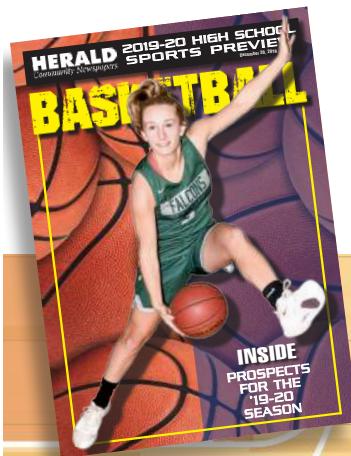


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Santa visits Glen Gardens

Jaquelyn Downer got a special visit from Santa during the third annual Old Fashioned Christmas Party at Glen Gardens. Story, Page 14.

G.C. Salt Cave hits the streets

Debuts state's first mobile-Himalayan cavern

BY RONNY REYES
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When Glen Cove resident Yajhayra Reyes, 25, opened up the Glen Cove Salt Cave over a year ago, her aim was to bring a new type of holistic treatment to her ailing fellow residents. The facility simulates a Himalayan salt cave, where people enter caverns of salt to breathe salt-infused air. The holistic treatment, explained Reyes, clears

toxins from the body and can relieve skin conditions.

As she passed around pamphlets and photos at events all over the city, however, Reyes found that people were either skeptical or simply couldn't see themselves in a salt cave. So, rather than requiring potential users to go out of their way to visit the facility on Forest Avenue, Reyes has spent the last couple of months outfitting a small bus into New York state's first

mobile salt cave.

"We want people to experience it for themselves," she said, "so the solution was to put the cave on wheels."

Reyes bought the vehicle in May, and her father, Raul, an independent contractor, helped her remove the back seats and replace the cold metal interior with wood. The wood, she said, gives users the feeling of leaving

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Uniting against hate on L.I.

Leaders take aim at anti-Semitism in wake of graffiti incidents

By RONNY REYES and MIKE CONN
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In the U.S. and around the world, anti-Semitism has been on the rise. According to the Anti-Defamation League, a New York-based organization that works to fight anti-Semitism, there were 1,879 attacks against Jewish people and Jewish institutions in 2018, the third-highest number on record since the ADL began tracking the statistics in the 1970s.

The North Shore was reminded of the frequency of these hate crimes when the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, in Glen Cove, was spray-painted with anti-Semitic graffiti over the Thanksgiving weekend and again on Dec. 2. Afterward, elected leaders, including U.S. Rep Tom Suozzi, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, her Suffolk

County counterpart, Steve Belone, and HMTC Chairman Steven Markowitz announced the formation of an Island-wide task force against anti-Semitism and symbols of hate at a Dec. 9 news conference at the HMTC.

White nationalism, racism and anti-Semitism in America are very real. It is a growing threat to our nation, and we must do all we can to fight it.

U.S. REP. TOM SUOZZI
Glen Cove

"This bicounty coalition will work to educate our communities about the negative impacts of anti-Semitism and hatred as well as stress the value of the diversity of our population," Curran said. "We cannot allow anti-Semitic and hateful acts, whether they come in the form of graffiti, speech, discrimination or violence, to become normalized and find comfort in our communities."

Sea Cliff Village Trustee Dina Epstein, whose father-in-law is a Holocaust survivor, said she was heartbroken to hear about the graffiti at the HMTC. She said

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Touring the Herald

Four members of the Adelphi University Delphian student newspaper staff recently toured Herald Community Newspapers in Garden City to learn about how a newspaper is produced from start to finish. Joining in the tour were, from left, Olivia Franks, editor-in-chief; Victoria Grinthal, editorials editor; Mylo Fisherman, staff writer; and Jaclyn Tracy, news editor. Alyssa Seidman, editor of the Bellmore and Merrick Heralds, led the tour.



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U.S. REPRESENTATIVES PETER King and Tom Suozzi joined Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, her Suffolk County counterpart, Steve Bellone, and HMTC Chairman Steven Markowitz, third from the right, to announce the formation of an island-wide taskforce against anti-Semitism and symbols of hate at a news conference on Dec. 9.

Island-wide task force to fight hatred

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she views the United States as a place where people of all cultures can live together and accept one another, which she said she felt was on display in Sea Cliff on Dec. 8, at a joint Christmas tree and menorah lighting.

Rabbi Irwin Huberman, from Glen Cove's Congregation Tifereth Israel, lit the menorah at the ceremony. He said that the graffiti does not represent the North Shore, which comprises people of many different faiths, and residents have no tolerance for hateful imagery. A task force to tackle the rise of hate crimes would benefit not only the North Shore, but all places on Long Island, Huberman added.

In the coming weeks, the task force will unite local elected officials, law enforcement officers and community leaders to educate the Island's youth about tolerance in order to end the rise of hate crimes here. Officials said that some youth might be ignorant of the hate symbols they use, so properly educating them on their history might curb their use.

"I think that anything that improves communication between people of different backgrounds in our community and enhances education, especially among our youth, is a step in the proper direction," Huberman said.

Legislator Josh Lafazan, a Democrat from Woodbury and a self-described millennial, went one step further. "We stand ready to deploy every necessary resource to defeat anti-Semitism through education and by bringing those who commit hateful acts to justice," he said. "My generation, the largest, most educated and most diverse in America, has a duty to unequivocally and categorically denounce hatred, especially when confronted with it in our backyard."

Detective Lt. John Nagle, of the Glen Cove Police Department, said that officers' patrols have increased at the Holo-



Courtesy GCPD

SWASTIKAS WERE FOUND at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center on Dec. 3, the second incident of such hate-related graffiti in recent weeks.

caust Memorial and Tolerance Center since the crimes occurred. While the first crime involved four unknown teens, information on the second crime is still not available. In a news release, Nagle explained that while graffiti had been common at the neighboring Welwyn Preserve, it has now expanded to the HMTC. The two recent incidents involved not only graffiti of swastikas, but also damage to the HMTC's signs and garden. Markowitz said that he was shocked and saddened when he came across the graffiti, and urged local officials to make sure that such acts could not be repeated.

"Seemingly small, innocuous actions can lead to much worse if left unchecked," Markowitz said. "We are committed to continuing to educate stu-

dents and adults about the lessons of the Holocaust and the dangers of anti-Semitism, bullying and all other forms of hate and discrimination."

As county and state officials take the lead on the task force, local leaders are working to support the HMTC. Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke said that the HMTC serves as a place for local residents to learn about and pay respect to the victims of the Holocaust. He said the city would not allow hatred or intolerance. They "have no place in our city, and it is now time to stand up as leaders and educators so we can prevent such thoughts from continuing," he said.

Sea Cliff Mayor Edward Lieberman has long had to cope with anti-Semitism. His family moved to the North Shore after his father received death

threats for his role as president of the Bayside Hills Jewish Center. As a Nassau County assistant district attorney in the 1980s, Lieberman became the chief of the office's civil rights unit, helping to introduce hate crime legislation in the penal law. He said his heritage and former position have made him highly aware of how important it is to combat hate.

"As the first Jewish mayor of Sea Cliff," Lieberman said, "I take that title seriously in not only finding comfort in that role, but also then having the responsibility to stay vigilant and determined that this type of immoral, illegal and inappropriate behavior cease and be addressed."

During the news conference on Dec. 9, County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton added that she would work with New York state to bolster security at the museum. She has met with Markowitz, and is now applying for grants from the HMTC. "I've always felt proud to have this center here — to think that tolerance is taught in Glen Cove is really an honor," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "It's a perfect, beautifully secluded place for paying respects to the souls who perished in the Holocaust."

Along with the task force, State Assemblyman Charles Lavine and Sen. Todd Kaminsky have introduced state legislation that would bring hate symbol education to public schools. The bill will be up for a vote in January.

And at the national level, Suozzi is supporting the Never Again Education Act, which would promote education about the Holocaust and hate crimes in schools.

"White nationalism, racism and anti-Semitism in America are very real," Suozzi cautioned. "It is a growing threat to our nation and we must do all we can to fight it."

Hanukkah Message

Hanukkah: Choosing light over darkness

By Rabbi Irwin Huberman

Is it just me, or does the world seem a little darker these days?

The weather is dreary. There is less light. The cold makes it more difficult to move from place to place. Even our political climate appears mired in darkness.

But just when we feel that the world is closing in a Jewish holiday emerges, reminding us that one light, one flame, one positive act can help perform Tikun Olam — the healing of this imperfect world.

The holiday is called Hanukkah. It is a time of "rededication." The celebration of Hanukkah began in 165 BCE to mark the victory by Judas Maccabeus (Judas the Maccabee) over Antiochus-IV-Epiphanes, the Seleucid king who invaded Judea and desecrated the Jerusalem Temple.

It was his hope to Hellenize the entire Jewish people. He did not succeed.

Judah and his zealots engaged in a three-year struggle against Antiochus, and those who bought into the king's message. Victorious, Judah ordered the restoration and "rededication" of the temple.

A flask of pure oil, which somehow survived the conflict, was unsealed in order to rekindle the sacred candelabra (Menorah). The oil was expected to last one day, but it burned for eight days.

And that is the miracle of Hanukkah, which has inspired the Jewish people for more than 2,000 years, to increase their belief in a better, more enlightened world.

In commemoration, we light one candle on the first night of Hanukkah, adding one each night until all eight candles fill us with light.

The Jewish people are not alone in this practice. Our Christian cousins celebrate Christmas and our African-American neighbors observe Kwanza as festivals of light — embracing the same divine source of optimism, hope and

peace.

Indeed, each of us is a light, each of us is a candle and each of us has the capacity to spread positivity in the world. This reminds us that every day we should aspire to be kinder, more charitable, more caring.

This is one of many reasons for celebrating Hanukkah. We also eat foods prepared in oil, such as potato pancakes (latkes) or donuts. It is common practice for children on each night to receive gifts.

But the holiday is about more than receiving. By embracing the Hanukkah light, we are reminded, during this darkest time of the year, that each of us bears a responsibility to make this world a better place. It is also a time to give Tzedakah (charity) and to celebrate with family and friends.

It can even be time to incline ourselves towards conservation as we remember that one measure of oil, which lasted eight days.

The second blessing we recite on Hanukkah thanks God for the miracles performed "in those days." The blessing inspires us to be more mindful of the miracles we enjoy "these days."

It is a tradition within our Glen Cove congregation to deliver pizzas on Dec. 24 to local police, firefighters, health workers and others who must work on Christmas Eve in order to keep us safe — one small way that we can build bridges of light.

Each day, from Dec. 22 on, nature will add more light into the world. Let us incorporate that message into our lives.

Let us embrace our family, friends, those we work with and strangers we have yet to meet — across all beliefs and backgrounds.

Hanukkah is about light. Let that message ripple across the world for the entire year — one candle, one light, one kind deed at a time.

Suozzi helps restore SALT deduction

The United States House of Representatives is expected to vote on bipartisan legislation, led by U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, of Glen Cove, which would provide immediate tax relief for his constituents.



TOM SUOZZI

Suozzi's colleagues from Long Island, including U.S. Reps. Peter King, Kathleen Rice and Gregory Meeks, are all cosponsors of this legislation, as well as

more than 50 other members of the House.

This legislation would eliminate the marriage penalty by doubling the cap to \$20,000 for joint filers for 2019 and would fully restore the state and local tax deduction for 2020 and 2021. The cost of this plan would be fully offset by returning the top individual tax rate from 37 percent, back to 39.6 percent, prior to the GOP tax bill of 2017.

In Suozzi's district, more than 250,000 families claim the SALT deduction at an average rate of \$18,300. Capping the deduction has cost Long Islanders and all New Yorkers billions more in additional taxes. The average SALT burden is above the \$10,000 cap in 52 of 62 counties in New York.

According to Suozzi, capping of the SALT deduction was unfair to L.I. because...

■ New Yorkers already subsidize other states by paying \$48 billion more in taxes than they receive back from the federal government, more than any other state.

■ The repeal of the SALT deduction results in double taxation by imposing a federal tax income which already paid for state and local taxes.

■ State and local governments are being penalized — the creation of the SALT deduction was coupled with the creation of a federal income tax in 1913. When the 16th amendment was ratified, lawmakers at the time did not think it was fair for Americans to pay taxes on taxes.

■ The elimination of the deduction drives people to other states and leaves middle- and lower-income taxpayers holding the bag to pay for school, police and other essential state and local tax burdens.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

Holiday classics by the Slayer Players

The Slayer Players will perform two holiday TV classics in December at the View Grill in Glen Cove. "Classic TV Live! Home for the Holidays," includes dinner theater performances at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20 and 21 and a brunch performance at 1 p.m. on Dec. 15 at 111 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove. (516) 200-9603.



Oyster Bay Market

Head to the Oyster Bay Market in Townsend Square to shop for local artisan creations and fair-trade items on Dec. 22 from noon to 4 p.m. Purchase food, crafts, clothing and much more at 111 South St., Oyster Bay. (631) 838-5008.

Christmas Day buffet

Take part in an alternative Christmas celebration and a classic Jewish tradition with an Asian food buffet at the Glen Cove Mansion on Dec. 25 at 7 p.m. Wonton soup, house soup, shrimp with lobster sauce, General Tso Chicken, crispy shrimp with walnut, filet mignon and a sushi bar. Admission \$39, \$19.50 for children 5 through 12 at 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove. (516) 671-6400.



Step outside for a winter owl prowl



Hunt the habitat for nocturnal neighbors at Old Westbury Gardens, Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A wildlife expert from Volunteers for Wildlife will bring live owls and then lead an outdoor search. Following the walk, participants are welcome to visit the Westbury House. Advance registration is required. Info: (516) 333-0048 or www.oldwestburygardens.org.

Joyous spectacle

Enjoy some musical merriment in a jubilant celebration of the season at the Madison Theatre, Friday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 21, 2 and 6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 22, 3 p.m. An exuberant cast of musical theater stars and aspiring student performers share holiday favorites in their lively musical revue, "Home for the Holidays." Info: (516) 323-4444 or www.madisontheatre.org.



Herald sports editor honored

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Herald sports editor Tony Bellissimo was honored for his contributions and dedication to Nassau County High School football as the 2019 recipient of the Jack White Memorial Award, presented by the Coaches Association at the 54th annual gridiron banquet Dec. 11 at Crest Hollow Country Club.

White served as sports historian, statistician and public address announcer at Garden City High School for more than 40 years and taught social

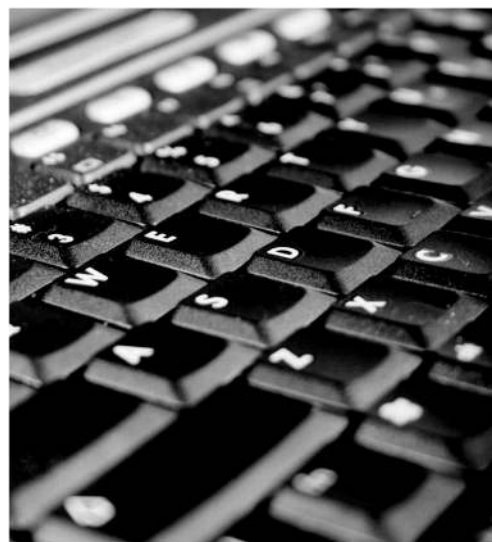


Tony Bellissimo

studies in the district from 1968 to 2000. He worked every Long Island football championship game in the first 23 years of the series beginning in 1992.

Bellissimo has covered Nassau County sports since 1994 and joined the Herald as its full-time sports editor in the summer of 2007. The Herald's football preview section has earned several New York Press Association awards as well as a first-place national award from the Local Media Association in 2012 during his tenure.

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HERALD SCHOOLS

Programming shines at Finley



Robert M. Finley Middle School eight graders participated in school's the "Hour of Code" computer programming initiative. The "Hour of Code" is an international program to teach students about computer science.

During the program, students learned the basics of coding and the importance of computer science and programming. They also discussed the variety of career paths for a computer science engineer or programmer. The students who finished the program received a certificate of participation.

ROBERT M. FINLEY Middle School students completed the "Hour of Code" program.

Courtesy GCCSD

Deasy students tackle big math

Second graders at Deasy Elementary School scaled up their math skills with a big game. Using giant math mats, students worked together to answer problems and

reinforced their adding and subtracting skills. Through the giant mats, students enjoyed the math lesson through auditory, visual and kinesthetic styles.



Courtesy GCCSD

LANDING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS learned all about flowers as they dissected them during class.

Picking petals at Landing

Landing Elementary School third graders explored botany in science class as they experimented and dissected blooming flowers in December. Each student took

apart colorful flowers from stem to petal to learn about its structure. The experiment helped reinforce the student's recent studies on plants and flowers.



Courtesy GCCSD

STUDENTS WORKED TOGETHER to answer problems on giant math mats.

Gun violence as a public health crisis

Northwell convenes forum, pledges \$1M for research

By **SCOTT BRINTON**
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Six bullets pierced Jessica Ghawi's body on July 20, 2012. The "kill shot," said her mother, Sandy Phillips, cut a five-inch hole in the side of her face. The aspiring sports reporter was one of 12 killed in the Aurora, Colo., movie theater massacre. Seventy were injured.

On Dec. 12, Phillips and her husband, Lonnie, sat before 170 physicians, hospital administrators and researchers from across the country at Northwell Health's Gun Violence Prevention Forum, recounting the awful moments of their daughter's death.

Ghawi had survived a mass shooting in Toronto in June 2012, only to be killed seven weeks later, they said.

The couple were among 26 speakers at the intense morning-long seminar in Manhattan, convened to gather support for a nationwide coalition of health care providers that will work to reduce gun violence.

The Phillipses, who started the nonprofit foundation Survivors Empowered, held hands as they spoke plainly, deliberately. They were there, they said, to advocate for the survivors of mass shootings.

"We see their pain," Sandy said. "We see their daily struggles."

Michael Dowling, Northwell's president and chief executive officer, organized the forum in the hope of forming a working group of health professionals to take steps to end the nation's epidemic of gun violence. Some 38,000 people are killed annually, two-thirds of them by suicide.

"If we get involved as a collective," Dowling said, "I think we can have more traction."

Toward the end of the forum, two high school students, Payton Francis and Marisol Martinez, both survivors of the Parkland, Fla., massacre in February 2018, offered a stirring vocal performance of original works that addressed the suffering caused by gun violence.

Dowling then announced that Northwell was pledging \$1 million to fund research into the causes of gun violence and to seek evidence-based solutions to stop it. He also called on the country's 50 to 60 other largest health systems to do so, and to sign a pledge to promote gun safety while preserving Second Amendment rights.

Reframing the debate

Medical systems like Northwell, Dowling said, have a "special responsibility" to address a public health crisis such as gun violence, and they have influence in their communities. Northwell, he noted, is New York's largest private employer, with 62,000 people on staff, giving it an outsized voice.

The key, Dowling said, is to "reframe" the narrative surrounding gun violence from a polarized political debate to a reasoned dialogue on public health, similar to past discussions on car safety, smoking and HIV/AIDS.

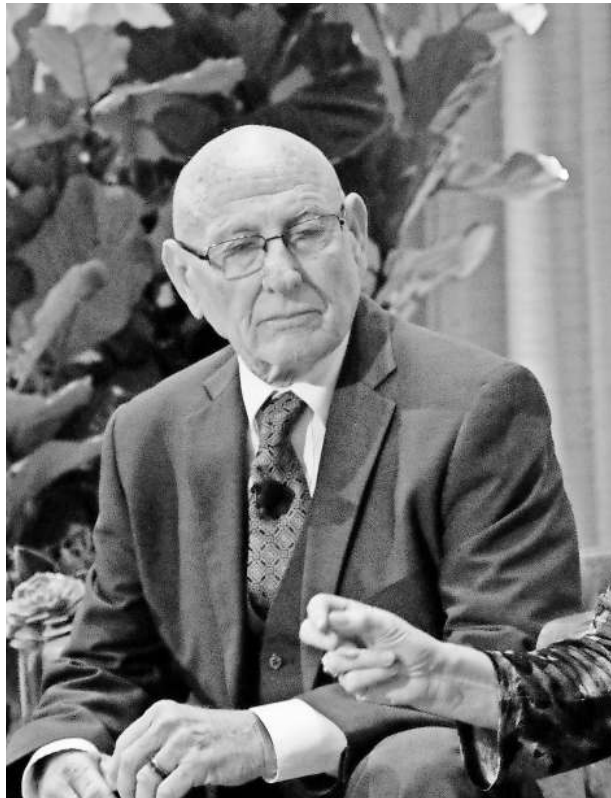
"This is about families. This is about kids," he said. "This is a moral issue."

Dr. Tom McGinn, Northwell's deputy physician-in-chief and senior vice president, said that gun violence must be thought of as a disease that has spread across the nation. He likened a bullet to a vector, which is any agent that carries a bacteria or virus, such as a mosquito or tick.

Of the bullet, McGinn said, "We've got to prevent it from entering the body."

Greater research is needed, he said, so proposed solutions are proven effective, according to science, before they are put into widespread practice.

Gun violence, McGinn said, disproportionately affects young men of color, and it is primarily centered in coastal cities. Beyond that, the causes of gun violence have not been widely studied, in large part because the federal government has provided relatively little funding for the research.



Photos by Scott Brinton/Herald

DURING NORTHWELL HEALTH'S Gun Violence Prevention Forum in Manhattan last Thursday, Lonnie and Sandy Phillips spoke about the death of their daughter, Jessica Ghawi, at the hands of a mass shooter.

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MICHAEL DOWLING, NORTHWELL'S president and chief executive officer, said that large health systems have a "special responsibility" to address gun violence as a public-health issue.

In April, the House of Representatives passed a \$50 million spending bill to study gun violence, with \$25 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and \$25 million for the National Institutes of Health. A companion bill in the Senate was introduced last January, but never sent to committee for review and an eventual vote by the full chamber, and so the funding was never allocated.

The House bill was the first time that Congress had passed a measure to fund gun violence research in two decades.

Caring for the victims of gun violence costs the nation \$229 billion a year, a September congressional report found.

Reducing the violence

Dr. Sheldon Teperman is the director of the trauma center at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx, a public hospital that is part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. As a trauma surgeon, he is on the front

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lines, fighting to save the victims of gun violence.

Teperman has advocated for gun control for years, he said, working in 2003 with then U.S. Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, a Democrat from Mineola, in an attempt to renew the federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, which expired in 2004. It has not been reinstated since.

Beyond the deaths, more than 100,000 people are injured in shootings each year, Teperman noted. "I see a legion of young black men who are paralyzed," he said.

On two large screens, he projected a photo of a woman who was late in her pregnancy, lying on a gurney with a bullet hole in the side of her abdomen. "The sound of that screaming baby . . . still haunts me," Teperman said.

He grew particularly emotional speaking of 92-year-old Sadie Mitchell, who was struck by a stray bullet while sitting in her apartment in the Bronx in 2009. The 18-year-old who fired the shot called her death "an accident," according to The Daily News.

Teperman operated on Mitchell and, distraught that he could not save her, collapsed on the surgical room floor, covered in blood, unable to stand, he recalled.

When Mitchell died in his hands, Teperman said, he thought about his "failed advocacy" and his mother. In a Herald interview after the forum, he said, "At that moment, I just felt like it was never getting better," referring to gun violence.

Reducing it, he said, is "not complicated," and he offered a three-point plan:

- End the gun-show loophole, which allows buyers at gun shows to purchase weapons without having to pass a federal background check.
- Ban assault weapons.
- Ban high-capacity magazines.

Pass these measures, Teperman said, "and we end the carnage."

The Phillipses implored attendees to continue the discussion and their advocacy. "This is giving us hope," Sandy said. "If you do nothing else, you have given us hope, so don't stop here."

HERALD SPORTS

Plainedge edges Freeport for Rutgers Cup

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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The votes were tallied. Not once, but twice.

That's how tight the difference was between undefeated 12-0 Long Island champions Freeport and Plainedge in the running for the Rutgers Cup.

In the closest vote in the trophy's 83-year history, Plainedge nipped Freeport to win its first-ever Rutgers Cup at the Nassau County Football Coaches Association banquet on Dec. 11 at Crest Hollow Country Club.

Plainedge received 26 first-place votes among the 49 that were cast and finished with 122 points. Freeport received the other 23 first-place votes and finished with 121 points. Four-time Nassau Conference II champion Garden City (43) was a distant third, while Conference IV champ Seaford tallied eight points.

Plainedge and Freeport had plenty in common this season and not just their Red Devils nicknames. Both were nothing short of dominant in ripping through their respective rivals to captured the Conference III and I titles, respectively. Plainedge outscored opponents by a 539-119 margin, capped by its first-ever LIC victory, 56-20 over Sayville. Freeport, last year's Rutgers Cup recipient, repeated as L.I. champs with a 42-14 win over William Floyd and outscored the competition by a 499-100 margin.

Freeport's Jinks named top LB

Senior Makhai Jinks played an instrumental role on both sides of the ball to help Freeport win a second straight L.I. title, capped by his five-touchdown performance against Floyd.

Last week, he joined a long list of standout linebackers to come through the program as the Piner Award winner, given to the top player at the position in Nassau. MacArthur's Hugh Kelleher and Garden City's Christian Sullivan were the other finalists.

Jinks' former teammate, Gerald Smikle, won the Piner in 2018. Other Freeport winners include Clifton Smith in 1997 and '98, Eddie Gordon in 2000, Jerry Mackey in 2001 and Stanley Gutierrez in 2003.

The 6-foot-1, 225-pound Jinks had 48 tackles, including six for loss, a pair of interceptions, a sack and a fumble recovery. "He has a very high football IQ," Freeport head coach Russ Cellan said.

Top of the line for MacArthur's Tierney

A three-year starter on both lines, Sean Tierney helped spearhead a dominating defense (L.I. best-6.8 ppg allowed) ground attack that led MacArthur to an undefeated regular season and the Conference II title game. A finalist for last year's Martone Award, given to the county's top lineman, Tierney earned top honors this time. Neil Levantini of Farmingdale and Freeport's Myles Norris were the other finalists.

"Sean is very athletic for his size and an unselfish player," MacArthur head coach Bob Fehrenbach said of Tier-



Anthony Hughes/Herald

FREEPORT'S MAKHAI JINKS earned the Piner Award, given to Nassau's top linebacker.

ney, who cleared holes for Kelleher and backfield mate Ryan Isom.

Oceanside's Platia grabs WR honors

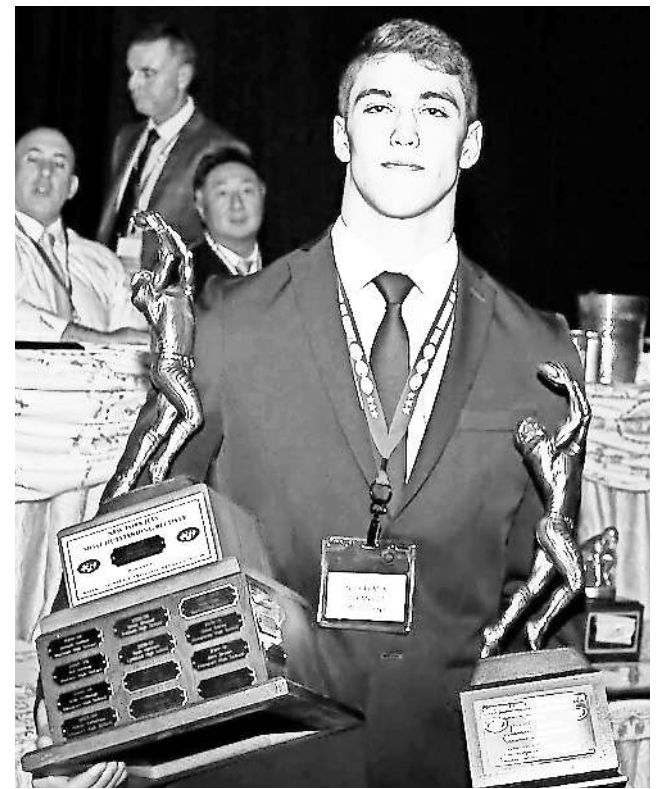
Senior Nicky Platia of Oceanside won the Pat Pizzarelli/New York Jets Receiver Award. The 6-foot senior wideout led Nassau in receptions (66), yards (983) and touchdowns (13). Floral Park's Taliek Nelson, Massapequa's Alex Rende and Cold Spring Harbor's Casey Reynolds were finalists for the honor. Platia made it back-to-back Oceanside winners of the award, following Jake Lazzaro.

Thorp goes to Plainedge's Villari

Nassau's most outstanding player award, the Thorp, went to Plainedge senior quarterback Dan Villari. He piled up 1,495 rushing yards and scored 25 touchdowns and completed 61 percent of his passes for 1,315 yards and 13 touchdowns. In the LIC win over Sayville, he proved unstoppable with 306 yards rushing and six total touchdowns. Freeport's Jinks, MacArthur's Kelleher and Farmingdale's Kevin Wilson were the other finalists. Villari is the second Plainedge player to win the Thorp, joining Davien Kuinlan (2015.)

Mepham's Hegi top scholar athlete

Senior linebacker/running back Matt Hegi of Mepham was selected as the Jay Fiedler/Top Scholar Athlete award winner after helping lead the Pirates to the Conference II



OCEANSIDE'S NICK PLATIA was named the No. 1 receiver in the county.



MEPHAM'S MATT HEGI, center, with head coach Anthony Cracco, left, and former NFL and Oceanside quarterback Jay Fiedler, was named the top scholar athlete at the Nassau County football awards banquet.

semifinals and piling up big stats in the classroom. Hegi earned All-County honors for a second straight year, leading Mepham in tackles for a third straight season and scoring seven touchdowns. He also thrives in the classroom with a GPA over .98 and a 1480 SAT score. He'll graduate in June having completed a dozen advanced placement classes.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 19

Nassau County Cyber Scam seminar

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Nassau County Executive Laura Curran is deploying the county's brightest IT experts to locations across the county to offer free trainings for residents on how to combat cyber threats. This training is designed for all ages and is focused just on cyber threats and scamming — phishing, identity theft, viruses, ransomware, malware and social engineering. Participants will learn how to protect themselves using the same methods that is employed by the Nassau County IT department. (516) 759-8300.

CBD-infused meditation

Glen Cove Salt Cave, 70 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. This event consists of a brief introduction on CBD, and attendees will be given a sample and then followed by a guided meditation. CBD may help reduce feelings of anxiety and improve concentration, allowing the user to experience mental clarity. In the context of meditation, it can be a very useful tool to center and calm the mind. Space is limited. (516) 801-0665.

Friday, December 20

The People's Pantry

Oyster Bay Community Center, 45 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay. The People's Pantry will provide food to those in need from 10 a.m. to noon every Friday. Closed on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. (631) 948-6221.

Growing & Aging in Glen Cove

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. The texts in the "Growing & Aging in Glen Cove" book discussions explore questions about middle age, growing older, caring for aging loved ones and finding satisfaction in the later stages of life. This discussion features Dr. Corinne Kyriacou, associate professor in the School of Health Professions and Human Services at Hofstra University. Dr. Kyriacou will discuss "A History of Old Age," edited by Pat Thane. Copies are available at the library's information desk. (516) 676-2130.

Winter Wonderland Art and Play

Not Just Art, 183 South St., Oyster Bay, 9:45 a.m. Children aged 20 months to four years can enjoy winter forest play time, "gingerbread" art, "candy cane" beading, glimmery sticky sun catchers and more. (516) 922-8300.

Sunday, December 22

Youth performance of "CAKE"

North Shore Assembly of God, 84 Orchard St., Oyster Bay, 10:30 a.m. "Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment" is a musical that empowers children and their families to participate in acts of kindness throughout the Christmas season. Enjoy a rendition of the film performed by local children. The performance will be followed by pizza and fellowship. (516) 922-2547.

Celebrate Hanukkah at NCRT

North Country Reform Temple, 86 Cres-



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Roaring 20s New Years Eve Gala at the Glen Cove Mansion

Ring in the new decade at The Mansion in Glen Cove on Dec. 31 at 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove. The party starts at 8 p.m. with a one-hour cocktail reception open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, carving stations, Italian cheese and bread station and much more. Then it's an elaborate four course sit down dinner featuring surf and turf with open bar until 1 a.m., hats, noise makers and party favors, live DJ and special guest Joe Gannascoli from the HBO series "The Sopranos." Guests can dress their roaring 20s best and end the night with the hangover continental breakfast station. All-inclusive tickets are \$175 for this 21-and-over event. There is no swankier way to celebrate the centennial anniversary of one of America's most culturally significant eras. (516) 671-6400.

cent Beach Road, Glen Cove, 3:30 p.m. Celebrate Hanukkah with a dedication of the new NCRT sign followed by latkes, jelly donuts, hot apple cider, Hanukkah games and crafts and menorah lighting. Bring family and friends to enjoy an afternoon of fun for all. (516) 671-4760.

Bathtub Gin at Still Partners

Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 8:45 p.m. Bathrub Gin is a Phish tribute band that will perform the tunes of one of the most psychedelic bands in history. (516) 200-9229.

Monday, December 23

Hanukkah celebration at Senior Center

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:15 p.m. Come together with friends at the senior center in celebrating Hanukkah with musical guest Robert Cohen. (516) 759-9610.

Tuesday, December 24

Om for Autism yoga

SCO Family of Services, 1 Alexander Place, Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Yoga can help with coordination, balance, reduce stress and calm your body. Do something om-mazing for the mind and body. (516) 671-1253.

Christmas pageant

Christ Church, 61 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 4 p.m. Enjoy this parish tradition

featuring the treble choir and Sunday school children. There will also be live animals for attendees' enjoyment. (516) 922-6377.

Thursday, December 26

"The Magic Flute" at the Met Opera

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 9:15 a.m. Take a bus trip to "The Magic Flute," a sublime fairy tale that moves freely between earthy come-

dy and noble mysticism written for a theater located just outside Vienna with the clear intention of appealing to audiences from all walks of life. Trip includes a ticket to the show, charter bus, breakfast, lunch, water and all tips can fees. The story is told in a song-play format characterized by separate musical numbers connected by dialogue and stage activity, an excellent structure for navigating the diverse moods, ranging from

Christmas bird count at Garvies Point

Be a citizen scientist for a day and put bird-watching skills to work at the Garvies Point Museum and Preserve on Dec. 21. Participate by counting numbers and species of birds around the preserve and birdfeeders. All skill levels welcome. Reference guide of common birds and binoculars are available. No charge for participation, regular museum admission applies from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove. (516) 571-8010.



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solemn to lighthearted, of the story and score. Register at the front desk. (516) 759-9610.

Cocoa & Crafts

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Families will create bird feeders and pinecone crafts during this educational program. (516) 571-8010.

Friday, December 27

Cirque du Soleil family bus trip

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 9:30 a.m. "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is an exhilarating new spin on the beloved Christmas classic as only Cirque du Soleil can imagine. This vibrant acrobatic spectacle about the joy of sharing and friendship promises to spark lasting memories in the hearts of children and adults alike. \$83 includes transportation and tickets to the show. (516) 676-2130.

Retro video game STEM

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 10 a.m. Children ages 5 through 8 can get involved in different STEM activities all based around retro video games, including Lego pixel art, Ozobot robot Pac Man, Tetris puzzles, Duck Hunt launchers, Mario Kart mazes, Sphero robot Sonic the Hedgehog, and Pokemon paper circuits. There will also be a session for children ages 9 through 11 at 11:15 a.m. (516) 922-1212

New Year's countdown party

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St., Glen Head, 11 a.m. Children 3 through 10 can celebrate the end of 2019 with a kid-friendly party and countdown. Lunch will be served. (516) 628-2765.

Kwanzaa celebration

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12 p.m. Join with friends at the senior center in celebrating Kwanzaa. (516) 759-9610.

Board game volunteer day

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 2:30 p.m. Teens can volunteer to play board games with children ages 5 through 10, having fun while earning community service credit. (516) 671-1837.

Tuesday, December 31

Hanukkah celebration

Life Enrichment Center, 45 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 11 a.m. Hear stories of Hanukkah, followed by a traditional lunch. Then play a special "Teddy's" Bingo and raise a toast to ring in 2020. (516) 922-1770.

New Year's celebration

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12 p.m. Ring in 2020 with friends and a musical performance by Valerie Rose. (516) 759-9610.

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HERALD NEIGHBORS

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CHILDREN VISITED THE Glen Cove Senior Center on Dec. 13 to celebrate the holidays with their elders and enjoy a special meeting with Santa.

Santa visits the Glen Cove Senior Center

Children from all over the city gathered at the Glen Cove Senior Center to meet with Santa on Dec. 13.

As they waited for the Big Man himself, the kids spent time with the seniors at the center,

crafting holiday decorations, caroling and dancing together. This annual meet-and-greet event helps bring children and seniors in the community together to have fun and learn from one another.



MIMI SIMONETTI, SALLY DiMiceli and Madeline enjoyed their time at the event.



SANTA ARRIVED AT the event with his signature sleigh bells ringing as he heard the kid's holiday wishes.



AMALIA CARPENTER AND Morgan O'Hare played together by the tree.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Spiro Tsirkas

SPIRO TSIRKAS, SECOND from the right, gathered food with members of Brookville's Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection.

Glen Cove agencies hold food drive

The Inter-Agency of Glen Cove held a successful Thanksgiving food drive on Nov. 28 at the St. Rocco's Church. Spiro Tsirkas, the IAC's vice president, said the food drive helped more than 300 families on the North Shore. "We gave out so many turkeys," Tsirkas added.

The IAC received help from Island Har-

vest, the New York Islanders, the Greenvale School District, students from Landing Elementary School and members of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection in Brookville. The IAC held a following event at the View Grill where they will honor Carol Waldman and Rev. William Wendler.



Courtesy LVGC

LOCUST VALLEY GARDEN Club members, from the right, Jill Morrison and Dean Yonder welcomed guest speaker Vincent Simeone.

Garden Club gets into the holidays

The Locust Valley Garden Club has gotten into the holiday spirit with a plethora of events prepared for December. Sue Caravello, of Glen Cove, kicked off the season as she collected more than 40 Christmas mugs to donate to local Meals on Wheels customers. Glen Cove Hospital prepares the food for the program. The Garden Club also helped bring holiday decorations to the Bayville Free Library and Locust Valley Library, the later of which has a display case dedicated to all things Santa Claus. The LVGC meets the second Wednesday of every month in the manor house of Bailey Arboretum.

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Mobile 'salt cave' is attracting interest in G.C.

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a cabin to enter the cave, which she has also tried to mimic at the Forest Avenue location. In the mobile unit she uses smaller salt bricks, which fit the bus's walls. Although the work was difficult, the mobile "cave" was operational by September, and Reyes said she has seen more interest in her business as she has taken the bus to several city events.

The curious enter a darkened room furnished with two sets of wooden benches, similar to those found at saunas. After seating them in the salt-covered space, Reyes said, she turns on a salt air infusion machine, which disperses Himalayan-quality salt air that her customers breathe in. Relaxing music helps them clear their minds and meditate.

Reyes acknowledges that some people raise an eyebrow when they hear about the treatment, but she swears by it, saying that it helped clear her eczema when she began the treatment when she was still in high school in Glen Cove. Reyes has continued the salt therapy ever since, and her desire to share it with others was the driving force when she opened the Forest Avenue facility in October 2018.

Dr. Maxine Mayreis, a member of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce board of directors, said she was proud to see how much Reyes's business had



Courtesy Glen Cove Salt Cave

YAJHARYA REYES DEBUTED her mobile salt cave in September.

grown. Mayreis presented Reyes with the Chamber's New Business Award at the organization's annual Gala on Nov. 2. "She immersed herself in the community, and you always see her all over the city," Mayreis said. "A business should always look out for their community."

"She's an amazing young lady," added Mary Stanco, another chamber board member, a licensed realtor and a fixture in the city's business community. "Hopefully other young peo-

ple will start doing the same thing she's doing."

Reyes said she enjoys helping her community, and hopes to expand the use of the mobile salt cave to attract a corporate clientele. She has been nominated for a seat on the chamber board, said she was honored to be considered for the position.

"I grew up in Glen Cove," she said, "and I want to keep living here and help make it grow and prosper."

What is salt therapy?

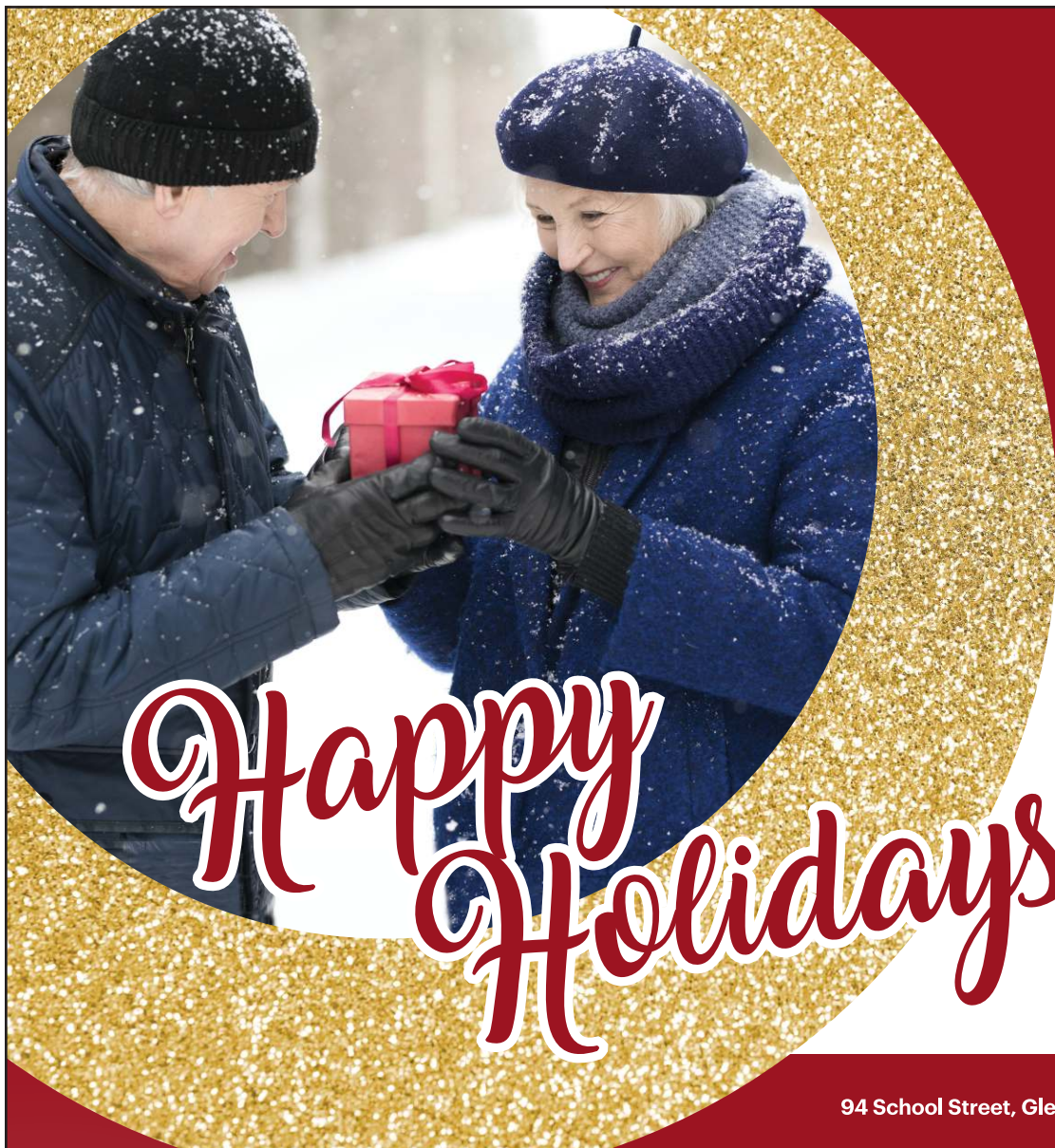
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The treatment is a unique form of alternative therapy that provides relief from many respiratory ailments. It creates a sense of peace and serenity as the salt particles are breathed in and travel to the deepest parts of the respiratory passages. Through the production of negative ions, salt therapy boosts the immune system and reduces chronic fatigue and stress.

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For Marine Comitino, it was always country first

By LAURA LANE

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Former U.S. Marine Private 1st Class Rocco Comitino, of the 191st Division, always wore something to indicate his service in the Korean War. Drafted in Aug. 9, 1951, he was in charge of loading ammunition into a cannon and then firing on the enemy. The noise was so loud that it left him with hearing loss, but Comitino said he never regretted any part of his service.

"He was a proud Marine and I was proud of him," said Jacqueline Comitino, his granddaughter.

Honorably discharged on Aug. 8, 1954, he always found a way to honor his country. As he grew older, Comitino would place flags all over the yard of his daughter Doreen Hauser's Glen Cove home, where he, too, lived, on Memorial Day, July Fourth and Veterans Day. And he was known to attend firework displays on those holidays. He did it to honor the United States, which he passionately loved until the day he died, Nov. 3, at age 89.

Comitino's parents immigrated to Glen Cove from Sicily — his father, Giacomo, in 1906, and mother, Mary, in 1912. The second-youngest of 13 children, Rocco was closest to his younger sister, Rita. She was one year his junior, and he doted on her.

"Rocky was so protective of me until the day he died," Rita Melchione recalled. "He needed to know where I was all the time and where I was going before I married." She also lives in Glen Cove, and often prepared breakfast for her brother — an English muffin with peanut butter.

Comitino always enjoyed making Italian cookies, Melchione recounted, bringing them to the Glen Cove Police Department and Fire Department. But over the past six months, he was unable to stand for any length of time. He told his sister a week before he died that he would miss being able to make the cookies. No longer able to drive or work in the garden, she said, her brother seemed to be losing interest in living.

When he was 17, Comitino went to work for Columbia Ribbon & Carbon in Glen Cove, and stayed there for 33 years. A machine operator, he made ribbons for typewriters and other products.

Drafted at age 21, he didn't choose the Marines. The choice was made for him. As they stood in line, every other recruit was told he would either join the Army or Marines.

"That was some tough training in the Marines," Comitino said with a smile in an interview last spring. Then the smile faded. "When I went to Korea, I used to have to jump in foxholes because of the bombs. I lost a lot of friends over there."

The bombs never came during the day, he recalled — only at night. "All we'd hear



ROCCO COMITINO SERVED in the Korean War.



ROCCO COMITINO WORE patriotic attire all the time.

Photos courtesy Comitino family

were the bombs, which kept us up all night," he said. "What's sleep? I was [in Korea] for 13 months and couldn't wait to get out of there. But I loved the Marines."

He also loved music, Melchione said. Before he left for the service, her brother had a habit of driving up First Street, blaring his car radio with the windows down. "I told him people were complaining," Melchione said. "People used to

think he was hard of hearing, he played it so loud. I'd say, 'You're going to go deaf.' He'd say, 'So what? I love music.'"

Comitino married Nancy Aquilino in 1953. She died of cancer in 1992. "When I was 14, I chased after Nancy and she hated me," Comitino said last spring, and then laughed. "She was beautiful, and had a lot of guys crazy for her. I don't know how she picked me. Maybe because I never gave up."

After retiring from Columbia Ribbon & Carbon in 1980, Comitino worked as a parking attendant and security guard at the Glen Cove Bowling Alley until 1989, when it closed. Then he worked for the city for another 14 years, as a crossing guard at the Conolly School.

He loved the children, he said, describing them as "beautiful." In 2013, as he moved a little girl out of the path of a speeding car, he lost his balance and fell, fracturing his leg. He walked with a cane for the rest of his life. But whenever he told the story, he didn't mention his heroics. He focused on his memory of lying in the street, surrounded by the crying children whom he loved.

"Kids came by for weeks and raked the leaves to help my father out, because they knew he couldn't walk," Hauser recalled. "He never went back to work."

After his death, Jacqueline discovered that her "Pop" had been promoted to corporal. Among his possessions she also found a Korean Service Medal, a United Nations Service Medal and a National

Defense Medal. He never mentioned any of these honors in interviews. Jacqueline said she wasn't surprised. Her grandfather just wasn't one to talk about himself.

He was a proud Marine and I was proud of him.

JACKIE COMITINO
Granddaughter

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LOCAL FAMILIES ENJOYED the holiday season at the third annual Old Fashioned Christmas Party at Glen Gardens.

Glen Garden glows for the holiday season

The families of St. John's of Lattingtown, the Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Council and Glen Cove United, Inc., hosted their third annual Old Fashioned Christmas Party at the Glen Gardens. Father Stephen Tamke, of St. John's of Lattingtown, said he was excited to have the church host the event for the third year in a row.

"A key part of our mission is to serve all God's people in our community," Tamke said. "Hosting and welcoming the families and friends from Glen Gardens is just one fun way we can celebrate Christmas with our neighbors and show the love that is abundant this season to those around us."

"We definitely want our love and respect for each other, [and] our partnership with Glen Gardens, to open hearts everywhere," said Courtney Callahan, director of outreach and children's ministry at St. John's of Lattingtown.

The party included gingerbread man and ornament decorating, spray art, face painting and a visit from Santa Clause to celebrate the holiday season. There was also a performance by the Glen Gardens Choir. Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton helped with the event by inviting Glen Cove United, Inc., President Roderick Watson to collect Toys for Tots for the kids of the Glen Cove Housing Authority.

"We had a successful and amazing event," said Damary Mercado, vice president of Glen Cove United, Inc.

The biggest gift of all was that the children were so happy," added Sheree Collins, the Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Council Community organizer. "The work we collectively did is outstanding."






GLEN COVE'S TONY Jimenez and Shannon Vulin put presents down at the Christmas tree.

The Glen Cove EOC is one of the many EOCs in Nassau County, which work to empower income-eligible families to gain knowledge and skills to improve their quality of life. Through its work, the EOC strives to reduce the causes and effects of poverty.

- Ronny Reyes



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MATILDE TYSZ, CO-OWNER of Glen Cove's The Max Challenge, enjoyed dancing at the annual Little Big Party at The Crescent Beach Club.

G.C. Chamber joins the holiday party at Bayville

BY RONNY REYES
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With the holiday season here, the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce celebrated their annual holiday party along with several other business and community groups during the Crescent Beach Club's sixth annual Little Big Party in Bayville.

The holiday party invites local businesses and other organizations to share a large room in order to ring in the holidays together while also allowing for important networking opportunities. Linda Paul, the sales manager for the Crescent Beach Club, said the planning for the event usually starts in November. Paul and her team usually contact old and new customers to see if they want to take part in the Little Big Party.

"Business's jump at the opportunity since it allows us to handle their holiday party for them, so they can relax and even network with one another," Paul said.

"This is a great party," John Moller, of Bayville, said while donning a festive Christmas-lights necklace at the event. "Everyone has fun. It's great to have this in Bayville."

The event also served as a nostalgia trip for Matilde Tysz, co-owner of Glen Cove's The Max Challenge. Tysz celebrated her wedding at the Crescent Beach Club 11 years ago, so to enjoy the occasion, she invited her gym members to the party. While this was the second holiday party Tysz, a member of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, spent with the chamber, it was Matt Nartowicz first. Nartowicz, the regional branch manager for American Community Bank, said he was excited to join the chamber this year and celebrate the holi-



JOHN MOLLER, OF Moller Property Management, rung in the holidays with Christmas lights around his neck.

days with them. Nartowicz explained that as the bank's other branches found success with local Chamber of Commerce, it was time for the Glen Cove branch to join the chamber.

"It's not only helpful for our business, but it lets us give back to the community."

Nartowicz is one of the new members to the chamber who are currently nominated to join the board. The elections for the positions will be held in the coming weeks.

Along with the Little Big Party, the Crescent Beach Club hosts an additional Christmas Party and a New Year's Party that will be themed around the Roaring 20s to close out the decade in Bayville.



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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

'Tis the season Bid adieu to 2019 on a high note

The stage is set to say farewell to another year. Don those party hats and make way for 2020.

A Sinatra-ish celebration

Ring in the New Year in Sinatra-style, with Sinatra interpreter Cary Hoffman, at the Madison Theatre, on Dec. 31, at 6 p.m.

In this concert version of his off-Broadway hit "My Sinatra" Hoffman shares his love and idolization for the legendary crooner. He captivates the audience with his intimate musical journey of what it was like growing up fatherless with three musician uncles, who played on some of Sinatra's greatest recordings, turning Sinatra into a fantasy father. Hoffman authentically sings Sinatra, incorporating more than 20 classic Sinatra songs, creating a musical score about his lifelong obsession, accompanied by the South Shore Symphony Orchestra.

His tribute to his hero is a compelling blend of vocal performance, along with true stories of him evolving from a lonely teen singing along to Sinatra in his bedroom to performing with some of the best symphonies. This led to "My Sinatra" and a national PBS TV special, which has aired in over 80 cities around the country and was viewed by more than a million people (his is the only Sinatra television special starring somebody other than Frank Sinatra himself).

"It's a sweet little show," says Angelo Fraboni, the Madison Theatre's artistic director. "Cary sings and talks about what Sinatra meant to him throughout his life. It's sentimental, highlighting all his standards and a great way to spend New Year's Eve."

The festive atmosphere begins upon arrival at the theater, when everyone is greeted with a celebratory glass of champagne or non-alcoholic beverage, prior to show time. "If you want to do something local on New Year's Eve, this is where you should be," says Fraboni.

"We're doing this early so people can go out after and continue celebrating after if they want. We enjoy doing our New Year's Eve show for our patrons. It's our way of giving back and it's fun for everyone involved."

Tickets are \$50-\$65 and can be



Cary Hoffman sings the great Sinatra classics and uses these songs to tell the story of how Ol' Blue Eyes influenced his life in this poignant tribute.

purchased by phone at (516) 323-4444 or online at www.madisontheatreny.org. The Madison Theatre is located on the Molloy College Campus, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre.

For the kids

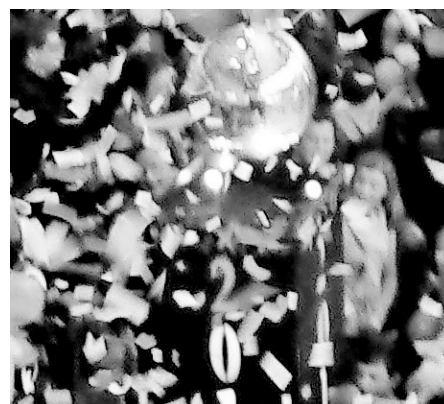
If you're looking for a family-friendly celebration, New Year's Eve arrives at Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) in the form of "Noon Year's Eve," its annual kid-style celebration. Beginning at noon on Dec. 31, LICM gets ready to ring in a new year with a busy afternoon that concludes with the traditional Times Square-style ball drop.

This year "LICM will be putting a twist on the theme of 'roaring' 20s," says Aimee Terzulli the museum's Director of Education and Visitor Experience. "We're weaving the king of the jungle, the lion, into our activities so kids can truly 'roar' into 2020."

During the afternoon, leading up to the museum's finale two "ball drops," families can participate in themed crafts, face painting and try out their best moves at a dance party with DJ Mike.

Kids can design Mane Event New Year hats, Hear Me Roar noisemakers, Tick Tock! Lion Clocks and Lions Rule necklaces, chomp into some "I Ain't Lion" cookies and spring into the Ferocious Feline face painting station.

"The event allows visitors to take part in all the traditional elements of the holiday, including confetti and counting



Times Square comes to Long Island for family-friendly festivities at Long Island Children's Museum.

down to the New Year, on a schedule designed for children — and exhausted parents," explains Maureen Mangan, the museum's Director of Communication. "Many parents tell us that they don't make it till midnight anymore, so the LICM ball drop is the way for the family to welcome in the New Year."

Countdown to 12, beginning at 12 p.m., is free with museum admission. LICM is located on Museum Row, in Garden City. For additional information, contact (516) 224-5800 or visit www.licm.org.

— Karen Bloom
kbloom@lherald.com

FESTIVE DINING AT CITY CELLAR

Leave the kitchen behind and enjoy the season with delightful gourmet meal. Among the many local eateries offering up some holiday inspired meals, City Cellar in Westbury, is all dressed up for the holidays and eager to welcome everyone to enjoy their acclaimed cuisine in the merry setting.

Spend Christmas Eve at the popular restaurant, with seatings until 8 p.m., or usher in 2020 with a tasty New Year's Eve celebration, with seatings until 11 p.m. Chef Mike's acclaimed menu is available, along with holiday specials. Keep the celebration going on New Year's Day with seatings from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., featuring a holiday brunch menu all day. The extravagant brunch menu that day will include Nutella crepes, wild berry French toast, lump crab Benedict, filet mignon Benedict, lobster quiche and wild mushroom frittata, among other many other items.

The combination of City Cellar's New American fare with upscale bar food and Italian-inspired creations continues to draw rave reviews from foodies, critics and patrons. The varied menu is highlighted by hearth-baked thin crust pizzas, dry aged steaks, house-made fresh pasta and seafood. The menu also features a daily selection of hard to find artisanal cheeses and charcuterie. Enticing desserts are all house-made. City Cellar is known for its extensive award-winning wine collection that can be sampled by the bottle, glass or flight, along with a wide selection of signature cocktails and other beverages.

City Cellar is located at 1080 Corporate Dr. in Westbury. Call (516) 693-5400 for reservations or visit www.citycellarny.com.

FAMILY FUN Exploring super powers

Superheroes make their way to Cradle of Aviation Museum during the holiday break. Families can take part in a varied slate of themed activities involving everyone's favorite superheroes — all in an effort to spur kids' interest in STEM careers. Among the many events on the schedule, visitors can examine the principle of friction and make Amazing Spider-Man Penny Climbers and learn a super power at the Hands On Science Zones. Go beyond what the eyes can see with infrared light and heat mapping, which is ideal for detecting those with the power of invisibility. Also explore the force of magnetism that protects the Earth and humans from the sun's radiation. The Avengers even make an appearance during Avengers Night on Dec. 28. See



WEEKEND Out and About

"Avengers: Endgame" and meet some of the Avengers crew. Visitors are encouraged to wear superhero gear. Saturday through Monday, Dec. 21-30. Cradle of Aviation Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 572-4111 or www.cradleofaviation.org.

ON STAGE The Very Hungry Caterpillar Christmas

Author/illustrator Eric Carle's world comes alive on stage in a captivating Christmas-themed show for young audiences. Everyone's favorite caterpillar is joined by other beloved characters in the festive production, inspired by storybook classics including "Dream Snow," "10 Little Rubber Ducks," "Brown Bear Brown Bear," "What do you



See?" and, of course, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Featuring more than 75 puppets, Carle's vibrant style and original music, the production tells the story of a farmer on Christmas Eve who wonders how Christmas will arrive without snow. The old farmer settles down for a winter's nap, wondering how Christmas will happen when there is no snow. In his dream he imagines a snowstorm covering him and his animals in a snowy blanket. When the farmer awakens, he finds that it really has snowed, and then he suddenly remembers he forgot to get presents everyone. Arrive early, starting at 12:30 p.m. for crafts, games and music, among other pre-show activities. Sunday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m. \$53, \$43, \$36, \$29. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage



Matilda

The inspiring story of an extraordinary girl comes to life on stage, based on Roald Dahl's beloved novel, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-20, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 21, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 22, 2 and 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 24, 3 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.



Laura Osnes and Tony Yazbeck

The Tony nominees join forces in "Things are Looking Up — A Night of Gershwin Favorites" at the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m.

After enchanting audiences in 2017 playing Polly and Bobby in Manhattan Concert Productions' "Crazy For You" at Lincoln Center, this duo recognized their undeniable chemistry and mutual love for the music of George Gershwin. They've taken their show on the road in an intimate evening of song and dance.

Tickets are \$79, \$69 and \$59; available at 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

"Christmas Eve and Other Stories," Friday, Dec. 20. NYCB Live's Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.tickmaster.com or www.nycblive.com.

Bathtub Gin

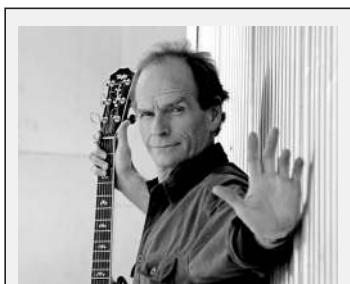
The Phish tribute band in concert, Saturday, Dec. 21, 8:45 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

Sal Valentinetti

The vocalist in concert, Saturday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Hanson

The pop-rock band in concert, Saturday Dec. 21, 8 p.m. With special guests Paul McDonald and Joshua and the Holy Rollers. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.



Livingston Taylor

The folk singer-songwriter in concert, Sunday, Dec. 22, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

A Very Countess Christmas

Real Housewives star Luann de Lesseps, in concert, with the latest edition of her cabaret show, Sunday Dec. 22, 7 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Almost Queen

The tribute band in concert, Friday, Dec. 27, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Citizen Cope

The trailblazing singer-songwriter/producer

in concert, Friday Dec. 27, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

NRBQ and The Whole Wheat Horns

The rock band concert, Friday, Dec. 27, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Zestrove

The band in concert, Friday, Dec. 27, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

Bret Michaels

The Poison frontman in concert, Saturday Dec. 28, 8 p.m. With special guest Killcode. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Kerry Kearney's Blue Christmas

The blues master in concert, Saturday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Saturday Night Disco Fever

A tribute to the 40th anniversary of A Night at Studio 54, Saturday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. With France Joli, Tavares, Evelyn "Champagne" King, The Trammps featuring Earl Young, Alfa, Luci and Norma Jean Wright (formerly of Chic), Peaches & Herb, Carol Douglas, Musique, Delfonics and Crystal Stark, including a special performance by That 70's Band. Hosted by Joe Causi with an opening set by Genessa. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

For the Kids

Story Tots

Investigate color, shape, form and texture with art activities based on a story, Friday, Dec. 20, 10-11 a.m. Listen to stories while exploring various art materials and processes; followed by an art project. For ages 3-5. Registration required. 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. 21, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Dec. 23, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 24, 11 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 26, 11 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 29, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Holiday Storytime

Enjoy a storytime activity, Saturday, Dec. 21, 11:30 a.m. For all ages. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Studio Saturday

Drop into Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Center for hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibition, Saturday, Dec. 21, 12-3 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Movie Fun

See "Toy Story 4," the latest installment of Disney/Pixar's Toy Story series, Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Cocoa and Crafts

Visit the museum for fun crafts featuring pine cone critters, bird-feeders, and more, along with hot cocoa, Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 26-28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

Museums/Galleries and more



Seashells...

Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, from the collection of Garvies Point Museum. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

Locally Sourced:

Collecting Long Island Artists

An exhibition that kicks off the Heckscher's year-long centennial celebration, which underscores the museum's commitment to preserving and presenting the stories of Long Island's art through their permanent collection. It brings together painting, sculpture, photography, and

works on paper by dozens of artists to explore the themes of place, dialogue among artists, and landscape, with particular attention to the achievements of women artists of Long Island. Through March 15. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org

100 Years of Children's Books

Welcome the new school year with an exhibit on popular child and young adult reading. Through Jan. 25. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.nshmgc.org.

Picture This!

The Art of Children's Books

A celebration of children's book illustration guest curated by author/illustrators Tim Miller and Isabel Roxas. Works on view include illustrations by Sophie Blackall, Eric Carle, Catia Chien, Victoria Cossack, Mike Curato, C.G. Esperanza, Brian Floca, Gilbert Ford, Stephanie Graegin, Jen Hill, Ezra Jack Keats, Aram Kim, Colleen Kong-Savage, Leo Lionni, Tim Miller, Oge Mora, Il Sung Na, John Parra, Isabel Roxas, Cecilia Ruiz, Maurice Sendak, and more. Through Jan. 12. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Theodore Roosevelt:

A Man for the Modern World

An exhibition that celebrates the presidency and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, who is often considered the first modern president. Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd, Oyster Bay. 922-4788 or nps.gov/sagamorehill.

At the Movies

See "Pavarotti," the documentary about the popular tenor featuring never-before-seen footage, concert performances and intimate interviews, Thursday, Dec. 19, 2 and 6:30 p.m.; also "The Command," the disaster film that relives the sinking of the Russian submarine Kursk, Thursday, Dec. 26, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Christmas at Westbury House

Old Westbury Gardens annual holiday celebration, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21-22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. With decorated period rooms, visit from Santa, crafts, holiday marketplace, refreshments and more. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

Film Buff Friday

See "The Queen of Spades," the 1949 fantasy horror film based on a short story by Alexander Pushkin, which tells of a poor captain in the Russian army in the 19th century, Friday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.



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OBITUARIES

Anna Ancona

Anna Ancona, of Glen Cove, died on Dec. 8. She was the beloved wife of the late John A, devoted mother of Annette (Joseph) Bartol, Susan (Gregory) Biel and Peter (Luisa), loving grandmother of six and great grandmother of three. Visitations were held at the McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home. Interment East Hillside Cemetery.

John Sasson

John Sasson, of Glen Cove, died on Dec. 8. He was the beloved husband of the

late Hilda, loving father of John H., Jr. (Carolyn Usher), Dianne Yost (Stan), Robert (Susan), Ann Marie Gailius (Michael) and the late Richard and Denise Ann. He was also the cherished grandfather of Curtis (Bethany), Bree, Elizabeth, Kevin, Samantha and Paul, great grandfather of Teagan, Ainsley and Chase and dear brother of Dawn Dove, Virginia Anstead, Lianne Sasson and the late Helen Overstreet. Visitations were held at the Whitting Funeral Home, in Glen Head. Services were held at the Brookville Cemetery, in Brookville. Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.



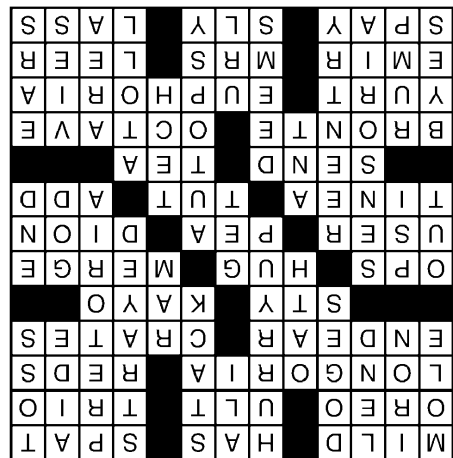
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ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Gingerbread house hunters

By CATHI TUROW

I'm going to a friend's home for a holiday dessert party. I'm so grateful for the goodies I know I'll devour but I want to bring along something as big as a house. It turns out I can — a gingerbread house. I started looking for the perfect gingerbread home but it wasn't easy. In fact, it felt a lot like being a contestant on the television series "House Hunters." If you end up in the gingerbread house real estate business this season, here's what you might find...



CATHI TUROW

■ **Kitchen Kabaret** (409 Glen Cove Rd., Roslyn Heights) If you're looking for a fixer upper, this is the place to buy it. You'll find three make-your-own gingerbread house kits — Oreo, Frosty the Snowman and Candy Land. There's no cooking involved. Each kit comes with all the sides of the house, vanilla frosting and candy. Put the house together from scratch and decorate it any way you like. When you're through, it will be move in ready for any gingerbread man.

■ **Loafers Bakery and Gourmet Shoppe** (175 Birch Hill Rd., Locust Valley) If you don't want a fixer upper, but do want to have a project of your own, you'll find your dream gingerbread house here. The freshly baked gingerbread houses are ready to be purchased at the counter or can be ordered in advance. Though there's vanilla frosting along the edges, each house also comes with an additional quart of frosting. You can add as much as you like, even make it look as if the house has been snowed in.

■ **La Bonne Boulangerie** (6247 Northern Blvd., East Norwich) If you've been searching for years for a Hanukkah gingerbread house or one that's a larger

estate, both are in this bakery. The Hanukkah gingerbread house comes with charming blue and white frosted accents and is finely decorated with candy dreidels, menorahs and stars. Candy Hanukkah gifts await the guests along the front path. At a higher price point, you can purchase a gingerbread mansion (almost two feet high). It's exquisitely decorated with candy Santas, wreaths, as well as green, red and white frosting. The house also comes with a security system. A gingerbread snowman guards the entrance.

■ **Gemelli's Gourmet Market North** (716 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head) Do you prefer a gingerbread house with old world charm? If so, it's in this gourmet shop. The top of each gingerbread house is covered with a frosting design similar to an old-style slate roof. A string of Christmas lights made of colorful jelly beans and green frosting line the entrance to the home, and candy canes serve as columns. The snow-filled landscape design leading to the door is filled with candy.

■ **Chocolicious Chocolatier** (74 Birch Hill Rd., Locust Valley) If gingerbread isn't your thing, and any home you buy absolutely must have sprinkles, the chocolatier makes it right in this shop. There are chocolate houses in all shapes and sizes, with quaint, handmade candy accents on each one. The roofs and windowsills are lined with red, green and white sprinkles. White frosted snow pours from chocolate chimneys. Candy wrapped gifts and wreaths cover the fronts and sides of the homes, and handmade tiny candy candles add unique charm.

The good news is, no matter which gingerbread house you choose, it won't be cookie cutter. Happy holidays! See you next month!

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OPINIONS

Learning the virtues of Christmas

It's amazing how the experience of Christmas changes with age. I'm sure this is true whatever your religious holiday tradition is, but I can speak with authority only about Christmas.

When we're little, it's all magic: Santa, reindeer, a gift-laden sleigh soaring through the stars, bounding from rooftop to rooftop, the purifying snow, festive din-



**JOHN
O'CONNELL**

ners, families visiting other families, people being nicer. Since at that age our whole lives are pretty new to us, strings of bright colored lights throughout the neighborhood, a tree *inside* the house, eggnog ... everything is special.

We even learn a Christmas-specific vocabulary, like carol, Scrooge, manger, Advent, creche, Rudolph, wreath, Bethlehem ... words you never hear but in December. We're at the age then when we have in abundance the *sine qua non* of the season: faith. We believe, not just in Santa, the Christ child, the trumpeting angels and the Three Kings, we believe in goodness and in gentleness. We believe that being good earns

rewards.

We're taught, by nuns in my case, that believing in Christmas is as old as the hills, and that the Christmas message is peace on earth, joy to the world. "Do not be afraid," the gospel writer Luke quotes the angel, "for behold, I bring you good news of great joy."

The author of "The Power of Positive Thinking," Norman Vincent Peale, wrote that "Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

I think we first learn faith, the power to believe, at Christmas.

Then, somewhere between one December and the next, inklings of doubt shade twinklings of light. We're not sure there is a Santa Claus. We don't understand how he, big as he is, could climb down the chimney, especially because there's no fireplace in the apartment. How can his reindeer really fly? And as far as the child Jesus, how can God be a baby? We want to keep the faith, but our believing needs help.

Enter the theology of Advent. Roughly from the Latin, "ad" and "venire" mean "to come." Advent represents the coming,

for Christians, the arrival of the Savior we had been hoping for. I think we first learn hope at Christmas.

We need hope to fill in the gaps that grim reasonableness digs into our innocent faith. The whole Incarnation — God becoming Man — is essentially a personification of hope: Bethlehem's hope of Jerusalem's redemption.

Having learned faith and hope, we grow still older, old enough to know that Christmas isn't about getting, but giving; that it always was about giving, and welcoming, and that to truly celebrate the season we must think of others, our parents and grandparents, our siblings, our friends.

Washington Irving, the New York writer, knew it. He said it was a "a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart." And so, I think that Christmas is when we first learn charity.

Along the journey from Christmas to Christmas, we learn other things. Sadness comes into our lives. Disappointment. Poor health of ourselves or loved ones. Pain. Loss. We learn that the Incarnation we believe in makes our world blessed, but not free of tears.

This will be my 70th Christmas. There's more sadness in this one than others, more empty places around the table, more regrets, more sorrow. My brother Bill died last December; and grieving is said to be the worst in the second year, so this Christmas will be tough. Other loved ones are very ill, pains become harder to tolerate, doctors become more numerous, scans see more than they used to, and the list of prescriptions grows. I find I need the lessons learned on those first Christmases to strengthen my caroling voice.

I guess we return to the essentials as we grow old. Things mean less. We refocus on the virtues and lessons we learned in the beginning. We practice, again, the faith and hope and charity that sustained us. We seek out friends and relatives to let them know how much they mean to us.

Because even with faith, hope and charity, there's one more Christmas lesson to learn. At some point in life, if we are truly blessed, we share Bob Hope's view. "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple," he said. "Loving others."

May you all have a Christmas filled with love.

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So many opinions, so few weeks in the year

Big question of the week: What should I do with my 750 words? Now, some readers have very precise suggestions for what I should do with those words, but at the end of the day, I'm the decider.

Every week, every year for more than 30 years, I've sat down at my typewriter — oops, my word processor — oops, my computer — to write something that will resonate with readers. There are hits and misses, and many in between. As you know if you turn to my space, I range from the personal to the political to the occasional philosophical riff.



**RANDI
KREISS**

By the time I sit down to write, I have a kernel of an idea, and then I see where it takes me. This week I'm thinking about the 52 choices I made this year, and all the nascent ideas that never got to see the light of day.

Of course, President Trump is the problem. He is a headline-grabbing attention hound who sucks in all the air around him.

I was going to write about Greta Thun-

berg, the 16-year-old environmentalist extraordinaire from Sweden who was just named Person of the Year by Time magazine for her relentless fight to save the Earth. I could have written about Greta and her precocious intelligence, and how she challenges us to do better. I could have explored that, but our president was busy trashing regulations that keep miners and drillers under control. He got the ink that week. Sorry, Greta.

Then I thought about Mr. Rogers and how he has suddenly become the rock star of the sweater set. Movies, memoirs, interviews galore are shining a light on this remarkable and somewhat enigmatic man. There was a column there ... but then Trump decided to separate immigrant parents from their children as the ultimate discouragement to coming to America. Babies in cages trump Mr. Rogers, pardon the pun.

In early summer I had the transcendent experience of tasting a friend's homemade Anzac biscotti. I really, really wanted to share the recipe with you all, but then Trump started telling White House aides not to comply with House Judiciary subpoenas. The sky was begin-

ning to fall; the three departments of government were becoming unequal, with the executive branch appropriating more than its share of power. Biscotti? Threat to democracy? No contest.

I wanted to tell you the real story of my husband's Aunt Ada. I wrote a laudatory column this summer sharing her Army letters in 1945 from Paris, where she was stationed. It was a nice column, all high-minded and patriotic, but there should have been a few sequels, since Aunt Ada turned out to be a vicious old witch who eventually sued us. We eventually got even by burying her in a high-traffic zone at the cemetery. And yes, she was

dead. You would have loved the story ... but the president kept threatening to fire Robert Mueller, and that was when we were all expecting the Mueller report to set the world right again. Had to write about it. Had to hope. Aunt Ada's expose had to wait.

I wanted to write about our needing to find our heroes. I thought the new parenting styles were worth a column. I know a piece on decluttering, physically and emotionally, would work. I wanted to write about Melania and how she seems to be

At first it's all about magic, then, as the years pass, faith, hope and, finally, love.

Lots of potential topics got lost in a year that was so thoroughly dominated by ...

floating through the Trump years like a specter in designer clothes. I planned a piece on Toto toilets and another on in-law children. Readers always love to hear about Lillybee, the dog, and I wanted to write a column about being alive from the age of radio to the age of whatever-is-the-latest-technological-thing.

I especially wanted to write about the reader who wrote a letter calling me a "JINO," an epithet that apparently means Jew In Name Only. A nasty bit of anti-Semitism, her note excoriated me for criticizing Trump, who she says is the unimpeachable defender of Israel. There's more than a column there, but that week the president began his conversation with the president of Ukraine, asking him to investigate the Bidens, and we all know where that went.

I would have done it all, I promise, but nearly every week when I sat down to write, nothing ever seemed as compelling to me as doing my bit, keeping the light shining on Trump's malfeasance and subversion of our freedoms. At the end of the day and the end of 2019, I want to know that I did all I could, in my small way, to help bend the arc of history toward democracy.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

The voters have given Singas a mandate

Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas won overwhelmingly on Election Day, when voters sent a clear message that she was the best person to serve as our top prosecutor.

“We run the office with one guiding principle: that we protect the people of Nassau County,” Singas told her supporters after she defeated her Republican opponent, Long Beach attorney Francis McQuade. “If you hurt the people of Nassau County, then we will hold you accountable.”

When Singas was first elected in 2015, she made fighting public corruption one of her top priorities, and she has lived up to that pledge. She has not hesitated to prosecute or investigate members of her own party, including Gerard Terry, the former

North Hempstead Democratic Party leader who was sentenced to six months in jail for state tax fraud, as well as County Comptroller Jack Schnirman, who was embroiled in a payout scandal after he left his post as Long Beach’s city manager.

Singas has also dug into issues that have resonated on a national scale, from accusations of excessive police force to her work to stem gang violence and the opioid crisis.

With her election win, Nassau residents sent a strong mandate: Follow through on investigations that are now under way, including allegations of unlawful separation payouts to politically connected employees in Long Beach — some of whom remained on the payroll.

In Long Beach, residents have demanded answers, and Singas has not buckled under

pressure from both county and local Democratic Party stalwarts who would rather have her turn a blind eye to excessive payments doled out during Schnirman’s tenure and during prior administrations. Instead, Singas issued subpoenas, convened a grand jury investigation, brought in city and elected officials as witnesses, and called on the City Council to waive its attorney-client privilege to determine just how payments exceeded city code and contracts.

Singas has more than two decades of experience as a prosecutor, and she has been doing an admirable job in the position so far. We urge her to keep up the good work.

’Tis the season for giving back

The holiday season brings with it numerous activities for children and families, large gatherings around the dinner table, parties and shopping for those great deals.

But there are other ways to get in the holiday spirit, whether it is by volunteering for a charitable organization, making a donation or helping a neighbor in need.

There is no shortage of ways to support the less fortunate in our communities. For example, Island Harvest, Long Island’s largest hunger-relief organization, offers volunteer opportunities throughout the year to help children, families, veterans and seniors, and is running a turkey and canned food collection campaign with Panera Bread through the end of the month.

Island Harvest says it delivers millions of pounds of food that might otherwise go to waste to a network of 570 Long Island-based food pantries, soup kitchens and other nonprofit organizations that help

Volunteer groups to check out

Island Harvest

www.islandharvest.org

Long Island Cares

www.licares.org

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org/local/new-york/greater-new-york

those in need.

Elsewhere, the Hauppauge-based Long Island Cares supports nearly 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters, some of which need the support of regular volunteers. The organization has launched a number of efforts for the holiday season, including an Adopt-a-Family

initiative and its 27th annual Check-Out Hunger campaign, which runs through January, in which shoppers can donate at participating supermarkets.

And the American Red Cross on Long Island, which serves more than 2.8 million people in Nassau and Suffolk counties, is always seeking volunteers and donations throughout the year to support its humanitarian initiatives.

There are also numerous soup kitchens and local nonprofit organizations that are active in their communities during the holidays, and we encourage you to check them out, get involved or make a donation.

After all, isn’t that what embracing the holiday spirit is all about?

**All of us at the Herald
wish our readers
a Happy Hanukkah
and Merry Christmas!**

LETTERS

D’Amato’s right on bail reform

To the Editor:

Al D’Amato’s stance on criminal justice reform, expressed in his column last week, “Criminals’ early release threatens public safety,” rings true with me and many of my friends. D’Amato correctly identified the mishandling of legal factors by our State Assembly and Senate, and how their rush to satisfy leaves the public in the danger zone.

The reforms passed in Albany have been pushed through with the same lack of discussion and reason that was shown in passing

the NY Safe Act. Neither action was based on logic, factual information and considered judgment; rather, both were rushes to judgment that will require damage control to prevent the negative outcomes that are predictable when discussion and disclosure are bypassed and decisions are moved behind closed doors or carried out sans transparency.

D’Amato indicated that there is action being taken to remedy the damage caused by hasty reforms, but he didn’t note the bill numbers and identifying information for the proposals in either house. Since the impetus for change usually comes from the people, I hope he will oblige us by publishing the need-

ed information, so that those of us who like to fight for progress and reform in the light of day can offer our encouragement to our lawmakers.

ERIC SPINNER
New Hyde Park

With gratitude from the Red Cross

To the Editor:

During this holiday season of hope and gratitude, I offer my heartfelt thanks to those who enable the American Red Cross to help

OPINIONS

HPV vaccine bill would be unconstitutional

New York state law requires that children be inoculated against nearly a dozen highly contagious diseases, including smallpox, measles, meningitis and polio. Some state legislators now want to add the sexually transmitted disease human papillomavirus, or HPV, to that list.

These legislators assert that because HPV can lead to cervical cancer later in life, all children entering seventh grade must be immunized against it, regardless of their parents' wishes.



**AMEER
BENNO**

An online petition opposing the bill has garnered more than 87,700 signatures over the past month,

and the American College of Pediatricians has condemned such legislation.

But there's another reason to reject this legislation: It runs afoul of the Constitution.

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that a state's police power allows it, in certain circumstances, to compel vaccinations, including as a condition for school attendance. But parents' right to make decisions about the care of their children — including what goes into their bodies — is one that the Supreme Court long ago deemed to be fundamental.

Whenever government conduct infringes on a fundamental right, it must

pass "strict scrutiny," the most exacting standard of review. Under this standard, the state must establish that the law is necessary to achieve a compelling government purpose, and that it interferes with protected rights no more than absolutely necessary.

The proposed HPV vaccine legislation falls short on both counts.

While reducing the number of cervical cancer deaths in New York is a legitimate and important public health goal, it doesn't rank as a *compelling* state interest. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cervical cancer was reported in only 0.008 percent of women in New York state in 2016, the most current year for which data is available, and that same year, just 0.002 percent — two *thousands* of one percent — of women in New York died from it. In other words, there's no cervical cancer epidemic in the Empire State.

By comparison, during the decades in which the smallpox vaccine was made mandatory in schools, from the mid-19th to the early 20th century, the mortality rate from smallpox in New York City was 8,000 percent higher, as were the death rates from measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and meningitis.

Further, given that New York does not mandate sex education or HPV education in its schools, it cannot credibly argue that it has an overriding interest

in reducing the number of HPV infections. And since the state has never required pap tests, it is doubtful that it would ever be able to prove a paramount interest in eradicating cervical cancer.

Even if driving down the number of cervical cancer deaths in New York were a compelling state interest, forcing young children to receive HPV vaccinations is unnecessary to achieve that goal. First, while infections from smallpox, measles, polio, tuberculosis and the like occur by inhalation of airborne contagions, HPV can only be transmitted through sexual intercourse. Moreover, it can take decades for an HPV infection to cause cervical cancer, if it ever does. Vaccinating against the virus is therefore not essential to contain an imminent public-health crisis.

Second, because sexually transmitted diseases are preventable through lifestyle and behavioral choices that can be taught, injecting pathogens into children's bodies is needless. Third, the HPV vaccine only protects against *some* strains of the virus. Thus, even with the vaccine, a woman could still contract a strain that can lead to cancer.

Nor is compulsory HPV vaccination a narrowly tailored means of reducing the overall incidence of cervical cancer. Making the vaccine mandatory for elementary-school students would not necessarily mean that fewer adult women

would die of cervical cancer in New York. We don't know what percentage of schoolchildren who received the vaccine would remain in New York, nor do we know how many women would move here not having received the vaccine.

Most of the time, HPV goes away on its own, without causing health problems. Only a small percentage of women whose bodies cannot clear the virus — estimated at about 10 percent — are at risk of developing cervical cancer, and only a fraction of them ever do.

Similarly, the contraction of HPV can be prevented through sexual education, use of condoms and premarital abstinence. Regular pap tests are successful at detecting cell changes on the cervix that might become cervical cancer. All of these are effective options that impose no restrictions on parents' constitutional right to make decisions about the care of their children.

To be sure, the HPV vaccine appears to be effective in preventing many strains of the virus that can lead to cervical cancer, and it may very well be advisable to have it. But that's not the point. The decision whether to administer this vaccine to a child, regardless of its efficacy, should be made by the child's parents, not the government.

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It would illegally restrict parents' right to make decisions about their children's care.

LETTERS

those who need it most. Thank you to our selfless volunteers, dedicated employees, civic-minded partners and generous donors.

Our 800-plus volunteers and employees from across Nassau and Suffolk counties share of themselves to help the most vulnerable prepare for and recover from life-changing emergencies. They run out at a moment's notice, often in the middle of the night, to provide care for their fellow Long Islanders at critical and uncertain moments in their lives. This year alone, our team members have stood by their neighbors after more than 300 local disasters on Long Island.

At times, when called upon, these same people put their lives on hold to travel far from home, after wildfires, mass shootings and hurricanes, to name a few, where their help was needed after devastating disasters. Their commitment is unwavering, and they represent the best of Long Island and this country.

Our partners share with us a common purpose and community spirit that helps connect more indi-

viduals with critical humanitarian support. This collaboration contributes to the strong sense of community we have across Long Island. One notable example of this teamwork is our Home Fire Campaign, a lifesaving initiative that allowed for the installation of thousands of smoke alarms in homes across Nassau and Suffolk counties, thanks to the collaboration of local fire departments, elected officials, community groups and corporations, like PSE-GLongIsland and NationalGrid.

And our financial supporters invest in our services to allow us to be at the ready 24/7, 365 days a year.

As I witness my fellow Red Cross colleagues stand alongside their neighbors in need, I can't help but feel humbled and thankful to be part of this meaningful mission.

NEELA LOCKEL
Chief executive officer,
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