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\$350 collected in cash will go toward purchasing items from the shelter's wish list.
 "When our residents come together to donate to our animals, especially during the holiday season, it is truly heart warming," Islip Town Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt said in a statement. "Everyone deserves to be happy for the holidays and that includes all of our animals waiting for their forever homes."
 To make a donation to Islip Animal Shelter, call 224-5660.
 — SARAH ARMAGHAN

RIVERHEAD

Utilities to get use of runway at EPCAL

In the event of major future storms, Riverhead will let the Long Island Power Authority, KeySpan and National Grid keep vehicles and other equipment on the south end of the 7,000-foot-long runway at the town-owned Enterprise Park at Calverton at no cost to the utilities.
 The town board has also agreed to let utility workers and contractors use the kitchen and other facilities at the Henry Pfeifer Community Center — once part of a gatehouse building operated by Grumman Aircraft — for the duration of any emergency.
 The new agreement, which will allow the utilities to preposition equipment before a storm, is similar to one approved for LIPA but had to be redrafted after PSE&G agreed to take over LIPA operations. It was approved by the River-



ROOSEVELT. Shara Perry and her son, Gregory, 4, pasted icing on the side of a gingerbread house yesterday at Centennial Avenue Elementary School, where students made the houses with their teachers, aides and parents.

head town board Tuesday.
 — MITCHELL FREEDMAN

GARDEN CITY

Free breast cancer support groups set

The Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Program is offering free support groups for men and women starting late next month.
 There will be a group for women on Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for eight weeks. There will also be a group for young women with

breast cancer on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
 Another group for women with metastatic breast cancer will meet on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. A group for single women with breast cancer will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
 A group for men and women with the BRCA gene mutations will meet on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a group for men with breast cancer that will meet monthly on the second Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
 All groups will meet at Adelphi University School of Social

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What I cover

Along with col Ted Phillips, I cover Oyster Bay Town, its 16 incorporated villages and City of Glen Cove. My connection to the town when I was 1 year old: my mother bought a bungalow in Bayville. I have covered the town on and off for 38 years, first as a part-timer for an Oyster Bay newspaper while in college, then as editor weekly and periodically for my 32 years at New

Coming up
 I'll be at Monday Oyster Bay Cove City Council

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Work, 1 South Ave. in Garden City. Preregistration is required. For information, call coordinator Sandi Kafetz at 516-877-4314.
 The program, established in 1980, provides informal support to breast cancer patients, their families and friends. For more information, call hotline at 800-877-8077 or visit adelphi.edu/nysbreast.
 — AISH

PORT

Cuomo vetoes armory measure

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 Andrew M. Cuomo vetoed a controversial bill that would have transferred the Freeport Armory to a nonprofit to run programs for at-risk youth.

Other village residents said the building should be sold for private development, while some said Freeport is already host to more than its share of social service agencies. But Cedarmore representatives said the facility would have provided valuable educational and recreational tools for local children after the sale.
 Cuomo said in a statement

"Given the lack of consensus among those most impacted by this transaction, it is more prudent to give the parties a chance to resolve any differences between themselves," Cuomo said.
 Cedarmore is a nonprofit that shares space with Zion Cathedral Church of God in Christ, which is across the street from the armory.

"It has become a political football," White said. "Whether it happens or it doesn't, I say 'Thanks be to God.'"
 Freeport Mayor Robert Kennedy said the village will work with White on his outreach programs. He said the veto was the right move.
 "This veto is a positive step to assist Freeport in fixing its infrastructure," Kennedy said

for years to come."
 The State Senate approved the bill in the early morning of the final day of the legislative session, which attracted attention from Freeport residents. The vote was clandestine. Earlene Hoopes (D-Steinway) sponsored the bill.
 Attempts to reach a compromise were not successful. The armory is located