends and family."

Cat has many memories of her sister. She described Marie as "uncompromising," regardless of how small or large the issue. "Everything was an adventure with Marie," Cat said.

She had been passionate about sailing since she was 14 and bought her first boat. Their parents, Bill and Rosemarie Colvin, gave her their permission to do so, certain that she wouldn't be able to scrape together the money for a few years, but Cat said the boat showed up in the family's East Norwich driveway soon after.

Hanrahan, who lives in Mill Neck, hadn't seen Marie since the 1990s, but her memories of her best friend remain solid. She remembers Colvin as soft-spoken and elegant, unpretentious and vulnerable. The two met in high school and shared a love of running. They also waited tables together at the Seawanhaka Yacht Club.

"Even then she was addicted to The New York Times and coffee — she'd drink like 25 cups a day," Hanrahan recalled. She cherishes her memories of a trip they took to California and Mexico when they were 17. "I think Marie's career in journalism began when we were in Mexico,"



Courtesy Cat Colvin

MARIE COLVIN, LEFT, with her mother, Rosemarie, who lives in East Norwich.

Hanrahan said. "We saw a woman with five children walking in the desert. Marie wanted to know how much people were paid and how many hours they worked. She was very upset about the woman's situation."

When they returned, Hanrahan went to college and to Europe to become an artist. Marie went to Yale.

Hanrahan said she never saw her friend as someone who was confused about who she was, as "someone tormented on the inside," as she is portrayed in "A Private War." Hanrahan confirmed that Colvin had PTSD, but insisted that she was "never someone that was having a private war."

Colvin was smart, perceptive and always open to what people were saying, her friend said. "It was always comfortable when we were together," she added. "We were like sisters."



Courtesy Jerelyn Hanrahan

JERELYN HANRAHAN, LEFT, has many memories of good times with Marie Colvin.

Glen Cove Councilman Michael Zangari resigns

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Courtesy City of Glen Cove

A LETTER READ at Tuesday night's pre-council meeting indicated that Michael Zangari would resign from his role as councilman for the City of Glen Cove.

A letter was read at Tuesday night's pre-council meeting saying that City Councilman Michael Zangari was resigning from his position "effective immediately" as a result of a medical condition. Upon hearing the news, the tone in the conference room turned solemn.

In September, Zangari wrote to the Herald Gazette to inform readers that he had been diagnosed with cancer but wrote off the obstacle as "no different than other medical adversities" he had faced in his life. Zangari is disabled.

"It has truly been an honor to serve," Zangari's resignation letter read. "I must now dedicate 100 percent of my energy on my health and family."

The letter stated that he has been undergoing treatment for the past few months for a rare type of cancer, but recent test results revealed that a "more aggressive treatment plan" would be required prior to surgery, resulting in an extended period of post-operative recovery.

Mayor Tim Tenke acknowledged Zangari's tenure on the City Council and thanked him for his service. "I know there's a battle ahead of him and I wish him all the best," Tenke said.

Discussion quickly turned towards fill-

ing the vacant seat, but only for a moment. Councilman Joseph Capobianco suggested a proposed replacement for Zangari: Donna McNaughton, the chairwoman for Glen Cove's Board of Zoning Appeals. He circulated copies of her resu-

me to city officials.

"I think we need to get a replacement as quickly as possible, and I'd like to put it on Tuesday's agenda," Capobianco said.

Tenke countered, "We're not going to go into this tonight," and recommended the council discuss potential candidates at the first pre-council meeting in December. "I also would like to possibly put some names up as well and give you an opportunity to look at some résumés," he told council members.

According to the city charter, "If a vacancy shall occur in any elective office of the city, the mayor and City Council shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next general election."

City receives grant for wells

Lou Saulino, who heads the city's Department of Public Works, attended the meeting to provide an update on Glen Cove's wells. Earlier this year, three of the city's six wells had been closed due to high concentrations of Freon 22, and another was closed for unrelated repairs. The mayor also noted that the Seaman Road well, which had been operational, had stopped producing the volume of water required by the county.

This week, the City of Glen Cove received a \$3 million grant from New York State after requesting funds to complete construction at the Seaman Road well. The project is currently in the design phase with expected completion by early 2020.

"Seaman road will be built with an air stripper that will be able to handle any potential contamination that that well encounters," Tenke said.

Over the summer the DPW performed work to rectify two wells on Duck Pond Road and reviewed old records to institute a game plan to replace the city's entire water main system over a 10 to 20-year period. "Our biggest problem is the age of the system," Saulino said.

He added that the department is considering a seventh well at the Coles School property, and that a "small study" is in place to determine its feasibility.



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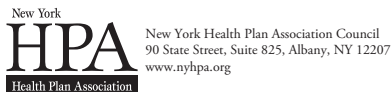
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



Sea Cliff Holiday Celebration

Good tidings and cheer will be abound at the Village Green, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, as officials and residents gather together for a joint holiday celebration, filled with festive music, refreshments, seasonal activities and the lighting of the village menorah and Christmas tree. Sunday, Dec. 2, 4:45 p.m.

Christmas Boutique at St. Pat's

St. Patrick's Thrift Shop, 235 Glen St., Glen Cove, presents its annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2. Christmas decorations, clothing items and household gifts will be available for purchase. The boutique will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (516) 288-9174.



Glass jewelry workshop

Create a beautiful work of art that you can wear, no experience needed. Choose from hundreds of colors and effects. You can make a pendant, magnet or pin. A \$5 payment is due at the class on Monday, Nov. 26 at 10:15 a.m. Sign up at the front desk of the Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove. Info: (516) 759-9610.

An evening with Rob Bartlett

Comedian Rob Bartlett visits My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, on Saturday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m., with new material and a baaad attitude. Best known for his appearances on the Imus in the Morning program and "The Good Wife," Bartlett started performing stand-up comedy in 1978 hoping it would lead to a career in acting. Nearly 30 years later he's become one of the most versatile performers around. Kick off the holiday season with the hilarious, comedy legend. Info: (516) 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.



Catting around

Jackson Galaxy, the cat behaviorist and host-executive producer of TLC's long running show "My Cat From Hell," bring his 'cat mojo' to The Space, on Saturday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. He'll share his expertise and unique philosophy that teaches cat guardians the skills to help their

feline companions build skills within their environment. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

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HERALD SCHOOLS



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STUDENTS WERE INDUCTED into Glen Cove High School's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Honor Society.

Math Honor Society induction at GCHS

Over 20 students were inducted into Glen Cove High School's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Honor Society, on Oct. 18. This was the school's second induction ceremony for the honor society, which is exclusively devoted to mathematics.

Mu Alpha Theta selects students

who demonstrate excellence in mathematics, as well as overall academic achievement. Membership is based on scholarship, service and character, qualities the inductees exemplify. Liana Caesar-Quaye is the adviser for Mu Alpha Theta.

This year's inductees were Mark-

wan Angulo, Steven Bailey, Ryan Basil, Alex Beckhard-Suozzi, Pedro Espino Benavides, Gabrielle Callahan, Grecia Cisneros, Liam Dall, Kyle Fahey, Megan Fahey, Alan Gansky, Caitriona Greene, Zakarah Hargrove, Jennifer Heman, Nicole Khaimov, Frank Melfi, William

Merkel, Luciano Tuo, Nicole Valensisi, Abigail Weiser and Owen Yates. There were also five returning senior members: Presidents Fernanda Falcon and Evelyn Tran, Vice President Matthew Tran, Secretary Fernando Portillo and Treasurer Dara Levy.

Student Council officers elected at Glen Cove schools

The Connolly and Landing elementary schools recently held their Student Council elections for the 2018-19 school year. The students delivered impassioned speeches to their peers on why they were a good choice for the position they were seeking.

Congratulations to the following students:

Connolly School

Michael Renga and Isabella Santiago – Co-Presidents

Caroline DaSilva and Whitney Matalevich – Co-Vice Presidents

Daniel Rottino – Secretary

Sarai Fernandez – Treasurer

Julia Leone and Paige Chapter – Co-Archivists

Landing School

Siena Scagliola – President

Sophia Zapata – Vice President

Arden Jimenez – Secretary

Mia Lupinski – Treasurer

Elijah Gooden – Historian

– Compiled by Alyssa Seidman



Photos courtesy GCCSD

LANDING SCHOOL STUDENTS with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Israel, Student Council advisers Denise Pawlowski and Maria DePace, and Principal Ben Roberts.



CONNOLLY SCHOOL STUDENTS

with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maria Rianna, City of Glen Mayor Timothy Tenke, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Israel and Connolly School Principal Julie Mullan.



Photos courtesy of Peter Michaleas/Glen Cove Fire Department

FIREFIGHTERS APPROACHED FROM the top down to get a full assessment of the fire.

Glen Cove Fire Dept. braves weekend blaze

Receiving multiple reports of smoke coming from a house on Morgan Island on Saturday the Glen Cove Fire Dispatch responded at around 1:03 p.m.

The first to arrive on the scene at the house on Eastland Drive was Captain Justin Valeo, of Chemical Engine Company No. 1, who radioed back to dispatch to transmit a Signal 10 — a “working house fire.”

Thanks to the new Mobile Data Terminal that was granted to the GCFD by Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton under Chief Philip W. Grella in 2017, Captain Valeo was able to receive GPS mapping and hydrant locations in order to provide vital information to the first responders before they even arrived on the scene. The MDT allowed him to receive real time data that he used to provide Engine 524 with specific orders as to which hydrant to use in order to most efficiently fight the blaze.

The intense gravity of the fire warranted the assistance of several engines to suppress it. Following Valeo’s transmission to dispatch, Engine and Hose Company No. 4’s 524 and 528 were the first two to respond. Next to arrive were Hook and Ladder Company No. 1’s Tiller, Ladder 5211 and Chemical Company’s Engine 529

Shortly after Valeo made the call, 1st Assistant Chief Marvin Tate Sr. arrived and took over incident command. Second Assistant Chief Robert Retoske then took over fire ground operations and 3rd Assistant Chief Christopher Valeo acted as the sector chief for fire ground operations. The final GCFD engines to arrive were 526 and 527, which secured the scene from traffic both to provide firefighters with ample room to operate, as well as to protect civilian passersby from any potential danger by keeping them at a safe distance.

The GCFD was not alone in their efforts. The Sea Cliff Fire Department responded with an engine, the Locust Valley Fire Department acted as the Firefighter Assist and Search Team and the Glenwood Fire Company provided an ambulance and a ladder. In addition, East Norwich Fire Company provided an engine and ambulance with Roslyn Highland’s Ladder and Glen Cove EMS set up rehab units.

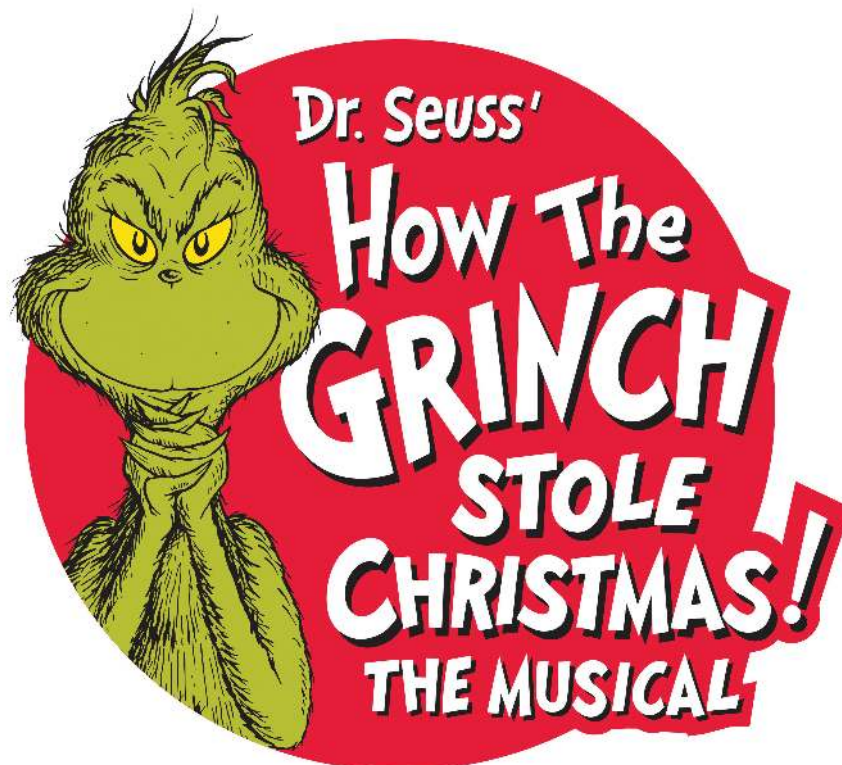
While one Glen Cove firefighter suffered minor injuries, nobody was seriously harmed during the operation. The Nassau County Fire Marshal’s Office is currently investigating the fire.

-- Submitted by Sang-Jin Bae

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HERALD SPORTS

Hofstra shoots for NCAA berth

BY ANDREW COEN

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A packed Mack Sports Complex with new state-of-the-art video boards greeted the Hofstra men's basketball team for its home opener on Nov. 9.

With high expectations for the Pride this season, sixth-year Hofstra head coach Joe Mihalich hopes the large crowds continue throughout the winter. Hofstra, which was picked to finish third in the Colonial Athletic Association, is seeking its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2001.

"It's the best crowd that we have had since I've been here," said Mihalich of the 4,645 attendance for Hofstra's 79-61 season-opening win against Mount St. Mary's. "We talk all the time about having that sixth man with a huge crowd and it definitely gives our players a lift."

Hofstra returns reigning CAA Player of the Year Justin Wright-Foreman, who was the nation's fifth-leading scorer a season ago. The 6-foot-2 guard tested the NBA waters after his junior season before pulling out just before the draft. He also gained valuable offseason experience participating in NBA veteran Chris Paul's CP3 Elite Guard Camp this past August.

"He really is a gifted scorer," said Mihalich of Wright-Foreman, who tallied 34 points in a 76-72 loss at Marshall on Nov. 11. "He's incredible."

Wright-Foreman and junior guard Eli Pemberton were the nation's third-highest returning scoring duo last season. Pemberton, who averaged 15.9 points per game is part of a deep backcourt with Wright-Foreman that also features

returning senior guards Desure Buie and Kenny Wormley. Sophomore guard Jalen Ray also returned after a clutch freshman season in which he hit 48 three-pointers including two game-winners in the final seconds against Monmouth and Towson.

"They all shoot it pretty well and have decent skills and quickness," said Mihalich of his multiple guard options. "Whoever is on the floor will keep defenses honest."

Junior 6-8 forward Stafford Trueheart brings experience to the frontcourt after a sophomore season in which he averaged nearly a block a game. The Pride did lose a significant rebounding presence with the graduation of 6-10 forward/center Rokas Gustys, who ranked third nationally as a senior and is now playing professionally in Europe. Graduate transfers Jacquil Taylor of Big Ten power Purdue and Dan Dwyer from Penn of the Ivy League are being counted on to fill much of the rebounding void.

"I call them the two-headed monster," Mihalich said of the 6-10 Taylor and 6-8 Dwyer.

"They complement each other well."

Mihalich set up a challenging early non-conference schedule with November road games at Marshall, Maryland and VCU. Hofstra returns home this Wednesday to face Cal State Fullerton, an NCAA Tournament team from last year. The Pride will then have big home games against Siena on Nov. 28, Monmouth on Dec. 5 and Rider on Dec. 8 along with a road battle at Long Island rival Stony Brook on Dec. 19.

"If you want to be good you have to play good teams," said Mihalich, who



ELI PEMBERTON HAD a breakout 2017-18 campaign, averaging nearly 16 points and 4.8 rebounds.



Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

JUSTIN WRIGHT-FOREMAN EARNED CAA Player of the Year honors last season when he averaged 24.4 points per game and sank 96 three-pointers.

prior to arriving at Hofstra won 265 games as head coach at Niagara University "It's all about getting better."

Hofstra's quest for a CAA title commences with two home games against longtime conference rivals Delaware on Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. and Drexel on Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. The Pride will then host preseason favorite and another regional rival, Northeastern, on Jan. 5 at 4 p.m. Defend-

ing CAA champion College of Charleston, who was picked to finish second in the preseason poll, makes a visit to the Mack Sports Complex on Jan. 19 for a 4 p.m. tipoff.

"Northeastern is very good and Charleston is very good and then there is a blanket of five or six teams who could win the league," Mihalich said. "The CAA schedule is when it is time to buckle in."



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RUTH YUEN, LEFT, and Mimi Simonetti broke out their dance moves between the tables at Polish Day.

Polish pride at the Glen Cove Senior Center



JANINA JANIA, LEFT, brought Carol Waldman, director at the senior center, to the center of the action to join in on the Polish Day festivities.



MUSICIAN CHRIS KARWOWSKI multi-tasked at Polish Day, playing the accordion, piano and singing all at once.

The Glen Cove Senior Center celebrated Polish culture during its Polish Day lunch event on Nov. 14, with an afternoon of music, dancing and delicious food native to the central European country.

The Chris and Ronnie Band provided the entertainment, playing fun, authentic polka music that inspired the seniors to get up and dance. While the dance floor may have been the center of the action, the seniors were also treated to a meal any Polish chef would be proud of, which included kielbasa, sauerkraut and potatoes.

Exactly 95 residents attended the lunch, which is quite a large turnout for one of its smaller events. It's safe to say that Polish Day was a hit, and it serves as a reminder that no one is ever too experienced to take over the dance floor.

— Mike Conn

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 22

Senior outreach program

Sea Cliff Village Hall, 1 p.m. Come get all of your questions answered about health insurance. This program will have open enrollment for Medicare and health insurance counseling. Information provided by HIICAP. For more information call Karen at Senior Outreach: (516) 671-0080 x36.

Friday, Nov. 23

Funky Holiday Boutique opening day

Peace Soap Studio, 321 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 to 6 p.m. Enjoy the warmth of a wood stove, refreshments and good cheer at the opening of the Funky Holiday Boutique. Shop from unique handcrafted creations, made by local artists. (516) 662-1755.

Saturday, Nov. 24

Traveling Pets: Family Animal Show

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Families will be able to observe and play with a rabbit, hedgehog, chinchilla, ferret, sugar glider, lizard, snake, tortoise, toad and parrot. All are welcome; registration requested. (516) 676-2130.

Family gingerbread houses

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Chef Julie Reilly will guide participants in making beautiful and delicious gingerbread houses. All materials provided for a \$12 fee per house, due at time of registration. Pay by check or money order to the Gold Coast Public Library. (516) 759-8300.

Sunday, Nov. 25

Edith, Marlene, Sophie and me

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Lois Morton presents this unique show that brings together wonderful songs and stories about three great ladies, their lives and careers. (516) 676-2130.

Monday, Nov. 26

Get fit while you sit

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Barbara Croen and Leslie Arluck's class combines gentle stretches, yoga poses, yoga chair dance and meditation to achieve a stronger, more flexible body and a calmer more peaceful mind without getting down on a mat. (516) 676-2130.

Snowman mason jar

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Create an adorable snowman mason jar to spruce up any room this winter. Recommended for children in grades 2 through 5. (516) 759-8300.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Crafternoon

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 3:30 p.m. Missed a craft session over the year? Just want to have fun and make a one-of-a-kind craft? We will be cleaning out our craft room and putting out



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

Sea Cliff's 16th annual Holiday House Tour

Residents and visitors are invited to take a tour of some of Sea Cliff's Victorian houses, which will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season for the 16th annual Holiday House tour on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 12 to 4 p.m., hosted by Mutual Concerns. On a self-guided tour around the village, participants are encouraged to stop at each house marked on a brochure. Docents will be stationed at each one to detail its historical significance and describe the décor. The tour is also an opportunity for participants to become inspired to decorate for the holidays, and incorporate ideas they see on the tour into their home décor. Tickets are \$40, which includes a light buffet lunch served at St. Luke's Parish Hall, 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff. Tickets will be sold at Sherlock Homes Realty, 305 Sea Cliff Ave. # 1, Sea Cliff. Info: (516) 671-1717.

a ton of stuff. Stop by anytime and make a masterpiece. Recommended for children ages 4 to 10. (516) 759-8300.

College essay prep

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 4:30 p.m. Take your teen to the library for this workshop on how to craft the perfect college admissions essay. Register at (516) 671-2130.

Acupuncture and Eastern medicine

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Licensed acupuncturist Jean Paul Aseni will discuss the benefits of acupuncture, its history and its use as a tool to prevent illness. Register at (516) 676-2130.

Ornament painting

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the start of the holidays by painting clay ornaments. Julie Papas from ClayNation will present this program and supply all materials. A \$15 material fee is required at registration. (516) 671-1837.

Hooks and needles club

Bayville Public Library, 34 School St. #B, Bayville, 7 p.m. Cooler weather is on the way. It's the perfect time to pick up those needles and join others to make items for the VA, UCP, Regina House, the Brooke Jackman Foundation, or work on your own project while meeting new friends. No instructor present. (516) 628-2765.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Shabby chic vintage bottle

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Adults will enjoy

decorating a bottle with vintage inspired details, including black and white photos, rhinestones, lace and glitter. Bring vintage style into your home with this unique decor. (516) 759-8300.



Courtesy Ann DiPietro

Christmas magic at Mill Neck

Head to Mill Neck Manor on Dec. 1 and 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for a little Christmas magic before the big day. Grab a photo with Santa, enjoy baked goods and hot cocoa from Mrs. Claus, buy holiday gift items, make arts and crafts, and tour the historic mansion. Admission is free, parking is \$10. 40 Frost Mill Rd., Mill Neck. Info: (516) 628-4241.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Comedy night fundraiser

Vivo Osteria, 242 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner and a show, hosted by the Glen Cove High School PTSA, featuring Pat Marone, John Larocchia, Sandy Ehlers, Patty G and Eddie Faicco. Tickets are \$50.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Writer's group

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. If you are a serious writer, come to and join the group for a lively exchange of ideas. (516) 676-2130.

Christmas with comedians

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Film historian Larry Wolff offers a fun and nostalgic holiday show. Laugh along as you watch video clips of Jack Benny, Carol Burnett, Abbott and Costello and Laurel and Hardy. Be prepared to laugh your Christmas stockings off. (516) 676-2130.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Menorah workshop

The Whaling Museum & Education Center, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 12:30 p.m. Dive into the world of oil, from whale oil to olive oil. See different oil lamps from our collection and create a tiled menorah. \$12 per participant. (631) 367-3418.

Sea glass ornaments

The Whaling Museum & Education Center, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 2 p.m. Explore the world of glass. See old glass bottles brought out from our collection, and create your colorful own sea-glass mosaic ornament or decoration to hang up at home. \$12 per participant. (631) 367-3418.

Monday, Dec. 3

Paint party

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6:30 p.m. Celicia from Authentic HeARTworks will show you how easy and fun it is to paint Frosty the Snowman to hang in your home or give as a gift. (516) 759-8300.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Brain fitness class

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

Backgammon

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 3 p.m. Come to the library to learn and/or play. John Barnett from the Long Island Backgammon Club will teach you the rules of the game Bring a backgammon set if you can. (516) 922-1212.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Bayville F.D. donates proceeds

The Bayville Fire Company donated \$11,450 that was raised at its 2018 Charity Drill to local community organizations. The Charity Drill, which was held on July 21, is a tournament where fire departments' skills are tested in various competitions. Some of the events included hooking up hydrants and fire hoses, climbing ladders and the ever-popular old-fashioned bucket brigade.

Proceeds from the charity event were

distributed to local community groups, including the Mike Hallquest Memorial Fund, which supports the family of former Fire Chief Mike Hallquest, of Sea Cliff, who died in January.

"Donating the proceeds of our charity drill allows these caring organizations to fund outreach programs that benefit those in need, and creates a better community," said Zack Ney, co-chair of the Charity Drill.



Courtesy Zach Ney

LAURA HALLQUEST, LEFT, with her children, Emily and Nicholas, received a donation to the Mike Hallquest Memorial Fund from members of the Bayville Fire Company.



Courtesy Peter M. Budraitis Photography

THE HON. RICHARD J. McCord celebrated his re-election as Glen Cove Supervising City Court Judge with members of his family.

McCord re-elected as Glen Cove's Supervising City Court Judge

The Hon. Richard J. McCord celebrated his re-election as Glen Cove Supervising City Court Judge after receiving overwhelming support from the residents of Glen Cove. A powerful beacon of unity in the 2018 election cycle, the principles of McCord's judgeship — fairness, integrity, and experience — have brought Glen Cove together. Since 1988, McCord has devoted his career to serving Glen Cove, both as city court judge and as an active community advocate. "I have always tried to find innovative ways to stop problems before they happen," McCord said. "I look forward to serving the City of Glen Cove for many years to come."

-- Compiled by Alyssa Seidman

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For guests, feast renews a connection to nature

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book,” she said. “My kids are at that age where they’re old enough to understand and appreciate some of the local history.”

In front of the museum, visitors took turns scraping into the trunk of a tulip tree with natural tools like seashells and sticks, forming a dugout canoe. In a clearing behind the building, patrons launched spears across the sky using an atlatl — a tool that pre-historic tribes used for hunting.

Visitors trekked through the trees and explored the natural surroundings on the preserve’s numerous walking trails. A flight of leaf-laden stairs led down to the beach, where red shale rocks stood out on the shoreline. A family of four, squatting near the surf, molded small hills from the sand.

“It’s a great place,” said Dimitri Bourianov, who had come from New York City with his family. “It was great to walk around on trails and see the ocean as well. My kids love it — all of the magic behind the trees.”

Bourianov said the feast offered them a chance to engage with an ancient way of life. “I think it changes the scenery,” he said, “and it gives you a view of the culture and history as well.”

Down a different trail, the aromas of flame-broiled rainbow trout and roasted acorn squash floated through the forest, enticing guests who gathered near a



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crackling campfire. The flames were tended by Ted Strickroth, a.k.a. “Teepee Ted,” from the Traveling Wilderness Museum in Aquebogue, in Suffolk County. With assistance from his helper, Ryan Clemente, of Seaford, Strickroth showed patrons how to cook over open flames. The skill, he said, helps “renew a connection with people and Mother Earth.”

“It’s about remembering that everything comes from the Earth,” Teepee Ted explained. “I’ll ask children where their computers come from, and they say the factory or the store. Computers used to look like a rock. Thousands of things have been done to that rock to make it a computer.”

That sentiment served as a unique

reminder of the Native American tribes that once inhabited the region, and what they did in order to survive. Strickroth’s demonstration also illustrated how society once socialized, he said — around a cooking campfire.

“I don’t know anyone who doesn’t enjoy a campfire,” he said. “It’s hypnotic.”

VISITORS WATCHED VOLUNTEER

Steven Patrikis demonstrate how logs were burned and carved out for canoes at the annual Native American Feast at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve.

At Subaru, salespeople spread lots of love

By ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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A plethora of pets from Cove Animal Rescue in Glen Cove were present for North Coast Subaru’s 2019 model launch on Nov. 11. The branch, which has been owned and operated by the Santoro family for 40 years, hosted a pet adoption event in tandem with the launch.

“We’ve been a partner with the organization for the past three years as part of Subaru Love Promise,” said Jesse Liang, North Coast’s finance manager.

According to North Coast’s website, the Subaru Love Promise program champions the retailer’s “vision of respecting all people” through partnerships with a wide variety of community non-profits and local charities. “This is our commitment to show love and respect to our customers and to work to make a positive impact in the world,” the site explains.

“It’s our way of giving back to the community and bringing awareness to a lot of local organizations,” Liang said.

Outside the dealership, new models were on display for potential buyers to consider, including the 2019 Subaru Ascent, an SVU that seats seven to eight people, and the redesigned Subaru Forester. The pet adoption took place on the

showroom floor, where Cove’s animals mingled with pets that were brought along with their owners.

Alongside a series of black-and-white portraits that depicted Cove’s adoptable cats and dogs stood North Coast Subaru’s Community Commitment Award, which the dealership received this year. The award recognizes Subaru retailers that are working to make the world a better place while demonstrating a commitment to supporting causes in local communities. These efforts are focused in areas such as the environment, community, health, education and pets.

“We’re a non-profit, so we rely on outside monies to help us get along,” said Diane Connolly, a manager at Cove Animal Rescue. “We’re absolutely privileged to be involved with them, and the partnership has been quite profitable.” Over the past three years, North Coast has raised more than \$73,000 for the shelter, Liang said.

Co-owner Angelo Santoro said establishing community partnerships helps convey to potential buyers that there is more to North Coast than selling cars. “We care about the lives and interests of our customers, and what’s important to them,” Santoro said.

Despite carrying a brand name. North



Courtesy Judith Rivera

THE SANTORO FAMILY, including Angelo, left, Angelo Sr. and Bill, at North Coast Subaru.

Coast Subaru maintains a small-business feel. “The Love Promise program puts a title to what we do,” Liang said. “We support local business as much as we can.” This includes getting tools from Charles Hardware down the street, as opposed to going to Home Depot, and buying from Frank’s Beverage to stock launch events. North Coast even maintains cars for the older adults who attend the Glen Cove Senior Center and have donated cars to it for transportation use.

“The ownership and staff are a wonderful group of people,” Connolly said. “They’re just all heart.”

Although only two pets were chosen at Sunday’s event, Connolly said the owners expressed interest in holding pet adoptions at North Coast Subaru a couple of times a year. “That exposure is always good, and we’re looking for new volunteers and adopters,” she said. “People who live within a stone’s throw [of the shelter] don’t realize we’re there.”

The elderly population is increasing

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group go unchallenged, because people internalize those biases without giving them a second thought. Even language, she said, assigns blame to advanced age for some well-known problems. "When an older person forgets something, why is that person having a 'senior moment'?" Applewhite asked. "Well, why don't we see that as a 'junior moment' for younger people?" The comment drew laughs.

Waldman said that one barrier to understanding is the focus in our culture on youth and the tendency to ignore the implications of aging. She pointed out that in a capitalist society, a person's identity is strongly defined by a job, so society often dismisses older people as having little value to offer in the workplace, and even being dispensable. "Ageism is a socially constructed idea," Waldman said, "and the discrimination is harmful."

Besides societal attitudes toward older people, there are structural problems like employment. Macias said he sees workers in their 50s and 60s coming to AARP after being displaced from their jobs, but there is no equivalent of a Better Business Bureau for those facing age discrimination.

Lydia Keane, a retired social worker, said that in her industry, there seems to be less stigma attached to age. "Being a social worker, you're valued as you get older, and considered 'the older, the



Youn-Joo Park/Herald Gazette

THE PANEL FOR "Conversations from Main Street, the Aging Revolution" included author Ashton Applewhite, far left, Bernard Macias, of AARP, and Greg Olson, of the New York State Office for the Aging.

wiser," she said. "At least at my workplace."

Another social worker, Debra Brodsky, voiced her concern about how the transportation system on Long Island fails to address the needs of older people. She saw this firsthand when her father was ill. He needed a health aide at his home in Port Washington, but Brodsky couldn't find anyone, because although there is a train station nearby, the bus stop is too far away. "This seems to be a suburban problem," she said, "because in the city there

are buses everywhere."

A home health aide making minimum wage cannot afford an alternative like a cab, so the lack of connected public transportation on Long Island means that many elderly people are stuck without essential help. Eventually, Brodsky recounted, she took it upon herself to stop by her father's home on her way to and from work each day, and even took some vacation time to take care of him until his health improved. The area needs improvements in infrastructure, she said.

Greg Olson, of the New York State Office for the Aging, views the issue at the policy level. Olson, who works closely with Gov. Andrew Cuomo, said that funding of projects to benefit older people can be obtained without increasing taxes.

All of the presenters affirmed their commitment to the engagement of the public in an aging society. And their arguments were apparently persuasive: Several people in the audience expressed an interest in getting involved in efforts that address issues related to aging.

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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Glittery delights at the Cradle of Aviation Museum Welcome the holiday season at the Long Island Festival of Trees

With our feasting concluded, this festive time of year is now in full swing. That means the Festival of Trees returns to Museum Row in Garden City this weekend with the latest edition of its popular spectacle.

Year after year artisans, local entertainers, volunteers and visitors gather at Cradle of Aviation Museum, Friday through Sunday, to usher in the season. It's all about sharing some holiday cheer in support of Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau, the beneficiary of the event.

See trees, trees and more trees all weekend long. The display of the 40 6 1/2-foot trees and over 100 2-foot mini-trees commands attention as soon as visitors step into the museum's grand atrium. Each is creatively decorated with a unique theme.

Among the highlights, "All that Glitters," designed by Peggy Bridgewater of East Meadow, is adorned with gold and silver glittery ornaments along with reindeers, birds snowflakes and poinsettias. "I was inspired to choose this theme because of the ornaments,"

Bridgewater says. "They are so festive and beautiful and the tree skirt is gorgeous."

The Theresa Russo Foundation in Lido Beach works with students with disabilities to create "Up-Cycled Holiday Fun," using recycled holiday cards and re-purposed items to help celebrate the season. Their aim is to bring awareness to the need for conservation, recycling and the protection of our environment.

Other standouts



Courtesy Patricia Quinn

Cradle of Aviation Museum is glistening with holiday sparkle this weekend as it hosts the Long Island Festival of Trees.

include Norma Vetell's "Los Cascabeles" (Jingle Bells), created with the assistance of students from her school All About

Spanish in Bellmore. It features colorful bells, pinecones, Latin American ribbons and lights, along with some gigantic poinsettias in many colors.

"We feel special when we participate and contribute to this cause that we believe in. We feel a very special bond with CP Nassau," says Vetell.

The Metro Parrot Head Club always keeps fun in the sun at the forefront of their tree; this year's "Coastal Christmas" offers up a breezy Margaritaville vibe. Flowers by Voegler, of Merrick, returns with "Christmas Night Blessings" because as designer Theresa Soto says, "we all need

blessings." And Oyster Bay's Kristi Halpern does a tree each year fashioned with luxurious ribbon; this year's version is Winter Garden Walk." This garden-themed tree includes ribbons and natural accents. There is also a Star Wars-themed tree, and — for hockey fans — even New York Rangers and New York Islanders versions.

"Each year we look forward to the opportunity to create a beautiful tree and to share it with the community," says Soto. "We have won ribbons for our tree and have been happy to hear that our tree always sells and the funds raised go to programs and services at CP Nassau, which make us very proud."

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

The festive trees provide a shimmering

backdrop for the many activities that will appeal to ages, including entertainment and a holiday marketplace. This year there's even an opportunity to do some ice skating (indoors). And, naturally, Santa is around to visit with families throughout the weekend.

"We are currently celebrating our 70th anniversary year of providing assistance to individuals with disabilities," says CP Nassau Executive Director Bob McGuire.

"Today, we help over 1,500 children and adults and, on behalf of them and all at CP Nassau, I want to thank those who make the Festival of Trees possible. All these years, our friends and neighbors in the community show their interest and support and they help make a difference at our agency. We thank the tree designers, the entertainers, the volunteers, the vendors, all the attendees and all the sponsors and people who purchase the trees. It is always important to express gratitude, but at holiday time we are especially inspired by the goodness we see and are compelled to shine a light on that positive spirit and celebrate it and see it for the priceless gift it is."

The weekend's varied entertainment features performances by local singers and dancers, including Oyster Bay's Gone Dancing studio and the St. Agnes Cathedral Choir, of Rockville Centre, among others. Rockville Centre's Leggz Ltd. Dance troupe is always on hand, performing excerpts from their upcoming holiday production of "The Nutcracker."

The Force also gets in on the action — in the form of Star Wars re-enactors from the 501st Legion and Empire City Garrison who appear on Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Their "Blast a Trooper" event is always a popular activity that day.

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

The event is a longstanding holiday tradition for its legions of devoted volunteers.

Among them is Karen Kiefel, of Valley Strea, who is the Dept. 56 Shoppe manager, as well as a tree designer. "I have been volunteering at the Festival of Trees for the past 26 years, and seeing the joy on children's faces makes it all worthwhile."

— Karen Bloom
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LONG ISLAND FESTIVAL OF TREES

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

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



STEPPING BACK IN TIME 1863 Thanksgiving

Experience Thanksgiving traditions from days gone by during Old Bethpage Village Restoration's annual holiday event. Journey back to the 19th century as old-fashioned wood burning stoves, beehive ovens and hearths are fired up as "villagers" prepare a variety of foods and baked goods, using historical recipes. A fat turkey is spitted and roasted, along with pie making and a demonstration of food preservation methods. The village also displays methods of

WEEKEND Out and About

food preservation employed for late fall crops in the 1800s. Fiddle music, entertainment and children's activities, including storytelling, add to the festive ambience. The enticing aromas charm visitors to the recreated village, which shares the welcoming holiday spirit with all who visit.

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$13, \$8 children 4-14 and seniors. 1303 Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage. (516) 572-8401 or www.obvmassau.com.

HOLIDAY FUN Vanderbilt Mansion Celebration

Explore William K. Vanderbilt's former summer residence, now all dressed up in its holiday finest for the season. The 24-room Spanish Revival House, listed on the



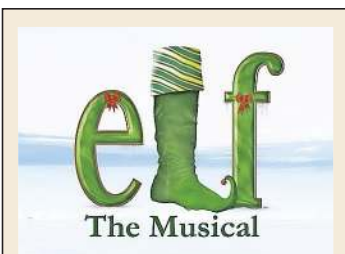
National Register of Historic Places, is brimming with seasonal glitz and festivities. Welcome the holidays at the Vanderbilt's annual tree lighting, which includes carol singing, an interactive family activity, refreshments, and, of course, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. This remarkable estate offers an intimate look at the life of a privileged family from the Jazz Age through World War II. The rooms are as

William and Rosamund Vanderbilt left them, filled with priceless art, furnishings and personal possessions. Guided holiday tours begin Nov. 22, through Dec. 30. Saturday, Nov. 24, 12:30 p.m., with tree lighting, 4:30-5:30 p.m. \$10, \$9 seniors and students; \$6 additional for tour. Vanderbilt Mansion, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage



Elf

The modern-day holiday classic, based on the popular film, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23-24, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 25, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 28-29, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Danke Baby

The rock-funk-soul band in concert, Friday, Nov. 23, 8:30 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

Dark Star Orchestra

The acclaimed Grateful Dead tribute band in concert, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23-24, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountry.com.

Alibi

The eclectic band in concert, Saturday, Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

Jackson Galaxy

The cat behaviorist and host-executive producer of Animal Planet's long running hit show "My Cat From Hell," on tour with "Total Cat Mojo Live," Saturday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Rob Bartlett

The comic-impressionist performs, Saturday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Sinbad

The actor-comedian on tour, Saturday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

The Clairvoyants Christmas

The Austrian magician and mentalist duo on tour, with a holiday-themed act, Sunday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Edith, Marlene, Sophie & Me

Lois Morton salutes the legacy of Edith Piaf, Marlene Dietrich and Sophie Tucker, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencoverlibrary.org.

Il Divo

The popular classical crossover quartet in concert, Monday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow



Santino Fontana

Broadway's popular leading man visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m.

With his rich voice, dynamic versatility, and charisma, Fontana gives a dynamic performance as a masterful interpreter of the American Songbook. Tony-nominated in 2013 for his very charming Prince Charming in "Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella," Broadway audiences will also recognize him from "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Billy Elliot," "Sunday in the Park with George" and the recent acclaimed run of "Hello Dolly!"

Fontana has also earned rave reviews as Michael Dorsey in the Chicago pre-Broadway run of the new musical "Tootsie."

Tickets are \$55, \$45, \$35; available at (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

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The swing-blues band in concert, with "15th Anniversary Christmas Rocks," Tuesday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Rafael Mangual

The vocalist in concert, with "Love Songs and Spanish Ballads," accompanied by pianist Justin Friedman, Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2 p.m. Program includes Spanish love songs, boleros, bossa novas and ballads by Cole Porter, Jobin, and others. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-1384 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.



David Johansen

The former New York Dolls singer and his band in concert, Thursday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. With special guest Frankenstein 3000. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Goodheart Band

The power band in concert, with special guests Richie Cannata and Jeff Ganz, Thursday, Nov.

29, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Whiskey Myers

The southern rock-country band in concert, Thursday, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. With special guest Bishop Gunn. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountry.com.

For the Kids



Frosty

Join Jenny and Frosty as they try to save Chillsville from the evil Ethel Pierpot and her plan to melt all the snow, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23-24, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Celebrate the season at the annual event, Saturday, Nov. 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m. With caroling, refreshments and visit from Santa. Vanderbilt Museum Courtyard, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

The Nutcracker

The holiday classic, presented by Long Island

Ballet Theatre, Saturday, Nov. 24, 1 and 4 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. With narration; followed by on-stage reception for ages 3-10. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-1384 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Studio Saturday

Drop into Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Center for hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibitions, Saturday, Nov. 24, 12-3 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Crafternoon

Create something special, using varied materials, at the art workshop, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 3:30-6:30 p.m. For grades K-5. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Nov. 28, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Nov. 30, noon (for children entering Kindergarten in 2019) and 3 p.m. (Kindergarten and Grade 1). Registration required. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Museums/Galleries and more...

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The Harlem Hellfighters

A groundbreaking exhibit about the World War I African-American Army unit, consisting of 33 men from the Glen Cove area. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.nshmgc.org.

Heckscher Collects: Recent Acquisitions

An exhibition of two dozen 20th century and contemporary works that have been acquired by the museum over the past five years. With a selection of prints produced by more traditional and diverse experimental processes; experimental photography by Bill Armstrong, Ellen Carey, and Joe Constantino; New York City street scenes by N. Jay Jaffee; and images of Cuba by Bastienne Schmi; along with abstract and representational paintings. Through May 12. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

Rivera and Beyond: Latin American Art

An exhibit of 20th century and contemporary artists from across Central and South America, from the collection of Joan and Milton Bagley. Masterworks by Fernando Botero, Elena Climent, Ana Mercedes Hoyos, Wifredo Lam, Julio Larraz, Roberto Matta, Carlos Mérida, Diego Rivera, Antonio Seguí, Franciso Zúñiga, and others are on view. Through March 31. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

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Seashells...Nature's Inspired Design

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Wild Kingdom: Hunt Slonem and a Hundred Years of Animal Art

An exhibition that showcases artists whose paintings, drawings, and sculpture have immortalized the wild kingdom. On view are works by Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, John James Audubon and Jeff Koons among others. With an installation by artist-designer Hunt Slonem who creates a dream-like sanctuary for parrots, rabbits and butterflies, his signature motifs. Through March 3. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Christmas at Westbury House

Annual holiday celebration at Old Westbury Gardens, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Event includes decorated period rooms, visit from Santa, holiday market, and more. With kids activities, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

On Screen

See "Canibal! The Musical," the black comedy-horror musical loosely based on the true story of Alferd Packer a prospector who confessed to cannibalism during the winter of 1874, created by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, Saturday, Nov. 24, 10 p.m. Cinema Arts Center, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

Sketching in the Galleries

All ages can express their creativity and sketch in the museum's gallery space, Sunday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Help yourself to a variety of drawing supplies, grab a seat and create. Free with admission. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

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See "Drawn From Nature," the PBS American Masters' series film that tells the dramatic life story of naturalist John James Audubon, the adventurer and self-taught artist who saw more of the North American continent than virtually anyone of his time (1785-1851), Tuesday through Sunday, Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 12 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

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Rotary goes on a Target run with G.C. students

By **ALYSSA SEIDMAN**

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This month the Glen Cove Rotary Club is taking students from the Glen Cove City School District on “Target runs” as part of the club’s Project Warmth program, which provides warm, winter clothes for community children in need.

One of the runs at the Target in Hicksville took place on Nov. 14, when a small army of students from a few of the local elementary schools pushed red shopping carts down the wide, beaming aisles of the superstore. With checklists in hand, they searched the clothing racks for new coats, sweaters, gloves and scarves, what they will need to keep them warm throughout the winter.

“We’re hopefully making a difference,” said Martin Wertheim, a 30-year Rotarian. “I think it could make the greatest impact on kids and parents. That’s why we’re doing it.”

The rotary started Project Warmth 25 years ago with only one child. This year, through the club’s generosity, over 100 Glen Cove children will benefit.

The student’s, supervised from the minute they enter the store, are paired

with a volunteer from the rotary or the school district to assist them in utilizing the allotted \$90 to fund the shopping. Rotarian Paul Beber said that the club had raised \$12,000 from its golf outing over the summer, which will fund Project Warmth.

“You send money to this charity and to that charity, but what do you know?” Beber said, helping a student into a green geometric patterned coat. “The guys [from the Rotary] put money in [to this cause] because they know what it’s for.”

The shopping trip is a positive event all the way around for the children. As they wriggled in and out of gloves, coats and hats the volunteers showered the students with positive affirmations, with remarks like “looking good,” “that fits so well,” “that’s amazing” and “looking sharp.”

Beber said, it’s “heartwarming” to witness the pleasure the students experience and their pride. “Some of them are so proud to get on the bus and come back [home] with their stuff,” he said. “They love it.”

Landing School Principal Ben Roberts helped some of his students during the shopping haul. He said coming to Target with the Rotary for Project Warmth is one



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

LANDING TEACHER COURTNEY McCord, left, Glenn Howard, Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck and Landing Principal Ben Roberts helped students from the Glen Cove City School District pick out items for their winter wardrobes.

of his favorite events of the year.

“It’s a fantastic school-community event that supports the needs of our students,” Roberts said. “They’re extremely excited to have this opportunity and to purchase new things, and we’re extremely thankful of the Rotary Club for their generosity.”

City Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck volunteered too. It was her sixth

year participating in Project Warmth. “This is why I support the rotary,” she said. “You get to see where the money goes, and that it’s being used in a way you hope it would be used.”

Wertheim said he feels the same. Helping clothe the youth of the community, he said, “is my greatest joy. It’s the reason I’m a Rotarian.”



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GLEN COVE MAYOR

Committed to financial stability

As most of you probably know, our city's budget for next year was implemented despite a lack of support from the City Council. It is difficult to understand the position of most of the City Council members who voted against raising taxes more than 1.8 percent, argued over any decrease in services or event funding, didn't want to lay off any employees and still wouldn't vote for a budget that accomplished most of these goals. The reality is that past administrations never assured an adequate revenue flow for the city but have lived off exploiting one-time revenue sources and diverting money from the water fund to cover cost overruns.

There are mandated cost increases next year including contracted salary and benefit contributions that require us to spend more money. While we finally have a Financial Advisory Committee in place to help us determine opportunities for better efficiency and savings, this process was stalled for months and leaves us in a position where either revenue has to increase, or costs need to be cut to balance the budget.

While I appreciate Councilman Maccarone's position that we should have used all of the one-time surplus dollars available to keep events funded, I cannot agree with him. Leaving this city with no emergency fund to deal with weather related or other unexpected disasters would not be responsible. While we have released \$2.1

million in these funds, we are retaining \$600,000 as a reserve. If we get through the winter and spring months without incident these dollars may be re-directed to fireworks and other extras, but for now we are increasing efforts to find sponsors and raise funds for such activities. The city is in a "bare bones" budget mode and while it pains everyone to possibly give up concerts and events, it is our responsibility to see that you are protected and continue to receive basic services before extras.

I am personally disappointed that our efforts to replace the current contracted City Attorney with a full time, in-house counsel failed to pass the city council as well. I believe that, despite counter-arguments, a full-time attorney would be cheaper, more transparent on costs, more focused on resolving areas of legal exposure for the

city (such as workplace policies) and less eager to litigate rather than negotiate open disputes. We will continue to explore options in this area in order to assure Glen Cove has access to expert legal opinion and work product as needed.

This year will be a challenge. We are working to bring efficiency and transparency to our operations and reigning in past fiscal policies which do not conform to either best practices or your expectations as taxpayers. I look forward to your support as we move toward a more financially stable and effective city government.



Mayor Tim Tenke

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Identity crisis

Dear Great Book Guru,
At our Thanksgiving dinner, we talked about the roles we assume with family, friends, and community. We concluded that we all belonged to many, many different groups, but what was it ultimately that determined who we were? One of the guests mentioned a new book about identity and suggested we read it before our next gathering. Are you familiar with the book?

-Thanksgiving Seeker of Truth



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Dear Thanksgiving Seeker of Truth,

"Identity Crisis" by authors Sides, Tesler, and Vavreck is a fascinating study of the 2016 presidential campaign and what it revealed about America and each of us. Their most startling

conclusion was that we possess many identities that lie dormant until activated by outside forces. Sometimes it is economics which causes us to identify with one group; sometimes, it's religious beliefs. Frequently it's racial in origin. Many politicians use these "hot buttons" to prompt a response at the voting booth almost without our consciously being aware of what's going on. Elections rely on the need for a tribal identity — an "us against them" mentality. What we saw and continue to witness is an iconic battle for who and what kind of people we want to be. A very disturbing but worthwhile book — highly recommended!

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



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

GLEN COVE POLICE Department Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz, far left, Police Chief William Whitton, Benjamin Bedell, Frank Vezza, Carolina Selena Gustella, Mayor Tim Tenke and members of the Glen Cove City Council were at the swearing in of new police recruits.

New recruits sworn into GCPD

Three new police recruits were welcomed and sworn into the Glen Cove Police Department by Mayor Tim Tenke at a City Council meeting on Nov. 13. The new additions to the police department — Carolina Selena Gustella, Frank Vezza

and Benjamin Bedell — were joined by their families and fellow members of the GCPD when they took their oath of office.

Tenke expressed his appreciation of the new recruits, saying, "It is a privilege to welcome this outstanding group of talented and educated professionals to the Glen Cove Police Department."

Police Chief William Whitton echoed this sentiment, adding, "I truly believe these new officers are joining the finest police department, and we wish them much success at the police academy. Most importantly, we look forward to them joining our ranks and keeping Glen Cove safe and secure after their summer 2019 graduations."

Officers Gustella, Vezza and Bedell will be replacing three outgoing officers, who will be retiring within the next year.

-- Michael Conn



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OPINIONS

Message to New York legislators: Do no harm

For many years, New York state government has been divided between the two major parties. Neither Assembly Democrats nor Senate Republicans could advance their legislative agendas without cooperating with one another. That balance has worked well for the state, preventing proposals from either side of the political



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aisle from becoming law unless they represented true bipartisanship.

But this balance is about to be lost in Albany, and if the Democrats, who now control the State Legislature, fail to exercise their newfound power responsibly, the consequences for

New York taxpayers could be severe. And the biggest test of whether Democrats will exercise reasonable self-restraint will be how they handle the state's health care policy.

The health care system is a major force in New York. The vast majority of New Yorkers have good coverage through their employers in the private insurance market. We have some of the best hospitals in the world. Our medical schools and research centers are likewise renowned. Health

care workers make up a large and growing portion of our workforce. These good-paying jobs have helped lift the living standards of many workers, particularly in minority communities.

This strong health care system already comes at a significant cost to state taxpayers, who, in addition to bearing the cost of their own care, also help support a very generous public health care system. That public system is Medicaid, and it consumes a large portion of the budgets of both New York state and its counties, which help pay for the program.

Total Medicaid spending this year in New York will exceed \$65 billion — the largest item in the state budget. It covers 6.5 million New Yorkers, at an average cost of \$10,000 per recipient. And New York's Medicaid benefits are among the most generous in the nation. California, by way of comparison, covers 12 million people, but only spends around \$8,000 per recipient, 20 percent less than New York.

No one can justifiably criticize New York for underspending on health care. But if those pushing a so-called "single-payer" system for the state succeed, health care costs here could explode. That's because even with New York's expansive

public and private health care coverage of 18.5 million people, there are still 1 million to 1.5 million uninsured residents. Adding these people into New York's Medicaid system could add \$10 billion to \$15 billion to the state budget. Taxes would skyrocket.

A single-payer health care system in our state would lead to skyrocketing taxes.

The single-payer proposals in New York go much further than simply expanding an already expensive Medicaid system. The most radical would upend the health care system here by abolishing all other health insurance and adding every state resident to a state-run single-payer system administered in Albany. There would be no more employer-sponsored private health insurance, just one state-wide public system for all New Yorkers.

Single-payer advocates claim they can wring enough savings out of the state's health care system to pay for this expanded coverage, somehow insuring more people without increasing overall costs. That's very hard to believe. If past is prologue in New York — where public health care spending invariably exceeds projections — the state's already overburdened taxpayers will inevitably see their taxes rise even more. And since a large share of the cost of a single-payer system would still ultimately be paid for by taxes on

employers, we could expect a further exodus of businesses from New York.

I'm thankful that these single-payer proposals have no chance of being implemented in New York for at least the next two years. That's because advancing this radical makeover of health care here would require a waiver from the federal government, which oversees Medicaid nationwide. That's highly unlikely to happen during the next two years of the Trump administration, but after that, all bets are off. If the White House changes hands in 2020, the next administration may be far more favorable to the single-payer option.

Which brings us to the politics of this issue. As long as the far-left wing of the Democrat Party keeps clamoring for a single-payer system at the national level, this issue will help define the political landscape. Leading Democratic presidential contenders have made single-payer health care a centerpiece of their expected campaigns.

Let's hope saner heads prevail. In medicine, doctors strive to "do no harm." The same should apply to those who set health care policy in New York and Washington.

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

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Take that, Federal Judge Timothy J. Kelly said last Friday, restoring the White House press pass.

Although the White House was threatening to reimpose the ban on Acosta on Monday, as we were going to press, Kelly made a momentous decision, holding up freedom of the press in an administration that is increasingly restrictive and hostile toward reporters and newspapers.

For all the years that I've been writing this column, giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day has been a personal exercise. My heart has opened to the friends and family who complete the circle of my life, and I

have written about the gathering of children and grandchildren.

But this year, the threat to our freedom is so real that I'm reaching beyond giving thanks for my loved ones to giving thanks to my fellow Americans who strive every day to preserve the best of our values and laws.

Yes, I'm grateful this Thanksgiving for the honest and hard-working federal employees who continue to uphold the tenets of our democracy despite daily pushback from an inept president. Staffers and supervisors and judges and investigators and social workers and doctors and administrators at every level of government fight to limit the excesses of an amoral president and his cadre who threaten our way of life.

Thank heaven for the professionals in every department of government who go to work and do their best to do the right thing. They sit in cubicles and corner offices; they fly on Air Force One or ride in government vehicles. They serve in every branch of the military, and some 5,000 of them are sleeping in tents at our border with Mexico, set to defend America from the trumped-up threat of "invading"

migrants.

Shame, shame. When Defense Secretary Jim Mattis went to visit those troops, who will be spending Thanksgiving eating Army food, they asked him what, exactly, their mission was. He didn't have a good answer, because their mission actually was to serve as props in Trump's pre-election effort to scare people into voting Republican. Mattis said it was good practice for war.

As a community journalist, the day Acosta was banned from the White House, I feared for our free press, from the Bellmore Herald Life to The New York Times, from the Nassau Herald to The Washington Post, from the Oceanside Herald to USA Today, from MSNBC to Fox News to CBS.

No one, not even the president, gets to erase the truth and silence the news. Trump has already done great harm by demonizing reporters and promoting the cynical concept of "fake news." There are millions of Americans now who don't trust their eyes and ears but believe a president who has no compunction about spewing provable lies nearly every time he steps up to a microphone.

Here's to the pros in every government department who do their best to do the right thing.

As one small voice, I'm grateful for the opportunity to work for a newspaper and resist, in the only way I can, the encroaching authoritarianism of an overwhelmed and underperforming administration.

I'm thankful, too, that since the midterm elections, there have been murmurings of conciliation from both sides of the political aisle. Next year, I hope I can say I'm thankful for the wisdom and leadership of our elected representatives. Dreaming is allowed on Thanksgiving, isn't it?

On a personal note, I'm thankful for a place to gather this Thanksgiving and for the faces that will beam at me from around the holiday table. The loves of my life will come together and eat turkey and laugh at old jokes. The real treasure of our lives shines in the faces of the sisters and brothers and mothers and fathers and children around the Thanksgiving table.

The political and the personal do indeed come together in a wish for peace and prosperity, the greatest gifts we can offer the next generation. The youngest members of my family, and your families and their families, deserve to grow up and grow old and set Thanksgiving tables of their own.

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Shopping local really does make a difference

This holiday season, when American consumers are once again gearing up to brave fierce temperatures and even fiercer crowds at the malls and outlet stores, or the seemingly endless expanse of the online marketplace, the Herald encourages you to do at least some of your shopping in the places you know best — your local downtowns.

Many of the small business owners we all know aren't in it only for the profit — they live in our communities, too, and thus are stakeholders in them. Most more than pull their weight by playing leadership roles in enhancing the vibrancy of our communities. They sponsor after-school activities, work earnestly with lawmakers to improve our downtowns and are among the first to show up when news spreads of someone fallen on hard times.

Small businesses play a special role, and as responsible community members — and consumers — we should do our part to keep this dynamic alive.

The number of consumers doing their shopping online is expected to reach 270 million by 2020, with internet commerce largely driven by mobile devices, according to www.internetretailer.com. Online sales are projected to reach \$638 billion in the next five years, up 56 percent from \$409 billion in 2017. None of this bodes well for the downtown small business.

Many feel threatened by internet-based companies that don't play by the same rules of commerce. And if we let these local merchants and community pillars go out of business, we'd only be hurting ourselves.

If you must shop online, also consider local, or at least New York-based, merchants. Just last July, hundreds of local retailers called on the State Legislature to enact a law mandating that out-of-state online retailers doing business in New York charge a sales tax. The calls followed a

Supreme Court decision earlier this year allowing states to mandate the tax. (Previously, they were not permitted to.) Requiring out-of-state retailers to charge the tax would help level the playing field for our local merchants, many of whom now maintain brick-and-mortar stores *and* retail websites.

Ordering online from our local retailers won't make a dent in the disparity in sales they do compared with out-of-state giants like Amazon (perhaps not the best example of out-of-state, given recent news of the company's planned move to Long Island City), Overstock and Wayfair, but the words of supporters of the sales-tax measure at a July rally in Plainview, most of whom were small business owners, highlighted the importance of supporting the local guy.

"America was built on brick-and-mortar stores," said Nassau County Legislator Arnold Drucker, a Democrat representing

the 16th District. "They are the middle class, and we've gotten away from supporting them. This could be a wake-up call to support local businesses."

Let's also not forget about our property taxes — not that many of us ever do. Boosting local sales-tax revenue at our mom-and-pop shops is one route to mitigating some of that pain. Likewise, let's not forget that local businesses employ lots of local folks. They need us, and we need them.

Every local purchase counts toward keeping the backbone of our communities strong. "Small things are what add up to big things," Gary Hudes, a former Town of Hempstead councilman and successful local businessman, told the Herald this year, explaining how he has run Gennaro Jewelers in Bellmore since 1999, with the same customer-focused mindset as its original owner in 1923.

Hudes was absolutely correct.



LETTERS

Keep an eye on gift cards

To the Editor:

New Yorkers should read the fine print on gift cards this holiday season for details about fees and expiration dates. While some card sellers have done away with inactivity fees, consumers should still ask about them.

Use gift cards within a year of purchase to avoid inactivity fees, and register cards with the retailers. By registering cards, owners can be identified, which improves the chance of finding and claiming unused card balances that may be reported as unclaimed funds.

Money from unused gift cards issued by New York businesses is turned over to the state comptroller's office as abandoned property after five



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OPINIONS

We have Lincoln to thank for Thanksgiving

My purpose in going to church is to pray, to reflect on how I can live a better life and, I hope, to leave with some new insight from the priest. I never expected to learn about the origins of Thanksgiving. But at last week's Mass, during the sermon, while I was flipping through the weekly pamphlet, I came across a photo of



**LAURA
LANE**

Abraham Lincoln. I wondered why the church had chosen to add anything about our 16th president to its usual lists of upcoming parish activities.

Journalists are expected to know a great deal, but this one got by me. Ignoring the sermon, I read that it

was Lincoln who was responsible for the national observance of Thanksgiving.

It didn't happen all at once. On Nov. 28, 1861, he ordered that government offices be closed for a day of thanksgiving. But citizens around the country — mainly in New England and the northern states — continued to celebrate Thanksgiving on different dates.

Then Lincoln received a letter on Sept. 28, 1863, from Sarah Josepha Hale, the 74-year-old editor of the magazine Godey's Lady's Book. I wish I'd had the opportunity to meet Hale, because she sounds like she was a trailblazer. She wrote that she'd been advocating for a national thanksgiving date for 15 years, to no avail, and urged the president to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival."

"You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing interest felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the states," Hale wrote. "It now needs national recognition . . . to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Lincoln apparently gave her idea some thought. He ordered that a proclamation be written by Secretary of State William Seward on Oct. 3, 1863. It read, in part: "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in for-

eign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

A year later, on Oct. 20, 1864, Lincoln wrote "A Thanksgiving Proclamation." I've done some research, but can't determine why he made the additional proclamation, unless he wanted to write it himself, and be a bit more specific. Or it could be that since it was looking increasingly like the Union forces would win the Civil War, Lincoln was in more of a celebratory mood.

Here's part of the proclamation. I was surprised by a complete lack of any consideration for the separation of church and state, but I'm told that Lincoln often mentioned God in his writings, so perhaps my reaction is just "modern."

"We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subject to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land, may be a punishment inflicted

upon us for our presumptuous sins; to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people. We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven.

"... But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

"... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States . . . to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union."

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years of dormancy. In the 2017-18 fiscal year, more than \$11.6 million from gift cards was turned over to the Abandoned Property Fund.

Under the federal Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, many types of retail gift cards sold after Aug. 22, 2010, are not permitted to charge inactivity fees, unless a card has been inactive for at least 12 months. All terms and conditions for a card must be disclosed on the card, and gift cards cannot expire within five years after purchase.

Since Jan. 1, 2011, New York has required companies offering rebates to disclose whether the rebates will be issued as gift cards, and whether fees will apply to these cards. Rebate cards are not all covered by the same rules as regular gift cards, so this disclosure helps consumers identify different cards and how they can be used.

Gift cards may have terms and conditions that can decrease their value. These may include charging service fees when the card is purchased; dormancy fees if the card is not used within a certain time period; fees for calling and checking the balance remaining on the card; and replacement fees for lost or stolen cards.

My office currently holds more than \$15.5 billion in unclaimed funds from uncashed checks, bank accounts, stocks and more. To find out if you are owed money, visit www.osc.state.ny.us.

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THOMAS DINAPOLI
New York state comptroller

Where's the Belmont study?

To the Editor:

Why is the Long Island Rail Road Belmont Park Arena transportation improvements study still missing? Former MTA Chairman Joe Lhota, who recently resigned, had informed the Empire State Development Corporation that there is no current Penn Station capacity to support new Belmont Park service. The MTA, Lhota said, must first conduct a planning study. That study began in July, with a September completion date scheduled. Why has its public disclosure been delayed?

The study results should identify a path for scheduling, budgeting, funding and service changes in order to proceed with design, engineering and construction.

Belmont Park service must compete with current scheduled service, future new Port Washington branch service from the Mets Willets Point LaGuardia Air Train, additional reverse commute and Ronkonkoma rush-hour service, and other LIRR, New Jersey Transit, Amtrak and Metro North trains for Penn Station platform and track space via the East River tunnels. There is also future Grand Central Terminal service to worry about after the East Side Access project is completed, likely in 2022.

Almost two months have come and gone since the scheduled deadline for release of the Belmont study, but no final reports have been made public — not even a presentation at the November MTA and LIRR monthly board committee meetings.

The MTA and LIRR remain silent about

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Afloat on the Grand Canal — Venice

a date for release of the study. Continued delay could imply that feasibility and/or costs have been found to be prohibitive by the developer, the ESDC or the MTA. There might also be technical and operational service issues preventing the implementation of LIRR improvements to coincide with the Islanders' promised 2021 arena opening date. There are now fewer than three years

to complete all of this work.

Neighbors, commuters, taxpayers and those who support or oppose the Belmont arena deserve to see this study now.

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