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Annual Gateway Holiday Bash

The Gateway Youth Outreach, St. Boniface Human Services and the Elmont Health Clinic, recently held their annual young people's holiday party. Over 375 children attended and there was entertainment, food, and much fun.

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Sewanhaka Shares Sounds of Season

The Music Department of Sewanhaka High School brought the sounds of holiday joy to the EAB Plaza in Uniondale on Dec. 14. Over 100 students performed in the lobby of the plaza.

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Dunkin Donuts Robbery in Elmont

Fifth Squad detectives are investigating a robbery that occurred on Dec. 31 at 2:55 a.m. in a Dunkin Donuts shop in Elmont.

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Paintings That Make A Lasting Impression

Baldwin's Daniel Pollera began painting a year and a half ago, and in that short amount of time, the self-taught artist has gained a lot of attention. And it goes far beyond Long Island's south shore. His seascapes and landscapes have garnered worldwide recognition.

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21st Annual Christmas Party

More than 900 guests, including Nassau foster children, adopted children and their families, and Dr. Loretta Long, a.k.a. "Susan" of the television show *Sesame Street* all gathered for the 21st annual Commissioner's Christmas Party last week at the Marriott Hotel in Uniondale.

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Baldwin's
First Lady
of Film



The Wizard of Elmont

Immacula's Hair Care Clinic Specializes in the Management of Alopecia and Cancer Treatments



Immacula Oligario, owner of the Immacula Hair Clinic in Elmont.

By ROBERTA COHEN

Debra Rodgers of Elmont has been going to Immacula's Hair Clinic for seven years. After moving to Elmont in 1990, she happened to be shopping in the Home Depot across the street and noticed the beauty shop. Rodgers, who had been looking for a new salon for her hard-to-manage hair, decided to try it.

"I liked the fact that Immacula looked at my hair and examined it. I love her French hair care products, which worked wonders for my hair. For the first time in my life, I knew what it was like to have beautiful, healthy hair," said Rodgers.

Immacula Oligario of the Immacula Hair Clinic in Elmont, is a well-known expert in the care and healing of damage to textured hair. She is a hair wizard who, with her special touch, transforms the lives of clients who have long suffered through a world of hair troubles.

Oligario's specialization was born out of her own personal experience with Alopecia, or female pattern baldness. When she was in her early 30's, she fell victim to the disease, which is caused by such things as stress, poor nutrition, and anemia.

After nine long years of experimenting with different products, Oligario finally found French beauty specialist Jean Claude Megrec in Paris, who she consulted with. She decided to use his products for her salon.

Oligario is a leader in the care and management of the Alopecia and also works with women recovering from radiation treatments for cancer. The hairdresser helps these women re-grow their hair while healing the heart and spirit as well. She has a private room in the back of her salon just for these women.

"What we do is try to heal damaged scalp—as well as elevate low self-esteem and get the hair healthy. We work from a very individualized and holistic perspective. My staff and I consider the whole person, their lifestyle, diet, and stress level, which are all contributing



Immacula Oligario and one of her staff in the private room she uses for those who suffer from Alopecia or are recovering from radiation treatments for cancer.

factors. We work on improving nutrition. Then we cut, style, grow and maintain hair in a beautiful and natural look," said Oligario.

The Immacula Method uses specialized and healthy products from around the world, natural approaches such as scalp massage and advanced technology. Immacula's is one of six salons in the country that uses a tool called a Capillscope, or hand-held microscope that is run through the hair to analyze and detect how healthy each strand is. The machine magnifies the hair bulb 120 times so that you can actually see how the hair is growing. "This way, you see the hair problem before it happens, and you can prevent it," says Oligario.

Oligario is a pioneer in her field with 25 years of experience. Born in Haiti, she attended the Technical School of Cosmetology in the country and graduated. From here, the hairdresser came to New York and went to the Robert Fiance Beauty School, where she studied for her cosmetology license.

The beauty novice from Elmont is a divorced mother with two children, an eighteen-year-old daughter, who works in the shop but is studying to become a psychologist, and a fourteen-year-old son. Oligario's salon is geared towards women, but she does everyone's hair, including that of children. She gets her referrals by word of mouth.

In addition to the beauty field, Oligario also offers a helping of spiritual counseling and motherly concern to those who walk through her doors. On January 30, she will be ordained as an interfaith minister. Asked why she wanted to do this, Oligario explains, "I decided to go with the flow, and surrender to my feelings. I didn't know what direction my life was going and I decided that I also wanted to help people spiritually."

The Immacula Hair Care Clinic is located at 1745 Hempstead Tpke., on the border of Queens and Long Island.