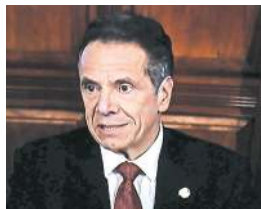


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Courtesy Denyce LaVeglia

DENYCE LAVEGLIA, LEFT, a registered nurse who is the assistant manager of Glen Cove Hospital's rehabilitation unit, and Nurse Nikolette Bros worked long hours at the peak of the coronavirus.

G.C. Hospital's LaVeglia, 'a true Florence Nightingale'

By **LAURA LANE**
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Keeping a promise is important to most 4-year-olds, and Mia Josephina Gambino is no different. It was difficult for her when she was separated from her parents, Joseph Gambino and Denyce LaVeglia, for three weeks when her

father was diagnosed with Covid-19.

"Not seeing my daughter was the worst thing I could go through," said LaVeglia, 36, a registered nurse and the assistant manager of Glen Cove Hospital's rehabilitation unit. "You need that love and the feeling you get from your child, and I couldn't have it. I

wanted to run over and hug her, but I couldn't. She began to shut down, and didn't want to talk to me or my husband toward the end."

Gambino, 38, began to show signs of the virus in the couple's Dix Hills home in April, coughing and feeling fatigued. When he went to

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Council passes no-rent pact for IDA, CDA

By **JENNIFER CORR**
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The Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency and Community Development Agency need not pay rent to the City of Glen Cove for office space at City Hall, according to an agreement the outside agencies reached with the city on April 28.

The City Council, including Mayor Tim Tenke, voted 6-1 that day to formalize the arrangement. Council member Marsha Silverman was the lone vote against it.

The two agencies have not paid rent to the city for four years, but rather have provided essential services, so city officials said they thought it only right that they would have office space at City Hall. Until recently, however, that agreement had not been formalized.

"What's happening right now is that we're formalizing basic-

ly what has been the custom in practice for the last four or so years," said City Attorney Gregory Kalnitsky. "This is an accounting measure if the CDA or IDA is audited. They're required to have an inter-municipal agreement in place, formalizing our agreement and showing that they are performing certain services and we're receiving certain services."

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GREGORY KALNITSKY
 G.C. city attorney

The CDA, among other services, owns the Glen Cove Senior Center and oversees Section 8 public housing in the city. The IDA issues federal and state grant funding for large-scale projects such as the current waterfront redevelopment.

RXR Realty purchased 44 acres of waterfront property on two parcels from the IDA for \$10 million in 2016 in order to construct the \$1.3 billion Garvies Point housing and shopping development, which is now under construction. RXR also received a

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DR. JAMES KRAUS, the chair of pathology and lab director at GCH, is hopeful that plasma with coronavirus antibodies will help people infected with Covid-19 to recover.

G.C. Hospital begins testing for coronavirus antibodies

By **LAURA LANE**

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Northwell Health began testing its front line health care workers system-wide on April 13 to discover if their blood contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19. Over 17,000 health care workers were tested. On May 1, Glen Cove Hospital began testing its health care workers too.

The staff in the intensive care unit were the first to undergo the testing at GCH, said Bradley Sherman, medical director and chair of the Dept. of Medicine at the hospital. The medical staff elsewhere will be tested next, followed by doctors who work in the community that have privileges at the hospital.

"I'm not sure how many have been found to be positive but my suspicion is that most [GCH health care workers] do not have the antibody," Sherman said. "One ICU doctor that I know tested negative, which surprised me because he has worked so closely with patients that have Covid."

What this means is that the personal protective equipment worn at the hospital is effective, said Dr. James Kraus. He is the chair of pathology, lab director and part of the Covid Convalescent Plasma Clinical Trial team for GCH. "We've found with the antibody preliminary date that there is very low positivity for the antibody even among those working with the most ill patients," Kraus said.

The test to determine if someone has the coronavirus antibody is simple, requiring that their blood be drawn by a physician. The employees at GCH are receiving the results from their blood test by email in one to two days or within a week's time. A positive result would mean that they were exposed to Covid-19. Those that have recovered from the virus can also have the antibody.

"A large number of people may have had the virus and didn't realize they had

it," Sherman said. "We aren't sure if they can be reinfected again. And if the virus mutates, people with the antibodies may be able to get it again."

The flu, which mutates, changes every year, he added. No one is sure if Covid-19, which is more contagious, will also mutate.

There is a trial at the Mayo Clinic now where plasma is being given to patients that are ill with the coronavirus, Sherman said. The plasma is from those with the antibody that have recovered from the virus. "They are finding that in certain cases the plasma with the antibody is beneficial," he said. "These patients are very sick on ventilators or very sick with pneumonia."

Kraus said that all of the results are being documented by Northwell.

"If you have the antibody at this point we don't know what that means," he said. "It should take one to two months to see if someone who had Covid will become reinfected. If no one gets it again we are thinking that the antibody is a protection but we don't know for how long. We are hoping that the immunity will last one season."

Kraus said that people that have recovered from Covid-19 are already donating plasma, even without being tested for the antibody. In fact, they are being encouraged to do so.

Four patients with the coronavirus, three of which were on a ventilator, received a transfusion of blood with the antibody, Kraus said. He's hopeful, he said, that the blood will help, but more data is needed. He predicts he may have that data in five to six weeks.

When asked if there were plans for all of the hospital staff to be tested to see if they have the virus, he said no. "We don't have enough tests to test everyone," Kraus said. "There has always been supply chain issues. First we didn't have enough swabs now it's that we don't have enough chemicals. Doing the antibody test is more beneficial."

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City formalizes no-rent agreement

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payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement.

The IDA had taken over the property in 1999, after the site was contaminated by roughly 47,000 tons of radioactive material and nearly 57,000 tons of chemically contaminated soil. The Superfund site, formerly owned by Li Tungsten, had been a dumping ground for industrial waste since the 1950s.

The IDA worked with the federal Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a \$28 million cleanup of the property. The IDA agreed to pay the federal government \$100,000, plus a percentage of the proceeds from any sale or lease of the two parcels.

The IDA has had an office at City Hall since 2004, but has never paid rent. In 2016, the IDA gave the city the \$10 million it had received from RXR for the waterfront property, effectively paying off the rent it had owed for the previous 12 years. It has remained at City Hall ever since, without paying rent.

Not all City Council members said they were comfortable with the agreement formalizing the no-rent arrangement. Silverman said that the state comptroller's office recently audited the IDA and CDA. The findings are expected this summer. "I wonder if this is premature, and if we should maybe wait a few months," Silverman said of the vote on the agreement.

"We should take no action on any IDA matter until we have the findings of that report," Silverman emphasized after the meeting. "In addition, our local economy will be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, with a good chance that our revenues will be significantly decreased."

Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews expressed similar concerns, and



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

THE CITY COUNCIL voted April 28 to formalize a no-rent agreement at City Hall with the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency and the Community Development Agency. Clockwise from top left were Councilwoman Marsha Silverman; Ann Fangmann, executive director and contracting officer of the IDA and CDA; Mayor Tim Tenke and Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews.

asked if the resolution could be rewritten as a six-month contract instead, putting the relationship between the city and the agencies up for further review down the road.

Kalnitsky said the agreement could be changed, and added that he did not believe putting a time limit on it was necessary, but Stevenson-Mathews said he was unsure if he agreed.

Ann Fangmann, the executive director and contracting officer for the IDA and CDA, said the agencies would likely have

to move out of City Hall to another office if they had to pay rent. "We work very effectively in City Hall," Fangmann said, "because we're right near the mayor and the deputy mayor and the department heads that we need to get the approvals from and the signatures."

Silverman said that while she valued the work of the agencies, she did not believe the city needed to vote to formalize the no-rent agreement immediately, because the arrangement dated back to

2016. She tried to table the motion to vote on the agreement, but no other council member supported her.

Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said, "I have everybody's word that we can make changes if we need to, and we are just memorializing an agreement that's been in place for the last four years, so with that, I would vote aye on all."

Stevenson-Mathews voted yes, and added that the agreement should be re-evaluated in September.

Nassau County shifts funds for Covid-19 emergency

Nearly \$13M in federal funding designated for the Urban and Housing Development Plan, Federal Housing and Urban Development grants, will instead be used for the Covid-19 emergency.

The \$12.8M in federal allocations have been specifically coded for Covid-19 relief. Approximately \$8.5M will fund the county's preparation and response to the coronavirus emergency. The remaining \$4.3M will be used to help lessen the impact of job loss, along with other impacts directly attributable to Covid-19 business closures for individuals and families who are homeless and/or meet the low-income criteria to be considered "at risk of homelessness." About \$2M of this fund will be used to support emergency shelter operations and services, which includes childcare, employment training, mental health and substance abuse treatment, transportation and more.

On May 4, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and fellow legislators unanimously approved re-allocating this funding through an amendment to the 2019 U.S. HUD plan. Funding through this program usually focuses on providing and improving housing and community development. However, based on the number of people that are unemployed because of the Covid-19 non-essen-

tial business closures, the funding directives have been shifted to respond to more immediate and critical needs.

"I am so grateful all of my peers in the legislature agreed that it was critical to use these monies to help people who have been the hardest hit financially," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I know they are enduring other tragedies right now, but knowing they will have a roof over their heads and food for their families takes some of the burden off their shoulders. We were all glad to be able to accept the funding."



Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

Nassau County staff members have been running the government through in-person meetings, with safe distancing and masks, teleconferencing and other communications. They are working on budget transfers and other measures that will ensure critical departments have appropriate funding.

For those who are homeless or at risk of losing their home, or knows of someone in this circumstance, please contact the county's homeless prevention hotline at (516) 571-0200.

For any questions or needs that Deriggi-Whitton's office can assist with, contact (516) 571-6211 or dderiggiwhitton@nassaucountyny.gov.

Construction management services contract approved

A construction management services contract for upcoming infrastructure improvements in the Glove Cove Sewer Services Area has been secured by Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove.

Members of the Legislature's Rules Committee voted unanimously on May 4 to retain Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects to provide complete construction management services for repairs and improvements to the Central Homes, Dana's Highway, Long Meadow, Roslyn Village and Franklin pump stations, as well as the Harwood Drive ejector station.

Funding for the roughly \$885,000 contract will be drawn from the county's Pump Station Rehabilitation capital budget allocation.

"Approving this contract reaffirms Nassau County's commitment to making smart investments in sewer infrastructure that preserve our quality of life and protect the environment for future generations," DeRiggi-Whitton said.

Daniel Gale Sotheby's gives virtual real estate tours

By MIKE CONN

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The real estate market has been greatly affected by the Covid-19 crisis since March. With most people not leaving their homes, buying a new one can be very difficult, especially given the need to physically see homes and properties before investing large amounts of money into them.

However, Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty, based in Cold Spring Harbor, one of the largest real estate firms on Long Island, decided to take matters into its own hands. On May 3, the company marketed over 100 properties with a live event over the course of the day, virtually hosting open houses via Zoom. Brokers and agents were physically in the homes, using phones attached to Gimbal stabilizing support sticks to show houses to dozens of viewers who were able to ask questions in real time using Zoom's chat feature. Chief Operating Officer Deborah Hauser said that this was the first effort of its kind on Long Island.

"We have so many buyers inquiring about properties," Hauser said. "We can't take the buyer into the house — we can't take the buyers into the properties. We thought we would bring the properties to the public virtually."

Daniel Gale Sotheby's number one concern is for safety, she added, for clients, employees, agents and customers. "But we realize there is a need to do business, so we're innovative enough to work on solutions," she said.

The company took to social media the week prior, inviting consumers to sign up for virtual tours. The average home had between eight and 12 viewers, although some reached over 25, adding up to thousands of potential buyers taking part. Hauser said that many consumers went on more than one tour.

Associate broker Peggy Moriarty has been with Daniel Gale Sotheby's for over 20 years, helping sell properties



Courtesy Ann Hance

DANIEL GALE SOTHEBY'S Associate Broker Ann Hance said using her phone to perform virtual Zoom tours of properties was a success.

across the North Shore, anywhere from Huntington in the east to Manhasset in the west. During her virtual tours, she said she walked through the homes, explaining their most intricate details, as well as the surrounding property and locations. She also had two helpers with her — one to operate the camera and the other to monitor the chat.

At a typical open house, Moriarty said she would see anywhere from three to 10 potential buyers in a day. However, she had well over 20 people watching virtual tours on Sunday, effectively doubling the number of consumers.

The virtual tours, she said, proved to be another useful tool in exposing the public to new properties.

"I think people are so anxious to see houses in any way they can," Moriarty said. "This just gave them a new perspective on how they can do it."

Ann Hance, a Daniel Gale Sotheby's associate broker for over eight years, said she sells homes anywhere between Manhasset and Cold Spring Harbor. The attendance in her two virtual Zoom tours was tremendous, she said, with one house having 40 viewers at one time. People are frustrated with their inability to move into a new home because of the pandemic, she said, and these virtual tours gave them an avenue to move in the right direction.

"We're living in this world of uncertainty," Hance said, "and I think the buying public wants someone to take them by the hand, give them guidance, let them know that there's a light at the end of the tunnel and that we'll return to some sort of normalcy."

Moriarty and Hance agreed that virtual tours such as these will still prove beneficial, even when normal open houses can resume. Although she admits to not being incredibly tech-savvy, Moriarty said Daniel Gale Sotheby's has done an excellent job of educating its employees on how to further their business virtually. In a business where brokers and agents are looking for any available tools to help others buy property, she said knowing how to show off properties remotely will be very helpful in the future.

"It's just a different style of business," Moriarty said. "We just keep praying and hoping for the best so that we can open things up for [the public], help them get their houses sold and help them to buy things."

"I'm very proud of our agents and the company for being the first ones to do it," Hauser said. "I think it's going to be something that's going to become normal in our business."



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COUNTY AND NUMC officials demonstrated proper social distancing while honoring nurses.

Nassau honors its 'health care heroes'

County executive comes to NUMC for National Nurses Week

By BRIDGET DOWNES

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In honor of National Nurses Day, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and other county officials paid tribute Wednesday to the health care professionals working on the frontlines of the pandemic.

"These are our heroes," Curran said at a news conference outside of the Nassau University Medical Center, joined by nurses and other medical staff. "They are the crucial part of our health care infrastructure . . . and oftentimes they take the place of the family. In people's last days, they're the ones there, providing care and holding the hands. It's difficult work, it's emotionally taxing, and it's incredibly important."

Some health care professionals are sleeping in RVs, staying in their basements or even camping out in tents in their backyards, the county executive noted, to maintain self-isolation orders. Others go through meticulous self-decontamination measures, including changing

in the garage and showering before hugging family members.

"You are our warriors and we want to thank you for what you're doing each and every day," Curran said. "As I say, this crisis has not created heroes, it has revealed the heroes already among us."

To date, the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management has distributed 2 million pieces of personal protective equipment to health care workers and first responders.

Dr. Anthony Boutin, CEO of NUMC, thanked Curran for coming to the hospital to celebrate National Nurses Day.

"I commend our hard-working nurses, all our valuable employees working hard here," Boutin said.

As of Wednesday, the hospital was housing 52 patients who tested positive for Covid-19, and 20 whose results were pending.

"This is a significant achievement. We have a 74 percent decline at our peak here at NUMC," Boutin said, "and I'm happy to report some good news. We are discharging our 565th patient today."



NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE Laura Curran, left, came to Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow last Wednesday to pay tribute to nurses in honor of National Nurses Week.

State, Northwell test in minority communities

By SCOTT BRINTON

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New York state and Northwell Health are partnering to increase Covid-19 testing in the minority communities hardest hit by the virus in downstate New York, Governor Cuomo said Saturday. Testing will take place at 24 churches.

Two Nassau County houses of worship — the Union Baptist Church in Hempstead and the First Baptist Church in Westbury — will be among the 24.

Results of the state's diagnostic testing and antibody testing surveys found the highest rates of Covid-19 infection in low-income and minority communities, according to the governor. Additionally, a state survey of all newly hospitalized Covid-19 patients found communities of color are most impacted. Of the 21 zip codes with the most new Covid-19 hospitalizations, 20

It is a cruel fact that when you look at disasters and emergencies, the poorest and most disadvantaged people often pay the highest price.

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New York state governor

have greater than average black and/or Latino populations.

"It is a cruel fact that when you look at disasters and emergencies, the poorest and most disadvantaged people often pay the highest price, and the Covid-19 pan-

dem is no different," Cuomo said. "The fact is that low-income and minority communities are suffering the most. It is not right, and we have to address it."

Michael Dowling, Northwell Health's president and CEO, said, "Given the prevalence of the coronavirus within communities of color, it's imperative that we act quickly to prevent further spread of the virus. Among the ways we can protect our communities — beyond social distancing, wearing facemasks, avoiding group gatherings and basic hand hygiene — is through testing."

The governor also announced preliminary results of the state's antibody testing survey of more than 1,300 transit workers in the New York City region. Roughly 14 percent, he said, had Covid-19 antibodies. By comparison, 16 percent, or 1 in 6 people on Long Island, tested positive for the antibodies, and 19 percent, or 1 in 5 people, were positive in New York City.

Tough times require strength, which LaVeglia has

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urgent care, he tested negative for Covid-19, but LaVeglia said she knew he had it. He began to decline quickly, experiencing shortness of breath, and three days later could barely breath. LaVeglia admitted her husband to GCH on April 15, and Mia was taken to LaVeglia's parents' house to protect her from getting sick.

Gambino improved within two days and was not put on a ventilator, but he remained in the hospital for a week.

"Denyce came to work even though her husband was sick," said Evelyn Mulvaney, the assistant director of nursing at GCH. "Her little girl didn't understand why she couldn't play with her mommy. Denyce is such a great mom."

The family reunited on May 2. "All three of us cried like big babies," LaVeglia said. "But Mia still asks every day when I drop her off at my mother's if she's going to sleep there. When I first got her back and had to drop her off [there], she got so upset she wouldn't let me leave. She kept making me promise that I'd come back."

To make matters worse, LaVeglia said, her daughter's need for hugs and kisses from her mother can't be fulfilled. "I still have to social distance from her," LaVeglia explained. "Mia wants to be affectionate, but I can't be."

LaVeglia was moved out of the rehabilitation department and became a hospital supervisor for six weeks when the coronavirus was at its peak. "It was a stressful time, because none of us knew what to expect and everyone was afraid of the unknown," she said. "I had many interactions with patients and their families, which is a part of your everyday job as a nurse, but there were so many. People were dying. It was a sad reality."

Covid-19 patients lose strength, Mulvaney said, and need encouragement to move around. "Denyce inspires people to work at getting better," Mulvaney said. "I think she was the strength behind her husband getting better."



Courtesy Denyce LaVeglia

WHEN JOSEPH GAMBINO was diagnosed with Covid-19, his wife, Denyce LaVeglia, insisted that he be admitted to Glen Cove Hospital, where she is the assistant manager of rehabilitation. The couple were separated from their daughter, Mia Josephina Gambino, for three weeks.

LaVeglia is a compassionate caregiver, said Kim Rusnack, the rehabilitation department's director of patient care services. It's not uncommon to see her holding a patient's hand while speaking to the

family, and Rusnack said, she cares for her staff in much the same way. "During the beginning of Covid, Denyce was a big advocate of the staff making sure they had the proper [personal protective equip-

ment] and that the units were stocked," Rusnack recalled. "She is motherly of the staff, protective of them."

A mentor of new hires, LaVeglia takes pride in knowing her staff. When a nurse's mother died, LaVeglia took up a collection for flowers. She arranged for a baby shower for another nurse.

"Denyce epitomizes what a nurse should be," Rusnack said. "She is a true Florence Nightingale. Patients and families love her."

LaVeglia also sees the bigger picture, Rusnack said, by understanding the needs of the hospital as a whole.

Being a leader has its responsibilities, LaVeglia said. You have to have the utmost confidence, and be positive. A leader, she said, needs to carry on and keep spirits up when everyone else is down. "I remember one day we ran out of isolation gowns, and I could see everyone starting to panic," she recounted. "I called them by name and asked them what was making them happy right now. It worked. They just needed to be brought up."

With the number of Covid-19 cases dropping at GCH, LaVeglia is back in the rehabilitation unit. She is focused on helping patients who are still recovering grow strong enough to go home. The patients need a variety of help, including physical, occupational and speech therapy. "Either they were in the hospital so long on ventilators that their muscles start to decompensate, or they had a stroke and then got Covid," she said. "They have to build up their strength. All of the patients I see are either post-Covid or still have it."

Their ages vary from 23 to 90, she said, though most are between 60 and 70.

"Making someone smile makes you feel good during these times," she said. "And it melts my heart when someone says something nice to me, giving me recognition like I got at Target recently. But this is what I do. I became a nurse to help people."

Local initiative brings organic food to the table

In an effort to make sure that local families who do not have access to whole and nutritious foods don't go without, Glen Cove Councilwoman Marsha Silverman and Wells Café & Apothecary in Sea Cliff teamed up with North Shore Food Help, also known as NOSH.

"I am thrilled to connect two women-run organizations, NOSH, a critical resource to feed those in need and Wells Café, a provider of nutritious, organic foods," Silverman said.

Under this initiative, for every bundle of organic groceries purchased from Wells Café, an equal

value will be donated to NOSH. "It is a privilege to partner with Wells Café to bring organic food to those in need," said Courtney Callahan of NOSH. "As a vegan, it is particularly important to create access to plant based foods."

This effort is being done through the Pumpkinseeds Foundation, a private grant-making foundation based in Sea Cliff.

"Food justice has always been an important pillar of the Wells Café ethos and now, more than ever, it is crucial that families in need have access to nutritious, whole foods," said Lisa Gelsmar, the chef at Wells Café.



Courtesy Marsha Silverman

COURTNEY CALLAHAN OF NOSH, left, Maddy Mindich of Wells Café and Marsha Silverman are leading an initiative that makes organic food accessible to all families.

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Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

Dear Book to Movie Fan,

About eight years ago, my book group read "Defending Jacob" by William Landay, and we all loved it. The story was compelling and the issues raised were perfect for discussion so I am looking forward to seeing the film adaptation. In the book, we are introduced to a father (Andy) who is faced with the possibility that Jacob, his beloved son, is a murderer. Or perhaps just an innocent teenager caught up in a hellish web of

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we shortened the hours because we need them to rest. We need to stock the store and we need to make sure the store is cleaned to the CDC standards. That's something we're doing everyday. We have free coffee for our employees during this time because without them we wouldn't be able to run the business.

We're doing the curbside pickup for a lot of customers and that's been really off the charts, kind of crazy. But it's nice to know that we have customers calling up who are immune deficient or they have a vulnerable person in their house. So we're always happy to get groceries ready for them and all they have to do is pull up outside the store.

It's been very rewarding. You have that sensation of knowing that we're trying to help the community, We're also giving free lunch or dinner for nurses. That was something we wanted to do to give back to the nurses because they're on the front lines.

Thank you for supporting us through this hard time. We appreciate it more than you know.

It feels like we are bringing the community together. The fact that we're all going through this together... It's nice to know that we are not going through this alone.

As a business we wanted employees to know that their safety comes first. We supply them with masks and gloves and

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Kim Velentzas

MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA PRESIDENT



and more food donations just kept getting dropped off on my porch.

Whether it's six boxes of macaroni and cheese or whether it's cases of peanut butter, every little bit goes directly to these families and as quick as my porch is packed with stuff, it becomes empty.

At first we had six families and now we serve 60 a week. And it keeps growing. There really is such a need. There are families who wouldn't necessarily need help and now they're not working or their businesses are shut down and now they do [need assistance]. I hear stories from volunteers who are delivering groceries of children picking up the bag of cookies or the bag of bread and being so excited just to have fresh bread or to see a gallon of milk or a fresh turkey.

We call it the porch pantry.

It's really a whole group of us. Kirsten Kenny is the wizard behind the curtain. She is one of our eighth-grade math teachers at Finley Middle School and she runs the Builders Club, which is an offshoot of the Kiwanis Club, and she runs the pantry that serves families in need all year long.

We are feeding the children who are sitting next to my kid in math class or are playing next to your kid at the playground. This is our community.

Kirsten and I were put in contact by our principal and because we don't have access to the middle school, I started reaching out to friends and they started reaching out to friends and so on and then more

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Donna Galgano

PANTRY CO-FOUNDER, NURSE PRACTITIONER



coronavirus. On my days off I do the pantry. Between the increase in people that need us and finding enough food to give to them this has become a full time job.

When the virus hit originally, it was overwhelming. We had to find a way to deal with the increase in people that needed help. We have had an increase in donations and volunteers, who we rotate. We had 12 regular volunteers and now use a team of 25 every Friday. A second team of 10 volunteers packs the bags of food on Wednesday. That's also when we get deliveries from Long Island Cares and Island Harvest. It's hard physical work.

When we opened our doors on Nov. 8 we were a pantry that helped mostly seniors, and we had around 50 people. Now the People's Pantry is a distribution center for 250 people every Friday and they are not only coming from East Norwich, Bayville and Oyster Bay anymore. Now they come from Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Sea Cliff and Syosset too.

Even though this is hard work I find it's the best day of my week. The whole day is heartwarming. I'm there with my family and we work together like we did in the past when we did mission trips in Nicaragua and Puerto Rico. But helping others in my own backyard is the greatest blessing.

I'm a nurse practitioner at the New York Cancer & Blood Specialists in Great Neck. We see some patients remotely and some come into the office. For people with breast cancer it doesn't stop with for the

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I've always done it, but now the need is greater and so many people in Sea Cliff have been incredibly helpful. You just try to help anybody out as best you can, and although I do every little bit I can, I wish I could do more.

We have to watch out for one another and I think this community has really been doing that. Somebody asked me if I was surprised at all with all the phone calls and donations I've been receiving. I wasn't, because I know that all I have to do is put the word out on my Facebook page and within a day I have tons of responses. It's a great neighborhood — it's a great community.

During the pandemic, people are thinking about all different ways they can help. Many don't have to worry about food, but they are thinking about the people that aren't as lucky as them, which is a really nice thing. We always think that people are so selfish, but they're not.

People have been donating food and dropping it off at my house because Village Hall is closed, although I can get food from the emergency pantry. What I do is I pack it all up, I put it in my trunk and then I go to the houses of people in need and I drop it off on their doorsteps.

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AVISO DE VOTO Y ELECCIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO ANUAL APLAZADO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR 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, 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, reemplazo, reconstrucción, 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, 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

comenzan 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 a 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.

AVISO 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 recibirán 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.

AVISO 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 militar debidamente registrado recibirá una 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

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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: PROPOSICIÓN NO. 1 SCHOOL BUDGET 2020-2021

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2020-2021 Budget in the amount of \$110,315,208.77 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.

PROPOSICIÓN 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, 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 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.

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 121762

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. However, due to the COVID-19 concerns and the fact that city hall is closed at the present time, the meeting will be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams application. The link to the meeting agenda and the access instructions will be listed on the home page of the Glen Cove website at least 2 days in advance of the meeting. The website is www.glencove-li.us to review this application, please contact Rosa Rizzo, the secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals at rrizzo@glencoveny.gov for a copy. Anyone other than the board and the applicant will have their microphones muted until instructed by the chair that comments will be taken. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard by telephone on the teleconference during the hearing. All citizens have a right to participate in the teleconference of the public hearing and to

KEEPING YOU SAFE

Watch out for scammers during Covid-19

BY DET. LT. JOHN NAGLE

Scammers are using the coronavirus pandemic to their advantage. They are using the fear and anxiety caused by the virus to steal money and information from unsuspecting victims. Covid-19 has affected all of us and these scammers are no exception. Many of their call centers had to be temporarily closed due to the virus. But the criminals are now adapting, and their call centers are coming back online.

If you receive a call offering a COVID-19 kit or Medicare benefits related to the virus it is a scam. Do not give out any personal information to anyone over the phone or internet unless you absolutely know who you are speaking to. Scammers can spoof their phone number to make it appear like it is coming from a government agency or public utility. They can also make e-mails appear to be from the actual agency or company. If you are unsure about the call or email and they are asking for personal information hang up.

Be very careful when answering e-mails that appear to be from your bank or government agency or a possible job opportunity. College students should be on the lookout for recent emails promising to lower their student loan rates. Once you click on the link contained in these e-mails you are redirected to a website that is meant to mimic the real site. Once you are there, they will request personal information including bank account numbers, social security information or even your Medicare information. If you are not sure about the origin of an e-mail, simply contact the company directly. Do not use the links supplied in the e-mail.

The FBI reported that it has

received more than 3,600 complaints related to COVID-19 scams. Many of these scams operated from websites that advertised fake cures, vaccinations and news from public health organizations. These types of scams will certainly be on the rise in the weeks to come. Be extremely careful whenever you are asked to give anyone your personal information.

People cannot get out and socialize right now and online dating sites could be a great way to meet that perfect someone. Romance can blossom but it is also the perfect situation for scammers to do their work. Due to the pandemic, these scammers have the perfect alibi on why they cannot meet you in person. The moment they ask you for money know you are being scammed.

The pandemic of 2020 will be remembered as a horrible and frightening time for all of us. We will all get through this pandemic and we will do so as a community. History shows us that after horrible events such as 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy that communities came together. These events brought out the best in people.

Unfortunately, for a small percentage of criminals, it brought out the worst. After Hurricane Sandy, scammers tried to defraud insurance companies and unscrupulous handymen tried to rip off homeowners. After Sept. 11 scammers set up fraudulent online accounts to raise money for first responders. Scammers are now attempting to capitalize on the COVID pandemic.

Remember the quote, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," by Benjamin Franklin. It sure does stand the test of time. Remember, we will all get through this together. Until next time, stay safe everyone.

Governor elaborates on reopening plans

BY SCOTT BRINTON

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo elaborated on his plan to reopen New York's economy in a 51-page guide titled "New York Forward," which he posted on Twitter Monday night.

The governor plans to reopen the state by region. Among the regions are: the Capital, Central New York, Finger Lakes, Long Island, Mid-Hudson, Mohawk Valley, New York City, North Country, Southern Tier and Western New York regions.

How reopening will play out will depend on local conditions on the ground. To reopen, a region must meet seven criteria, which include:

- A 14-day decline in hospitalizations.
- A 14-day decline in hospital deaths.
- New hospitalizations kept to under 2 per 100,000 people.
- Thirty percent of hospital beds available.
- Thirty percent of intensive care unit beds available.
- Thirty per 1,000 residents tested for the virus.
- Thirty contact tracers in place for every 100,000 residents.

Long Island currently meets four of the seven criteria. It falls short on two — 14-day decline in hospital deaths and new hospitalizations under 2 per 100,000 — and like all other regions in the state, is expected to have a sufficient number of contact tracers in place soon, but does not now.

On Tuesday, Cuomo said three regions — Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley — would be prepared to reopen May 15.

Meanwhile, certain "low-risk" business activities such as landscaping and gardening, as well as drive-in movie theaters, would be allowed to resume statewide. Certain outdoor recreation activi-

ties like tennis would be permitted also.

Each region will have its own "control room" that can halt reopening if guidelines are not adhered on the local level.

For the three regions that meet the state's criteria, reopening is to begin cautiously, the governor said, and will play out over the coming weeks in four stages:

Phase One

Construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, select retail for curbside pickup only, and agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Phase Two

Professional services, finance and insurance, retail, administrative support, and real estate, rental and leasing.

Phase Three

Restaurants and food services, beyond takeout and delivery.

Phase Four

Arts, entertainment and recreation, and education.

The state, Cuomo said, has created a New York Forward Reopening Advisory Board to help guide the reopening process.

Ensuring that the reopening is done in a safe and efficient manner will require strong local leadership on the part of elected officials and individual responsibility on the part of the public, the governor said.

"Under New York Forward, regions will be reopening at different paces, led by the data," Cuomo said in the guide, "and communications to businesses about the rules of the road will be critical. Local leaders should continue with their strategy of outreach and education to businesses that are not in compliance with the guidelines."

Schools, the governor noted, "will be reopened. But the question for each region is when, how and for whom."

Those decisions, he said, will have to be made on the local level, depending on local conditions.



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GOV. ANDREW CUOMO

HERALD PUBLIC NOTICES

provide written comments by email or regular mail to the Village Clerk, which are received prior to the commencement of public hearing, make oral comments and to ask questions on the teleconference concerning the proposed application. Public comments received prior to the commencement of the public hearing will be made part of the public record. The transcript of the hearing will be

available at a later date. Anyone wishing to comment on the application, but who cannot join the TEAMS forum, can submit comments to Rosa Rizzo rizzo@glencove.ny.gov in advance of the hearing. CASE # 3 - 2020 The hearing will be on the application of Nicole Loizides & Louis Albruzzese residing at 7 Margaret St., Glen Cove who seek Variances from Section(s) 280-30; 280-58 B (6) and 280-58 B (10) of

the Glen Cove Zoning Code to renovate an enclosed patio and build a new addition to an existing kitchen. The property has an existing lot width of 50.15 feet when 65 feet is required. Applicant is proposing 5.4 ft and 3 ft side yard setbacks when 10 feet each is the minimum required, and proposing 2,166 sq. ft coverage where 1,484 sq feet (20%) is the maximum coverage permitted.

The property is located within the R-3A One-Family Residence District and designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block E, Lot 125. Dated: May 6, 2020 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE TERI MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 121902



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OPINIONS

New York & company: the states Republicans love to hate

I'm trying to find the right word. Is it "hate" or "jealousy"? I'm not sure what the right label is for us East Coast residents, but it seems that a substantial number of Republicans in the U.S. Senate and House have a built-in hostility toward us. This dislike goes back many years, and may even be tied to the Civil War.



**JERRY
KREMER**

Every time an eastern state asks for help from certain Congress members, it is met with a mean rebuff and a tirade. One great example is the Sept. 11 first responders, many of whom have died from their exposure to toxins at the World Trade Center site. Consider

ing that 3,000 innocent people died in the terrorist attacks and thousands of first responders risked their lives trying to save them, Lower Manhattan should be considered hallowed ground.

Nevertheless, it took years before the Long Island congressional delegation and other state officials persuaded Congress to approve a long-term extension of disability payments for those heroes. The fight against that effort was led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ken-

tucky. A number of Republicans from around the country who fought against the aid request backed him up.

Republicans are now looking for ways to stick it to New York and other coastal states that are drowning in debt created by the coronavirus pandemic. The relief bills passed by Congress showed great favoritism to some Midwestern states at our expense. Businesses in Nebraska and North Dakota were treated better than suffering New Yorkers. More pandemic hospital gear went to Florida than to our health facilities, and most of it wasn't needed.

New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, which have large populations, are essentially being told that they're not entitled to more financial assistance because they are "blue" states. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has told McConnell that we're dealing with life and death, not party registration. McConnell has gone out of his way to single out New York, claiming that our deficit was due to high pension costs and that we had no legitimate need.

Once he staked out his position, he was joined by senators from Iowa, Wisconsin and Arizona, who pledged that the Northeast would get nothing as long as they were in the Senate. Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, whose state is home to millions of trans-

planted Easterners, chimed in with his own diatribe against the northern states.

What is fascinating about this mean-spirited attack against New York is that these same senators aren't reluctant to visit Wall Street to beg for campaign cash.

A few years ago, when Florida Sen. Marco Rubio spoke out against directing money to the dying first responders, U.S. Rep. Peter King, who represents many of us, told Wall Street money people to withhold contributions to Rubio or any other member who opposed the 9/11 aid.

New York state had more than 335,000 cases of Covid-19 as of Monday morning, the most in the country. Our hospitals and their personnel have been under enormous strain keeping up with this terrible virus. We are paying a high premium for masks, gowns and other desperately needed items, and the federal government has been accused of intercepting and diverting medical supplies from several states. Police and firefighters are working long shifts in order to keep up with the emergency demands of sick people. There are sad stories about the death of first responders and thousands of other local people every day.

Another obligation of the government, in the event of a future epidemic, should be to coordinate the food supply. It is a trag-

edy to see farmers destroying millions of pounds of crops and dumping fresh milk while hungry people are lining up at food banks all over the country. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue knows a lot about the farm business, but he has been clueless about how to move products to those in need. And, of course, Republicans in the Senate oppose expansion of the food stamp program for people in need.

As a former state legislator who crafted budgets for 12 years, I understand that state deficits are connected to the number of Medicaid patients and the high demand for human services. School districts have always been given a high priority in state spending plans, but this year they face dramatic cuts. That means higher school taxes, and guess who will pay the bill? New York state's fiscal crisis is tied directly to the high cost of health care, education and other ways in which it meets people's needs. The Republican claim that deficits are tied to pension costs is an outright lie.

But, if I have to choose between jealousy or hate to describe what they feel toward us coastal states, I think both words apply.

Jerry Kremer was a state assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He now heads Empire Government Strategies, a business development and legislative strategy firm. Comments about this column? JKremer@liherald.com.

Will this plague lead to a new dark age?

Sometimes a black hole opens in a culture and civility falls in. History teaches us that sometimes, good will and decency are trumped by avarice and authoritarianism. Read the stories of the Salem witch trials, the genocide of the Holocaust, the purges in Rwanda and the "ethnic cleansing" in the Balkans, and you begin to connect the dots. I think we are on the cusp of such a

moment, and I fear for our future.

The cracks in the foundation of our culture began with the election of Donald Trump to the presidency and his very first lies about the crowd size at his inauguration, a seemingly small false note that presaged disaster. Over the

ensuing years he systematically dismantled many well-functioning stanchions of government, fired legions of experienced government officials and replaced them with sycophants and hacks.

The ground rumbled as he attacked the trusted agencies to which America has turned in times of trouble: the CIA and the

FBI. When the information coming from these bureaus reflected badly on him or his administration, Trump undermined their credibility, and by doing that, their efficacy.

The crack widened with sick appeals to the racists and the know-nothings and the haters among us.

Then, because sometimes we are caught in the confluence of a perfect storm, the coronavirus pandemic struck. It is the worst time to suffer through the worst epidemic in a generation, with the worst leader who has ever risen to power in the United States of America. Bad luck all around.

We are living through a nightmare of unnecessary deaths caused not by disease alone, but by mismanagement and incompetence. From the beginning, Trump lied about the pandemic and what government was doing to stop its spread. He missed every single opportunity to make it better.

Most disturbing, the lying and corruption at the top are trickling down. The crazies, the anti-vaxers and the hoax-mongers are having their moment. And they are being encouraged by the president, who ignores guidance from the best and brightest scientists and doctors we have in the

fight.

Now, this week, I am seeing the black hole in our society opening wide. Who will fall in? The most vulnerable, of course. People will go back to work, not because anything at all has changed as far as the spread of Covid-19 is concerned, but because they need to support themselves. Because the president missed the opportunity to control the spread of disease, he tells the meat packers they have to show up. He knows they will go home to parents and grandparents and spread the disease. The cost of doing business.

This is now the acceptable sacrifice: that tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of working people and older people, especially those in nursing homes, will die so the economy can stumble forward.

It did not have to be this way. There will be a virtual culling of old people in this country. To accept this calculated loss of life isn't just un-American; it is depraved. Yet here we are.

The way forward from this mismanaged crisis is difficult and complicated. We need reliable testing so we can know who is sick, we need contact tracing when someone

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**RANDI
KREISS**

falls ill, and we need the truth, most of all, on a daily basis, from a reliable source.

Most people who need to work and have work will work. But it is the federal government's responsibility to see that the tests and protections that can make that process safer are in place.

Enough dissembling from the president. The fact that he has frequently deployed the "witch hunt" defense, from the Mueller investigation to the impeachment hearings to his handling of the pandemic, is exquisite irony. He is the witch hunter in chief, going after news outlets, reporters, political opponents and now even iconic scientists like Anthony Fauci, who are the only source of reliable information on the pandemic.

As one of the characters said in "The Crucible," the story of the Salem witch trials, "I'll tell you what's walking Salem — vengeance is walking Salem. We are what we always were in Salem, but now the little crazy children are jangling the keys of the kingdom, and common vengeance writes the law!"

Their prey may be riding different imaginary broomsticks these days, but Trump's witch hunters are still sowing havoc and reaping revenge.

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Stay strong, Nassau

The weekend was cold and windy, which likely prevented many people from venturing outside to potentially crowded spaces like the Jones Beach Boardwalk. For now, that's a good thing. The more people stay home, the better. The coronavirus breeds among those in close contact.

We know, however, that people will grow increasingly eager to get outside and see one another as the weeks wear on. Nonesential workers have been at home for eight weeks, and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran warned last Friday that it could be another six weeks before the economy fully reopens downstate.

Hospitalizations, Cuomo explained, are declining but remain persistently high, and the fear is that opening the economy will lead to a spike in the Covid-19 infection rate — and thus the hospitalization rate, which could, in turn, increase the death rate.

Deaths have declined to a quarter of what they were at the virus's peak on April 9, when a staggering 799 people died overnight. From May 10 to 11, by contrast, 161 died.

We mustn't focus solely on statistics, though. Each reported death is a grandmother or grandfather, mother or father, wife or husband, sister or brother.

Someone like Mike Field, a Valley Stream emergency medical technician and 9/11 first responder. He died on April 8 at Mount Sinai South Nassau hospital, of complications of Covid-19. He caught it after transporting a patient. He was 59.

Or Jim Adelis. He died April 4, at age 67. He organized Trees for Troops each year at Dees' Nursery in Oceanside, sending Christmas trees to our troops overseas.

And there are so many more.

We must not forget them. Their memories should haunt us over the coming

■ The Long Island Crisis Center in Bellmore is a 24-hour suicide-prevention hotline. Its motto is, "Any problem. Any time. Anyone." It can be reached at (516) 679-1111 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

■ The North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center is a nonprofit chil-

dren's mental health agency. It can be reached at (516) 997-2926.

■ The Nassau County Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disabilities Services can be reached at (516) 227-7057.

weeks. If they don't, we may be tempted to let up on social distancing. We may forget to wash our hands and wear masks. But we simply can't, or others will die.

Make no mistake: We will be tempted to let up. Warmer weather is almost here, and we'll all feel spring fever. We will desperately want to get out of the house and spend time with family members, friends and coworkers with whom we have interacted only via Zoom for weeks.

We'll want to return to our favorite restaurants and bars, shops and museums, ballparks and bowling alleys. We must be smart, however, and heed Cuomo's warnings. We must understand that the coronavirus is an indiscriminate, remorseless killer. We may no longer want to hide, but until the government tells us it's safe to return to life as normal, we must stay strong and abide by the rules.

In the end, we will eradicate this disease, but doing so will require patience and diligence — and, yes, a vaccine.

We understand the need to reopen the economy. People fear losing their livelihoods, and worry about paying their mortgages and putting food on the table. A second surge of the virus, however, could be deadlier than the first, and keeping hospitalization and death rates at the lowest

Where to find help

possible levels is a bit like balancing a scale.

If too many people fail to socially distance, then we will tip the scale in the virus's favor. That could lead to a second, longer shutdown of the economy, and possibly a second Great Recession, or even a depression.

The federal government has put in place a number of programs, amounting to billions of dollars, to aid desperate New Yorkers. It likely isn't enough, and as we have written in recent weeks, more needs to be done — the government must help fund states' annual budgets to guard against cutbacks to schools, hospitals, and fire and police departments.

There is funding, though, providing at least temporary relief, helping Long Islanders survive the next month and a half. Accessing that money may require persistence and a load of paperwork, but at least Congress allocated the funds, which are only now starting to stream through our local economy.

If you are feeling desperate, understand that you're not alone. There are tried and true institutions here in Nassau County to aid people in need at times like these (*see box*).

LETTERS

Voting made easy – use it

To the Editor:

This week some voters should start receiving applications for absentee ballots from the Board of Elections with pre-paid envelopes to help avoid in-person voting for upcoming primaries. Statistics show the vast majority of voters — probably 80 percent or more — will not even bother to mail back this free application to get an absentee ballot to vote.

In a presidential election year, all voters should take advantage of this new voting paradigm and participate in our primary votes, school votes and presidential election this fall. Arguments about voting safety via mail are specious and are only meant to limit access to voting by mail as some are afraid more people will vote. Our democracy



OPINIONS

More state action is needed for fair housing

New York state's Division of Licensing Services has adopted new regulations to address widespread housing discrimination. They take effect on June 20, and represent an important step forward. Yet much more state action is needed.

The regulations come in response to irrefutable evidence of housing discrimination on Long Island. That was the focus of a joint hearing held on Long Island in December by three State Senate committees, at which I testified on behalf of ERASE Racism. But the problem isn't limited to Long Island. It is statewide and systemic. That's why



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more state action is needed.

The Senate committees' hearing was sparked by Newsday's three-year investigation of real estate sales practices on Long Island. It exposed widespread evidence of civil rights violations, employing a research technique — involving paired testers (one white, the other “of color”) and the expertise of the Fair Housing Justice Center — that mirrored an earlier investigation by ERASE Racism that demonstrated racial discrimination in real estate rental practices.

The problem, however, is not limited to sales or rental markets, or even to real estate. Stark patterns of residential racial segregation are evident across New York and the United States. They are the result of intentional, coordinated actions of federal, state and local governments, the housing and banking industries, and other institutions over many decades. Those patterns have been sustained by those institutions, which all need to work aggressively to end them.

The new Division of Licensing Services regulations require real estate brokers and their employees and agents to notify — and obtain signed disclosure forms from — prospective buyers, sellers, renters and landlords about anti-discrimination laws. They also require the prominent display of information about how customers can file complaints about the services provided with the licensing agency.

The new regulations thereby send two clear messages to real estate agents. First, the state has underscored that they must abide by fair housing statutes, and that their license to practice is contingent on compliance. Second, the state has clarified that the Division of Licensing Services plays a vital role in fair housing enforcement.

This step should, however, be just the first of many by the state. At the joint hearing in December, ERASE Racism and the Fair Housing Justice Center proposed a five-point plan for New York, with the following core points:

- Fully utilize the licensing power of the state to better regulate real estate licensees. The new regulations respond to that recommendation. The Division of Licensing Services should also determine whether licensees have engaged in conduct that warrants disciplinary action, including possible suspension or revocation of licenses.

- Create a well-resourced, proactive, and better-coordinated fair housing enforcement strategy. Complaints of discrimination must be investigated in a timely and thorough manner, but significant resources must also be devoted to conducting proactive testing investigations, since victims of discrimination usually don't know what properties they were not shown.

- The real estate industry should take affirmative steps to ensure compliance with fair housing laws. The Long Island Board of Realtors has a special responsibility here, but industry-wide action is needed. That action should include the

hiring of more diverse sales forces.

- Affirmatively further fair housing in all housing and community development activities at the local, state and federal levels. New York's Human Rights Law should be amended in two ways: 1) to explicitly prohibit discriminatory action by local public agencies involved in housing, land use and zoning, or community development to ensure that their efforts are not perpetuating segregation by making housing unavailable based on race or national origin, and 2) to require state agencies and departments, local jurisdictions, public housing authorities and other public entities receiving state or federal funds for housing and community development to “affirmatively further fair housing” and take no action materially inconsistent with that.

- New York State should implement fair housing legislative initiatives, policy changes, and support for programs that expand access to housing opportunities in all neighborhoods. Among other actions, the state should enact an “equitable share” housing plan and establish a minimum affordable housing goal for every community.

All five of these steps need to be implemented for New York to achieve fair housing statewide.

Elaine Gross is president of Long Island-based ERASE Racism.

LETTERS

depends on you participating in elections. Why not start now when the ballot is sent to your house for free?

JAMES VERSOCKI
Sea Cliff

We can learn from our health care workers

To the Editor:

Last week was National Nurses Week. As some know, my mother was in the Cadet Nurse Corps during WWII, later was Director of Nursing at two different county health departments and spoke with pride about having administered the first polio vaccines in the 1950's. I'm not certain she could have imagined our current health crisis, but as with other challenges, I know she would have risen to the occasion, because she was my mom and because she was a nurse.

When I first met with Glen Cove Hospital's Executive Director Kerri Scanlon, a nurse herself, our conversation began by talking about nursing and compassion and it ended by talking about nursing and compassion. I have always respected and appreciated our nurses, doctors and other health care workers, but my respect has grown even more over the past many weeks as Covid-19 has taken its

toll on our community. This crisis has required a Herculean effort by all the staff at Glen Cove Hospital and by healthcare workers around the world. Thank you to all and may we learn from your strength, your commitment and your compassion.

GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS
Glen Cove City Councilman

Cuomo has a friend in Jerry Kremer

To the Editor:

I just had to respond to last week's column by Jerry Kremer, “Cuomo puts the other guy from Queens to shame.” Kremer speaks in glowing terms about Gov. Andrew Cuomo, but leaves out so many details — for example, that Cuomo has put the state in a \$6 billion hole because of inept and careless spending, investing state money in ridiculous solar panel schemes and not allowing fracking that would not only increase state revenue, but lower *all* taxpayer energy bills. He is also eliminating the Indian Point power plant, which provides New York City with 25 percent of its power.

Where does Cuomo expect to make up that energy deficit? Windmills? Solar power? When the lights go out this summer and in

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summers to follow, there will be only one person to blame, and that will be Cuomo.

Kremer obviously despises President Trump, but I must say that if it were not for Trump and his staff bailing out all these mismanaged states, this country would be fin-

ished. The least Trump deserves is a thank-you from these blue state governors for coming to their rescue.

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