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Courtesy Pamela Marie Young Osman

PAMELA MARIE YOUNG Osman, 59, of Glen Cove, is graduating from Nassau Community College with a associate's degree in disability studies.

North Shore college students wrap up their spring semester

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Many college students could not have imagined finishing their semester behind computer screens at home, let alone graduating there.

"To be able to walk across that stage and shake your professor's hand, shake the dean of your college's hand . . . it's a really big thing," said Danielle Sugar, 22, a University of Delaware graduate from East

Norwich. "Yes, the university is trying to do a virtual celebration, and families are trying to make a big deal out of it, but it stinks. It will never be the same feeling of having your name called and actually feeling like I did this."

Sugar, like many other students, had lots of plans for her spring semester. A pre-physician assistant major, she had enrolled in an elective anatomy course in which she would be able to dissect cadav-

ers. Her extracurricular activities included a membership in the Pi Beta Phi sorority and her role as the Pre Physician Assistant Club president.

In early March, the coronavirus pandemic forced students to return home and continue their studies remotely. Sugar has had to work from home for the first time since high school, which wasn't too much of a hardship, since she

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Crisis means nonstop work for Tom Suozzi

By LAURA LANE
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By his own account, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi is extremely busy. There's his work in Washington, where he fights for funding for New York, and his many local responsibilities in Glen Cove, too.

During the coronavirus pandemic, there is another level of urgency to constituents' requests. Some need Suozzi's help completing applications for small-business loans. Others aren't receiving their unemployment checks. One constituent said he had an idea for a drug, and wanted help reaching the Federal Drug Administration.

Another was stuck on a cruise ship and asked Suozzi to help him get home.

His family, another important part of Suozzi's life, has been touched by Covid-19. His father-in-law, Michael Wrotniak Jr., died of the virus last month, and his mother-in-law, Carol, had it, too, but survived. Suozzi said he

knows many people who are sick or have died.

He has donated masks and other personal protective equipment to a variety of hospitals, including Glen Cove Hospital. He has helped hand out donated food to families in the community, and at the Glen Cove High School Food Pantry. He even had his reading of the children's book "Children of the Forest," by Elsa Beskow, recorded for local libraries, including the Oyster Bay Library.

He is an effective leader during the coronavirus pandemic, he said, because his life experiences have prepared him for the challenge. Suozzi is an accountant and an attorney, and was Glen Cove's mayor and Nassau County executive. He also ran unsuccessfully for governor, losing by a large margin, but no matter. A self-described optimist, he said the experience was a good one, because he learned how the state

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TOM SUOZZI
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Tom Suozzi: working around the clock amid crisis

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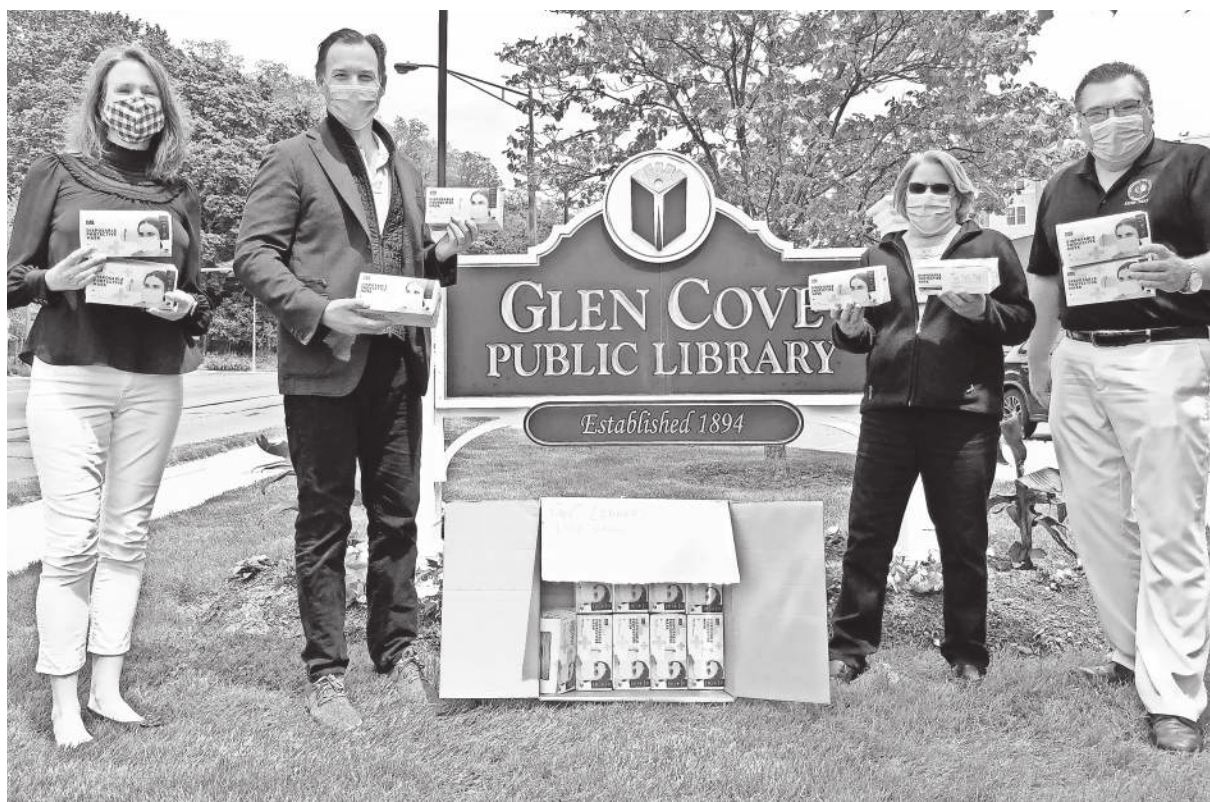
works.

Asked if his life is difficult, Suozzi said he has always worked hard, but he acknowledged that there is one difference now. "It's harder to turn everything off because now I'm in the same place," he said. "Usually I'm taking a train or plane home and I come back to my house and I'm like, 'Ahh,' and I can relax. But now it's like home and work are the same thing."

But a lot of people are experiencing this now, he added. "I recognize that this is a moment in history, and it's a great honor to have this responsibility, and I'm getting some big things done," he said. "My whole objective during the coronavirus has been about getting money for New York."

In the wake of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES, Act, in which \$2 trillion was divided among the states based on their population, Suozzi said that relief funding should instead be based on infection rates and deaths. "We're getting crushed by this virus compared to other places in the country," he said. "Why should the Texas hospitals get more money than the New York hospitals? When [the act was passed], New York had 35 percent of the cases, and Texas had 2½ percent of the cases."

On April 14, Suozzi said, he considered it a victory when he persuaded every member of Congress from New York and New Jersey — Democrats and Republi-



Courtesy Tom Suozzi

cans — to sign a letter, sent to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, stating that a special \$40 billion fund needed to be created for states based on their rates of infection.

The House passed the Heroes Act, a \$3 trillion relief plan, last Friday. Suozzi said

he was proud that it included a \$49 billion fund for states based on those rates of infection, \$9 billion more than what he had asked for. Some \$12 billion would go to New York state. One provision of the measure, which the Republican-led Senate rejected, would eliminate the cap on state and local tax deductions for 2020 and

2021, which Suozzi has been fighting for.

He is one of only 10 Democrats in the House who were appointed to President Trump's commission on reopening the country. "I did it to fight for New York — to make New York's voice heard," Suozzi said. "The president has really botched his job."

College students feel sorrow and frustration

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plans to continue her studies at Hofstra University this fall.

Pi Beta Phi has continued to hold events remotely, such as digital movie nights. "Overall, I think a lot of my friends and I have accepted it, and we're trying to make the best of the situation," Sugar said, "but it stinks. It's sad."

To celebrate her graduation, she posed for photos in her cap and gown, and she plans to take part in a live-stream ceremony. She added that there might be some in-person celebrations once it's safe to do so.

In Glen Cove, Pamela Marie Young Osman, 59, plans to celebrate her graduation from Nassau Community College. "I guess I'm OK with it," she said. "We're going to do a Zoom family party, and we'll do something later on."

In the past, going to school was a challenge for Young Osman because she is hearing impaired. In 2015 she got a cochlear implant, an electronic device that simulates the nerve for hearing.

"NCC college has a wonderful disabilities center, a specific person who is a counselor for the hearing impaired," she said.

A mother of three adult children and a part-time employee at the North Shore School District, she finished her last semester of disability studies online. She has taken online classes in the past, but learning math from a distance wasn't as easy for her.

She planned to continue her studies at SUNY-Old Westbury's Public Health program.

North Shore Senior High School alumna Sydney Zarembo, 20, also had her challenges as she finished up her sophomore year at Hofstra. She lives at home in Sea Cliff, but the state stay-at-home order freed up

more of her time than she was used to. And, she said, using that free time productively was a challenge for her at first.

"When I was attending school there were clubs. I'm part of a sorority," Zarembo said. "There were other things to do."

The schoolwork is harder, she said, because she can't ask questions, but taking exams is easier. "It's also a lot less stressful taking your exams at home, because the professor isn't there to stress you out," she said. "It does make it a lot harder to concentrate."

Zarembo said she hoped she would be able to return to Hofstra's classrooms in the fall.

Glen Cove resident Nikki Franklin, 20, who just finished her sophomore year at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, said she was nervous about what lies ahead. She found out that Lehigh was closing for the rest of the semester while she was home on spring break. Along with not being able to say goodbye to her friends, she lost her chance to play the piccolo in the marching band at graduation. Instead she had to drive back to school, pack up her belongings and head back to a region that has been hammered by the pandemic — Long Island.

Franklin, who has been studying computer science and engineering at home, said that many of her professors have been flexible, making their lectures available at all times of the day.

"It's definitely weird," she said. "My parents have never seen me at this level of stress before."

Some people think working at home is a vacation for students, she said, but it isn't. "People say that this is supposed to be the best four years of your life," she said, "and I just lost a quarter of a year."



Courtesy Danielle Sugar

DANIELLE SUGAR, 22, of East Norwich, will graduate from the University of Delaware with a pre-physician assistant degree.

City of Glen Cove joins Empire Purchasing Group

The City of Glen Cove has joined the Empire State Purchasing Group and will be publishing and distributing upcoming bid opportunities on the system.

BidNet's Empire State Purchasing Group connects participating agencies from across New York to a large vendor pool and streamlines the bid and vendor management process. BidNet's New York purchasing group provides notifications to registered vendors of new relevant solicitations, as well as any addenda and award information from participating agencies from across New York.

The Empire State Purchasing Group is a single, online location for managing sourcing information and activities and provides local New York government agencies the tools needed to minimize costs and save time throughout the purchasing process. The Empire State Purchasing Group expands an agency's vendor pool and enhances vendor competition without increasing distribution costs.

In addition to the existing vendors on the Empire State Purchasing Group, all vendors looking to do business with the City of Glen Cove can register online. The city is inviting all interested bidders to register today.

Registered vendors can access all open bids, related documents and files, additional addenda and award information. In addition, the Empire State Purchasing

Group offers a value-added service to notify vendors of new bids targeted to their industry, all addenda and advance notification of expiring term contracts. Registered vendors have access to not only the City of Glen Cove bid opportunities, but all participating agency bids.

"Our vendors can now save time and paper," said Yelena Quiles, the purchasing agent for Glen Cove. "They not only have direct access to our open bids, but those from other agencies throughout the state."

All vendors can register on the Empire State Purchasing Group to begin to receive business opportunities.

Other local New York government agencies looking to switch from a manual bid process, can contact the Empire State Purchasing Group for a demonstration of the no-cost sourcing solution.

The City of Glen Cove is now using Microsoft Teams so vendors can attend BID openings virtually, as per the executive order signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo. For more information, visit <http://www.glencove-li.us/bidrfp/>

Upcoming bid opportunities and more information can be viewed at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york.

BidNet's vendor support team is available to answer any questions regarding the registration process or the bid system at (800) 835-4603 option 2.



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THE CITY OF Glen Cove has joined the Empire State Purchasing Group. Above, a view of City Hall.



Courtesy Tab Hause

GLEN COVE RECEIVED a surprise visit overhead to honor hospital workers.

Health care workers honored

Air Force Salutes, the nationwide series of flyovers involving local Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units U.S. to recognize those involved in working to contain Covid-19 came to Glen Cove on May 15. Flying over Glen Cove Hospital, the New York Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing included a search and rescue plane and two rescue helicopters.

"From the men and women of the New York Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing, it is an honor to show our support and thanks to the many first responders, medical workers, essential personnel and military members out there working hard during these challenging times for us all," said Col. Michael Bank, the commander of the 106th Rescue Wing.

CRIME WATCH

■ On May 14, a 64-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for petit larceny, criminal possession stolen property in the fifth degree and harassment in the second degree in Medical Plaza.

■ On May 14, a 51-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Glen Cove Arterial Highway.

■ On May 13, a 29-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for disorderly conduct on Glen Cove Avenue.

■ On May 12, a 45-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for assault in the third degree and strangulation to obstruct breath on Prospect Avenue

■ On May 11, a 54-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal mischief in the fourth degree and harassment in the second degree on Conway Court.

■ On May 8, a 30-year-old female from Glen Cove was arrested for driving while intoxicated, unlawfully driving on or across a sidewalk, failing to stop at a stop sign, operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver and other VTL moving violations on Elm Avenue.

■ On May 6, a 22-year-old male from Levittown was arrested for assault in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, menacing in the second degree and criminal contempt in the second degree on Carpenter Street.

■ On May 6, a 26-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested for assault in the third degree, reckless endangerment in the second degree, harassment in the first degree, leaving the scene of an auto accident and other VTL moving violations on Carpenter Street.

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CLINICAL CLEAN, A Bohemia based cleaning service for EMS and fire, will be cleaning Glen Cove EMS ambulances with a solution that kills viruses like Covid-19.

EMS ambulances to get daily professional Covid-19 cleanings

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In an effort to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the City of Glen Cove is entering into a contract with Clinical Clean, a cleaning service, based in Bohemia, for emergency medical services and fire departments that works to prevent infection spread. The Clinical Clean staff will be cleaning Glen Cove EMS ambulances every day.

"This is something that instead of having the EMS people trying to clean it, these are professionally done with a solution that actually kills viruses within a minute of its application," Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said.

A Clinical Clean brochure stated that human coronaviruses can remain active on surfaces such as metal, glass or plastic for up to nine days after exposure. The

services offered by Clinical Clean include a cleaning application that is Environmental Protection Agency approved. It will be performed by certified sanitizing professionals. The solution is safe for all surfaces and kills the coronaviruses, flu and cold germs in two minutes. The application can be used to treat hard-to-reach surfaces.

"This is to make sure and to ensure that not only the people who are being picked up and transported in the ambulance, but our EMS workers as well are safe," Tenke said.

The service will initially cost \$325, with a monthly payment of \$289 for 24 months. EMS has also received over \$28 million in Covid-19 relief fund proceeds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the CARES Act Provider Relief Act.

City of Glen Cove to get new loop bus this fall

By **JENNIFER CORR**
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A new local bus will be coming to Glen Cove's streets this fall, Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said at the May 12 Glen Cove City Council meeting.

The city will be purchasing the \$64,036 bus from Shepard Brothers Inc., a coach and equipment bus distributor based in Canandaigua, New York. A grant from the Federal Transit Administration will be covering 85 percent of the cost, with the local cost coming to \$10,500 or less.

The former loop bus broke down approximately two-and-a-half years ago after 12 years of service, with repairs too expensive to make. The city has since been using a Youth Bureau van, along with Glen Cove's Senior Center fleet.

Unlike the former loop bus, this new bus will be compliant with the American with

Disabilities Act. According to Emanuel Grella, the general foreman for the Department of Public Works, this new bus will have 16 passenger seats and two wheelchair lifts.

The loop bus's ridership, Grella said, is mostly made up of elderly residents who take the bus to the grocery stores, pharmacies and Glen Cove Hospital. The bus will wrap around its route every 15 minutes, with rides costing \$1.

At the pre-council meeting, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman asked if the bus would be retrofitted with protections that could stop the spread of Covid-19, such as plexiglass to protect the driver.

At this time, Grella said that he does not see any additions to the bus regarding Covid-19, adding that since the loop bus has a small ridership, passengers should be able to social distance and wear masks if needed.

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Pediatricians continue to care for children amid pandemic

BY JENNIFER CORR

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Before Covid-19 hit, it was rarely quiet at Cohen Children's Northwell Health Physician Partners General Pediatrics. Laughter, singing, crying and greetings between Glen Cove residents served as the soundtrack at the city's bustling practice.

"It's just very different," said Dr. Loriann M. Stiuso, a pediatrician at the practice. "It looks like a ghost town."

The pandemic has forced the staff of the practice to split into two teams working separate shifts, so that if one crew became ill, the other could continue to do the work. And they have been seeing specific age groups during each time slot, seeing children two and under to make sure they are up to date on their vaccines. Stiuso and her staff have also been providing telehealth, an electronic version of health related services.

"A lot of parents are afraid to come in," Stiuso said. "That's why we're more around telehealth. If there's a chance there's Covid, we want to try to handle everything we can out of the house."

Covid-19 has been the topic of most telehealth and phone calls, Stiuso said. Fellow pediatrician at the practice, Dr. Helen Jablonowski-Parada, said that they have been receiving a lot of calls after hours.

And while the office has seen some

cases of Covid-19 through testing, which is conducted at the practice or telehealth calls, none of their patients have been sent to the hospital.

With kids staying at home pediatricians like Dr. John Paul Sheehy are seeing less of the usual viruses. "Kids aren't in school, so illnesses have slowed down tremendously," he said. "We're not seeing strep throat or other things we would normally see in the springtime. Fortunately, we are not seeing many children with the Covid, but obviously some have had it."

He said that he's had to talk parents "off the cliff" during telehealth sessions because they are worried that their little one could have the virus.

When children do come into the office, there are several practices in place to prevent the spread. Roseann Perisa, the office manager at General Pediatrics, developed a no-contact protocol where patients and their parents wait in their cars instead of the waiting room. They are checked in over the phone and once a room is ready for them, they go right in. Additionally, sick children are seen later in the afternoon to prevent those that are healthy from getting sick.

When children and parents do come in, the doctors and medical assistants are covered in personal protective equipment. "[Children] look at your face, they look at your expression," Stiuso said. "That's part

Kids don't completely understand it all. Who wants to be locked away in the house?

DR. LORIANN M. STIUSO

Glen Cove pediatrician



Courtesy Dr. Loriann M. Stiuso

DR. LORIANN M. Stiuso, a pediatrician from General Pediatrics at Glen Cove, operates telehealth sessions with her patients and their parents.

of what they notice. Instead you're all covered up and sometimes they get really scared from that."

Another pediatrician at the office, Dr. Patricia Mena, along with a nurse practitioner, Diana Bernier, have been battling Covid-19 in mostly adults at hospitals.

But as Gov. Andrew Cuomo is speaking of a phased plan to reopen the state, the pediatricians are reuniting into one team. But they are still advising children to continue practicing social distancing for now.

"I would encourage social distancing, even though children seem to get not as ill as adults," Sheehy said. "You wouldn't

want to come home and give it to grandma, who is on medication for high blood pressure, diabetes, etc. Children can be asymptomatic carriers."

The office is adding on a mental health counselor to provide services once a week, a plan made prior to the pandemic, Stiuso is expecting Covid-19 to be a topic of conversation. Fear, grief and the effects of prolonged isolation could negatively impact a child's mental health.

"Kids don't completely understand it all," Stiuso said. "Who wants to be locked away in the house?"

Fallen soldiers will be honored in G.C. on Memorial Day

BY JENNIFER CORR

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While Memorial Day in Glen Cove will not look the same with the cancellation of the annual Memorial Day Parade, fallen soldiers will still be remembered.

"For Monday we're going to be doing a very brief ceremony in City Hall in the main chambers with the mayor, just a few veterans and it will consist of the mayor giving his Memorial Day speech and one of the veterans," said Maureen Basdavanos, the city's deputy mayor.

Prior to the ceremony, the Glen Cove Fire Department will be raising the flag to taps. The entire ceremony will be recorded and posted on the City of Glen Cove's social media and website.

The day will include speeches from City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and veteran Benjamin Farnan, who is the commander of the James Donahue VFW Post in Glen Cove, followed by a performance of Taps by trumpeter Josial Aschelew of the Glen Cove High School Band. Afterwards, the attending veterans and the trumpeter will head to local memorials, such as the Morgan Park Monument, the Elm Street Monument, the Ford Street Monument and others, to lay down wreaths.

In the future, the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade Committee plans to present a plaque to the family of fallen soldier Ralph Young, who has a road named after him in Glen Cove. Next year the commander of the Young Simmons Post of Glen Cove, David Hubbard, will be the



Courtesy Nassau County Legislator

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE teamed up with the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and veterans to launch an initiative where residents can print out signs to honor fallen soldiers on Memorial Day.

grand marshal of the parade.

Glen Cove resident and member of the parade planning committee, Fred Nielson, said that it is still impor-

tant to remember fallen soldiers even in the midst of a national crisis. "In a time of national crisis, we have a particularly serious duty to honor our war death," Nielson said. "And we're in a frame of mind and hearts to [honor them] in a particularly special way."

Hubbard said he agreed. "The honoring must go on," he said. "We can change different methods of doing it."

The state clearly agreed as well, as New York State will allow Memorial Day ceremonies to take place this coming weekend, Governor Cuomo said at his daily briefing on Tuesday.

Ceremonies must, however, be limited to 10 or fewer people, and social distancing — standing six feet apart — must be maintained to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Cuomo also encouraged car parades to honor the fallen on Memorial Day, which will be marked officially on Monday, May 25, although the dates of ceremonies and parades may vary from community to community.

While families and individuals in Nassau County will not be able to remember the fallen through parades and ceremonies, the Nassau County Legislature teamed up with the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and veterans to remember them through a different way.

Legislators and community leaders are urging residents to print a PDF of an American Flag and Poppy Flower and tape it on the upper right corner of their front door.

The poster can be printed by visiting the legislature's website: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/489/County-Legislature>.

NSHS senior wins Marguerite Suozzi Music Scholarship

By MIKE CONN

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North Shore High School senior Fiona Shonik has been selected as the winner of the 2020 Marguerite Suozzi Music Scholarship.

Shonik, who has been a determined and accomplished trumpet player since she was in third grade at Sea Cliff Elementary School, said she submitted her résumé, New York State School Music Association scores and a 500-word essay describing her plans of pursuing degrees in music education and performance at Northwestern University next year. Taking all of these factors into account, members of the Nassau Music Educators Association awarded her with the \$3,000 scholarship.

Shonik, 17, said the NMEA has played a pivotal role in her development as a musician. "The music educators on Long Island have always treated me so well," she said, "and I'm so grateful for them because they're truly amazing at what they do."

Shonik has excelled at the trumpet from the moment she picked up the instrument, said Jodie Larson, Sea Cliff Elementary's band director. "The minute she started," Larson said, "she was committed, a great player and always a leader back then. I couldn't be prouder."

Even after elementary school, Larson said she and Shonik have almost

become family. She said she has chaperoned Shonik to countless music competitions over the last decade, serving as one of Shonik's main support systems throughout her life. Larson said she has watched her former star student grow into a wonderful musician and person, admiring her talent and dedication, as well as always being there to provide support and mentorship along the way.

NSHS band director David Soto said he feels very similarly about Shonik's talent and personality, as indicated by his letter of recommendation to the NMEA, which played a large role in Shonik's scholarship award. Soto has held his position at NSHS for nearly 32 years, he said, and Shonik has been one of the great highlights of his career.

"Fiona's one of those young ladies that any band director would be proud to have," Soto said. "She is kind, she has empathy, she's super talented and one of the finest players I've had the honor to work with in my entire career."

While Larson and Soto commended Shonik for her talent and leadership

abilities, they both agreed that one of her most impressive qualities is her dedication to her craft despite being a female playing a typically male-dominated instrument. Shonik said she has been the only female trumpet player in her level throughout nearly her entire career in North Shore schools.

Larson said Shonik was determined to play the trumpet from Day One despite most girls playing flute or clarinet. Soto said Shonik's consistent success throughout her life is a perfect indication of how it is possible to achieve anything one sets their mind and heart to, regardless of how it could affect them socially.

In thinking about the social effects of being a female trumpet player, Shonik said it really became a focus of hers when she attended a music symposium in Syracuse as an eighth-grader. She said she was named first chair of the trumpet section and recalled all of the boys in the section making fun of one another for losing the spot to a girl. Even the conductor called her "Girl Power," she said, further singling her out, but these experi-

ences also inspired her to be a role model for girls who might take the same path.

"It was the beginning of me becoming an advocate for female brass players and becoming a feminist in general," Shonik said.

Shonik said she wants to pursue music education and performance at the next level because she feels music truly brings people together. She said music can be therapeutic for many people, including herself. In performing music, she said she hopes to bring pleasure to people's lives as they listen to her play. By teaching music, she said she wants to spread the ability to create that therapy by oneself, enabling her students to enrich their lives and those around them.

"As long as I'm helping other people and making people happy with my music in their life, it's worth it," Shonik said. "That's the reason I'm doing it: really to give myself joy and to give other people joy."

Although Shonik said she hopes to enrich the lives of those around her in the future, Soto said the process has already begun.

"I'm so proud of Fiona," Soto said. "It's true that students give teachers more than teachers provide to students, and Fiona's one of those people who has given me much more than I ever possibly could have given."

She is kind, she has empathy, she's super talented and one of the finest players I've had the honor to work with in my entire career.

DAVID SOTO
North Shore High School band director

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Businesses react to state PAUSE act extension

By SCOTT BRINTON AND JENNIFER CORR

For Peter Holden, the owner of God Loves You Religious Store in downtown Glen Cove, keeping the storefront closed during Communion season hits especially hard.

"It's a very bad situation for mom and pop shops," said Hubbard, whose been operating his religious merchandise store for 20 years. "[The stay-at-home order was] at the end of March, then it was April 15 and now we're in the middle of May . . . and we have bills to pay."

Long Island's economy will remain on hold at least until the end of the month, a directive from Gov. Andrew Cuomo who extended the New York Pause stay-at-home order for the region and New York City through May 28.

The order further states that all "enforcement mechanisms" of the NY Pause order will remain in effect through June 13, "unless later extended."

Holden has been able to secure the Payroll Protection Program, a funding program through the federal Small Business Administration that provides relief for payroll and other utilities. However, with hardly any revenue, making personal ends meet becomes a challenge.

"It's a small business," Holden said. "We basically don't make income because of the situation and how hard it is to operate a mom and pops shop today, so we get what's left over really."

Purchasing gift certificates and continuing to order religious merchandise such as Communion cups and wafers, vestments, gifts and books, can greatly help his business, Holden said. He would like to be allowed to continue operating through curbside pickup or restricting the number of customers in the building.

The View Grill in Glen Cove, like all



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ON SUNNY SPRING days, the streets of downtown Glen Cove remain relatively empty except for local residents picking up take-out.

other restaurants in lower New York, will have to continue operating through just take-out and delivery, which is a rebranding. The restaurant prides itself on outdoor dining and its waterfront view over the Glen Cove Golf Club.

"Unfortunately, this happened," said Jeanine DiMenna, the owner of The View Grill. "We're making the best of it, doing what we can for our community and what we could do for ourselves in term of reinventing ourselves."

Since The View Grill is takeout only, that there has been monetary savings on what would usually be required for dining, such as linens and running the dishwasher. "At this point, we are doing okay in spite of everything," DiMenna said.

And when lower New York begins to reopen, DiMenna said The View Grill has

private dining areas and other safety precautions prepared.

The governor tweeted that five of New York's 10 regions had met the state's seven criteria for reopening as of May 15, but Long Island, one of the 10, had not.

Among the regions that will begin the reopening process on Friday are the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, Mohawk Valley, North Country and Central New York.

Certain "low-risk" business activities such as landscaping and gardening, as well as drive-in movie theaters, were allowed to resume statewide on Friday. Certain outdoor recreation activities like tennis were permitted also.

How reopening will play out will depend on local conditions on the ground, according to the governor. To reopen, a region must meet a set of stringent guide-

lines, 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 five 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, it is expected to have a sufficient number of contact tracers in place by the time it opens.

For 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.

Lead water pipes to be replaced in G.C.

By JENNIFER CORR

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The City of Glen Cove will be accepting a grant not to exceed \$627,327 from the New York State Department of Health to fund new water pipes as part of the NYS DOH Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

"We're going to replace lead lines, which is a good thing and we're required to contribute zero," said Rocco Graziosi, the project manager at Public Works who is heading the operation.

New York's Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 required the DOH to implement the LSLRP in an effort to prevent lead exposure. According to the DOH, service pipes that contain lead can corrode, causing lead to enter drinking water. And while a lead service line does not mean a household has a lead issue, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that contaminated drinking water can contribute 20 percent or more to a person's lead exposure and infants who consume formula can receive 40 to 60 percent of their exposure to lead from contaminated water.

LSLRP funds are used to replace the entire length of residential lead service lines. Awarded municipalities, like Glen Cove, are required to coordinate the lead service line replacement, submitting related costs to the state for reimbursement. City employees are required to work with homeowners to confirm the presence of lead service lines that would need to be replaced.

Graziosi said that once the city receives final approval from the state, notices will be sent out to residents in their water bills on how to check for the presence of lead pipes. He noted that he doesn't think there are many in Glen Cove and that older houses are more likely to have it.

Once a resident believes they have a lead pipe, a DPW employee will confirm the presence of it and the resident will be required to submit an application. Graziosi said that the resident shouldn't lose water for too long. They will be required to flush out any lead that could have gotten into the water.

The city will front the money and will then be reimbursed by the state.



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ACCORDING TO THE New York State Department of Health, service pipes that contain lead can corrode, causing lead to enter drinking water.

HERALD NEIGHBORS



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RESIDENTS ENJOY MORGAN Park's shore after it was closed for weeks because of Covid-19.

A day at the beach



City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke opened the gates to select parks across the city on a weekend that just so happened to be filled with clear skies and warm spring air.

Many locals took the opportunity to catch some sun and see some faces covered by masks, which most Morgan Park attendees wore. With the smell of the sea looming in the air, there's still a chance of Covid-19 spread, therefore, city officials said, it's important to protect one another with masks and social distancing.

And most park goers complied, just happy to get out to the beach after a long period of quarantine.

AFTER ALL THE rain, the sun was a welcoming sight to those who visited Morgan Park when it reopened Saturday. Glen Cove resident Peggy Dowling enjoyed *The Guardian* by John Grisham.

WHILE SWIMMING MAY be banned at Glen Cove parks for now, boating certainly is not.

RESIDENTS WALK THE trails of the park as they socially distance from one another.

MORGAN PARK WAS a great place to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon for Bill and Susan LoPresti, right, who have been married over 30 years.



Glen Cove business owners can now 'sleep at night'

By JENNIFER CORR

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When businesses were ordered to close by Gov. Andrew Cuomo over a month ago, John Tymann, the owner of STN Tanning Supplies in Glen Cove, feared that he would be forced to let go of employees.

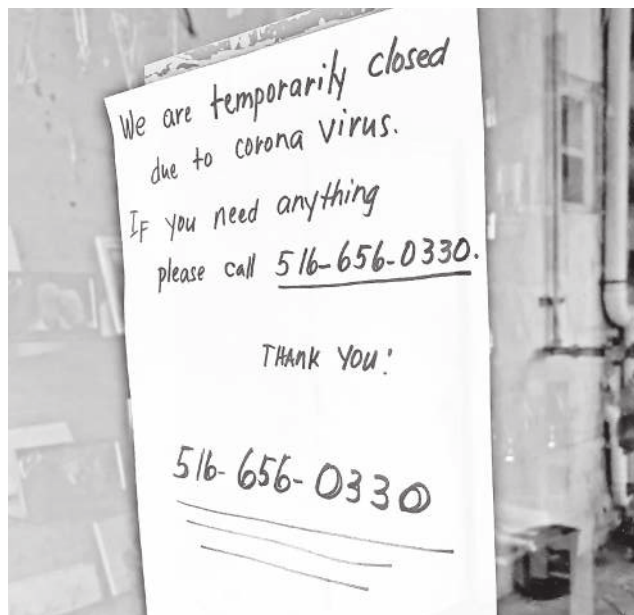
"As a business owner, that's the scariest thing for me," Tymann said. "You have employees who rely on you... it makes you feel like you failed."

So when Tymann was approved for the Payroll Protection Program, which is part of the federal stimulus bill signed by President Donald Trump, he was so relieved that he said he could finally sleep at night. "I can sleep at night now," Tymann said. "Your payroll for at least eight weeks is covered, which is great."

After Trump signed a new stimulus bill on March 23, which sent an extra \$300 billion in federal guarantees for the PPP loans to allow business owners to keep their employees after the initial funds ran dry, American Community Bank, which operates a branch in Glen Cove, signed up right away.

"We are an SBA approved lender," Matthew Nartowicz, an ACB regional manager, said. "We heard about this program coming out and we made sure that we weren't just SBA lenders, but that we were approved for the Paycheck Protection Program very early on."

The Small Business Administration has been offering extra funding programs, including the PPP, with a resource of \$2 trillion provided by the federal CARES Act that was passed on March 27. The SBA will forgive PPP loans as long as employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent,



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BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT GLEN Cove have signs on its doors letting customers know that it's closed due to the pandemic.

mortgage interest or utilities.

"We were able to quickly get a good understanding of this product and offer this to our customers and non-customers," Nartowicz said. "It's been overwhelming. When it first came out, a lot of banks were only offering it to their customers and we heard horror stories where individuals couldn't get in touch with their banks."

Tymann was able to get in touch with ACB's Glen Cove branch and was subsequently approved after filling out a one-page application. He said it only took ACB a week to handle his case.

Nartowicz, who has worked in Glen Cove for 11 years and is a board member of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, said that him and his team wanted to make sure that they were there for the business owners in the community, even if they weren't clients of the bank.

"[Glen Cove] was hit hard during this pandemic and a lot of small businesses are closed right now, so I know it's a very tough time," Nartowicz said. "Anything we can do to help... from just knowledge to programs here that can help them get on their feet and help them get ready to open their doors, is what we're trying to do."

Yajhayra Reyes, the owner of the Glen Cove Salt Cave and administrator for the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, said that not only is she seeing the impact of Covid-19 on businesses in the city through her work with the chamber, she is experiencing it first hand. "We're closed," Reyes said. "We are doing some online stuff, but it's not the same. You know?"

"What we've been trying to do [at the chamber] is show the community that we are here to lend a hand and just hear them out when they're speaking about their struggles," Reyes said. "I feel like we've all gotten together and done a bunch of different things to help the community in different ways."

She said that the PPP has been a helpful resource for many of Glen Cove's businesses and that she was able to take advantage of the program for herself. "I was able to sleep easier that night," Reyes said. "I don't have to worry so much about what's going to happen in the next month or so."

North Shore food supplier keeping customers healthy

BY MIKE CONN

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When Finest Foods owner Don DeLillo started growing microgreens, sprouts and wheatgrass at a Huntington farm in 2016, he did so with a mission to help Long Islanders eat healthy while sustaining the practice of locally grown food. While eating healthy has always been an important part of people's lives, he said, it is even more so the case during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We're hearing a lot of things on the news," DeLillo, 27, said, "but one thing that we're not hearing is the aspect of nutrition and healthy food in our bodies. That is really our best way to be resilient against something like a virus or a pathogen."

DeLillo said not much has changed about his business since the pandemic struck. The sanitary conditions of the farm were already near perfect, he said, with the only new addition being that employees must now wear masks on premises. He said he is still working with the Rising Tides market in Glen Cove and the Sea Cliff Market, both of which he has serviced for the last two years.

Amy Peters, organizer and manager of the Sea Cliff Market, said it is easy to trust the cleanliness and reliability of DeLillo's food. This is especially important now, she said, his foods could play a good role in helping people stay healthy during the pandemic.

"Having a healthy lifestyle and having

a healthy diet is certainly going to go a long way in keeping your immune system operating on a high level," Peters said.

Finest Foods also continues to offer free delivery to households who order at least \$20 of products per week, DeLillo said. Employee Dana Mansbart takes care of most of those deliveries, and while she said not much has changed other than her needing to wear a mask during deliveries, she said customers are always happy to see her.

"People are also a little extra excited to see me because they don't get a lot of human interaction, which is nice," Mansbart, 23, said. "I'm very grateful that everyone is still ordering and that they're ordering great foods that will help them take care of themselves."

This direct producer to consumer relationship is a strong indicator of quality, Peters said. She said food can often go through many steps as it goes from producers to distributors, trucks, warehouses and shelves. By giving consumers products directly from his farm, whether it be through delivery or a farmers market, she said DeLillo ensures that his food is of the highest possible quality.

"That creates a higher level of safety in this day and age of Covid," Peters said, "but also just in general freshness."

DeLillo said he has always been motivated to help customers develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle using his products, and the pandemic has only exacerbated that passion.



Courtesy Don DeLillo

DON DELILLO HAS sold his microgreens and other healthy foods at the Sea Cliff Market for the last two years.



Courtesy State Assemblyman Charles Lavine

ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES LAVINE donated masks to Glen Cove assisted living facilities.

Lavine donates masks to assisted living facilities

Because the senior citizen community has been a high-risk environment since the beginning of this pandemic, State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, has worked to make sure that local assisted living facilities in Glen Cove received much-needed masks.

Lavine donated the masks to three local assisted living facilities, including Emerge Nursing and Rehabilitation At Glen Cove, the Regency Assisted Living and Glengariff Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

“Assemblyman Chuck Lavine has been a lifelong friend of The Regency and we appreciate everything he has done for the facility,” said Stella Shank, the Regency’s special events manager. Shank has been with the facility for 25 years out of 27 years it has been in Glen Cove.

“Glen Cove has some of the best assisted living facilities and they house some of the most vulnerable people in Glen Cove,” Lavine said. “We need to do whatever we can to make sure these facilities are safe and healthy.”



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ones, and we try to reassure them that they're in good hands and that we'll take good care of them. We're all volunteers, and when they call, we respond. Whether it's chest pains or it's a Covid call, we'll be there.

The job really hasn't changed. We still get up in the middle of the night, go to calls, and during the day, when the pager goes off, we respond. Nothing's really changed except for now we take a little more time putting our proper PPE on.

Sick people are sick people, and we handle everybody the same way. We give them all good general care and transport them to the hospital.

People are worried about their loved

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people began to contact me from hospitals and began making the masks for hospital workers. I've donated 300 masks so far.

The masks I give them are so they can save the ones they wear in the hospital to stay there. They wear mine when they are not at work.

I used the material from my fabric closet — what I had collected over the years for projects that never happened. Then I cut up my husband's shirts.

I've also been selling the masks to people who need them. In the beginning, my daughter and son delivered them locally. Now I put a box outside the front door of my Oyster Bay Cove home with the name of the person with their mask. I mail them to people who live far away.

At first I was feeling really fortunate to have something to do that wasn't frivolous when everyone around me was freaking out and bored. Now it feels good to give back and also to get back to my sewing machine. I love to make things for people. There's nothing I like more than having a reason to do something.

I'm a homebody, and I've always done my work from home. I had an online creative business on Etsy where I made things and then sold them, like jewelry, paper crafts and leather. Then I started making masks for fun. Word got out.

In the beginning of the pandemic, I posted on Facebook and Instagram saying that I was making masks with a first priority to health care and first responders for free. As soon as we were in lockdown,

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staff members and residents much closer together on a level that we've never really seen before.

It does get lonely [for the residents] so it's very important that staff members go in and spend time with them for a few extra moments. We are going into these residents' apartments during the day, just to sit with them, talk with them, play their favorite music and to get to know them a bit more on a one-on-one level. We also do FaceTime, we do Skype, we do Zoom . . . we have window visits set up where the families can come by the window and talk to their family member. We also make it a point to do this on a daily basis to make sure stay connected with their loved ones.

They put smiles on our faces as much as we put smiles on their faces.

I am the liaison between the families and the residents and the staff. I basically, in a nutshell, acknowledge a need and provide a service. I do all the assessments, I do the care plans, I do the evaluations, and I just pretty much make sure that resident's needs are being met, as well as being hands on when I need to be.

[During the pandemic] it's not even a challenge. It's allowing us to bring our

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sew, so she taught me how to make masks during the first week of April. We got in contact with Stitch Together Long Island, and they started donating fabric to us. Up to date, we've donated over 650 masks, and we're sitting on the sewing machine day in and day out.

After donating about 150 masks to Stitch Together Long Island, we started doing it more locally. We started with the senior center here in Glen Cove, the Glen Cove Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, the high school pantry and Dr. Eve Lupenko. We've also been trying to give to many people, hospitals and doctors' offices around here.

I've always been really into the community and either donated my time at food pantries or done different things to help our community. So doing this is just great. It makes me feel really good to be able to help, and doing it with my grandma has been the best experience ever.

I'm the owner of the Glen Cove Salt Cave and we had to close. While being closed, I was trying to work from home, and every time you watch the news, you hear about horrific stories of people dying and how not a lot of people had access to masks or personal protective equipment.

I was talking with my grandma after I joined a Facebook group called Stitch Together Long Island. I never knew how to

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Glen Cove resident Alexis Novales is an 'emerging professional'

The Tampa Bay Public Relations Society Chapter's "Emerging Professional" award for an outstanding public relations student at the University of Tampa has been presented to Glen Cove native and graduating senior Alexis Novales.

"I'm deeply honored and forever grateful to the Tampa Bay chapter of PRSA for selecting me as this year's 'Emerging Professional,'" said Novales when notified of her selection. "My four years at the University of Tampa have been pivotal in my academic, professional, and personal growth."

In saluting Novales' accomplishments, commented, "PRSA is dedicated to advancing the field of public relations and helping to launch successful careers," said Chapter President Kelsy Long. "We wish her the best of luck and look forward to welcoming Alexis Novales to this wonderful field of practitioners."

Novales is currently engaged in a very successful internship with B2 Communications. "It has been a pleasure working with Alexis during her Spring 2020 internship - so much so that we've asked her to extend her internship through the summer," said Missy Hurley, co-founder, principal and



Courtesy Tampa Bay Public Relations Society Chapter
ALEXIS NOVALES, A University of Tampa student from Glen Cove, won the "Emerging Professional" award from the Tampa Bay Public Relations Society Chapter.

University of Tampa alumna. "She has been a sponge, soaking up opportunities to learn how a PR agency functions and how we can best serve our clients. She has an incredibly bright future in public relations, and we look forward to seeing her grow."



Courtesy Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola

COUNCILWOMAN DANIELLE FUGAZY Scagliola, left, John Laruccia president of the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club, Glen Cove High School Principal Tony Santana and Glen Cove High School Assistant Principal Allen Hudson at the Glen Cove High School Pantry with the \$1,000 check from the Lions.

The Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club donates \$1K to GCHS Food Pantry

John Laruccia, the president of the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club, arrived at the Glen Cove High School Food Pantry on April 28 with a \$1,000 check from the club.

The donation will go towards meeting the nutritional needs of families within the Glen Cove City School District. A number of organizations, such as Long Island Cares and Island Harvest, along

with local city officials and New York State Assemblyman Charles D. Lavine, have supported the pantry that has been providing groceries and pre-made meals for pickup or delivery.

The Lions Club is an international organization that's focused on community service. The Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club has been known to fundraise for local causes.

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Plans for best- and worst-case budget scenarios

By JENNIFER CORR

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With Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposal of a 20 percent cut in Foundation Aid and potential funding from the federal government that would supplement that loss, Glen Cove City School District's budget remains in the balance, as officials prepare for the budget vote now set for June 9.

"We were told that we were getting \$9,003,827 in Foundation Aid, and a 20 percent cut would mean an additional cut of \$1,800,765," said Dr. Maria Rianna, Glen Cove City School District's superintendent, at the digital May 6 Board of Education meeting. "Now, at this point of time, I was asked to listen in on a conference call with the United States Department of Education. Federal monies are supposed to come into New York, of which the governor would have to use 90 percent of them for schools."

Rianna explained that if this were to happen, the school district would not receive as big of a cut as 20 percent. But at press time, school officials did not know what amount of money they might lose in Foundation Aid. So, to plan for different scenarios the district may face, Victoria Galante, the assistant superintendent for business, presented four budget cut scenarios; a 20 percent loss in Foundation Aid, a 15 percent loss, a 10 percent loss and a 5 percent loss.

"At this point in time, these are only suggestions, and we will have time to look at what exactly is being given to us by the governor, and then we will be able to make a more informed decision," Rianna said. "But we had to put something in place that drafted the conversation so that when we get this final information from

State aid potential cuts

Foundation Aid reduction of 5 percent or \$450,192

- Reduction in clerical (2.5) \$130,150
- Clerical monitors (3) \$70,042
- Administration (2) \$250,000

Foundation Aid reduction of 10 percent or \$900,383

- Kindergarten teacher assistant positions \$180,000
- Halftime teacher assistant positions \$220,000
- Reduction on supply orders \$50,192

Foundation Aid reduction of 15 percent or \$1,350,574

the state, we will be prepared."

If 10 percent of the Foundation Aid were cut, the district could lose some positions that were budgeted to be filled and some supply orders. In the worst case scenario — a 20 percent cut — the district would consider cutting band and orchestra for fourth-graders, among other losses. It's important to note that not all positions in consideration for cuts have been filled. However, Rianna said, depending on enrollment and cuts in foundation aid, some faculty and staff members could lose their jobs.

As of press time, no staff or faculty members had been laid off.

"I'm going to emphasize that I do not want to cut the band and orchestra for

- Additional reduction in supplies \$100,000

- Reduction in sub line \$300,000

- Reduced AIS full time equivalent by 5 percent \$50,192

Foundation Aid reduction of 20 percent or \$1,800,765

- Reduced AIS full time equivalent by 5 percent \$50,191

- Additional retirements (clerical/teachers) \$200,000

- Reduction in custodial/maintenance \$100,000

- Cut band and orchestra for fourth graders \$100,000

fourth grade," Rianna said. "We only touch that in the worse case scenario. And we may have additional items that come to mind, additional savings. I'm personally hoping that we don't get that 20 percent reduction, and that will allow us to continue to move in the direction that we moved in the last seven years."

Maria Durante, the vice president of Gribbin Elementary School PTA, has a child in the third grade. She said she would hope that the fourth grade orchestra and band remained untouched, along with state aid previously pledged to the district.

A zero percent cut would be the best-case scenario because the district would go back to its original budget. "Speaking

to 13 other districts today for two hours, we don't feel that it would be a 20 percent cut for everyone of a 5 percent cut across the board," Galante said. "[Cuomo] really has to look at the high need districts, versus other districts that are not in high-need. If they put a 20 percent cut in a district like Brentwood, they're talking about \$20 million dollars they would have to find in their budget. That's not even substantial for them, just the way \$1 million for us is a big cut. Remember, I already cut \$1 million out."

School officials had to already make reductions in the budget earlier this year when more appropriations then revenue caused a roughly \$1.2 million budget gap. It was earlier in the year that the district announced a tax-levy limit, or cap, of 2.38 percent, pending a vote.

But because the district would not have the usual opportunities to present the budget to the public, it was decided to bring the tax-levy limit back down to 2 percent. "What I did was lower my transfer to capital by the amount that would bring us down to just a 2 percent levy," Galante said. "The community will understand it better and agree with it better. We are not the only district lowering our levy. A lot of districts are going to be lowering their levy because of the situation that we're in."

The district will be holding a budget hearing after the approval. The approval of the budget has to be done by May 20. "If we get the information earlier, then the board would like to reconvene earlier," Rianna said.

The Board of Education trustee election will be held on the same day as the budget vote. The Bond Referendum has been suspended until further notice.

Finley M.S. student sews masks health care workers

Robert M. Finley Middle School eighth-grader Virginia Graziosi is using her time away from school to contribute to the community. When she is not doing schoolwork, she is helping the local medical staff at Glen Cove Hospital by sewing reusable cloth masks.

"Being at home inspired me to help in any way I could," Virginia said. "So, I gathered supplies and started sewing."

Virginia received the sewing machine as a gift, said Rosella Graziosi, Virginia's mother. "She taught herself to sew watching videos on YouTube, but only started using it more when she knew the difference she could make with it," Rosella said.

In total, Virginia sewed 50 masks.

While she and her mother originally planned to drop the masks off at the Nassau County Public Safety Parking lot, her aunt, who works in the radiology department at Glen Cove Hospital, suggested donating the masks to the local hospital.

The cotton masks are often worn over disposable surgical masks and N95 masks, extending their wear-time for health care workers who have been reusing their PPE while caring for Covid-19 patients.

"It is so gratifying to know that we could help our Glen Cove community," Virginia said. "We are so thankful for everything our essential workers are doing to keep us safe during these strange and uncertain times."



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

ROBERT M. FINLEY Middle School eighth grader Virginia Graziosi sewing reusable cloth masks. Graziosi donated 50 reusable masks to the healthcare workers at Glen Cove Hospital.

Jesse Schenker - Chef, co-creator 2 Spring Oyster Bay

"I'm so grateful to be in Oyster Bay and not Manhattan right now," Jesse Schenker, the chef at 2 Spring in Oyster Bay, said. "I think it will take a vaccine, consumer confidence and security to fully reopen the restaurant industry. When things open, 25 percent of people will not come out. They will say they are a high-risk person, and 25 percent will come out because they were forced to do so. They will be nervous and be wearing gloves and will watch the staff and everything they do. Fifty percent of people won't care."

"Cubicles have already been built at 2 Spring, and we are getting all of the cleaning supplies," Schenker continued. "I'm also working on getting the lights that kill things in the air. Our staff will have to take their temperature before coming to work and then will have it taken again at the back door. They will wear masks, and the bartender will wear gloves that he will discard after he makes each drink. We will definitely be following all of the [Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention] guidelines.

"We are planning for a post-closure interview when people call to make their reservation. We will ask them how they feel sitting in a space with other people. It's less about what [Governor] Cuomo says and more about what our consumers say. We are here to serve and make people happy."

"I think the restaurant industry will struggle to come back. You will lose a lot of them. But I truly believe this is temporary. We need proper working capital to get everything started again. The best restaurants have two weeks of cash flow. If you have a bad weekend, you won't be able to pay your bills on Monday."



Lucas Tuo - Manager Cactus Café Glen Cove

The team at Cactus Café in Glen Cove mostly served their tacos, burritos, quesadillas and other menu items through takeout prior to the pandemic.

"We've been doing all right," Lucas Tuo of Cactus Café said. "We were mainly takeout to begin with, so when Covid-19 hit, it was an adjustment period for everyone because a lot of the customers did not want to go outside, but as things kind of progressed and the weather was getting nicer, the fear factor of the virus has kind of slowed down."

Cactus Café delivers food to their customers through in-house delivery and delivery service DoorDash. With customers staying home, he said the restaurant has delivered more than ever.

When asked what Cactus Café will do when the coronavirus restrictions begin to evaporate in the region, he said there wasn't a plan yet, and that the team is taking it day by day.

"Stay safe, and if anyone chooses to go out, follow the protocols," Tuo said. "Masks, gloves, all the nine yards. We want to protect not only ourselves, but everyone else in the town and the area."

Bill Long - Owner Metropolitan Bistro Sea Cliff

"Listening to Governor Cuomo and [Nassau County Executive] Laura Curran," said Bill Long, owner of Metropolitan Bistro in Sea Cliff, "it sounds like it has to be 14 days of no increase in the number of new cases of the virus. We're sort of just sitting here waiting for guidelines, so I think that is the main obstacle."

"It seems like we're going to have to follow their guidelines and prepare for this reopening," he said, "putting distancing and occupancy limits into place and maybe have outdoor dining increase. But, boy, all the people I know in the restaurant business are sitting around, waiting to hear what's going to happen."

"We just finished up 68 straight days of work; we've been open for takeout and curbside pickup seven days a week since it started. It feels like the movie 'Groundhog Day,' but the people of Sea Cliff have been phenomenal to us. Everybody who orders and comes in

thank me for being open. I'm helping out and I'm thinking I'm just trying to stay alive here."

"Whatever this is, it's not the restaurant business. We're really looking forward to this ending, but at least we have wonderful outside dining and patio garden space in the back that we might or might not be able to use to when we're allowed to reopen. But the overwhelming thing is how good the people of Sea Cliff are. They all say the same thing and thank us. It's quite a great feeling."



Matt Silver - COO, GM Crescent Beach Club Bayville

All restaurants need assistance. We need another stimulus package geared toward restaurants. I feel like no one is addressing us. There are thousands of people who were going to get married in July and August at the Crescent Beach Club. Every day we deal with 10 to 15 brides and grooms who want to know what's going to happen with most postponing till later this year or 2021. People really wanted to get married in 2020. Before Covid, this year would have been our best year.

I think the demand for dining will be there once we open. But the government needs to set the guidelines. Will we be using disposable menus, spacing our tables, only filling our restaurants to 50 percent capacity and having everyone wear gloves?

There are other restaurants that are open in other parts of the country. In Florida restaurants are packed. People have to make reservations or they won't get in.

I think New York will be more sensitive to restaurants openings. The difference in bringing people back is we will have to make sure they know we are doing the right thing to keep them safe. For example, they may need to see the waitress give the menus back to the hostess and see her shred them. We may need to sanitize the chairs after a customer gets up to leave.

Today we put the palm trees on the beach and we are planting the flowers. We have to be ready when we open.

We haven't been open for pick-up because I didn't want to take away from the smaller restaurants in Bayville. But we will be offering Mr. Lee's sushi for curbside pickup beginning on June 2. He is our sous chef and has been with us for 10 years. People come from all over for his sushi. No one near here is doing sushi. We will offer this on a limited basis until we open to bring some life into the restaurant. A few of our signature cocktails will also be offered. People will order by calling or going to our online portal. Then they will drive through our main carpool and pick up the food. We can't open for happy hour until we open the restaurant but we may offer some promotions.



Photos courtesy Tab Hauser

NASSAU COUNTY OFFICIALS, Glen Cove city officials and community leaders gathered at Glen Cove High School to distribute food and offer words of encouragement.

Food distributed to more than 800 families in Glen Cove

Nassau County and Island Harvest initiated a pop-up food distribution at Glen Cove High School on Thursday, May 14. The event was the sixth major food distribution organized with the help of Nassau County Office of Emergency Management. Earlier in the month, food was distributed in Hempstead, Uniondale, Freeport, East Meadow and Hicksville.

Dana Boylan, the Nassau County Youth and Family Services executive director of Youth Programs reached out to the Glen Cove Youth Bureau earlier in the week to organize volunteers.

Spiro Tsirkas, the executive director from the Glen Cove Youth Bureau organized dozens of volunteers from his staff and from Friends of the Glen Cove Youth Bureau Board of Directors.

The Glen Cove City School District put out a robocall the evening prior to let students and families know when the event was going to take place.

Other organizations who sent volunteers were the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, La Fuerza Unida, Glen Cove Downtown BID, Glen Cove Schools, Glen Cove Kiwanis, the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Interagency Council of Glen Cove, The City of Glen Cove Office of the Mayor and the Glen Cove City Council.

“It was beautiful to see so many from Glen Cove to come together to lend a hand,” Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews said. “This certainly speaks to the kind of people we have in this city.”

Volunteers also included Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, state Senator James Gaughran and Assemblyman Chuck Lavine.

Originally intended to take place from noon to 2 p.m., the drive-up food distribution continued until 3:30 p.m., sharing food with over 800 families.



THOUGH THE FOOD distribution was scheduled until 2 p.m., volunteers were preparing and handing out food until 3:30 p.m., above

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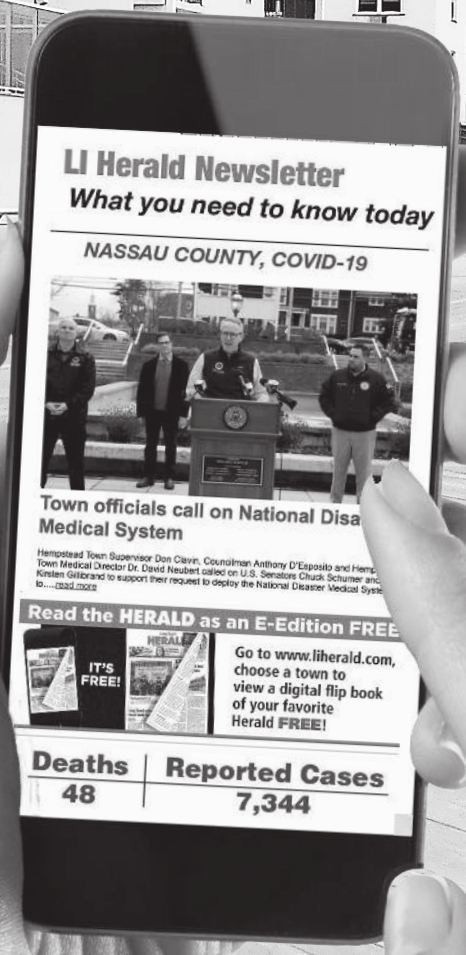
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SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

On behalf of a cooperative of school districts in Nassau County, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, Sea Cliff, New York, in accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids from reputable and qualified contractors for the provision of labor and materials for the following contract:

Cooperative Bid for General A/C, Ventilation & Refrigeration Repairs & Services

Bid receipt day and time: June 2nd 2020 at 11:00am (By mail) see below.

This is a Cooperative bid. Participating school districts are as follows: Baldwin UFSD, Bellmore UFSD, Bellmore-Merrick CHSD, Bethpage UFSD, Carle Place UFSD, East Meadow UFSD, East Rockaway UFSD, East Williston UFSD, Elmout UFSD, Floral Park-Bellerose UFSD, Freeport UFSD, Garden City UFSD, Glen Cove CSD, Great Neck UFSD, Herricks UFSD, Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, Hicksville UFSD, Island Trees UFSD, Jericho UFSD, Lawrence UFSD, Levittown UFSD, Locust Valley CSD, Long Beach CSD, Lynbrook UFSD, Manhasset UFSD, Massapequa UFSD, Merrick UFSD, Mineola UFSD, New Hyde Park-GCP, North Bellmore UFSD, North Merrick UFSD, North Shore CSD, Oceanside UFSD, Plainedge UFSD, Plainview/Old Bethpage CSD, Port Washington UFSD, Rockville Center UFSD, Seaford UFSD,

Syosset CSD, Uniondale UFSD, Valley Stream UFSD #13, Valley Stream UFSD #30, Valley Stream CHSD, Wantagh UFSD, Westbury UFSD

Bids for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 will be received by way of mail only until the above-stated hour of prevailing time and date at North Shore High School located at 450 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Head NY 11545. Promptly at 11:30am prevailing time on June 2nd 2020, bids will be opened and read aloud by video conference/live stream arrangements for participation in which will be available on the District Website. Bids will be opened and read in this manner from the District Offices, located at 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff NY 11579. Note: In the event closure of the business office makes such video conference impossible on the bid opening date, video conference or live bid opening will be conducted on the next day the office is accessible as will be indicated at least 24 hours prior on the district website.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained via email on May 21st 2020, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, excluding holidays. Requests for bid documents must be sent via email to Mathew Cheravallil cheravallil@northshoreschools.org. All questions regarding this cooperative bid shall be submitted in writing and faxed to the attention of John A. Hall at 516-277-7833.

Due to COVID 19, bid submissions will not be accepted if delivered in person. All bids must be delivered by mail, and must be mailed sufficiently prior to the due date to ensure timely delivery.

Bid Submissions:

Each board of education reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids, or to accept that bid which, in the Boards of Education's judgment, is in the best interest of the School District. The Boards of Education further reserve the right to consider experience, service and reputation in the above referenced fields. In addition, the Boards of Education reserve the right to consider the financial responsibility and specific qualifications, set forth in the bid specifications, of the prospective bidder in evaluation of the bids and award of contracts

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the City of Glen Cove has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll of Real Property for the year 2020. A copy of said assessment roll will be electronically available on June 1, 2020 where it can be viewed at the City of Glen Cove, Department of Assessment website, available at <https://www.glencove-li.us/assessment-department-2/>

In compliance with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Order Number 202.22, in person inspection of the tentative role is suspended. Property owners should submit and file their grievance application and supporting documentation via email, by emailing assessor@glencoveny.gov, no later than June 16, 2020. Alternatively, property owners who do not have the technological capacity to email may submit a hard copy of their application and supporting documentation, which

must be Postmarked by June 16, 2020, to: Assessment Department, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542. All complaints must be submitted or postmarked no later than June 16, 2020.

In further compliance with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Orders, the Board of Assessment Review will meet virtually using Microsoft TEAMS and will provide a conference call in number to those who are without internet access, to hear all filed complaints in relation to their assessment. The Board of Assessment Review (BoAR) requires ample time to gather all documents as filed and therefore is anticipated to adjourn Grievance Day, (June 16, 2020) to June 23, 2020. Complaints will be heard on June 23, 2020 by appointment only from 10am-9pm. Members of the public, as well as property grievants, can access the meeting as follows:

MEETING INFORMATION:
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Grievance applications and instructions are available at <https://www.glencove-li.us/assessment-department-2/>
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City Assessor
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FROM THE DESK OF THE GLEN COVE MAYOR

Let's continue to put health and safety first during Covid-19

By **TIM TENKE**

I first would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated healthcare workers, first responders and our DPW workers. These are the men and women who have been out there, on the front lines for the past two months. Their hard work and dedication to our community has been crucial in stopping the spread of Covid-19 in Glen Cove.

I recently met with Glen Cove Hospital's Executive Director Kerri Scanlon and the Hospital's Medical Director Dr. Brad Sherman. They want the community to know that the hospital is well prepared, not only for Covid positive patients, but to treat any other medical issues. The Emergency Room is open, and rooms are separated out for non-COVID patients. Unlike many other hospitals we have heard about, they are well stocked with personal protective equipment and are prepared for any emergency.

I believe that the best way to say thank you to our first responders, healthcare staff and essential workers is to continue following the guidelines we have been given over the past two months. By wearing masks, washing our hands frequently and continuing to social distance, we can truly show them how grateful we are.

We are planning to re-open City Hall in the near future. However, we will first be implementing protective measures to protect both the public and city employees. Some of our plans include: Permitting access to City Hall from the rear of the building only. Additionally, the public will be required to make an appointment before coming to City Hall and there will be a check-in area before entering the building where temperature checks will

be taken and everyone must wear a mask.

As we work to re-open our city, we will abide by the guidelines and directives provided by the governor's office. New York state has been divided into 10 Regions. We are in the "Long Island Region." The state will monitor core factors to determine if a region can re-open based on the following criteria. These criteria are designed to allow phased re-openings to begin:

- The infection rate is sufficiently low.

- The health care system has the capacity to absorb a potential resurgence in new cases.

- Diagnostic testing capacity is sufficiently high to detect and isolate new cases.

- Robust contact-tracing capacity is in place to help prevent the spread of the virus.



Mayor Tim Tenke

We all want things to get back to normal, and they will. However, we must work together to do it in a responsible way that puts health and safety first. I know this is a stressful time for everyone. Like you, I worry about my own family and friends in addition to our city employees, our residents and the businesses that are suffering through the unprecedented economic strain resulting from this pandemic.

I urge you all to remain vigilant but try and enjoy the beautiful areas of our city that are open for your enjoyment. Take a walk through Morgan Park, Welwyn or Garvies Point. Preserve. The Golf Course, tennis courts and pickleball courts are open if you would like to get a little exercise. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. I know that we're going to get through this, together.

OBITUARY

Seymour E. Kary

Seymour E. Kary, 83, of Glen Cove, died on May 14. Beloved husband of the late Isabelle; loving father of David, Daniel and Rachel (Randy) Glazer; proud grandfather of Harper and Claire. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service and interment held privately at Mount Ararat Cemetery. Donations may be made to Congregation Tifereth Israel of Glen Cove or Fiorello LaGuardia School of Performing Arts.

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OPINIONS

America must bring critical production home

If there's one overarching economic lesson the coronavirus pandemic is teaching us, it's that the United States has become over-reliant on other nations for critical manufacturing capacity. It's time we brought this production home.

As the pandemic struck here, U.S.



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authorities found themselves scrambling for all sorts of medical supplies that are mostly produced overseas. From surgical masks to ventilators to pharmaceuticals, America's hospitals and health care workers were left at the mercy of foreign companies.

But those companies often had other priorities. When the pandemic began in Wuhan, China, Chinese authorities mandated that production of critical health care supplies be channeled to domestic use. This "China first" policy left the American health care system short of the items we need to fight the virus here.

The U.S. has scrambled valiantly to make up these deficiencies, with our companies converting their production to make these critical medical supplies. In the best example of this, General Motors, in a

matter of weeks, converted an auto parts manufacturing facility in Indiana to the manufacture of ventilators. Now, as the demand for ventilators is subsiding in the U.S., these machines can be exported to other nations that need them. American enterprise and inventiveness will come to the rescue of sick patients around the globe.

That model of self-sufficiency should guide American manufacturing policy from now on. The entire supply chain should be examined for all of our critical industries, to incentivize bringing production back home. Health care workers shouldn't be left short of masks and gowns. Patients shouldn't be deprived of life-saving equipment and medicine.

One thing Congress should immediately reinstate is a tax incentive that for years helped keep production of pharmaceuticals much closer to home. It made Puerto Rico a major manufacturing center for critical drug supplies. But when it was allowed to expire, the production of these drugs moved mostly to Asia. Bringing this production nearer to home again is in America's national security interest, and could help revive Puerto Rico's moribund economy.

That's not the only manufacturing that

should be brought home. The world economy runs on computer chips. They're in everything we use. And America has a great chip industry. But other nations heavily support their production of computer chips, and then dump them in the U.S. at below true cost.

The Trump administration is wisely reviewing U.S. trade policy in this area, and there is great promise that much of the world's future computer chip production could take place right here. New York is particularly well positioned to take advantage of this new manufacturing surge, because we have some of the world's premier computer chip research, development and manufacturing capability.

There are other areas where this clear-eyed trade and manufacturing policy should prevail. In the most recent financial rescue package, U.S. airlines were given substantial relief, totaling some \$25 billion. That's understandable, because they are suffering dramatic declines in passengers through no fault of their own. But when these airlines start flying again, it would be reasonable to require that as they buy new planes in the future, they buy American. They'll be surviving on taxpayer dollars, and we should be flying on American-built planes.

Our health care workers shouldn't be left short of masks and gowns.

What is your mother's doctor's license plate number?

We're all caught in the password paradox: We need passwords that we can remember but that are odd and complex enough not to be memorable. As we get older, this is challenging. This week, for example, I stepped into the credit card quicksand and began sinking fast.

It actually started last month, with an email from a major credit card company (name withheld, because I'm not *that* stupid) with which I've been doing business for many years. The note said that I would be getting a brand new card, just because. I was perfectly happy with my old card; there were no issues; my bills got paid; but they wanted to share the



**RANDI
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"great news" that a new card was on its way. I proceeded to file that great news in the area of my brain reserved for stuff like remembering to book a colonoscopy.

Then, a few days ago, the card arrived. Immediately, Inspector Clouseau (a.k.a. my husband) said, "How do you know who sent the card? Why should you get a new card

you didn't ask for? Maybe it's just a scam."

Man, life is hard enough these days. A deadly pandemic is sweeping the globe. We haven't been out of the house in days. Do I really think people are out there trying to trick me into accepting a new credit card?

Very possibly.

Still I proceeded. I looked over the card and did what it said, which was to go to the company's website and verify the card, thereby authenticating my existence. Suddenly, the shoe was on the other foot. The company was fine, but I had to prove who I am. Shouldn't be a problem.

I called the number indicated and got a young man with a foreign accent who might have been wearing a mask, because I could barely hear him. Also, I may be hard of hearing. He was definitely working from home, unless he brings his screaming toddlers to his office somewhere on the subcontinent.

He asked me my name. "I want to ask you some questions, Randi," he said, quickly getting very familiar. It was past my bedtime, and I just wanted to be done with this nonsense.

"Please verify your address," he said. Check. "Please verify your earlier address."

Check.

"What is your mother's maiden name?" I told him. I was starting to sweat. "What was your first car?" Thank heavens I remembered that my parents gave me a 1965 Mustang, which they later took away from me and gave to my sister, who sold it at quite a profit 15 years later. But where was I?

"What is the name of your favorite pet?" I looked at Lillybee and wondered, did I give them dog No. 1 or dog No. 2 or Lillybee? I took a shot, and guessed right. We were good.

Now the inquisitor asked, "What is your verbal password?"

"I don't have one," I said.

"Apparently you do," he responded.

"I don't remember it," I said, now desperate to be done with the interrogation.

"You need to tell me your verbal password," he said, "or I can't authenticate your card."

"Pomegranate," I snapped, figuring I'd take a shot.

"No, madam," he said. "But I can give you a hint."

"What is this, 'Jeopardy'?" I asked him. "I need to be done with this call. You have my name and my address and the last digits of

my Social Security. You know more about me than my husband. Can't you OK the card?"

"No, madam," he said. "But the verbal password starts with 'e.'"

Look, I said, we could be here all night before I come up with the right word. Then I whispered, "OK," totally defeated. "Elephant?"

"No," he said, but then countered, "We can accept the last four digits of your checking account."

I yelled for Inspector Clouseau, who was in the next room, wearing headphones, bingeing "Homeland" and also fast asleep. "I need our checking account number!" I screamed.

The inspector was not pleased. "Who would need our checking account number and why?" he asked. "Clearly it's a scam. Someone is phishing."

But we had no choice. We've become those gullible old folks who sign over their home to any friendly felon on the phone.

Reluctantly, Clouseau got the number, and the credit card guy was finally mollified. He said he would authorize my account. He said I had to create a new verbal password. I did, and I recorded it someplace very safe ... but I already forgot where that is.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

N.Y. can learn a lot from South Korea

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is set to open beaches statewide, including Jones Beach, on Friday. It is a moment we have all eagerly awaited, a symbolic gesture signaling we are starting to win the protracted battle against the coronavirus.

We must not allow ourselves to become overconfident and complacent, however. As Dr. Megan Ranney, an emergency room physician and medical researcher at Brown University, noted on CNN last weekend, "This virus is so wily."

Just when you think you have beaten it, you haven't. Case in point: South Korea.

The country reported its first Covid-19 case on nearly the same day as the United States, in January. Unlike the U.S., however, the South Korean government conducted massive testing early, and began contact tracing to isolate the ill, while asking people to voluntarily practice social distancing and keeping large segments of the economy open. On May 5, South Korea reported only three new coronavirus cases, while the U.S. was reporting thousands per day, and South Korea had recorded just 250 Covid-19 deaths, compared to tens of thousands here, according to numerous published reports.

With negligible levels of new infections and a relatively low death count, South Korea started to relax its social-distancing measures early this month. On May 2, South Korean officials reported, a 29-year-old man who had partied at five nightclubs on a single night in Seoul had tested positive for coronavirus, and infected roughly 80 others — and those were the 80 the government managed to track down. He partied among as many as 7,200 people that night, and the government was racing to find them all to ensure that the infected

Editorial update

In our March 26-April 1 editorial, we called on Congress and President Trump to eliminate the \$10,000 cap on the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes, which is costing many Long Islanders thousands of dollars a year. Doing away with the cap would provide much-needed economic stimulus.

Last Friday, the House of Representatives included the measure in its \$3 trillion fiscal stimulus plan. That, in part, owed to strong lobbying by Governor Cuomo and the Long Island congressional delegation.

We implore the Senate to negotiate in good faith on the House stimulus bill — and nix the SALT cap.

self-isolate. At press time, authorities had identified 2,500. The man was what public health officials call a "super spreader."

A similar nightmare scenario could happen here if we are careless, and let's state it plainly: Many Americans simply have not been as careful as the South Koreans.

If New Yorkers are not vigilant as state officials ease stay-at-home orders, allowing us to again return to the beaches — and eventually stores, restaurants and schools — we could very well take a big step back, as was the case in South Korea.

This past weekend, large groups of teenagers were seen cycling on the Wantagh Parkway bike trail on the way to Jones Beach, in violation of state social-distancing requirements. Many were in close contact but weren't wearing masks, also a violation.

Adults must model social distancing for young people. At the same time, parents and guardians must hold frank discussions with their kids, particularly teenagers who might venture out on their own, to explain the rules.

Teenagers are social creatures. Indefi-

nite self-isolation at home is among their worst nightmares. Now, at least, they will have the chance to head to the beach.

Spending late spring and summer days on Long Island's white-sand beaches is a rite of passage for many teens, particularly high school seniors who want to kick back for a few weeks or months after finishing school. They deserve to be able to do so, but they must do so responsibly. We all must.

That means staying six feet apart from others, wearing a mask in public, washing your hands frequently for at least 30 seconds and not touching your face.

If we follow these simple rules, we stand a much better chance of reopening New York safely, with minimal risk of a second infection wave. Otherwise, we could be South Korea.

After the super spreader infected dozens in Seoul, Mayor Park Won-soon ordered all bars and clubs closed indefinitely. "Carelessness can lead to an explosion of infections," he said.

Remember those words this Memorial Day weekend if you are heading to the beach — or anywhere else.

LETTERS

Cuomo criticism wrong

To the Editor:

The letter "Cuomo has a friend in Jerry Kremer," [May 14-20] that criticizes Gov. Andrew Cuomo was another effort by Republicans to smear a governor who reached national fame successfully managing the Covid-19 crisis and, in the process, highlighted the incompetence and petulance of President Donald Trump.

Laughably, the letter writer believes Trump is being generous in "bailing" out the mismanaged "blue states." The writer is apparently unaware that New York is second only to Connecticut in paying more in federal taxes per capita than it receives, to the tune of roughly \$1,792 per person annually. Our money is then taken to subsidize the underfinanced "red states" annually through the pork barrel process in Congress. Far from doing us a favor, the federal government owes this money to New York for supporting all of the president's welfare state supporters. Maybe



OPINIONS

Why Berniecrats should embrace the public option

My most recent column, “Medicare for all could cost you a bundle,” was published in the March 6-12 issue. So much has transpired since then.

For one, the world turned upside down.

Two, the subject of that column, Bernie Sanders, ended his presidential bid and endorsed Joe Biden. So, you could argue,



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that column is no longer relevant. We no longer need to discuss Sanders’s Medicare for All proposal, a single-payer health insurance system controlled by the federal government.

Maybe. But I fear not.

In that column, I wrote that Medi-

care for All would likely dramatically raise federal taxes for most Americans to fund health insurance for everyone, whereas our current insurance system costs us less because our employers pick up the lion’s share of our premiums.

I compared the United States with Canada. The U.S., I noted, spends \$13,722 per person on health care annually, compared with \$6,448 in Canada. The average American family, though, pays \$8,200 a year for health insurance, compared with \$9,200 per individual in Canada.

From a purely economic standpoint, there is thus no incentive to move to a Canadian-style single-payer system — if you have health insurance through your

employer, which 91 percent of Americans do, or at least did (I’ll get to that in a minute).

Biden has said he would expand the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obamacare, if elected president, to make sure that a greater number of uninsured Americans are covered, with an eventual goal of insuring everyone.

Democratic presidential primary voters have overwhelmingly voted for Biden, effectively endorsing his centrist approach to solving the nation’s health insurance crisis — and, yes, there is a crisis, and it’s only getting worse by the day.

From 2010, the first year of the ACA, to 2016, the last year of Barack Obama’s presidency, the number of uninsured nonelderly Americans dropped from 46.5 million to just under 27 million, a decrease of nearly 42 percent, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health issues. In 2017 and 2018, however, the number of uninsured people increased by about 500,000 per year, as the Trump administration sought to limit enrollment in Obamacare as it worked to dismantle the ACA.

Then the coronavirus pandemic struck. Now an additional 27 million Americans could lose their employer-based insurance because they are out of work, according to KFF. No job, no insurance.

It is, as Sanders points out, a fundamental flaw of our employer-based system. In Canada, if you’re out of work, you keep your government-sponsored insur-

ance. And during a pandemic, you really don’t want people running around without insurance. Sick people need to see a doctor. Period.

The question is, how do we balance the clear economic benefit of employer-based insurance with making sure everyone is covered?

The public option.

Essentially, it would work like this: The federal government would create an insurance program that all Americans could buy into, which would compete with private insurers. Government subsidies would ensure that anyone, regardless of income or job status, could buy into the program.

It would be much like Obamacare, but rather than allowing states to control their own insurance exchanges, which has caused something of a hodgepodge system, there would be one program, run by the federal government, similar to Medicare. Pete Buttigieg proposed the plan during his presidential primary bid. It is not, however, a new idea. Obama touted it during his 2008 presidential campaign.

Obamacare was a compromise between what the president wanted and what Republican congressional leaders were willing to accept. Both liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans hated it, but it appealed to centrists in both parties — at least at first.

As the so-called bases of both parties came to hold greater sway in the years after the ACA’s enactment, it became the

target of increased derision among far-left liberals and far-right conservatives.

Which brings me to this year’s presidential race.

Biden is an Obama-era centrist. Berniecrats despise centrism. I get it. They have embraced an ideal version of what a socialized state might look like — they bring up Norway again and again. Don’t get me wrong, I love everything about Norway, but the U.S. isn’t Norway, and won’t be anytime soon.

The U.S. is a vast, diverse, populous, socially fractured nation, with no political consensus save for a dogmatic belief in capitalism, even among many liberals. Try passing Sanders’s plan for socialized insurance through Congress right now. It would *never* happen.

So, what are Berniecrats to do? Do they, as so many did in 2016, sit out the election, or even vote for President Trump, as a protest?

They’ll have to vote their consciences. They should try this thought experiment, however: Imagine if our *entire* insurance system were currently under the purview of Trump — who labeled the coronavirus pandemic a “hoax” and suggested (perhaps sarcastically) that we inject people with disinfectant and shine ultraviolet light inside them to cure the disease.

Let that thought sink in. Then, come November, vote.

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LETTERS

New York should just withhold its federal taxes this year.

The writer attacks the governor for planning to close a 60-year-old nuclear power plant that in its last year of full functioning had seven major malfunctions. In 2016 it was confirmed that radioactive tritium had seeped into the water supply from this site. Would anyone like to live in that community? Mr. Cuomo is also criticized for not allowing fracking, which polls confirm is opposed by an overwhelming number of New Yorkers and which is one of the least sustainable means of energy production. The fracking industry is collapsing not only because of drops in oil prices but because the model is one of continuously diminishing returns, environmental destruction and financial failure. As a bonus, it is also dangerous.

Sustainable energy now produces 17 percent of our country’s electricity, despite the best efforts of the petroleum industry to stop it. It’s the future. And no matter how badly you want to tarnish the governor, he is consistently doing the right thing for the health and future of this state.

CYNTHIA LOVECCHIO
Glen Cove

Can Cuomo do no wrong?

To the Editor:

Re Jerry Kremer’s column “Cuomo puts the other guy from Queens to shame” (April 30-May 6): Yes, President Trump is brash, vulgar and rude, but Governor Cuomo’s remarks and presentations receive universal praise, with some pundits floating him as a possible replacement for Joe Biden as the Democratic presidential nominee. Little is made of the fact that New York has the most Covid-19 deaths of any state in the nation — 28,168 as of Monday.

By contrast, California had recorded 3,290, despite having more than twice New York’s population. Very little prominence is given to California Gov. Gavin Newsom, compared with Cuomo.

I’m glad we live in a country where we have the right to express our opinions.

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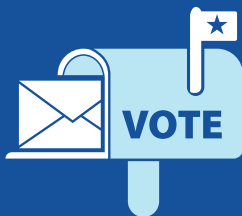
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