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WHEN MORGAN PARK reopened, 2½-year-old Matthew Rogowski spent some time uncovering the beach's many treasures with his father, John.

Glen Cove parks reopen

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With the coronavirus crisis past its peak, Glen Cove, like other communities in the state, reopened its parks last weekend.

"I think people have been cooped up for long enough, and the weather is about to turn really nice," Mayor Tim Tenke said at the City Council's April 28 meeting. "The rules will be posted outside the entrances to the parks, and I want everyone to enjoy

it. Please get out, get some fresh air."

The Glen Cove Golf Club opened for those reserving tee times on Friday. Pickleball players were spotted at Stanco Park over the weekend, and as temperatures rose into the 70s on Sunday, Glen Cove and Locust Valley residents flocked to Morgan Park. But city playgrounds, basketball, handball and racquetball courts remained closed.

"If you want to use the park, feel free to do so, but please exercise social distanc-

ing," Tenke said. "We're going to slowly see how this works out."

Members of the city's auxiliary police force patrolled the parks, answering questions and, in Morgan Park, made sure visitors did not go on the jetty.

Families stood on the shore there, walked the trail or sat on the field, most wearing masks. Glen Cove Police Chief William Whitton said that there were no reports of residents ignoring social dis-

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G.C. Hospital: Home to heroes

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The public perception of police officers and firefighters changed after Sept. 11, 2001, when so many lost their lives trying to save others. They were deemed heroes, and there was a marked increase in new recruits for jobs as first responders.

Many believe that the coronavirus pandemic may have changed the image of health care workers. Communities on the North Shore and island-wide have been expressing their gratitude for these workers, posting signs of thanks and delivering food, letters and cards. Medical workers — whether busy in hospitals or hometown doctors' offices — are being described as heroes for their dedication to saving lives, often at risk to their own.

But Dr. Bradley Sherman, chairman of the Department of Medicine at Glen Cove Hospital, says he simply is doing what he has always done.

"Whenever there's a crisis, I respond, be it a hurricane, 9/11 or Covid-19," Sherman said. "That's my calling, so I don't know about being a hero. I consider myself lucky to have a job

that gives me the gratification this does while helping people. The fact that people are recognizing us as being heroic is really nice."

Citizens now seem to recognize that the work of medical personnel goes above and beyond the ordinary, Sherman said.

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DR. BRADLEY SHERMAN
 Glen Cove Hospital

Registered Nurse Aimee LoMonaco is the director of patient care services for critical care at GCH. She oversees the front-line nurses and nursing support staff in the intensive care, medical surgical and cardiac units. LoMonaco, who has 20 years of experience as an ICU nurse, commutes an hour and a half each day from her home in Hampton Bays. She said she doesn't mind, because she loves working at GCH.

Her staff's workload has increased dramatically during the pandemic, LoMonaco said. A nurse routinely handles four to six patients in the ICU. Now each has 16 to 18. Initially, she said, some of the nurses were hesitant and anxious about caring for patients with Covid-19, but that has changed.

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Residents enjoy the sunshine in reopened parks

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tancing guidelines over the weekend.

And while some park-goers who attempted to climb the jetty were stopped by auxiliary police, and some chose not to wear masks, most, Whitton said, followed the rules — and visitors should continue to do so, he added, to keep the parks from closing again. “If it becomes a situation where people aren’t socially distancing and not listening to the rules and regulations put in place,” Whitton said, “I’m quite sure [city officials] would revisit the possibility of closing.”

Tenke said he had the authority to close the parks again if people don’t follow the rules. “I don’t want to do that,” he said, “I really don’t.”

John and Merna Nuss visited Morgan Park on Sunday, where they took in the view from their lawn chairs. “Look at what we have here,” Merna said. “This is paradise, and with this [pandemic] going on, we really needed this. It’s good to see people all around.”

The couple said they wished people would heed the instructions on a sign posted at the entrance that mandated the wearing of masks. “I think it’s wrong ... people do what they want to do,” Merna said. “Our governor said, ‘make sure you wear them’ and I do what he says. I do whatever he tells us. I’m happy to do it.”

John Nuss recalled that the New York City Parks Department distributed cloth masks at parks across the city and added that Glen Cove should have a similar policy.

Welwyn Preserve has also reopened, as did Garvies Point Museum’s trails. “I want to open more than one park at a time,” Tenke explained, “so people won’t crowd into one park.”

Crescent Beach remained closed



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THE SCENE IN Morgan Park last Sunday, as city parks welcomed cooped-up residents.

because, he said, its size does not allow for social distancing. Pryibil Beach, also closed, will open Memorial Day weekend. Because of its proximity to the pier, there isn’t much room to walk.

On April 26, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a “phased” plan to reopen the state. Based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a region can begin a phased reopening once it shows a 14-day numerical decline in a variety of Covid-19-related statistics, including hospitalizations.

“I am doing this because the governor has asked us to make sure that we open up our parks and our golf course,” Tenke said. “The reasoning behind his recommendation to open them is because it keeps people from Glen Cove from travel-

ing to Bayville or to Oyster Bay or to Sea Cliff to use those beaches. We’re going to open ours so people can use our beaches.”

The mayor said that city personnel would begin monitoring the crowds at the

parks on Memorial Day weekend. “We really want to try to keep a tight range on our beaches and keep them clean and usable for our residents,” Tenke said.

Morgan Park pandemic regulations

- Follow social distancing guidelines — remain six feet from others.
- No group gatherings.
- Wear a mask or face covering.
- No barbecuing or picnicking.
- Playground and restrooms remain closed.
- No fishing or swimming.
- Rock jetty is closed.
- If sick, please do not enter park.

L.I. congressional reps unite to help small businesses

By **LAURA LANE**

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The Small Business Administration, Treasury Department and banks should be held accountable if lending institutions focus only on larger businesses when approving Payroll Protection Program loans, a bipartisan group of Long Island congressional leaders said on April 24. Meeting on Zoom, they said that priority should be given to “small” small businesses seeking loans of less than \$150,000.

“There are a lot of smaller small businesses in the U.S. and most have less than 20 employees,” said U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove. “We have to send a clear message to the banks that we’re watching. They need to help the mom-and-pop shops, the plumber, electrician, doctor and dentist. And we need the Treasury Department and Small Business Administration to help get that message across.”

President Trump signed a second stimulus bill on April 23 that included more than \$300 billion in federal guarantees for PPP loans, which must be used to keep

employees on the payrolls of small businesses. The SBA will forgive the loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the loan money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest or utilities. A new stimulus bill was needed because the initial of \$349 billion for the program ran out.

Suozzi said that the average loan amount from the first stimulus package at the 15 larger banks was \$515,000, meaning the big borrowers received the loans and not the smaller business.

U.S. Rep. Peter King, a Republican, said the smaller businesses need relief now. “Or there won’t be any small businesses left,” he said. “This is a natural disaster. We have to stand together on this as New Yorkers.”

U.S. Rep. Kathleen Rice, a Democrat, agreed, adding that local retailers have told her that they are worried they will not survive.

One of Trump’s vocal supporters, U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin, a Republican from Suffolk County, said the government needs to step up to help the smaller businesses. “To my colleagues who think there is

nothing left to do, this isn’t the time to walk away and declare bankruptcy,” he said, referring to a suggestion made by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. “We need to make sure the state and local governments get through this.”

Big banks should focus their attention on the smallest of businesses, said U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks, a Democrat, noting he is working to make sure they do. “Despite who is in the cue, if you see a small business with 20 or less employees, push them up,” he said. “We earmarked \$60

billion to go to community banks and credit unions because they have the pulse of small business to make sure they can apply for loans.”

We will get through this if Democrats and Republicans are united like we are here.

THOMAS SUOZZI
U.S. representative,
Fourth District

Of the roughly 67,000 loan applications, 27,000 had been approved as of April 24. Rice said non-partisan oversight was needed moving forward.

Then Zeldin warned businesses that do not need the loan not to apply, adding that they would be shamed if they did. “If you’re flush with cash, if you’re an individual who is sitting comfortably and wealthy, this is not a moment in time for you to be asking what your country can do for you to get through the pandemic,” he said.

Payment of the loans should be flexible, Suozzi said. He predicted that when restaurants reopen, they would probably only see 30 percent of their business return. “They will need flexibility on paying back the loan,” he said. “Can we make money available with a much lower interest rate at maybe 0 or 1 percent?”

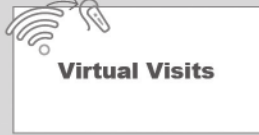
The congressional leaders are 100 percent united on these issues, Suozzi said, and “want to fight for the little guy — the smallest businesses. We will get through this if Democrats and Republicans are united like we are here.”

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CRIME WATCH

DENIS MOTHERWAY WAS being transported to Glen Cove Hospital when his ambulance was struck by Alvaro Gutierrez-Garcia's car.



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L.V. man arraigned for fatal ambulance crash

Alvaro Gutierrez-Garcia, of Locust Valley, was arraigned on April 30 on aggravated vehicular homicide, manslaughter and other charges for allegedly driving drunk and crashing into an ambulance in Sept. 1, 2019, killing the patient inside, Denis Motherway, 85, of Bayville.

Motherway was a retired NYPD detective, a father of five and a grandfather of 10. His son, Timothy, was also killed in a drunk driving accident in March, 2009.

Gutierrez-Garcia, 28, was arraigned on April 30 before Judge Robert McDonald on charges of:

- Reckless driving (an unclassified misdemeanor)
- Two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (an unclassified misdemeanor)
- Aggravated driving while intoxicated (an unclassified misdemeanor)
- Two counts of aggravated vehicular homicide (B felony)
- Second-degree manslaughter (C felony)
- First-degree vehicular manslaughter (C felony)
- Two counts of aggravated vehicular assault (C felony)
- Second-degree vehicular manslaughter (D felony)
- Two counts of first-degree vehicular assault (D felony)
- Two counts of second-degree assault (D violent felony)
- Two counts of second-degree vehicular assault (E felony)
- Second-degree reckless endangerment (A misdemeanor)

- Bail was continued at \$150,000 and Gutierrez-Garcia is due back in court on May 28. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 8.3 to 25 years in prison.
- Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas said at approximately 11:45 p.m. on the night of the accident, Alvaro Gutierrez-Garcia was allegedly driving a 1997 Cadillac sedan eastbound at a high speed on Forest Avenue in Glen Cove. His blood alcohol content was .18 when he struck a private ambulance driving southbound on Walnut Avenue. The force of the crash caused the ambulance, which was transporting Motherway to Glen Cove Hospital, to overturn.

Motherway, who was being transported from a rehabilitation facility due to an unrelated medical condition, went into cardiac arrest due to the collision and was pronounced dead at Glen Cove Hospital, according to charging documents.

Gutierrez-Garcia did not sustain any injuries during the crash but his front-seat passenger did suffer minor injuries. The Emergency Medical Technician inside the ambulance suffered serious physical injuries, while the driver suffered minor injuries.

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Northwell opening Syosset Hospital for elective surgery

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Covid-19 patients have dropped to low enough levels that Northwell Health is able to earmark Syosset Hospital as a “Covid-contained” medical center where certain elective surgeries will be performed.

That’s according to Dr. David Battinelli, Northwell’s senior vice president and chief medical officer. He spoke with video producer Rob Hoell last Thursday about how the hospital system, which has medical centers throughout the New York metropolitan area, has been coping with the “massive surge” of Covid-19 patients in recent weeks.

Northwell was forced to increase its total number of beds across its 23 hospitals by 2,000 at the height of the crisis, Battinelli said. “We were overwhelmed in the” intensive care units, he noted.

The hospital system redeployed some 1,500 workers in order to keep up with patient demand.

To date, the Northwell system has treated more than 40,000 Covid-19 patients, with 13,000 patients admitted to hospitals. “Nobody in the world has treated and seen more Covid patients than Northwell,” Battinelli said.

As a result, the hospital had to stop elective surgeries, which Battinelli called planned surgeries, meaning most elective surgeries must be done, but not



Facebook Live screenshot

DR. DAVID BATTINELLI, Northwell Health’s chief medical officer, last Thursday spoke with video producer Rob Hoell about the “massive surge” of Covid-19 patients within the hospital system.

immediately. Rather, they can be scheduled weeks or months in advance.

With elective surgeries put off for six to seven weeks now, many patients need them done, sooner rather than later. The need to resume planned surgeries, Battinelli said, has become “semi-urgent” — hence the opening of Syosset Hospital for the procedures.

Battinelli said Northwell could not guarantee with absolute certainty that Syosset would be entirely free of Covid-19 patients. Rather, he called the hospital “Covid-contained,” meaning the hospital will be able to cordon off any coronavirus patients who might appear there.

Battinelli also spoke of the many clinical trials for Covid-19 treatments

that Northwell has undertaken. The system has an estimated 700 patients in trials, while on any given year, it might have a dozen in trials, he said.

Among the trials Northwell is conducting is for famotidine, the active ingredient in the heartburn medicine Pepcid. Doctors in Wuhan, China, noticed that patients who presented with Covid-19 and heartburn, and who were taking famotidine, exhibited less virulent symptoms than those who were not on the drug.

That anecdotal finding led to clinical trials around the world. It appears famotidine might inhibit the coronavirus’s ability to replicate, Battinelli said.

He also spoke of telemedicine as a saving grace of the crisis, allowing patients to communicate with their doctors without having to be seen in an office.

Telemedicine, Battinelli predicted, will grow rapidly after the pandemic has subsided because health care consumers will want it because of its convenience. Patients can dial up their doctors, and then wait at home to be seen virtually.

“It is absolutely the way of the future,” Battinelli said.

He added that he believes social distancing is here to stay for at least the next year. It will be, he said, the “new norm” until a Covid-19 vaccine is discovered.

Antibody treatment offers ray of hope at MSSN

By SCOTT BRINTON

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People have been pinning up homemade signs thanking the many workers at Mount Sinai South Nassau in Oceanside on chain-link fence that blocks off a construction project full of big dirt mounds outside the hospital.

It was, one could say, a fitting site for a recent Facebook Live session in which three hospital officials offered a glimmer of hope amid the coronavirus crisis, speaking at length about an “innovative” treatment called convalescent plasma that, for some at least, might help cure Covid-19.

Joe Calderone, MSSN’s senior vice president for communications, led the talk on April 17 with Dr. Aaron Glatt, the hospital’s chief of infectious diseases and chairman of the Department of Medicine, and Dr. Adhi Sharma, its chief medical officer and vice president for clinical and professional affairs.

Sharma noted that convalescent plasma is an investigational treatment, not yet fully approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

It works like this, according to Glatt: Patients develop antibodies when fighting off Covid-19, as they do with other viruses. Those antibodies can be extracted from a recovering patient with a high level of them through a blood draw. The plasma can then be injected into someone who is still fighting off the coronavirus, which should help the patient battle the illness.

As of April 17, doctors at the hospital had given plasma to 15 patients, and in those preliminary cases, the procedure had demonstrated “promising” results, according to Sharma.

Ideally, Glatt said, antibodies are extracted from patients three weeks after the onset of Covid-19 symp-



Facebook Live screenshot

DR. AARON GLATT, Mount Sinai South Nassau hospital’s chief of infectious diseases, spoke recently of an “innovative” treatment for Covid-19 called convalescent plasma.

toms. At that point, he said, a patient is most likely to have a sufficient number of antibodies for extraction. Antibodies, he said, can be counted and quantified.

There is no risk to patients who are donating plasma and no indication the procedure would deplete their antibody stores, potentially leaving them susceptible to future infection, the doctors said.

The treatment is most often given to a patient who is or will likely become “deathly ill,” Glatt said.

Plasma is removed at the New York Blood Center in New York City. Patients must make an appointment to donate. Appointments can be made through Mount Sinai Doctors Five Towns in Hewlett. Donation is a multi-stage procedure that does require time, Glatt said.

Treatment is carried out with patient consent only.

It is unclear, Glatt and Sharma said, to what degree Covid-19 antibodies protect a patient from the disease, and for how long. It could be weeks, months or years. There is insufficient data on reinfection to know, they said.

Glatt and Sharma each said social distancing is key to ensuring that infection rates do not spike again over the coming weeks and months. They worry that people will ease up on the precautions they have been taking recently now that the weather is warming and more people are heading outside. They also pointed out that Governor Cuomo would likely allow businesses to start returning to normal operations in a phased reopening after May 15.

Without continued social distancing, those two factors could lead again to a surge in hospitalizations, which nearly overran hospitals like MSSN in April. The hospital normally sees about 300 patients total, but at the peak of infection, MSSN was seeing 500 patients, 40 percent more than normal.

The MSSN officials said patients were housed in tents and hospital corridors to accommodate them all.

“The staff went well above and beyond to maintain a hospital of 500 patients,” Sharma said, adding that MSSN could not sustain itself for long with that number of patients.

Until “we totally clear [Covid-19] from the population,” Sharma said, people should continue social distancing. It will only be eradicated, he said, with a proven vaccine, which is 12 to 18 months away.



Courtesy Town of Hempstead

HEMPSTEAD TOWN SUPERVISOR Donald Clavin was one of 13 Long Island supervisors who took part in a discussion on how to proceed with the summer season, when people flock to Long Island's beaches and parks.

SUPERVISORS DISCUSSED

HOW to convey social distancing guidelines to the public, and when to open and close town facilities, including beaches and parks.



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Town supervisors plan for summer recreation

By **SCOTT BRINTON**

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Thirteen town supervisors gathered Friday to begin planning coordination of the summer season on Long Island, when tourists from across the state and country descend on the Island's beaches, in order to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

The supervisors focused on parks and recreation in their discussion, officials said. Supervisor Rich Schaffer, of the Town of Babylon, organized the talk.

Hempstead Town Supervisor Donald Clavin said, "The theme of our discussion was that the Covid-19 pandemic does not follow town borders, and it's necessary to collaborate on our best practices and strategies for summer programs and services. Working together as a team and maintaining communication will be key to providing the safest environment."

At press time, it was unclear precisely what would be open for the summer, including the beaches.

The supervisors discussed how to convey social distancing guidelines to the public, and when to open and close town facilities, including beaches and parks. Supervisors said they wanted to ensure the closure of any one facility was done in coordination with other towns to make certain no one town was overrun by beach and park attendees.

"The uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic requires us to consider all possible scenarios," Clavin said. "Though we wish that all of our residents can enjoy the summers of the past, we accept that this is a 'new normal,' at least for this year."

In addition to Schaffer and Clavin, other supervisors taking part in the talks included: Edward Romaine, of Brookhaven; Judi Bosworth, of North Hempstead; Joseph Saladino, of Oyster Bay; Peter Van Scoyoc, of East Hampton; Chad Lupinacci, of Huntington; Angie Carpenter, of Islip; Yvette Aguiar, of Riverhead; Gerard Siller, of Shelter Island; Edward Wehrheim, of Smithtown; Jay Schneiderman, of Southampton; and Scott Russell, of Southold.

Watch out for new mothers this Mother's Day

Mother's Day is usually a day of celebration and joy for new mothers, but with New York still on lockdown this year, it may be a tough time for those with postpartum depression.

The condition affects one in five new mothers, according to Pauline Walfisch, a therapist at Helping Hands Psychotherapy in Rockville Centre who lives in Franklin Square, and the depression may be masked as Covid-19 anxiety.

In fact, Sonya Murdock, the founder of the Postpartum Resource Center of New York, said it has received a greater number of phone calls during the pandemic, and has increased its helpline services to seven days a week. The helpline provides free and confidential support to mothers who are in domestic violence situations, those who need supplies for their baby, mothers who may be having suicidal thoughts and those who are diagnosed with Covid-19.

The outbreak, Murdock said, has "amplified these issues."

Making it worse, Walfisch said, is the fact that many new mothers have an idealized vision of their first Mother's Day, but cannot go out to dinner this year or perhaps even receive flowers. Additionally, they may feel guilty that their parents will not be able to have

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"that grandparent experience they were looking forward to."

"It's easy to focus on the things you've lost," she said, and suggested new mothers spend their Mother's Day:



Pauline Walfisch

- Connecting with family and friends virtually.
- Making a craft they could keep for years.
- Getting a little "me time" if there is someone else in the house who could take care of the baby for a few minutes.

- Brightening up their space with flowers from their gardens.

Everyone else, Walfisch said, should check on their friends and family members with new babies.

NEWS BRIEF

Bill would keep firefighters benefits intact

State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, has introduced legislation that would ensure volunteer firefighters are able to maintain their active status during the Covid-19 pandemic, when required training exercises have been interrupted by the virus.

Maintaining active service is required in order for firefighters to accrue funds toward their state pensions. Firefighters must attain 50 points per year by being on call, responding to emergencies and taking part in training sessions.

Kaminsky, who represents several South Shore fire departments, said the measure would allow active volunteers to earn up to five points per month during the Covid-19 pandemic and give departments the ability to set different emergency response requirements for certain members. Firefighters would then only have to respond to the minimum number of emergency calls they are assigned.

"First responders deserve our sup-

port and appreciation now more than ever, not an unfair practice that penalizes them for following safety procedures," Kaminsky stated in a news release. The proposed law "would correct this problem and give them the benefits they deserve."

Kaminsky said volunteers at the Woodmere Fire Department informed him of the issue. "Thank you to Senator Kaminsky for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of our volunteer firefighters," Woodmere Fire Commissioners Ronna Rubenstein and Israel Max said in a joint statement in the release. "This bill will

make sure these brave men and women retain their benefits while forced to stay home because of the pandemic."

It was unclear at press time when the State Senate would discuss the bill. The Assembly and Senate passed a resolution in late March enabling virtual conferencing and voting among firefighters.

—Jeffrey Bessen and Scott Brinton



Todd Kaminsky

Nurses' image is changing, perhaps forever

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"Now the majority of our patients are Covid positive," LoMonaco said. "I have not heard that anyone turned away from an assignment or refused to care for a patient. The nurses understand that these are really sick patients and that this is what we do. We are like a firefighter who runs into a burning building."

The staff at GCH had the needed protective equipment from the initial outbreak of the coronavirus, which LoMonaco attributes to the professionalism of Northwell Health, the hospital's provider. And there was a realization at the beginning that more nurses would be needed. They were brought in from other Northwell hospitals as well as "travel nurses" from other states.

All of the health care providers at GCH are going the extra mile, LoMonaco said, including herself. "We have no shortage of nurses but last week there was an opening on the night shift," she said. "I worked it. Leaders do work with the staff."

What is most challenging for LoMonaco is her own anxiety about her staff. "I go home at night and put my head on my pillow and worry about how my frontline staff is doing," she said. "Every day is a new day with this virus. One day we can take someone off of a ventilator and the next day have several loses."

And some of the nurses have lost people they love. Even though LoMonaco hasn't, she is experiencing her own anguish. "My background was always critical care so I've been prepared for a mass casualty," she said. "But to this extent, something that lasts this long? No."

Married with two sons, ages 13, and 8, she said her family has gotten used to what she refers to as "the new norm." When she comes home she immediately heads for the shower and washes her clothing. When the pandemic began she and her husband Chris decided that she would go to a hotel if it was needed. But that has not happened yet. LoMonaco said it is more important that her family to see her so they know she is well.

"My husband and I talk to my sons a lot about what is going on," she said. "I don't keep the news away from them and keep the car radio on. I want them to understand the importance of social distancing, I want them to have insight to what I do and tell them how I stay safe."

Even after all that has happened during Covid-19 LoMonaco said she continues to love her job. The science of being a nurse appeals to her; the technical part, she said. "I love doing rounds with the team and cracking the puzzle about the patient," she explained. "I love



Courtesy Glen Cove Hospital

DURING THE PANDEMIC, Kimberly Rusnack, left, and Aimee LoMonaco are sharing the title of director of patient care services at Glen Cove Hospital. They discussed the facility's patient census.

the art of it — comforting patients and their families, getting them through what they are going through."

She is not worried about the future and believes that epidemiologists will "crack the code" on the coronavirus. And that the profession of nursing will change.

"Our ability to know our worth and understand what we do is an important component in health care," she said. "Our seat at the table and impact we have on care has now changed. There is pride as a group in looking at what we have done."

Sherman said he agrees with the elevation of the

nursing profession. He compared it to parent's realization of how hard it is to be a teacher, as they struggle to home school their children. "It's the same with doctors and nurses," he said. "I hope more people will want to go into health care for the right reason — to help people."

LoMonaco said nursing will continue to get stronger. "What social media is showing — images of frontline workers calling us heroes. We've never thought of ourselves this way," she said. "We need to recognize this in ourselves and have pride as a group."

Glen Cove's leaders honor health care workers

Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and the members of the City Council visited the six assisted-living centers and nursing homes in the city to show their appreciation for health care workers by delivering lunches. They visited Emerge Nursing & Rehabilitation at Glen Cove, Glen Cove Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, Glengariff Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, The Regency at Glen Cove, Sunrise of Glen Cove and the Atria Glen Cove.

A letter was addressed to the employees of Glen Cove assisted living centers and nursing homes from the mayor and council members that said, "We hope this small token of our appreciation is

enjoyed by all. Keep up the good work and know that we are all giving you a round of applause as we safely remain in our homes and keep you in our prayers knowing our families, neighbors and friends are in your good and caring hands. Stay safe."

"You provide patients with comfort during their most vulnerable moments and you demonstrate incredible strength, courage and professionalism," the letter went on to say. "This comes naturally to so many of you as it's simply part of who you are — and for that we are incredibly proud. Providing our community with a trusted, compassionate environment for care is of the utmost importance."



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

CITY COUNCILMAN ROCCO Totino, left, Mayor Tim Tenke and Councilman John Perrone delivered lunches to employees at Sunrise Senior Living of Glen Cove.

Families begin Ramadan fast – from afar

By **TIMOTHY DENTON**

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With the sighting of the crescent moon on the evening of April 23, the month of Ramadan officially began.

This year, however, the traditional gatherings before sunrise and after sunset have been suspended at Masjid Al-Baqi in Bethpage and at the Islamic Center of Long Island in Woodbury, as they have been across the country and around the world.

The month is holy not only to the thousands of Muslims in Nassau County, but also to the more than 1.8 billion worldwide and is observed with 30 days of daily dawn-to-dusk fasts. The fast is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is obligatory, or fard for all whose health would not be jeopardized. Women who are breast feeding or menstruating, diabetics and the chronically ill are also specifically exempted from the fast.

The month culminates in the feast of Eid-al-Fitr, one of the two great feasts of the Islamic calendar.

Both communities will hold classes and services online, via various streaming media. At Masjid-Al-Baqi, Mufti Mohammad Farhan will give daily commentary on passages from the Quran after fajr, the first of the five daily prayers prescribed by the Quran. Live streaming of tafseer, or interpretation of the Quran, will take place every evening at 9:30.

Online education will continue via Zoom videoconferencing.

Ramadan is from a root Arabic word meaning God. Traditionally, families and communities gather after sunset for a communal meal, called *iftar*.

In addition to fasting, devout Muslims also abstain from tobacco products and sex. Charitable deeds, another of the Five Pillars, are also traditionally increased during the holy month. Many carry out extra good works during the month, such as alms giving, participating in blood drives or feeding the hungry. Masjid Al-Baqi is providing free groceries for the elderly, the chronically ill and the financially distressed, according to the community's website.

The Islamic Center is offering similar programs, with guidance by Sheikh Ibrahim Negm, adviser to the



Herald file photo

USUALLY A MONTH of communal contemplation, fasting and prayer, families will observe this year's Ramadan in the home, as Muslims follow the pattern set by other religions and move to electronic formats.

Grand Mufti of Al-Azhar in Cairo — one of the world's earliest universities — and by Farhan, as well as twice-nightly recitations by Hafiz Dr. Assad Baig and Hafiz Tanweer Ahmed.

For further information, contact Masjid Al-Baqi (516) 433-4141, or online at masjidalbaqi.org; or the Islamic Center of Long Island, at (516) 333-3495, or at icily.org.



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AN EXAMPLE OF a simple Ramadan *iftar*, or evening meal.

L.I. congressional reps unite behind small businesses

By **LAURA LANE**

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The Small Business Administration, Treasury Department and banks should be held accountable if lending institutions focus only on larger businesses when approving Payroll Protection Program loans, said a bipartisan group of Long Island congressional leaders on April 24. Meeting on the video conferencing platform Zoom, they said that priority should be given to "small" small businesses seeking loans of less than \$150,000.

"There are a lot of smaller small businesses in the U.S. and most have less than 20 employees," said U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove. "We have to send a clear message to the banks that we're watching. They need to help the mom-and-pop shops, the plumber, electrician, doctor and dentist. And we need the Treasury Department and Small Business Administration to help get that message across."

President Trump signed a new stimulus bill on April 23 that includes more than \$300 billion in federal guarantees for

PPP loans, which must be used to keep employees on the payrolls of small businesses. The SBA would forgive the loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the loan money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest or utilities. A new stimulus bill was needed because the initial of \$349 billion for the program ran out.

Suozzi said that the average loan amount from the first stimulus package at the 15 larger banks was \$515,000, meaning the big borrowers received the loans and not the smaller business.

U.S. Rep. Peter King, a Republican, said the smaller businesses need relief now. "Or there won't be any small businesses left," he said. "This is a natural disaster. We have to stand together on this as New Yorkers."

U.S. Rep. Kathleen Rice, a Democrat, agreed, adding that local retailers have

told her that they are worried they will not survive.

One of Trump's vocal supporters, U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin, a Republican from Suffolk County, said the government needs to step up to help the smaller businesses. "To my colleagues who think there is nothing left to do, this isn't the time to walk away and declare bankruptcy," he said, referring to a suggestion made by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. "We need to make sure the state and local governments get through this."

Big banks should focus their attention on the smallest of businesses, said U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks, a Democrat, noting he is working to make sure they do. "Despite who is in the cue, if you see a small business with 20 or less employees, push them up," he said. "We earmarked \$60 billion to go to community banks and credit unions because they have the pulse

We will get through this if Democrats and Republicans are united like we are here.

THOMAS SUOZZI
U.S. representative,
Fourth District

of small business to make sure they can apply for loans."

Of the roughly 67,000 loan applications, 27,000 had been approved as of April 24. Rice said non-partisan oversight was needed moving forward.

Then Zeldin warned businesses that do not need the loan to not apply, adding that they will be shamed if they do. "If you are flush with cash, if you are an individual who is sitting comfortably and wealthy — this is not a moment in time for you to be asking what your country can do for you to get through the pandemic," he said.

Payment of the loans should be flexible, Suozzi said. He predicted that when restaurants reopen, they would probably only see 30 percent of their business return. "They will need flexibility on paying back the loan," he said. "Can we make money available with a much lower interest rate at maybe 0 or 1 percent?"

The congressional leaders are 100 percent united on these issues, Suozzi said, and "want to fight for the little guy — the smallest businesses. We will get through this if Democrats and Republicans are united like we are here."

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

JEANNE GEIB
TURNED 97, right,
and was able to
celebrate with
cupcakes
delivered by her
family.



Photos Courtesy Regency Assisted Living



BABETTE COHEN
TURNED 95, left, and
was able to celebrate
with a personalized
birthday party from
the Regency and a
Zoom call with her
family.

Regency Assisted Living celebrates three over 90 birthdays in style

The Regency Assisted Living had three over 90 birthday celebrations on April 26. Safe and sound in their home, three residents celebrated with their families, virtually.

Jeanne Geib turned 97 and her family sent in special cupcakes from The Cake Don in Carle Place. Regency staff delivered the cupcakes to her with balloons and sang "Happy Birthday." Then photos were sent to Jeanne's family to share her milestone celebration.

Babette Cohen, 95 years young, started the day with a Regency staff celebration. Balloons and a personalized birthday sign made her morning. In the afternoon, she had an international Zoom

meeting with three generations of her family members. Babette was thrilled to see all of her family, especially her great-grandchildren.

"In this crazy time of quarantine, the enforced distance from my mother makes it hard to feel connected," said Gary Cohen, her son. "The Regency arranged the call for her and 15 family members to be able to connect via Zoom and it was a thrill for all of us."

Adele Bennett, the baby of the group, turned 91. She received a Regency birthday celebration with a specialty cupcake, balloons and a personalized sign. Later in the day her family rejoiced together with her on FaceTime.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL
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VOTE
GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
GLEN COVE, NEW YORK**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held by absentee ballot voting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. **PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2020-21 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)**
To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:

Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held remotely on May 27, 2020 at 5:00 pm prior to the regular Board of Education meeting. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School District on or before Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to the District Clerk and state the name and residence of the candidate. There is no minimum number of signatures required on the nominating petition. The nominating petition may be filed with the District Clerk by email, fax or mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting closure of school buildings, and in an effort to maintain health and safety, the Board of Registration will NOT meet for the purpose of registering qualified voters of the District. Qualified voters can use the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Electronic Voter Registration Application to register to vote or to update the information they have on file with the New York State Board of Elections. Information regarding that can be located at:

<https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. The District does not have control over the Department of Motor Vehicles Registration Application process or its registration timelines.

Therefore, qualified voters who intend to register through the Department of Motor Vehicles should do so as soon as possible.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Governor's Executive Order 202.26 requires that absentee ballots be "provided to all qualified voters by [the] school district." Therefore, the District will send absentee ballots (with a postage paid return envelope) to those residents whose names can be ascertained from the registration rolls utilized for the May 2019 budget vote and election, as well as those residents whose names have been added to the rolls since that time. In order to be canvassed, an absentee voter's ballot must have been received in the District Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot.

Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2020. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be viewed by any resident in the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote on the Glen Cove schools website (www.glencoveschools.org).

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on the District's website. Dated:Glen Cove, New York

May 2020
Ida Johnson

District Clerk
Board of Education
Glen Cove City School District
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121832

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTIFICACIÓN DE
ELECCIÓN ANUAL
Y VOTO DEL
PRESUPUESTO DEL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR
DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE LA
CIUDAD DE GLEN COVE
GLEN COVE, NUEVA
YORK**

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que la elección anual y el voto del presupuesto del distrito escolar para los votantes calificados del distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo mediante voto por ausencia el martes 9 de junio de 2020.

**PROPUESTA I:
PRESUPUESTO DEL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR**
A fin de aprobar el presupuesto anual de dicho distrito escolar para el año fiscal 2020-21 y de autorizar la porción necesaria correspondiente para ser recaudada por medio de los impuestos de las propiedades gravables del distrito.

**ELECCIÓN DE
MIEMBRO(S) DE LA
JUNTA**
Para elegir dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación de dicho distrito escolar de la siguiente forma:

Dos (2) miembros que serán elegidos por un periodo de tres (3) años, que inicia el 1 de julio del año 2020 y finaliza el 30 de junio del año 2023.

POR LA PRESENTE ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia de presupuesto de forma remota el 27 de mayo de 2020 a las 5:00 p.m.] antes de la reunión regular de la Junta de Educación.

POR LA PRESENTE ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes para nominar candidatos para el puesto de miembro de la Junta de Educación se deberán presentar a la secretaria del distrito escolar antes del día lunes 11 de mayo de 2020 a las 5:00 p. m., hora local vigente. Dichas solicitudes deben estar dirigidas a la secretaria del distrito y especificar el nombre y domicilio del candidato. No hay una cantidad mínima necesaria de firmas para la solicitud de nominación. La solicitud de nominación se podrá presentar ante la secretaria del distrito por correo postal, correo electrónico o fax.

POR LA PRESENTE ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que, en vista de la pandemia de la COVID-19 y el consiguiente cierre de edificios escolares, y en un esfuerzo por mantener la salud y la seguridad, la Junta de Inscripción NO se reunirá con el propósito de registrar a los votantes calificados del distrito. Los votantes

calificados pueden utilizar la solicitud electrónica de registro de votantes del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados del estado de Nueva York para registrarse para votar o para actualizar la información que figura en los registros de la Junta Electoral del estado de Nueva York. La información sobre eso se puede encontrar en la siguiente dirección: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. El distrito no tiene control sobre el proceso de solicitud de registro del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados o sus tiempos de registro. Por lo tanto, los votantes calificados que tengan la intención de registrarse a través del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados deben hacerlo lo antes posible.

POR LA PRESENTE ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que la orden ejecutiva del gobernador 202.26 exige que el "distrito escolar proporcione a todos los votantes calificados" boletas electorales por ausencia. Por lo tanto, el distrito enviará boletas electorales por ausencia (con un sobre de devolución con franqueo pagado) a los residentes cuyos nombres puedan determinarse según las listas de inscripción utilizadas para la elección y el voto del presupuesto de mayo de 2019, así como a los residentes cuyos nombres se hayan añadido a las listas desde entonces. Para poder ser escrutada, la boleta electoral de un votante por ausencia se deberá haber recibido en la oficina de la secretaria del distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. del día de la votación.

POR MEDIO DE LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que los militares que no están registrados actualmente para votar pueden presentar una solicitud para registrarse como votantes calificados del distrito escolar. Los militares que son votantes calificados del distrito escolar pueden enviar una solicitud para recibir una boleta electoral militar. Los militares pueden decidir si prefieren recibir un registro electoral militar, una solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo, transmisión por fax o correo electrónico en su solicitud para dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral. Los formularios de registro para militares y los formularios de solicitud para boleta electoral militar deben ser recibidos en la oficina de la secretaria de distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. el 14 de mayo de 2020. No se escrutará ninguna boleta electoral

militar a menos que la oficina de la secretaria del distrito la reciba antes de las 5:00 p. m. el día de la elección.

POR LA PRESENTE ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que cualquier residente del distrito podrá ver una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para el año siguiente para fines escolares durante los catorce (14) días anteriores a dicha elección anual y voto del presupuesto del distrito escolar en el sitio web de las escuelas de Glen Cove (www.glencoveschools.org).

POR LA PRESENTE ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que se adjuntará un informe de exención de impuesto a la propiedad inmobiliaria conforme a la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuesto a la Propiedad Inmobiliaria, a todo presupuesto tentativo/preliminar, así como también al presupuesto final aprobado del cual será parte, y deberá publicarse en el sitio web del distrito.

Fecha:Glen Cove, Nueva York
Ida Johnson
Mayo de 2020
Secretaria del distrito
Junta de Educación
Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove
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**LEGAL NOTICE
AVISO DE VOTO Y
ELECCIÓN DEL
PRESUPUESTO ANUAL
APLAZADO DEL
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CENTRAL DE NORTH
SHORE,
CONDADO DE NASSAU,
NUEVA YORK (9 DE
JUNIO DE 2020)**

**SE DA AVISO
POR LA PRESENTE**, que una audiencia pública aplazada de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Central de North Shore, Condado de Nassau, Estado de Nueva York, se llevará a cabo por teleconferencia, el 28 de mayo de 2020 a las 7:45 p.m. para la presentación del presupuesto para el año fiscal 2020-2021, y con el propósito de discutir los fondos necesarios para cumplir con los gastos estimados del Distrito Escolar durante el año escolar siguiente, y para la transacción de cualquier otro negocio que esté autorizado por La Ley de Educación. La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo a través de Google Meet y se publicará un enlace a la audiencia pública en el sitio web del Distrito (www.northshoreschools.org) dos días hábiles antes de la reunión. Los residentes pueden remitir sus preguntas sobre el acceso a la audiencia pública al Director de Tecnología del Distrito en kayee@northshoreschools.org o 516-277-7059.

ADEMÁS SE DA AVISO POR LA PRESENTE que cualquier residente del Distrito Escolar puede obtener una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá para el año siguiente para fines escolares (Presupuesto Propuesto) a través del sitio web del Distrito www.northshoreschools.org, durante los catorce (14) días anteriores a la reunión y elección anual, y el día de la elección, junto con el texto de cualquier resolución que se presentará a los votantes.

POR FAVOR TOME AVISO ADICIONAL que la votación se realizará por votación en ausencia solo el 9 de junio de 2020, sobre las siguientes Proposiciones: **PROPOSICIÓN NO. 1 PRESUPUESTO ESCOLAR 2020-2021**

SE RESUELVE, que el presupuesto propuesto para 2020-2021 por un monto de \$110,315,208.77 que prevea la asignación de los fondos necesarios para cubrir los gastos estimados del Distrito Escolar Central de North Shore para el año fiscal que comienza el 1 de julio de 2020, según lo presentado por la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Central de North Shore en Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, Sea Cliff, Condado de Nassau, Nueva York, se aprobará y la Junta de Educación estará autorizada para recaudar los impuestos necesarios para ello **PROPOSICIÓN NO. 2 FONDO DE RESERVA DE CAPITAL**

SE RESUELVE, que la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Central de North Shore ("Distrito") queda autorizada para apropiarse y gastar del Fondo de Reserva de Capital, aprobado por los votantes y establecido el 17 de mayo de 2016, un monto que no debe exceder \$3,000,000 con el propósito de emprender un proyecto de mejora del edificio escolar que comenzará durante el año escolar 2020-2021 y consistirá en cierta rehabilitación, **r e e m p l a z o , r e c o n s t r u c c i ó n ,** reparaciones y otras mejoras para la Escuela Primaria Glen Head y la Escuela Intermedia North Shore y los sitios de la misma que involucren los siguientes tipos de trabajo: renovación de la sala de enfermería (Glen Head Elementary School), renovación de vestuarios (Middle School); renovaciones en el baño, renovaciones en el espacio interior y otras modificaciones en el espacio interior y en el acabado interior y reemplazo de muebles, incluyendo plomería asociada, trabajo mecánico y eléctrico, tratamientos acústicos,

y reemplazos y modificaciones de puertas interiores, nuevos sistemas de aire acondicionado, modificaciones de alarma contra incendios, modificaciones del sistema de seguridad, Modificaciones de TI, iluminación y reemplazo de controles de iluminación, y otros trabajos similares ("Proyecto"); y otro trabajo requerido en relación con el mismo, incluyendo los costos preliminares y los costos incidentales a los mismos y para el financiamiento de los mismos; y transferir dicha suma al Fondo de Capital del Distrito, según sea necesario, para ser gastada y aplicada al costo de dicho Proyecto; siempre que los costos detallados de los componentes del Proyecto puedan reasignarse entre dichos componentes si la Junta de Educación determina que dicha reasignación es lo mejor para el Distrito y no se realizarán cambios materiales en el alcance del Proyecto.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que en dicha elección que se realizará el 9 de junio de 2020, los votantes calificados también elegirán dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación para períodos de tres años que comienzan el 1 de julio de 2020 y expiran el 30 de junio de 2023. Las personas interesadas en postularse para la Junta de Educación pueden declararse candidatos siempre que cumplan con todos los demás requisitos legales para ser candidatos necesarios para ser incluidos en la boleta electoral, incluyendo los requisitos de residencia y edad aplicables. Esto puede hacerse por carta, o completando y devolviendo la petición de nominación que se puede encontrar en el sitio web del Distrito en www.northshoreschools.org o enviando un correo electrónico a la Secretaria del Distrito para obtener una copia de la petición. La declaración debe indicar, como mínimo, el nombre y la residencia del candidato. Los candidatos que se postulen en general y las peticiones de nominación no describirán ninguna vacante específica para la cual el candidato sea nominado. La petición o carta deberá ser dirigida a la Secretaria del Distrito, en 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579 o ciampib@northshoreschools.org a las 5:00 p.m. o antes el 11 de mayo de 2020. Por orden ejecutiva del gobernador del estado de Nueva York, los nombres se colocarán alfabéticamente en la boleta.

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también se da que debido a las preocupaciones de salud y seguridad asociadas con la pandemia de COVID-19, el potencial de contracción de COVID-19 se considera una enfermedad temporal. Como tal, cada votante elegible tiene derecho a que se le envíe una boleta en ausencia con un sobre de devolución con franqueo pagado. Además, debido al cierre ordenado resultante de las escuelas, el registro personal en el distrito escolar no tendrá lugar para las elecciones del 9 de junio de 2020. En lugar de dicho registro, las personas pueden registrarse a través del sitio web de registro de votantes del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados del Estado de Nueva York (<https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>) y ser elegibles para recibir una boleta en ausencia para la elección aplazada del 9 de junio de 2020, siempre que el individuo se registre antes del 26 de mayo de 2020. Personas que se habrán registrado previamente para cualquier elección anual o especial del Distrito y que habrán votado en cualquier elección de Distrito celebrada en la previa cuatro años (2016-2019), y/o las personas que están registradas para votar en las elecciones generales dentro del Distrito de conformidad con la Ley Electoral §352 no necesitan registrarse para ser elegibles para votar en dicha Elección Anual de Distrito y **r e c i b i r á n** automáticamente una boleta en ausencia. Si no está seguro si es un votante calificado y o recibirá una boleta en ausencia, comuníquese con la Secretaria del Distrito a ciampib@northshoreschools.org.

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también se da que el distrito escolar debe recibir dicha boleta en ausencia por correo a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el 9 de junio de 2020 para ser encuestados.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que de conformidad con la Ley de Educación §2018-d, cualquier persona que sirva en el ejército, incluyendo cónyuges y dependientes, puede registrarse para votar en las próximas elecciones del distrito escolar. Un votante militar que sea un votante calificado del distrito escolar puede obtener un formulario de inscripción y solicitud contactando a la Secretaria del Distrito por correo electrónico (ciampib@northshoreschools.org). Un votante registrado recibirá una

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boleta militar. Las boletas militares completas deben recibirse antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 9 de junio de 2020 si el votante militar y un testigo lo firman y fechan con una fecha que no sea posterior al día anterior a la elección, o no posterior al cierre de las urnas el 9 de junio de 2020 si está matasellado o respaldado por una agencia del gobierno de los Estados Unidos.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que un Informe de Exención del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles preparado de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley del Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles se adjuntará a cualquier presupuesto provisional/preliminar, así como al presupuesto final adoptado del cual formará parte; y se publicará en el sitio web del Distrito.

AVISO APROBADO: 7 de mayo de 2020 POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN, DISTRITO ESCOLAR CENTRAL DE NORTH SHORE EN GLEN HEAD, GLENWOOD LANDING, SEA CLIFF, CONDADO DE NASSAU, NUEVA YORK ELIZABETH A. CIAMPI, SECRETARIA DEL DISTRITO 121764

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK (JUNE 9, 2020) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Adjourned Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the North Shore Central School District, County of Nassau, State of New York, will be held via teleconference, on May 28, 2020 at 7:45 p.m. for the presentation of the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and for the purpose of discussing the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the School District during the ensuing school year, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law. The public hearing will be held via Google Meet and a link to the public hearing will be posted to the District's website www.northshoreschools.org two business days prior to the meeting. Residents may refer questions regarding access to the public hearing to the District's Director of Technology at kayee@northshoreschools.org or 516-277-7059. NOTICE IS

ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes (Proposed Budget) may be obtained by any resident of the School District through the District's website www.northshoreschools.org, during the fourteen (14) days preceding the annual meeting and election, and on the day of the election, together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that voting will be by absentee ballot only on June 9, 2020, on the following Propositions: PROPOSITION NO. 1 SCHOOL BUDGET 2020-2021 RESOLVED, that the proposed 2020-2021 Budget in the amount of \$ 1 1 0 , 3 1 5 , 2 0 8 . 7 7 providing for the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the North Shore Central School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, as presented by the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District at Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, Sea Cliff, Nassau County, New York, be approved and

the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor. PROPOSITION NO. 2 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District ("District"), is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend from the Capital Reserve Fund, approved by the voters and established on May 17, 2016, an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of undertaking a school building improvement project to commence during the 2020-2021 school year and to consist of certain rehabilitation, r e p l a c e m e n t , reconstruction, repairs and other improvements to Glen Head Elementary School and North Shore Middle School and the sites thereof involving the following types of work: renovation of nurse suite (Glen Head Elementary School) locker room renovation (Middle School); toilet room renovations, interior space renovations and other interior space modifications and interior finish and furnishing replacement, including associated plumbing, mechanical, and electric work, acoustical treatments, interior door

replacements and modifications, new air conditioning systems, fire alarm modifications, security system modifications, IT modifications, lighting and lighting controls replacement, and other similar work ("Project"); and other work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof; and to transfer such sum into the District's Capital Fund as needed to be expended and applied toward the cost of said Project; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and no material change shall be made in the scope of the Project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said election to be held on June 9, 2020, qualified voters shall also elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023. Individuals interested in running for the Board of Education may declare themselves to be candidates provided that they meet all other legal requirements to be a candidate necessary to be placed on the ballot including any applicable residence and age

requirements. This can be done by letter, or by completing and returning the nominating petition which can be found on the District's website at www.northshoreschools.org or by emailing the District Clerk for a copy of the petition. The statement must indicate, at a minimum, the candidate's name and residence. Candidates run at large and nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated. The petition or letter shall be directed to the District Clerk, at 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579 or filed electronically at ciampib@northshoreschools.org on or before 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2020. By Executive Order of the Governor of the State of New York, names will be placed alphabetically on the ballot. NOTICE is also given that due to the health and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the potential for contraction of COVID-19 is deemed a temporary illness. As such, every eligible voter is entitled to be sent an absentee ballot with a postage paid return envelope. Further, due to the resulting ordered closure of schools, personal registration with the school district will not take place for the June 9, 2020 election. In lieu of such registration, individuals can register through New York State

Department of Motor Vehicle's voter registration website (<https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>), and be eligible to receive an absentee ballot for the adjourned June 9, 2020 election, provided that the individual registers before May 26, 2020. Persons who shall have been previously registered for any District annual or special election and who shall have voted at any such District election held in the prior four calendar years (2016-2019), and/or persons who are registered to vote at general elections within the District pursuant to Election Law §352 need not register to be eligible to vote at said Annual District Election and will automatically receive an absentee ballot. If you are unsure whether you are a qualified voter and/or will receive an absentee ballot, please contact the District Clerk at ciampib@northshoreschools.org. NOTICE is also given that the school district must receive such absentee ballot by mail not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in order to be canvassed. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Education Law §2018-d, any person serving in the military, including spouses and dependents, may register to vote in the upcoming school district election. A

military voter who is a qualified voter of the school district may obtain a registration and application form by contacting the District Clerk by email (ciampib@northshoreschools.org). A military voter who is duly registered will receive a military ballot. Completed military ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 if signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto with a date which is not later than the day before the election, or not later than the close of the polls on June 9, 2020 if postmarked or endorsed by an agency of the United States government. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on the District's website. NOTICE APPROVED: May 7, 2020 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GLEN HEAD, GLENWOOD LANDING, SEA CLIFF, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK ELIZABETH A. CIAMPI, DISTRICT CLERK 121764

OPINIONS

Covid-19 is a wake-up call for America

The coronavirus pandemic sweeping our nation has highlighted critical gaps in our ability to beat back such threats. It's quite a wake-up call for America.

There is total consensus in the international medical community that Covid-19 originated in Wuhan, China. It likely



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began as a virus that jumped from animals to humans in one of that city's notorious "wet markets," where all sorts of live animals — including live bats known to carry coronaviruses — are slaughtered and offered for sale for human consumption.

According to U.S. intelligence reports, it is also ever more likely that a Chinese government-sponsored laboratory in that city — the Wuhan Institute of Virology — was experimenting with the virus, and that because of careless handling by its scientists, the virus might have escaped from the lab and triggered the pandemic.

The Chinese communist government has predictably obfuscated on this disaster, locking down information from Wuhan and concealing the extent of the

pandemic in China. Instead of cooperating with the rest of the world to help scientists fully understand the origin and spread of the disease, Chinese authorities have lowered a cloak of secrecy and unleashed a propaganda campaign, even going so far as to make the preposterous claim that the virus was somehow imported into China by the U.S. military.

All of this would be more than bad enough if not for the fact that the virus has painfully demonstrated just how dependent the U.S. has become on China and other countries for all manner of medical supplies and critical medicines. America imports vast amounts of medical masks, gowns and other protective equipment. Much of our pharmaceutical industry, which was once located in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, has shifted to Asia over the past few decades.

America today is in the extraordinarily dangerous position of fighting a pandemic caused largely by the Chinese government's carelessness and malfeasance with medical supplies from China. That must change, and quickly. It's time for America to see China for the adversary it is, not the partner we might wish it to be.

That will mean making some very fundamental changes in U.S. industrial and

trade policies in the future. We must bring critical manufacturing capability back to this country, especially for important medical supplies and pharmaceuticals.

By way of example, for years America had a robust pharmaceutical industry in Puerto Rico. That industry was given tax incentives that were shortsightedly allowed to lapse, driving production to other nations, where it was welcomed with significant host-government support. Congress and the administration should reinstate those tax incentives to bring back pharmaceutical production.

There are a number of other steps Washington should consider to help rebuild our manufacturing base. For years we have allowed China and other countries to game international bodies like the World Trade Organization and the World Health Organization, which gave special treatment to those countries as "developing nations."

But today its laughable to consider China a developing nation that can take advantage of WTO policies to dump manufactured goods in America and WHO policies that allow it to shirk its international responsibilities. How can it be right for China to run a trade surplus

with the U.S. of a half trillion dollars a year at the same time that it contributes less than one-tenth of what the U.S. has contributed to the WHO? China gives the WHO less than \$50 million a year, while the U.S. gives it over \$500 million for international health care initiatives, *because the WHO considers China a "developing nation."*

What nonsense! President Trump was right to suspend further U.S. financial support for the WHO until this glaring inequity is corrected. At the very least, China must make up the hundreds of millions of dollars it should have contributed to the WHO to match what the U.S. has already so generously contributed.

Over the next few years, in the aftermath of this international health and economic disaster, America must rebuild its industrial might. We cannot lead the world with just the strength of our ideals or our arms, great as they may be. And we must demand that countries like China treat the rest of the world fairly, and shoulder their share of the responsibility to all humankind.

It is not too late for America to wake up. But time is running out.

Al D'Amato, a former U.S. senator from New York, is the founder of Park Strategies LLC, a public policy and business development firm. Comments about this column? ADAmato@liherald.com.

Have you heard the one about Clorox Chewables?

Humor is serious business, so I felt much better when the pandemic jokes began popping up. For example: "If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14-day quarantine, you probably should have been seeing a doctor long before Covid-19." If we can joke about it, it can't be as terrifying as it seems, right? Right?

Tracking the LOLs, it becomes evident that much coronavirus humor focuses on toilet paper and the shortages thereof. I guess the world started looking funny to us when we first put on our big boy and big girl pants.

I know some readers think there's nothing funny about Covid-19, and really, those

of us who find a laugh here and there don't think it's funny, either. We're not making light of the disease, but of ourselves and our foibles.

Humor is an enormously successful defense mechanism. That's not from me; it's from, you know, the guy who knew about these things, Sigmund Freud. He

wrote that humor helps us cope with seemingly insurmountable tragedy. It eases the burden and gives us some sense of control.

Two photos online: The first is a picture of Quentin Tarantino. The second is a picture of a guy in full hazmat suit inside a tent. The caption is "Tentin Quarantino." You can laugh, it's OK. The psychologists say so.

Gregg Levoy wrote in Psychology Today, "It's a curious thing. We're in the midst of the worst global health crisis in over 100 years, and yet we're overflowing with jokes, parodies, cartoons and gag videos."

I've laughed a lot at talking-dog videos, especially that one with the Schnauzer giving advice to other dogs on how to behave during a pandemic, specifically identifying the no-sniff zones. Yeah, the humor is low, but so is my morale.

This is not to say that sharing humor is without risk. We're isolated, so when we send friends jokes or cartoons, they can't see our expressions and we can't read theirs. The possibility of misunderstanding one another is real.

To be sure, there is safe humor, and much more edgy stuff. One does have to

exhibit a modicum of good taste. I don't think humor goes into the ICU or to the gravesite. And it all depends on one's own experience through this time of trouble. Being sick, worrying about a loved one in trouble, suffering financial setbacks or

just going crazy from the extended isolation all change our sense of what's funny.

My family is notoriously dark when it comes to humor. Almost anything goes, and for us, it helps.

People are still tuning in to Bill Maher and Stephen Colbert and Seth Meyers because they make us laugh, despite the horrific news. All of them push the envelope.

Levoy says you can't laugh and be scared at the same time, so while we're laughing, we are momentarily forgetting the horrors of the pandemic. We are temporarily tuning out the map with the spread of the disease and the voice-overs with the daily totals of dead people and the news reports of refrigerator trucks holding the bodies of people's mothers and fathers and children. After a while of consuming the bad news, we overload on horrific detail and actually short-circuit. In that moment, if we can find

something to laugh about, it's really OK.

"Life does not cease to be funny when people die," said George Bernard Shaw, "any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh."

Here are a couple of mini ha-has:

Has anyone let the Amish know what's going on yet?

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs can't contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. Just to be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

Some of the humor coming my way targets Donald Trump and his disastrous incompetence before and during the pandemic. (Have you seen the ad for Clorox Chewables?)

Maher piled on: "Donald Trump had a meltdown about what a great temperament he has. It was like watching someone carve 'I'm not a psycho' into their arm."

"If you are able to teach people to be more playful, to look at the absurdities of life as humorous, you see some increase in well-being," said Stanford psychologist Andrea Samson.

I'm all for vaccines — the sooner the better — but let's not inoculate ourselves against laughter.

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Schools: focus on students first, then learning

Last Friday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo finally offered students and teachers certainty about the rest of the 2019-20 school year when he canceled in-person classes through June to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. Thank you, Mr. Cuomo.

For weeks, pupils and educators in New York's schools were left in limbo, wondering whether they should devote themselves entirely to the new online model or wait for classes to resume as normal.

Moving to online teaching and learning was a shock to our education system that left all involved in a state of frenzied confusion. In just weeks, teachers had to move to a system in which most had little to no training or experience. Students, many of whom depend on their teachers, coaches, guidance counselors and administrators for social and emotional support, suddenly lost that network, leaving many full of anxiety at a time of widespread despair.

What most young people repeatedly hear now are stories of job loss and death. Many children and young adults, without the life experience to understand that the nation will emerge from this crisis, remain in a semi-daze, incapable of focusing on their schoolwork as they did two months ago.

Worse, many students are hurting because their parents have lost their jobs, or fear losing them. Worst still, some students have lost parents or grandparents to Covid-19.

Teachers and administrators should, first and foremost, pay close attention to

their students' psychological health during this precarious time, and secondarily to their schoolwork.

The period between now and mid-June will be a time of survival for many people, and no less for students. Expectations of learning must be tempered by the premise that, above all else, our young people must emerge from this time unscathed — psychologically unharmed, in a sound mental state.

The State Education Department canceled all major exams, including the Regents, for a good reason: The normal process of learning has been interrupted, and will not resume for some time.

The nation is at war with an invisible killer. Right now, students' grades matter less than during ordinary times. What matters is sending a clear message to our young people: We adults will keep you safe. One day soon, we will return to normal, and when we do, we will redouble our efforts to ensure that you learn all that's necessary to know. Now, however, is not that time.

That is not to say that we should forgo learning, or not expect students to do their work. Rather, we must understand and acknowledge how they are feeling before we can get down to whatever work is possible.

With that said, we offer these suggestions to our schools:

■ If teachers are not already doing so, they should meet with their students in live sessions at least once a week, and pref-

erably twice a week. Students desperately need to see and speak with their teachers, but we have heard scattered reports that at least some teachers have not met live with their students for as long as six weeks.

■ Each district should decide on one online educational platform for all. Whether it's Google Classroom or Edmodo, make it districtwide. Employing more than one platform will only sow confusion.

■ Students should be assigned homework according to a set schedule, at a given time on a given day, so they know what to expect. Consistency is key, so they can develop a routine.

■ Teachers should follow up on homework assignments with live Zoom sessions to explain the work, and not leave it to students to attend extra help sessions, particularly sessions conducted by email.

■ Students should not be videoed in class, with the images posted on YouTube, without student and parental consent.

■ All teachers in a district should have a single method of taking attendance, and grading rubrics should be provided to students and parents.

■ Students should be given opportunities to do extra-credit work to make up for missed work.

We will survive this crisis, and teachers and school administrators will play a key role in ensuring that we do, provided that every district adheres to a set of basic guidelines for online teaching.

LETTERS

Much to celebrate at G.C. Hospital

To the Editor:

There are two great things everyone should know about Glen Cove Hospital this week: One is how much the Emergency Department staff is giving back to the community, and the other is that the Surgery Department is up and running.

Many of you officially or unofficially have donated to the Meal Train for the hospital, which directs people to donate meals to the hospital's staff, organized by Ylisa Kunze of RXR. There is also the Grab-and-Go snacks program providing local hospitals, including Glen Cove Hospital with sustenance for in between meals, organized by Berkshire-Hathaway-Laffey International's Fay Mihos and its local agent, Mary Stanco.

My husband, John Ferrante, and I are proud to have provided both meals and snacks to the hospital through our program



OPINIONS

Should university presidents take ethical stands?

I was asked recently why university presidents aren't speaking out about the state of affairs in our country. Of course, the issue of the moment is the lack of preparedness for the coronavirus pandemic, even when knowledgeable people were forecasting it. After all, universities are supposed to be moral forces in society.



ROBERT A. SCOTT

Who is in a better position to remind the public of what the 19th-century English philosopher Alfred North Whitehead said: "... the rule is absolute, the [nation] which does not value trained intelligence is doomed"? Yet the voices of university leaders

are largely silent in the face of the most critical issue of our time, and trained intelligence is ignored when politically inconvenient.

Some argue that university leaders should not take stands on policy, that they should not be "political." But what is political and what is polemical? Politics refers to the public affairs of a country. A

polemic is an aggressive attack on the opinions or principles of another. Surely academic leaders can comment on the public affairs of the country without resorting to aggressive attacks, even if those whose policies are being confronted want others to believe that such comments are inappropriate.

Therefore, when scientific leadership on policies related to health care, clean water, air pollution and product safety, among others, is being replaced by lobbyists for the regulated industries, university leaders should be among the strongest voices expressing concern. Should they not call out falsehoods and fabrications passing as truth?

Education is the foundation of a free and democratic society. In any country, the university is unique in its mission to create, curate and critique. Laboratories create new knowledge, museums and libraries preserve the past, and journalists examine social policy by asking "Why?" But only the university is responsible for all three roles.

In these ways, the university fulfills its historic mission not as a political force,

but as an ethical voice. For example, the founders of Adelphi were advocates for the advancement of women, the abolition of slavery and improved instruments for world peace. They adopted as their motto, "The truth shall make us free." Surely there were those who thought the new institution should only teach classes, believing that school was separate from society. But the president and supporters knew the power of ethical arguments and the need for ethical thinking.

The ethical perspective considers fairness, the degree of bias, the consistency of application, the factual basis for assertions and the justness of moral judgments and public laws. Women had no right to vote, slavery was legal and war ignored diplomacy as the "first resort of kings," as the author Richard Arndt described it, yet the Adelphi leaders had the courage of conviction and a visionary voice.

They knew that their role was to educate students, and the public, to reflect on what they read and heard, assess actions and policies, form independent opinions, and express impartial concerns as indi-

viduals. In this way, the university teaches us all to distinguish among the three paths to finding truth — through facts, faith and fear — and helps to clarify each.

To state facts is not polemical. People can have different opinions, but not different facts. The university's role is to advance knowledge, both general and expert; skills such as writing and speaking with clarity and persuasion; abilities such as critical thinking and leadership; and values such as teamwork, respect for others and their opinions, and becoming active in society as citizens.

These are the missions of a university, and it is the university president who serves as the chief mission officer. If we do our jobs well, our graduates will be well prepared to see the results of political actions that ignore expert knowledge. They will be able to analyze propaganda masquerading as principle, and discern facts from unfounded superstitions. They will be able to call out the misguided actions of those who ignore science, history and the need to respect others. We will have prepared graduates for political action when it is needed regardless of the polemics surrounding them. And we will have taken an ethical stand.

Robert A. Scott is president emeritus of Adelphi University.

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LETTERS

called "Do Good To Feel Good." Besides providing food to those who need it, we want to inspire others to also do some good to make themselves feel good. And inspire we did. I am so happy to introduce a group of ER nurses who were so inspired by the outpouring of support shown to them that they have started donating to both the high school food pantry and the Do Good To Feel Good program. Much sincere thanks to Amanda Scalfani and her co-workers, including Diane Paez, Danielle Frantino, Tracy Mastakouris, Marcos Rivera and Jessica Sidle.

The entire medical, administrative and ancillary staff of Glen Cove Hospital should also be congratulated on being one of the few hospitals, including another Northwell Hospital — Syosset Hospital — that is now permitted to start performing elective as well as emergency surgery again this week.

DR. EVE LUPENKO FERRANTE
Glen Cove City councilwoman

Trump will endanger many at West Point

To the Editor:

On April 28 I sent President Trump the following letter:

Dear President Trump,

On April 17, 2020, you announced you would deliver a commencement speech at the United States Military Academy at West Point on June 13. I urge you to reconsider that decision. Closed due to Covid-19 since March, your presence at a graduation ceremony means that 1,000 seniors must return to campus. Beyond family and visitors, hundreds of staff will have to assemble, including but in no way limited to health care professionals, officers, administrators, cooks, janitors, cleaners, food service workers and even the band.

Every senior will have to be tested before arrival, and, if negative, they will be sent to campus and then quarantined for two weeks.

With naval personnel already infected on the USS Theodore Roosevelt and the USS Kidd, the benefit of any pomp and circumstance at a West Point commencement is disproportionately outweighed by the very real risk to the lives and health of the students and human resources who must assemble.

I respectfully urge that you cancel the commencement and thank you for your consideration respecting this matter.

CHARLES D. LAVINE
Assemblyman

FRAMEWORK by Roni Chastain



Taking aim for a delicious dinner.

“Democratic Congressman Tom Suozzi ... Fighting for New York in Washington”

—NY-1, April 20, 2020

I have been fighting hard for New York and, along with my colleagues, I’ve helped deliver aid and PPE’s to local hospitals and frontline workers, and helped secure billions of dollars for individuals, small businesses, testing and research.

I will continue to fight:

- ★ To make banks help *smaller*-small businesses, not just *big*-small businesses
- ★ 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

CONGRESS ★ 2020

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