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THE REV. RICHARD Wilson, of Antioch Baptist Church, led the march in his 1929 Mercedes Gazelle.

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Protest attracts hundreds

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Roughly 1,000 people came to the North Shore to protest police brutality last Sunday, marching in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and victims of police brutality in the wake of George Floyd's death at the hands of the Minneapolis police.

The demonstration was organized on Facebook. It was originally planned to take place in Sea Cliff, but organizers received so much support that the march grew to include Glen Cove as well, with Pratt Park as its starting point.

Organizers from Sea Cliff and Glen Cove and other speakers addressed the crowd, offering messages of hope and

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G.C. librarian is recognized as 'Mover & Shaker'

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Asked what makes María Fernanda Pardo, the head of the Literacy Department at the Glen Cove Public Library, a "mover and shaker," library Director Kathie Flynn said, "I just stand back, say yes and stay out of her way."

"She is definitely an incredible individual," Flynn added. "She works hard, she knows what she wants to get done and she still comes up to me every other day saying, 'I have another idea for three more programs.'"

The Library Journal, a maga-

zine based in New York, announced its 2020 "Movers & Shakers" on May 6. The 46 honored librarians from across the country were recognized as "change agents," innovators, digital developers, educators (Pardo's category), advocates or "community builders."

Pardo, the fourth librarian from Nassau County to be selected in the 20 years that the journal has compiled the list, was singled out as an "opportunity builder."

She was nominated in November by Nicole Scherer, assistant director of the Nassau Library System, which is head-

quartered in Uniondale. "When I came here in 2017, everyone was like, 'You have to meet María,'" Scherer said. "There's no real sense of competition here. It's really about learning and sharing, and she is just the most prime example of that."

Pardo, who is coy about her age, lives in Sea Cliff with her husband, Felipe Pardo, and her 22-year-old daughter. She learned that she had been selected for the recognition in January, but had to keep it a secret until the issue was published last month.

She said that her husband and her three adult daughters were excited to hear about the

honor. "They all know that I love what I do," she said.

At the Glen Cove library, Pardo has created an array of programs, many of them intended for the city's Hispanic community, whose primary language is Spanish. The most popular program, Vocab for Jobs, teaches its participants vocabulary

words needed in a variety of occupations and English as a Second Language classes.

Pardo said she has been adding programs "little by little." "I saw how there was a need for services in the Hispanic community and I started slow, building up collections, and then I started

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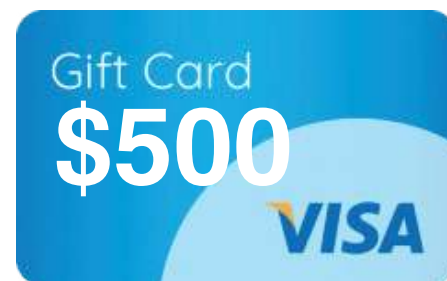
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HUNDREDS GATHERED IN Pratt Park last Sunday for a Black Lives Matter rally and march, which took them through the streets of Glen Cove and Sea Cliff.

Marching in solidarity on the North Shore

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appreciation for one another. The day was about protesting systemic racism and police brutality, they said, and North Shore residents needed to come together to show that they would not stand for injustice.

Organizers Megan Tornatore, Stevens Martinez, Tea Henderson, Wesley Knox, Jason Samel and Olivia Knox all spoke about the importance of such an event, sharing their experiences with racism as well as its role in the world at large.

They also reminded marchers that the protest must remain peaceful. “Peaceful protesting is the best way to implement change,” said Martinez, of Glen Cove. “Violence is not welcome here, and it will not be tolerated. We are asking people to please stay safe, and to be peaceful, and to have discussions about race in a peaceful manner. Let’s come to the table, because that’s the only way we can make true policy changes at the local level.”

More than a dozen speakers, including local religious leaders, addressed the marchers before they took off down Glen Cove Avenue, toward Sea Cliff Avenue. All but a few wore protective masks, and the ethnic variety was impossible not to notice.

“It’s great to see that there’s so much diversity and there is so much representation amongst all,” said one participant, Mahir Nisar, of Glen Head. “It’s great to see white people here as well . . . It’s very supporting for the Black Lives Matter movement.”

Although he was not an organizer, Glen Cove resident Antwan Brown became the demonstration’s de facto leader, marching up front and using a bullhorn to urge on his fellow protesters. There were chants of “No justice, no peace!” and others condemning police brutality and President Trump. The marchers shouted the names of other victims of police brutality, including Breon-



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IN FRONT OF a banner listing dozens of victims of police brutality, Antwan Brown, of Glen Cove, led protesters in chants of “Black lives matter!” “Say his name – George Floyd!” and “No justice, no peace, no racist police!”

na Taylor, who was fatally shot by police in her home in Louisville, Ky., on March 13.

Nassau County and Glen Cove Police officers monitored the demonstration.

After turning on to Sea Cliff Avenue, protesters all knelt in the street next to Clifton Park, and encouraged the police to show solidarity by doing the same, but none did. The marchers asked why the police refused, but received no answer. Some said that this was why the police scare them.

The only vocal opposition to the march came from a middle-aged white man who stood near Sea Cliff’s Village Hall. “Go to Minneapolis!” he shouted, adding a series of expletives directed at the protesters as they shouted back. Police shielded the man from the crowd, but the exchanges never rose above the verbal.

The marchers made their way through

the downtown and turned right onto Carpenter Avenue and then left on Snake Hill, which took them to the Boulevard, which parallels the Sea Cliff Beach boardwalk.

“The people, united, will never be divided!” they shouted as onlookers applauded. One jumped into the boat parked in his driveway and sounded its horn.

Where the Boulevard became Glen Cove’s Shore Road, and the city’s police officers watched from the sides of the street, protesters knelt once more, and encouraged the police to do the same. Again, they refused, although Chief William Whitton spoke with Brown and other protesters through a bullhorn, saying he knelt only for God.

Brown responded that kneeling would show unity among the protesters and the police, but Whitton said that officers



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GLEN COVE HIGH School Assistant Principal Allen Hudson III spoke about the racism he experienced in Glen Cove as a child and as an adult.

would not do so, and that not taking a knee did not mean that he was not in solidarity. That was met by a chorus of boos, and some protesters saying that the police showed no respect for their cause. Nonetheless, they stood and continued.

Although some continued a short distance down Glen Cove Road, all ultimately reunited at Pratt Park. Leaders and organizers took turns standing on a bench, speaking about the importance of the event. All expressed their gratitude for a peaceful and powerful protest, one that they said would impact the North Shore’s future.

“All lives can’t matter until black lives matter,” Brown said. “Go home and remember that we made history in Glen Cove today.”

Jennifer Corr contributed to this story.



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PROTESTERS OF ALL ages displayed hundreds of signs at Pratt Park.

THE WILCOX FAMILY singers, from left, Shanay, Ronnie, Cheron and Shanie, performed "Lift Every Voice and Sing."



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SOME RESIDENTS STOOD at Sea Cliff Beach, showing their support.



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PARTICIPANTS KNELT SEVERAL times during the protest.

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DJ JOHNNY JUICE, who performed with legendary rap group Public Enemy, said that sometimes you need to be loud in order to fight the powers that be.

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City's spiritual leaders address killing of George Floyd

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When the death of 46-year-old George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police Department officers was captured on video, a movement to address police brutality and racial inequality was sparked across the nation.

Among the communities across the country that were outraged and wanted to address issues relating to race relations and law enforcement is Glen Cove. The city's spiritual leaders, in an effort to prevent what happened in Minneapolis from happening at home, said they are looking to have open and honest conversations with community leaders and residents.

"I think that while the relationship between communities of color and the [Glen Cove Police Department] are good, that many people in the community of color would like for . . . an apparatus to be more attentive to some of the things that are there that may not be paid attention to," said Rev. Roger Williams, a pastor at First Baptist Church of Glen Cove, a historically African American church.

Williams said that he wants members of the Glen Cove community to ask themselves some tough questions. "Be objective with oneself and be willing to learn outside oneself about what it means to be racist," he said. "And then ask the tough question: Do I tend to have impulses and instincts that are not checked that might be racist that I may not be aware of? Am I blatantly racist? Do I decide that is just the way I want to be?"

Bias is alive among some residents, he said.

At the Black Lives Matter Rally & Walk in Glen Cove on Sunday, Rev. A.H. Sparkman, the pastor of Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church in Glen Cove, said that he is hoping for change.

"I am interested in promoting a public discourse that promotes change in departmental cultures that protect



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REV. A.H. SPARKMAN, the pastor of Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church in Glen Cove, was a speaker at Sunday's Black Lives Matter march and rally that spanned Glen Cove and Sea Cliff.

officers engaged with illegal behaviors," Sparkman said. "I am interested in promoting public discourse that sets new standards of monitoring the mental health of anyone given the authority to be a police officer. I am interested in promoting a public discourse that acknowledges the reality that racism affects how police work is done in various communities."

He added that while he is someone that respects the work done by law enforcement, what he saw on the video that captured the death of Floyd by Minneapolis police "was not only unfortunate, but outrageous."

Rabbi Irwin Huberman of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Glen Cove said that members of the Jewish community, including himself, were also horrified by the video.

"A lot of the times when it doesn't happen to us, we don't act strongly and quickly enough," Huberman said. "It appears in this typical case that this has been a watershed moment for all of us across the United States."

After the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting in 2018 that resulted in 11 deaths, members of the local African American community were there to support congregants of Congregation Tifereth Israel, Huberman said. And "whenever there has been an attack against the African American community, the Jewish community has been appalled and has rallied to the aid and the support of the African American community."

Huberman, Williams and members of the extended clergy are working together with the leaders of the community to reinforce that they are outraged by the events in Minneapolis. "We need to ensure that such events that are not prevalent in Glen Cove, never find an opening to rear its head in our community," Huberman said.

Members within the community, Williams said, have a moral obligation to confront any existing bias within themselves. And, with conversations between himself, Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, Glen Cove Police Department Chief William Whitton and Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz, any existing biases within local law enforcement and the community can be addressed.

"What helps us out here in Glen Cove is that we are willing to have a conversation, to the credit of the chief, to the credit of the deputy chief and to the credit of the mayor and myself," Williams said.

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What a little girl is teaching the world about racism

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Around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, I stood atop the Long Island Rail Road trestle in Merrick, looking out on the sea of people who filled Sunrise Highway as far as I could see, east and west. Officials later estimated the number of demonstrators who attended the Black Lives Matter protest at 3,000 to 4,000.

The next morning, I tried to imagine Sunrise Highway with 20 million people. Would they even fit along its 120.6 miles?

Twenty million was the number of Twitter users who had, as of Friday morning, watched a 15-second video I shot of 7-year-old Wynta-Amor Rogers, of Uniondale, marching beside her mother, Lakya Jackson, at a different Black Lives Matter protest through Merrick and Bellmore, on Wednesday. (The views climbed to nearly 23 million by Monday.)

In the video, taken around 6:30 p.m., Wynta-Amor chants with the protesters, “No justice, no peace!”

Many among the thousands who commented on the post described Wynta-Amor as “fierce.” Yes, she was. Her hands moved to the beat of the chant. Her fingers pointed furiously. At the end, she raised her fist, seemingly in anger. Her fiery spirit was evident in her eyes.

Wynta-Amor, it appeared, had fully internalized the emotion of the moment. She was breathing it in, living it.

I was live-tweeting the protest to chronicle it for the Herald. When I posted the video, I never imagined it would go viral. By the time the protest ended two hours later, 25,000 people had viewed it. By midnight, a million had. Thirty-six hours later, 20.2 million, and counting. People from all parts of the globe viewed it.

In effect, this little girl broadcast a central message of Black Lives Matter for all in the Twittersphere to see: We must have justice to find the lasting peace our society seeks.

Later on Wednesday, Wynta-Amor’s mom tweeted to thank me for the support that day. “We have to show our kids the right way,” Jackson said.

“Yes, Wynta-Amor,” she added, “mommy will help make your future better and all the rest of the kids in the world.”

Thursday morning, my wife said she went to bed the night before with Wynta-Amor’s words ringing in her ears. She couldn’t escape them.

There was a certain melody to them, a righteous power.

Wynta-Amor wasn’t the only one whose passion you could feel that afternoon. There were also 21-year-old Adriana Brutus, of Elmont, and her 24-year-old brother, Matt, who are black. They gave impassioned speeches at the Merrick Long Island Rail Road station, about a half-hour before I took the video of Wynta-Amor. “I’m scared every time I come outside,” Adriana said through tears.

Her words left me thunderstruck.



Photos by Scott Brinton/Herald

WYN TA-AMOR ROGERS, 7, marching during the Black Lives Matter protest in Merrick on Wednesday. The Herald’s video of her chanting, “No justice, no peace!” had more than 20 million views on Twitter as of Friday.



ADRIANA BRUTUS, 21, of Elmont, a nursing student at NYU, said through tears that she does not feel safe leaving her own home.

As it happened, I later learned, Adriana had been communicating via Instagram with my own 20-year-old daughter, Alexandra. They’re both NYU students. Adriana is studying nursing, and Alexandra, business and technology management.

Why must Adriana be afraid all the time? I thought. What sort of society do we live in that she must worry for her life because of her color? My daughter has never felt that level of fear, nor has my 17-year-old son, Andrew.

As black people, Matt Brutus said, “We can’t buy property. They redline us. They say you have to go to school here.”

BLM protesters aren’t saying they want to take anything from white people. They’re just saying they want an equal shot at life, liberty and the pursuit



PROTESTERS AT THE June 3 demonstration marching on Sunrise Highway toward Babylon Turnpike.

of happiness — but that’s hard, if not impossible, for them when racism seems woven into the institutional fabric of our nation.

A number of Merrick and Bellmore residents stood on their stoops and on street corners applauding the protesters on Wednesday and Thursday. They cheered and banged on pots.

Now and again, though, someone called out, “All lives matter!” Sometimes the protesters ignored those shouts. Sometimes they chanted, “Black lives matter! Black lives matter!” louder and louder.

The all-lives-matter folks just don’t get it. The BLM protesters aren’t saying black people’s lives matter more than anyone else’s. What they’re saying is, in

the eyes of a society with a centuries-old history of systemic racism, black lives have never mattered as much as white lives — but they should. They must, if we are to live in harmony with one another.

To chant “Black lives matter!” is to affirm that the lives of black people do, in fact, matter. White people don’t have to proclaim their lives matter because they already do, according to society.

In the past, a black man could die by noose because he looked the wrong way at a white woman. The George Floyd case, a number of pundits have said, is a modern-day lynching, captured for all to witness on cellphone video. The question is, what will each of us do about it?

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Here to help the Hispanic community

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some programs where we discussed books and movies in Spanish," she explained. "We have increased the number of Hispanics who have come to the library. We have three group classes for ESL, and I... started a literacy program in 2015 with a few volunteers, and now I have 32, and they help one on one because there's such limited space."

Pardo is passionate about residents who are not fluent in English because of her own experience. She arrived in the United States from Colombia when she was 27. "She said she felt like an illiterate," Flynn said. "Not knowing the language can put you behind in so many ways. That was something she had empathy for, people currently going through that."

Pardo became a part-time librarian in 2011, and was promoted to full-time shortly after Flynn became the director in 2012. "When I got there, I just looked at the community," Flynn said. "I saw that 30 percent of our community spoke Spanish at home, and I had a part-time bilingual librarian. So, to me, that just didn't work out that well, and within three or four months I had her promoted to a full-time librarian, and once I did that, she took off."

Most of Pardo's volunteer tutors are retired teachers, and some are even former students in the library's programs. "We all have something that we can teach, something that we can learn," she said. "We have become [a community] where tutors become students and students become tutors, which is wonderful."

And Pardo does not reserve her resources — audio files and those lists of work-related vocabulary words — just for Glen Cove residents. She shares them with

other county libraries, which is one of the reasons Scherer nominated her for "Movers & Shakers." "Not every library has bilingual staff," Scherer said, "so she makes sure that her resources go to anyone that could use them."

"She's known beyond Glen Cove for what she does," Flynn said. "... She became a librarian to help people, to help her community, to help the Hispanic community."

Thanks to Pardo's programs, residents not only grow comfortable speaking English, but also prepare for the U.S. citizenship test and General Education Development degrees, which is equivalent to a high school degree. Twenty library patrons have passed the naturalization test in the past four years.

"It's an amazing thing to see," Flynn said. "To actually help someone in their life opportunities and options. And that's what she's done for so many people."

Many students and library tutors have continued to work together, using online platforms like Zoom, during the coronavirus pandemic shutdown, and other programs have been offered as well. "We never close," Pardo said. "We closed our doors because we had to, but all programs are continuing."

One of those programs is career development, which Pardo said will be especially useful because of the economic impact of the pandemic. "Most of us are working more now that we're home," she said.

For her part, Pardo continues to reach out to residents, making sure they can connect to the programs they need. "It's been a learning opportunity for all of us, she said, "but it can be done."

She's known beyond Glen Cove for what she does. . . . She became a librarian to help people, to help her community, to help the Hispanic community.

KATHY FLYNN
Glen Cove Library
director



Courtesy María Fernanda Pardo

MARÍA FERNANDA PARDO was recognized in the Library Journal's "Movers & Shakers" issue.

Free financial workshop to be held digitally at library

The Financial Planning Association of Long Island will be offering a free virtual workshop via digital conference platform Zoom titled, "Financial Repercussions of Covid-19."

Though the workshop is being offered through the Glen Cove Public Library, all Long Islanders will be able to tune in to learn about the availability of government assistance by way of stimulus payments, expanded unemployment, debt easement and gaining access to retirement funds such as IRAs and 401ks.

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lies striving to build assets and improve their lives, but may not be able to afford to engage with a financial planner on their own.

The program also welcomes any individual looking to expand their current

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City business owners ready for Phase 2 re-opening

By JENNIFER CORR
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Restrictions on Long Island's economy loosened up on Wednesday when Phase Two started, as per Gov. Andrew Cuomo's directive. Outdoor dining at restaurants can resume and barber-shops and hair salons can open.

The updated reopening timeline represents a continued drop in new coronavirus hospitalizations, intubations and deaths, according to the governor. Over the last weekend in May, the number of overnight deaths fell to 56 — down from a high of 799 on April 9, he said. That is a 93 percent decline.

Paul Ferri, the owner of La Famiglia Pizzeria & Restaurant in Glen Cove, said that he was pleasantly surprised that outdoor dining could return. He and his staff will follow state and local guidelines to ensure customer and employee safety.

"We were the first ones in town to have outdoor dining 27 years ago," he said. "People look forward to coming out and enjoying themselves. Although there are a lot more places that do have outside dining now, which is fine as we want to see the town look nicer, the cus-

tomers are definitely looking forward to it."

Joe Valensisi, the owner of Henry's Confectionery in Glen Cove, said that he is also excited to have customers enjoying his food on the premises again. And while Valensisi did not originally have room for his customers to dine outdoors, his next door neighbor, Casa Bella Furniture, is allowing Valensisi to sit customers in front of the store.

"I could probably only put two tables in front of my store," Valensisi said. "For the meantime, I'm going to use [my neighbor's] front, so I could probably put three tables there. But he said, 'If it works out well, go all the way down if you'd like.' He doesn't mind."

Valensisi still needed to get his paperwork notarized to have outdoor dining and with the help of Matt Nartowicz, the regional branch manager at American Community Bank's Glen Cove location, he was able to get it done on June

9. "Soon I guess I can start putting tables outside," Valensisi said. "People can look in the windows of [Casa Bella Furniture] and come in the store for any questions, [the owner] said it's going to benefit the both of us."

Space is needed to have outdoor dining while social distancing. The Glen Cove City Council passed resolution at a special Glen Cove City Council Meeting that will authorize the closure of School Street (between Highland Road and Glen Street) and Glen Street (between School Street and Pulaski Street) between Thursdays and Saturdays from 6 to 10 p.m.

An additional parking lot that runs behind 51 to 69 Glen Street will also close between Thursday and Saturday nights for dining.

Restaurant owners looking to take advantage of outdoor dining are required to fill out an application that

We were all concerned about our homeowners safety, the buyers safety and our family's safety.

ROBERTA CERASI
Glen Key Realty

must be sent to the city clerk to be reviewed by the building department. Additionally, restaurant owners must submit an affirmation to the state indicating an understanding of the imposed guidelines on outdoor dining.

Phase Two Reopening will also loosen restrictions on other industries. Roberta Cerasi, a licensed salesperson with Glen Key Realty, said that the pandemic was tough on the real estate industry. "We were all concerned about our homeowners safety, the buyers safety and our family's safety," Cerasi said.

During the days of the stay-at-home order, Cerasi's firm conducted virtual tours and continued paying special attention to taking photos of the homes up for sale.

But now that the industry is heading towards normalcy, Cerasi said she believes the real estate market is going to come back strong. "I think people are going to be looking to expand out a little bit," she said. "It's going to be a very good and strong market."

To keep themselves and clients safe, Cerasi said that wearing gloves and masks, using disinfectant wipes and avoiding driving with buyers are among the practices in place.

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N.S. Land Alliance provides guidance on invasive species

Invasive Species Awareness Week, a statewide event sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, is from June 7 to June 13. Along with raising awareness about invasive species, the annual event strives to prevent the spread in order to protect natural areas. They do this by educating people on how to recognize and rid of invasive species, which costs the country more than \$120 billion in damages each year.

To help protect the environment, North Shore Land Alliance has produced a series of educational videos that will be posted throughout the week. The videos, which detail how one can identify some commonly found invasive species such as garlic mustard and narrowleaf bitter-cress, offers the appropriate actions to take once the invasive species are identified.

An invasive species is a plant, animal, insect or pathogen that is non-native to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

In the latter case, the harm must significantly outweigh any benefits. Invasive species are found all over the North Shore of Long Island at nature preserves, parks or even one's own backyard. They can spread rapidly and compete or overtake native plants and animals. Management of invasive species is critical in protecting natural species and the biodiversity of ecosystems.

The idea behind the North Shore Land Alliance presentations is for homeowners to become familiar with these species so they can nip them in the bud (so to speak) if found on their properties.

The North Shore Land Alliance has also gained three summer interns this year who will spend many hours each week removing invasive species from the alliance's preserves.

The North Shore Land Alliance, Inc. is a nationally accredited nonprofit land trust founded in 2003 that works to protect and preserve, in perpetuity, the green

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Since its inception, the Land Alliance has preserved over 1,200 acres of open space on the North Shore. For more information about the North Shore Land Alliance visit www.northshorelandalliance.org.

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I have so much food in this car, I pulled out of the parking lot and my bumper hit from being so heavy, it's all from NOSH.

I love NOSH. It's pretty awesome. We're doing great things. Courtney Callahan is the one who created it with a bunch of others, and she is the main leader. We serve Glen Cove, Bayville and Locust Valley. We do serve other areas, but those three are our main areas.

For the past two months, I've been working probably 50 to 70 hours a week. We give very specific food that we include in our bags. The idea is to give two meals per family that are complete meals so that families can sit down and have two meals like they would have had before.

We now have our office at Glen Cove High School. They were so generous to donate us that space. That space is a lot of what I focus on, making sure that space has everything we need to provide for our recipients; from the food, to the bags, to making sure we have the volunteers. And it's building the infrastructure because obviously we have people who know how to help those who are food insecure, but infrastructure is different. NOSH is new. That's what I do; creating processes that help us work well as a team.

We're just really happy with the way it's come along. We went from serving 50 families a week to 350-plus families a week. It was almost overnight.



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ELIZABETH MERCADER

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**RN SUPERVISOR, EMERGE
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When we first learned of the coronavirus, we tried to prepare as best as possible with our staff and the building itself. It was much more than any rehab facility could have really anticipated.

We had multiple patients who were very sick, and we tried to maintain them as much as possible. But a lot of our clients here do have a lot of illnesses that make them predisposed to being very, very sick if they get the flu, or in this case, the virus, which is a lot stronger than the flu itself.

What my experience was... it was just very stressful for the staff and very overwhelming for myself included. You get to work, you see who needs following up on, what kind of medical care they need. As a supervisor myself, it wasn't just taking care of the patients, but it was also making sure that all of us had the tools, the resources, the [personal protective equipment] for the staff as well.

For a little while there, wasn't really anything that could help [my stress levels]. It was very daunting. My daughter had to move out of my house because we didn't have a separate area... I have a 6-year-old daughter. So I was driving to work crying, leaving work crying, because I was working so hard to try to keep people alive. I was also sacrificing the possible health of myself and my family and separating myself from my daughter for maybe a month or two; it was very difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel.



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I'm a partner at JAG Specialty Foods; we're a commercial bakery in College Point. We do a lot of private label work, selling breadsticks and flatbreads to larger companies. We do a lot of business with food service companies, so with restaurants being closed, that side of the business is pretty much shut down.

Even before [Glen Cove City Councilwoman Dr.] Eve [Lupenko Ferrante] and I got married, we were both very active in our communities, and it's always been our nature to do that. We came up with this idea to establish the Do Good To Feel Good program because we felt like we had the ability to help people and it made us feel good to do that.

During the pandemic, Eve has had the connections to get the food, and I was able to provide her with the goods. We've distributed them in two different ways. One is a bulk program where we've been working with Long Island Cares, and other organizations to supply them with cases of food for them to distribute to people in need, and we've donated over 3,000 so far.

The second part is that we, along with Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, have been delivering bags of groceries to families every Saturday for the past couple of months. While I'm doing these larger donations to bigger companies, there's nothing like the smiles you get while handing a family a bag of goods. I think it's as rewarding to them as it is to us, because we do feel good when we've accomplished these good things.

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I am the coordinator for world languages at the Locust Valley School District and have been working from home, as has my husband. We are fortunate we have jobs, and we know others are hurting. We decided to start a community food drive. The hardest part was finding a place to store the food. Then Oak Neck Athletic Council said we could use its space. Al and Nancy Stabb didn't even hesitate to offer it. And they were at every single food collection and distribution since we started. We are having our sixth one on Friday.

Oak Neck is on Town of Oyster Bay property and on Centre Island Beach. Originally we would hold our distributions on Saturday, but now with the beach open, we do it on Friday. The town has been great. It is allowing people that don't have the Oyster Bay sticker to enter. We have people from other areas coming for the food besides Oyster Bay, including from Glen Cove.

We get our donations during the week. People give so generously. Right now, we have enough for 100 bags. We get donations too and buy gift cards, which we include in the bag of food. This makes us unique.

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New dates set for viewing Anti-Semitism documentary

BY ALEC RICH

The Gold Coast Arts Center in Great Neck will feature the new documentary, "Viral: Anti-Semitism in Four Mutations," exclusively on its website from June 16 through June 19 in partnership with numerous local synagogues and Jewish centers.

The documentary, which originally aired on PBS on May 26 and on WLIW21 on May 27, examines anti-Semitism across Europe and the U.S. from the perspective of "victims, eyewitnesses and anti-Semites," according to PBS. The Gold Coast Arts Center is showing the docu-

mentary as part of the "Community Focus on Anti-Semitism" initiative, which has brought together the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County along with several local synagogues to combat anti-Semitism on Long Island.

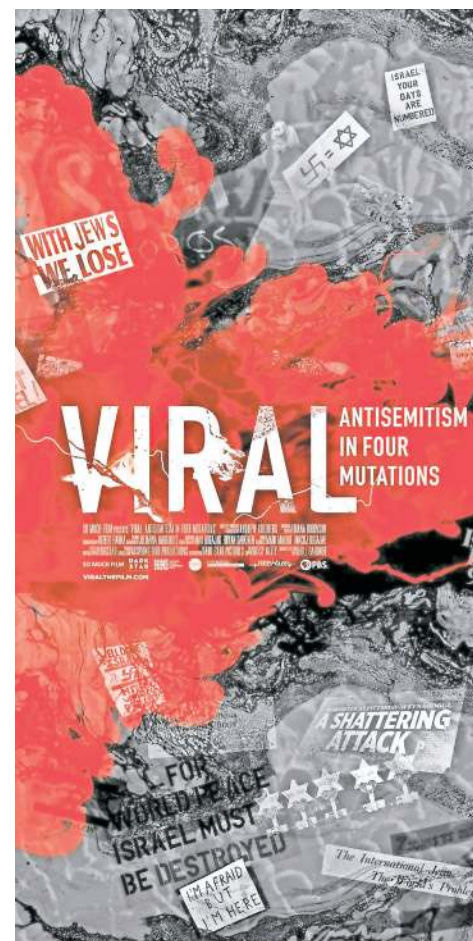
Caroline Sorokoff, associate director of the Gold Coast Arts Center, said the center is featuring the documentary to shed a light on the issue of anti-Semitism today and ensure people remain educated on it.

"It's always important for people of all backgrounds and all faiths to be vigilant about educating themselves and being

aware of anti-Semitism and other hate that is going on around the world," Sorokoff said.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, there was a 26 percent rise in anti-Semitic incidents in New York State between 2018 to 2019. On Long Island, officials took the step of creating an island-wide "Anti-Hate Task Force" in December in response to several instances of anti-Semitic vandalism in Nassau County.

The most prominent of those recent incidents occurred at the HMTC in November, where graffiti, including two swastikas, were spray-painted around the property. Steven Markowitz, chairman of



Courtesy Gold Coast Arts Center

DON'T WORRY IF you missed "Viral: Anti-Semitism in Four Mutations," when it appeared on PBS in May. The documentary can be seen on the Gold Coast Arts Center in Great Neck's website from June 17 until June 19.

the HMTC, said the documentary is a necessary watch because people need to "be made aware that this is going on."

"This is not just some figment of people's imagination, this is a very real thing," Markowitz said. "Anti-Semitism is real. There are victims, institutions as well as individuals, and unless it is understood and then met and resisted, it will only get worse."

As part of the initiative, the arts center is also featuring an interview on its website with Andrew Goldberg, director of the documentary.

The documentary, which likens anti-Semitism to "a virus" that "mutates and evolves across cultures, borders and ideologies," specifically focuses on its prevalence in the U.S., England, France and Hungary, according to PBS. In the U.S., the documentary highlights the shooting that occurred at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in late 2018, along with the prevalence of anti-Semitism on the far-right.

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Religious participation skyrockets online during Covid-19

By LETISHA DASS

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Religious institutions in Glen Cove and Oyster Bay have been weathering the Covid-19 pandemic successfully, finding positive ways to reach the faithful. Virtual methods adopted by these institutions have allowed for an increase in community participation.

Congregation Tifereth Israel, in Glen Cove, has been able to assimilate to the online world and create an interactive experience to bring in members. "We have quadrupled our attendance on Friday night since we began streaming on Zoom and Facebook," Rabbi Irwin Huberman said. "People who are at home want to convene with their friends and neighbors. Part of it is to pray and part of it is to socialize with each other in a way that has not always been possible in this time of social distancing."

It is making religion a lot more accessible to a lot more of people, he added.

During Shabbat, a day of rest in the Jewish faith starting from Friday at sundown to Saturday nightfall, CTI provides a virtual service for its members on Saturday mornings, even though technology is generally not used during this time. "We have decided that it is okay to bend restrictions on technology," Huberman said, "if it means that it brings people a sense of community during this difficult time."

The results have been positive. This typical in-person service has garnered double the attendance.

First Baptist Church of Glen Cove has witnessed a similar result by going



Courtesy First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay

JEFFREY F. PREY, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, has found that his service on Zoom has allowed for people to reconnect with his church.

online. "The virtual community has been very beneficial and has allowed for us to involve more people who ordinarily would not be in attendance," said Rev. Roger C. Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church. "The virtual means that we are using now, we are going to keep them, even when we go back into the building. I don't see us moving away from those resources."

Since starting streaming in August of 2019, leaders of Glen Cove Christian Church said they have found going online

to be an advantageous tool for the church. "We are able to extend our reach," explained Tommy Lanham, pastor at Glen Cove Christian Church. "We have people all over the nation. I think we even had a few international participants in our services."

The church looks to continue developing their online presence he said, "because we have developed more participants that are not local or maybe that are not able to get to our services."

North Shore Community Church in

Oyster Bay has never closed. "That is to say we have never stopped our ministry," said its pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Yenchko. "We have been meeting online in all forms. Our groups have been loyal and engaged. It has gone very well."

As they prepare themselves for reopening, they continue to help the community. "We continue to have an important outreach to the community through our food pantry," Yenchko said. "That ministry has serviced between 40 and 60 families a week on Saturday mornings between 9 and 10 a.m. at the church building."

The First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay has also attempted to reach out to community members. On May 31, the church held a drive-by and curbside coffee hour for members.

Along with these social distance activities, the church has adopted online Zoom meetings.

"A nice thing about it is, we have also had people who have moved away that have logged in or children that have moved away that have logged in," said Jeffrey F. Prey, pastor of First Presbyterian Church. "It allowed us to reconnect with folks who were once here."

Hybrid services may be in the church's future as these institutions continue to see a positive turnout. "People would rather be together in church," Prey said, "but this overall experience has not been without its positives."

Many religious leaders, like Huberman, have found that their community are satisfied with their efforts. "There is no rush to return to the brick and mortar," he said.

Religious leaders keep doors closed as Phase 2 begins

By LETISHA DASS

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Places of worship will be allowed to reopen with a on Wednesday but with only 25 percent occupancy, as part of New York's Phase 2 reopening. Although the reopening is a sign of New York returning to life, religious institutions of Oyster Bay and Glen Cove are wary.

First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay

Before reopening, Jeffrey F. Prey, the pastor of First Presbyterian said that the church wishes to wait until they are fully prepared to share in-person services online. This will allow those who are unable to attend services to still participate.

"We kind of decided in this stage in the game that we would lose more if we tried to meet in person because not everybody could be here than what we have gained by meeting on Zoom," Prey said. "So, we are just going to continue the Zoom experience and add to it."

Until the older members are able to participate safely outside of Zoom, the church's doors will remain closed. "We do not want to have to say that we have opened the door, but they are closed to

you," Prey said.

North Shore Community Church in Oyster Bay

North Shore Community Church will not be reopening immediately with in-person services either. "We will not be the first church to reopen and we won't be the last. Twenty-five percent is pretty small," said Dr. John Yenchko, the church's pastor. "We realize for many people that it will be a cautious reentry into the assembly. We also know that many people are very eager to get back."

First Baptist Church of Glen Cove

Rev. Roger C. Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church, has also decided to wait. "We really would like to kind of wait and see if there was some consistency with the decrease in infections," he said. "We are going to remain virtual at least through the month of June."

Congregation Tifereth Israel in Glen Cove

Leaders of Congregation Tifereth Israel will be monitoring the progress of the state for now. "We will remain closed because we are airing on the side the health of our congregants," Rabbi Irwin



Courtesy First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay

CHURCHES CAN OPEN since they are included in Phase 2, but many do not want to risk it.

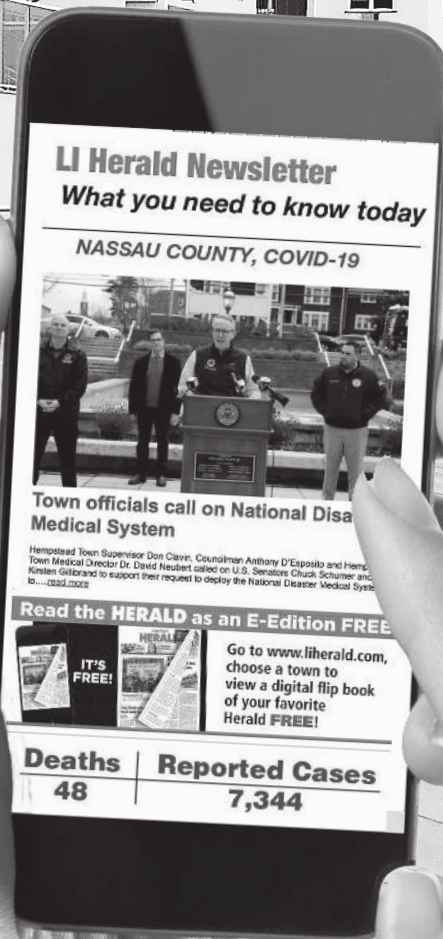
Huberman said. The closure will continue until leaders see that the current downward trends are holding.

Rabbi Huberman added that the congregation appears to be satisfied with

remaining online. "There has not been a ground swell of demand to reopen," he said. "We just want to make sure that there are no risks."

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Free antibody testing at First Presbyterian Church of G.C.

By JENNIFER CORR

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From June 15 to June 19, free antibody testing from Northwell Health will be available at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"If you haven't gotten tested yet, please do," said City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke at a special Glen Cove City Council meeting on June 9. "It's free of charge by Northwell, a very reputable hospital that will do it. Now is the time to take advantage of it"

Antibody tests, according to the Center for Disease Control, checks a person's blood by searching for antibodies, a protein that can help provide immunity from getting a disease again. Presence of antibodies could indicate if the person has had a past infection with the virus that causes Covid-19.

It's important to note, however, that depending on the time when a person was infected and the timing of the test, antibodies may not be found in a person that is infected with the virus at the time of the test. Therefore, the CDC states, antibody tests should not be used to diagnose someone with a current infection of Covid-19.

Instead, for a diagnosis of current infection with Covid-19, a person should receive a viral test that identifies the virus in samples from a person's respiratory system, such as a swab from inside one's nose.

Debbie Salas-Lopez, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President of Transformation at Northwell Health said that the hospital system is working with Gov. Andrew Cuomo on the state's faith-based initiative to do antibody testing in under-served communities of color that have been dis-



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FREE COVID-19 ANTIBODY testing through Northwell Health will be made available at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove.

proportionately affected by Covid-19.

State diagnostics, antibody surveys and comprehensive surveys of newly hospitalized patients admitted for Covid-19 show that communities of color have been most impacted by Covid-19.

Glen Cove, according to census data, has a population made up of 54.3 percent white, 27.3 percent Hispanic or Latino, 8.7 percent black or African American, 5 percent Asian, 2.9 percent of two or more races and 0.7 percent American Indian or Alaska Native.

Throughout the pandemic, Glen Cove has seen 892 positive cases, according to data from the Nassau County Department

of Information Technology. This data does not, however, represent active cases of Covid-19.

"Northwell Health is committed to providing access to testing in our most affected communities as we believe that this is an important step in keeping our communities healthy and preventing the spread of the virus," Salas-Lopez said. "Doing the testing in churches with the support of faith-based leaders has been an important component to our success. Thus far, we have tested over 24,000 church and community members."

Peter Moran, an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, said he sent

an email to Northwell Health stating that the church would be happy to host the Covid-19 antibody testing. "They said that they'd love to use the church," Moran said.

The testing is available for anyone looking to get tested. "I'm going to get tested," Moran said. "We would just love everyone to come. If you are nervous, just come. The church is a very open church. We welcome everyone."

First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove is located at 7 North Lane. To make an appointment to be tested, call (833) 422-7369. Although making an appointment is encouraged, walk-ins are also accepted.

Nominate a senior for a Herald superlative

Richner Communications, publishers of Herald Community Newspapers, is now accepting nominations for the Herald 2020 Senior Superlatives. Nominations are currently open through Instagram (see @longislandherald for instructions) and online at www.liherald.com/seniorsuperlatives until June 15. Winners will be published in the Herald's commemorative Graduation 2020 section, presented by Molloy College, on June 25.

Parents, family, classmates and friends are encouraged to nominate graduating high school seniors for the chance to be crowned Nassau County's Most Likely to Succeed, Most Likely To Cure Cancer, Best Artist, Best Athlete, and more. Students can even nominate themselves.

Additionally, each Herald 2020 Senior Superlative winner will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 VISA gift card, presented by Herald Community Newspapers.

Adina Stein, a senior at George W. Hewlett High School, said, "This is a great way to be honored this year. Finding out that my senior year would be cut short was very upsetting to me. I realized I wouldn't be able to have my last

school spirit week, prom, a traditional graduation, and other fun events we have spent many years looking forward to. After realizing that I can use this time to work on my productivity and look forward to my college freshman year, I decided to try painting

again, which was an activity that I enjoyed in my childhood. Not only does this give me an opportunity to express myself in a new way, it also allows me to prepare artwork for my future college dorm. I will look at these paintings on my wall with pride, knowing I turned an

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upsetting situation into a positive one. And to be recognized as a Senior Superlative means a lot."

Her father, Michael Stein, said "Adina has loved to paint and draw from an early age and has shown improvement the past few years. She has spent her free time during the quarantine period painting various art projects on canvas with plans to decorate her college dorm in the fall. Her creativity and artistic skills will complement her academic endeavors in the future."

"We thought this was a fun way to honor these high school students who are graduating in extremely atypical times," said Stuart Richner, president of Richner Communications and publisher of Herald Community Newspapers. "We would also like to thank the many businesses and organizations from the community that stepped up to sponsor the Herald 2020 Senior Superlatives to allow these graduating students to be recognized."

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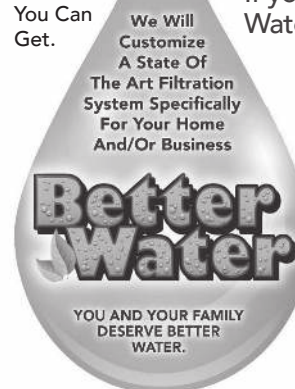
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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

A world in turmoil

Dear Great Book Guru,
I recently read a fascinating article in *The New Yorker* magazine about the controversial author

Lionel Shriver. The article mentioned an almost prescient earlier novel of hers that offers a terrifying look into a world beset by environmental, financial, and political duress. Many felt it too fantastical but others praised its relevancy. Are you familiar with the book?

—A Reader in Search of Answers

Dear Reader in Search of Answers,

I read Lionel Shriver's "The Mandibles," when it first came out and I have been haunted by it ever since. Set in the United States in 2029 and finishing in 2047, the novel follows the fortunes or misfortunes of the Mandible family whose members are eagerly awaiting the death of their wealthy 97 year old patriarch. Carter,

his son, after years as a reporter at Long Island's *Newsday*, is hired as a reporter at the *New York Times* only to see it go bankrupt as does every other newspaper in the



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country. Severe climate change has upended resources with food and water in short supply. Unemployment is rampant. Then the unthinkable happens — the dollar crashes and is replaced by an international currency. The president angrily declares a default on all loans, money becomes worthless and chaos ensues. While seemingly a grim tale of the world ending as we know it, the book remains darkly humorous as we watch the Mandibles scramble to cope. Highly recom-

mended only if you can convince yourself it's a fantasy.

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



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OBITUARIES

Maria Capobianco

Maria Capobianco, 87, of Glen Cove died on June 5. Beloved wife of the late Dante; loving mother of Dr. Luigi (Diane), Phillip, Mario (Lina) and Thomas (Joann); proud grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of two; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Private visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment at East Hillside Cemetery. Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Tanaka

Gilbert Tanaka, 78, of Glen Cove died on June 5. Survived by his companion; his stepchildren; his grandchildren; also survived by nieces and nephews.

After weeks of fighting his failing health, he died peacefully with loved ones by his side. Gil was born on May 14, 1942. He lived next to his greenhouse, observing, and learning strong values and helped support himself and his family.

As a young man, Gil quickly became a businessman in his beloved community when he took over the Glen Cove Greenhouse. Aside from tending to his work and love for gardening, Gilbert was a decorated veteran and proud member of the Glen Cove Fire Department.

Gilbert was the epitome of the word

community. Gil always knew how to bring people together and had a great sense of fellowship with everyone he met. Gil always had a smile on his face and was devoted to being the best friend, mentor and community leader that he could be. Gil loved the New York Yankees, showing off his Oldsmobile, going to the car shows, enjoying breakfast with his friends and sharing Sunday night dinners with family. He was a strong, proud and kind man. He is loved and will be missed by many.

The burial will take place at Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Port Washington.

Catherine Nellie Palermo.

Catherine Nellie Palermo of Glen Cove died on May 7. Loving sister and sister-in-law of Lydia and Joseph Oliveri, Silvia and Michael Sbaglia and Tina and James Morgan; cherished aunt of Michael Morgan and Nicole Verdone; dear great aunt to Brooke Morgan and Jack and Mia Verdone. Nellie was a beloved and respected elementary art teacher at Burns Avenue School in Hicksville and St. Dominic Elementary School in Oyster Bay. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home in Glen Cove. She was interred at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury.

NEWS BRIEF

School budget, board election deadlines extended

Saying "No New Yorker should have to choose between their health and their right to vote," N.Y. Gov. Andrew Cuomo extended the deadline for mail-in ballots in local school budget and school board elections, originally scheduled for Tuesday.

Hand-delivered ballots still must be received by 5 p.m. on June 9, according to

a news release, but mail-in ballots may be received until June 16.

In the same executive order, the governor allowed absentee ballots in the state's presidential primary to be counted if postmarked no later than June 23. This means voters may mail their ballots as late as the day of the election.



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OPINIONS

Include Home Stability Support in the recovery phase

Stable neighborhoods are the backbone of every community. But in places like New York state, where housing costs continue to rise dramatically, housing stability is threatened for far too many, particularly families and individuals who rely on public assistance.



**DON
FRIEDMAN**

On any given day, more than 92,000 New Yorkers are homeless. The gross inadequacy of housing subsidies is a critical factor in the rise of homelessness and housing instability. Long Island is home to about 1,800 homeless households staying in shelters, while another

3,200 or so families and individuals struggle to get by on public assistance allowances that cover only 40 percent to two-thirds of their monthly rents. These households are on the brink of becoming homeless, and most will find themselves facing eviction, having to double up with family or friends, or living in shelters or places not fit for human habitation.

This crisis is manifest throughout our

state, where, for example, more than 150,000 children experience homelessness over the course of the school year. Many of the more than 80,000 public-assistance households that struggle to pay their rents every month will constitute the next wave of families and individuals to lose their housing. These families will need to find shelters, hotels, tents, abandoned buildings, cars or sofas where they can spend a night, a week, a month, a lifetime after literally losing the roofs over their heads.

We have learned a great deal about the impact of housing instability and homelessness on individuals and families. Children who experience the intense stress of these hardships don't do as well in school, and are more likely to have behavioral issues; adults are less likely to secure jobs and keep them, and more prone to mental and physical health problems; and families are often less able to succeed as cohesive units.

But it doesn't need to be this way. There is a solution in the form of legislation that has been pending in Albany for the past few years called Home Stability Support. HSS is a common-sense remedy

to the homelessness crisis that is supported by 129 members of the State Assembly, 37 state senators, more than 100 faith leaders, including the New York State Council of Churches and the New York State Catholic Conference, as well as dozens of local officials and scores of human services agencies and other advocates.

The design is simple: HSS would bridge the divide between public-assistance housing allowances and reasonable rents in order to enable homeless and at-risk New Yorkers to leave or avoid the impermanent shelter system and secure stable housing of their own.

Critics of the bill point out that the state had no resources for a program like HSS even before the coronavirus pandemic. But with homelessness in the state at record levels, shelters are overcrowded, and it costs taxpayers billions of dollars each year to leave this problem unsolved. HSS would not only help our homeless neighbors and those at risk of becoming homeless to become stably housed, it would also contribute to neighborhood stability and benefit taxpayers by preventing evictions, helping those

fleeing unsafe homes and reducing the use of costly shelters.

Moreover, the pandemic has exposed longstanding systemic inequities: wealthy families have been weathering the crisis away from dense metropolitan areas, while low-income workers have lost their livelihoods or continue to be exposed to the virus. While some have been able to work from home, others have neither a computer nor access to the internet. For the rich, the pandemic presents investment opportunities never seen before, but for the poor, it means the total depletion of their savings.

Now that New York state is slowly coming back to life after the lockdown, it is critical that Gov. Andrew Cuomo and legislative leaders recognize the need to end the vicious cycle of homelessness for families.

Almost everyone in the Legislature agrees that Home Stability Support would be the immediate solution to our statewide, cyclical homelessness crisis. Now it's now time for Cuomo to ensure that the post-pandemic comeback isn't built on the backs of low-income communities.

Don Friedman is a former managing attorney of the Long Island office of the Empire Justice Center, a statewide legal services and advocacy organization for low-income New Yorkers.

My own silver lining is in the mirror

Don't go changing to try and please me . . . Don't change the color of your hair." —Billy Joel

Why would women stretch out on their backs with their hair floating behind them in vats of lye? Apparently, in the 1600s that was the price of beauty for fashionable women in Venice. It was what one did on the Rialto to bleach one's hair into "golden" locks.



**RANDI
KREISS**

I mention this because my husband and I recently had "the talk." There are lots of pandemic-fueled talks going on now in America, and while this one started in a jokey kind of way, with a slow burn, it

quickly ignited. The accelerant was old-school ageism.

I realized we were talking about identity.

I asked him if he liked my hair, which has been growing in gray since I decided not to risk Covid-19 by going to a hair salon. (As businesses open, I realize this

is now my personal choice.)

Yes, it is a loaded question from spouse A to spouse B. Of course, just by asking, I'm making *his* opinion of *my* appearance important. And it is. As an older, pretty traditional couple, that has been the way we roll. We tell each other if a sweater looks too worn or pants are too tight. We accept opinions on new shoes or eyeglasses. We have an actual agreement that we don't say anything negative about each other's appearance before we go out for the evening, but upon returning, we are allowed to say, "Burn that shirt."

When I asked about my going gray, he said, "I like your hair dark." Well, I liked it better when my hair was dark, too, but it can't *get* dark unless I go to a salon, or color it at home, which is a project I am not taking on. Besides, why should I? Why was I hitched to a wagon that dragged me to a salon every eight weeks for a "touch-up"?

When I said I didn't plan to change my hair, he said, "Well, OK, but I like it better the other way."

"Well, OK," I said, "I liked it better when you had wavy black curls and rip-

pling muscles in your arms." The double standard suddenly popped out in high relief. Why is it OK for him to have gray hair and not think that it diminishes him in any way, and I have to dye my hair in order to "improve" my appearance when I start to show signs of aging?

I probably would have continued to color my hair indefinitely. But now? I'm done.

If the pandemic had not struck, confining us to home base and prohibiting socializing, I probably would have continued to color my hair indefinitely. But now? I'm done. Every eight weeks I'll go to the theater instead, for the same money, should the theaters ever open again. Meanwhile, stuck in the house, I'm getting comfortable with the me in me. I've out-

grown that woman with highlighted hair and ritualized applications of makeup.

While we're at it, let's burn the bra. I see my husband's eyes scan my upper torso and I know what he's thinking. I go for it: "I've decided not to wear a bra anymore."

"I noticed," he says. "Don't you think your clothes look better when you wear a bra?"

"My clothes would look better on a mannequin with Barbie Doll measure-

ments," I say, "but I am an imperfect human woman, and bras are uncomfortable, and I don't want to be pinched and wired into place anymore." I mean, why don't fat guys wear Spanx?

I know some men color their hair, but most don't, whereas some 70 percent of American women color theirs. The self-improvement industry comprising hair coloring, makeup and dieting has been largely aimed at women. We have been all too willing to believe that we aren't thin enough or pretty enough or sexy enough in our own skins. Especially as we get older, it's big business to convince women to cover the evidence of aging by dyeing hair, applying more makeup and submitting to surgeries.

This is a very old story, but it has been made new again by the coronavirus, which reminds us what *is* important in our lives. In the age of masks, it is unmasking us.

When your partner asks what you think of her going without makeup, a bra or hair color, or he asks if he can forgo the haircut, there are only eight acceptable words to utter:

"I love you just the way you are."

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Protests should lead to reforms in New York

Nassau County wound down a whirlwind week of Black Lives Matter protests through local neighborhoods last week that were, with one exception, peaceful and uplifting.

Tens of thousands marched, from Valley Stream to Bellmore and from Hempstead to Long Beach, and across the North Shore. They came seeking justice for George Floyd, killed by a Minneapolis police officer who pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for 8 minutes, 46 seconds.

At the same time, the protesters said they wanted social justice for all people, regardless of skin color.

It's about time that protests of this magnitude happened here in Nassau. Often in the past, when protests of this kind took place in response to an injustice, they happened in big cities like New York, Washington and Los Angeles. That left Nassau residents with the distinct impression that the social injustices that black people have faced were not their concern. This time, protesters brought the demonstrations to our otherwise quiet suburban neighborhoods, making them impossible to ignore.

Bravo!

And these protesters weren't taking no for an answer. In Merrick, a group of about 30 people, a number of whom were from local neighborhoods, tried to stop 150 Black Lives Matter protesters from march-



I don't understand how you can see that murder on videotape and not be outraged. I said from Day One, I share that outrage.

GOV. ANDREW CUOMO

ing on the sidewalk. That led police to escort the BLM protesters around the counterprotesters.

The next day, roughly 2,000 BLM protesters turned out in Merrick and marched through local streets, from Sunrise Highway to Merrick Road, on to Bellmore and back to Merrick. They chanted and cheered, rapped and sang. This time, many local residents came out to welcome them.

The day after that, 4,000 protesters turned out, and they kept coming every day through last Sunday. Outstanding!

On Saturday, a group of about two dozen protesters rushed at Nassau County police officers while to protest on the Meadowbrook Parkway in Merrick in the rain, according to authorities. One officer's ankle was broken. Another suffered a bruised nose and a scratched cornea.

This should never have happened. No one should have attempted to protest on the parkway, particularly when it was wet and slick. As one Facebook user commented, to do so would have been a "death wish."

More important, police never should have been injured. The NCPD did an excellent job of maintaining the peace and keeping everyone safe throughout the week. They didn't deserve this.

There were only 11 arrests of protesters last week, all in Merrick, and all were among those who tried to jump onto the

Meadowbrook.

We seem in this nation to be in a perpetual cycle of violence against people of color, followed by protests that at times turn violent, as they did in major cities around the country last week. It's time that we end that cycle.

Over the weekend, Gov. Andrew Cuomo renewed his call for enactment of the "Say Their Name" reform agenda, saying that police have to do their jobs, but do not have the right to abuse those they police, and that society will no longer tolerate delayed justice.

The Say Their Name agenda would:

- Make public prior disciplinary records of law enforcement officers by reforming Section 50-a of the state's Civil Rights Law.
- Ban chokeholds by law enforcement officers.
- Prohibit false, race-based 911 reports and make them a crime.
- Designate the attorney general as an independent prosecutor for matters relating to the deaths of unarmed civilians caused by law enforcement.

We fully support passage of this legislation, and we call on the State Legislature to act on it immediately.

"Police have to do their jobs, protect public safety," Cuomo said. "There's also police abuse. There's abuse of power. Protesters — most of the protesters are peaceful — they are indignant. It is righteous indignation. I don't see anybody who can see the Mr. Floyd video and not be indignant. I don't understand how you can see that murder on videotape and not be outraged. I said from Day One, I share that outrage."

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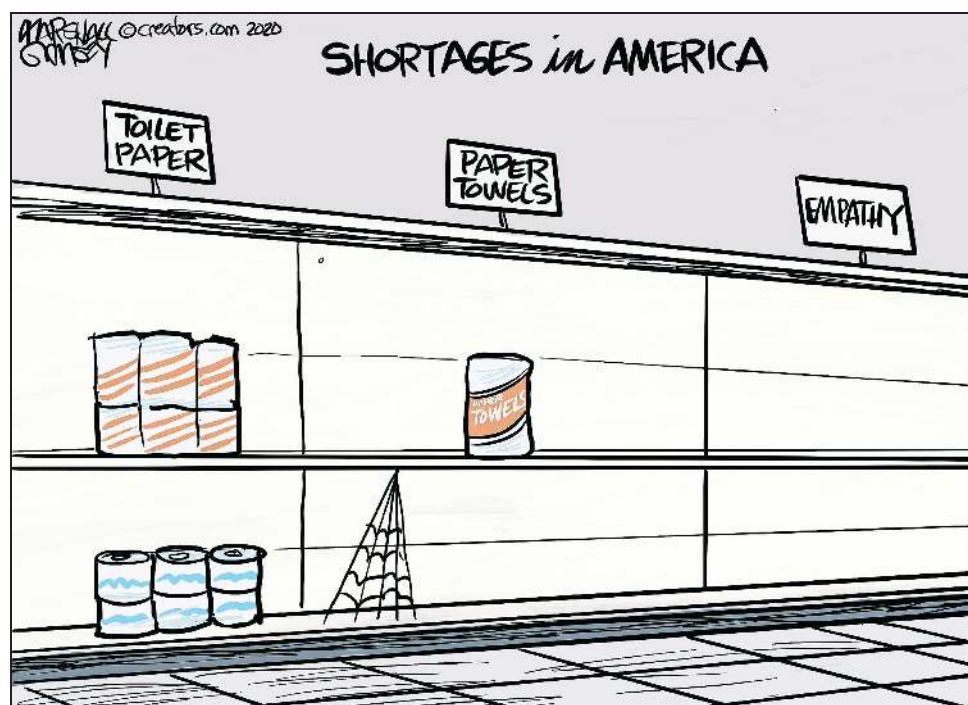
Reject bad apples in the academy

To the Editor:

Over the years, I have had a number of stays at St. Francis Hospital in Port Washington. On all such occasions, I was very impressed with how well thought-out the process was of hiring the personnel. On every level of service, in addition to their expertise, the personnel were empathic and capable of putting themselves in my shoes, or slippers.

The same should be the case for policemen. Better training is only a lesser part of the answer. The "bad apples" should be rejected when they enter the Police Academy, not after the harm has been done.

BOB PRAVER
 Glen Cove



OPINIONS

A virus and police brutality: two public-health problems

The largest pandemic in 100 years gave us a crash course in public health. We quickly learned the epidemiological concepts of “flattening the curve, the risk of exposure, asymptomatic carriers, incubation periods, and why we must quarantine.

Even though everyone may not have understood these concepts, we all



MARTINE HACKETT

learned what to do: isolate and minimize contact with others to stop the spread of the coronavirus. This was enforced here through Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s “New York State on Pause” — even if you wanted to go to school or a bar or a movie, you couldn’t

because of the policies that closed them all for the sake of the public. Individuals had to sacrifice for the greater good.

Eventually these policies, and changes in behavior, worked. On Long Island, the percentage of people testing positive for Covid-19 has dropped from 20 percent to 2 percent over the past six weeks. The number of daily deaths in New York City

dropped to zero last week for the first time since March. Nassau and Suffolk were among the hardest-hit counties in the United States, and we have been meeting the metrics of declining hospitalizations and deaths, and are moving toward reopening.

We also learned that even though a virus cannot be seen by the naked eye, we can see its effects on the body. We understand that this invisible agent can be spread without the knowledge of those who have it, and that it can be deadly.

The same is true for police brutality and its root cause, structural racism. Invisible to some and supported by many who are unaware of its impact, the overwhelming police presence in communities of color takes a continuing toll on people of color.

Just as electron microscopes made it possible for viruses to be visible 90 years ago, police brutality is now visible in cell-phone documentation that is viewed and shared on our myriad screens. The shocking and deeply disturbing video of George Floyd’s death as a direct result of a Minneapolis police officer’s knee on his neck made it painfully clear how racism

and law enforcement violence intersect. The fact that Floyd’s autopsy revealed that he also had Covid-19 the month before he was murdered further connects the vulnerability of black people to public-health threats. The protests that followed across the United States and the world demanded an end to systemic racism.

The American Public Health Association states that racism structures opportunity and assigns value based on how a person looks. The result is conditions that give an unfair advantage to some and unfairly disadvantage others. Racism hurts the health of our nation by denying some people the opportunity to attain their highest level of health.

We know that in Nassau and Suffolk counties, Covid-19 deaths have disproportionately affected black residents. In 2018, the APHA also recognized that law enforcement violence was a public-health issue. Racism and injustice have resulted in the deaths of more people than the 110,000 that Covid-19 has caused thus far in the U.S.

We have seen that public-health solu-

tions can work to reduce the virus’s toll. However, just talking about what to do — wearing masks, social distancing, disinfecting — does not work unless those recommendations are followed rigorously. Without conscious and vigilant action, Covid-19 would continue to spread and cause sickness and death. But as we wait for a vaccine and the building of herd immunity, we may one day gain control of the virus, and live our lives without thinking too much about it.

There is no similar one- or two-shot solution to an unjust societal system. Eliminating the public-health problems of police brutality and systemic racism will require public-health-sized solutions: consistent monitoring; education about how structural racism, especially on Long Island, came to be a force in our schools, communities and health care system; policy changes; and changes in citizens’ behavior and attitudes.

Police brutality, and the underlying causes of systemic racism, require the same unprecedented level of action and resources we used to address the pandemic. We are all connected, whether we see it or not.

Martine Hackett is an associate professor of public health at Hofstra University.

LETTERS

Repurpose parking garage to spur downtown growth

To the Editor:

Last week, the Glen Cove Business Improvement District announced that Glen and School streets will be closed to vehicles for outdoor restaurant dining once Gov. Cuomo’s reopening plan permits. The city’s businesses have suffered through coronavirus, and this is a fantastic first step in helping them recover.

However, we should not stop there — Glen Cove BID should partner with local breweries to turn the top level of the Brewster Street Parking Garage into an outdoor rooftop beer garden.

This would make downtown Glen Cove more inviting to the community. In order for our downtown to succeed, it needs to be a destination. Far too often people head downtown for isolated trips — in and out for a Starbucks coffee or downtown for a hair appointment. By adding a beer garden, the businesses could become, harmoniously, a destination. A rooftop beer garden would be complementary and could ostensibly provide someone with a foundation to spend an entire afternoon in our downtown.

Next, there has to be a better use for the parking garages than as empty, isolated concrete slabs. Although the parking garages may be used more frequently with the street closures, there isn’t much parking to lose on those streets to begin with. Once the roads

are closed, there would be more than enough room to accommodate increased vehicular use and the transformed beer garden. Repurposing one section of one garage would be an efficient use of the space from which all of downtown Glen Cove would benefit.

Finally, parking garage beer gardens have been successful elsewhere. Athens, Ohio, hosts an annual “Fall Fest” on the top level of a city-owned parking garage, which features local beers, music and games. Philadelphia has Cira Green, a park and beer garden on the top level of a parking garage with live music every Friday from April to June. In 2018, Hamilton, Ohio, opened up “Park5” on the fifth floor of a parking garage with picnic tables, planters and menus for local businesses to deliver food. This idea has been proven to be a success, and we would have plenty of blueprints to work from.

Turning the top level of the Brewster Street Parking Garage into an outdoor rooftop beer garden would fall perfectly in line with Glen Cove BID’s mission of supporting downtown restaurants and businesses. As communities across the country confront the new normal, we are fortunate to have readily available structures that, with a little bit of imagination and determination, could become valuable community assets. Our local businesses face an uphill battle. Let’s do our part to help them out.

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We are all created equal

To the editor:

It is simple: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.” This does not mean some of us. It does not mean only people of a certain race or ethnic background. It means everyone is created equal.

The United States has not always held to that promise. Our history is filled with acts of injustice that are part of this country’s story. However, our story also

includes progress that fulfills the promise stated in the Declaration of Independence. The United States has grown to be a more just country; now it is time to take another step in that direction. There is enough fairness and justice in this country for everyone. Justice is when one community does not take it away from another. It is time to take action and keep the promise.

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“[Suozzi] working around the clock amid crisis.”

—The Heralds, April 21, 2020

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

—NY-1, April 20, 2020

“As his constituents in Queens continue to reel from life at the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congressman Tom Suozzi continues to fight for the health and economic well-being of all New Yorkers.”

—Queens Courier, April 21, 2020

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