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**A day for tears of joy in Glen Cove**

The community came out in full force to wish the 2020 graduates luck when students participated in a car parade on Saturday. Story and more photos, Page 6.

**School  
 election results**

**\$92.4 million budget passed:**  
 2,014 “yes” votes  
 1,419 “no” votes

**Trustees (two seats):**

**Monica Alexandris-Miller**  
 1,874

**Maria Venuto**  
 1,754

**David Huggins**  
 1,328

**Alexander Juarez**  
 1,012



**Monica  
 Alexandris-Miller**



**Maria Venuto**

The 2020-21 budget cuts a number of teaching and administrative staff positions, including the district’s fine arts coordinator and human resources executive director, as well as certain social workers. No staffers, however, are losing their jobs. They are retiring, and their positions will not be renewed next year.

The budget funds a Glen Cove High School boiler room project; Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant toilets and an auditorium electrical and lighting project at R.M. Finley Middle School; and a Connolly Elementary School ADA-compliant toilet in the nurse’s office.

**New Glen Cove Hospital unit  
 to aid recovering Covid-19 patients**

By **ALEC RICH**  
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On April 15, Etienne Fontaine noticed that his father, Edner, was struggling to breathe while on a Zoom call with his congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses. As the night wore on, Edner’s condition worsened, and around 1 a.m., Etienne found him screaming in his bedroom as he fought for air.

On the advice of Etienne’s sis-

ter-in-law, a nurse at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, Edner, 78, was taken to Southside from his home in Central Islip, where he tested positive for Covid-19. Over the following month and a half, Edner was placed in two medically induced comas, each lasting longer than a week, and he needed the help of ventilators and a tracheotomy to breath during his time in and out of the intensive care unit.

“Every time I saw the number

of the hospital calling me, if I was standing up or driving, I would pull over or sit down, and my heart was just pumping,” recalled Etienne, 44, who is in the Navy Reserve. “I didn’t know what would happen if I was given bad news, but I always kept thinking positive.”

His father recovered from the virus late last month, but remained weak after spending so

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# GCPD react to police reform from state government

By JENNIFER CORR  
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Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the 'Say Their Name' Reform Agenda package on June 12. It followed the killing of George Floyd, 46, at the hands of Minneapolis Police Department police officers and ongoing patterns of police brutality that has been impacting people of color across the country.

The reforms include the repeal of Civil Rights Law 50-A, which privatized the records of police officers, firefighters and correction officers.

The reform also banned chokeholds by law enforcement officers, prohibited false race-based 911calls and the Attorney General has also been officially appointed as the independent prosecutor in cases of police involved deaths. "I am encouraged that New York has been among the first in the U.S. to ban the chokehold practiced by law enforcement," Rev. Roger Williams, a pastor at First Baptist Church of Glen Cove said. "I hope is that police departments in every city will use this momentum to team up with the citizens they serve and talk about measures and modes used by police that will promote order in the community along with the dignity and safety of all involved," he said.

Glen Cove Police Department Chief William Whitton said that the reforms shouldn't impact the department too much. "Those things really don't do any-



Mike Conn / Herald Gazette

**GLEN COVE POLICE** Chief William Whitton, left, told the crowd at the Black Lives Matter march that began in Glen Cove on June 7 that he supported them, but would not kneel, as Antwan Brown and protest organizer Stevens Martinez listened.

thing to upset the way we do business," he said. "We do business very professionally and we always have, and the repealing of 50-A, as long as it's done properly and people's home addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses are redacted, I really don't have a problem with that."

Civil Rights Law 50-A has prevented access to both records of disciplinary proceedings and the recommendations or outcomes of those proceedings.

"This repeal can go a long way in removing any factors that might slow down a proper look at the incompetence of an officer concerning his or her work," Williams said. "The repeal would provide the tool of transparency which could lead to steps that can be created or accentuated to address what an officer needs are in order to perform their duties at an acceptable level."

And under the law revoking 50-A,

information like home addresses and phone numbers will be redacted. "Technical infractions," meaning a violation by a law enforcement officer that is related to administrative department rules that do not involve members of the public and are not considered of the public concern will also be redacted under these new reforms.

Whitton said that the records will be available through a Freedom Of Information Law (FOIL) request.

Cuomo has signed an executive order requiring every local government, in collaboration with community members, to redesign its police force by April 2021, or risk losing funding.

The reforms, requires chief executives of local governments to develop a plan with stakeholders in the community that would consider policing strategies such as: use of force policies, procedural justice, studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing, implicit bias awareness training, de-escalation training and practices, restorative justice practices, community based outreach, conflict resolution, crime prevention through environmental design, violence prevention and other policies and techniques.

Whitton pointed out that techniques such as de-escalation training have already been implemented by the GCPD.

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# Votes being cast now for Democratic Primary

By LAURA LANE

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The Democratic Primary on June 23, is right around the corner. This year, due to the coronavirus, voters will be casting absentee ballots by mail. U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi is being challenged by Michael Weinstock of Great Neck and Melanie D'Arrigo of Port Washington. The winner of the primary will face Republican nominee George Santos of Queens in November.

The Herald Guardian asked the candidates a couple of questions to help voters make their decision when they mail in their ballots.

Herald Guardian: Why are you running?

Tom Suozzi: Throughout my career, I have fought to help the people I represent and to solve problems.

The Coronavirus pandemic has ravaged Long Island and New York and I am fighting everyone from Mitch McConnell to Donald Trump to make sure we get our fair share of federal aid to climb out of this health crisis and get our economy back on track. I secured billions of dollars for New York hospitals and frontline workers and I led a bipartisan coalition from N.Y. and N.J. to make sure that federal funding was earmarked for the states hardest hit by the pandemic.

I increased funding for the Long Island Sound by 500 percent and have secured tens of millions of dollars for the remediation of the Navy/Grumman plume. My bill to repeal the cap on the state and local tax (SALT) deductions passed out of the House, I am a co-sponsor of every gun violence prevention legislation in Congress and I am an original co-sponsor of the Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

Melanie D'Arrigo: Since the Citizen's United ruling, we have seen a tremendous amount of corporate money funneled into political campaigns. When those lobbyists/Corporate PACs come knocking, time and time again we see our politicians start legislating for them at the expense of us. One of my opponents has taken over a million dollars in Corporate PAC money in the last two cycles and has broken with the Democratic party to roll back banking regulations, support ICE and support legislation to spy on Americans. He also supports a healthcare plan that would leave millions uninsured and keep costs high.

Right now, I do not feel represented and I do not believe our district is being represented either. I'm running to fight for the commonsense solutions that meet the scale and urgency of the moment. I'm fighting for healthcare for all, solutions to combat climate change, reproductive rights, immigrant rights, commonsense gun safety legislation, campaign finance reform and equality for all people.

Michael Weinstock: I am running for Congress because I want New Yorkers to be proud of our elected officials again. When I was a boy, I used to admire Governor Mario Cuomo, because he reflected



**Thomas R. Suozzi**

**Party:** Democrat

**Lines you are running on:** Democratic, Independence

**Age:** 57

**Residence:** Glen Cove

**Education:** Boston College, BA; Fordham University School of Law, Juris Doctor

**Employment:** Member of U.S. Congress representing NY-03, former Nassau County Executive, former Mayor of Glen Cove, attorney, Shearman & Sterling, clerk for Chief Judge of the Eastern District of N.Y. and CPA, Arthur Anderson and Company.

New Yorkers in such a positive light. I am hoping that kids might see me in the same light. If I am elected, I will become the first 9/11 firefighter elected to Congress and the first openly-gay person to represent New York City, or Long Island, in Congress.

Herald Guardian: What federal legislation would you propose that would ensure that all people, regardless of race, are treated fairly and justly by police?

Suozzi: I am an original co-sponsor of the Justice in Policing Act of 2020, which has been introduced by House and Senate Democrats and the Congressional Black Caucus. Our legislation is a first-ever bold, comprehensive approach to hold police accountable, change the culture of law enforcement and build trust between law enforcement and our communities.

This critical legislation would ban the use of chokeholds nationwide, increase accountability and improve transparency by collecting more accurate data of police misconduct and use-of-force, establish a national registry to prevent problem officers from changing jurisdictions, improve police training, limit the transfer of military equipment to local law enforcement and more.

D'Arrigo: Implementing legislation and evidence based policies to reduce police use of force have been shown to reduce violence against black people by 72 percent. As a start, I support the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act, the End



**Melanie D'Arrigo**

**Party:** Democrat

**Lines you are running on:** Democratic

**Age:** 39

**Residence:** Port Washington

**Education:** Bachelor of Art from Barnard College, Master of Science from Long Island University-Brooklyn.

**Employment:** Allied health professional

Racial Profiling Act, ending the defense of qualified immunity and reducing use of force measures such as banning chokeholds, requiring de-escalation, requiring a duty to intervene to stop excessive force, ensuring a force continuum is in place, requirement to give a verbal warning and report each time excessive force is used.

Weinstock: If I am elected to Congress, I intend to co-sponsor the Justice in Policing Act, which prohibits police officers from using choke-holds, creates a



**Michael Weinstock**

**Party:** Democrat

**Lines you are running on:** Democrat

**Age:** 47

**Residence:** Great Neck

**Education:** St. Johns Law School, University of Iowa, Great Neck North High School

**Employment:** Former firefighter and former assistant district attorney, Special Victim's Bureau, Brooklyn. Currently operates the Law Offices of Michael Weinstock, in Great Neck.

national registry to track police misconduct and prohibits no-knock warrants.

I have always been passionate about protecting people who have been treated unfairly. That's why I recently suspended my campaign for Congress for two days, so I could go into Lower Manhattan and represent a young Canadian Journalist who was wrongfully arrested while she was reporting on the riots. I hope to bring the same passion to all of my work on behalf of the voters of Queens and Long Island.

## New Dates for "Viral: Anti-Semitism in Four Mutations" 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 examines anti-Semitism across Europe and the U.S. from the perspective of victims, eyewitnesses and anti-Semites. The Gold Coast Arts Center is showing the documentary 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.

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. 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.

## CRIME WATCH

### Crime

The Baltimore Sun reported on June 9 that the body of 16-year-old Gabriella Alejandra Gonzales Ardon of Glen Cove was found near Loch Raven Reservoir in Maryland late May.

Her family had reported her missing in late March 2019 according to Nassau County police, who had believed she was traveling to Baltimore.

Ardon's death has been ruled a homicide by Maryland's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Baltimore police told the Baltimore Sun. Citing the open investigation into the teen's death, police declined to offer additional details.

■ Anyone with information is asked to call Baltimore County Police Liaison at (410) 307-2020.

■ On June 13, a 22-year-old male from Levittown male was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree and petit larceny on Hazel Street.

■ On June 12, a 23-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree and trespass on Crescent Beach Road.

■ On June 11, a 24-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for burglary in the third degree and petit larceny on School Street.

■ On June 8, a 32-year-old male from East Meadow was arrested for ability impaired by drugs on Bridge Street.

■ On June 8, a 76-year-old Glen Head male was arrested for petit larceny on Cedar Swamp Road.

■ On June 7, a 25-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested for criminal mischief in the fourth degree, obstructing governmental administration in the second degree and disorderly conduct on Continental Place.

■ On June 1, a 39-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal mischief in the fourth degree and reckless endangerment in the second degree on Glen Cove Avenue.

■ On June 5, a 44-year-old male was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree on Austral Avenue.

■ On June 5, a 19-year-old New Hyde Park male was arrested for criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree on Sea Cliff Avenue.

*People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.*

## Father, dead, son found unresponsive in residence pool

A male, 54, was swimming with his son, 12, when they were both discovered unresponsive in a pool at a Glen Cove residence.

The Glen Cove Police Department responded to the incident that occurred on Sunday at 5:12 p.m. in Glen Cove. According to detectives, both victims were removed from the pool at the Glen

Cove residence and CPR was performed.

The man was transported to an area hospital and was pronounced deceased by a staff physician. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital for medical attention.

The investigation is ongoing and the name of the deceased is being withheld at this time.



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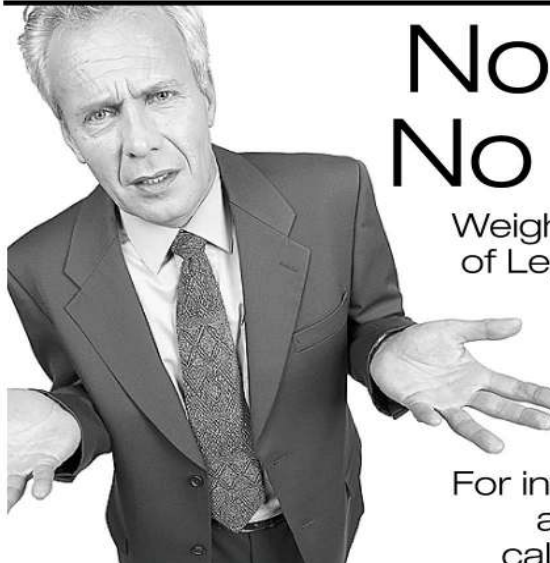
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# HERALD SCHOOLS



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A GLEN COVE High School graduate and their family makes their way down the parade route.

## Car parade honors GCHS class of 2020

By JENNIFER CORR  
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Members of the Glen Cove community stood on the sidewalk of The Arterial Highway on the morning of Saturday, June 13 as the Glen Cove Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department blared its sirens, introducing Glen Cove High School's class of 2020.

"As the kids were going by and the fire trucks were blowing their horns . . . I mean tears," said Maria Abbondanza, a mother of one of the seniors. "They were happy and they haven't been. They've been so sad because they feel such a loss. To see them happy I was crying. It was so emotional."

The class of 2020 had their moment to shine, waving from the sunroof of the passenger seat in decorated cars as their community, family and friends cheered them on. "We are very happy that our community gave us this much love," graduate Ciara Doyle said.

After driving through the parade route, the seniors got a chance to get together at City Stadium for pictures and much needed catching ups.

The event was hosted by Roni

Jenkins, Kim Tognelli Heavey and Lynda Hickey, who have been organizing car parades throughout the pandemic through the Facebook group, "Car parade birthday and celebration drive bys — Long Island North Shore."

And while this event was not the class of 2020's official graduation, Jenkins, a mom of a senior herself, wanted to make sure that the graduates felt honored by their community for their years of hard work. "At this point, given the governor's cap restrictions on live graduations of 150 people, really what that boils down to is 48 kids on the field at a time," Jenkins said. "This [event] right now, as it stands, is our only opportunity to see the entire 2020 graduating class in one spot to celebrate them. It's the only opportunity for them to be together right now."

Jenkins wanted to emphasize that this car parade was not organized by the Glen Cove City School District. Rather, Glen Cove High School's graduation date is yet to be decided. Seniors will have the chance to be honored by Glen Cove High School faculty and staff and receive

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A GLEN COVE High School graduate enjoyed seeing her community support her accomplishments during the parade.

# Community honors its graduates in style

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their yearbooks through a car parade on campus June 18 and as for senior prom, the date is tentatively set for July 30.

“We are trying to do multiple events for them to acknowledge what they’ve earned,” Glen Cove High School Principal Antonio Santana said. “Starting from kindergarten, they’ve been at this for 13 years and this is it. The graduating is the culminating event of this chapter in their life and they get to move onto bigger and better things.”

Carina Gigliotti, a co-president of GCHS’s senior class, said that if there is any class equipped to handle a pandemic, it is the class of 2020. “We’ve created some group chats and we’ve created some Instagram accounts where seniors can post about how they feel so that we can stay connected with each other,” Carina said. “When the pandemic started, I did not think that we were going to get the rest of our senior year canceled. I was being optimistic, but here we are now. It’s really unfortunate, but it’s really how you look at it.”

And though the stresses of the school year began with applying to colleges rather than worrying about maintaining six feet of distance, Carina said that there are many fond memories to look back on. “My favorite memory has to be senior sunrise where all the seniors woke up really early before school,” she said. “We all met up at the football field and ate bagels and just hung out as a class.”

Santana said that while he is heartbroken that the class of 2020 lost out on their earned senior experience, he is proud of the seniors. He said that they represent the school well. “They’re resilient, they are involved,” Santana said. “I’m so proud of them and I miss them so much.”



Photos by Jennifer Corr / Herald Gazette



**SOME SENIORS CELEBRATED** with plenty of balloons, top right.

**A GLEN COVE** High School senior donned in her cap and gown, above, peered out from the sunroof.

**TWO STUDENTS, ABOVE** left, were escorted down the parade route in a convertible.

**A VEHICLE WAS** decorated with different markings.

# Overcoming injuries, Joe Suozzi becomes a Met

By LAURA LANE  
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Signing a minor league contract with the New York Mets as a free agent on Monday night was a dream come true for Joe Suozzi, who said he's been a fan since he was four years old. Now 22, the 2020 Boston College graduate and recent captain of the Eagles' baseball team was ranked the No. 65 college outfield prospect in the 2020 MLB Draft. But Suozzi said his love of baseball did not start in college. It goes way back to when he grew up in Glen Cove.

"Joe has focused on succeeding and has put in hard work his entire life," said his father, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi. "From throwing the ball against the wall as a little boy to swinging the bat tens of thousands of times, to overcoming several serious injuries Joe has persevered where most would have given up."

A student at Chaminade High School and a member of the baseball team, Suozzi broke his wrist his sophomore year. Then when he was a junior he broke his elbow and was cut from the team. He had been the most valuable player batting over .500 in his freshman year, so being brushed aside was tough, Suozzi said. When he played again as a senior he was named most improved player. But his uneven record in high school did not help him to garner any interest from colleges.

He decided to go to Boston College and major in economics. Determined to play baseball there, he tried to walk on as a freshman. But there were no openings, so he played on a softball league, Tom said, and life guarded that summer.

Boston College baseball coach Michael Gambino remembers Suozzi as someone who kept getting better and better. "I loved being around the kid. He's an unbelievable kid," he said. "When I told him to come back next fall when he would be a sophomore Joe said, 'I'm going to work my butt off' and he said he believed that good things would happen."

Good things did. Suozzi earned his way onto the team. "I had to fight really hard to get on the lineup," Suozzi said. "Once I started playing, I was pretty good. At the end of sophomore year, I got on the lineup playing right, left and center fields."

Gambino said Suozzi was playing great and the team loved him. Then two weeks before the end of the fall season he had

another injury, sliding into third base headfirst. He dislocated his shoulder and tore his labrum, which required more surgery and rehabilitation.

"I remember when that happened the very next day Joe came to practice wearing a sling," Gambino said.

Suozzi's teammates and coaches honored him with a number "8" on his jersey. The accolade goes to someone that is a hard worker and has integrity, someone who best represents the values of the team. A former Eagles captain, Peter "Sonny" Nictakis, who died of Hodgkin's disease once wore that number.

He started playing again as a junior. That's when scouts from major league ballclubs began talking about him, Gambino said.

Suozzi ended the 2019 season by earning a spot on the ACC All-Tournament Team. He went 7-for-12 with a homer, double and two RBIs in BC's three tournament games.

Then this year, named a captain, he progressed even further, hitting fourth in the lineup. "I was batting .414 till the virus ended everything," Suozzi said. "We were hoping to win a national championship."

The draft was reduced this year from 40 rounds to five because of the coronavirus. Gambino said that if Suozzi had been able to finish the season he would have gotten drafted in the major leagues. The Mets signed six players in its minor league draft and Suozzi was one of them.

"Joe's a guy everyone really likes," Gambino said. "He can run and has a chance for major league power. His best days are ahead of him."

He remains impressed by Suozzi's tremendous work ethic and said he was the best leader. "Joe's character and integrity are through the roof," Gambino said. "He's so well respected by everyone."

Tom said he admires his son's fortitude. "Not many dad's get to say they see their son as a role model," Tom said, "But I can truly say our son Joe is an inspiration."

Suozzi said what has happened is still a surreal moment. For now, he is waiting for the call, he said, to head to Florida for spring training or wherever the Mets want him to go. He is ready.



Courtesy Boston College Athletics

JOE SUOZZI WAS batting .414 at Boston College until the coronavirus ended the season.



Courtesy Boston College Athletics



Courtesy Suozzi family

**JOE SUOZZI, SITTING,** surrounded by his family, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, left, Caroline, Michael and his mother Helene, grew up in Glen Cove.

**SUOZZI, FAR LEFT,** who just signed for the Mets, was a popular player at Boston College on and off the field.



# Garden Club awards seniors scholarships

The North Country Garden Club of Long Island has awarded a Virginia W. Smith Scholarship to two local high school seniors: Caitriona Greene and Christina Wile.

The annual scholarship awards a gift of \$2,500 to a local high school senior whose college studies focus on horticulture, conservation or the environment. NCGC received applications from several very accomplished candidates, and video interviews were held due to the coronavirus pandemic.

## Caitriona Greene

Greene, a Glen Cove High School senior, will be attending the University of Rochester's Early Medical Scholars program. Her many service-learning commitments have

concentrated on the protection of the environment and human health. Her research work has been focused on the negative impact of biomedical waste on climate and health, which she hopes to continue in her future studies.

## Christina Wile

Wile, a senior at North Shore High School, plans to study Viticulture and Enology and Journalism at Cornell's School of Agriculture. She is a committed contributor to the community with volunteer positions at St. Francis Hospital and Riding for the Handicapped. She has also built rain gardens to prevent runoff and built a community butterfly garden.



Courtesy North Country Garden Club of Long Island

**CAITRIONA GREENE**



**CHRISTINA WILE**

# Acute Ventilator Recovery Unit is first in country

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much time on a ventilator, and needed rehabilitation to breathe on his own again. So he was transferred to Glen Cove Hospital's new Acute Ventilator Recovery Unit, which occupies a once dormant wing of the hospital that was recently repurposed to help coronavirus patients make the transition from ventilators to breathing without mechanical assistance. The unit, which cost roughly \$1 million to construct, provides up to 16 patients at a time with respiratory and physical therapy, along with round-the-clock care by physicians, nurses and dietitians.

Dr. Brad Sherman, the hospital's medical director, said the AVRU was the first unit of its kind in the country, providing short-term care to ICU patients who have depended on ventilators so they can eventually be moved to more traditional rehabilitation facilities and make a full recovery. It is one of two AVRUs in the Northwell Health system, now complemented by another at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco.

It is difficult to predict the length of a patient's recovery in the unit because medical experts are still learning about Covid-19, Sherman explained, but the hospital is hoping to move patients to the next level of care within two weeks of their arrival.

Kerri Scanlon, Glen Cove Hospital's executive director, said the AVRU is a "major strategic move" for the Northwell system, because it will ease the stress on ICUs that were filled to capacity with coronavirus patients over the past few months. Under normal conditions, Scanlon said, patients move in and out of ICU beds every

few days, but throughout the pandemic, many have remained in intensive care for a month or longer, hindering hospitals' ability to focus on their rehabilitation — and making a rehabilitation hub like the AVRU a necessity.

Dr. Josh Case, Northwell's medical director for clinical operations and hospital medicine, said the unit has brought hope to patients and their families, as well as doctors and nurses. Case mentioned a nurse from Florida who has worked in several hospitals in the Northwell system during the pandemic. "A lot of patients, unfortunately, passed away, and a lot of hers had," he said. When she finally saw a patient who had been on a ventilator walking, Case said, "It quite literally brought her to tears because of what this unit has so quickly done for our patients and for her patient."

After just a few days in the AVRU, Edner Fontaine was able to sit up and talk with Etienne on FaceTime, no longer needing a ventilator. Now, watching his father laughing and walking again on the screen of his phone, Etienne said he was relieved and excited that he would be able to bring him home in a few weeks, once his recovery is complete.

"I'm glad that he got a chance to get down there, because I didn't know if he was going to be able to fully recover his memory and everything," Etienne said. "But he was able to stand up in two or three days with all of this memory and everything still there, and it's wonderful. I don't know how to thank the doctors and nurses because they're really doing a good job there."



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Allison Moss and I started doing North Shore Cares in March to help small businesses who were shut down and could really use donations at the time. As a small business owner myself, I thought it was really important that we find ways to be able to help as many small businesses as possible, and we started collecting donations to place larger orders of food.

In the month of April, we focused on health care heroes. In the month of May, we were focusing on the underfed families in the North Shore area.

Seeing that there was so much going on, my daughter, Maddie, who's 5, and my son, Reagan, who's 3, read a book at school about "bucket filling," and they decided they wanted to be bucket fillers. A bucket filler is somebody who does things for other people or make others feel appreciated, so they created Maddie and Reagan's Hero Bags, and they gave out 200 of them to front-line medical staff and people who work in different kinds of care facilities. The bags include healing butter, headbands to help with masks, ChapStick and manuka honey, an energy booster.

It's amazing to do this with my kids. They really took pride in going to deliver bags, and we put notes in them thanking people for working hard and telling them about what all the things in the bag did. We created a Facebook page for them and asked people to send share a picture of them using their products, and it was really neat for them to see they are making a difference.

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## PETE PRUDENTE

GLEN COVE

VOLUNTEER,  
GLEN COVE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT



I've been a Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department volunteer firefighter for eight years. I am also a fire police officer.

Firefighters are always running into dangers, and it's been really precarious lately because sometimes you go into houses that have Covid-19 patients. It's kind of precarious to go in, and we're always worried about our health and the health of others as we go into sometimes a dangerous situation.

We've had three of four large fires this year; and the fire department is very efficient in getting to them and putting them out.

The fire department has been great with supplying masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Also our department is on shutdown, so there are no firefighters allowed there unless we are on a fire call. We've been trying not to spread the disease. We're trying to get rid of this pandemic.

Community support has been wonderful. Sometimes we can't leave the firehouse, and different organizations will provide us meals, and it's nice when you don't have to leave. For a while getting out to a deli or a restaurant to get take out was kind of difficult, so them coming to us was a really nice gesture. There are a lot of wonderful organizations they have here.

I'm one of very few altruistic donors, a donor who donates to a stranger. There are only 150 altruistic donors in the whole state of New York last year. My recipient is doing wonderful, and her daughter donated her kidney.

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## LAUREN THEMIS

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**CO-FOUNDER, MEALS FOR GLEN COVE HOSPITAL AND SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

**A**t the end of March two of my friends, Heather Hotline and Dana Palmieri, who are also moms, and I decided we wanted to help. We decided to piggyback on the work being done at Huntington Hospital that had a big presence on Facebook.

We have quite a few friends that work at Glen Cove Hospital. At first we brought over food for their husbands and children. We heard from our friend Allison Tiberio, who is a physician assistant in the ER, that the other health care workers were working 12-hour shifts. The cafeteria was closed, and the health care workers couldn't leave. We decided they were eating too many doughnuts and pizza. Allison told us what types of meals the workers liked, and she became our primary liaison at the hospital.

We started the Meals For Glen Cove Hospital and Support Professionals by creating a Facebook and GoFundMe page. We raised over \$22,000. Our goal was to connect with the businesses that always give back. We are all involved with Parent Council, and a number of the businesses always gave us gift cards and baskets for our fundraisers. This was our opportunity to help them. And the business owners could not have been more grateful.

We were able to get 150 meals at a time, which were given to Glen Cove Hospital and United Cerebral Palsy in Bayville. I would speak to the ER liaisons each day to tell them what meals were coming and arrange for a time.



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## PETRICE RAGONA-KAIDER

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**NURSE CASE MANAGER, NYU WINTHROP HOSPITAL MINEOLA**

**D**uring the pandemic, my job became more involved with patient care. My job is normally setting up rehabs and hospices and whatnot, but this was more of getting back to what I felt nursing was really all about, and I was really getting involved with helping family members through a true crisis.

I had to speak to families, and I heard through speaking to them the pain and the concern, and it just opened my eyes to how fearful they were. It got me back in touch with caring, putting yourself more out than usual to make sure you're comforting someone.

It all started on March 16 when we found out we had to wear masks. A nurse contacts myself and a few other workers to say, within hours, a patient went from breathing to crashing and getting intubated. We had all ages, and it just woke us up to how fragile life is. At one time, we had 150 people on ventilators.

I've been a nurse for 35 years, and this was one of the biggest events in my life. I had the opportunity to work from home, but I just couldn't leave the team. This was too important to me, and they were too good, so I opted to stay at the hospital and work with them. I feel proud that I have a beautiful team.

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- Express check-out, allowing us to contact you after your visit to schedule any follow-up.
- Offering telemedicine visits when it's not possible – or necessary – for patients to visit us in person.

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# Telemedicine is here to stay

## Preparing for your virtual appointment

As more doctors' offices move toward telemedicine for those appointments that can be held remotely, patients should know how to prepare for these virtual visits.

Sirisha Mohan, M.D., telemedicine lead for the Department of Family Medicine at Keck Medicine of USC, knows just how beneficial it is to have a remote medical appointment go smoothly.

"Telemedicine is really improving our ability to stay connected to our patients in a unique time, where social distancing itself is becoming almost a precursor to additional health problems like anxiety, depression, elevated heart rates and high blood pressure," she explains.

"So being able to still see your doctor allows the patient and the physician to maintain that human connection."

Even under normal circumstances, telemedicine appointments offer specific advantages.

"There are many benefits to telemedicine," Mohan says. "Everything from saving money with parking, to saving an Uber trip or Lyft rides, to not having to take maybe the whole day off work, but being able to — in real time — see your doctor when you need him or her."

Here's how to have a productive visit with your doctor from the comfort of your own home.

**Don't let technology derail the visit.** Make sure you have all the right software and/or hard-

ware before the visit. Ask a relative or friend for help setting up your computer, tablet or mobile phone if you don't feel up for the task.

Test technology ahead of time if possible and download/install any updates so you don't lose precious face time with your caregiver. Turn off other programs that might disrupt the visit with notifications. Also make sure that your devices are charged, volume is at an appropriate level and the microphone picks up your voice clearly.

**Plan for your appointment like you would an in-person visit.** Write down any symptoms you're experiencing, make a list of questions you want answered and have your medical history readily available if this is a new caregiver or medical team you're seeing.

**Set the scene.** Find a quiet place to talk that will allow you a measure of privacy and a secure Internet connection. Although a wired Internet connection is preferred, if the most private place in the house is a closet or pantry, make sure your Wi-Fi connection reaches that far and will support a video conference.

The area should be well-lit and allow you to have the camera at eye level, so you can have a direct conversation with your care provider as if you were in the same room.

**Take notes.** Remember to write down any directions or treatment plans the doctor shares. Since you won't be handed a physical prescription



at the end of the visit, with directions on how to take any medication or with the next steps to follow in your treatment journey, you'll need to have a pen and paper handy, or have access to your electronic medical chart, if available.

Remember to make sure you have a pharmacy on file with the office; they will know where to send the electronic prescription and you will know where to go to pick up your medications.

**Give feedback after your visit.** Let the team know what went right, what could be improved and if there are any ways the team can support your future telehealth visits.

Most importantly, have patience with the process! If you are not comfortable with technology or find that it's difficult to communicate

naturally with the care team, ask a trusted relative or friend to help troubleshoot any technical issues, or sit in on future appointments to smooth over any communication mishaps due to connectivity issues. While it may seem scary at first, telemedicine could provide convenient access to medical care when you need it most.

"Telemedicine is allowing us to connect with anyone who is struggling with either mental or physical health issues at this time. Sick or healthy, please reach out. Your doctors want to know how you are doing," Mohan says.

Above photo: Telemedicine can be a safe and easy way to see your doctor from the comfort of your home.



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# Celebrating 2020 valedictorian, salutatorian

Nicole Khaimov and Megan Fahey are celebrating their status as valedictorian and salutatorian of the Glen Cove High School Graduating Class of 2020.

Khaimov, this year's valedictorian, has demonstrated a devotion to academics with accomplishments including being Glen Cove City School District's first Regeneron Scholar; recognition by the College Board as a National Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Scholarship winner.

Enrolled in the district's AP Capstone program, she has taken a rigorous course load while at Glen Cove High School. She is the president of the Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, treasurer for the Rho Kappa Honor Society and is a member of the National Honor Society. Khaimov also serves as the president of the Glen Cove Mock Trial Team and is Mathletes's vice president.

In addition to her academic accomplishments and activities, she is the co-captain of the Varsity Tennis Team. Khaimov plans on pursuing a degree in computer science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Salutatorian Megan Fahey, is a dedicated and focused student, said Glen Cove High School faculty members. In addition to being salutatorian, she has shown interest in many academic areas and excelled in each as she is part of the district's AP Capstone program, a member of the Rho Kappa Honor Society, the Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society and the National Honor Society.

Her list of academic awards includes the Glen Cove High School principal's list, being named a Knights of Columbus Student of the Month and a Spark! Challenge Winner. She serves as the president of the Mathletes and is the Student Council class representative.

Outside of her academic achievements, Fahey is the captain of the Volleyball Team, is a member of DECA and the Athletes Helping Athletes program. In the arts, she is a member of the Wind Ensemble and the Pep Band/Marching Band. She plans to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering from Fordham University.



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**NICOLE KHAIMOV IS** the Glen Cove High School Class of 2020 valedictorian.



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# Good fences

## Choosing the right fence for your home's perimeter

Dreaming of a white picket fence? Envisioning a rock wall? Imagining a wrought iron gate? Deciding to install a fence around your home's perimeter can be very exciting. However, it is also a significant investment in time and money. Make sure your choice is perfect for your budget and your style.

**First Steps** - Getting started can be as easy as looking at your surroundings. "Do your neighbors have fences?" asks Audra Hamlin of Northwest Cedar Products. "Do you want to match them or hide them?"

Landscaping is another consideration. Consider how a fence will impact your existing lawn, trees and recreation areas.

"Is there an big old tree you want to make sure you keep?" Hamlin asks. "Do you want to highlight certain areas of your yard? Do you need to hide an air conditioning unit or other unsightly items?"

It's also practical to think about the fencing needs you may have for pets, kids and privacy in general.

Next, consider the style and materials you'd like for your fence.

**Wood** - Wood fences are the traditional fence choice. According to the American Fence Association, the benefits of wood fencing include: looking nice, offering privacy and lasting a long time.

Wood is a cost-effective and an environmentally friendly building material.

"The best material is cedar," says Hamlin. "It is long lasting, beautiful and does not need to be stained or sealed to maintain."

While 4-by-4-inch lumber posts are standard, consider installing 5-by-5-inch lumber posts. Hamlin says they don't cost much more but will "add years to the stability of a fence."

AFA says Rocky Mountain red cedar and Southern yellow pine are two of the most popular wood fence options. Most woods are treated to resist pests and avoid rotting.

**Vinyl** - Vinyl fences have the look of elegant wooden fences without the fuss of maintenance. These fences are long lasting and don't require painting or touch-ups. They won't rust or split, and typically they won't fade, either.

**Ornamental** - More cost-effective than wrought iron, aluminum fences look stylish and are durable. Because aluminum won't rust, this fence is a particularly good choice in coastal areas.

Homeowners have many decorative choices when selecting ornamental fences, too. Think rings, arches, scrolls and fancy finials.

**Chain-link** - This basic fence style is popular for residential, industrial and commercial properties. Its simple see-through style doesn't provide much privacy but it's strong and offers security for pets and kids.

Chain-link fences are getting dressy for residential use. Color coatings are smooth, help protect against rust and they blend in well, often appearing invisible from a distance. Popular colors include black, brown and green.

**Bamboo** - For a tropical feel to your yard, consider this sustainable fence option. Bamboo is a grass that grows quickly and is very strong. It can be harvested and used as a building material a lot sooner than traditional wood.

Though bamboo is long-lasting, it can fade over time, and it may rot.

Homeowners have a few options with bamboo fences. Rolled bamboo, which is linked together, rolls out and is often placed over existing fences — e.g., a chain-link fence — and bamboo stick fences have bamboo slats instead of poles. If you're interested in a living wall, live bamboo fences are ideal, especially in warm climates. Homeowners should grow the bamboo close together and trim it as needed.

**Stone** - Often considered the world's first fences, stone or rock walls are landscape design classics. Enduring and elegant, stone walls look natural.

Though you could simply stack rocks on top of one another, the modern approach — using mortar and precise stone placement — gives a more refined rustic look.

Above photo: Before installing a fence, consider how it fits in with your surroundings and your personal style.

# home & Garden Guide



## Edible gardens

Tips and tricks to planting the perfect garden

By Mary Hunt

Planting an edible garden is now trendy — not that being part of a trend is ever a good reason to start or learn something new. But if it helps you move forward by being part of the “in” crowd, then you really need to plant your own edible garden this year.

Emerging from our homes is something to cherish right now. More than that, you’ll know exactly what you’re eating and where it came from.

There are myriad ways to get started. You can grow a garden in a black plastic trash bag, on a deck, in a pot or even on a windowsill. You don’t need acreage and perfect conditions to get started. You can do it now with what you have, right where you are. There’s something soothing and satisfying about getting your hands dirty and watching stuff grow!

**Clean nails:** Keep dirt out from under your fingernails by scratching a bar of soap before beginning. When you’re finished, wash your hands thoroughly. The soap will wash away from under your nails.

**Make it yourself:** Control powdery mildew with milk. Dilute one part milk in nine parts water and spray on the plants.

**Master’s touch:** Gently brush your hands across your tiny seedlings several times a day. This stimulates them to grow slightly slower, resulting in stronger, sturdier stems.

**Recycle weed cloth:** Use newspapers as weed barriers when creating a new bed. They are printed with soy ink and decompose nicely, and they are simple to replace once decomposed. Don’t use slick colored advertisements or colored pages. Once in place, cover newspaper with mulch.

**Mulch your way:** Coffee and tea grounds make excellent mulch around acid-loving plants. Caffeine is a natural herbicide, but don’t overdo it.

**Perfect seed starters:** Egg cartons make excellent seed starters. Punch a hole in the bottom for drainage. Fill it with potting soil. Plant your seeds. And watch them flourish!

**Consider conditions:** When choosing plants for your yard or garden, analyze your sunlight, soil and climate first. Choose plants accordingly. Any garden center will have personnel to answer questions and help make appropriate selections.

**Bug off:** Use mosquito-repelling plants throughout your yard. These include citronella, lemon eucalyptus, cinnamon, castor, rosemary, lemongrass, cedar, peppermint, clove, geranium, verbena, pennyroyal, lavender, basil, thyme and garlic.

**Potting soil please:** Don’t use garden soil as potting soil in containers. Its quality and texture is variable; it may drain poorly, or be too loose and drain too quickly. It is also more likely to contain diseases, weed seeds and insects. Do it right the first time using a standard potting soil and you won’t be disappointed.

**Project head start:** Soak seeds to get a jump on the season. Before germinating, seeds need to drink up moisture, just as if drenched by spring rains. Once they become plump and swollen, the little embryo inside will begin to grow, signaling that it’s ready to be planted.

**Seedling protectors:** Keep cutworms away from seedlings with the cardboard centers of toilet paper rolls. Cutworms, which are moth caterpillars, creep along the soil surface, eating tender stem bases of young seedlings and cut sprouts off at the roots. That cardboard tube will protect seedlings from these predators



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# Grow, baby, grow

## Easy and fun kiddie planting projects

### By Nicola Bridges

Gardeners often get the bug from messing around in the dirt as kids. You can encourage your kiddos' green thumbs with these easy projects that are sure to delight them.

### Get Creative with Containers

For your kids' indoor or outdoor starter garden, let them get creative choosing their own planters — from big old toy trucks to metal lunch boxes to fun-shaped kiddie sandboxes to paddling pools. Clean store-bought vegetable cans are a great choice — with the tops taken off and the sharp edges smoothed.

Have the kids scavenge in the yard for small stones to layer in the bottom of the containers for drainage. Then they can get their hands dirty by putting in composting soil and pushing in bean seeds. Water every few days and watch your magic beans grow!

### Topsy-Turvy Recycle and Upcycle

This project comes from Sayward Rebhal, who blogs at [BonzaiAphrodite.com](http://BonzaiAphrodite.com). If you have a deck or porch but don't have a yard, you can grow tomatoes upside down in large empty water bottles. Cut the bottom off each container and pierce four holes, one on each side of the jug, and push twine or thick string through for hanging. Delicately feed the stems of a young tomato plant through the open bottleneck, and then fill the bottle with potting soil almost to the top.

Clear containers are best so your kids can see the soil and spot the roots and stems growing down. Hang low so your little ones can easily reach them for watering.

### Grow Herbs on a Sponge

Indoor sponge gardens mean no messy soil. Have your kiddos pick some colorful kitchen sponges from the store. Then, for the container, they can choose a shallow tray, plastic storage tub or even a mug or old teapot. To get really creative, cut the sponges into shapes to make a design. Anything goes for the container. After soaking the sponges thoroughly in clean water, place on the tray or cut them to snugly fit a creative container, such as a teapot.

Have the kids sprinkle herb seeds of one kind onto each different sponge. If the seeds are larger, push them into the holes of the sponge. Next, cover with an upturned clear plastic container or (loosely) with plastic wrap. This helps the seeds germinate when kept in a warm location such as a sunny windowsill.

Your kids will be delighted when they see the seedlings start to emerge. That's when they can remove the plastic and watch their herb garden grow. When the herbs have reached 3 to 4 inches tall, your kids can enjoy helping you cook with them.

### Egghead Herbs

Gently crack the top of an eggshell and discard the egg or save it for cooking. Rinse the shell and use a pin to pierce a hole in the bottom of each one. Your kids can gently draw faces on the eggshells or write the name of the herb they'll plant in each one. Then place the shells in egg-cups or an empty egg carton. Place a wet cotton ball in each egg, sprinkle in seeds and watch the eggs' herb hair grow within days. Or place a small bulb in each eggshell with no soil; keep moist



and beautiful flowers will start to grow!

You can then plant the entire biodegradable eggshell directly in the garden. You can also grow flower and vegetable seedlings in the egg carton itself, with a spoonful of potting soil in each egg compartment.

### Make Your Own Flower Seed Balls

Seed bombs are often dropped from planes to help areas of devastation grow back — for example, from wildfires. Kids will love getting their hands muddy in the clay to make the balls to bury in your own backyard. Pretty much any seeds go. But especially consider wildflowers such as red poppies; milkweed, which is food for

caterpillars; and coneflowers, which birds and butterflies love.

You'll need five parts clay (from your local craft store), one part potting soil or compost and one part seeds. First, have your kids mix the clay and the compost, adding a little water to make the mixture sticky. Then add the seeds and dig in to roll the mixture into spheres the size of golf balls. Let the balls air-dry and then plant them in large outdoor containers or directly into your garden. Your kids will love it because it's messy and fun!

Above photo: With appealing, safe and simple garden projects, your kids can grow their green thumbs from an early age.

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# Attorney offers free legal services to arrested protesters

By JENNIFER CORR  
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On the same day Mahir Nisar, a civil rights attorney from Glen Head, marched along with thousands of protesters against police brutality through the neighborhoods of Glen Cove and Sea Cliff on June 7, he published a tweet offering free legal services to peaceful protesters that were arrested.

“I’m a Muslim,” said Nisar, of Nisar Law Group P.C. “I’ve experienced racism myself growing up in this country and in many ways and I’ve found a voice and in many ways I’ve been able to lend a voice to others in an effort to fight for their rights.”

Primarily a civil rights employment discrimination attorney, Nisar said that criminal legal services does fall outside the scope of his civil law work, but he wanted to help protesters who were fighting for the [Black Lives Matter] movement.

Nassau County has seen a round of arrests during Black Lives Matter protests. At a June 6 protest in Merrick, 11 protesters were arrested after trying to march onto the Meadowbrook State Parkway. At a protest in East Meadow on June 12, three protesters were arrested. All three arrests were captured on video.

One protester was walking along the road with a group of protesters and Nassau County Police Department officers when a police officer stopped short, causing the protester to bump into him. Police pulled him down onto the floor and the man was pinned down by two of the officers who arrested him.

His brother was arrested minutes prior, even after he said to the crowd of protesters, “Look behind you. Look in front of you. Those are all police officers. But they’re not here for a bad cause. They’re here for a good cause.”

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Courtesy Mahir Nisar

**MAHIR NISAR**, A civil rights attorney from Glen Head, attended a Black Lives Matter march through the neighborhoods of Glen Cove and Sea Cliff on June 7.

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## Coliseum closing for now due to pandemic

BY BRIAN STIEGLITZ

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Nassau Coliseum will temporarily close due to financial losses sustained during the coronavirus pandemic, according to officials. Onexim Sports and Entertainment, the company that owns the arena through its subsidiary Nassau Events Center, will keep the Coliseum closed while it searches for a new party to take control of the property.

According to a statement provided by Onexim, the Coliseum saw a “devastating effect” from the loss of revenue usually acquired from New York Islanders hockey games, in addition to canceling all planned concerts and events. During the shutdown, Onexim, owned by billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov, paid Coliseum employees their full salaries, reimbursed its guests for tickets to events that were canceled and made restitution to those who booked events.

“With the coronavirus, the whole world has changed, so it’s not surprising,” said Frank Borrelli, owner of Borrelli’s Italian Restaurant, which sits just east of the Coliseum on Hempstead Turnpike in East Meadow. Borrelli’s has long relied on drawing a crowd of diners from Coliseum events.

“I’m trying to take it one day at a time and think positively,” he said, adding that the restaurant survived a Coliseum closure before when the arena was under construction in 2016.

“While we still believe in the enormous long-term economic value of the Coliseum and the development of the surrounding land, NEC recognizes that such value will be best realized by other parties,” the statement from Onexim read. “We cannot predict or control the actions of other interested stakeholders. However, we remain confident that the Coliseum and the proposed development project represent valuable investment opportunities.”

All Coliseum employees will be laid off, and according to Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, Onexim is speaking with its lenders and potential investors to pay off its remaining debt. However, she added, the news will not stop plans to redevelop the 72 acres surrounding the Coliseum, known as the Nassau Hub.

“We remain focused on development plans with RXR Realty, a strong and committed partner on this project,” she said. “Transforming the Hub site, important before the pandemic, is now even more critical to Nassau’s economic comeback. We have momentum, and the collaboration of community stakeholders, elected leaders, business and labor, to ensure our success.”

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## Flag Day with a Korean War-era veteran

Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews stopped by the home of Vincent Martinez on Flag Day to express his appreciation to the Korean War-era veteran.

For the past five years, Martinez has been systematically noting down addresses of homes in Glen Cove flying the American flag. As Flag Day approaches, Martinez then prepares certificates of appreciation that are mailed to the residents on behalf of

American Legion Post 76, thanking them for flying the flag.

The commander of American Legion Post 76, Martinez serves as chaplain for the Glen Cove James Donahue VFW Post 347. Over the past five years, he estimates that he has delivered well over 400 certificates.

Stevenson-Mathews, who comes from a military family and knows Martinez from other veteran activities, stopped by his home on Flag Day. “Rec-

ognizing the time and energy that goes into sending out the certificates, I just wanted to say thank you,” Stevenson-Mathews said.

Stevenson-Mathews presented Martinez with two dozen American flag lapel pins that he can use to give out as he talks to young people about the flag and its meaning.



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# Supporting Glen Cove's local black owned businesses

BY JENNIFER CORR

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*This is part one of an ongoing series.*

Rev. Roger Williams of First Baptist Church of Glen Cove came to the city in 1999, when he said there were few black businesses. "That is still the situation," he said. "The narrative that I have received over the years from people who grew up in Glen Cove is that there were more black owned businesses and the entrepreneurial spirit was common. The question of how that spirit diminished is met with a myriad of reasons."

And now with millions of people that have taken to the streets to protest systematic racism and police brutality across the country the past few weeks, according to Marketplace.org, many have also been making posts on social media to support of black-owned businesses and restaurants. This support has also been seen in Glen Cove.

"My hope is that there can be an organized forum to discuss ways to approach a black owned business proposition," Williams said. "I believe the city would benefit from it tremendously."

## Nicole Helmus, This Balance Life

"I offer meditation, yoga and coaching services," said Nicole Helmus, who has been running This Balance Life out of Glen Cove for two years. "I bring a feeling of empowerment, a feeling of love and I help to give people a little bit of peace and calm, especially during the pandemic. Everyone is feeling a little anxious and some are feeling a little depressed."

Helmus, a certified meditation and yoga instructor, said that she has been able to continue her work online since she often conducted business from senior facilities, companies and daycares. She has been offering free meditations and yoga classes online.

Asked why it is important to support local black owned businesses, Helmus said that "A lot of times, people do not know who we are. We have to go by word-of-mouth. It's nice for people to support the black owned businesses and to see what they have to offer."

## Emanuel Johnson III, Gladiator Cleaning Services

"It was my father's business," said Emanuel Johnson III, who was born and raised in Glen Cove and is the owner of Gladiator Cleaning Services. "It was established in 1974 out of Glen Cove, New York."

Gladiator Cleaning Services, which is now located in Huntington Station, offers house cleaning, carpet cleaning, floor waxing, office cleaning and building maintenance. Johnson said that he prioritizes giving back to the communities his business serves, and that he especially wants to support and inspire the youth.

"When kids see a local black owned business, it gives them hope and it gives them ambition to say, 'Wow, we can do this,'" Johnson said. "These are things that my company, my workers, the people I deal with, we are always in contact with what's going on in the community."

Johnson said that his father, Emanuel



Courtesy Emanuel Johnson III

**GLADIATOR CLEANING SERVICES** was founded by Emanuel Johnson Jr., left. After his father's passing, Emanuel Johnson III, right, continued the business.



Courtesy Nicole Helmus

**NICOLE HELMUS, THE** owner of This Balance Life, offers meditation, yoga and coaching services.

Johnson Jr. moved to Glen Cove from the south "with nothing besides the clothes on his back."

"He was able to take care of me and my four brothers and sisters and there was a lot of hardship," Johnson said. "We grew up in the projects in Glen Cove and we slowly went down to The Landing in a nice house and he taught us a lot of values about doing the right thing and doing hard honest work."

Johnson said that when his father passed away 20 years ago, all of his clients came to the funeral. "It really opened my eyes to show what kind of man he was," Johnson said. "So I'm just trying to follow in his footsteps."



Courtesy Kustom Kutz N Kurlz

**INDIA TOWNSEND, LEFT,** and Kally Townsend opened Kustom Kutz N Kurlz for two years.

## India and Kally Townsend, Kustom Kutz N Kurlz

Kally Townsend said that the pandemic was a challenge for her and her wife and co-owner of Kustom Kutz N Kurlz, India Townsend's business.

But now that the shop has re-opened on June 16, the Townsends are happy to have the shop up and running again and they are currently prioritizing following all the state and local mandated protocols, such as requiring clients to wear a face mask and limiting the amount of people in the shop.

Kustom Kutz N Kurlz, which Kally Townsends describes as a family friendly hair salon, has been operating in Glen Cove for two years. "We're the only shop in the residential area," Kally Townsend

said. "We're in The Landing and we're the only barber shop, hair salon that is black owned."

For more information about This Balance Life, call (516) 259-1982 or visit [www.ThisBalanceLife.com](http://www.ThisBalanceLife.com).

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Kustom Kutz N Kurlz is located at 21 Carpenter Street in Glen Cove and can be reached at (516) 277-1997.

# Protesters have many rights, said civil rights attorney

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The third protester was seen on video being thrown down onto the road by police before getting arrested.

According to Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, the group halted traffic and tried bringing the protest into a section of the street not originally blocked off by police for the protest. Ryder and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran defended the officers' actions in a statement that read, "It became necessary" [to make the arrests for] "the demonstrators' safety."

Francesca Miranda, a 22 year old from Nassau County, who runs the Instagram page JusticeforGeorgeLI, said that the incident shouldn't have happened. Miranda also pointed out that officers at the East Meadow protest were not wearing masks.

"The fact that they had to restrain these men and put them on the floor when they could have just simply cuffed them was wrong," Miranda said. "I think all of the aggressive force is wrong and I think that [the protesters]

weren't doing anything wrong. Everyone was marching on the street. Anyone could have crossed the street. Why were they cuffed so aggressively?"

The account, JusticeforGeorgeLI, which has 12,500 followers, has become an online database of Long Island protests and updates on counter protests and arrests at protests. Miranda founded the page to quell confusion and misinformation about Long Island's protests.

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**FRANCESCA MIRANDA**  
JusticeforGeorgeLI

"I was overwhelmed by how much support Long Island has had and I've never seen this many protests in one specific time," said Miranda, who added that she appreciates Nisar's offer. "During one day there can be four or five protests in different towns."

When asked if Nisar predicts a rise of civil claims from victims of excessive force as more attention is focused on police brutality, he presented the statute of limitations to pursue such claims in New York.

To file a police brutality lawsuit alleging that one has been assaulted by a mem-

## Protesters' rights

- A protester's rights are strongest in what's known as "traditional public forums," public property. Protesters do not need permits to march in the streets or sidewalks as long as marchers don't obstruct car or pedestrian traffic. Without a permit, police can ask protesters to move to the side of the street or sidewalk to let others pass or for safety reasons.
- Individuals must receive clear and detailed notice of a dispersal order, including how much time they have to disperse, and be provided with a clear exit route. The consequences of failing to disperse must be explained by police.
- If a protester believes their rights have been violated, the ACLU recommends writing down what they can remember, such as the officer's badge number, and filing a complaint with the law enforcement agency's affairs division or civilian complaint board.
- For more information on the rights of a protester, protest attendee or a protest organizer, visit <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/protesters-rights/>.

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ber of the police, Nisar said, one has a year to file a legal claim. For those who believe they've been deprived of their rights, they have up to three years from

the date of the incident to file a lawsuit. He added that an individual may be required to file a notice of claims as a condition before they file a lawsuit.

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# G.C. scholarship recipients the 'future of health care'

The Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club has awarded three students pursuing careers in the medical industry as their 2020 scholarship recipients. Andres Garcia was awarded the Club's Louis M. Sanford Scholarship. The Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club Scholarship was awarded to two recipients, Ayjah Clarke and Trinity Guzman.

Garcia, 18, was awarded the Louis M. Sanford College Scholarship, named in honor of past Executive Director Louis M. Sanford for his 33 years of leadership and his commitment to continuing education.

When Garcia first joined the club 10 years ago, he was a young child from a different country who, with his mother, found a home in Glen Cove. With the help of club staff, Garcia learned to overcome language barriers, make new friends and excel in school. He was named Youth of the Month in 2014.

His hard work and determination led to recognition on Glen Cove High School Principal's List and Honor Roll throughout his four years of high school. Garcia has also become a role model at the club where he currently works as a program group leader.

Andres is heading to Buffalo this fall, where he was accepted to the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Ayjah Clarke, 18, is one of two recipients of the Glen Cove Boys Club scholarship. She is very involved in school sports,



Courtesy the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club  
**ANDRES GARCIA, 18**, was awarded the club's Louis M. Sanford Scholarship.

including running track and field and playing volleyball, basketball and soccer. Clarke is also a successful student, making Honor Roll every year since middle school and the principal's list.

During her 10 years as an active member of the club, she proved to be an enthusiastic participant, club volunteer, mentor and Summer Youth Employee who was recognized twice during her tenure as Youth of the Month. Clarke will be attending Utica College this fall where she plans on pursuing a Bachelor of Science in



**AYJAH CLARKE, 18**, is one of two recipients of the Glen Cove Boys Club scholarship.

Nursing before heading off to medical school.

Trinity Guzman, 18, was recognized as Youth of the Month and then awarded the club's most coveted title, Youth of the Year 2018 for her academic excellence, leadership abilities and dedication and commitment to the club.

Guzman has made the principal's list every year in high school as well as received achievements in chemistry, English, geometry, global history and geography. She was involved in many academic programs including STEM Learning, SMART Girls, Cooking Up Energy and College Champions.

Trinity also loves to sing and was a member of Glen Cove High School's Select Chorale. As a born leader she engaged in volunteer opportunities and



**TRINITY GUZMAN, 18**, is one of two recipients of the Glen Cove Boys Club scholarship.

eagerly dove into projects where she could help make a difference in the Glen Cove community, represent the club as a Teen Ambassador and put together Thanksgiving baskets for club member families.

This fall, Trinity will be heading to Stony Brook University where she plans on earning her pre-med degree and pursuing her dreams of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club's stated mission is to enable all young people to realize their full potential through a variety of after school programs designed to enrich and enhance the learning experience. To learn more about Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club visit [glencovebgc.org](http://glencovebgc.org) or call (516) 671-8030.

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Dear Joycean in Training,

Every year the James Joyce Society of Sea Cliff, through the sponsorship of the Sea Cliff Civic Association, celebrates Bloomsday - a commemoration of Joyce's most famous work, "Ulysses." Set in Dublin on one day — June 16, 1904 — the novel follows three characters: Stephen Dedalus, Leopold Bloom, and Molly Bloom. Their journeys mirror Homer's Odyssey in a most fantastical way.

Last week I had the great good fortune to participate in a virtual James

Joyce Jaunt — a creation of Fred Stropel and Dan DiPietro, incorporating the acting skills of a score of local residents.



**ANN  
DIPIETRO**

Available on YouTube searching under James Joyce Jaunt, this is a wonderful introduction to a remarkable and challenging work. After viewing the video, I recommend you read, "The New Bloomsday Book," by Harry Blamires. This is a perfect guide to help you negotiate your way through "Ulysses." It offers a crystal clear, page by page, line by line running commentary on the plot, symbolism, and themes of the novel. Between the James Joyce Jaunt video and this guide, you will be well on your way to accomplishing your goal and mastering "Ulysses." Good luck!

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## OBITUARIES

### Joseph Loiodice

Joseph Loiodice, 95, of Glen Head, died on June 9. Beloved husband of Hilda for 55 years and the late Lena; devoted father of JoAnn (Ken), Annette (Tony), Bart (Carol), Patricia (Ken), Peter (Linda), Carol (Anthony) and Cindy; loving grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of 18. Funeral service McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Thelma Johnson

Thelma Johnson, 89, of Glen Cove, died on June 5. Wife of Talbot; loving mother of Vicki, Talbot II, Talise, Mario, Donato, Melodin, the late Deborah and the late Dorian; beloved grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Thelma worked at St. Christophers' Otilie (SCO) for over

30 years. She was always willing to help children who were in need and was also a faithful and devoted member of Kingdom Hall of Glen Cove and of Bend, Oregon. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Private Interment at Nassau Knolls Cemetery.

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## OPINIONS

# Yes, black lives matter!

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” The heinous murder of George Floyd by a police officer sworn to uphold the law was an act of infamy that must again bend the moral arc of history toward justice.

Like the murder of King himself — which galvanized the 1960s civil rights movement — George Floyd’s death must galvanize America to face some of the hard and bitter truths about race relations that still plague our nation.



**ALFONSE  
D'AMATO**

Our founders, imperfect though they were, laid out the self-evident moral truth that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” It has taken almost two and a half centuries to give meaning to these words for our black brothers and sisters. And still we are short of that noble goal. Too many black Americans find their liberty and their lives snuffed out by violence, too often at the hands of those who should protect them.

I believe that the vast majority of police are decent men and women who answer the call of public service. Many of our major metropolitan police forces today are in fact majority *minority*. In New York City, for instance, more than half of the force is now non-white, comprising blacks, Hispanics, Asians and other minorities.

But a few very bad cops have poisoned policing for many black Americans. Floyd’s murderer had numerous citizen complaints lodged against him, some for the use of excessive force. Yet time and time again he faced no consequences, and was allowed to remain on the police force. The first hard truth we need to learn from this is that our police forces — and especially the unions that represent them — too regularly and reflexively defend indefensible police behavior.

This is a serious flaw that public-employee unions must own up to. When bad teachers are nearly impossible to remove, students suffer. When incompetent civil servants hide behind union rights, the public suffers. But when bad cops go unpunished, people suffer, *and they die*. This must change.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature are making a good start by

reforming “shield laws” that can be misused to keep police misconduct secret. Other policing changes are also in order, including more thorough screening of recruits to identify and weed out potential problem candidates, and far better training in police academies to stress de-escalation of potentially dangerous situations and the use of minimum necessary force to effect arrests. The best cops rarely draw a gun or resort to lethal force. They remember they are *peace* officers.

But far-left ranting about “defunding” and even “abolishing” police forces is insane. What’s the alternative? In Minneapolis, armed “citizen patrols” of mostly black civilians — led by a city councilman who’s the son of Minnesota’s black attorney general, who is investigating Floyd’s murder — have taken to the streets to try to keep order in the aftermath of violence there. What would happen if one of these civilian posses inevitably were to shoot and kill someone — maybe even another black person? Who would be accountable? Who would answer? Would black lives still matter then?

And there’s one other hard truth we must face as a nation. The overwhelming majority of black murder victims —

especially young black men — are killed by other persons of color. During the Memorial Day weekend in Chicago alone, dozens of people were shot, and 10 were killed. Most of the victims were black. Their lives matter, too. Unless the hopelessness, rootlessness and violent gang culture underlying many of these deaths are addressed, the killing is bound to continue.

President Trump made a great move when he named black Republican Sen. Tim Scott, of South Carolina, to head an effort to develop proposals to deal with police misconduct and the carnage in black communities. People should remember that it was Trump and senators like Scott who drew up and passed the First Step Act, which is freeing many persons of color from serving disproportionately harsh sentences.

The president shouldn’t shy away from building on the solid progress he has made on criminal justice issues affecting black Americans. He should double down on initiatives like “opportunity zones” to drive private investment into inner cities. Promote hope and justice. Lead, Mr. President. Black lives matter!

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## Thank you very much, but I prefer to remain alive

Last week I received a happy-talk email from a bridge club out of town where I used to play. This particular club hosted hundreds of players at a time in a big indoor space. It was a veritable petri dish of germs in the best of times; in the time of Covid-19, it would be a wickedly dangerous hot spot.



**RANDI  
KREISS**

The club shut down in April because of the pandemic, and continued games online. The letter last week was from the owner, who said he was reopening because it’s all good. He had been out and about, in restaurants and stores, relieved to see people mingling and getting back to business. He said his bridge club would open immediately. He mentioned that he has rent to pay.

I wrote back, telling him that I was not willing to risk my life to pay his rent and, by the way, shame on him.

I mention this small incident because I believe the plan to breathe life back into

the economy depends on a deal with the devil. The unspoken quid pro quo is that lives will be sacrificed for financial gain, and those lives will be mostly older people, those with underlying medical conditions and those who *must* go back to work in high-risk industries like meat packing in order to feed their families.

What’s happening is a kind of national gaslighting, led by the gaslighter in chief, President Trump. According to Psychology Today, “gaslighting is a tactic in which a person or entity, in order to gain more power, makes a victim question their reality. It works much better than you may think.”

The term comes from “Gaslight,” the 1944 movie starring Charles Boyer and Ingrid Bergman, in which an avaricious and murderous husband tries to make his new wife believe she is going insane. She insists she sees gas lights in their attic at night. He tells her she is imagining things, although he has indeed been up there every night, looking for her jewels. Slowly, he unravels her sense of herself.

The term is still used to describe manipulation and abuse focused on mak-

ing people question their own perceptions. The gaslighter keeps shifting the ground under the victims until they lose their equilibrium and start feeling “crazy.”

Trump has refined the process of gaslighting during his tenure. In his version, let’s call it Gaslighting 2.0, he lies, or contradicts what he said a day or an hour or a minute ago. He dissembles right before our eyes. He tells us we aren’t seeing what we know we absolutely are seeing, like the strong-arm attack on peaceful protesters in Washington’s Lafayette Square two weeks ago.

He makes up stuff, like vaccines that are just around the corner and treatments that can work miracles. He touts his record on civil rights while every single word out of his lying mouth contradicts his claims. This is his trick: He says the thing, then he holds up a sign behind it saying I don’t really mean this. Over and over again, for more years than we can bear, he has been gaslighting Americans with half-truths and outright lies.

Now, he and his supporters are urging folks to toss away the masks, to shop and

dine out and party. He is urging us to take one for Team America. He invites crowds to his rallies while requiring them to sign away their right to litigate if they get sick.

What I am observing is that even people who have been social distancing and wearing masks are coming under the influence of groupthink and starting to get together with friends and plan trips and get haircuts and enjoy dinners out.

My friends, *nothing has changed* since the pandemic began. Those of us who are vulnerable must take care of ourselves, because no one else will. There is no civil authority to make and enforce rules that will keep us safe.

According to The Washington Post, “More than a dozen states continue to show new highs in the number or coronavirus cases . . . The spikes provide disturbing data points in the ongoing tug of war between the economic costs of restrictions and the human cost of lifting them. ‘Worse times are ahead,’ said Joe Gerald, a public health researcher at the University of Arizona.”

Like the bridge club owner, our country needs to pay the rent. But at what cost?

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Comparing candidate to Nazi was just wrong

Last month, Bill Mozer, administrator of the 6,300-plus-member Glen Head-Glenwood-Sea Cliff-Brookville-Roslyn Harbor-Greenvale Neighbors Facebook page, created a post comparing the campaign of a candidate running for a seat on the North Shore School District Board of Education to the Nazi regime. Not only was his post inappropriate and hate-filled, but also his reasons for making it were baseless.

When the Herald Gazette reached out for comment, Mozer claimed the candidate's supporters were stealing an opponent's campaign signs from private property, including his own. He said he had video surveillance footage of a woman leaving a car to steal his sign. While he said he was sure it was a member of that candidate's campaign, he did not give a solid answer when asked if he had conclu-

sive evidence to back his claims. He admitted he did not recognize the woman in the video and had not identified the car's owner. He also said he took down the post within an hour because he received several phone calls from offended members of the group.

When asked if their campaign was involved in the alleged removal of signs, the candidate denied it.

"[The candidate's] SS Storm Trooper League of Girls are out in their SUVs decapitating [an opposing candidate's] lawn signs," read Mozer's post.

Along with the text, he posted a Nazi propaganda poster displaying a young woman in front of a Swastika flag. He claimed he did so because they were attempting to squelch free speech, but comparing anyone to the Nazi regime has deeper meaning.

While Hitler's Third Reich did prevent the expression of free speech, that was not the defining characteristic of the Nazi regime. The Holocaust resulted in the deaths of more than 6 million Jews and other minorities at the hands of the Nazis, an atrocity that will be remembered for centuries.

In equating a Board of Education candidate with a Nazi, Mozer associated her with one of the darkest points in human history — one of endless pain and genocide — whether he intended to or not. And he did so apparently without proof to substantiate his claims.

Journalists value facts and the well-being of the people whom they cover. Mozer's post disregarded both for the sake of pushing a political agenda, which we condemn.

## It's Tom Suozzi in the 3rd C.D.

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat of Glen Cove, is running in a three-way primary against Melanie D'Arrigo, of Port Washington, and Michael Weinstock, of Great Neck, to retain his 3rd District seat in the House of Representatives.

This one isn't even close. Our endorsement goes to Suozzi.

Suozzi, who was first elected to the House in 2016, served admirably as the Nassau County executive from 2002 to 2009, bringing fiscal order to what had been a chaotic financial crisis under his predecessor, Tom Gulotta. Before that, he had been the City of Glen Cove mayor. In short, Suozzi knows Long Island, in partic-

ular, Nassau County's North Shore.

The congressman, who sits on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, has established himself as a voice of calm and reason, a legislator who actively seeks to establish bipartisan relations amid bitter political rancor. He is vice chairman of the Problem Solvers Caucus, which comprises 24 Democrats and 24 Republicans.

Among its issues, the caucus looks to "mend, not end" the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. On immigration, it has proposed a plan to protect the Dreamers, undocumented immigrants who were brought to or entered the United States as children; provide a "pathway to citizenship" for DACA (Deferred Action

for Childhood Arrivals) recipients; and fund "dynamic border security."

Finally, the caucus is seeking a large-scale infrastructure package to help fund restoration of America's bridges, railways, airports, and water and sewer systems.

Additionally, Suozzi has worked outside the caucus to reach across the political aisle. Most notably, he has teamed with Rep. Peter King, a conservative Republican from Seaford, to call on Congress and President Trump to repeal the SALT (State and Local Taxes) cap found in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

If you're a Democrat, vote Suozzi.

## LETTERS

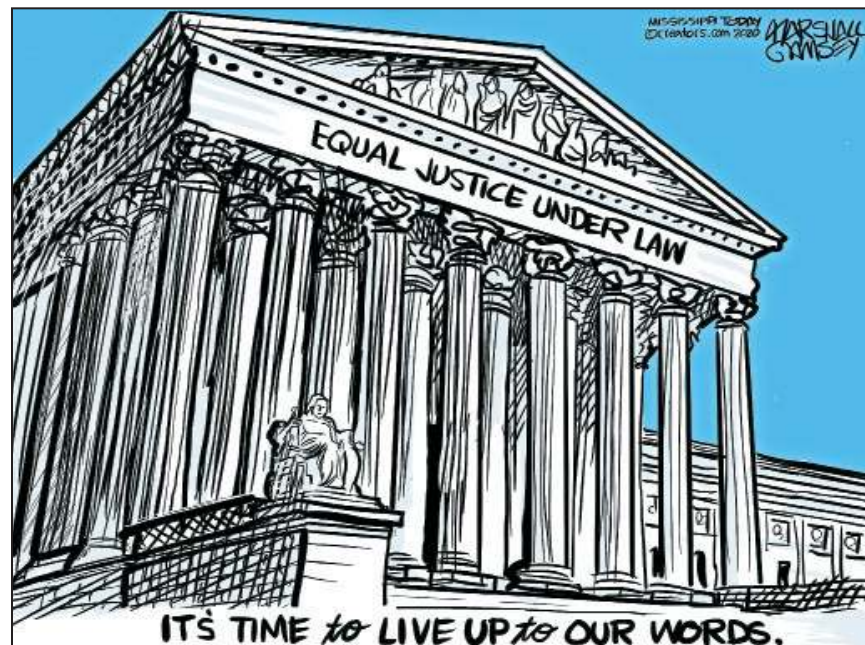
### Trump's silence on race

To the Editor:

Why is the media, including the liberal media, waiting with seemingly great expectation for a statement from President Trump about race? The man has no understanding of the history of slavery and race in America and has nothing of value to say. On the contrary, he is apt to add mud to the waters or perhaps something worse than mud.

BOB PRAVER

Glen Cove



## OPINIONS

## How George Floyd's death brought us to our knees

**W**hy did George Floyd's death bring our nation to its knees? wondered Ava Marie DuVernay, the director of the 2014 film "Selma," about the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s organizing activities in Selma, Ala., in 1965.

DuVernay was speaking last week on the second night of Oprah Winfrey's two-part special,



**SCOTT BRINTON**

"Where Do We Go from Here?" on OWN. I desperately wanted to hear her thoughts. The sight of Floyd lying facedown on the asphalt with a Minneapolis police officer's knee pressed into his neck had haunted me for days. DuVernay's

question burned in my mind.

"I usually don't see the officer," she remarked.

Many times before, black men had been beaten or shot down by rogue police officers. Never, however, had we seen an offending officer's face in the same frame as the victim. The black man was usually shown running away, or the incident took place at night, and all involved were obscured by darkness.

In this case, we could see, by the light of day, the now ex-officer — Derek Chauvin — slowly suffocating Floyd as he begged for his dead mother. The public — black and white — understood his pain, his anguish, his fear.

There could be no excuse making, no

misunderstood cues on Chauvin's part. Floyd was handcuffed and helpless. Chauvin had a solemn obligation to preserve Floyd's life. He failed.

In the very same frame, we can see both Chauvin's and Floyd's eyes — Chauvin, merciless, Floyd, increasingly hopeless, understanding he will soon lose his life, his face buried in the street. We understand the interplay between the two: Chauvin applying force to Floyd's neck was a symbol of dominance over him.

In effect, the 8 minutes and 46 seconds that he held his knee to Floyd encapsulated 400 years of oppression that black people have faced in North America, first through 246 years of slavery in the American colonies and then the United States, followed by 154 years of structural racism.

Yes, systemic racism is real, Floyd's death screamed to the nation. It was proof positive of its existence. There was no ambiguity. Only the most racist of minds would be incapable of understanding the concept — and of sympathizing with Floyd or any person of color.

I watched "Selma" over the weekend. It's a beautiful film, painstaking in its attention to detail and commitment to historical accuracy. King came to Selma understanding how deeply racism ran through that small southern city. He knew there would be trouble, and he hoped to have it captured for all to see in the national news outlets.

But King miscalculated the ruthless-

ness of Alabama state and local police, who descended on 525 protest marchers on what became known as Bloody Sunday, March 7, 1965. The demonstrators tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, named for a Confederate officer who later became a Ku Klux Klan grand dragon and U.S. senator. The marchers were headed to Montgomery, the state's capital, a 50-mile walk. Police blocked their passage, rushed at them, beat them with billy clubs and sprayed them with tear gas.

The march organizer, Amelia Boynton, was knocked unconscious. John Lewis, a student protester, suffered a concussion. He went on to join Congress in 1987, representing Georgia's 5th District. Today, at 80, he is still in the House. King himself wasn't there that day. He later led two marches in Selma, including the final one that led to Montgomery.

I realized I had witnessed a smaller version of Selma on Merrick Road in Merrick on June 2. A group of 150 Black Lives Matter protesters, seeking justice for George Floyd, planned to march on the sidewalk when they were stopped by a group of about 30 counterprotesters. I was covering the demonstration for the Herald.

The counterprotesters shouted at the demonstrators to go back home and pointed west to Freeport, which has a mix of black, Latino and white people. Two young people among the counterprotesters draped themselves in the Ameri-

can flag.

Nassau County police eventually escorted the BLM demonstrators around the counterprotesters. I was focused on photographing the demonstrators. Later on, in video footage, I saw the anger in the counterprotesters as the demonstrators passed by. One man was seen giving them the finger, an image that precisely mirrored the reaction of one white man caught on film watching the beat-down in Selma 55 years earlier.

Some 25,000 people from around the country marched in Selma after Bloody Sunday. President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, doing away with voting restrictions like the poll tax that had prevented most black people from voting in the South.

An estimated 10,000 BLM protesters came to Merrick and Bellmore from June 3 to 7. Their demonstrations were among hundreds statewide. Last Friday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a sweeping legislation package that, among other measures, did away with Section 50-a of the state Civil Rights Law, which protected police disciplinary records from public view.

It appears, as King noted, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

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## LETTERS

## Police chief responded appropriately

To the Editor:

Having read "Protest attracts hundreds," [June ] Glen Cove Police Chief Whitton deserves to be commended for his profound and princi-

pled response to the request to kneel during the recent demonstration resulting from the tragic death of George Floyd. It was the right response to a situation governed by much emotion and regrettably in this instance, theater.

LINDSAY ANDERSON  
Glen Cove

## CORRECTION

In the last Hometown Heroes [June 11-17], the name of Linda Eastman, a volunteer for North Shore Food Help, was misspelled.

## FRAMEWORK by Roni Chastain



A reminder from someone in the know — wear your mask in public.

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