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Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

A GLEN COVE High School graduate celebrated after receiving his diploma.

## Class of 2020 ends a chapter with a socially distant graduation

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Members of Glen Cove High School's class of 2020 had a unique ending to their high school career, but they were able to close this chapter of their lives with a traditional outdoor commencement on June 26.

Kicking off a number of ceremonies, school officials, followed by graduating seniors, all wearing masks, crowded the football field as

"Pomp and Circumstance" played. The graduates sat with their families, which maintained social distancing.

In order to follow that protocol, there were five ceremonies. But even with masks covering smiling faces, the excitement was still evident, as the seniors cheered for their graduating classmates. Before receiving their diplomas and posing for photos with Principal Antonio Santana, they listened to speeches both pre-recorded — by stu-

dent leaders and Board of Education President Gail Nedbor-Gross — and live.

"Graduation from high school is the first big milestone of your lives," Santana said, as he introduced the class of 2020 valedictorian, Nicole Khaimov, Salutatorian Megan Fahey, Honorarian Caitronia Greene and Class Co-Presidents Carina Gigliotti and Victoria Xikas.

"Before we depart into the future, I'd like to take one

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# Tracking virus's effects on 9/11 survivors

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Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson, a Manhattan law firm that represents thousands of people who were in Lower Manhattan in the eight months following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, has been addressing Covid-19's impact on the community of 9/11 survivors throughout the pandemic.

In April, the firm's website included a statement that those survivors may be especially vulnerable to Covid-19, and that they should enroll in the World Trade Center Health Program.

Sara Director, a partner at the firm and a Locust Valley resident who formerly lived in Glen Cove, said that the statement remains relevant.

"9/11 first responders and survivors are more vulnerable to Covid-19 given our compromised immune systems, caused by breathing in the toxins of 9/11

and the eight months thereafter," said Director, who is a survivor herself. "Our firm's major concern is protecting the community and making sure that the proper guidelines are followed for the reopening of Long Island."

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**SARA DIRECTOR**  
 Attorney, Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson

On June 26, Michael Barasch, the firm's managing partner, said he had lost 22 clients so far to Covid-19, and he believed that that was a gross underestimate. The true number, he said, is probably double or triple that.

"I've lost over 100 clients since March 15," Barasch said. "I don't have all the death certificates yet because the medical examiner offices all over

the country are so backlogged."

The pandemic, the firm's statement read, comes after tens of thousands of people — first responders, residents, employees, students, volunteers, construction workers, sanitation and cleanup workers — were

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# Graduation a time of joy for seniors

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more walk through the past,” Khaimov said, describing the unpredictability of the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 and likened it to the last few months of her class’s final semester amid the coronavirus pandemic. “Four years ago, we did not plan to be quarantined in our homes for our last semester of senior year,” she said, “but we didn’t plan a lot of things along the way.”

Khaimov went on to say: “Nobody had a foolproof plan. Sometimes it worked for the best. Some of the best friends we made along the way, and some of the best moments, came from pure happenstance.”

The class’s ability to overcome adversity, she said, did not begin and end with the pandemic. Rather than focusing on what they missed, she said, they should cherish what they’ve gained: the time they spent together during all the car parades in their honor, and helping the community through different efforts like the high school food pantry.

“I believe that in high school, we have all been faced with several obstacles and challenges,” Fahey said. “As we mature and become more independent, it becomes our choice as to whether we want to persevere or remain settled by what life has thrown at us.”

Fahey went on to say that the class of 2020 not only persevered through their four years of high, but especially these past four months. Because of the pandemic, they missed out on what should have been some of the best times of their lives, including their senior fashion show or senior trip.

“We never had the chance to cry in the lobby on the last day of school when the last bell rang,” she said. “But though we were robbed of most of our senior year, that doesn’t mean that we won’t cherish the countless memories that we’ve made over the years.”

Some of those memories, Gigliotti said in her speech, included studying in the library before a test, weekday sports practices, field trips, bargaining over lunch money, “TP-ing” the school before gradua-



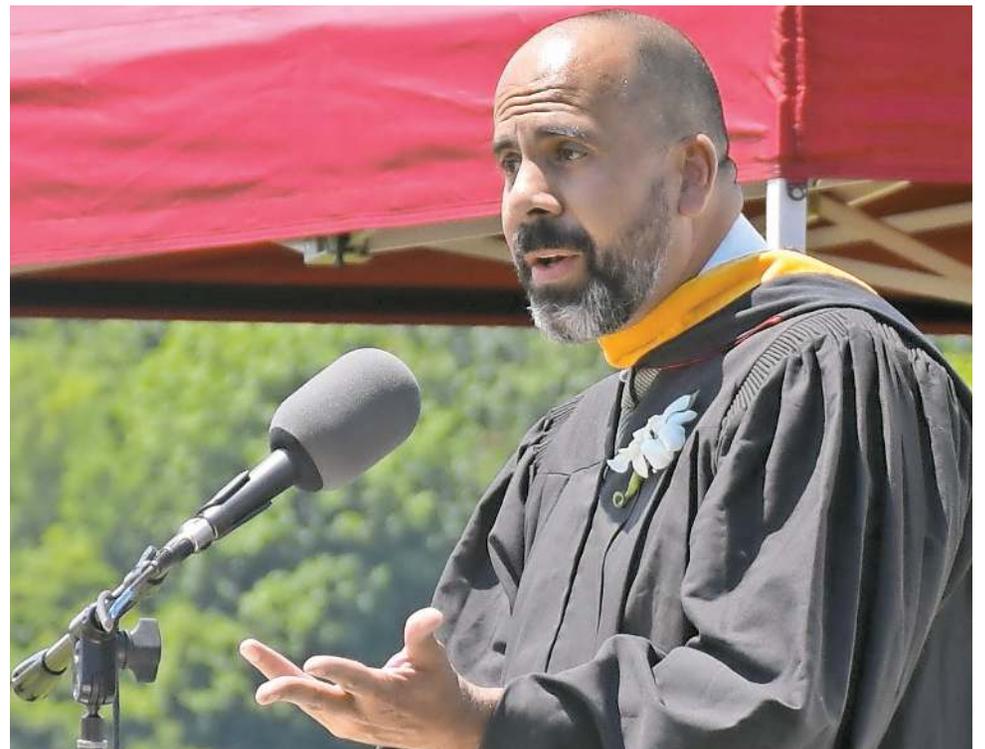
**TWIN SISTERS KAMIYA and Kamaya Ephraim** outside Glen Cove High School prior to their graduation ceremony on Friday, June 26.

Photos Courtesy Glen Cove City School District t

tion as a prank and spending time with friends on the very field where they were now graduating.

Xikas recalled many memories as well, including winning Battle of the Classes as juniors, waking up at 6 a.m. to go to Senior Sunrise at the beginning of the school year, taking part in the last pep rally together and making the best of any situation, including the pandemic, which sent the students home to learn from there. Online spirit weeks and an Instagram page, she said, helped keep classmates together while they had to remain apart.

“This is a very special group of young people — diverse in their dreams, their skills and their talents but similar in their passions, their sense of their community and their heart,” district Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said, adding that she was thankful for the parents who supported their graduates and shed tears for them as they ended the year in quarantine.



**PRINCIPAL ANTONIO SANTANA**, above, spoke to the class of 2020.



**MICHELE D'AMBROSIO** DURING the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Crime

■ On June 26, a 28-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested for criminal impersonation in the second degree, aggravated unlicensed operation in the second

degree, speed and other moving violations on Glen Cove Arterial Highway.

■ On June 25, a 33-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for harassment in the second degree on Gabriel Place.

■ On June 21, a 24-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree and resisting arrest on School Street.

■ On June 18, a 26-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for endangering the

welfare of a child, criminal contempt in the first and second degree, assault in the third degree, criminal mischief in the fourth degree (two counts) and aggravated family offense on Laurel 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.*

# Vets work to have businesses fly the American flag

By LETISHA DASS

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On the blistering asphalt parking lot of the Glen Cove Diner, veterans of Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336 and its color guard gathered to commemorate another step forward in their patriotic endeavor to have local businesses raise a national symbol of hope and freedom — the American flag.

Due to coronavirus restrictions, the Nassau County Legislature and Post 336's former chaplain, Ralph Casey, had had to put the legion's flag-flying cause on hold. Last year they had worked to convince businesses in Sea Cliff and Glenwood Landing to fly the flag. On June 24, the legion began its efforts once again, expanding its outreach to local businesses in Glen Cove. They held an outdoor ceremony at the Glen Cove Diner that day so other businesses in the area could see and follow the diner's example of flying the flag.

"I am hoping that store owners will call, and say come, I will put a flag here," Casey said. "I am personally going to go into the stores that do not have the flag flying and get the owners to do it."

Glen Cove Diner, owned by Byron Voutsinas, is the first business in Glen Cove to take part in the legion's ceremony. The diner has always had the American flag present in its establishment. Upon stepping inside, one can see tiny versions of the flag around the establishment signifying the businesses' patriotism. Even the windows, covered in beautiful artistic designs for the summer, show the American flag in honor of the upcoming national holiday July Fourth.

"I believe we should always be proud of our flag," said Voutsinas. "The flag represents many things such as the people who fought for us to have this great country, the great country that we are in, no matter how bad anything is."

In appreciation for Voutsinas's patriotic actions and respect for the flag, Casey gave Voutsinas a thank-you label to place in his business.

"It shows that whoever is flying it is working with the government. He or she is in favor of these principles that we attach to the flag," said Carl Ring, a member of Glenwood's legion color guard. "It probably means a little more because we served in service and that is what we were fighting for. That is how we dedicated our lives, and some gave their lives."

The first flag-flying ceremony was in Sea Cliff last year when Casey was weeding the lawn out front of the Sea Cliff Bagel Café. As a form of payment for Casey's generous deed, the café's owner Matthew Blass decided to fly the flag in front of his business as per Casey's request. Similar to the Sea Cliff ceremony, the Prayer of the Flag, which is read aloud during the legion's annual burning of threadbare flags on Flag Day, was said in reverence outside of the Glen Cove Diner.

The American flag with its red, white, and blue stripes and color is more than just any ordinary flag. It has ceremonies, a prayer and specific instructions to the flying or folding of the flag in order to uphold its integrity.

"It's a source of pride," Voutsinas said. "I certainly hope that other businesses will follow my lead."



Letisha Dass/Herald Gazette

**AFTER BYRON VOUTSINAS**, owner of the Glen Cove Diner, left, agreed to fly the American flag in front of his business he accepted a decal with a flag on it from legion member Ralph Casey.



**RALPH CASEY**, FORMER chaplain of Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336 and the current chaplain for the Nassau County Legislature, says a prayer in honor of the American flag each time a local business owner agrees to include it in front of their building.

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# Honoring the lives of two fire fighters

The month of June saw the loss of two Glen Cove Fire Department Engine & Hose Company No.4 ex-captions, with memorials held to honor their lives and service.

Gilbert Tanaka, 78, of Glen Cove died on June 5, with his family at his side after weeks of battling health issues. He is survived by his companion, stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Tanaka, according to his obituary from Whitting Funeral Home, was a decorated United States Coast Guard veteran and a proud member of the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department. He was also the first Asian American to join the fire department.

Those who knew Tanaka said he always had a smile on his face as he brought people together. He was devoted to being the best mentor, friend and community leader that he could be. Tanaka also loved the New York Yankees, showing off his car named the "Oldsmobile" at car shows, enjoying breakfast with his friends and sharing Sunday night dinners with family. He was known for his strong, proud and kind nature.

Donald Edward Ellison, 77, of Glen Head, died on June 7. He is survived by his wife Arline Ellison nee Mahon of Glen Cove of 53 years; his children Joy Siragusa (Rich DeLuca), James Ellison (Christine) and Joline Ahrens (Keith); his sister Linea (Suzy) Scovil and brother Harold Ellison; his seven grandchildren Gabrielle, Ryan, Stefania, Christopher, Jaclyn, Jillian, and Zander; his nieces Denise and Emily and nephew Michael. He is preceded in death by his parents Phillip and Vieyra; brother Edwin (Buddy) and niece Lynn.

With an electrical engineer degree, there wasn't much he couldn't fix, from washers, to dryers, to cars and anything in between. According to his obituary from Whitting Funeral Home, he also took to joining the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department and he was appointed to the Engine & Hose Company No.4 in 1969. Those that knew him said that he cherished every friend he made and every moment that he experienced. He also lived to make sure his wife, children and grandchildren were always happy and safe.

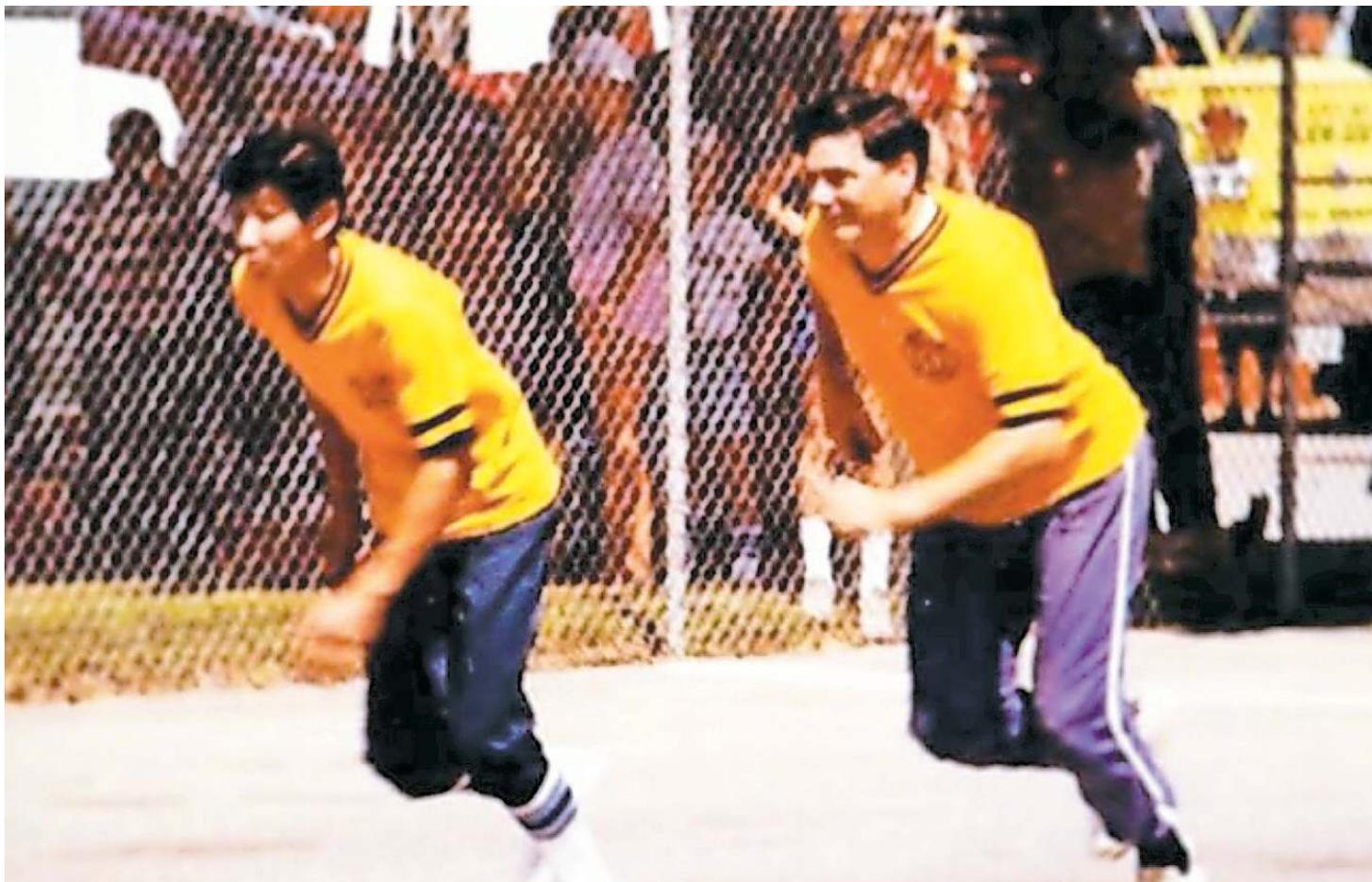
On June 9, shortly after the deaths of the two firefighters, a moment of silence was held at a virtual Glen Cove City Council meeting.

"We had lost two of our 50-year plus firefighters this week," City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said. "I really would just like to take a moment of silence to remember them and their families and thank them for their years and years of service to our city."

After the brief moment of silence, Tenke said; "They will be missed and remembered. You don't serve a city that long and not be remembered and not leave a mark on your community."

And the community couldn't agree more, as multiple memorials were held in memory of the two firefighters.

On June 20, the City of Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department laid to rest the GCFD Engine & Hose Company No.4 Ex-



Courtesy Glen Cove Fire Department Engine & Hose Company No.4

**GLEN COVE FIRE** Department Engine & Hose Company No.4 Ex-Captions Gilbert Tanaka, left and Donald Edward Ellison running a drill in the 1980s.

Caption Ellison, who also served as a former assistant chief for the City of Glen Cove EMS and as a past president of the Nassau County Fireman's Association.

On June 9, the City of Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department laid to rest the Glen Cove Fire Department Engine & Hose Company No.4 Ex-Caption Tanaka, who joined the fire department in 1968 and along with his position as caption, served as the department treasurer for 27 years. With a flag raised, salutes made and firetrucks leading Tanka's procession, he was laid to rest at Nassau Knolls Cemetery in Port Washington.

As Tanaka spent his last four years at The Regency at Glen Cove, an assisted living facility, a flag was raised there on June 25 to honor him, with the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Tenke, City Councilman John Perrone, City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola and Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos on standby.

"We lost two 50-year members within a few days of each other here in Glen Cove," Tenke said at the ceremony. "We remember 'Donnie' Ellison as well as we celebrate Gil Tanaka's life here today by placing a flag on the place where he spent four years at the wonderful Regency. Thank you all for taking care of Gilbert Tanaka."

Beth Evans, the administrator at The Regency remarked that Tanaka always had a smile on his face. "You'll always be a part of the Regency family, now and forever," Evans said.

*Jennifer Corr contributed to this story.*

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# Monitoring virus's effects on 9/11 survivors

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diagnosed with respiratory illnesses and/or nearly 70 different serious cancers linked to toxins they were exposed to in Lower Manhattan during and after the attacks. These individuals make up Barasch McGarry's cliental, who seek to receive the compensation, through the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, and health care, through the WTC Health Program, that they're entitled to.

Director is also asking all survivors to wear their masks and to practice social distancing, because those around them

may not. "Know that you're compromised and take the precautions needed," she said.

Dr. Jacqueline Moline, Northwell Health's Vice President of Occupational Medicine, Epidemiology and Prevention,

said that Covid-19's impact on survivors has not gone unnoticed. "We have a World Trade Center program, so we have WTC patients and some of our WTC patients have had Covid," Moline said. "Unfortunately, we've had a few fatalities in our cohort as well and at all the other WTC programs."

"We know that folks with compromised immune systems, such as those who have received chemotherapy or radiation therapy, are at an increased risk for complications of Covid," Moline said. "Certainly anyone undergoing chemotherapy is also probably in a weakened state, so it's more challenging for them to be able to handle infections as well."

That's why Director said that it's important for survivors to know what resources are available to them. "It's extremely important for everyone affected by 9/11, for first responders and survivors, to know their rights and know that they are entitled to health care through the WTC Program," Director said. "So many do not know this."

When asked if mental health is a concern for survivors during this time, Barasch said that almost all of his clients struggle with a form of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which can be triggered by being told one has cancer or, in today's case, that a loved one was diagnosed with

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**FIRST RESPONDERS, ALONG** with those working, living and studying in Lower Manhattan, were exposed to toxins during and after the attacks that have left many suffering with serious illnesses years later.

Covid-19.

Director added that many are struggling with the uncertainty and unexpectedness of the pandemic, which echoes similar feelings experienced during and after the Sept. 11, attacks.

"On 9/11 we were not prepared," she said, "we were not protected and in fact we were lied to about the air quality."

In 2016, former Environmental Protection Agency head Christine Todd Whitman admitted that she was sorry for telling New Yorkers and those working and studying in the area that the air was safe to breathe after the attacks. She did deny lying about the air quality.

Director, who was in her third year at



Courtesy Sara Director

**SARA DIRECTOR, A** Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson partner from Locust Valley, graduated from New York Law School in Lower Manhattan in 2002. Director, along with her classmates, witnessed the attacks.

Manhattan started running North, including everyone I was with. That's something I will never forget."

She returned to school 10 days later. "It certainly was haunted by 9/11, being that it was still contaminated by the toxins," she said. "I say that I am a survivor in that I was in the exposure zone for the required amount of time."

Her classmates have exchanged contact information and have signed affidavits for one another to prove their presence in the zone during the eight month period after the attacks. She also gets her skin checked annually for skin cancer, which she says is linked to the toxins that fell on her.

And she says that especially in the days of the pandemic, it's important for survivors to prioritize their health.

"We encourage everyone to take advantage of the WTC Health Program which will examine you and provide free health care if you are suffering with one of the 9/11 related illnesses," Director said. "To say I'm proud of my firm and what we do is a gross understatement. The 9/11 community is strong, proud, brave and I'm proud to be a part of it."

New York Law School in Lower Manhattan, saw the attacks unfold.

"I saw the second plane hit, thinking it was actually a television helicopter hitting the building; that's what people were saying," Director said. "I was walking towards the World Trade Towers to see what was going on like everyone else. That's when I saw people jumping from the buildings and that's when people started to run, when they realized what was happening."

"My friends and I congregated back at our law school and we stayed there for a while," Director said. "When the first tower fell that's when everyone in Lower

## September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund provides compensation to individuals, or representatives of those who have died, who were present at the World Trade Center or the surrounding area, or the crash sites at the Pentagon or in Shanksville, Pa., between Sept. 11, 2001, and May 30, 2002.

The signing of the "Never Forget the

Heroes, James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act" in July 2019 fully funded the VCF to pay all eligible claims and extended the claim filing deadline to Oct. 1, 2020.

For more information about the VCF, go to [www.vcf.gov](http://www.vcf.gov).

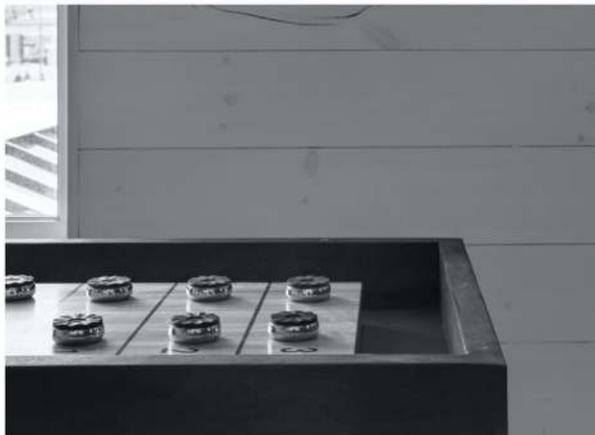
## World Trade Center Health Program

On Jan. 2, 2011, President Barack Obama signed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 into law. The act created the World Trade Center Health Program and reopened the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund.

The WTC Health Program provides monitoring and treatment for health conditions that have been determined to be 9/11-related and monetary compensation to individuals or surviving family members whose injuries, illnesses or deaths were related to the attacks.

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**LAUREN THEMIS, FROM** Meals for Glen Cove Hospital and Support Professionals, handed out ice cream to thank health care workers for their efforts during the pandemic.

## One more thank you for GCH health care workers



**T**he members of Meals for Glen Cove Hospital and Support Professionals, which raised \$22,000 to feed hospital workers and the United Cerebral Palsy center in Bayville during the coronavirus, ended its service to the community in June. But before returning to their former lives the Bayville volunteers held one more event on June 15 to show their appreciation to the health care workers at Glen Cove Hospital — an ice cream party.

**NICOLE LOW, A** registered nurse, above left, brought ice cream back for her co-workers.

**EILEEN MURRAY, A** physical therapist, far left, appreciated the kind gesture.

**PETA GAY DEPASS, a** physical therapist at GCH, left, brought ice cream back for her co-workers.

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# HERALD Covid-19 HOMETOWN HEROES

## RONI JENKINS

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I was looking for something to do for my son, who was turning 13, and I heard of another car parade group on the South Shore that was doing these birthday drive-bys. I thought that car parades would be a great topic to bring up to our community in the North Shore as well, not only for my son, but for other kids who are celebrating birthdays during the pandemic.

It definitely has grown. It's just been something great because the car parades make people happy, and they keep people together. It's kind of tough as we are four months into this pandemic. People are really struggling to find happiness, and even talking about happiness and celebrations, it seems self-absorbed or inappropriate with everything going on in the world right now. But really, happiness does matter during dark times because it gives you a resilience to get through it. Even making someone happy and spreading cheer is super-impactful.

So I'm just so happy to see the number of parades we've had and what we've been doing with volunteers who come along and join in to bring cheer to others.

To plan a car parade, I have a calendar that has all the days of the month. Someone has to join our Facebook page if they would like to request a car parade. It could be a birthday, a graduation, an anniversary and any other kind of celebration. We also did Memorial Day car parades to honor our veterans. They come in and they tell us the car parade recipient's name, age, what type of celebration it is and the address.

Oftentimes there are several car parades on one date.

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## SABRINA GUO

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When the coronavirus first hit, I felt badly that I couldn't see my friends and teachers at school, but then after hearing about the virus, I had to help. I couldn't just do my online learning.

I became inspired by [Nassau County] Legislator Josh Lafazan's open call for thank-you letters for health care workers. I wrote one. But I published mine in the Syosset Jericho Tribune, where I am a staff writer, even though I'm only 14. It was a general letter of thanks to health care workers.

When I saw health care workers dying, I knew I had to do more. And seeing so many people die on the news was hard. I have friends and family that got Covid-19. I saw the numbers of people dying get higher, and I told my parents I wanted to fundraise for personal protection equipment. I decided to form the Long Island Laboring Against Covid-19, or LILAC. It was my personal letter to thank health care workers fighting on the front lines. I wanted to purchase masks and gloves to be donated to hospitals, senior care facilities and first responder teams.

LILAC isn't an official non-profit; it's more like a student organization. There are 40 members. Some are out of state. We've recently got college students involved as well.

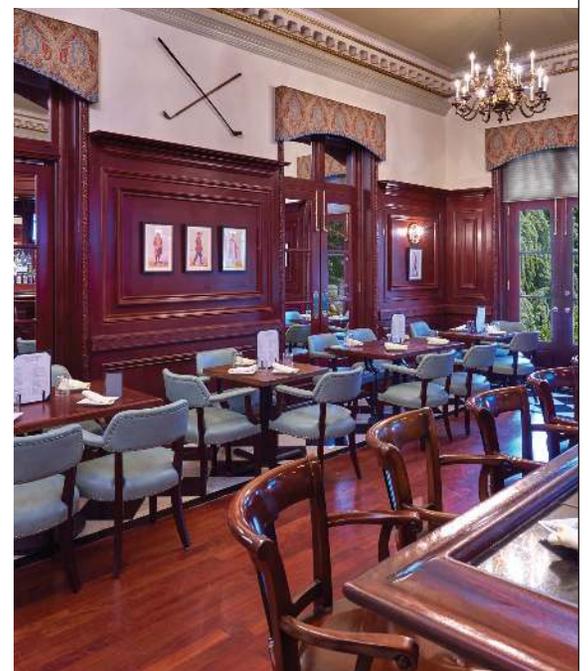
I was happy to see my friends and community come together as a unit to work together with LILAC. Doing this matured me a lot.

Through a GoFundMe, LILAC raised over \$62,000 for Covid-19. Our original goal was \$10,000. ... I donated \$40,000 of my college savings and \$1,000 of my personal money.

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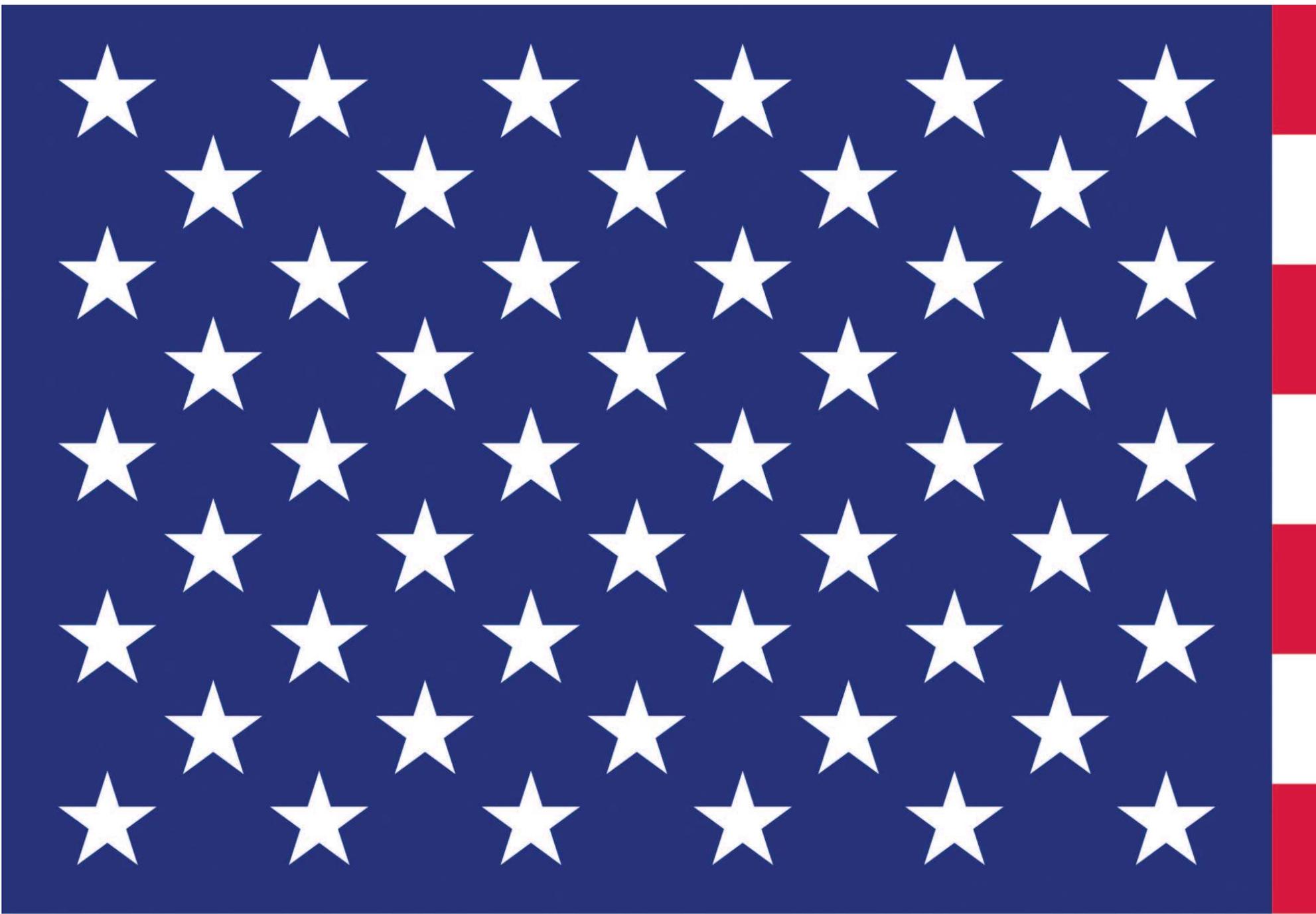


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I'm normally in the cardiothoracic intensive care unit, but during the pandemic, we were used wherever we were needed. We had a total of nine or 10 ICUs running at all times, but now we're down to about one ICU for Covid, so it's definitely an improvement.

Basically, every day we'd get to work and we wouldn't know where we were going, and we were working with people who we've never worked with before from all different fields. They were pulling everyone from everywhere because it was all hands on deck. We didn't have enough people to keep up with the influx of patients we were seeing, and it was quite overwhelming.

My job was to save and keep as many people alive as I could. It was something I've never seen or done before. I feel like we were in a war zone — wherever we were needed, we were there. We did what we had to do and we all worked together. It's been an overwhelming four months.

These patients got sick quicker than I've ever seen before. Someone would come into the emergency room seeming fine, and then within hours, they were on a ventilator and receiving support to help them breathe. I've never seen so many sick people in one place at one time.

It's been really rough, but super rewarding. Some days it was hard because I didn't feel a lot of wins, but even making minor strides in getting someone better felt so fulfilling.



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My wife had shown me a Facebook post of a student who was printing mask attachments for the back of your head that hold the strings that prevent our first responders' ears from getting irritated from the straps. It was a great story, so I figured I could help locally too because I'm a graphic arts teacher, and I had access to a 3-D printer which my high school let me take home.

I was able to find a strap design that worked, and I started to print them because the first responders are under a lot of pressure. They don't want to be worried about irritation, and these straps have really helped. I've gotten some feedback from first responders, and they said they really liked them.

I'm just one person, and they're easy enough to make, so I print them, and I've been giving them to Courtney [Citko, co-founder of North Shore Cares], who's been distributing them to hospitals. I also give them to one of my colleagues in Northport, who delivers them to hospitals in Suffolk County as well. I've probably made about 250 masks at this point.

The pandemic is hard for everybody, and anything can help. If we all just chip in a bit, we can make it better for these first responders. They're on the front lines here, and there's a lot of stress for them, and the last thing they need to worry about is irritation from masks.



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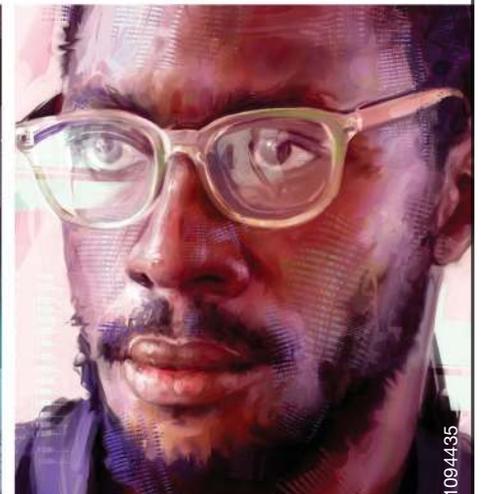
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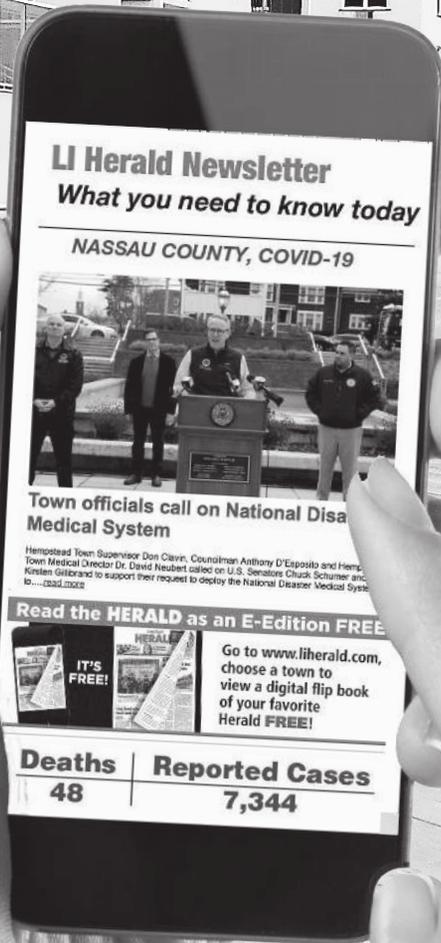
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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

# LILAC founder honored by vets

Glen Cove's James Donahue VFW Post 347 presented Oyster Bay Cove's 14-year-old Sabrina Guo with two citations on Tuesday, June 30.

The first citation was presented to Long Island Laboring Against Covid-19, a student-run fundraising effort Sabrina founded in late March.

The second citation was to Sabrina individually. LILAC was created by Syosset High School rising softmore Sabrina to fundraise, source, and donate much-needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to health care workers, senior citizens and other at-risk communities.

To date, the organization has raised more than \$63,000 from donations including \$41,050 donated by Sabrina from her personal college and savings fund.

Thanks to the funds, LILAC has purchased 30,000 masks (including 13,000 KN95), 1000 coveralls/gowns and 2704 bottles of hand sanitizer. All items are being donated to hospitals, nursing homes, senior care facilities, and first responder teams and to others at risk across Long Island and parts of New York City.

"We felt it was important to pay tribute to this remarkable young woman," the Chaplain and long-time VFW member Vinney Martinez Sr., who presented the citation to Sabrina, said.

Other VFW members participating in the presentation included Joe Moores and Ron Crowe. Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews was also honored to be on hand for the tribute.

Through its widely received ThankYou & WeCare Initiative, LILAC also creates and donates artwork, letters, cards and produces and dedicates videos for those deeply affected by the pandemic in the community and beyond.

To view some of the artwork, visit the Instagram page @Lilacovid\_19.

To donate to LILAC's work, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/LILACovid19>.



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**VFW MEMBERS** RON Crowe, left, Joe Moores, Vinny Martinez Sr. and Glen Cove City Council Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews honored 14-year-old Sabrina Guo, center, as she was presented two citations.

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# Wedding bells for an O.B. couple amidst the coronavirus

BY LAURA LANE

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The bride wore white, a dress she bought on the internet, and her wedding band was her grandmother's. The groom's ring arrived in the mail courtesy of his father, who lives in Arizona. And a friend brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers because the florists were all closed. When the actual ceremony was held it was beautiful, even amidst the coronavirus pandemic, perhaps because love conquers all.

Valerie Yarczower and Ron Becker were married on Sunday, May 17, in the gazebo outside Town Hall, with Town Clerk Richard LaMarca officiating. The skies were sunny and the couple were surrounded by a small group of loving relatives. The wedding ended up being a magical day, one that even LaMarca, who had officiated many weddings during Covid-19, said he would remember.

"They said they wanted a rabbi at first but then changed their minds and asked me," he said. "When they asked if I could do the breaking of the glass. I told them, 'People are referring to me as the Pope of Oyster Bay.' They laughed."

Before the coronavirus, weddings were held in the town board room but during the pandemic they were performed in Theodore Roosevelt Park or the gazebo. Yarczower and Becker chose the latter, because of the possibility of rain and they said the park is often crowded.

The couple had been together a long time and lived in Oyster Bay for 11 years. They first met at Far Rockaway High School and became friends. With many friends in common later in life they saw each other once a year at a party, and remained friends, even though Becker was married by then.

"Then a mutual high school friend had a stroke and I was the health care proxy for him," Yarczower said. "He was in a wheelchair and I called Ron to tell him what happened to our friend."

During the course of the conversation Becker told Yarczower that his marriage



Photos by Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

**FRIENDS AND LOVERS** Ronald Becker and Valerie Yarczower were married during the coronavirus pandemic at the gazebo.

had ended. They met in Manhattan and it went so well they decided to start dating. Soon they moved in together.

Yarczower, 60, is a respiratory therapist at Northport Veterans Hospital. Worried that she might contract Covid-19 or bring it home to Becker, 61, the couple discussed marriage. "The pandemic led me to say like, 'Hey, what are we waiting for?'" Yarczower said.

Becker, who works in information technology for a consulting firm, said he wondered if they could even care for each other unmarried, if one of them were to become infected with the virus.

If they married they could get a Health Care Proxy or utilize the Family Leave Act to be there for each other.

But really, he loved her so much he wanted to get married anyway. "She is the kindest, sweetest, caring person I've ever met," Becker said. "She is a very special person."

Yarczower said she felt similarly about Becker. "I feel so safe with Ron,"

she said. "He is the most stable, pragmatic, trusting, loving person. I couldn't ask for a better partner."

On the big day the couple had representatives from both of their families present. There was sparkling peach juice and a wedding cake too. A bottle of hand sanitizer was placed nearby the cake because after all, there was still a coronavirus pandemic.



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**SOCIALLY DISTANT, OUTDOOR** diners occupied School Street on the night of Saturday, June 13.

# Dining instead of driving on select nights in G.C.

By **JENNIFER CORR**

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Instead of finding traffic lining certain Glen Cove roads in the downtown on the evening of June 13, a new type of dining was happening for the first time that included socially distant, outdoor diners on streets without any vehicles at all.

The City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and the City Council voted on June 9 to close School and Glen streets and the parking area that runs behind 51 to 69 Glen Street from Thursday to Saturday, from 6 to 10 p.m. for outdoor dining.

City officials worked with Patricia Holman, the executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, John Zozzaro, the owner of The Downtown Café, other members of the BID Board of Directors and the Glen Cove Police Department. They came to the conclusion that closing the streets to dining was the safest and most effective way to allow downtown restaurants to serve customers onsite, while keeping everyone safe.

The decision to close the streets to dining instead of driving was compounded by Governor Andrew Cuomo's "go-ahead" for local governments to permit outdoor dining as part of Phase 2 of New York Forward on June 3. Long Island joined the regions that were in Phase 2 on June 10.

The first weekend of outdoor dining on Long Island followed Phase 2 Reopening day. "Yesterday was my first day [having outdoor dining on School Street,]" Zozzaro said on June 13, a busy night for the downtown restaurants. "It went well and all of our tables were full last night and we were really happy with the outcome. We're happy that the City Council approved this."

Under the governor's phased reopening plan, indoor dining would return in Phase 3. However, restaurants have to limit the capacity inside to 50 percent, which is exclusive for employees, to allow for effective social distancing and Covid-19 spread



**THE STAFF AT** American Cafe, left, say that the closing of Glen Street has been very helpful.

**DAVID GRAZIOSI, BOTTOM** left, the owner of Viking Performance and Fitness in Glen Head, enjoyed a feast of appetizers from The Downtown Café with his family on School Street.

prevention. Zozzaro says that the closing of downtown streets and areas is making it easier for restaurants like his to serve customers while keeping them and employees safe.

"It's nice to see people being happy and just getting back to somewhat normalcy," Zozzaro said.

David Graziosi, who dined at the Downtown Café that Saturday night with his family, said he enjoyed being able to have a night out once again. "It's definitely a little bit of normalcy," he said. "My business, Viking Performance and Fitness in Glen Head, was shut down for a long time and I wasn't going to work, so staying at home and cooking for my family was nice but it's always nice to get out and see some people."

And as Graziosi, with his family, maintained at least six feet of distance from other diners, they enjoyed a feast of appetizers like clams, coconut shrimp, a pizza, Caesar salad and lots of French fries.

"Having customers outside means they can be farther apart than inside the res-



taurant, and it's safer for my staff as well," Zozzaro said. "First and foremost, it's about health."

Among the mandates for outdoor dining to keep customers and staff safe, which

come from the state, includes keeping tables six feet apart, requiring staff to wear face coverings and requiring customers to wear face coverings when not seated.

## OPINIONS

## Reform policing, don't trash it

There's an old saying (with many variations): "Beware what you wish for, because you might just get it." That fits the current rush to judgment against police forces across America.

Calls to reform the police have been replaced by demands to "defund" or even "abolish" the police by the most radical political elements. In Seattle, that's led to the outrageous abdication of responsibility by elected state and local officials, who cowered before a mob that took over a whole city neighborhood.



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The occupiers of the city's Capitol Hill Organized Protest zone stormed a local police headquarters and forcibly expelled the officers stationed there. They set up barricades and have established their own tumultuous version of an open society: no cops, no discernible rules of behavior.

The result: a spiraling decline into lawlessness and disorder. Armed thugs roam the zone, dispensing their own version of justice. Fueled by drugs and alcohol, this has inevitably led to late-night shooting, and at least one death. But Seattle's mayor and Washington's governor have sat on

their hands, making apologies for the mob.

No one should make excuses for bad cops or accept criminal behavior from those sworn to protect us. Police forces do need to reform, to be much better trained, to opt for de-escalation rather than confrontation. Bad cops should be weeded out and expelled from their forces. Police must win the trust of communities they serve, not see themselves as occupying forces, especially in communities of color.

But just imagine what will happen if police withdraw from patrolling high-crime neighborhoods. Think crime will magically go down? Think the killing will stop? Think again, because the summer killing season has already entered full swing in a number of America's cities.

In Minneapolis, where the tragic death of George Floyd sparked a national awakening to the need to stop inexcusable police violence, recent murders of young black men have brought the tragedy full circle. But most of these murders weren't committed by police. They were committed by criminals.

In Chicago, the death toll has been staggering. More than 250 people have been murdered so far this year. At the current death rate, Chicago could exceed last year's 510 murders.

Recently the New York City Police Department unilaterally declared a withdrawal from undercover policing aimed at the most violent drug gangs. The law-abiding citizens of areas where those thugs roam can only hide — they can't run from their neighborhoods. Unlike New York's wealthy, who can and will abandon the city for safer environs if the level of crime returns to that of the bad old days, those who live in its poorest neighborhoods will be trapped amid the violence and death. They'll absorb the brunt of the drive-by shootings, the stray bullets, the revenge killings.

We may forget that at the height of the last crime wave, New York was terrorized by a high of over 2,600 murders in a single year. Last year there were just over 300 murders. That's 2,300 fewer dead, fewer funerals, fewer grieving parents, widows and orphans.

Good policing had a lot to do with that dramatic drop in deaths. Constructive police engagement in communities plagued by high crime helped reduce the death toll. That's why it's all the more damnable that a few terrible cops have defamed the reputation of their police brothers and sisters, and damaged relationships between police and minority communities.

This damage must be repaired. Our

police forces must not retreat from our most vulnerable communities. They must not lose heart or commitment to the tough work they signed up for. We need to offer more, not less, support for better law enforcement, especially to encourage positive community engagement.

If that means creating specialized teams of social workers, medics, mental health professionals and others to help police respond to the calls they get, so be it. So many 911 calls today are domestic-abuse calls, child-abuse calls, drug- and alcohol-abuse calls. They require more than law enforcement intervention. They require all the skills the public sector and the community can muster.

I certainly get it that policing needs to change and grow to serve our modern and all too often dysfunctional society. We should look at policing with eyes wide open. Let's figure out what works and follow it. Let's make public safety a No. 1 priority.

Let's not throw in the towel on better policing, safer communities and fewer deaths, especially in our minority communities, which suffer the worst from criminal violence. Because black lives matter. Every single one.

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## Marriage in the time of Covid-19

Yesterday morning, my partner, my husband of 52 years, my one-time Lawrence High School sweetheart, turned his head on the pillow and whispered: "What are you making for dinner tonight?"

My eyes weren't open yet, but I whispered back, "Grilled scallops over buckwheat noodles and yakitori vegetables."

We sighed. I opened my eyes and got rolling. There were scallops to defrost.

This is life for us during the coronavirus pandemic. Do you enjoy irony? All I ever wanted was for him to retire so we could spend more time together. This winter he retired.

Three days later, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic, the world took a timeout, and here we are, with more togetherness than human beings were ever designed for.

True, when we married on July 3, 1968, we promised to stick together through the usual storms that blow through lives, but this? It definitely requires a codicil.

We are rigorously avoiding outside social contact, and not dining out or bringing in food. What that means for me is that I have cooked three meals a day for these many weeks since the pandemic hit. As I heard my husband confide to a friend on the phone, "I'm so lucky she's a good cook."

How priorities change. Believe me, when we were 21 his mind wasn't on my chicken fricassée. He's thrilled with my meals, and I'm happy to slice and dice and sauté and bake, because what else is there to do in this crazy time? It's a simple equation. Our marital quid pro quo: I prepare a complex seafood and rice dish with saffron and exotic mushrooms. We sit down together and enjoy.

It works particularly well because he is happy to share the work by cleaning up. But . . . but . . . how did this get to be our lives? At least once a day I have a moment of being totally flabbergasted at the surreal turn of events.

When we got married, who could have imagined that in our 52nd year together, we'd be isolated in semi-quarantine? Who could have envisioned all these hours and days and weeks spent alone after lifetimes

of individual careers and outside friendships that nourished our lives and created healthy separation?

Everyone is writing their own survival manual during the pandemic, especially because the federal government's leader-

ship has been so inadequate, so late and so confused. My kids are raising teenagers who no longer go to school or get to hang out with friends. My nieces and nephews are entertaining their toddlers all day and welcoming newborns. Some friends are living through all of this on their own. Others are going to work and keeping as safe as possible, whatever that means.

For me, the first month was the worst, when I realized this wasn't going to be a two-week deal, when I realized how vulnerable we are as over-65 seniors, when I saw the medical experts doing quiet battle with the federal government. I did what I could for myself, meditating and yoga and talking to friends on the phone. My husband and I carved out space for ourselves within our home, separating for some part of each day.

Still, there are moments that feel close to panic. How will we get through this time

of not seeing our children and grandchildren? How will young people make sense of this in the arc of their lives?

Here at home base, the journey is fraught. From another room, I can hear my husband preparing his hourly glass of water, violently shaking ice for what seems like 20 minutes, creating an avalanche of sound that shakes the dishes in the cupboard. I hear it from upstairs. Hell, you could hear it from another state. You wouldn't think that would make you want to kill someone, but you'd be wrong. It's the little things that drive you mad.

But then, somehow, things settle. We find the light. We never had breakfast together because he went to work before 7. Now we do. Yes, it's true he does get testy when I leave crumbs from my toast on the table, but we're coping. We have faith in us.

When we got married that July 3 in Woodmere, we promised to stick together. As fragile as life has become, as much as we've changed, grown apart and together again, I'm still in. We got married on that date so we'd always have the Fourth of July to celebrate.

Alas, no fireworks this year, but I do have a nice whole snapper marinating in the fridge.

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# In Congress, July 4, 1776

*The Declaration of Independence was first published on July 6, 1776, in a newspaper; the Pennsylvania Evening Post. We are proud to commemorate that high point in American journalism by reprinting that historic document.*

**W**hen in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, 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. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

**H**e has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at

places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness of his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our Government:

For suspending our own legislature, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War; in Peace Friends.

**W**e, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

*The Declaration was signed first by John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, and then by 55 others representing the 13 original states.*

## OPINIONS

# Of course black lives matter!

**W**hile commenting on the chants and signs proclaiming “Black Lives Matter,” a white colleague said, “All lives matter.”

Yes, I replied, all lives matter, but we need to be reminded that black lives matter because it is black lives that are being eliminated by police violence. And we



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know only about those killed by bullets and bullies. What about the others who are “killed” behind closed doors and by Covid-19, toxic water, lead paint, failing schools, a privatized prison system and job discrimination, among other ills visited upon black

people.

I asked my colleague if he ever worried when his son goes to a mall with friends. Imagine you’re black, I said. Would you be concerned then, since we know that black people are harassed more often than whites and are killed in their homes and suburban neighbor-

hoods by white police.

How many times have we heard of black professionals being mistaken for maintenance staff? How often have we read about black students being asked why they’re in a university lounge, as if they don’t belong there?

We hear the protests of the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and so many others, but do we hear the cries of anguish of those who suffer the malignancy of daily slights and sights? The slights of having one’s name questioned because it seems foreign. The sights of statues honoring generals who wanted to maintain the slave system.

To solve a problem or cure an addiction, we must first name it and frame it. We must own up to it, even if it takes time. We must acknowledge it and understand its causes and effects. This is true of racism in all its guises, whether individual or institutional.

I was fortunate to grow up in Mount Vernon, N.Y., where I had black friends in every grade of school. Even in college, although it was majority white, I had black friends — even one who today is a raving libertarian. But even with these experiences, I have to remind myself of white supremacy, of the many ways in

which I have been advantaged in life, despite the fact that my mother died when I was 9 and my father went bankrupt due to the medical bills. We were poor but white, and even that gave us advantages.

Racism is endemic. We must speak out against it, not in a patronizing way but as a patriotic act. For if we do not correct our nation’s original sin, this country whose ideals I admire will soon perish from its rotten core.

The sin of slavery and the dehumanization of black people was codified in our Constitution, written into law, condoned by churches and confirmed by courts. Through theology, political protocols, economic priorities and educational practices, black individuals, families and communities have been disadvantaged in American society. These are the sources of white supremacy and relative wealth.

It’s time for white people to acknowledge these injustices. It’s time for white Americans to acknowledge the justification for affirmative action. It’s time for white Americans to care about equal access to health care, education, job opportunities and justice for all Americans without regard for race, gender or background. To care about others is to care about the ideals on which this coun-

try was founded, even when those ideals were flawed in execution.

These ideals are stated as, “We the people” — not *some* people — “in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” This is a promise to pursue these ideals, not of perfection at the time of writing, but if we do not maintain this pursuit after more than two centuries of trying in fits and starts, we will surely perish as a nation.

To affirm that these ideals apply to all Americans, black, white and other, is a form of reparation worth standing up for, a major but easy first step. Then they can become an action agenda for university and business leaders, elected officials and community activists to ensure voting rights as well as basic human rights. If we do not support our neighbors, whether near or far — if we do not affirm that, yes, black lives matter — we will certainly find that the center, the core, will not hold.

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## LETTERS

### Thanks for sharing Oyster Bay stories

To the Editor:

Thank you for the June 26-July 2 edition of the Oyster Bay Herald Guardian. And thank you so much for doing the story on the Oyster Bay Preschool, “Oyster Bay Preschool celebrates 40 years in the hamlet,” which appeared in that edition.

Beverly Zembko is wonderful, as is Judy Wasilchuk, and the two are Rotarians and have worked with the Oyster Festival since the beginning. Your Letisha Dass, who wrote the article, did a wonderful job. I can’t thank you enough.

And, as a topping on the cake, I loved Laura Lane’s story about the wedding in the gazebo in Oyster Bay, “Wedding bells for an O.B. Couple amidst the coronavirus. The gazebo is actually called the Derby-Hall Bandstand and is a replica of the original one from which Theodore Roosevelt gave his speeches.

I loved the information about Town Clerk Richard LaMarca in that article, another Oyster Bay favorite.

Thank you for bringing Oyster Bay stories to the public.

DAGMAR FORS KARPPI  
*Oyster Bay*

### Progress does not come easy

To the Editor:

The State of Mississippi did not ratify the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery until 1995. Yes 1995, not 1895. It took them 130 years to accomplish this, the amendment having been passed by Congress in 1865.

Now Mississippi has decided to eliminate the Confederate symbol from their state flag. We may deplore the snail’s pace at which the state acted, but it apparently took them that long to become accustomed to what was the right thing to do.

And so too, Princeton has gotten used to the realization that President Woodrow Wilson had done harm in having re-segregated federal agencies after a difficult struggle over a period of years in getting those agencies desegregated in the first place.

Progress does not always come easy.

BOB PRAVER  
*Glen Cove*

## FRAMEWORK by John O’Connell



Beach chairs and umbrellas? For now, you bring your own. — Jones Beach

## CORRECTIONS

The name of a co-author of last week’s opinion column “Going to the doctor in a Covid-19 world” was misspelled. She is Dr. Ankita Sagar, not Anika. The Herald regrets the error.

In the June 25- July 1 issue of the Glen Cove Herald Gazette, Jaime Tech was featured in the Herald Hometown Hero section. It was stated that she is from Glen Cove, but she is actually from Sea Cliff.

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