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To open women's boutique on South Street

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Plans 'Floro's Mercantile' in redeveloped storefront where her family's New Way Lunch once operated.

Ali Gazetos Mineo will open a women's boutique — Floro's Mercantile — in the South Street storefront where her family's New Way Lunch once operated.

It will be located on the first floor of the 15 South Street building that Chris Patten is renovating.

Ms. Gazetos Mineo hopes to open within a few months and says she plans to offer "**elevated basics** for women **that I feel are hard to find locally**."



Ali Gazetos Mineo is the great-granddaughter of John Floro, who started New Way Lunch, which she, her brother and her parents operate.

Chronicle photo/Zander Frost

It will have lines of **new women's clothing** — nothing vintage. "I'll offer **some handbags and accessories,** but I'm really going to try to stick to mostly clothing."

Ms. Gazetos Mineo said she wants women to "know they can get specific things that they need for events and for work." Also, styling and shopping services for customers who are shopping for women. "And I am going to have my own line to launch — a few pieces of clothing that have my logo."

Floro's is named for Ms. Gazetos Mineo's great-grandfather, John Floro, who founded New Way Lunch. She notes, "John Floro had five daughters, and they all loved clothes and were very fashionable. That was another reason why I picked the name."

New Way Lunch moved across

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Hot ticket!



Current Broadway cast members of the musical 'Mama Mia! will perform at the Jan. 12 Adirondack Theatre Festival benefit. Tix said to be selling fast!
Details, interview p. 16

Thurston will be Palmer's staff chief

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

Former Post-Star Managing Editor **Steve Thurston** will be Mayor Diana Palmer's Chief of Staff. She is **retaining Jeff Flagg and Chip McTiernan** although their duties will change.

Mayor Palmer will **eliminate the Communications Director** position. **Taylor Basford and Claudia Braymer** will be **the new city attorneys.**

Mayor's '100-day plan,' p. 11

Kate Austin: Trans story should not be front page news; it's hard enough for child

To the Editor:

[Re 'Trans issue erupts at Qby School,' Dec. 18 *Chronicle*] The last thing a child needs is this being broadcast as front page news, with hateful comments being given weight as significant space in print. 20-30% of trans teens have attempted suicide in the past year, with 46% having considered it. There is absolutely no need for this to be in

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Lindsie Utter, Qby. student: 'Privacy is not prejudice'

To the Editor:

Many New York State schools like Queensbury claim they are required to allow students to use locker rooms based on their gender identity.

Administrators often present this policy as if it is a settled law, which leaves students and parents with the impression that they have no alternative.

That claim is misleading. New York State law does not

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ASCEND CEO writes 'to clarify misconceptions' about Genesis House on Chester St.

To the Editor,

I am writing to respectfully clarify several misconceptions that have appeared in recent Letters to the Editor regarding ASCEND Mental Wellness and our Genesis Community Residence. First, I would like to thank our Chester Street neighbors for voicing their concerns about the care of individuals residing at Genesis. As shared during the Community

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Author of full-page ad 'Cost of Trump agenda' responds to criticism

Hi Mark,

This letter responds to Mike Duesler's comments regarding the advertisement on the economic costs of President Trump's agenda (Dec. 11 *Chronicle*.)

Mr. Duesler is correct that the $20 billion provided to Argentina was structured as a loan rather than a traditional bailout, and I should have been clearer on that point. However, Argentina already

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