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WAFFLES, LEFT, AND Rosie, who are sisters, have never ventured outside, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending to prevent cats from interacting with other animals or people to stop the spread of Covid-19.

Veterinarians weigh in on coronavirus's effect on pets

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North Shore veterinarians are growing increasingly concerned that pet owners may start abandoning their pets out of fear they might have Covid-19 and transmit it to humans.

This comes after two domestic cats living in differ-

ent parts of New York and eight big cats at the Bronx Zoo tested positive in April for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19 in humans. Dogs had only been diagnosed with the disease in other parts of the world, but this week a pug tested positive in North Carolina. All of the animals experienced mild symptoms and are recovering well.

Dr. Jeremy Lancer, a veterinarian at the Oyster Bay Animal Hospital, said he worries cat owners might start letting their pets go. He emphasized that cats rarely contract Covid-19, and to date there is no evidence they can spread the disease to humans.

He has been following closely information from the Centers for Disease Control

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Domestic incidents rise

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While the Glen Cove Police Department has seen fewer crimes in the weeks since Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced his stay-at-home order, there has been a slight increase in domestic incidents.

According to the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, a domestic incident is described as a "dispute, act of violence, or report of an offense between individuals within a family or household where police intervention is requested. A domestic incident is not necessarily a violation of law."

Statewide, there was a 15 percent increase in incidents in March, and a 30 percent increase in April. As a result, Cuomo announced a new text message and confidential online service to provide victims with assistance (*see box, Page 5*).

GCPD Detective Lt. John Nagle said that officers have been responding mostly to family arguments and a few viola-

tions of order of protection.

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said that she has seen an increase in incidents herself. Although the state may be in a "pause," she said, there are many resources avail-

able for help, including the county's Domestic Violence Hotline and the Department of Health.

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DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON
Legislator, District 11

DeRiggi-Whitton attributed some incidents of domestic violence to people living in close quarters, and the financial strain that many are experiencing during the pandemic. "I just think whenever there is a time of stress like this, everything gets compounded," she said. "That's what we're seeing right now. I just want people to know that

even though they're feeling stuck at home during the pandemic, they should not be forced to stay in a [bad] situation."

She has emphasized the importance of mental health care during the pandemic, recommending that residents in crowded households regularly spend time alone, getting

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Athletic community grapples with losing spring sports

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It's game over for public high school spring sports on Long Island for 2020.

Any hopes for even a modified season were dashed Tuesday afternoon when health and safety concerns led athletic administrators and school superintendents in Nassau and Suffolk counties to announced the cancellation of the spring sports season.

The Section VIII athletics conference governs Nassau County, and Section XI, Suffolk County.

"For the safety for our student athletes, Section VIII has made the difficult decision to cancel spring sports for our high schools and middle schools," said Pat Pizzarelli, Nassau County executive director. "Long Island is one of the areas most affected by this terrible pandemic, so both section VIII and Section XI have made this very difficult decision."

Administrators in both counties met over the past 24 hours and thought it was important to react sooner as opposed to later. Even if public school buildings reopen, no sporting events will be held.

"While our student-athletes are, of course, deeply saddened by the cancellation of the spring sports season, we all also understand that the decision was made by Section VIII Nassau County Athletics with everyone's health and best interests in mind," said Peter Cardone, the director of health, P.E. and athletics for Glen Cove City School District.

Last week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo extended New York state's stay-at-home policies through May 15, meaning that school buildings will be closed until at least that date.

"It's very sad for the seniors, but we are dealing with



Courtesy Jennifer Neen Malvino

BRIANNA MALVINO, A junior at Glen Cove High School, played varsity softball during her first two years of high school. Because of the pandemic, her spring season is cancelled.

life and death," Pizzarelli said. "We have to safeguard our students and communities. We waited as long as we possibly could to make this heartbreaking decision."

Brianna Malvino, a junior at Glen Cove High School who plays softball, said that she understands why the decision was made.

"Something my coach said to us...it's just a game, but a lot of people can get sick and die," Malvino said. "It's a very serious matter. You don't want to take a risk and have something bad happen."

However, Malvino is disappointed to lose her season. She played varsity for both her freshman and sophomore year and because she wants to play softball in college, her junior year was supposed to be a big year.

"I wasn't really expecting it," Malvino said. "I had a little hope that if we did go back, we could have a decreased season . . . like a modified season with maybe 10 games."

Malvino is looking forward to her senior year to play softball. But it's a different story for students who are seniors, especially those who will not be involved with a sport in college.

"They have all posted that they're having a hard time about it," Malvino said. "For those who aren't playing in college, their last year is canceled, so they don't know how they feel about it."

Nassau County's Athletic Council, which includes superintendents, principals and officials, met Monday night and was unanimous in its decision. Athletic directors who met on Tuesday agreed.

Along with softball, Malvino is involved with Glen Cove High School Select Chorale. And because of the pandemic, she lost a weekend trip to Myrtle Beach with her group, along with a performance at the Lincoln Center.

"That's something we were looking forward to," Malvino said. "Everyone was pretty sad when they got canceled."

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Animals catch Covid-19 from humans

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which states that “there is no evidence that pets play a role in spreading the virus in the United States. Therefore, there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals that may compromise their welfare.”

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said they believe the virus might have been transmitted to the cats by their human owners, who are mildly ill from Covid-19, or in the case of one cat whose owner was virus-free, through contact with infected people outside the home. And the big cats at the zoo may have caught the virus from an asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic zookeeper. The dog, which was described as “cuddly,” was living with three members of a family who were diagnosed as positive for Covid-19. Two are front-line health care workers.

Lancer said he could test cats for Covid-19, but first he would rule out other possibilities.

The same goes for ferrets, which can also contract Covid-19. “The virus,” Lancer said, “presents similar signs to feline herpes and feline calicivirus,” a virus that causes a respiratory infection in cats.

“Cats don’t cough often,” he noted, “but even if a cat were coughing, it may have feline asthma.”

Before being tested for Covid-19, Lancer said, an animal would receive a

chest X-ray and a nasal swab. “If all of the tests come back clear, we would speak to a public health official, and then, if they say it’s OK, we would send a sample to a lab,” he said, adding that sometimes cats can have an illness that is not visually apparent. “The interesting thing is a lot of cats have herpes virus and a lot are carriers too.”

Dr. Sheila Delijani, a veterinarian and the owner of Green Forest Veterinary Hospital of Glen Cove, said she was surprised to learn two cats had tested positive.

“We didn’t know that companion animals would be able to get it,” Delijani said. “We have just been treating the cats and dogs as potential fomites, meaning that they could have the virus on their surfaces.”

Lancer said he did not know why cats, but not dogs, have become infected in the U.S. He referred to the virus among cats as “a lock-and-key model,” an illness that affects certain species but not others. “Up to a month

ago, we didn’t think Covid would affect pets,” he said.

He and his staff are taking precautions, washing their hands often and wearing masks and gloves. The hospital began practicing curbside medicine when non-essential businesses were shut down by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Only the pet is allowed inside the hospital.

Lancer sees far fewer patients, he said, since people are practicing social



Courtesy Andrew Hackmack

IF SCRUFFY'S OWNER comes down with Covid-19, the CDC recommends that he or she avoid contact with the cat, including petting, snuggling or sharing bedding.



Courtesy Jackie Comitino

WHEN ODEE, LEFT, and Dylan are walked, they wear leashes. It is recommended that all dogs are leashed during the pandemic, because dogs and cats are becoming infected.

distancing and staying home. The pets that are brought in are very ill, he said.

“We are still doing some surgeries and spaying and neutering because that is considered to be essential,” he explained. “And I speak to a lot of patients on the phone and by email, but sometimes we do need to see the pet.”

As for strays, Lancer said people should take precautions when feeding them. And someone with Covid-19 should not feed cats.

It is important to protect animals from the virus, Delijani said. “Cats and dogs should socially distance from

those outside their nuclear family, as humans do,” she said. “And if an owner tests positive, they should wear a mask when caring for their pet.”

Additionally, indoor and outdoor cats should be kept inside to prevent them from roaming the neighborhood and potentially catching the virus, she said.

Delijani said there is no reason to panic. “Listen to the science,” she said, “and do not draw conclusions from things you’re hearing from sources that might not be so credible.”

To inquire about Covid-19 testing for animals, contact APHISpress@usda.gov.

Federal recommendations for pets

- Do not let pets interact with people or other animals outside the household.
- Keep cats indoors when possible to prevent them from interacting with other animals or people.
- Walk dogs on a leash, maintaining at least 6 feet from other people and animals.
- Avoid dog parks or public places where a large number of people and dogs gather.
- If you are sick with Covid-19, either suspected or confirmed by a test, restrict contact with your pets and other animals, as you would around other people.
- When possible, have another member of your household care for your pets while you are sick.
- Avoid contact with your pet, including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food or bedding.
- If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Animals infected with Covid-19 as of April 22

In New York

- Five Malayan tigers — Bronx Zoo
- Three African lions — Bronx Zoo
- Domestic cat — owner had Covid-19
- Domestic cat — owner did not have Covid-19

North Carolina

- Pug — two owners had Covid-19

Hong Kong

- Pomeranian dog — owner had Covid-19

- German shepherd — owner had Covid-19

- Domestic cat — owner had Covid-19

All three animals are symptom-free.

Belgium

- Domestic cat — owner had Covid-19

Cat showed symptoms of virus.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

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NEWS BRIEF



Courtesy Barasch McGarry Law Firm

SARA DIRECTOR, AN attorney with the Barasch McGarry Law Firm, delivered lunches to Glen Cove Hospital, where she volunteered as a teenager. Director grew up in Glen Cove and now resides in Locust Valley.

Former G.C. resident from Barasch McGarry Law Firm donates meals to G.C. Hospital

Frontline medical workers that have been working to provide lifesaving treatment at Glen Cove Hospital amid the Covid-19 outbreak were treated to a delivery of several hundred meals donated by the Barasch McGarry law firm at lunchtime on Sunday.

Barasch McGarry is a longtime advocate for first responders and the entire 9/11 community. Sara Director, an attorney at the firm that represents more than 20,000 first responders and survivors of the September 11, 2001 attacks, was among those making the deliveries. She grew up in Glen Cove, volunteered at Glen Cove Hospital as a teenager and now lives nearby, in Locust Valley.

The medical workers have been confronting an unprecedented crisis for weeks, as local hospitals continue to provide health care for thousands of patients affected by the coronavirus.

In addition, snacks and sports drinks have been donated to 14 area police precincts, in partnership with the Feal-Good Foundation, the Retired Sergeants Association of the New York City Police

Department, the New York State Fraternal Order of Police and Nassau Police Lodge 69. Groceries have also been delivered to local food pantries for distribution.

"These people are our heroes. They need to be fed and they need to be taken care of so they can take care of us," said Michael Barasch, managing partner of Barasch McGarry. "In this time of need, we are proud to support first responders who have been forced to sleep in their cars and the medical providers working extended shifts to protect the public health. We owe them all an enormous debt of gratitude."

Barasch McGarry represents more than 20,000 first responders and survivors with 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund claims. Barasch McGarry successfully advocated for the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act, which extended the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund until 2092.

Assemblyman Lavine assists Glen Cove High School pantry

New York State Assemblyman Charles D. Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, has dedicated much of his time during the pandemic to giving back.

One of the biggest problems many families in Nassau County are currently facing is a food shortage. Glen Cove is among the areas that have been hit hard by Covid-19 and Lavine has been working to help. He recently donated seven bags of food to Glen Cove High School's food pantry.

"The Glen Cove High School is a pillar in our community," Lavine said, "and they have always taken action when it comes to

giving back to our community."

GCHS has been providing meals to families in need throughout the community since the pandemic started. Lavine has had a long-standing relationship with GCHS, partnering with the school on many events and even creating lines of communication between the high school and other organizations.

Most recently Lavine was able to connect Long Island Cares, a large food pantry organization, with GCHS. This partnership will allow for over 80 families to be served through Long Island Cares.

Divorces may increase once courts are open

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fresh air or exercising.

The Krupnick Firm, a law firm in Glen Cove, has seen an increase of divorce-related inquiries since late March, said attorney Kevin Krupnick. He added that the firm has seen similar trends in other times of crisis, such as the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks and the Great Recession.

“Typically, a crisis such as this, that involves life and death, tends to stir the conscious[ness] of one’s mortality,” Krupnick said. “As a result, many people tend to come to the realization that they do not love the one they’re with. This causes immediate spikes in domestic relations matters.”

The New York state court system is closed, Krupnick added, so there have been no new filings for divorce. “Divorce proceedings are not filed electronically in New York state,” he explained, “so . . . the increase in cases has not yet been seen. The suspension on new filings is acting as a dam holding back the crash of many adult relationships.”

Keith Scott, director of education at Safe Center LI, a domestic-abuse treatment center in Bethpage, said that increased stress could also lead to more abuse. The Safe Center LI hotline is (516) 465-4700. And while it may be difficult to ask for help on the phone while one is



Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

AS GLEN COVE residents stay home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the Police Department has reported a slight rise in calls about family arguments and violations of orders of protection.

home with the abuser, Scott said, there are still ways to get assistance. Victims can email info@tscli.org to request a return text or a specific time to talk.

“The Safe Center is there for anyone who needs help,” Scott said. “It’s important that people have a safety plan for when they leave the abuser.” The center recommends that such a plan include establishing a safe place to go in the house, with exits and no weapons, if an

argument breaks out; a list of “safe” people to contact; the memorization of important phone numbers; and the use of code word so that family members, friends, teachers or co-workers know when to get help.

Scott added that Safe Center LI expected to see an increase in child abuse as well, and advised that if a neighbor, friend or family member suspects child abuse, they should call 911.

Domestic violence, mental health and abuse resources

Domestic violence resources

New York State Domestic Violence Text Program: text 844-997-2121
 NYS Confidential Online Resource: www.opdv.ny.gov
 The Safe Center LI Hotline: (516) 465-4700
 The Safe Center LI email: info@tscli.org
 Nassau County Domestic Violence Hotline: (516) 542-9315
 NYS Office of Adult Protective Services: (844) 697-3505

Mental health resources

Nassau County Department of Health: (516) 227-9696. After hours/weekends: (516) 742-6154
 NYS Covid-19 Emotional Support Healthline: (844) 863-9314
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Letter from Covid-19 victim's wife to the governor

Editor's note: Carole Mantell recently lost her husband, Bill, to Covid-19. He was a pharmacist, working on the front lines. Carol wrote to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, urging him to provide protective equipment to essential employees like him to protect them from the virus.

"I needed to write a letter to Governor Cuomo regarding our family's experience with Covid-19," she said. "I want this to be a call to action to make changes in how this terrible disease is being handled."

The Mantells lived for many years in Rockville Centre before moving four years ago to East Meadow.

Here is Carole's letter to the governor:

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to share the story of my husband, William Mantell, who died from Covid-related pneumonia on April 17.

Bill was a health care worker on the front lines. He wasn't a nurse or physician working in a hospital, but a pharmacist at a small community pharmacy that he owned for 31 years, in Rochdale Village, N.Y. As you know, retail pharmacies are deemed essential businesses by New York state and are expected to remain open. Bill did as he was instructed. His exposure to the public was not optional, and he kept his pharmacy running to serve his patients and community.

Within the first week of this crisis, he sold out of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant sprays, masks, gloves, alcohol, thermometers and Tylenol.



There were no cleaning supplies left on the shelves, and it was becoming nearly impossible to replenish those items. Not only did Bill have limited product to sell to his patients and customers, but also there were very few supplies to clean the pharmacy with, and he had zero personal protective equipment to keep himself and his employees safe.

Bill was running a small business, and he wasn't in a position to quickly install plastic barriers at cash registers and other protective measures throughout the store that large corporate pharmacies had the resources to do.

In the beginning of this crisis, I was glued to the news. I heard news stories about the nurses and physicians in hospitals who were begging for PPE to protect themselves. I listened to your news conferences in which you asked President Trump for help obtaining equipment and PPE for those on the front lines in hospitals. I don't recall the push for PPE for the workers on the front lines who were not in hospitals: the retail pharmacists, delivery people, grocery store employees and workers in essential factories. If New York state was having difficulty procuring these items, how were small businesses supposed to? I feel like my husband was left to fend for himself. If Bill had the PPE earlier, would it have changed his outcome?

I want to bring to your attention the difficulty Bill went through to try to have a Covid-19 test scheduled. He called the testing hotline on March 28 and was told someone would get back to him within two days. Two days later he called again and was reassured he was "still on the list." Three and a half weeks later, on April 22, the New York State Department of Health called to schedule a test. This was five days after he died.

Is it acceptable to have a person who is sick wait almost a month for a test? Why wasn't his personal physician allowed to order a test? How did those waiting on lines at the drive-through sites have their tests scheduled? If Bill had been tested and treated earlier, would it have changed

his outcome?

It was extremely difficult for my family and me (and I am sure for every other family who has a sick loved one) to know that Bill was in the hospital suffering alone, with no family or friends by his side to support him. I understand the reasons why, and I understand that the nurses have such a high patient load that they are often unable to extend the extra human elements they normally give those in their care.

I know Bill was anxious, scared and exhausted trying to take care of his needs on his own. If even one family member was allowed at their own risk, gowned from head to toe, to be there with him, to ensure that he laid on his stomach, did his breathing exercises, helped with the side effects caused by his medications and let him know that he wasn't alone, would it have changed his outcome?

My story is one of nearly 17,000 in New York state. I am helpless in a time when there is so much uncertainty in the world. I have lost my best friend, and my daughters have lost their father. I am calling on you, Governor Cuomo, to continue leading our state through this challenging time. Small businesses on the front lines need PPE to safely serve people during this pandemic, and our loved ones need someone by their side to fight and survive.

In loving memory of my husband Bill,

CAROLE MANTELL

Island Harvest offering food across Nassau

Food bank partners with county to feed 1,000 families in need amid the pandemic

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"No one should have to question where their next meal is coming from," wrote Nassau County Executive Laura Curran in a Facebook post on April 23. Her sentiment echoes the goal of Island Harvest Food Bank, with which the county recently partnered to distribute food at nine local sites.

In Curran's social media post, she announced the county had joined with the Bethpage-based food bank to provide enough meals to feed roughly 1,000 families in one day.

This continues Island Harvest's efforts to help the growing number of Long Island residents who were furloughed or lost their jobs because of business closures or stagnations.

The food bank first launched an emergency response program on March 9 to help residents who were financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. This included its Emergency Contingency Business Plan to put in place specific measures to ensure the health and safety of its staff members, volunteers, clients and food.

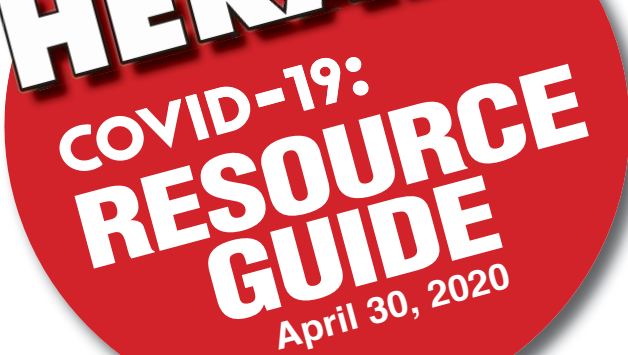
Through its emergency response plan, the organization has purchased 50 percent more food than it usually does. Staff members surveyed 124 school districts and identified 32 that needed support providing meals to students. For such districts, staff members and volunteers created pop-up, drive-through food distribution centers.

It ran a mobile food pantry to distribute food to about 300 nonprofits, and delivered food to roughly 1,700 people who could not leave their homes, including seniors, veterans and the immunocompromised.



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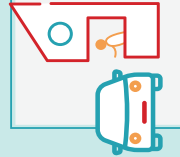
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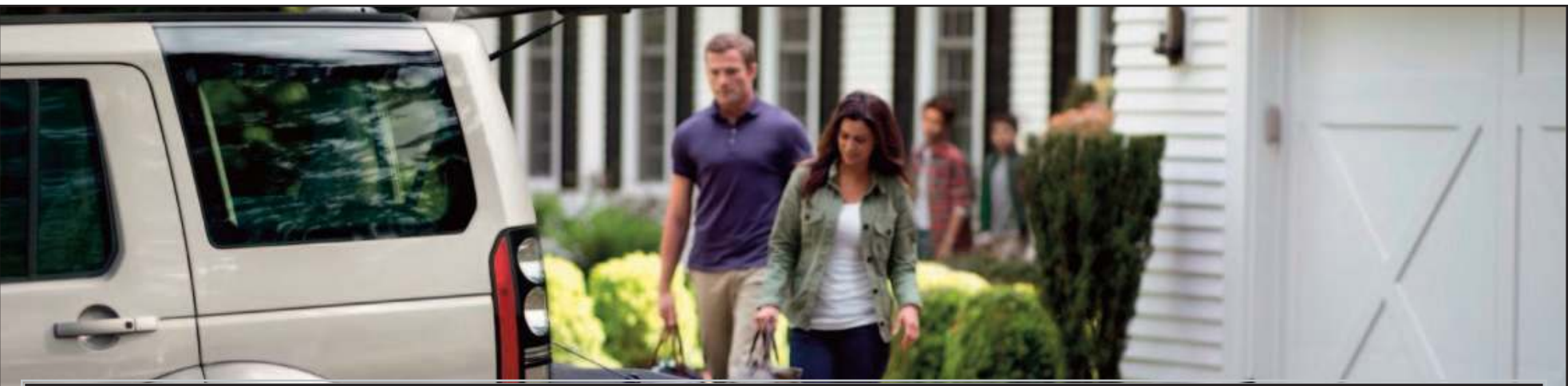
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While many of us have stayed at home to protect our families and loved ones, our health care workers, first responders and others on the front lines wake up each day and leave their families and loved ones behind to respond to those in need. In their selfless devotion to others, these courageous individuals expose themselves to significant risk.

these special people making a difference during this trying time. We are all thankful to our police officers, firefighters, mail carriers, grocery employees, restaurant workers, delivery drivers and all essential service providers who put themselves on the front lines of the crisis daily.

Their incredible contributions demonstrate the spirit and heart of these outstanding individuals, who often go unrecognized.

We are pleased to honor these deserving heroes. Read on and see why they truly deserve their "hero" status.

The Herald joins our communities and readers in expressing our gratitude to

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LOU LaFauci

PLANT MANAGER AT RICHNER COMMUNICATIONS/HERALD COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS



The coronavirus pandemic is challenging because we have reduced hours. I'm concerned how I'm going to come up with the money to pay [my] bills if this is extended for any length of time.

But I'm thankful I'm still working. There's many people out there who aren't working at all. It's a little difficult finding certain cleaning products. Being required to wear a mask is a little challenging because my glasses fog up. On the plus

side, at least there's no traffic. I don't have to worry about the traffic. That's about the only positive I can see.

In our printing plant, it's still business as usual, at a somewhat slower pace. We've had to juggle people's hours around to accommodate our customers that are still printing. We are still open around the clock — and will remain so — to support all of our commercial print clients and newspaper publishers with the outstanding service and quality that we are known for.

I can't get a haircut. I find it odd that the medical marijuana dispensaries are open and I can get an Italian ice, but I can't get a haircut, and I can't take my dog to the vet.

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JOE BASKIN

NEW YORK STATE-CERTIFIED PARAMEDIC



I am a certified paramedic with the Sea Cliff Fire Department, an all-volunteer department with no paid members. Since the Covid-19 pandemic struck, we have been fortunate to have both the village of Sea Cliff and our Chief's office ensure that we have had an adequate supply of personal protective equipment for our use.

We are also fortunate to have a core group of emergency medical technicians and paramedics, as well as firefighters, who respond without hesitation to every Covid-positive call we receive.

We respond by driving to the firehouse where we don our PPE (N95 masks, gloves, goggles, protective clothing, and boots); then travel to the patient's home, where we also need to limit contact with family members and friends. We provide medical care to the patient while transporting them by ambulance to the hospital. Finally, we must spend a good deal of time decontaminating and disinfecting the ambulance, our equipment and ourselves in preparation for the next call.

Before the pandemic struck, the patient's family was able to either accompany us in the ambulance or meet their loved one in the hospital Emergency Department. However, patients must now travel alone and are not even allowed to have visitors. It is heartbreaking to tell our patients and family this, during such a stressful time.

We need to be extra understanding since the patients can't see most of our faces or expressions because of the masks we wear, but we do what we can to make things easier.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

ALEX KERN

OLD BROOKVILLE ROOFING



When the pandemic began changing what life looks like, Glen Cove's Alex Kern jumped into action.

He immediately took to Facebook, offering his Catskills rental home as a free place to stay. He wanted it to go to a family of a vulnerable person who needed to get away from the hustle and bustle of Long Island. And it surely did, as the family of a child who went through chemotherapy, and had a compromised immune system as a result, was able to stay there for a month. Now that the house is free again, and he is

again offering it to those who need it.

Kern, of Old Brookville Roofing, is currently not in business because of the stay-at-home order. So on the side, he has been doing paid essential work, such as eliminating mildew and mold.

However, he has also been busy helping his neighbors in any way he can, posting on the Glen Cove Neighbors Facebook page that he is available "free of charge."

He even offered his own backyard, which is waterfront, to families that want to use it for leisure. "If someone wants to go stretch, go out on the canoe, have a little picnic, spend three or four hours outside, a little exercising... whatever I can do to help out," Kern said.

"My [children] drive me to do most of the good I do," Kern said. "I love being a good example for them. I also believe it's contagious. When you see somebody doing something, you want to do something."

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DR. BRAD SHERMAN

MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF GLEN COVE HOSPITAL



I'm here to help people solve issues during this pandemic, whether it be management, helping to connect specialists for consultations or having a one-on-one conversation with a staff member to be sensitive to their needs. Sometimes it can be lending a helpful hand, which I can't do because I can't use a hand at this point. Let's say instead that I lend a mindful ear.

Sometimes the staff just need to reflect and discuss what they are going through. I often have to figure out the unit that will be best for a patient or help those that

are being discharged to have the needed equipment, like oxygen, which a lot of Covid patients need. And I help to facilitate providers and families with an end of life conversation.

So many of our providers have stepped up, working very long hours, multiple days — sometimes 30 days in a row at the hospital. The pandemic has made me realize how grateful I am for the things that I do have like my family, my health, my team and how special it is to work at Glen Cove Hospital.

I know that people talk about seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. I'm not quite sure that I see it yet.

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HEATHER MCNEILL

FIRE COMMISSIONER



The Lakeview Fire Department has seen an increase in call volume for all types of emergencies, but especially for Covid-19. For Covid-19 calls, unfortunately, we're going back to the same addresses because some of the residents get sicker and they call for an ambulance to get transported to the hospital.

There's been a genuine coming together of the community between these local fire departments, EMS providers, and their respective patients. It really hasn't been like that in quite some time. Usually they give

us a call and we transfer them, but now because we're being called to the same addresses multiple times, we've developed these relationships.

Obviously, Nassau County has been inundated with Covid-19, and it's putting a bit of a strain on our medical technicians.

This is brand new to me. Fortunately, we haven't had a situation similar to this. The only other time we sort of have a strain was responding to Hurricane Sandy, but that's no comparison to what we're experiencing now. Sandy was more of a regional issue, while this is everywhere.

I'm hoping that folks see that it really takes a village. If there's a positive that comes out of this, folks will see that it really is on the local level that you'll get the best care, and with the best care, the more likely you are to recover and survive. We appreciate the efforts of the president, the governor and even our county executive, but when it really counts, the boots on the ground that will be there to help you are your neighbors.

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LARRY NOLAN

VALLEY STREAM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



"The uncertainty of the pandemic makes it harder to work... and now the job is lonely," said Larry Nolan, a laborer for the Valley Stream Highway Department.

His job consists of cleaning parking lots, tree removal, filling potholes and maintaining storm drains. Before the pandemic, people would greet him daily. Now that has stopped. He no longer communicates in person with anyone, even his own co-workers. He wears a mask and gloves and must be 10 feet away from fellow workers and pedestrians.

"I don't interact with the public or coworkers any more and everyone is doing their tasks separately. I miss interaction ... It's hard to wrap your head around this."

Although work life has changed drastically, he has found a way to use his spare time to help others and focus on something positive. When he realized that many people are susceptible to the virus and are in need of financial help, he decided to put up a Facebook post asking people to drop off food donations to his home. Then, he delivered the items to the Holy Name of Mary Church in Valley Stream and he plans to drop off more items at Blessed Sacrament Church.

"It's frustrating and upsetting because everyone would like to go back to the way things were before, but being able to help people when they can't help themselves is always something I've done. It would be catastrophic to not help people in this time and it was remarkable to see how people came together to help for this cause."

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A huge thank you to all of our healthcare workers, first responders and others who are sacrificing so much during this challenging time. We are lucky to have brave men and women like you caring for our country. So many people are here standing behind you.



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Brian Paladino

**LYNBROOK
POLICE CHIEF**



about every segment of society. I was alarmed at how some leaders were not prepared, quick to jump on bandwagons, were concerned with circumstances they could not control and sometimes made quick decisions without thinking them through.

I'm proud that my leadership team has digested information, made logical deductions and has been proceeding through the pandemic with flexible policies, which adapt quickly to a changing normal. This process has allowed the department to provide care to our employees and residents without wasting capital and valuable safety equipment.

Covid-19 has been a learning experience that has definitely changed how I approach my job and set policy.

I've learned that the best course of action in developing policy is to allow flexibility in your decision-making. To do this, I found credible, reliable sources for policy information. Covid-19 was a precedent-setting event, and what has been most unnerving was that in a 48-hour period, the state government made an about-face from casually waiting to see how we should handle the problem to closing down just

I can't say enough about the generosity and compassion that I was able to provide Police Department employees because of the backing I received from Mayor Alan Beach and the board of trustees. I have the best 85 employees a department could have, and early on, the mayor and board trusted my decisions.

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"Thank you to each and every fireman, policeman, health care professional, teacher, workers of restaurants and supermarkets, and sanitation workers. You put yourselves in harm's way every day so that you can keep our community safe — you are so appreciated. Without you we would all be in a much tougher situation. You go to work with the goal to save a life...you are all amazing human beings.

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DR. DARRYL ADLER

**ASSOCIATE ICU DIRECTOR
AT LIJ VALLEY STREAM**



"Nobody in this lifetime has experienced anything like this," Adler said. "It might sound cliché, but in the surge it was almost like war. It really was like war."

"Typically in an ICU, we're used to sick patients, but at any given time you have patients that are sick, and a few that are very sick, but at certain points every patient in our ICU was in the very sick category, and we have never encountered anything like this," he said. "The equivalent would be some kind of mass tragedy, that you'd have an influx of very sick patients like this."

"If anyone experienced first hand what we went through, we'd not go against the social distancing," he said. "It may be rough on the economy ... but if the general public really saw what we went through, no one would question what's being done to decrease this pandemic."

"When it hit us, every physician or nurse could tell you that all of a sudden there was a huge influx of very, very sick patients" he said. "Typically during winter and fall, those are your busier months, but this was a crazy amount of critically ill patients that were admitted to the hospital, and initially overloaded the Emergency Room," Adler said.

"Initially staffing wise we were ok, but within a very short amount of time we almost tripled our ICU capacity," he recounted.

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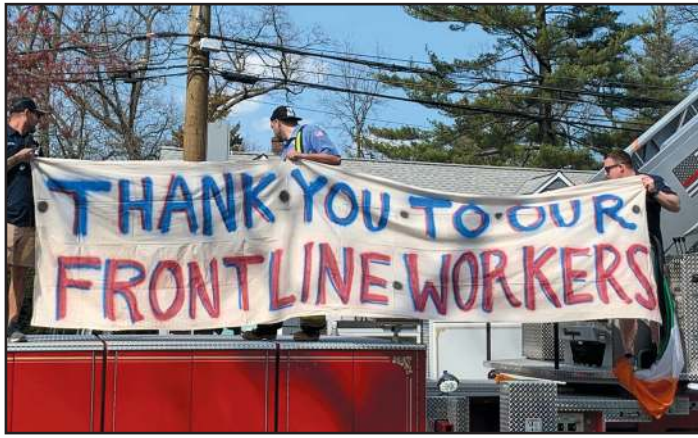
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During this difficult time of Covid-19, it is inspiring to see our Community rallying for each other. For those who have lost loved ones, may you have peace and comfort. For those who are ill, may you have strength and resilience. Many thanks to those on the front lines taking risks to care for our sick and those continuing to work to keep our City moving.

Thank You!

Marsha Silverman

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ROBERT LUNDIE

23-YEAR LIRR CONDUCTOR



I work the main (LIRR) line and the Montauk line. One thing, is that a lot of people's schedules have shifted. Mine, more or less, is similar to what it usually is.

This is a wild time. My wife is concerned. My two children aren't too young to not be concerned. They understand. I have sort of isolated myself without letting anyone know. After I come home and wash up, I'll sit at the far end of the couch, just to self-isolate without letting anyone know.

For my job, the LIRR is essential for the economy and to get other essential workers to where they need to be. It is important that it stays up and running.

It's a sense of pride almost, not just with this situation in particular but through any. My brothers and sisters in the railroad community are still out there working, and we're lucky. While many are fearful that they are going to lose their job, or have lost their job, we are fortunate to still be out there, servicing the people.

Obviously, the whole world has changed, but going to work when the rest of the world isn't, that isn't really new.

We do that during blizzards. We did it during Sandy. That part doesn't prove something new for us. The fear factor of maybe bringing something back home exists. That is real. But that is something you have to put into the back of your mind. Personal protective equipment is there for the railroad workers. Working on trains could be germ-infested on a regular day. We are always cautious. Washing our hands constantly. The clothes I wear go directly into the wash. Sanitizing the hands. All of that.

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SASHA YOUNG

VOLUNTEER, FIVE TOWNS COMMUNITY CENTER



Three or four days a week I have been lucky enough to be working at the Five Towns Community Center handing out food with Gammy's Pantry volunteers that we have been able to obtain thanks Rock and Wrap it Up! and their amazing food recovery initiative. We have had as many as 300 people on line in one afternoon. The need is real. The families that come to the pantry were food insecure even before this happened. This crisis is unbearable to many.

We opened the pantry a year and a half ago and have been very busy assisting members in the community. Since March 15 it has been nonstop seven days a week. No matter how tired you are believe me, when you get a call from a neighbor that they know is sick at home and alone with a young child and no food you get an unbelievable burst of energy and you are back and ready to go.

The current health crisis has had a major impact in our community. While schools are closed and the Zen Den at the Five Towns Community Center awaits the fun that will hopefully soon come, serving in the community has become more than a full-time job.

I'm hoping to Gammy's Dream alive by doing all that we can to help members in our community. We have been very busy working to ensure that families in our community have enough to eat and a shoulder to lean on!

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Thank you to our healthcare professionals and first responders for working selflessly to protect us at this time. Your efforts as the frontline warriors will never be forgotten.



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FOUNDER OF ROCK AND WRAP IT UP



Rock and Wrap It Up! is a Food Recovery and Anti-Poverty think tank that has been feeding people in need for the past 29 years. During this pandemic, we are busier than we've ever been.

I've been going out seven days a week to pick up food from places such as Costco, Trader Joe's, the Bagelry and Wall's Bakery. I've been picking up food and donating it to those in need for the past 29 years, but the need is much greater now. My children get mad at me for going outside everyday but I realize the need for food is too big

for me to stay inside.

The community support has been tremendous throughout this pandemic. The Five Towns Community Center has set up a database of cell phone numbers for people who are in need of food. A friend of mine works at Trader Joe's in Hewlett said they had 10,000 pounds of perishable food that they didn't want to throw away. Within two hours, I arranged to have the Community Center open and drop off all the food. It was all given out in two and a half hours.

We were supposed to have a fundraising event for Rock and Wrap It Up! in June but were not sure if that will happen at this point. We can always use donations to keep our operations running and you can find out about donating at our website :www.rockandwrapitup.org.

I hope everyone stays safe during this time.

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VITO CORTESIANO

OWNER OF SALVATORE'S OF ELMONT



Like most local restaurants, Salvatore's of Elmont has been greatly affected by the Covid-19 crisis. As more restrictions were implemented, we had to adjust in order to keep our business open while continuing to be a vital part of the community. And, before we were required to close the dining area, we offered our space as a safe place for children to do their schoolwork and get free pizza.

It was our priority to make sure our staff at Salvatore's of Elmont, who we consider our second family, was safe and ready to face

the challenges ahead. I promised my staff that no matter what, we would help them stay on payroll and together, we would overcome this nightmare. My staff is amazing and we love them all, as we have bonded even more now during this nightmare.

I have a saying in my restaurant, "Tough times don't last, tough teams do." This is something we all follow at Salvatore's. We have a full menu daily, and we made a lot of family specials to help our community during this time.

To thank the community, Salvatore's has been supporting first responders by donating food to families in need, giving free pizza dough to add some happiness and donating to various local hospitals, like LIJ Valley Stream and North Shore LIJ. We have also set up a GoFundMe page with 100 percent of the proceeds being distributed to nurses during National Nurses Week in May. For those families who struggle to feed their children, we have provided pizza slices and pizza kits free of charge.

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Glen Cove – ninth highest number of Covid-19 in county

By JENNIFER CORR
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Data displayed by the Nassau County Department of Information Technology indicates that as of April 23, Glen Cove has had 648 confirmed positive cases of Covid-19. This makes it the ninth highest hit community in Nassau County. There are 27,201 people living in Glen Cove as of 2018.

It was pointed out by Mayor Tim Tenke at the April 28 Glen Cove City Council meeting that many of these cases have been resolved and are therefore not active.

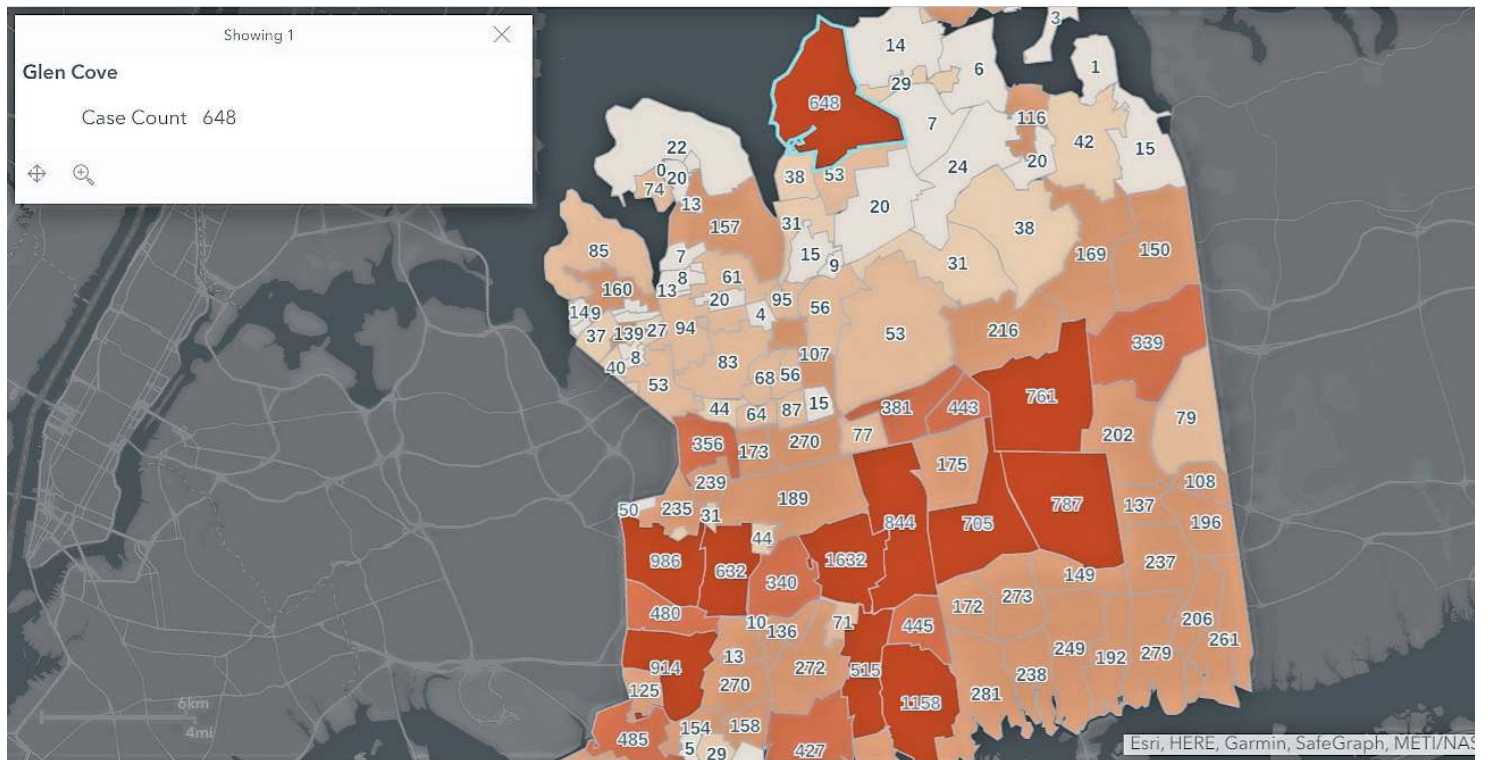
“A lot of the people have been resolved from those,” Tenke said at the council meeting. “Those cases are coming down as people are getting over their exposure to Covid-19.”

On April 24, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that hospitalizations have gone down and that evidence suggests that the state is on the downside of “the curve.” The number of infections has been relatively flat, according to state Department of Health data. On April 17, when 23,309 people were tested across the state, 7,090 tested positive. About a week later, on April 23, when 34,736 people tested, 8,130 tested positive.

He added that there were 422 new cases of fatalities. However, the rate of fatalities are decreasing. “Again, this is at an unimaginable level,” Cuomo said, “and it’s dropping somewhat, but it is still devastating news.”

Glen Cove resident Jennifer Neen Malvino, along with her family, have been staying home to protect themselves from Covid-19. Even so, she remains concerned that Glen Cove is among the highest hit communities. “It does [scare me] in a sense,” Malvino said. “We are a small community, but for us to have that many, it’s a little scary.”

To protect first responders during the pandemic, Glen Cove City Council accepted a proposal to secure 200 test kits on March 30 that will test for antibodies. The 200 tests from Henry Schein Inc., an American distributor of health care products and services based in Melville, cost \$6,600. The



AS OF APRIL 23 at 5 p.m., Glen Cove had 648 confirmed positive cases of Covid-19.

Courtesy Nassau County Department of Information Technology

money is expected to be partly reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. City officials approved the purchase at the April 14 City Council meeting.

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JENNIFER NEEN MALVINO
Glen Cove

FEMA urged officials on March 19 to take appropriate actions to protect public health and safety saying it would reimburse 75 percent of Covid-19 related costs, including the cost of the 200 antibody tests.

The antibody test analyzes blood, serum or plasma samples for the presence of Immunoglobulin M (IgM) and Immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies associated with the coronavirus. The test is done by collecting a few drops of blood into a test cartridge, followed by two or three drops to buffer. The results are ready within 15 minutes to be read.

The Food and Drug Administration recommends that results from antibody testing should not be used to solely diag-

nose or exclude coronavirus infection because if a person has not developed the antibodies when they are tested, they may get negative results even if they are infected. For this reason, the test has not been approved by the FDA.

The distinction between the standard Covid-19 nasal swab test approved by the FDA and the antibody test was brought up at the April 14 council meeting, when the purchase of the tests was officially approved. Council members did ultimately agree that the antibody test would be a valuable resource. It was preferable, said Councilman Rocco A. Totino and Councilwoman Dr. Eve Lupenko Ferrante because the results are available much quicker compared to the standard nasal swab test, which can take days or a weeks for results. The antibody test would be a good way to protect first responders, council members agreed.

But as of April 24, the city had still not received the tests. “Police Chief William Whitton is working on expediting our order so that we will have them for our first responders,” Tenke said. “No word on how much longer it may take.”

Top 10 communities in Nassau County impacted by Covid-19 as of April 27

1. Hempstead- 1,764
2. Freeport- 1,266
3. Elmont- 1056
4. Valley Stream- 965
5. Uniondale- 924
6. Levittown- 835
7. Hicksville- 826
8. East Meadow- 747
9. Glen Cove- 684
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NORTH SHORE ANIMAL League America's campus in Port Washington is currently still doing, but pet-owner candidates must make an appointment to adopt.

North Shore Animal League still fostering adoptions

By **JENNIFER CORR**

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Tanner Callicutt of Manhattan had thought about getting a puppy for some time, but house-training one seemed daunting given his busy schedule as an actor and a restaurant host.

So when New York state shut down to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in mid-March, Callicutt thought, "When am I going to have six weeks of undivided attention to devote to training him and making sure that he's house-broken?"

In December, Callicutt's friend, Will Ganss, went through North Shore Animal League America, a no-kill animal rescue center in Port Washington, to get a puppy. He noticed the amount of love a shelter pet can give, so he decided to go with North Shore Animal League for his new puppy.

Callicutt is not the only one to take advantage of the stay-at-home order to train and get to know a new pet. "There are a lot, a lot of people who are inquiring about adopting animals," Diane Johnson, North Shore Animal League's vice president of shelter Operations, said. "Basically, all of the animals that we have on our website, someone has asked about, which is great because a lot of them are long-term animals that have been here a little bit longer."

Because the animal rescue can no longer allow walk-ins, potential adoptees can look for adoptable cats and dogs on the organization's website, www.animalleague.org. On the website, Callicutt found a lab-mix puppy named Otis. "I saw his picture online and immediately fell in love," Callicutt said.

Callicutt then contacted North Shore Animal League and was able to fill out his adoption application over the phone and made an appointment. On April 3, he sat down with Otis at the rescue. "By the end of it, I was like 'Yeah, he's mine,'" he said. "I want to take him home."

Johnson said now is a good time to adopt a pet. "People are home and they have the time to devote to an animal," she said. "This is a great time for training and spending time with them. We had an outpouring, before this happened, of people who wanted to foster. So we have 40 animals in foster homes that are getting attention 24/7 rather than being here."

Fostering has been the alternative option, Johnson said, for pets whose owners died from Covid-19. She said there were two cases that the shelter handled. In one, the animal was supposed to be housed at the shelter, but at the



Courtesy Tanner Callicutt

TANNER CALLICUTT ADOPTED his lab-mix puppy, Otis, from North Shore Animal League America in Port Washington.

last minute a relative stepped up to take the animal in.

In another, a neighbor of an individual took in the animal as a foster pet. The neighbor is now working independently to have the animal adopted. "Rather than the animal coming to the shelter, where it's new for them, and it's scary, they're with a foster in a safe and loving environment," Johnson said.

North Shore Animal League could not name the foster owners for privacy reasons.

For animals that do currently live at the shelter, staff members and volunteers have provided care for them too. Adoptable dogs are walked three to four times a day and are able to go outside and play. Volunteers have also been taking them to the beach.

"Our front line has been unwavering," Johnson said. "We've been here from the start. Our staff and volunteers are still here providing care and enrichment for the ani-

mals, and you can't ask for more than that. Our staff is so dependable when it comes to the animals."

Also dependable, Johnson said, has been the emergency veterinary service provided by North Shore Animal League's Pet Health Centers, which are now doing a curbside service for which the animal is brought in and the owner stays in the car.

"Veterinary medicine has been deemed an essential service, so we have remained open to some degree," Dr. Mark Verdino, a veterinarian with North Shore Animal League, said. "We have, at this point, closed what we would consider non-critical services. So we're not doing annual exams for the most part. We're not doing elective procedures, like if a dog needs dental cleaning..."

Verdino and his team have also worked to inform the public on the relationship between Covid-19 and companion animals. As of April 22, only two companion animals had tested positive for Covid-19, and the chances of humans spreading the disease to animals are low, officials said.

"There have been, globally, very few cases where they have tested animals in the home of Covid patients and they have gotten positive tests," Verdino said. "Does that mean they are infected, or does that mean they are just picking it up on the test? That's what we really don't know."

As of now, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending that those who are sick with Covid-19 stay isolated from their pets, along with anyone else in their household. The CDC has also recommended keeping pets away from situations in which they could interact with other animals and humans outside the household.

However, Verdino said, people should not be paranoid. He has heard of cases in other shelters and rescues in which people have tried to drop off their pets out of fear they could contract or spread coronavirus, or that owner would be unable to care for the pet if quarantined. This is has not happened at North Shore Animal League to date, however, he said.

"What we're trying to do is temper that paranoia out a little bit," Verdino said. "Again, there's no evidence that companion animals are playing any roles whatsoever in the transmission of this disease."

Go to North Shore Animal League's website at animal-league.org to browse adoptable pets and contact (516) 883-7575 to become a pre-approved adopter. Adoptions are done by appointment. The organization is also accepting donations.

Former Sen. Dean Skelos to be released

By JILL NOSSA
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Former State Sen. Dean Skelos could be returning to his Rockville Centre home as early as this week, according to a court filing. Skelos tested positive for Covid-19, and is expected to be released to home confinement from federal prison in Otisville on or around April 30, according to officials from the Bureau of Prisons.

A letter sent to a federal judge overseeing Skelos's case did not state the location of his new confinement, but traditionally prisoners are sent to their homes and are electronically monitored, with restrictions on leaving the premises.

His request for release had been in question last week because of a change in government policy.

Earlier this month, officials said that Skelos, 72, had been cleared for medical release and would likely return to his Rockville Centre home. On April 21, however, prosecutors said a recent shift in the Bureau of Prisons policy meant he was no longer eligible for compassionate release, which can be ordered by a judge for inmates facing extraordinary circumstances, including illness. According to prosecutors, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons advised prison officials to revert to its pre-coronavirus policy that inmates are not eligible for home

release unless they had served 50 percent of their sentence. Skelos has more than two years, or around 30 percent, left on his 51-month sentence for extortion, wire fraud and bribery.

The federal prosecutors sent a letter to U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood, who is overseeing the case, saying the Bureau of Prisons had not yet decided whether to approve Skelos for furlough and home confinement. Skelos had reportedly been in quarantine for 10 days at the federal prison in Otisville, according to documents filed in federal court in Manhattan by Southern District prosecutors, and has been symptom-free since April 8.

Late last month, Skelos requested early release, citing fear of contracting the virus after another inmate tested positive. The motion, filed under seal, was opposed by federal prosecutors in papers filed publicly, stating an application for release must first be filed with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, which can better assess his health situation. His medical condition was not made public at that point.

Skelos was convicted in July 2018 of using his political power to secure roughly \$300,000 in jobs and fees for his son Adam, also of Rockville Centre. They were each convicted on eight counts of conspiracy, extortion, and bribery. Adam Skelos was sentenced to four years in prison.



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FORMER STATE SEN. Majority Leader Dean Skelos of Rockville Centre has tested positive for Covid-19 and is expected to be released early to home confinement.

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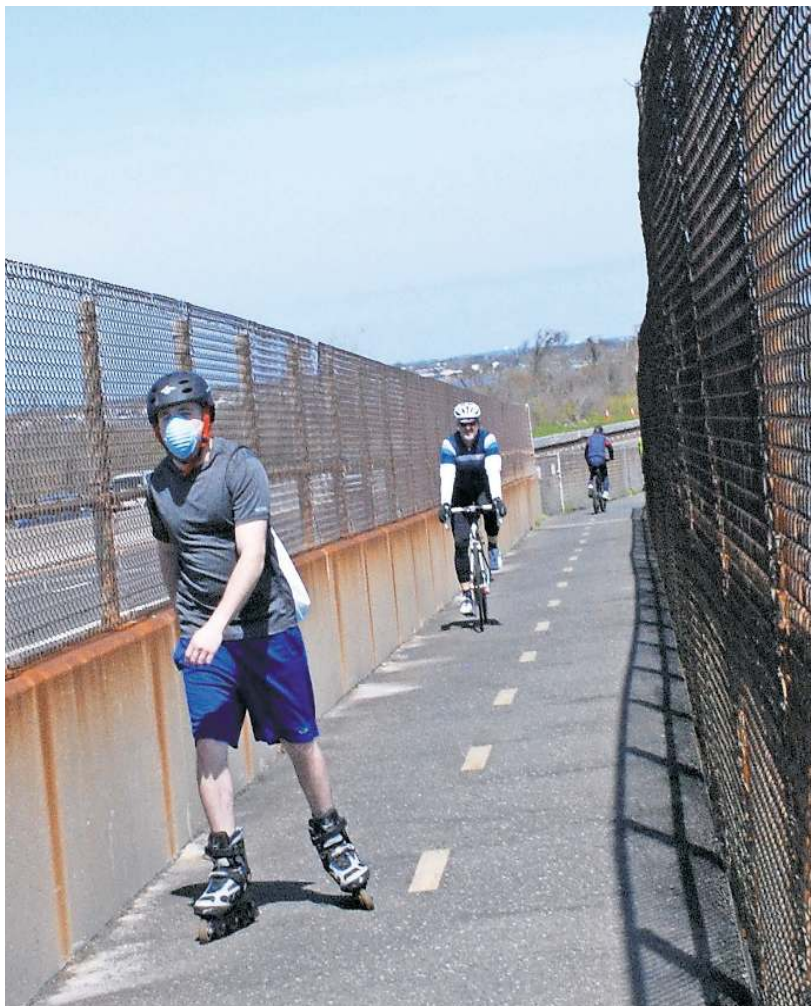
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THE WANTAGH PARKWAY bike trail from Cedar Creek County Park to Jones Beach State Park is one of a handful of such trails in Nassau County. At left and above, riders on the trail last Saturday.

Cycling, social-distancing style



A NUMBER OF roller bladers and cyclists, left and top right, wore masks as they made their way to and from Jones Beach, while also keeping a safe distance from those around them.

THE NEW YORK State Parks Department, center, warned park-goers at Jones Beach to stay at least six feet away from others.

CYCLISTS ON THE trail at Jones Beach, right.



Nassau County has fewer than 50 miles of bike trails, compared to New York City, which has 450, and Suffolk County, which has 370. So Nassau residents have long had a hard time finding a place to ride freely, unconcerned about the presence of cars. With the Covid-19 pandemic hitting, and people unable to work out at their gyms, many are turning to cycling for their regular dose of exercise.

What happens, however, when so many people must make do with a relatively small number of bike trails? Are they able to abide by current social-distancing requirements when riding? Herald's Executive Editor Scott Brinton rode the Wantagh Park bike trail from Cedar Creek County Park to Jones Beach State Park Saturday to find out, and for the most part, he found, cyclists, runners and inline skaters were keeping a safe distance — at least six feet apart. On this page you will find his photos from his 10-mile round-trip.

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OBITUARIES

Salvatore R. Tedesco

Salvatore R. Tedesco, 80, of Glen Cove, died on April 25. "Sal The Tailor" was the beloved husband of Concetta, loving father of Sergio (Nicki) and Rosa Benin (Antonio), dear brother of Alba and Lina, adored grandfather of Michael, Isabella, Sofia, Massi and Leo. Mr. Tedesco was a proud member of Cinque Frondese Society of Calabria, Italy. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Private Catholic Prayers by Father Daniel of St. Rocco RC Church. Private Entombment Service at Holy Rood Cemetery.

Valentino Acocella

Valentino Acocella, 92, of Glen Cove, died on April 23. "Wally" was the beloved husband of the late Marie; loving father of Madelyn Fugazy (Louis), Christine Bua (the Late Frank) and the late Valentina Price (Greg); cherished grandfather of Amanda, Danielle, Frank, Louis, Jennifer, Matthew, Shanna, Brian, Christopher and Thomas; adored great-grandfather of 18. Acocella was a kind, loving man, who loved his family. He was formally from New Rochelle. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove. Private family service to be held at a later date.

Rhoda Kream

Rhoda Kream, 96, of Glen Cove, died on April 20. Beloved wife of the late Jacob; loving mother of Richard, Barbara Condit, Shelley Tawfik and Steven; cherished grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of eight. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove.

Private family service at Locust Valley Cemetery.

Madeline Splaine

Madeline Splaine, 87, of Glen Head, died on April 18. Beloved wife of the late Robert; loving mother of Robert Jr. (Rita), Nancy Galante (Mike) and Janet Ford (Gerard); dear sister of Aida Walton (Jack); proud grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of seven. Private Catholic prayers at East Hillside Cemetery by Father Bart of St. Hyacinth RC Church.

Alexander Richey

Alexander Richey, 68, of Queens, formerly of Glen Cove, died on April 16. Loving father of John Paul and Kalynnza; dear brother of Cathy Mickens, Johnny, Christopher, Frances William and the late Walter; adored grandfather of Maurice, Xavien and Deonna. Richey

was an avid chess player, loved backgammon and loved to play the guitar. He rooted for the New York Giants and was also a New York Yankees fan. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove. Private family service conducted by Rev. Williams. Private Interment at Calverton National.

Brenda A. Brett

Brenda A. Brett, 93, of Glen Cove, died on April 12. Beloved wife of the late Charles E; loving mother of Ada, Alexis (James Curry) and the late Charlotte Schutt (Glenn); proud grandmother of eight. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service and interment held privately at Locust Valley Cemetery.



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Wesley Edmund Berry

Wesley Edmund Berry, 94, formerly of East Norwich, of Willistown, PA, died on April 11. Beloved husband of the late Audrey (nee Spengeman) Berry; loving father of David W. Berry (Sandra) and Doug Berry (Margaret); adoring grandfather of Audrey Berry; dear brother of Raymond Berry (Anita) and the late Herbert and Norman; son of the late Herbert Mead and Mary Theresa (nee Brennfleck). Born in Manhattan, he was raised in Peekskill, N.Y. by a widowed mother during the depression. After obtaining a bachelor and master's degrees in history, political science, and education, he taught at Oyster Bay High School in Oyster Bay for 30 years until he retired as chairman of the Social Studies Department in 1990. After retirement, he then went onto a second career serving as an executive member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, where he, along with his wife Audrey, organized many functions, not only to lobby for teacher's needs and concerns, but to provide a social outlet for retired teachers in their later lives. After the death of his beloved wife in 2009, Berry moved to Willistown, PA, to live with his son, David, and his daughter-in-law, Sandra.

For the rest of his life, Mr. Berry enjoyed an active life, attending various social functions where he made many friends in a new part of the country. Interment will be private at Calverton National Cemetery on Long Island. A public Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Wesley's memory to the Semper Fi Fund to help veterans in need at www.semperfund.org.

Lucy Minicozzi

Lucy Minicozzi, 93, an Oyster Bay resident for most of her life, died on April 10. Wife of the late James V. Minicozzi; survived by her two sons, Robert Minicozzi (Martha) and James R. Minicozzi (Karen); grandmother of Minicozzi Doehla (Mike) and Michael Minicozzi, who were her pride and joy.

An honors graduate of Oyster Bay High School, Lucy worked as an executive secretary in Manhattan prior to her marriage. She later worked as an assistant to the president of Piping Rock Club and at LILCO before having children. For many years, Lucy enjoyed working at the Oyster Bay Guardian, editing articles and fund-

raising. In her later years, she was active with the Doubleday Babcock Senior Center in Oyster Bay and was awarded volunteer of the year in 2007. Lucy had a lovely singing voice and loved performing in musicals put on by the senior center. The Minicozzi family would like to extend their gratitude to Paul Lockwood and his caring staff at the Country Inn for their compassionate and respectful care. Due to Covid-19, a memorial will be scheduled at a later date. In memory of Lucy, please make donations to the Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org.

Dorian S. Johnson

Dorian S. Johnson, 59, formerly of Glen Cove, died on April 6. Beloved son of Thelma and Talbot; dear brother of Vicki Herbert, Talbot Jr., Talise, Mario (Lorrie), Donato and Melodin Trammel; also survived by several nieces and nephews. Johnson retired from Grumman Northrop. He was also a fanatic Minnesota Viking fan. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Private Interment Service held at Nassau Knolls Cemetery.

Catherine Buchanan

Catherine Buchanan, 82, of Glen Cove, died on April 5. "Miss Kitty" was the beloved wife of the Late Harry, or "Junebug;" loving mother of Janice, Wade, Warren, Katherine and the late William; dear sister of Harold Jr., Charles, John, Betty and the late Rosa; also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove. Private Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.

William T. Heisig

William T. Heisig, 92, of Locust Valley, died on April 16. Husband of Aleta (nee Brisbane); father of Max (Ly), Allaire and the late Banigan; grandfather of Lola and Colette. Bill was born in Bayside, Queens to Margaret Kiernan and Theodore Heisig on November 25, 1927. The youngest of three boys, he attended public school, P.S. 130 in Queens where he learned to play baseball, eventually pitching for the New York Yankees farm system for two years from 1947 to 1948. A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard from 1945 to 1947, Bill attended Kent State University on the GI Bill from 1948 to 1951. His father, Ted, had been a private detective so becoming a state trooper with the New York State Police from 1952 to 1972 was a natural course for him. One of his duties was as a bodyguard for Governor Dewey. A realtor for 20 years, an antique dealer, tennis player and a painter he was a man of many interests. A generous, dignified soul, he will be sorely missed. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Private service and interment at Locust Valley Cemetery.

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OPINIONS

Cuomo puts the other guy from Queens to shame

As we suffer through pandemic-mandated home confinement, the media becomes more and more important to us each day. We follow it for information, for comfort, for life-saving advice and for ways to keep us from having nervous breakdowns.

In every time of crisis, some figures emerge that either capture our attention

or stand out because of their impact on our lives, one way or another.

President Trump and Gov. Andrew Cuomo have commanded the continuous attention of us New Yorkers, because both have our fate in their hands in different

today: in our face on a daily basis. The political world and the business world are like two different planets, and they presented different challenges to Cuomo and Trump. The president was born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth, and the governor came from a family of modest means. They're both from Queens.

Trump struggled over the years to prove that he wasn't just his father's son, and Cuomo had an uphill fight to prove that he was a worthy heir to the Cuomo family name. When Trump made a lot of mistakes in the real estate business, he turned to his lawyers and family to bail him out. Andrew Cuomo had a brilliant mentor in his father, and made only one political mistake, which was his misguided decision to challenge State Comptroller Carl McCall for the Democratic nomination for governor in 2002.

Those headaches briefly held both Trump and Cuomo back from their goals to get to the top of their respective mountains, but not for long. After their setbacks, each one decided that he would keep pushing, and nothing would get in the way. Trump was determined to

emerge from his financial failures and make the world believe he was a business genius. With the smart use of public relations and a lot of lucky breaks, he became a household name thanks to the wildly popular television series "The Apprentice." And, over the years, he managed to put his name on countless buildings and projects.

Cuomo didn't have the benefit of a money machine behind him, but he always had a fierce determination to win, and understood the political world a lot more than any adversary. Time heals all wounds — even political ones — and in 2006, he decided to run for attorney general. He ran a highly professional office, and proved that he was his own man. Four years later, he turned his attention to mounting a campaign for governor, and, now in his third term, he has emerged as a national figure.

So today, Trump and Cuomo are in the spotlight at the same time, and the differences between them have emerged for all to see.

The president has his bully pulpit, with his nightly TV coronavirus brief-

ings. At the same time, however, Cuomo has become a national celebrity with *his* daily briefings. The president holds forth in two-hour sessions laced with insults of the media and repeated insistence on being thanked for everything he has or hasn't done. Cuomo presents facts and statistics, and gives viewers the feeling that he really cares about who lives or dies. There are 49 other governors, but at this point Cuomo leads the pack.

There is no doubt Trump believes that his daily pronouncements will help his re-election chances. But there is such a thing as too much exposure, and too much of the same wears on the average voter. On the other hand, Cuomo's daily sessions have attracted a legion of new followers, and his prominence may play an important role in his political life years from now.

Unplanned as it was, the competition between the two guys from Queens has been a clear win for Cuomo.

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ways. Obviously, the president has a major role at the national level, and as a state, we look to the governor. Both have traveled bumpy roads, but as time now shows, there are more differences between the two than similarities.

Knowing both men fairly well, I think back over the years on how each followed a chosen path to get to where they are

Having the 'best words' never mattered more

I am reading so many good words these days, but sadly, none of them are coming from the president.

That's a shame, because throughout history, words have inspired people to resist tyranny, to slog through depressions and to find their better selves in times of crisis.

What leaps to mind? "We have nothing to fear but fear itself," or "Give me liberty or give me death" or "No taxation without representation." Sober and inspiring, right?

Last week, I'm pretty sure I heard Donald Trump spewing nonsense about ultraviolet light and disinfectants curing

respect due a president. I say to that: Respect is earned. Trump has trampled every opportunity to speak truth to the American people, to support the scientists who are on the front lines and to create an organized federal response to this pandemic. His lying has always been disturbing, but now it has become lethal.

If you believe what he says and you also hope to live a full life, just check with your doctor before you inject any disinfectant.

Two weeks ago, Trump used the word "liberate" to rally the know-nothings who see social distancing, a proven life-saving strategy, as some kind of infringement of their right to go back to work or out to the local bar. That particular word, "liberate," was intentionally used to foment protest among Trump's base.

New York Times columnist Tom Friedman said it with his own excellent prose: "Think about the use of that word. We were not in jail! We were not doing something wrong! We were doing what our president, governor, mayor and national epidemic experts told us to do: behave responsibly and shelter in place . . . Trump was cynically trying to curry

favor with his base by implying that the Democratic governors . . . were unfairly locking people up. Is there anything more irresponsible that this president could do?"

That was before Doctor Trump started free-associating about disinfectants and ultraviolet light.

Fortunately, the best words are also being offered by thinkers and writers who choose to lift us up. Mindfulness expert Jack Kornfield wrote in the Times magazine:

"The feeling that we have so little control over how death could touch us in this instance — that's what a lot of these current

anxieties come down to, right? We're worried about ourselves or the ones we love dying from Covid-19 . . . It's wild that we have our personalities and our bodies and full lives and families and then, poof, they're gone. We look for a story . . . What I know from 50 years of meditation and doing hospice work is that we're not just this body. You are made of spirit. And the spirit makes it so that even if people have died, we're still profoundly connected to them in love. In that sense, they haven't exactly died. They are in us, not

only in our hearts but also somehow in our very being. Knowing this doesn't take away the power of that grief to shake us to our roots, but it lets us know something bigger than all of that: Who I am is not just this body. We *are* consciousness."

Seeing the beauty in Kornfield's words gives me faith that we will also understand this time more fully when our fiction writers begin using this global pandemic as grist for the literary mill. Writer Sloane Crosley reminds us that things are moving too quickly now to have any perspective, but with the advantage of time, we may find ourselves reading another "Don Quixote" or "The Grapes of Wrath" or "The Plague," all inspired by historic tragedies.

Time is the critical ingredient. As Crosley said in a Times article, the sensational, get-it-while-it's-hot treatment of world events often disappoints. Fiction writers, she said, are only now getting World War I right, which may be a bit of an exaggeration.

We can only hope that our best writers are busy taking notes so that someday they can summon their own best words to explain this crazy time to the rest of us.

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Covid-19. He said he was just putting it out there; he was just thinking out loud. What's the harm?

The terrible harm is that he is a font of abysmal ignorance, and his advice is taken to heart by many people who believe what he says because he is, unfortunately, the president of the United States. I know some of you read these words and want to remind me of the

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HERALD EDITORIAL

To Congress: Fund the states – now

Aside from the slings and arrows thrown more sparingly than usual by President Trump, the nearly two-month-long coronavirus crisis has been largely free of the bitter partisan politics that have roiled our nation in recent years.

Until last week, that is.

Yes, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, perhaps unsurprisingly, went there even now, as families across the country have been reeling amid a steadily mounting Covid-19 death toll.

After offering desperately needed financial relief to small businesses, Congress began debating whether to fund states whose annual budgets have been decimated because of the coronavirus. McConnell's pathetic response: Fund yourselves or declare bankruptcy, saying he would have no more "blue state bailouts."

That clearly angered Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who for weeks had called on Congress to fund the states, noting that New York is staring down a historically high \$10 billion to \$15 billion gap in its budget. Without federal intervention, New York

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■ U.S. Rep. Thomas Suozzi, 3rd District, suozzi.house.gov.

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might be forced to cut 20 percent of aid for essential services like fire, police, hospitals and schools.

Such cuts would mean steep, across-the-board staffing cuts, Cuomo warned, but

there would be no choice. With income tax collections halted at the moment and sales taxes bottoming out, the state is now essentially broke, when only two months ago it was solvent.

Cuomo fired back at McConnell, arguing that, year after year, New York contributes more than any other state than it receives in federal aid. Meanwhile, McConnell's home state of Kentucky is among the states that contributes the least to the federal coffers, but among those that take the most in aid.

"Just give me my money back, Senator," Cuomo implored McConnell.

If Congress were to refuse to fund the states to make their budgets whole again, then "you will see a collapse of this national economy," Cuomo said.

We urge New Yorkers to write to their congressional representatives to show support for swift action to fund the states and avoid an economic catastrophe of even greater proportions than we have already seen. Local representatives' websites are listed in the box.

Keep extending the Ocean Parkway bike trail

With most people confined to their homes by the coronavirus pandemic and itching to get out into open space, it becomes abundantly clear that Nassau County is lacking when it comes to bike trails.

The county has fewer than 50 miles of bike trails, compared with New York City, which has 450, and Suffolk County, which has 370. So Nassau residents have long had a hard time finding a place to ride freely, unconcerned about the presence of cars. Now, as the weather (finally) warms, and with people unable to work out at their gyms, many are turning to cycling for exercise.

But too many are forced to ride on

streets, unprotected from the vehicles around them. True, there are fewer cars on the roads, but it's still much safer to ride on trails, away from traffic. It's also better for motorists. Many drivers now find themselves navigating among pedestrians, runners, cyclists, inline skaters and skateboarders.

What cyclists need are safe places to ride, removed from suburban streets.

Historically, Nassau lawmakers have not seen the importance of bike trails, as those in New York City and Suffolk County have. The thinking has been, people drive, so why bother with bike trails?

Those trails give people a place to exercise and enjoy themselves in a safe setting. That's all the reasoning needed. The coro-

navirus crisis only further illustrates how important they are.

The five-mile-long Wantagh Parkway bike trail, which leads down to Jones Beach, was crowded last weekend, but most users managed to keep a safe distance from one another (*see story inside*). It is one of just a handful of bike trails in the county. The only other major trail loops for 10 miles around the Hub, in the center of the county.

New York state has committed to a 10-mile, \$16.2 million extension of the existing three-mile-long Ocean Parkway bike trail, itself an extension of the Wantagh Parkway trail. Let's hope, given the current economic crisis, the state is still able to build it.

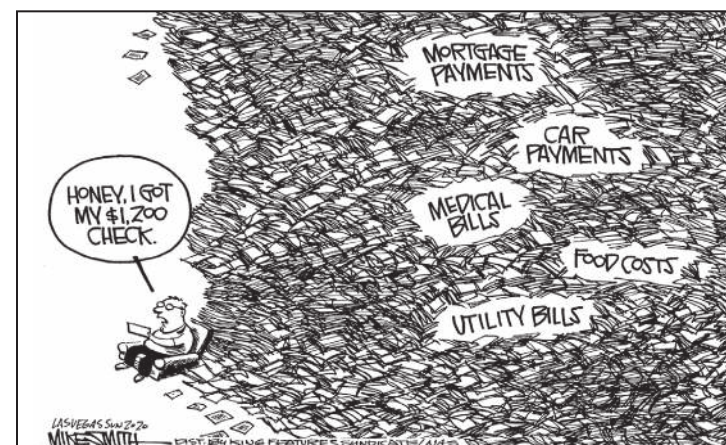
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What is going on?

To the Editor:

I feel like I am in the middle of a crowd and everyone around me and those who are as far as I can see are in a panic. No one seems to really know what's happening or what should be done. And everyone you ask has a different answer.

Some people are being told it's OK to go back to work. They now have to decide, is it better having a job to go to where they may be exposed to the virus and bring it home, destroying the family that they are working so hard to support? At what point did everything all go wrong? Why did we get caught up in a life that moved so fast? What happened that made us think we needed two incomes to sur-



OPINIONS

Reform higher education with three-year degrees

Amid a global pandemic, colleges nationwide have indefinitely shifted classes online. With students no longer using campus facilities and resources, they have created petitions and filed class-action lawsuits calling for tuition reduction and reimbursement. This discontent arises against the backdrop of a turbulent economy, historically high tuition costs and record levels of student loan debt.



OLIVER ROBERTS

Now is the time to take definitive action on higher education reform to best position our next generation of students. But the current mainstream reform proposals

— like free college and debt cancellation — engender uncompromising, hyperpartisan reactions, which inevitably lead to inaction. If we truly want to improve our higher education system, we must pursue a bipartisan approach that reduces tuition costs and student loan debt, expands college opportunities for high school students, and requires no increase in taxes.

Currently, there is only one proposal that adequately fulfills these goals: Degree-in-Three reform. It calls for tran-

sitioning the college system away from the traditional four-year degree model to three-year degrees. Tuition would be reduced by 25 percent, students would have fewer loans and interest to pay back, more could afford college degrees, and they could seek employment and start earning salaries a year earlier.

According to Paul Weinstein, director of graduate programs at John Hopkins University, colleges could eliminate a year by shifting to a trimester system, adding a winter term, removing redundant class requirements, focusing on early declarations of majors, offering crossover master's classes for students pursuing graduate degrees, and accepting more A.P. credit equivalents.

One criticism of Degree-in-Three reform is that reducing the length of a college career could potentially compromise the quality of education. But many universities — more than 30, according to Weinstein — already offer three-year degree programs. In addition, most colleges now allow students to substitute internship experience for classroom credit, and some even allow internships to fulfill a full semester's worth of credit. So colleges could eliminate a year by creating formal summer internship programs-for-credit that buttress classroom

instruction.

With colleges already recognizing the interchangeable nature of classroom instruction and internship experience, students earning employment opportunities and gaining real-world experience

earlier could hardly be viewed as compromising their education and development. And with incoming freshmen now face uncertain economic futures, maximizing work experience through internships could best prepare them for, and significantly improve their competitiveness in, future job markets.

Underscoring its bipartisan political appeal, Degree-in-Three reform wouldn't require a single dollar of additional taxes, and would deliver wide-ranging economic benefits. With lower tuition costs, less student loan debt and an additional year of salary, the improved financial posture of college graduates would enable greater economic investment on their part — the purchase of cars and homes. Entering the workforce one year earlier, college graduates would also bolster our Social Security System through additional payroll taxes.

Further, by allowing students to graduate in three years, colleges could open up more seats in their incoming classes, which would mean more opportunities

for high school students to attend competitive colleges and pursue their desired career paths. By doing so, colleges would be able to offset any potential profit losses from the transition to three-year degrees.

Degree-in-Three reform presents a bipartisan solution to a divisive national issue. Republicans have long proposed reducing the government's role in administering loans in favor of private-sector lending, while Democrats have advanced free college and debt cancellation. Given these opposing approaches, bipartisan action would seem highly unlikely.

But Degree-in-Three Reform caters to both parties' interests, while still preserving the opportunity for each party to tout its preferred solutions to the problems it sees with the college system. With a three-year degree model, college tuition and loan debt would decrease, and more students would be able to attend college, making Democrats happy. And those benefits would accrue without raising taxes, and reduce government's role in administering student loans, which would please Republicans.

In the meantime, Degree-in-Three reform would have already cut tuition costs by 25 percent, reduced student loan debt and delivered wide-ranging macroeconomic benefits.

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Degree-in-Three reform presents a bipartisan solution to a divisive issue.

LETTERS

vive as a family?

It's easy to blame others. The truth is we are all to blame for where we are today. We can keep asking ourselves, what would have happened if I... what could I have done differently and would we have changed anything if we registered to vote and voted in every election? Isn't this what our forefathers fought and gave their lives for?

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Unemployment filing needs a fix

To the Editor:

I, along with many other New Yorkers, was recently furloughed from my job. I went on the website to file a claim, and the claim said, "Submission submitted successfully." Then I received a notice that a State Department of Labor representative would call me at an unspecified time to verify my identity and my employer's identification number. You would think the application would have asked those questions. Some of the other questions that were included

were vague and not user-friendly.

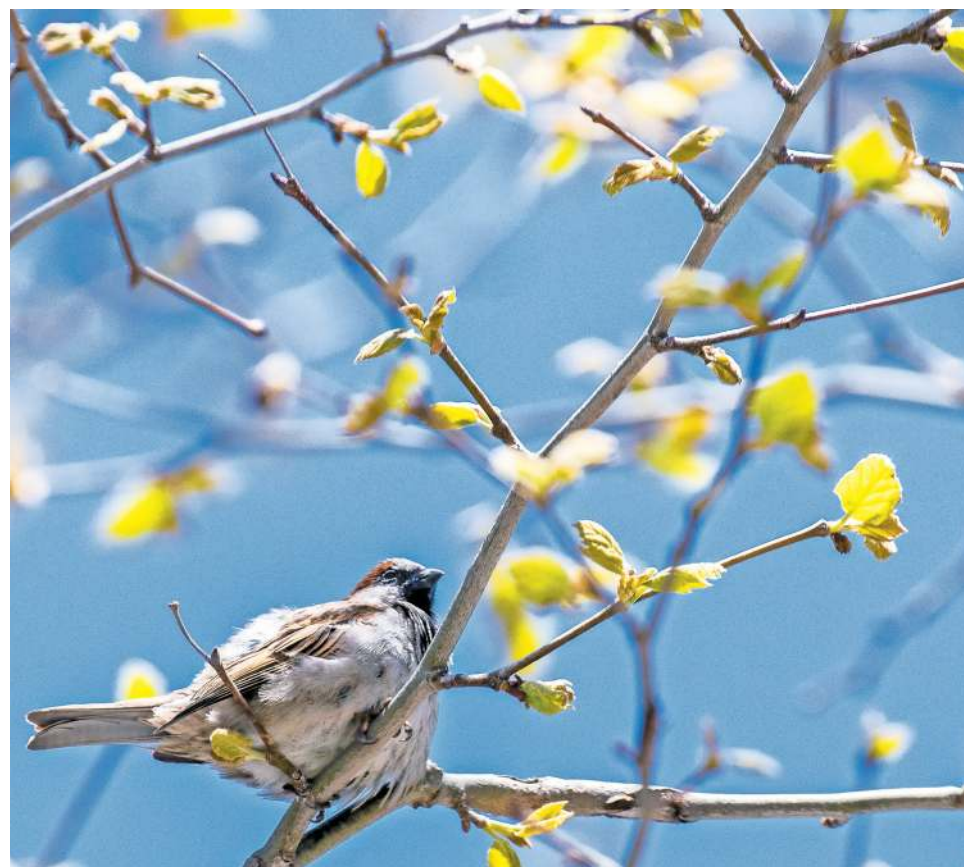
Waiting for the call, I have had to be a slave to my phone. In other industrialized countries, the process is not the same. When you are unemployed you get the benefits right away. Why is it that in our country you have to go through so many bureaucratic hurdles to receive a phone call, and then why do we have to wait to receive the benefits? With the technology we have today, how could the unemployment office not know how much we made from our last place of employment or what was included in our federal tax returns from last year?

This is not just about me. I have already contacted Assemblyman Charles Lavine, State Sen. James Gaughran and U.S. Rep. Thomas Suozzi. This is about my fellow Americans who are having the same problems. This needs to be fixed.

I implore our elected leaders to expedite a solution to this problem for the many unemployed New Yorkers to help them pay for their basic needs such as rent, food and utilities.

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I will continue to fight:

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- ★ For more funding for New York State, local governments and hospitals based upon *rate of infection*
- ★ To dramatically increase testing and contact tracing so we can re-open our economy
- ★ For massive infrastructure investment targeted to Nassau, Suffolk and Queens
- ★ To repeal the state and local tax (SALT) cap

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