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Courtesy Allison Lillis

BARBARA LILLIS, CENTER, has spent much of her time at home playing games like Rummikub with granddaughters Jordan, left, and Jessica.

Coronavirus forcing change in seniors' lives

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After the Glen Cove Senior Center closed and the Sea Cliff Mutual Concerns Committee's biweekly senior luncheons were canceled, many older adults across the North Shore lost a precious food supply and the ability to socialize with friends. Carol Waldman, former executive director of the city's senior center, said many live alone, and isolation can result in depression.

"There's a flow, and now that flow is broken," said Jean Quartarolo, 90, of Glen Cove.

"You just try to do what you can, but it's just not the same as being with your friends."

Quartarolo said she is fortunate because she lives with her daughter and son-in-law.

Those who are alone, however, are not without help.

Senior center lends a hand

Christine Rice, the senior center's executive director, said she and her staff reach out to members by phone daily to ensure their wellbeing. They are also holding the Adult Day Program by video-chat, she said, enabling members with

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Life at a distance – for some, it's about adapting

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Although students' needs are being met in the Glen Cove City School District during the coronavirus pandemic — learning materials, internet access and even breakfast and lunch — one thing is missing: time with friends.

"It's interesting," said Alexis DiMaggio, a Glen Cove mother of two, ages 9 and 10. "They're adapting to being at home. My 9-year-old wanted to be home-schooled, but now he wants to go back to school."

That's why DiMaggio, and a

group of other parents, brought their children to Connolly School on Sunday, instead of enjoying a relaxing morning in front of the television wearing pajamas. The purpose was to socialize, but no one got out of a car. The children chatted through open windows and sunroofs. "It was just a nice way to say hi on a Sunday morning," DiMaggio said.

Waving to friends has become a means of socializing and a new reality. "I feel bad for these kids," DiMaggio said. "They don't get it."

In an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, many policies have

been introduced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo that have changed the way New Yorkers live their daily lives, such as the closure of schools and non-essential businesses.

Alexander Papas, of Glen Cove, went to the Connolly meet-up. The father of an 8- and 10-year-old, he owns the Glen Cove Printery with his parents and brothers. His wife, Julie, owns ClayNation, an art studio on Forest Avenue.

"We're really juggling things right now," Alexander said. "Kids are home, business has slowed. My wife has to figure out how we're going to keep produc-

ing at her shop while the doors have to be closed. The print shop does mailings and some shipping, so theoretically we can stay open, but we have to keep employees safe, and everything has to be done via internet or phone."

"The kiddos are doing OK, but we're really trying to keep

them in a good state of mind," Papas added. "Rainy days seem way tougher to deal with. When the sun is shining, you can go outside and get distracted."

When children are home from school it also affects their parents, said Sea Cliff resident Suzanne Cohen, who runs a

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Creating new ways to reach people

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weekly mothers' support group, usually at the village library. The group held its March 19 meeting via webcam and Zoom, Cohen said, with eight women attending.

Although she was hesitant at first, Cohen said the online meeting was a success. It was therapeutic for all involved, although the normal topics were set aside in favor of chatting about virtual quarantines and balancing working from home with child care.

Even so, it was interesting, Cohen said. The mothers spoke about their shared experiences as well as what they have found beneficial during what many said was a difficult time. They were glad to see other moms echo their concerns, which normalized and validated feelings that, before the meeting, they may have feared were only theirs.

"Having to do the group online didn't really take away from much," Cohen said. "I think we were still able to get the same benefits that we usually do."

One of the Zoom conference's big pluses, she said, was the chance for mothers who can't normally attend meetings to do so virtually. Some people, Cohen said, don't have child care, or have other obligations.

"It was definitely a good way to connect, for sure," she said. "It's something I would maybe even do when we're on the other side of this, just because we were able to have other people join that normally aren't able to."

Finding useful distraction from the pandemic isn't easy for Alexander Papas, however. He is an administrator of the Facebook group "Glen Cove Neighbors." "That's a job on its own," he said. "It's a great resource for the community during a time like this, where the internet is everyone's way to share news and communicate."

Kevin Worgul, a clinical psychologist who lives in Glen Cove, also believes that the internet is a positive tool allowing people to connect during challenging times. "I just think that social distancing doesn't mean emotional distance," he said, "and people need to do what



Courtesy Peggie Como

GREGORY NEMIROV, 12, is helping Sea Cliff's Mutual Concern Committee stock its food pantry for older adults in need.

they can to connect."

Worgul has been working remotely, holding sessions with clients by phone or Skype. "For people with pre-existing issues, with depression and anxiety," he said, "obviously the condition of the world right now does nothing to alleviate it."

Julie Papas said she hoped to help others alleviate stress with art. When ClayNation closed on March 13, she started selling "to-go art kits" that could be ordered online or picked up curbside. "It's been steady," she said, "and we feel good about helping people who are isolated or stuck at home with kids to create something together and use art as therapy during this difficult time."

Papas also planned to stream free and live art lessons for children and adults. "I'm trying to innovate and create new ways to reach people until we can get back to normal," she explained.

But "normal" and "new" vary from person to person. Much of the average day is the same for Glen Cove resident Alicia Neppi. She still goes to work as a bookkeeper at Penn Toyota in Greenvale, though her exercise routine has been relocated from The Max Challenge of Glen Cove to her own house.

Neppi used to go to the gym's 5 a.m. classes. But after Gov. Andrew Cuomo closed gyms last week, she started doing virtual classes. Despite missing the people she has met at the gym, she said she's been enjoying doing three classes at a time.

"You're getting everything you need from them," Neppi said of the online classes. "They're doing their end of the bargain. The only thing is that you're doing it at home instead of the gym."

The Max Challenge has been offering four-live streams a day that clients can use whenever it's convenient. According to Matilde Tysz, a co-owner of the gym, most clients have continued their memberships. "We've lost some, but most are staying with us," Tysz said. "We've moved quickly to provide a virtual experience, combining fitness classes, nutritional counseling and, now more than ever, motivation."

Asked what people can do to stay motivated and productive, Worgul recommended that they try to establish new routines, such as continuing to exercise even when gyms are closed. "The typical routine that helps people cope is no longer available," he said.

It's important to do anything that provides normalcy, Worgul added, even if it's just walking the dog. "I think we're all evolving," he said. "Nobody on the planet has ever gone through this before."

Mike Conn contributed to this story.

Volunteers lending a hand to older adults

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physical or cognitive impairments to take part in chair yoga and dance from home.

Members understand they are most at risk of contracting coronavirus and potentially dying from it, and the center is working to ease their fears, Rice said.

"This generation really takes that seriously and worries about it," she said. "We're trying to reassure them on every level that this is not going to be forever, that we'll all be together at the senior center again."

Calls to the senior center are redirected to staff members' personal phones, Rice said, so members can ask for help anytime. "On every level," she said, "we're trying to support them in every way we can."

A Sea Cliff support system

Peggie Como, president of the Mutual Concerns Committee, said the group is acting to aid older adults in need. Before its luncheons were canceled, Jane McGiloway and Elizabeth Mitchell made sure participants had support from nearby family members or friends. Como added that the committee offers delivery of food from Village Hall's pantry. She or another volunteer bring it to homes.

Como said she cannot know about

every senior in need, and she cannot do all the work alone. The number of people willing to help has been a blessing, she said, although she is not surprised, given Sea Cliff residents' penchant for volunteerism. Even people as young as 12, like her grandson, are pitching in.

"I have to depend on the whole village to call me and let me know," Como said. "That's what I'm depending on, and luckily it is a village of volunteers."

McGilloway said she is confident Sea Cliff will persevere through this crisis. "This shows a very strong, self-sufficient community," she said.

Older adults making do

Barbara Lillis, 79, of Sea Cliff, said she has tried to make the best of the situation. She lives with her son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters, with whom she has played many board games since schools closed last week. Lillis said she is frightened for older adults who live alone, and she is thankful to have her family so close.

"Because I have my family around me, I feel pretty good," she said. "I feel grateful that I'm here, and I know that they're right there if I need them."

Mimi Simonetti, 92, and Sally DiMiceli, 77, who live together in Glen Cove, said they

are fortunate to have each other. The hardest part has been having to stay away from other people, DiMiceli said, even family members who bring food and other necessities. It is strange, she said, to wave to them from afar instead of embracing them.

Simonetti said they try to call their friends from the senior center as often as possible to check on them. But she and DiMiceli agreed that no phone call could match the experience of socializing in person.

Elected leaders helping

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said she has been working with County Executive Laura Curran to ensure people are doing what they can to stay healthy. She understands the crucial role that the Glen Cove Senior Center plays in ensuring older adults get their exercise and socialize, but closing it was a prudent measure.

The county has set up hotlines that people can call if they are concerned about their physical or mental health, DeRiggi-Whitton said. However, being outside and maintaining one's relationships are good ways for all people, not just older adults, to get through this crisis.

"The mind and the body are connected," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "So, yes, be worried, and yes, stay apart, but still try to enjoy nature and call people on the phone and keep the contact going."

Legislator Josh Lafazan, an Independent from Woodbury, posted a YouTube video asking for volunteers to shop for seniors who cannot leave their homes. The next day, many people responded.

Lafazan and his staff paired volunteers with older adults living in the same communities. "The volunteers are from high school students to people who are parents," Lafazan said. "They are people that want to give back."

Lafazan has more volunteers than older adults, and anyone who needs a volunteer shopper should call (516) 571-6218.

Quartarolo advised people to keep their heads up through this crisis and power through it. "I'm 90 years old, so I've gone through a few things in life, and this, of course, was very unexpected," she said. "It's upsetting what's going on. It's depressing to see all these people are passing away, but it hasn't shaken me to the core . . . I'm trying to take it in stride."

Laura Lane contributed to this story.

North Shore addresses Cuomo's salon closures

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Governor Cuomo issued a directive via Twitter on the morning of March 20 ordering all barber shops, nail and hair salons, and tattoo parlors to close, effective March 21 at 8 p.m.

The governor tweeted the directive at 8:48 a.m., stating, "These temporary closures are not going to be easy, but they are necessary to protect the public health."

"What we do next will have a massive impact on the trajectory of this virus in New York," the governor had tweeted earlier in the week. "We can only maintain public health by staying apart. The decision each of us makes now will impact us all tomorrow. Stay home."

Salon Solis in Sea Cliff was completely booked last week, owner Graciela Bustos said. She and her team knew these closures were likely to happen, she said. Bustos spent some of mid-March at a salon business seminar in California planning for them. There, she said she worked with other salon owners from across the country on what they could do to stay afloat if these closures were to come to fruition and how to take a day by day approach to their adjusting business models.

Although she and her four employees will not be able to offer their usual services of hair care, massage and Reiki, Bustos said they plan on delivering hair products to clients who order them over the phone or social media. Additionally, she said clients who have frequently had their hair colored at Salon Solis can have their unique color made in the salon and delivered to their homes.

"I know [the closures are] for everybody, but I'm very positive about this," Bustos said. "I know we have to be here for each other and work together, and what's good for my client is what's good for me."

Once Salon Solis opens its doors again, Bustos said it will offer money-saving specials to clients, as she understands that many people will have difficult financial situations moving forward.

Alex Murdakhayev, owner of Johnny's Barber Shop in Oyster Bay said he was shocked by the governor's order. He had not been busy lately, he said, probably due to the coronavirus. Murdakhayev said people have been scared to come by. But on Friday everyone seemed to want a haircut.

"They come wearing a mask and don't want to have their hair washed," he said. "They also ask if I sterilize my instruments."

Although it will not be easy closing his shop, Murdakhayev said it's the right thing to do. "People need to be protected," he said, "so they won't get infected."

Help may be provided for small businesses, he reasoned. "If they give me money and I don't have to return it I will be OK," he said.

Destiny K, an assistant at Sherry's Hair Salon in Glen Cove who asked the Herald Gazette not to use her full



Courtesy Graciela Bustos Kilfoil

SALON SOLIS OWNERS Graciela Bustos Kilfoil, second from right, and John Kilfoil and their staff, including, Maritza Alvarez, left, and Moonshine Ruiz are ready to serve their clients however they can during the closure period.

name, said that the team would look into getting compensation during this time.

"We can't make our money," she said. "So, we really can't pay our bills right now."

The hair stylists that work at Bay Beauty, in Bayville, are independent contractors. One employee, who would not give her name, said she is worried. "If we don't have clients we don't make income," she said. "No business insurance will cover this because you need to have a storm or a fire to get coverage."

Cindy Chiarella, owner of the Twin Moons Creations tattoo parlor in Glen Head, said she was prepared for Cuomo's announcement, given his recent string of closure rulings. She said the situation is an unfortunate one but she expects to come out of it with her business as strong as ever.

"It's going to be tough," Chiarella said, "but if you're proactive in a lot of things, you're ready for stuff like

this, as much as you can be."

At the very least, Chiarella said, the coronavirus pandemic has not yet had as negative an effect on Long Island as

Hurricane Sandy did in 2012. Then, people were without food and electricity, she said, whereas now they are able to be in their homes with their essential needs intact.

"We're shut down like everybody else," she added, "but there are people in much worse shape than we are and I feel bad for them."

Chiarella said that she and her four employees will likely keep busy by continuing making art at home. However, she said it would be selfish to think that people would want to pay for artwork at a time like this. Instead, she said

people should focus on helping each other as best as possible and to act when they see a neighbor in need.

Later that morning, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran wrote on Twitter that the U.S. Small Business Administration had declared Nassau

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CINDY CHIARELLA
Twin Moons
Creations

County a danger zone, meaning that the SBA would offer low-interest loans for small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

The Family First Coronavirus Response Act, which was signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 18, is also aiding Americans directly affected by the pandemic by providing paid sick leave and unemployment benefits, along with other relief plans.

Lisa Cohn, president of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, said she is worried that the loans from the SBA may be too much paperwork and she is worried for the businesses that may not be computer savvy to access the information needed. She said she believes that one way to go is to pause rent payment.

"It is what it is," Bustos said. "We have to accept, respect and appreciate everything that we have, now more than ever."

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NYSED suspends many assessment tests

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The New York State Education Department suspended shipping grades three through eight English Language Arts tests that were scheduled to arrive in schools on March 16. SED officials informed districts state-wide that state assessments for elementary and middle school students would be suspended this academic year.

"The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the New York State Education Department is suspending all NYS Elementary and Intermediate-Level State Assessments for the remainder of the school year in response to the statewide closures of schools and districts to prevent the spread of COVID-19," wrote Betty A. Rosa, the chancellor of NYSED, in a letter to district superintendents, principals of public, religious and independent schools, along with leaders of charter schools.

The suspension applies to: the English Language Art and mathematics tests for third to eighth graders, fourth grade elementary-level science test, eighth grade intermediate-level science test, English as a second language achievement test for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and the alternate assessment for students with severe cognitive disabilities for students from third grade to high school.

"This is not the time to create more stress for our kids, which is why we called on the federal government to take exactly this action on behalf of our students, educators and our schools," said Andy Pallotta, the president of New York State United Teachers. "This decision rightly allows the school community to put out focus where it should be: On staying safe and healthy, rather than on preparing for tests at a time of significant disruption."

College Board has also canceled the SAT and SAT Subject Test administration that was to take place on May 2. A makeup exam for the March 14 administration, which was scheduled for March 28, was also canceled as was the SAT School Day administration, which was scheduled for March 25. The exam scheduled for June 6 is still scheduled



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THE NEW YORK State Education Department suspended shipments of the ELA exams while schools are closed because of the coronavirus outbreak.

for now.

"College Board is working with local partners, and we'll soon share further information about weekday school-based SAT, PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 administrations scheduled for this spring," according to a statement on Collegeboard.org.

Students who already registered for May, whose test centers in March were closed or who did not receive their March test scores because of the current situation, will be refunded.

"College Board will provide future additional SAT testing opportunities for students as soon as possible in place of canceled administrations," the statement read. "We'll be as flexible as possible to give students the best chance to show their skills and stay on the path to college."

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat serving District 11, echoed the point that leaders

should do what it takes to reduce stress at this time.

"I think families are under so much stress," she said. "This would be another way to reduce stress at this time."

DeRiggi-Whitton added that she believes the mind is connected to the immune system. "We're trying to do everything we can to alleviate stress."

Kim Velentzas, a Glen Cove City School District parent, added that if NYSED were to not cancel the tests, it wouldn't just put pressure on the students who take the test. It would put duress on the administrators and teachers too.

"That was a call that should have been made from day one," Velentzas

said. "They did it, so at least that is one less thing our district has to worry about."

She said that her eighth-grade son has been doing well learning from home. And that though he's had a decent amount of work, it hasn't been too much. "Glen Cove teachers are wonderful and we're very blessed," Velentzas said.

"Our district has had so much pressure within the past week," she said. "It would have been so irresponsible to not cancel [the state tests]."

Check nysed.gov and collegeboard.org for updates on assessments.

Jeff Bessen contributed to this story.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On March 8, a 30-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for fourth-degree criminal mischief on Beverly Road.

■ On March 9, a 39-year-old male from Locust Valley male arrested for driving while intoxicated, an aggravated DWI and numerous vehicle and traffic law violations on Duck Pond Road.

■ On March 11, a 30-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for fourth degree criminal mischief on Midge Street.

■ On March 16, a 24-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for criminal trespass on Titus Road.

■ On March 17, a 31-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for third-

degree criminal mischief, two counts of criminal mischief in the fourth degree and endangering the welfare of a child on Pearsall Avenue.

■ On March 17, a 38-year-old male from Sea Cliff was arrested for grand larceny in the fourth degree and falsifying business records in the first degree on Forest Avenue.

■ On March 17, a 40-year-old female from Locust Valley was arrested for driving while intoxicated, aggravated DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation, one count each of third degree, second degree and first degree, on Forest Avenue.

■ On March 19, a 32-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree on Craft Avenue.

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G.C. Hospital's latest on the coronavirus

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To keep people informed on how Glen Cove Hospital is addressing the coronavirus, Mayor Tim Tenke live-streamed a meeting with Kerri Scanlon, the hospital's director, and Dr. Bradley Sherman, its medical director, on Thursday.

The hospital has prepared for an influx of patients for over a month, Scanlon said, adding that the situation with COVID-19 is changing daily. "There is a robust emergency management system at Northwell," she said. "We are preparing for additional capacity at the hospital."

There are two closed units at the hospital that can be used, an intensive care unit and an ambulatory surgery unit. "We moved one of our medical surgical units up to a 14-bed ICU," Scanlon said, "so we can accept patients into private rooms that we had renovated last year."

What to do if you're feeling sick

"Call your primary-care doctor, but if you don't have one, go to urgent care," Sherman said. "Then self-quarantine. It's best to stay away from family members."

If symptoms worsen, he added, go to Glen Cove Hospital's emergency room for evaluation.

The state recently opened a coronavirus testing center at Jones Beach, but Sherman said people can not use it without an appointment. "After calling the hotline, you will be screened and given an appointment," he said. "If you go without one, you will be turned away."

The hotline to make an appointment is (888) 364-3065.

Visiting patients at Glen Cove Hospital

The visitation policy at the hospital has changed, Scanlon said. After visiting hours were changed, hospi-



Courtesy YouTube

GLEN COVE MAYOR Tim Tenke, left, live-streamed a meeting with Kerri Scanlon, the director of Glen Cove Hospital, and Dr. Bradley Sherman, the hospital's medical director, to discuss the coronavirus.

tal officials decided that only one person — wearing a mask — could see a patient.

"As of 4 p.m. on Thursday, the New York State Health Department has limited visitation completely," Scanlon said. "But if there are extenuating circumstances like death or dying, we would make an exception. We realize this is extremely difficult for some families when looking to find out the status of loved ones."

The hospital recommends that one family member be chosen to share patient updates, Scanlon said.

She added that a handful of patients have tested positive for the virus.

City government

City Hall, Tenke said, is open, but not to the public. Additionally, the city was complying with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's order to have only 25 percent of the essential

workforce on hand. The senior center is closed.

Tenke said there are other ways to be prepared. "The governor recommended having a home preparedness kit," he said. "You should have a thermometer, decongestants, anti-inflammatory drugs and acetaminophen for fevers."

Keeping hospital staff safe

Scanlon said that unlike some other medical facilities, Glen Cove Hospital has the needed equipment to protect its staff. "We have the support of a large health system to have personal protection equipment for our staff," she said. "It's important to have the right equipment. We've been monitoring that use and making sure the staff has it. Other areas have shortages."

"Glen Cove Hospital is open and ready to care for residents in every way," she said.

Glen Cove road repairs will go forward in April

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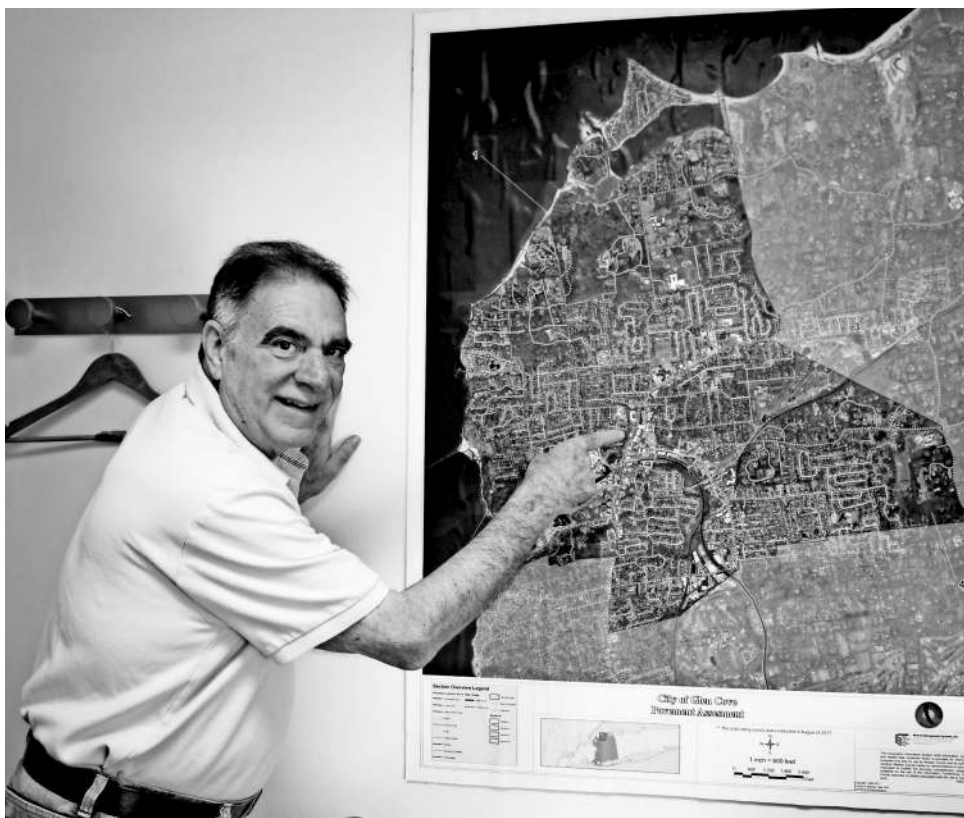
Of the 16 roads designated to be repaired in 2019, along with drainage repairs, only four were left undone. And those four are set to be repaired by May.

According to Louis Saulino, the director of Public Works, the road improvement project will move forward in April and should be complete by the end of May. Construction will be completed by the LiRo Group.

Roads repaired in 2019 that still need touch-ups have already begun receiving repairs. Street, Harwood Drive East and West, Southland Drive and Tulane Road will receive repairs, ranging from pavement, curb replacement and storm drain line repair.

Scott Kaffl, a Glen Cove resident, lives on Harwood Drive East and West with his family. He said that he was happy to hear that his road would be fixed. "We just took a walk today and noticed that the road is in need of repair," said Kaffl. "It's great to see that Glen Cove is invested."

Twenty more roads will be designated for repairs for 2020. "The city has currently authorized our roadway consultant to prepare contract plans for our 2020 capital program," said Saulino. "It is expected that this contract will go to competitive bidding in June 2020 with construction commencing in late July."



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GLEN COVE DEPARTMENT of Public Works Director Louis Saulino with a map that details the conditions of every road in the city.

Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews said that street repairs are part of the resident's quality of life. "I would

say it's brought up often by residents, and understandably so," he said. "It is difficult because we have a lot of streets that

need to be repaired."

Maureen Basdavanos, Glen Cove's deputy mayor, noted that because of the pandemic, the Department of Public Works' employees will work three days a week, taking off Thursdays and Fridays. "The majority of work that is going to be done is work that is absolutely necessary," she said.

And though Saulino said that DPW does not foresee any delays to due COVID-19, he added that it remains a possibility.

Garbage and recycling pickup

As of March 23, there will only be one day of garbage and recycling pickup for residents. If normal trash pickup is Monday and Thursday, trash and recycling will be only on Monday only. For those with pickup on Tuesday and Friday, trash and recycling will now be only on Tuesday. There will be no trash or recycling pickup on Thursdays or Fridays. Yard waste will continue to be picked up on Wednesday. Additionally, there will be no mattresses, no metal and no TV pick-up until further notice.

Stevenson-Mathews said that he's heard from residents that they understand and support the changes. "Residents, when they understand the need, they don't mind making the sacrifices," he said. "From my perspective, that's what Glen Cove does best."

G.C. residents provide some St. Patrick's Day joy

By JENNIFER CORR

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It was the morning of St. Patrick's Day when Robert Lynch, who often plays the bagpipes for profit this season, received a phone call from Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews.

Lynch, who said that his bagpipe business is losing thousands of dollars because of the coronavirus, had already agreed to play outside the house for a friend. However, Stevenson-Mathews wanted to take that a step further.

The plan was that the two would put on a concert outside of the homes of the elderly, while the surrounding neighborhood could also watch from outside their homes. Lynch would play the bagpipes and Stevenson-Mathews would sing 'Danny Boy' by Glenn Miller. Alex Kern, a resident of Glen Cove, would set up the speakers and the microphone for them.

They made sure to do all of this while keeping a safe distance from one another, riding in separate cars and doing their part one at a time.

"It was very nice to get the chance to do it yesterday even though I made no money," Lynch said, adding that this past St. Patrick's Day was his most meaningful one yet.

On the "Glen Cove Neighbors" Facebook group, Kern posted a video at noon of Stevenson-Mathews singing and wearing a traditional Irish kilt, writing "We're out cheering up our elderly and bring St. Patrick's Day to you. Please post your address if you want us to come by."



Courtesy Alex Kern

WWII VETERAN, BOB O'Neill, sits in the doorway of his home, as Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews prepares to sing Danny Boy.

The home of Eileen Purcell, an 81-year-old Glen Cove resident who was originally from Ireland, was among the 30 houses that were paid a visit. Though she stayed in her home, she was able to see them and listen to the music.

Her daughter, Sandra Livoti, said that a family friend had given the men her address, adding that Purcell enjoyed singing along. "She's been down in the dumps the last couple of weeks so that put a smile on her face.

"Not only could we not celebrate St. Patrick's Day with out mom, but she just

lost her younger brother two weeks ago and since he lived in Ireland and my mother has health issues, she wasn't able to go and attend his funeral," Livoti said. "To hear how happy she was on the phone when she called me was priceless."

While visiting homes, Stevenson-Mathews highlighted the importance of everyone keeping their distance. He told curious neighbors, through a sign and his voice, to keep at least eight feet away. He also requested that the elderly remain inside.

"We can come together as a community even if we stand apart," he said, adding "It would be a way of bringing St. Patrick's Day joy to the community without bringing any harm."

Robert John O'Neill, a 95-year-old Glen Cove resident who fought in WW2, was disappointed to hear that the annual Glen Cove Saint Patrick's Day Parade was cancelled, his daughter Kerri O'Neill said.

"Every year I bring my dad to the parade," she said. "When I heard that Gaitley was doing this, they came right over."

She said that her father, who is also Irish descent, sat right at the door and watched and listened to the singing and the bagpipes. "He's not going to have St. Paddy's day parade this year, so this really helped," she said.

"You can just see the joy on this face," Stevenson-Mathews said. "The fact that this man of Irish ancestry got to hear the pipes and hear an Irish song... we heard from his daughter that it made his day."

He added that he saw one elderly woman place her hand over her heart as she listened to the music and that he saw others using their phones to record himself and Lynch performing in their kilts. He hopes that doing acts of kindness become "contagious."

Kern noted that he has seen many people around Glen Cove connecting on Facebook to help each other out during this time.

"I think that's what makes the community so special," Kern said.

North Shore to provide meals for health care workers

By JENNIFER CORR

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As health care workers continue to show up to work while others stay home, people in the North Shore have decided that the medical workers should not have to worry about bringing their lunch or dinner.

The staff at Gemelli Gourmet Market North in Glen Head are offering free breakfast and lunch for doctors and nurses. "We appreciate you and all that you do, now come enjoy a meal on us," the store posted on its Facebook page.

Alessia Schutz, an owner of the store, said that although she is not on the frontlines like healthcare workers, she has an idea of how they must feel interacting with so many people during a pandemic. But she also said she couldn't imagine what the nurses and doctors are going through. The medical workers that received meals from her store have expressed gratitude, she said and everyone seems to want to pay it forward.

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Gold Coast Business Association are encouraging the community to become involved by using an online source — Meal Train. The website simplifies the process of donating



Courtesy Gemelli Gourmet Market North

HEALTH CARE WORKERS at Glen Cove Hospital held up sandwiches donated by Gemelli Gourmet Market North.

a meal for an individual or organization. One only needs to pick a day, pledge a donation for a meal and order it through a restaurant of their choice. The food is then delivered. Glen Cove Hospital needs roughly 100 meals a day.

The business organizations are hopeful that the donations will let health-care workers know that their community

stands by them.

"We are very happy to be working with this coalition of community groups to support our healthcare workers and our businesses in this very difficult time," said Ever Padilla, the president of the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The possibility of using Meal Train

was also announced at the Glen Cove City Council meeting on March 24. Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola was among the residents who have already used Meal Train to provide meals to the staff at Glen Cove Hospital.

"Those meal trains are such a nice way to get food to people on the front lines," she said. And she added, Meal Train is also an excellent way to support restaurants that have been impacted by the pandemic. "We have a great community here and we're pulling together, even if we're not together."

Hospital workers said they were grateful for the meal they received on March 24 from Meal Train. "We received chicken parmesan and a tossed salad yesterday and it was awesome to receive," said John McDermott, a nurse manager at Glen Cove Hospital. "These are stressful times and it was so wonderful to not have our nurses and healthcare workers need to plan what their meal was going to be."

It gave the hospital workers more time to take care of their patients, he added and it provided for an opportunity to relax and enjoy a delicious meal. "My unit wants to thank the people who are donating food to the hospital for this wonderful service," McDermott said.

To donate lunch or dinner go to mealtrain.com.

Feinstein to undertake COVID-19 clinical trials

By **SCOTT BRINTON**
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The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research, the research arm of Northwell Health, announced Friday morning that it was starting three large-scale clinical treatment trials to combat COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

Northwell Health is now treating some 250 coronavirus patients at its hospitals, Northwell President and CEO Michael Dowling said at a news conference that was streamed via YouTube. Northwell is testing roughly 1,000 people a day for the illness, he said.

Feinstein Institutes researchers are teaming up with Gilead Sciences and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals to identify effective treatments for COVID-19 patients who are now hospitalized with moderate to severe conditions. The goal, according to a Northwell release, is "to improve recovery and speed discharge from hospitals."

With Gilead, the Feinstein Institutes will examine the safety and efficacy of remdesivir (RDV), an investigational antiviral drug, to reduce the intensity and duration of COVID-19 in hospitalized patients.

RDV, Northwell officials said, has "demonstrated positive effects" on other



Courtesy Northwell Health

MICHAEL DOWLING President and CEO of Northwell Health, announced March 20 that the Feinstein Institutes was undertaking clinical treatment trials for COVID-19 with hospitalized patients experiencing moderate to severe symptoms of the illness.

viral pathogens such as MERS and SARS. The third trial with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals will determine the safety and efficacy of sarilumab, a human antibody that may prevent the spread of a specific cytokine called interleukin-6 (IL-6) that is thought to cause severe pneumonia in some COVID-19 patients.

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Nassau County golf courses set to reopen this week

GLEN COVE HERALD GAZETTE - March 26, 2020

Following a directive set by Gov. Andrew Cuomo at Bethpage State Park, the Town of Oyster Bay and the City of Glen Cove will reopen its golf courses on Wednesday. They were closed briefly to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

New safety measures include tee times staggered in 15-minute intervals as opposed to the standard eight minutes. Golf carts will not be available for rental at this time. To protect golfers and employees, the use of credit cards is recommended as is registering tee time online. The town encourages residents to continue the practice of social distancing, to help to ensure the safety of golfers and employees.

The town is committed to continuing to safeguard visitors through intensified cleaning procedures that meet or exceed standards set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"After carefully reviewing our procedures, additional preventative measures are now in place to protect the health of our residents and staff while ensuring patrons can enjoy rounds of golf again," Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino said. "The safety of our residents and employees will always come first. Please practice social distancing at all times."

To reserve a tee time, please visit oysterbaytown.com/departments/parks/golf-course. For more information, please contact the Parks Department directly at (516) 797-4113 or by email at rgucker@oysterbay-ny.gov.

The Glen Cove Golf Club, which temporarily closed on March 23, will reopen on March 26. "The course will reopen," said

Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke. "There will be restrictions similar to those put in place by the county."

After closing its owned and operated golf courses on March 23, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran said the courses will reopen on Thursday. There will more space between tee times, she said, and only one person to a golf cart.

Nassau County parks will remain open for runs, walks, hikes and other informal recreational activity. Residents are encouraged to practice social distancing and avoid playgrounds.

Nassau County-owned and operated golf courses are located in Eisenhower Park in East Meadow; Bay Park on the South Shore in East Rockaway; Cantiague Park in Hicksville; Christopher Morley Park on the North Shore in Roslyn-North Hills; and North Woodmere Park on the South Shore in North Woodmere. Check for updates at www.Nassaucountyny.gov.

Town Hall at Home

The Town of Oyster Bay has created a new online portal for residents to be able to handle most of their town business remotely. The portal, Town Hall at Home, provides a one-stop-shop for information on performing town business remotely during the public health crisis, including paying taxes, filing paperwork or requesting documents. The town's online portal can be found at www.oysterbaytown.com/tob-at-home.

OBITUARY

Angelina R. Izzo

Angelina R. Izzo, 82, of Glen Cove, died on March 9. Beloved wife of the late Domenico. Loving mother of Maria Bocchino (Anthony), Lorenzo (Karen) and the late Nunzio; proud grandmother of Camillo, Domenick, Domenick, John, Angie and Carol; special great-grandmother of Gianna and James; also survived by loving in-laws, nieces and nephews. Entombment private.

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reunion especial de
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la Biblioteca Publica de
Glen Cove en
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nominan al candidato
para el cargo de
administrador de la
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horas de 9am y las 5pm,

a mas tardar el 2 de
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cual sera elegido el
candidato asi nominado.
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nominacion debe dirigirse
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firmante y debe indicar el
nombre y la residencia del
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17 de marzo 2020 en la
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las 7pm

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votantes calificados del
Distrito pueden inscribirse
entre las 9am y 4 pm. La
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reunion que se celebrara
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es el 2 de marzo 2020. Si
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Distrito, de la Biblioteca
Publica de Glen Cove, 4
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL
LIBRARY DISTRICT
MEETING ON MARCH 31,
2020 OF GLEN COVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTE
ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET AND TO ELECT
ONE TRUSTEE OF THE
GLEN COVE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a Special meeting of
the qualified voters of the
Glen Cove Public Library
will be held in pursuant
to the provision of the
Section 260 and 2007 of
the Education Law of the
State of New York at the
Glen Cove Public Library,
4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen
Cove, New York, in said
District on March 31,
2020 between the hours
of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said
meeting will be held for
the following purposes:

To vote on the following
propositions:
RESOLVED that the
proposed budget of the
Glen Cove Public Library,
Glen Cove City School
District, as prepared by
the Trustees of the said
public Library, for the
year 2020/2021, and as
the same may have
amended, be and hereby
is approved; and that the
amount thereof, less
receipts, be raised by the
levy of a tax upon the
taxable real property in
the said School District.

For the purpose of
electing; one (1) Trustee
of the Glen Cove Public
Library for a (5) five-year
term.

The vote on the aforesaid
matters will be cast by
ballot in a ballot box.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that the Library
Board pursuant to the
provisions of Section 260
and 2007 of the
Educational Law hereby
calls said Special District
Meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that
petitions nominating the
candidate for the office of
Trustee of the Glen Cove
Public Library must be
filed with the clerk
between the hours of
9a.m. and 5p.m., no later
than March 2, 2020, the
thirtieth day preceding
the election, at which
time the candidate so
nominated is to be

electd. Each nominating
petition shall be directed
to the Clerk of the
District, must be signed
by at least twenty-five
(25) qualified voters of
the District, shall state
the residence of each
signer, and must state the
name and residence of
the candidate.
Sample forms of the
petitions may be obtained
from the Clerk of the
District at the Glen Cove
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FURTHER NOTICE IS
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copy of the proposed
estimated expenditures to
be voted upon shall be
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Cove, New York, between
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p.m. each day other than
Saturday, Sunday or
holiday, during the
fourteen days preceding
such meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that the
Board of Trustees of the
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will hold a special budget
hearing on March 17,
2020 at the Glen Cove
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Cove Ave., New York at
7p.m.

FURTHER NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that the
qualified voters of the
District may register
between the hours of
9a.m. and 4p.m. The
final date to register for
the meeting to be held on
March 17, 2020 is March
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qualified voter of the
district between the hours
of 9a.m and 4p.m.
prevailing time, on any
day after Tuesday, March
3, 2020, and each of the
days prior to the date set
for the Library Election
and Budget Vote, except
Saturday, Sunday, or
holiday, including the
date set for the meeting.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that applications
for absentee ballots for
the Library Election and
Budget Vote may be
applied for at the office of
the District Clerk, of the
Glen Cove Public Library,
4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen
Cove, New York. Such
applications must be
received at least (7) seven
days before the elections
if the ballot is to be
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HERALD EDITORIAL

Want relief? Restore the SALT deduction.

In 2017, President Trump and a Republican-controlled Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It was supposed to supercharge the economy, bringing new manufacturing jobs to hard-hit areas, and no doubt, it brought some success. Job gains weren't higher than they were during the Obama administration, but there were steady gains — until there weren't.

The latest unemployment figures, released by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, are from March 6 — when unemployment stood at 3.5 percent — but we know that figure is sure to rise as tens of thousands of Americans are forced out of work because of the coronavirus and will file jobless claims.

The unemployment rate is only expected to increase. People will need relief.

At press time, Congress was debating a

nearly \$2 trillion relief package that, when passed, was expected to put somewhere between \$1,000 and \$2,000 in each American's hands. The measure should provide a desperately needed shot in the arm to a national economy that is fast seizing. On Long Island, however, it's hardly enough.

In high-tax regions like New York and California, the weight of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was already causing enormous fiscal strain for many homeowners, who lost all but \$10,000 of the federal deduction for state and local taxes, known commonly as the SALT deduction.

Loss of that single deduction in high-tax regions has cost people thousands of dollars. Many Long Island taxpayers reported that their federal tax bills rose \$3,000, \$5,000, \$8,000 or more last year. Those bills are not expected to abate this year, unless Congress acts.

It should immediately reinstate the SALT deduction. People here will certainly take \$1,000 or \$2,000, but restoring the deduction would do far more for many homeowners who are suffering because of the coronavirus.

Most homeowners accepted higher taxes because they believed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was boosting the economy — and thus their 401(k) plans. Last week we saw the foolishness of Trump's tradeoff, as the stock market tumbled and those 401(k)'s sank to the level they were when Trump took office. That is, all of the stock market gains realized over the past three-plus years were erased just like that. Now many Long Islanders are stuck with oversized tax bills.

The time to act intelligently has come. Give the SALT deduction back — now, not later.

Save a life – give blood, especially now

The American Red Cross is urging healthy, eligible people who are feeling well to give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply and prevent shortages as the coronavirus pandemic continues.

Even before COVID-19 swept across the country in recent weeks, the cold and flu season had already hurt the nation's ability to maintain its blood supply, according to the Red Cross. As the number of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood could decrease as well.

"We're asking the American people to help keep the blood supply stable during this challenging time," said Chris Hrouda,

president of Red Cross Blood Services. "As communities across the country prepare for this public health emergency, it's critical that plans include a readily available blood supply for hospital patients."

But, Hrouda noted, "As fears of the coronavirus rise, low donor participation could harm blood availability at hospitals, and the last thing a patient should worry about is whether lifesaving blood will be on the shelf when they need it most."

You can make an appointment to donate blood by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling (800) 733-2767. Type O and platelet donations are especially needed now.

Donating blood is safe, and people

should not hesitate to give or receive blood, according to the Red Cross. There is no evidence that the coronavirus can be transmitted by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases of transfusion transmission for any respiratory virus, including COVID-19.

A blood donation takes about an hour from start to finish, but the actual donation only takes eight to 10 minutes. To donate blood, you should have a blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification. People who are at least 17 years old (16 with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may donate.

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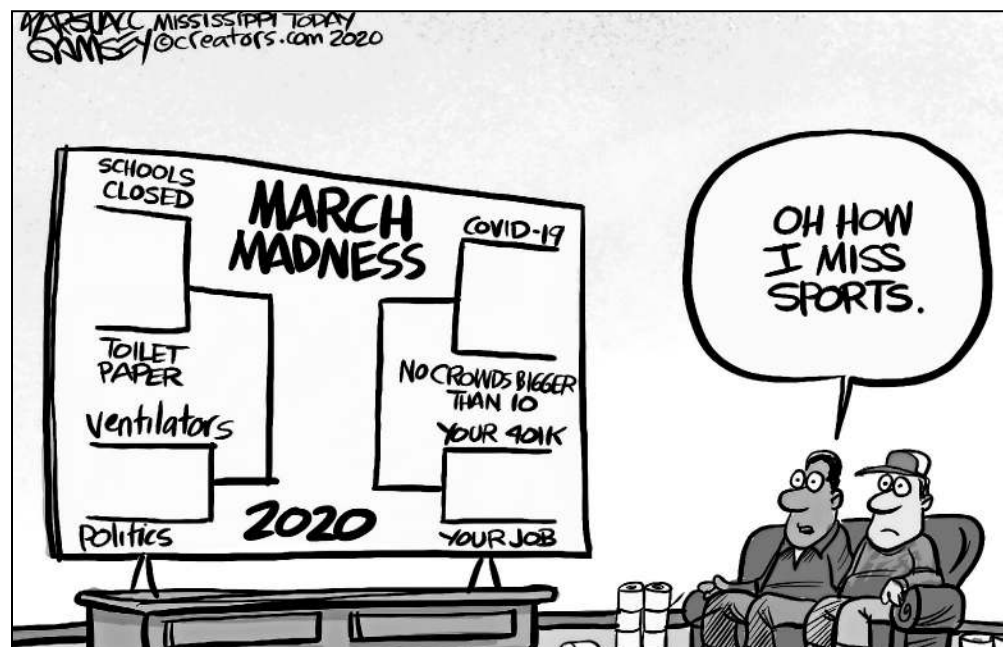
Support our local businesses

To the Editor:

With the Governor's orders to shut down non-essential offices, I vacated my office on Glen Street on Sunday. As I was leaving, I couldn't help but think of all the businesses we have in Glen Cove and the terrible impact COVID-19 is having on all of them.

As a board member of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, I know that once this is behind us we will work harder than ever to help our businesses get back on their feet. As a councilwoman, I agreed to sign on to a letter at the request of Mayor Tenke asking our legislators to act quickly and send desperately needed economic relief to our small businesses. I will continue to look for ways to support our businesses as I work with the Mayor and other officials.

In the meantime, I have been supporting local busi-



OPINIONS

I wonder whether this will be our ‘year of wonder’

When the bubonic plague struck England in 1665, a young pastor convinced the people of his village to self-quarantine in an effort to prevent the infection from spreading to neighboring towns. The story of that time became “Year of Wonder,” by Geraldine Brooks. Today, over 300 years later, the

story resonates with new meaning.

As you might expect, people behaved as humans do in crisis. Some were the toilet paper hoarders of their day. Some turned murderous and mean over food supplies. Many found grace in the



**RANDI
KREISS**

crucible of fear and infection.

We are now in the throes of a destabilizing national emergency. As we go to press, the number of confirmed cases of coronavirus is increasing hourly. The federal response has been profoundly disorganized, leaving citizens with little access to tests that could inform them about the progress of the disease. Central command is out of touch, literally and metaphorically.

The remarkable thing is how well we are doing — we regular folks who go to work and put food on the table and care for others. Initially, we turned to President Trump for leadership and for an organizing plan to deal with the crisis. But the president has failed us, as he descends into an epic spiral of self-aggrandizement and miscommunication. He doesn't have the capacity for the humane gesture that this moment demands.

The miracle, to me, is that even without the blessing of sane and sound leadership, we, the people, are getting the job done. We are witnessing an incredible validation of the American spirit. Citizens are stepping up, helping neighbors, quarantining themselves when necessary and taking all the steps a functioning federal task force would advise. (Except for the spring breakers in Florida, but they'll catch up.)

We have governors and mayors and municipal leaders at every level who are taking charge of their communities and making sure that schools are closing when necessary, events are postponed, and civil order is maintained. This is a demonstration of democracy at its best.

No one had to tell The New York Times and The Washington Post to take down the pay walls on their websites so that anyone who needs the news can access it for free. No one had to order the closing of all the social and entertainment venues that vendors shut down themselves to slow the spread of disease. No one had to order people to stay home if they feel sick.

One singular hero of the moment is Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health. He has spoken truth to power, often and early, deftly calling out the dangerous lies coming from Trump and urging a robust response to Covid-19 while the president was predicting an easy and early end to the pandemic.

We are being tested, as individuals and as a nation. According to Fauci, we are in for a rough patch for some months before the virus starts to burn out. If the federal government, specifically the Centers for Disease Control, can get tests out faster and find out how many are sick and where they live, we can begin to mitigate the effects of the pandemic as it spreads, state by state.

We're seeing a validation of the American spirit. People are stepping up.

LETTERS

nesses with takeout orders and urging others to do the same. I will continue to share helpful information regarding our businesses on social media so feel free to send me anything you would like me to post. I am here to support and help our small businesses so please reach out to me if there is anything I can do.

I realize our businesses are a vital part to the success of our city and I remain committed to helping in any way I can.

DANIELLE FUGAZY SCAGLIOLA
Glen Cove City Councilwoman

Let's respect authority based upon knowledge

To the Editor:

In the early 1980's I was the director of one of two infusion companies who accepted AIDs patients for care in their homes. In that epidemic we saw that the combination of ignorance and fear could do real damage and cause enormous suffering. Dr. Anthony Fauci was a leader at that time who displayed courage, calm and wisdom. He drove the effort to assure that facts were the basis of intervention and helped de-villainize the people who suffered, both from physical illness and social stigma. He is still serving this country today helping to balance the misinformation and politi-

cal “spin” being spouted by the politicians surrounding him. Thank God for his presence.

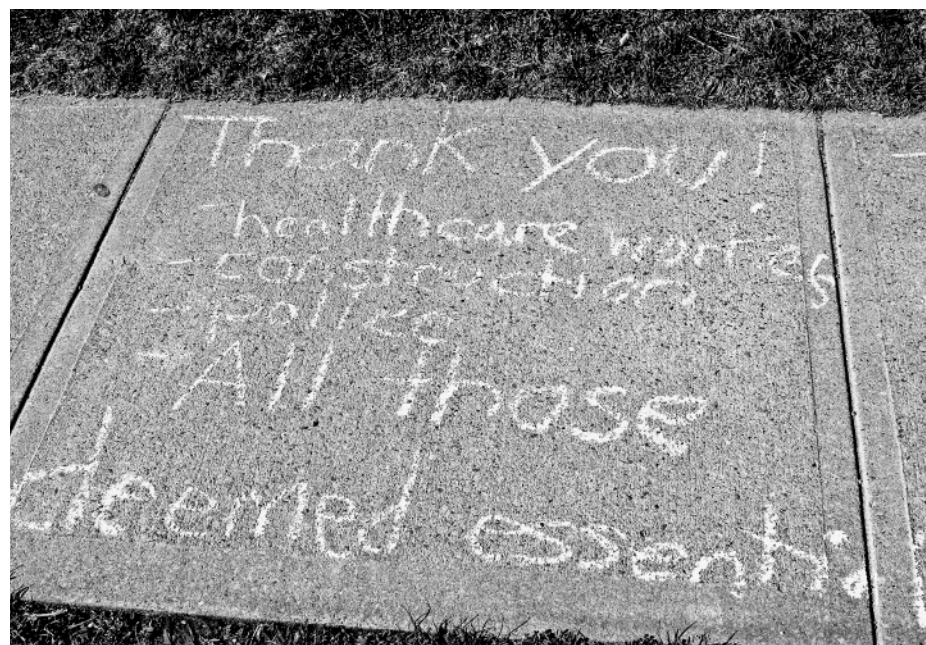
If one good thing comes out of this whole pandemic I hope that it is a return to respect for authority based upon knowledge. In today's world of Google and social networking, it is far too easy for people with no educational preparation or experience to assume positions of power and influence. This is always bad but potentially disastrous in a true national emergency. As the ultimate example of this, we are facing the disaster of being led during a time that requires mature decision-making skills, humility and deference by a man who is a willfully ignorant bully and has no respect for expertise. It is truly frightening and reflects poorly upon the values of Americans.

The next time we are looking for a person upon whom to bestow the Presidential Medal of Freedom I hope Fauci is the candidate. That might restore a little of the honor that this award is supposed to reflect.

I would just like to publicly acknowledge Fauci and all of the doctors, nurses, therapists and associated medical care providers for their selfless dedication to others during a difficult time. Your efforts are deeply valued.

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