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Hanukkah happenings

The City of Glen Cove marked Hanukkah with a lighting of a grand menorah on Dec. 2. Many gathered to celebrate the holiday known as the Festival of Lights. More photos, Page 9.

Finley student leaders head to Albany for YMCA program

By MIKE CONN

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Seventh- and eighth-grade students from Robert M. Finley Middle School in Glen Cove headed to the Capital Region for the annual YMCA New York Youth and Government program Nov. 15-17. The students practiced for the conference, hosted by the New York YMCA, at the Holiday Inn Express Con-

ference Center in Latham, N.Y. They put their practice into action during their debates at the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce in Albany.

The program serves as a Model State Legislature, at which hundreds of students from 58 schools around the state gather to debate significant legislative issues. The Finley students got the chance to use the state's Assembly and Senate

chambers in Albany for their discussions, acting as Assembly members and senators and writing and attempting to pass bills.

Four Finley students took part in the event when the district participated for the first time last November. In September, others were asked whether they wanted to attend, and the school invited 19 of those who

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City chooses McNaughton for vacant seat

By ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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After a few weeks of thought, Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and City Council members appointed Donna McNaughton to the council on Tuesday. Members will vote to approve the appointment on Dec. 11.

McNaughton's tenure will begin Dec. 12. She will succeed Michael Zangari, who resigned on Nov. 20 because of an illness.

"I'm very happy with it," McNaughton, 72, said of her appointment. She was one of two candidates who were considered for the post.

McNaughton, an eighth-generation

city resident, is a lawyer and has her own practice in Locust Valley, concentrating in real estate, elder law and estate planning. She earned a bachelor's degree from Empire State College and a law degree from St. John's University. She is a member of the board and is counsel to the Glen Cove Sage Foundation, and is a former chairwoman of the board

of managers for the city's YMCA.

For the past two and a half years, she has sat on the city's Board of Zoning Appeals, and was appointed its chairwoman when Tenke took office. She said that her experience in the role has prepared her well for a seat on the council.

"I'm just looking forward to being on the council and trying to be fair and do what I can to help," McNaughton said. "I'm looking forward to serving the people of Glen Cove."

Councilman Joseph Capobianco suggested Mc-Naughton as a candidate the night the council received Zangari's letter of resignation. Capobi-

anco said that McNaughton was a viable replacement, and passed out copies of her résumé to fellow council members.

Tenke did not call for a vote on McNaughton that night, saying he wanted more time to consider other candidates.

"I do have every intention of swearing her in" next Tuesday,

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DONNA MCNAUGHTON

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councilwoman.





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Two wells to reopen as G.C. water improves

By MIKE CONN

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Glen Cove officials furthered their efforts to provide residents with their own clean, independent water source by aiming to reopen two wells in Duck Pond by Dec. 7. The wells were closed earlier in 2018 due to high concentrations of Freon 22 within the water supplies. With these wells back online, there will now be three active wells at Duck Pond, as well as one on Kelly St. and one on Nancy Court.

The reopening of the wells is a direct result of the city's recent ability to obtain a \$3 million water infrastructure improvement grant from the state, the maximum amount of funding available by the state for such a project. Ann Fangmann, executive director of the Glen Cove Community Development Agency, indicated that the city needs a total of \$5.15 million in order to fully complete its water purification process

New York Assemblyman Charles Lavine has committed a \$250,000 grant from his office through the Dormitory Authority of New York State, which is currently being processed. The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council has recommended another grant of \$500,000, which must also go through the state before it is granted. "The grants are based on the need to reduce contaminants and have clean water," Fangmann said.

The reopening of the Duck Pond wells is coming at the perfect time. City officials expect the population of Glen Cove to rise by approximately 10 percent following the addition of over 550 new units at Garvies



Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

WITH THE REOPENING of two wells in Duck Pond, Glen Cove is moving further toward having its own pure, independent water source.

Point by the fall of 2019, as well as the conclusion of the Village Square construction by the spring of 2020.

At the center of all of this is the city's desire to remain autonomous over their own water sources.

Mayor Tim Tenke indicated that the city's independent water sources would allow Glen Cove to avoid the issues other communities have had with outside companies such as American Water, including inflated prices for water. "You always want to be able to supply water at the lowest cost

that you can to your residents," said Tenke, adding that when a city maintains control over its water system it can to do that. "It's an easy fix to let [American Water] come in and fix our water. But in the long run, the cost to the residents is astronomical."

With these two Duck Pond wells reopening, city officials are looking to also bring the well on Seaman Road back online. In doing so, the city's growing projects will have further support for their water usage. Originally shut down in 2010, the Seaman

Road well requires an air stripper in order to fully remove all Freon 22 contamination. Luckily, the infrastructure for this project already exists. It's simply a matter of being able to decontaminate the well's water.

According to Tenke, putting the well at Seaman Road back into action is the final step in making Glen Cove a fully independent city when it comes to its water. "With five wells up and potentially with Seaman Road coming online," he said, "we will have enough supply so that we don't have to purchase water."

Restrooms closed to combat vaping at GCHS

By MIKE CONN

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A parent expressed concern at the Nov. 28 Glen Cove Board of Education meeting

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TONY SANTANA

Glen Cove H.S.

principal

regarding the district's new protocol to lock the high school's restrooms during certain times to stop students from vaping. Now students cannot enter many of the school's bathrooms within the first 10 and final 10 minutes of each class period. However, the bathrooms near the cafeteria and in the nurse's office are always

Glen Cove High School Principal Tony Santana said he has seen positive reactions from students because the restrooms have become less crowded and vape usage has significantly decreased.

"It's a cultural shift, which is always going to be met with some resistance," he said, "but I haven't really

observed that resistance yet, which gives me sort of the feeling that the students appreciate what we're trying to do." Santana said that vaping is something that truly concerns him and regarded it as a serious problem among teenagers everywhere. "The Juul epidemic is extremely scary to me because the nicotine con-

tained in these devices is extremely addictive," he explained.

His goal, he said, is not to catch or punish students, but rather to help them prevent the development of dangerous habits.

"If you can't go through a six and a half hour day without taking a hit of nicotine, that's a problem to me," he said.

School security upgrade, new courses

It was also reported that progress would soon be made toward making the city's schools safer. The high school, Connolly School and Finley Middle School will have new vestibules installed by the time

students return from Christmas break to enhance school security. The Deasy, Landing, and Gribbin schools are expected to

Proposed new high school courses

The following is a list of new courses that will be made available to high school students for the 2019-20 school year:

Third Year Science Research; Chemical Explorations; AP Psychology; AP Human Geography; Latin American History Through American Experience; Latin American History Through World Experience; American History Through Film; World History Through Film; World at War; Holocaust Studies; Algebra Explorations; Geometry Explorations; College Pre-Calculus/Calculus Honors; Computer Science Principles; Music in a Digital Age.

have the same installations completed by Jan 22

Several department coordinators introduced a variety of new classes they are proposing for the 2019-20 high school curriculum. The 15 new classes will be available for enrollment when students choose their schedules for next year. If a class garners enough interest, it will become active during the following school year.

Science coordinator Alexa Doeschner introduced two new courses, social studies coordinator Sheena Jacob introduced eight, mathematics coordinator Cassie Shannon introduced four and Santana introduced one new music course.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna com-

mended Aurora Seery, a student from Finley Middle School, who spoke at a previous Board of Education meeting. Rianna was impressed by Aurora's determination in alerting the district that an additional water fountain was needed on one of the floor in her school.

"I really give her a lot of credit," Dr. Rianna said, "because she not only advocated for herself, she advocated for everyone in her school, and especially on her floor." Rianna said that she met with a representative from Dellon Sales, who donated a new water fountain to Finley, thanks to Aurora's advocacy.

The Glen Cove Board of Education will next meet on Dec. 12.



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Male. 33, of Glen Cove, was arrested for harassment and endangering the welfare of a child on Carpenter St. on Nov. 27.

■ Female, 70, of Locust Valley, was arrested for leaving the scene of an auto accident on Brewster St on Nov. 26.

■ Male, 24, of Glen Cove, was arrested for fourth-degree criminal mischief, third-degree assault and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child on Third St. on Nov. 25.

■ Female, 70, of Glen Cove, was arrested for DWI and impaired ability to operate a motor vehicle on Janet Lane on Nov. 24.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



DIY ugly sweater craft

Ugly sweater season is upon us, and the Whaling Museum and Education Center is encouraging residents to craft their own on Thursday, Dec. 6. Bring your own sweater or sweatshirt and use crafting materials to turn it into the ugly holiday clothing of your dreams. The event runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the center, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. Register in advance online for \$20 or pay \$35 at the door. Info: (631) 367-3418.

AARP smart driver class

Brush up on your driving skills and learn some new things at the Glen Cove Library's AARP Smart Driver Class. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. The class will take place on Friday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register at the information desk at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Info: (516) 676-2130.





The effects of drug abuse on the brain

Neuroscientist Stephen Dewey, Ph.D., will talk at Glen Cove High School with a presentation on how the adolescent brain differs from the adult brain, and how all types of drugs affect the organ's metabolism and chemistry. The presentation starts at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 at Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove.

Christmas with the Roosevelts

Celebrate the season presidential-style at Sagamore Hill, President Theodore Roosevelt's summer home, on Saturday, Dec. 8. The varied activities include performances of seasonal music and carolers to go along with refreshments. Children can take part in a reading of Kathleen Bart's "The Tale of Two Teddies," at 2 p.m. Info: www.nps.gov/sahi.



Dennis DeYoung's Grand Illusion



Former Styx frontman Dennis DeYoung visits Tilles Center, on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. to relive an iconic moment in the band's history. He'll be rocking out to the the iconic The Grand Illusion LP, to celebrate the album's 40th anniversary. He'll perform the album in its entirety, plus Top 10 hits "Lady," "Babe," "Mr. Roboto," and many more. Info: (800) 745-3000 or www. ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.



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HERALD SCHOOLS

Focusing on Native American history

Amy Mendrinos's fourth-grade students at Landing Elementary School dedicated the month of November to celebrating the achievements and contributions of Native Americans throughout history.

Students wrote five journal entries that included specific details about the life, surroundings, and daily activities that particular cultures experienced. They were also given the opportunity to bring in a token that reflected an artifact or historical content that they mentioned in their journal entries. Then each student presented and shared their discoveries with their peers.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

THE CHILDREN AT Landing Elementary School learned a great deal about Native Americans in the month of November.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

ROBERT M. FINLEY Middle School sixth-graders with Helen Turner, director of youth education at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center.

Learning the 'power of words' at Finley

Helen Turner, the director of youth education at the Holocaust Memorial Tolerance Center, visited Robert M. Finley Middle School sixth-graders to deliver, "The

Helen Turner, the director of Power of Words" presentation on uth education at the Holocaust Nov. 16.

The Power of Words is designed for students to understand the meaning and historical

context of words that are used in our society that discriminate, segregate and alienate people. The purpose of the presentation is to teach youth about the dangers of

antisemitism, racism, bullying and all other forms of intolerance. The presentation promotes resistance to prejudice and advocates respect for every human being.





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HERALD SPORTS Molloy packs plenty of offense

By TONY BELLISSIMO

Molloy College played its best basketball down the stretch last season, salvaging a 7-11 record against East Coast Conference foes and reaching the tournament semifinals.

The Lions took a little while to find themselves after replacing most of their offensive production from 2016-17 and finished 9-21 overall. This winter, head coach Charles Marquardt returns his top four scorers and has a deeper bench to work

"We were playing pretty well towards the end of last season after going through an adjustment period," Marquardt said. "We're playing at a faster pace this season and it fits who we are. Everything's geared toward offense these days, but the games slow down in January and February. Teams aren't scoring in the 90s in the play-

Through its first five games, Molloy (2-3) averaged nearly 80 points with junior Nick Corbett leading the way. Corbett, a third-year starting shooting guard and ECC Rookie of the

Year two seasons ago, led the Lions in scoring last winter at 17.7 ppg and picked up where he left off and then some. He hit the game-winning hoops against Nyack (81-79 on Nov. 14) and Concordia (88-86 on Nov. 27) and is off to a torrid start (39 of 74) from the floor. He had 31 points against Nyack. "Nick is pretty skilled and we expected him to be the lead guy last season and he didn't disappoint," Marquardt said. "He became more and more comfortable in the role and continues to step up."

Senior Curtis Jenkins, a product of Farmingdale High School, popped for 15.8 points per game a season ago after averag-

ing a dozen as a sophomore. He's also a two-time ECC Defensive Player of the Year. Heading into December he was averaging 12.2 points and 6.6 rebounds. He was the team's top rebounder in 2017-18 at a shade under seven per game. "There's always a real talented scoring guard on any team we face," Marquardt said. "Curtis gets those assignments and most of the time he can cut 10 points off. He's a good decisionmaker and brings a lot of energy."

Senior Mike Torre stepped up as a consistent No. 3 scorer behind Corbett and Jenkins, averaging 13.2 points from a for-

> ward spot. Torre scored 16 in a 92-88 season-opening defeat to St. Michaels. "He's a stop and pop shooter with nice range to 15 feet," Marquardt said. "He has a great work ethic."

> With freshman point guard Frank



aged 7.1 points and 5.0 rebounds a season

JUNIOR GUARD NICK Corbett is off to a

torrid scoring pace.

At center, 6-5 freshman Billy Muller has made his presence felt in the early going and posted a double-double (16 points, 12 boards) in the victory over Concordia. "He has great footwork and hands," Marquardt said. "He's showing he can handle things physically."

Seniors Chris O'Reilly and Derrick Okunpolor as well as sophomore Steven Torre have provided quality minutes and will be counted on to do so throughout the season. O'Reilly has chipped in six points per game.



Photos courtesy of Molloy College athletics

SENIOR CURTIS JENKINS has twice earned East Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors while producing plenty of offense.

"We're going to use our depth to our advantage," Marquardt said.

Molloy was picked fourth in the ECC preseason poll behind Daemen, Bridgeport and St. Thomas Aquinas. Bridgeport knocked off the Lions three times last season, including in the tournament semifi-

Molloy opens conference play Dec. 5 at LIU Post in a rematch of last year's tourney opener won by the Lions, 71-66, behind Mike Torre's 20 points and 16 apiece from Corbett and Jenkins. Additional conference rivals include New York Tech, Mercy, Roberts Wesleyan, District of Columbia, and Queens.

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HERALD NEIGHBORS



Photos by Adrienne Daley

RABBI MENDY HEBER explained the importance of this year's Hanukkah to all who attended.

Menorah lighting a symbol of hope





MAYOR TIM TENKE, above, lit the Grand Menorah's center candle, called the shamash, during Monday's lighting.

AMY YADEGAR AND her son, Alex, 5, kept warm. Above, right.

YISROEL HARBOR, 6, far right, showed off his dreidel decorating skills.

JULIE, 3, RIGHT, enjoyed her doughnut at the Grand Menorah lighting.





In celebration of the opening of Hanukkah on Dec. 2, the community came together to light the Grand Hanukkah Menorah in downtown Glen Cove. While the opening of the holiday is always a special occasion, it held a significant amount of weight this year due to the deadly shooting in a Pittsburgh synagogue in October.

Standing in solidarity with Pittsburgh, the Menorah shone its bright lights to "dispel darkness," providing a symbol of hope and perseverance in the wake of such a tragic event.

Led by Rabbi Mendy Heber, residents danced to lively music and ate Hanukkah gelts, doughnuts and traditional sufganiyot. There was even a giant inflatable dreidel, which was fun for the children who bounced around until it was time to go home.

Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and several other dignitaries joined Heber in lighting the Menorah, which will have a new candle lit every day until Hanukkah ends on Dec. 10.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 6

New year, new attitude

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 4 p.m. In this program Constance Lagan will guide participants and help them discover how to stamp out negative thoughts and live more optimistically. (516) 671-4290.

Open house on Orchard neighborhood

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 6:30 p.m. Attend the City of Glen Cove's public open house on the Orchard neighborhood revitalization project. All feedback and recommendations are welcome. Comments may also be submitted via email at BOAFeedback@glencovecda.org.

Heart-shaped chalkboard frame

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Paint a heart-shaped frame for any picture. This frame will be painted with chalkboard paint to write reminders and messages, and it's a great holiday gift for a family member or friend. (516) 759-8300.

Boost immunity with essential oils

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 7 p.m. Angela Farinacci returns to present this program on essential oils. This class will focus on blending products to get through the holidays and winter weather. Participants will make hand sanitizer to take home. Registration requested. (516) 671-1837.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Christmas Fair at St. John's Church

St. John's Church, 1670 Rt. 25 A, Cold Spring Harbor, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy baked goods, children's crafts, Christmas décor, holiday plants, wreaths, fine linens, a handmades boutique chocked with jewelry and accessories, a café, silent auction and raffles, pictures with Santa and more. For more information, contact christmas.fair@stjsch.org.

St. Rocco's Holiday Extravaganza

The Church of St. Rocco's, 18 Third St., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gorge on goodies and other holiday treats from a variety of food trucks, or shop from a stocking-stuffed boutique.

O.B. Holiday Market and tree lighting

Town Band Stand, 1 Shore Ave., Oyster Bay, 3 to 7 p.m. Local businesses will set up tables to sample and sell their wares. This is the perfect opportunity to find a unique gift or a stocking stuffer. There will also be lots of fun activities like an ice skating rink for kids. John Canning will recite "Twas The Night Before Christmas," Girl Scout Troop 211 will set up fire pits for roasting marshmallows, a local choir will sing holiday carols and at the end of the night, Santa will visit.

Reindeer snack holder

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 3 p.m. Shirley will show guests how to make a one of-a-kind reindeer snack holder and peice of art. Take felt beads, glue and other essentials craft supplies to make a reindeer to fill with delicious snacks. (516) 759-8300.



Photos courtesy Flickr

'Amahl and the Night Visitors'

The North Shore Community Chorus, under the direction of Stephen Goldstein, will perform Gian Carlo Menotti's beloved one-act opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," at Glenwood Landing Elementary School, 60 Cody Ave., Glen Head, on Saturday, Dec.15, at 7:30 p.m. "Amahl" was originally broadcast live on NBC in 1951, and was the first television Christmas special to become an annual tradition. The performance features Jeanne Whelan as Amahl's mother, John Coffey, Mark Kaufmann and Rob Murphy as the Three Kings, and Karin Barnaby as the page. The NSCC will also perform Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," which is sung entirely in Hebrew. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and children. Don't miss out on this glorious performance. For more information call (631) 683-5750.

Sunday, Dec. 9

Holiday concert: Flutissimo!

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 p.m. Join flute quartet Flutissimo! as they usher in the season with a delightful afternoon of chamber music. On the program are classical standards, compositions unique to the flute quartet repertoire, and many with a touch of winter fun. (516) 759-8300.

A Scottish Highland Christmas Tea

North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove, 3 p.m. Enjoy a preholiday treat as Emily Bader and Michael Goudket perform traditional holiday music accompanied by two Celtic harps. Wine, tea and yuletide goodies will be served. \$10. (516) 801-1191.

Winter craft extravaganza

The Whaling Museum & Education Center, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Design an array of Victorian-style crafts while visiting the museum. Dip a candle, create a glittery tussy-mussy or a keepsake "scrimshaw" box to take home. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, too. (631) 367-3418.

Saturday, Dec. 10

U.S. entry into WWII

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. The American side of the Pearl Harbor attack is well known; the Japanese much less so. This talk will focus on the debates and decisions within the Japanese government from, which led to America's entry into WWII. (516) 922-1212.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Words & Music by Irving Berlin

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Dr. Mel Haber presents an interesting and informative program on



An evening with Santa Claus

Celebrate the start of the Christmas season at All Saints Regional Catholic School, 12 Pearsall Ave., Glen Cove, on Friday, Dec. 7, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission includes dinner, music and pictures with Santa. Many exciting gift baskets will be raffled off as well. Adults, \$25; children \$15; children 3 and under free. (516) 676-0762.

Irving Berlin, who wrote both words and music for over 1,000 songs. Learn about his life and watch videos of famous singers performing Berlin's songs from Hollywood to Broadway. (516) 676-2130.

Wire wrapping sea glass

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 6:30 p.m. Learn the techniques of wire wrapping sea glass to make jewelry. Make two pendants or a pair of earrings. A \$15 material fee is required at the time of registration. (516) 671-1837.

Holiday cookie decorating

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6 p.m. Nothing rings in the holiday season like decorating cookies. Join Chef Julie Reilly in getting into the spirit by decorating and bringing home holiday cookies to enjoy. Recommended for children in grades 6 through 12. (516) 759-8300.

Spanish tapas

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. Chef Robert Dell'Amore returns to prepare two classic Spanish tapas recipes that double and triple as breakfast, lunch or dinner: Andalusian-style chicken and a Spanish tortilla. (516) 922-1212.

Thursday, Dec. 13

American Legion meeting

Glen Cove Senior Center, second floor, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. The Glen Cove American Legion Post 76 will hold its monthly meeting. (516) 676-1294.

Sunday, Dec. 16

$\label{eq:music_for_the} \textbf{Music} \ \textbf{for} \ \textbf{the} \ \textbf{holidays}$

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. The New York Trio, consisting of Janice Buckner, Rick Cassolino and Jim Gibb, offer an afternoon of music to get in to the holiday spirit. Their show includes an assortment of blues, country and good old fashioned sing-alongs. (516) 676-2130.

Monday, Dec. 17

Chair yoga

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Get fit while you sit. Barbara Croen and Leslie Arluck's class encourages fitness for those whose physical condition, restricted mobility or age limits their participation in conventional forms of exercise. (516) 676-2130.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Christmas celebration lunch

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12 p.m. Enjoy a Christmas lunch with seniors, friends and neighbors. Call (516) 759-9610 to RSVP.

HAVING AN EVENT?

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

LANDING PRINCIPAL BEN Roberts joined a group of Landing students at the school's Thanksgiving Feast which included all of the trimmings.

Thanksgiving feast at Landing School

Turkey, stuffing, corn, mashed potatoes and many more kinds of delicious Thanksgiving food favorites were gobbled down by Landing School students and their families when the PTA hosted its annual Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 16.

The momentous event brings the entire school community together, so students can enjoy a special meal with their friends and family before the Thanksgiving holiday. All families who attended were asked to pay a small fee or to donate a nonperishable food item for a local family in need.

After they their amazing meal, students returned to their classrooms to enjoy a fabulous desert donated by their families in honor of the occasion.

Sharing community service efforts

Girl Scout troops 1420 and 1509 and Carmen Martinez, the troops leader, met with Mayor Tim Tenke on Nov. 29 to speak with him about their community service efforts. They have worked to support the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserves Toys For Tots in providing toys to children whose parents cannot afford them throughout the holiday season.

Through toy collection drives and their own personal donations, the Girl Scouts collected over 200 toys to donate at the Toys For Tots rally at Nassau Coliseum on Dec. 2. Tenke congratulated the Scouts on their spectacular achievement and thanked them for their outstanding work to help those less fortunate.



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GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 1420 and 1509 met with Mayor Tim Tenke to talk about their committment to community service.

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Glen Cove kicked off the city's annual Merry Tree Festival on Saturday in style, with Christmas trees lining the streets of the downtown. The trees are situated in front of the offices of the businesses that have "sponsored a tree." Each have been adorned with business cards and trinkets representing the individual businesses. The Merry Tree Festival serves as a reminder of how much the holidays mean to the city as a whole.

At the center of it all was the Tree of Light ceremony on a small stretch of Bridge St. in between Glen St. and Pratt Blvd. Blocked off from vehicular traffic, painted snowflakes replaced arrows on the street and a stage was positioned in front of a Christmas tree exponentially larger than any other in the area.

Shortly after the clock struck 4 p.m., Glen Cove's Slayer Players Theatre Company took the stage as a crowd gathered by the tree. The actors performed an abridged version of "A Christmas Carol," when Ebenezer Scrooge learns the value of kindness and generosity from some ghostly visitors, warming his formerly icy heart.

Then Mayor Tim Tenke took the stage to thank all those who came out and made the city's annual tree lighting such a great success, which it has been for over a century. As the tree was lit, fire trucks drove toward the street with their sirens blaring



CHILDREN TOOK TO the stage to sing Christmas songs with Santa Claus and Mayor Tenke.

bringing Santa Claus with them. Santa and a host of children joined Tenke on stage, and they all sang spirited renditions of Christmas classics like "Jingle Bells" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Resident Lindsey Tromba, her husband Stefano, and their three children Marcello, 4, Teodora, 3, and Luciano, 3 months, have attended the Tree of Light ceremony for the past three years for several reasons. "We enjoy the community and all the neighbors that we see," she said. "And the kids get to enjoy all the songs and the lights.'

"You just really want to be part of the community and celebrate the season," Stefano added.

Lisa Travatello, the city's public relations officer, helped distribute refreshments to residents at the tree lighting. She indicated that she is always overjoyed with the success of the city's holiday events.

"Each year the Glen Cove community

comes out with such enthusiasm for the holiday season," she said. "There's this spirit of collaboration between the city of Glen Cove, the office of Mayor Tenke, the Glen Cove Downtown BID, our DPW, our Parks Department. They really deck the halls with great activities."

Then she added, "It's been an incredible year for us so far, and we're just kicking it

Although the Tree of Light is only a one-time celebration, there is still time to enjoy the Merry Tree festival, which lasts throughout the holiday season until Jan. 4.



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SANTA CLAUS AND several Glen Cove residents joined Mayor Tenke in lighting the tree.

THE SLAYER **PLAYERS** treated viewers to a spirited rendition of A Christmas Carol.

Learning how things work in Albany

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expressed an interest.

Beginning in September, the students were split into groups of four or five in sessions before and after school led by teachers Jacklyn Burnett and Tracy Roberts. They discussed their proposed "legislation," and continued working on it until they headed upstate. Along with Burnett and Roberts, special education teacher Adam Cirnigliaro chaperoned the students during their trip.

Two of the Finley students received special awards at the event, which were presented to only 10 of the 200 participants. Eighth-grader Elle Woska was named an Outstanding Debater, and seventh-grader Philip Dilgard-Clark, an Outstanding Delegate. Philip and his group proposed legislation aimed at stopping people from smoking within 20 to 25 feet

According to Philip, the group's inspiration came from the lack of smoking laws for playgrounds, as well as their own experiences with finding cigarette butts where children play. They decided that the 20- to 25-foot zone would suffice, reasoning that that would be far enough away for smoke to dissipate in the air before it reached a playground.

Philip said he found the trip enlightening. It helped him learn to consider ideas that may not otherwise have occurred to



Courtesv Glen Cove City School District

KALEB HAM, FAR left, Philip Dilgard-Clark, Daniel Hernandez, Thomas Potter and Harrison Velentzas proposed legislation to ban smoking from playgrounds.

"There were questions about how you would enforce this - how parents who smoke could watch their kids," he said. "Those were interesting, because we hadn't really thought of that."

Philip's mother, Carolyne Dilgard-Clark, said she considered the trip an invaluable experience. "As a parent, I think it's an amazing out-of-the-classroom experience that exposes our children to diverse ideas and encourages them to engage in discourse about issues they

think are important," she said. "I think it's great for critical thinking, listening and empathy. They've got to think big."

The success of the trip and the students' experiences in Albany were encouraging to Roberts, who said she believed it was an ideal way for students to learn about how state government works. "We hope that the students' positive experience will help the program to continue," she said. "We feel that the best way for students to learn our legislative

process is to go through a legislative simulation. Students had the opportunity to take an active role with the writing and passing of their own legislation."

Sheena Jacob, the Glen Cove School District's social studies coordinator, was also in Albany on Nov. 16. She said she thought the trip was invaluable. She praised the students for their hard work, saying, "Congratulations on a job well

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SAFE sponsors Red Ribbon Week at Glen Cove schools

SAFE kicked off National Red Ribbon Week on Oct. 23. The agency annually sponsors and promotes Red Ribbon Week within the Glen Cove School District. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug awareness campaign created in 1985 aimed at addressing the importance of substance abuse prevention. Given the nation's opioid epidemic, the celebration of living healthy lifestyles was most significant.

SAFE Board of Directors and staff, SAFE Glen Cove Coalition volunteers, the Glen Cove Police Department and school administration showed their support by participating in Red Ribbon celebrations in the district's elementary schools and Finley Middle School. Students embraced the theme of living a healthy, drug free lifestyle and created posters depicting their interpretation of living drug free using this year's National RRW slogan — "Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free." The ongoing partnership with the Glen Cove School District allowed each elementary school to hold a special assembly to kick off Red Ribbon Week where students wore red ribbons and learned about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and making informed positive choices.

Glen Cove School District students

enjoyed presentations by the Glen Cove Police Department SAFE Coalition member Sgt. Bifone. The police spoke to the students from grades K-8 about the risks of using drugs and the important role that decision-making plays in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Students listened intently while the officers provided reallife stories from their extensive policing experience and students were given the opportunity to ask the officers questions about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

SAFE's Coalition holds an art contest each year and the winners are announced at each of the Red Ribbon Week assembly's by SAFE board members, staff and SAFE's executive director. The purpose of the art contest is to encourage children to commit to making good choices and to be aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol. The winning posters were on display in the children's room of the Glen Cove Public Library in November.

"Red Ribbon Week is an effective way to impart healthy choices to children through a celebration of wellness. It fosters communication between youth and adults about the dangers of substance abuse in a positive fashion," said Patti Averopoulos, SAFE's event planner.

The SAFE Glen Cove Coalition is conducting an opioid prevention awareness campaign entitled, "Keeping Glen Cove SAFE," in order to educate and update the community regarding opioid use and its consequences. To learn more about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition please follow us on www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition or visit SAFE's website to learn more about the opioid epidemic at www.safeglencove.org.



Battling those 'porch pirates'

"Porch pirates," people that steal delivered packages or other items from outside other people's homes, are the scourge of many who are awaiting mail ordered merchandise, especially during the holiday

The Nassau County Police Department has a few tips to help avoid being a victim of the thieves. Select the required signature option when ordering. In most cases, you can either pick up the packages in person or schedule a delivery time for you or someone to be home. Ask the delivery service to hold the package for a customer pick-up. Delivery services such as FedEx or UPS have customer pick up at their retail stores.

Track the shipment online. Check the status and its estimated delivery time and aim to be home when the package is delivered. Avoid sending cash by mail. Checks and money orders are safer and might be canceled or reissued because of a theft.

Leave a note instructing the delivery person to leave the package with a neighbor. With more people working from home, it's possible a neighbor could be home to receive your package. Have shipments delivered to another location where you or someone else can pick it up. If possible, have the package delivered to your work address.

—Jeffrey Bessen

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STEPPING OUT

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Hofstra University exhibits challenge perceptions

he arts' vital place in the national culture and conversation are reflected in Hofstra University Museum of Art's current exhibitions.

"Changing Perceptions: World War I and the Visual Arts" and "Hidden in Sight: Photographing Incarceration" highlight the breadth and depth of the museum's holdings, bringing an artistic framework to critical historical and social issues.

Both exhibits are reflective of the museum's evolving mission; signified by its recent rebranding as Hofstra University Museum of Art.

We are the springboard for additional community engagement at the university," says Nancy Richner, the museum's director. "With this name change we have a better reach to the non-Hofstra community. It became clear to me [that as Hofstra University Museum] that people thought we were a museum about Hofstra.'

"We are clearly an art museum and want to draw attention to our outstanding collections. Our museum is unique and the name change will better reflect the strength of our collections, from the ancient to contemporary, as well as our place among the most respected cultural institutions in the New York area. We want to change perceptions about the arts and history; we are going in a direction that we will make sure that our exhibits connect to people.

The content of the two exhibits, while very different, provides opportunity to examine artistic voices within a deeply personal context. "We're very exited to have them [the exhibits] both here," says Richner. "Art exists beyond the walls of museums or galleries. It's so important that we all have access to it.'

"Changing Perceptions," which runs through Dec. 14 at the Emily Lowe Gallery, looks to Europe following World War I. The Great War changed the perception of war from a heroic and romanticized point of view to the horrific reality of combat. At that time, the perception of what art was



Danny Lyon was a young photographer from New York when he began documenting the civil rights movement. "The Line," 1968, 2011, gelatin silver print, 11 x 14 in., was produced during the year he spent photographing prisoners in Texas' penitentiaries. Courtesy Hofstra University Museum Collections; gift of Peter and Susan Chatzky, HU2016.87 © Danny Lyon, New York & Magnum Photos, New York.

and could be was also transformed.

The exhibit provides a glimpse into the artistic worlds of France, Germany, and Russia following the war, examining a selection of the vast activities happening in the visual arts during that time.

It highlights permanent collection works, including paintings by Conrad Felixmüller, George Grosz, and Georges Rouault; prints by Marc Chagall, Juan Gris, and Käthe Kollwitz; also photographs by August Sander. Ephemera and book arts from the Weingrow Collection of Avant-Garde Art and Literature at Hofstra University supplement the works on view from museum's collection, along with others on loan from other museums and

Back in the present day, HUMA's David Filderman Gallery explores modern America — the prison system specifically – in "Hidden in Sight," on view through March 10,. The focus is on photographs that highlight the varied critical issues

within the prison system in America. Collectively, the work of the three photographers on view not only brings awareness to an often-opaque problem, but also undermines the entire criminal justice system by presenting prisoners as human first and inmate second.

Danny Lyon, one of the pioneers of imbedded documentary photography, spent a year in Texas photographing the men incarcerated in its state prisons. Jessica Earnshaw similarly spent time at the state prison in Maine following another growing prison population, the elderly. In her work, she seeks to investigate the realities of life sentences by profiling certain inmates who have come to terms with spending their last living days behind bars.

Isadora Kosofsky captures the effects of incarceration not only on the inmates but on those left on the outside, especially

As always the museum offers



"The Happy Marriage/The Married Couple in Winter (Glüchkliche Ehe Iv/ Ehepaar Im Winter)," 1919, is among the works on view in "Changing Perceptions: World War I and the Visual Arts." Courtesy Hofstra University Museum Collections; gift of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rittmaster, HU78.28 © 2018 Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York / VG Bild-Kunst, Bonn.

additional programming to enhance the exhibit experience. Upcoming events include a Curator's Conversation on Thursday Dec. 6, 4-5:30 p.m. Join Karen T. Albert, the museum's deputy director and chief curator, for an insightful conversation about the exhibition. Learn more about what went into developing this exhibit, from shaping the concept to selecting the works of art, and then discuss the many-layered topics surrounding The Great War.

Kids, ages 5-10 (with an adult companion) can take part in the museum's latest Artful Adventures session, on Saturday, Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (check-in at 11:15 a.m.). This month's theme is Art from the Heart!

Participants will examine the works of Marc Chagall, led by museum educators, then make Chagall-inspired stained-glass window art. Everyone is invited to stay after the program to explore the galleries on their own or with new acquaintances. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. Register by email to Karla. Oderwald@hofstra.edu or call (516) 463-

For more information on the exhibits and related programming, call the museum or visit www.hofstra.edu/

Karen Bloom



IN CONCERT The Mavericks

The genre-defying Mavericks are putting their own twist on the holidays, as evidenced by the recent release of their latest album "Hey! Merry Christmas." The band redefines what Christmas music can be, injecting songs inspired by the season with their one-of-a-kind blend of rockabilly, Latino, folk, swing, blues and Cuban jazz. The result is a collection of songs that sit comfortably alongside the classics while also carving out a space of their own, Downbeat Magazine called it "one of the don't-miss releases of 2018."

They'll perform tunes from that album and more, in their unique style that continues to bring people together. They possess an ability to transform any room into a raucous musical celebration, elevating their songs to new heights with the kind of exhilarating performances that have long established them as one of the nation's best live bands. Their music is just as

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Out and About

accessible and heartfelt as it is passionate and fun. Their live performances are infectious engaging and, much like their music, have no boundaries.

Friday Dec. 7, 8 p.m. \$63, \$53, \$43. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A. Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org

ON STAGE Cherish the Ladies

Still going strong after 32 years, , Cherish the Ladies continues to delight audiences with their vocals, captivating arrangements and impeccable step dancing. The Grammy-nominated "super-group" once again offers up "A Celtic Christmas" in their inimitable style. Their holiday concert embodies the beauty of the season $-\,$ Celtic style. Taking their name from a traditional Irish Jig, the ladies have showcased their talents with joyous music-making. Under the leadership of the irrepressible flute and



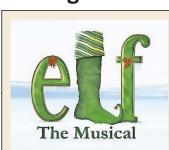
whistle champion Joanie Madden, they ring in the holiday season with a dynamic performance that includes a blend of virtuoso instrumental talents, thrilling vocalizing, and, of course, lively step dancing. The ladies perform classic Christmas carols, in their signature arrangements. highlighting unique Celtic nstrumentation, and harmonies. Sunday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. \$45, \$40 and \$35. Landmark on Main

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Theresa Caputo

Long Island's popular medium and star of her hit show on TLC demonstrates her unique talents, Thursday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Gary U.S. Bonds

The iconic R&B vocalist in concert, Friday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol

An irreverant twist on the iconic holiday classic, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport. 557-1207 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

Joni Project

The Joni Mitchell tribute band in concert, Friday, Dec. 7, 8:30 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www. stilloartners.com.

Tony Orlando and Dawn

The pop vocalist in concert, with "A Christmas Reunion," Friday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

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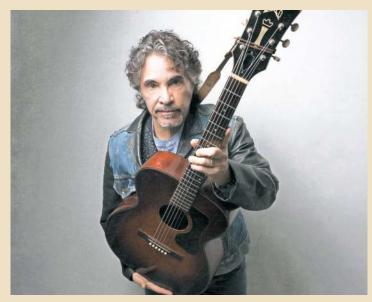
The rockers in concert, Friday, Dec. 7, 7p.m. With special guests The Plot In You, Crown the Empire, Dance Gavin Dance. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Winter Jam

Alternative rock bands perform, Friday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. With A Second Life and guests Don't Believe In Ghosts and Chris Pepe. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

China Crisis

The pop-rock band in concert, Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.



John Oates

JJohn Oates, with the Good Road Band, visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m.

After a storied career as one half of the highest selling duo in music history, Hall & Oates, Oates has reinvigorated his career as a musical troubadour. His current tour features the Good Road Band, a band of Oates' friends and fellow musicians that he's assembled for an intimate performances of music from his recent album "Arkansas." Oates calls Arkansas, "Dixieland, dipped in bluegrass, and salted with Delta blues."

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Ken Jeong

"The Hangover" star on his latest standup tour, Saturday, Dec. 8, , 8 p.m. With special guests Huntertones and Lumin. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

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The band in concert, Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.



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The jazz saxophonist in oncert, Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 orwww.livenation.com.

Dick Fox's Holiday Doo Wop Extravaganza

Classic doo-wop groups perform, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. Lineup includes Jay & The Americans, Charlie Thomas's Drifters, Shirley Alston Reeves, The Original Coasters, The Classics, The Knockouts, Johnny Farina of Santo & Johnny. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.

Flutissimo!

The acclaimed flute quartert in concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or

www. gold coast library. org.

The Beach Boys

The iconic band in concert, with "Reason for the Season Christmas Tour, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



Peter Yarrow

The '60s icon in concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Reverand Horton Heat's Solo Holiday Hayride

The Texas-based psychobilly trio in concert, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Midnight North

Grahame Lesh and his band in concert,
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. My Father's
Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern
Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Step Sistas

The tap dance ensemble presents a holiday extravaanza, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-1384 or www.landmarkon-mainstreet.org.

The Cliff Hangers

The band in concert, Thursday, Dec. 13, 8:30 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

For the Kids

Studio Saturday

Drop into Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Center for hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibitions, Saturday, Dec. 8, 12-3 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.



Frosty

Join Jenny and Frosty as they try to save Chillsville from the evil Ethel Pierpot and her plan to melt all the snow, Saturday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Dec. 15, 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...

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.



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.

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, 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.

Seashells... Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, in celebration of Garvies' 50th

anniversary. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove. 571-

At the Movies

See "No Postage Necessary," the indie romantic drama about a brilliant computer hacker seeking a better life, who always seems to make the wrong choices, until one letter changes everything, Thursday, Dec. 6, 2 and 6:30 pm. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Friday Flick

See "The Miracle Season," the inspirational drama based on the true story of the lowa City West High School volleyball team and their path to the state championship after the sudden death of the team's heart and leader, Friday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

Scottish Highland Christmas Tea

Enjoy wine, tea and Yuletide goods with a performance of traditional holiday music played on Celtic harps, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.nshmgc.org.

Christmas at Westbury House

Annual holiday celebration at Old Westbury Gardens, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, 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.

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South Nassau, Mount Sinai join forces

By MIKE SMOLLINS

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Representatives of South Nassau Communities Hospital and the Mount Sinai Health System announced the finalization of their partnership at a news conference at South Nassau on Tuesday. The affiliation will make South Nassau the Long Island flagship hospital in the Mt. Sinai network, which is based in New York City.

The move was designed to bring

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SNCH board chairman

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advanced health care to the South Shore by making South Nassau a part of one of the largest academic health systems in the nation. The two health care providers have set a five-year timeline, after which Mount Sinai is expected to take over South Nassau fully.

"This is an exciting day for the hospital," said South Nassau President and CEO Richard Murphy. "We kind of took our vision for the future and we tried to see who might we match that up with, and who might share

our vision for the kind of service we want to see delivered to the communities here on Long island, and after a very extensive discussion . . . the choice of Mount Sinai Health System was far and away the choice that we all made."

At the news conference, Murphy sat with South Nassau board of directors Chairman Joe Fennessy, SNCH Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Adhi Sharma, Mount Sinai CEO Dr. Kenneth Davis and Mount Sinai President Dr. Arthur Klein. With the agreement, South Nassau became the eighth hospital in Mount Sinai's \$8 billion network, which includes seven facilities in the New York metropolitan area, staffed by 6,500 physicians, and the Icahn School of Medicine, a world-renowned center for medical research and development.

The agreement is the culmination of more than a year of research. South Nassau administrators met with a half-dozen hospitals and analyzed data after an extensive request-for-proposals process to identify potential medical institutions with which to affiliate. The board of directors unanimously voted to partner with Mount Sinai, and announced its decision in January, after signing a letter of intent in May 2017. Over the past 10 months, the two institutions have worked together on the transition, as the state Department of Health, Education Department and attorney general approved the partnership.

"We need to change in order to meet the

times," Fennessy said. "The day of doing a lot of routine procedures in a community hospital has passed us. If we're going to serve the community, we really have to be something different, and we had to look toward providing more tertiary services." Tertiary care is health care in a large hospital after a referral from a primary or secondary physician.

Mount Sinai provides 40 percent of the institutional health care for residents of Manhattan and is the city's largest private employer,

according to Klein. South Nassau serves about 900,000 residents across the South Shore, and employs roughly 3,500 staff members and 900 physicians. The 455-bed hospital also offers comprehensive cancer care, interventional cardiology, orthopedics and intensive care, and is the only trauma center in southern Nassau County.

After the merger, South Nassau's board of directors will direct the day-to-day operations of the Oceanside campus. There will be cross-representation on the South Nassau and Mount Sinai boards, and Fennessy will serve on the Mount Sinai executive committee. The need for South Nassau's board may be re-evaluated in five years, according to board Vice Chairman Tony Cancellieri. He added that clinical integration has taken place, as doctors from South Nassau have begun working with physicians from Mount Sinai.

"Our whole goal is that residents of the South Shore of Long Island will no longer have to travel into Manhattan for sophisti-



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REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTH Nassau Communities Hospital and the Mount Sinai Health System announced their partnership Tuesday. Joseph Fennessy, the chairman of SNCH's board of directors, held the ceremonial agreement that was signed. With him, from left, were Mount Sinai President Dr. Arthur Klein, Mount Sinai CEO Dr. Kenneth Davis and South Nassau President and CEO Richard Murphy.

cated clinical procedures that have normally been done at Mount Sinai or other hospitals in the city," Cancellieri said on Monday, ahead of the news conference, "but they could be done on our campus in Oceanside with doctors coming from Mount Sinai to Oceanside."

Klein said he did not envision the staff being downsized. He added that a name change was likely for the hospital, which would reflect South Nassau being a part of the Mount Sinai system, while also preserving the legacy that South Nassau has in the community. The name change is still in the planning phase.

According to Klein, many new programs and services will be provided at South Nassau, but they must be approved by the state Department of Health. The long-term plan is to include open-heart surgery, pre- and post-liver transplant services, gastroenterology services and an expanded ambulatory network. Among the other advancements patients could see come to the South Shore are new heart valve replacement techniques, the latest in cancer and pediatric treatment, and cut-

ting-edge neurosurgery and robotics technology. Klein said that patients receive exceptional care at Mount Sinai because of its vast research and academic presence, which account for its ranking as one of the best networks in the nation.

As part of the agreement, Mount Sinai will provide \$120 million to help expand South Nassau's campus and services, which includes plans for a new, four-story southwest addition in Oceanside with an expanded Emergency Department, intensive-care beds and surgical suites. The expansion is part of a \$400 million capital program, which is set to add enhancements at South Nassau including a three-story parking structure and a new central utility plant and electrical emergency facility on the hospital's main campus in Oceanside, and a medical arts pavilion at its Long Beach campus.

"This will be a place where Long Islanders can come for the most complex care," Davis, Mount Sinai's CEO, said. "... To be able to bring great Mount Sinai care to Long Island is something that is a dream come true for me."

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Transparency module in the works for website

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he said.

City bills on the website

Council members are also eyeing a resolution that would allow residents to see how their tax dollars are being spent. If approved, the agreement would provide an "open finance portal," run through Munis, the city website's enterprise resource planning software, to provide access to its warrants, or bills.

City Controller Sandra Clarson explained that the website has other Munis modules in place for accounts payable and receivable and the annual budget, and that installing an additional module for the city's bills would provide greater transparency.

"If you look at the warrants now

there's a hyperlink, but it doesn't go anywhere because we don't have that module, so in theory, you would click on that and it would give you the backup to the warrant," Clarson said referring to individual bills. "It will give you whatever is actually scanned; the invoice, the claim voucher, who signed off, what department, date, time — everything."

Tenke called the open finance portal "a needed program." "The public has recently been very involved in our warrants, and I think that this will make it much easier to get the information on their own," he said.

Purchasing the portal would cost \$15,200, and would come out of the city's contingency funds. If it is approved, Clarson said she would have the module "up and running by mid-February."

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Fractured friendship

ear Great Book Guru, The Scrooge Stroll will be this Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. across from the Children's Library. With playwright Frederick Stroppel as Charles Dickens and Dan DiPietro as Scrooge, the iconic "Christmas Carol" is retold with a cast of players, musicians, and revelers strolling through the streets of Sea Cliff. Earlier in the day, I think I will have time for a good book - something British, something dark, perhaps a psychological thriller?

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where Frances Jellico thinks back on the summer of 1969. Gradually we learn about the dark secrets that

opens in a hospital room in London

about the dark secrets that she has held for over 20 years. Hired as a landscape researcher by an absentee American investor, Frances arrived at Lyntons, an ancient English country mansion, to find Peter and Cara, an attractive, ebullient couple who had been hired to record the house's inventory. They soon become fast friends, the first friends Frances has ever had. Her dead mother figures mightily

in Frances's mind as she struggles to keep up with the flamboyant, harddrinking, very mysterious couple. The description of the decaying mansion is painfully beautiful, as is the portrait of this very damaged, but highly sympathetic woman. A haunting tale and highly recommended!

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

–An Eager Scrooge Stroller

Dear Eager Scrooge Stroller,

I too am very excited about this coming Scrooge Stroll. Last weekend's Holiday House Tour and the village's first-ever combined lighting of the menorah and Christmas Tree made for a majestic opening to the holiday season. Now let's make time for some reading: "Bitter Orange," by Claire Fuller. The story

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OBITUARIES

Petros "Peter" Pantazakos

Petros "Peter" Pantazakos, 75, of Glen Cove, died on Dec. 3. Beloved husband of Fotini; loving father of Eleni and Peter; dear brother of Archie (Andrea) and Angeliki (Christopher); also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Thursday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection, Brookville on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Donations mays be made in his memory to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection

Mariangela Gallizzi

Mariangela Gallizzi, 84, of Glen Cove, died on Dec. 2. Beloved wife of the late Giuseppe; loving mother of Gino, Severino, Salvatore and the late Carmela; dear sister of Agostino, Vincenzo, John and the late Arcangelo; proud grandmother of nine; admired great-grandmother of five; survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Mass was at the Church of St. Rocco Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Entombment was at Holy Rood Cemetery.

Isabelle Kary

Isabelle Kary, 82, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 29. Beloved wife of Seymour; loving mother of David, Daniel and Rachel Glazer; dear sister of Jack Schwartz (Lyn); proud grandmother of Harper and Claire; also survived by nieces and nephews. Isabelle was a founding member of the Community Theatre Group and Production where she was active for over 30 years. Funeral service on Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Interment Mount Ararat Cemetery. Donations may be made to Congregation Tifereth Israel of Glen Cove or Fiorello LaGuardia School of Performing Arts.

Ramona Bobe-Geene

Ramona Bobe-Geene, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 28. She was a well-respected psychotherapist practicing in Glen Head for more than 30 years. Beloved wife of Richard; cherished sister of Cheryl Bobe, Robert Kloppenborg and Richard Kloppenborg. Survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Visiting was on Dec. 3 at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head. Funeral Service was at Glen Cove Christian Church, 74 Walnut Road, Glen Cove. Interment was at Locust Valley Cemetery, Locust Valley.

Lawrence L. Saputo

Lawrence L. Saputo, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 27. Beloved husband of the late Aida; devoted father of Angela (Kathi), Edward (Trixie) and Beverly; adoring grandfather of Cliff, Mike, Corey, Chantel and Janella. Mass was at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment was at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale. McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home.

Carl C. Raisig

Carl C. Raisig, 69, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 24. Loving father of 11: Carl C. Raisig Jr., Catherine Wilder (Tony, Q.), Patricia Derenze, Marianne Raisig, Regina Glinka (Edward), Christine Bartow, William Raisig (Marie), Peter Raisig (Vivien), Theresa Shortell, Elisabeth DeCesare (Bill) and the late Maria Raisig. Admired grandfather of 31 and great-grandfather of 29. Visiting on Nov. 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, www.whitting.com. Funeral Mass was on Nov. 30 at St. Patrick Church, Glen Cove. Interment was at the Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale. Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org.

Delia Giunta

Delia Giunta, 76, of Glen Cove, on Nov. 22. Beloved wife of the late Steven; dear friend of Finn Bergh. Mrs. Giunta was a teacher for many years at the Dominican Commercial School in Queens. Reposed at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Interment St. John's Cemetery of Middle Village.

James J. Maravalli

James J. Maravalli, 91, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 20. Treasured husband of the late Esperanza; proud father of Rosalynn Schneiderman, Joseph, Theresa Limongelli, Hope Pinto and Aurora; loving grandfather of Jennifer, Joseph, Alyson, Jamie, Matthew, John, Madeleine, Ava, Sophia and Lillian. A lifelong resident of Glen Cove, he grew up in the Orchard and was an avid nature and animal lover. Visitation was at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at Church of St. Rocco. Interment was at Calverton National Cemetery.

Diane B. DiLandri

Diane B. DiLandri, 68, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 19. Beloved daughter of the late Albert Joseph and the late Laura Gloria; cherished sister of Carole Hendrickson, Arlene Jorgensen, Joan Petrone, and Ralph; admired aunt of many nieces and nephews; dear friend of the late Ron Knight and Sony Pierre. Funeral service held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

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OPINIONS

Some personal notes on the 'perfect American'

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first heard the news that the Iraqi military had rolled into Kuwait on Aug. 3, 1990, the day after the invasion. I can't forget that moment. I was watching over 9- and 10-year-old boys at the Camp Hayden Marks swimming hole, on the Fresh Air Fund's 2,000-acre Sharpe Reservation in upstate Fishkill. A lifeguard, worried, told me what had happened.



SCOTT BRINTON

There was whispered talk of war, maybe another Vietnam, among the young counselors. At 22, I was one of the oldest—and right at the optimal draft age. It was a rude awakening to the so-called adult world. It was then that I realized that your life could be upend-

ed at a moment's notice.

I soon learned that my cousin, who had enlisted in the Marines in a previous year, would ship off to the Persian Gulf war. A terrible sense of unease befell my family. My cousin was married and had two children. What would happen to them if he were wounded or killed?

News of President George H.W. Bush's death last Friday instantly brought me back to those terrible and terrifying days. Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein sent 300,000 troops into Kuwait, a nation of 2 million at the time, to the south of the significantly larger Iraq. Suddenly the world was on edge. What might Hussein, a seeming madman, do next? Might he strike other countries, nearby Saudi Arabia in

particular? Would he ignite a regional conflagration?

We can be thankful that we had the first President Bush to organize 35 nations in an international coalition, with Saudi Arabia as one of its chief funders, to decimate Iraqi forces in short order.

The campaign, Operation
Desert Shield, began Jan. 16,
1991. Ground forces struck
the Iraqis that day, followed
by a continual bombing campaign. By Feb. 28, Kuwait was free, but not before Iraqi troops had wreaked havoc there and at one point even invaded a

The world breathed a sigh of relief after the conflict ended quickly. My cousin, who dismantled land mines, survived the war, the U.S.'s first since Vietnam. Bush refused to send troops into Baghdad, Iraq's capital, to capture or kill Hussein, as many war hawks demanded. He believed the cost in American troops would be too great, and that doing so could engage the U.S. in a protracted conflict. He was right, and for

small area of Saudi Arabia. One hundred

forty-nine Americans died in battle.

that I'm grateful to him. I might have disagreed with him on various issues, but he was a wise and skilled commander in chief who occupied the Oval Office at precisely the moment that the U.S. needed one.

My cousin returned from war physically, but not psychically, unscathed. He didn't speak of the horrors he witnessed during his time in the gulf. Only months before the

Only months before the war broke out, I had applied to the Peace Corps and was awaiting a country assignment to ship out for two years of volunteer service. After the invasion of Kuwait, I was told, all Peace Corps assignments to Afri-

ca, where I had intended to serve, were suspended until further notice, so I substitute-taught at Westbury Middle School, hoping for an expeditious resolution to the hostilities.

At that point, my Peace Corps application dropped to the bottom of the pile. Eventually I reconnected with the corps' Washington office. I was told that I would have to wait up to a year, maybe more, to serve in Africa — or I could ship out to Eastern Europe within three months. I jumped at the chance.

I served in Bulgaria, a former communist country of 9 million to the north of

Greece, from 1991 to 1993. There I met my wife, who was born and raised in Bulgaria. We've been married 27 years and have two teenage children and a house in Merrick. She teaches English as a New Language.

I think often about how fate took me to Bulgaria and altered the course of my life. If not for Bush's deft handling of the crisis in Kuwait, the conflict might have gone a very different way. It might have lasted significantly longer. Many more young American men might have died. And I might never have landed in Bulgaria.

So, I feel a deep sense of gratitude to our 41st president on more than one front. He had his quirks and blunders, for sure, but he was a brave and competent international leader when it counted most. And he was, certainly, of a kinder, gentler generation — a World War II hero in the truest sense who clearly believed in service to his country.

I miss his style of leadership — of quiet, often unspoken fortitude. As so many across the country have, I offer the entire Bush family my condolences and wishes for peace. President Bush was, no doubt, "a perfect American," as Gen. Colin Powell described him.

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The wobbling arc of the moral universe

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two years

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rom one vantage point, we are blessed to live in these times.
Consider us here on Long Island, enjoying our safe neighborhoods, good schools and decent transportation. From the vantage point of history, over the past 150 years, we have seen the advent of electric light, air travel, penicillin, indoor plumbing, clean food and the



RANDI KREISS lean food and the internet. These developments support the idea that civilization bends toward progress and that we, as residents of Earth in 2018, are beneficiaries of these advances.

It has also been said, by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and most recently Barack

Obama, that the arc of the *moral* universe is long, but it bends toward justice. President Obama held so fast to this faith that he had it woven into the rug in the Oval Office.

This implies that if we live long enough, we will see not just more inventions, but more justice, more equality and less suffering in the world. After all, in my own small lifetime, we have seen the Marshall Plan help rebuild Europe after World War II, the integration of schools in the American South and a rising tide of civil liberties for women and gays and other groups that have historically suffered discrimination.

What makes me dizzy lately is that the great arc of the moral universe is wobbling. The Trump administration and the man himself are violating the principles that make America . . . well, America.

When Donald Trump was elected president, I thought that might be a teachable moment for citizens who didn't vote or pay attention to politics. Surely, I thought,

folks would eventually reject a man who refused to learn in office, who provably lied nearly every time he spoke and who lashed out at perceived opponents in meanspirited, semi-literate tweets. I really believed we would regain our sense of ourselves as moral leaders in the world and renew America's fight for human rights, environmental protections and peace.

The shock is that it has not gone that way at all. The damage that the Trump coterie and the ineffectual GOP have already done is stunning, and it may be irreparable. As we speak, Trump and his supporters are pushing even harder to marginalize minorities and dismantle protections for the weakest among us. The administration eyes our national treasures

— our parks and our oceans and our rivers and our forests and our mountain ranges — as if they are booty to be plundered. It's hard to believe, but true nevertheless, that the man we elected president has no moral center, no guiding principles in life aside from the acquisition of money and power.

There are the reckless decisions to loosen regulations on digging and drilling in formerly protected wilder-

ness areas. There are violations of the historic ties we have with allies and friends in other countries. There is the erosion of equal rights for minorities and immigrants. There is the indifference to decorum and civility that have always engendered respect for the Oval Office and the White House. Much has been lost that cannot be quantified.

Every little kid who watches television and sees our president lying and bullying and name-calling is learning something that cannot be unlearned.

During these two years of the Trump presidency, we have lost more than our way. We have lost time that cannot be regained, time that could have been used to build roads and improve other infrastructure, to refurbish schools and make college accessible to more people, to fight drug abuse and incursions of gangs into our communities, and to save public lands that are in real peril. All the money and human resources that could have been put to work solving America's problems has been spent instead in the service of a failed human being trying to burnish his image, line his pockets and build monuments to himself.

Consider the money and people power he wants to waste on building walls of all kinds. Consider the wasted time and energy of posting 5,000 troops on our southern border as a pre-election political stunt.

We have squandered these two years, and there is no end in sight to the folly of the Trump administration. I think of the moral arc of the universe bending toward justice, and I wonder if we have enough time to undo the damage that has been done to our country and America's place in the world.

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With Amazon on the way, let's rethink housing

n late November, Lynbrook's board of trustees relented in the face of wide-spread community opposition to plans for a 200-unit apartment building and four-story parking garage in the village's downtown, denying its developer's application with a unanimous vote.

Officials reasoned that the project would have been too tall to abut a block of single-family homes and a church, and would have significantly altered the neighborhood's character.

The developer will likely return with a new, scaled-down project. We urge Lynbrook residents to listen. In this rapidly changing economy, in which wages have remained stagnant, property taxes have continued to rise and local brick-and-mortar businesses are struggling in the face of stiff web-based competition, communities must make bold choices or fall behind.

With news that Amazon's second headquarters is coming to Long Island City, Queens, bringing with it 50,000 new jobs, the Island is poised for a housing renaissance, but in order for that to happen, residents must be open to change.

Most suburban development experts agree: Long Island's downtowns need higher-density, transit-oriented rental and workforce housing for younger professionals who are unable or unwilling to pay the \$500,000 average price for a home here. To buy such a house, you need a minimum down payment of \$100,000. That's a lot of money for a millennial couple saddled with tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt.

And Nassau County's North and South Shores are ripe for transit-oriented development. On average, it's a half-hour to 50-minute trip into Manhattan from most Nassau train stations — less to Long Island City.

The Island has for 70 years been a haven for bedroom communities, comprising mainly single-family homes, but now it's time for us to consider — and accept — a different configuration of commuter housing, based in our downtowns.

It's estimated that downtown development projects in Lynbrook could bring in millions every year in new revenue for local businesses. Why? Because the apartment dwellers would spend money downtown. A strong business community helps sustain property values. After all, who wants to live in a neighborhood full of boarded-up stores?

Many have held up Farmingdale's downtown as a success story — and it is. According to its mayor, Ralph Ekstrand, during his administration's eight-year downtown revitalization effort, the village reduced the number of vacant stores in its main business district from 26 to two — yes, two!

The initiative, Ekstrand said, was based on the concept of transit-oriented housing, which he first learned about at a Vision Long Island summit in 2007. A few years later, when construction began on the first project in Farmingdale — a 154-unit apartment building — Ekstrand said it caused a "snowball effect," with more developers approaching his administration with ideas for apartment complexes and businesses.

The key to downtown development in Farmingdale, Ekstrand said, was the creation of a mixed-use downtown zone to encourage transit-oriented development. Additionally, his administration streamlined the permitting process to allow developers to seek approval for construction from multiple village agencies simul-

taneously, instead of moving through various boards and departments one at a time.

Transit-oriented housing projects are not a cure-all for Nassau's financial woes. Many may receive tax-incentive deals from the county and towns as payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT, projects, like a 230-unit apartment complex planned for Oceanside, which was given a 15-year PILOT and several other incentives from the county. Such projects will do relatively little in the short run to reduce local property taxes, until the PILOT terms expire.

Additionally, without proper planning, such projects could cause traffic headaches in already congested areas, a chief concern among the Lynbrook development's detractors. But just as transit-oriented rentals are an out-of-the-box revitalization tool, there are other out-of-the-box transit solutions that have yet to be tried here.

At Vision Long Island's latest summit on Nov. 29, one attendee suggested to the stalled Lynbrook project's developers that they include space in their building for short-term rental companies such as Zipcar to reduce vehicle ownership among renters and hence traffic congestion. Another traffic-alleviating solution pitched during a Nov. 27 meeting in Valley Stream on downtown revitalization was to bring in an electric scooter rental service such as Bird.

New York is on the cusp of a seismic transformation akin to that in Silicon Valley over the past 50 years, with many high-tech companies besides Amazon moving into our corner of the world. There will be numerous winners and some losers, but all of us will lose out unless we are open to change — in our hearts and our downtowns.

LETTERS

Mention of Hanukkah in New Testament

To the Editor:

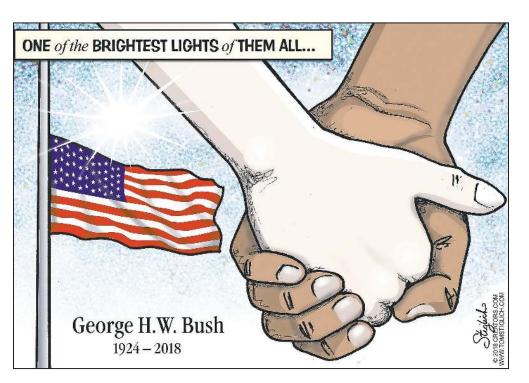
In response to the two lovely Hanukkah messages in the Nov. 29-Dec. 6 issue, did you know that Hanukkah is not mentioned in the Old Testament? It is only mentioned in the New Testament in the Gospel of John, chapter 10, verses 22-23: "It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem, it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon."

"Dedication" is the English translation of the word Hanukkah, and the portico of Solomon is on the south side of the temple where it was much warmer in the winter.

If more people knew that Jesus celebrated Hanukkah, there might be less anti-Semitism in the world.

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OPINIONS

I'm committed to fixing Nassau's tax-assessment system

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ecently, I gave the order to post online tax-impact notices using last year's tax levy and the new assessed market values for property owners across Nassau County. Throughout my first 11 months in office, I have been warned by many that the county's assessment system is the third rail of Nassau politics. By pushing out



LAURA CURRAN

s. By pushing out the data online and to homeowners' mailboxes by Dec. 1, I was walking a political tightrope. I hear and see the warning signals, but when I ran for office, I promised that I would fix the assessment mess. I plan to fulfill that promise. Earlier this

year, the County Legislature joined me to complete Nassau's first reassessment since 2011. Our property assessments were wildly inaccurate and unfair, and this broken system was plunging the county deeper and deeper into debt. After eight years of frozen assessments

and mass settlements under the Mangano administration, the assessed value of Class 1 residential properties countywide fell by about 33 percent — while in the real world, on the market, home prices steadily climbed.

Half of Nassau County's property

owners were paying more than their fair share, in effect subsidizing the other half. The loss of assessed value year after year drove up tax rates for school districts and other taxing jurisdictions. Now we have new, accurate market values, and the good news is that our homes are more valuable than they were 10 years ago.

I want to be straight with taxpayers. About half of the county's property owners will see a decrease in their taxes, while the other half will see increases. To mitigate the impact of those increases, I am putting forth a Taxpayer Protection Plan.

I agree with the County Legislature's majority that homeowners should not be expected to absorb significant assessment increases all at once. But we dis-

agree on the best way to achieve this. The GOP majority's plan to keep Mangano's Class 1 level of assessment will not get us to tax accuracy and fairness for more than 50 years. That's right — it would take over half a century to get to the correct numbers under their plan,

and we would continue to lose grievance claims en masse, and accumulate more debt.

My proposed Taxpayer Protection Plan would transition to the new assessments over a period of *at least* five years for Class 1 homeowners, plus two years' notice before the 2020-21 assessment rolls. (This year's reassessment will not impact property taxes until late 2020.) I will

seek the support the new State Senate Democratic majority to get this legislation passed.

In the weeks to come, you will get plenty of mail from property tax representation firms and from local legislators about the reassessment. Nassau County was the model for suburbia in the United States. We don't want to be the first county to fail due to problems with property assessment. We cannot drive the county further into debt and dysfunction because of its corrupted assessment rolls. It's time to fix the system.

Big changes always bring some uncertainty and anxiety. Unfortunately, some people are exploiting that anxiety with misinformation and fear-mongering. These same people did not offer solutions, but seemed content to let our inaccurate, unfair assessment system continue to degrade and corrupt our assessment rolls. I can't let that continue.

The feedback on our new website, askthecountyassessor.com, has been terrific. At the new mobile satellite offices, we have handled more than 8,000 phone calls and met with more than 2,500 property owners. We have approximately 16,000 available time slots to schedule appointments through Jan. 31. I invite you to come in and get the facts.

I did not create the corrupted assessment system, but I am committed to fixing it.

Laura Curran is the Nassau County executive.

LETTERS

New York: go renewable

To the Editor:

With Democrats now controlling the State Legislature, Gov. Andrew Cuomo must lead a transition to 100 percent renewable energy by 2030. Unfortunately, New York produces a paltry 5 percent of its electricity from solar and wind power.

At the same time, we are in the midst of an enormous buildout of pipelines that transport fracked gas and power plants that burn it. Some of these projects, such as the CPV power plant in Orange County and the AIM pipeline in Westchester, have already been constructed on Cuomo's watch. Others, such as the Caithness II power plant in Brookhaven and the Williams pipeline off the Rockaways, have been proposed.

Unless he changes direction, Cuomo's legacy will be infrastructure that maintains our dangerous reliance on fossil fuels.

JOSEPH M. VARON West Hempstead

Cuomo supports Nancy Pelosi

To the Editor:

Now more than ever, Democrats

need tested, proven leadership, because the House of Representatives will serve a vital role in defending this nation against the radical right-wing extremism and chaos that threatens it. Rep. Nancy Pelosi's political leadership, combined with her governmental knowledge and experience, make her the best choice to serve as the House majority leader.

Pelosi is a battle-tested leader with a demonstrable track record of governmental accomplishment during the most difficult times. Her political leadership skills were proven once again in Democrats' recent midterm victories.

My father liked to say, "We campaign in poetry and govern in prose." It's one thing to win an election with rhetoric and advocacy; it's a totally different set of skills and knowledge to make government work. Pelosi has both skill sets.

On a parochial level, Pelosi has been a great friend to New York State and knows our needs intimately. She has always fought for our priorities, and I believe she always will.

There is a reason no representatives have publicly announced they are running against her. There is no tested, comparable alternative. Pelosi has my support as speaker, and I urge strongly our New York congressional delegation to support her for the good of our state and nation.

GOV. ANDREW CUOMO

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Local Real Estate Activity





Sea Cliff, NY SD #1. MLS# 3034703. LP\$799,000. Elizabeth Luciano, 516.759.6822, c.516.641.4420



Glen Cove, NY SD #5. MLS# 3060174. LP\$209,000. Elizabeth Luciano, 516.759.6822, c.516.641.4420



Bayville, NY SD #3. MLS# 3050265. \$359,000. **Linda Faraldo, 516.674.2000, c.516.984.9048**



Glen Cove, NY - For Rent SD #5. MLS# 3058114/3058122. \$3,000. Vivian Parisi, 516.759.6822, c.516.236.0537



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