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Courtesy Pam Giorgi

GLEN COVE RESIDENT Pam Giorgi, left, and her brother, James Pascucci, go on wine dusting adventures together — while (mostly) maintaining social distance and wearing masks.

‘Wine fairies’ bring fun to community during pandemic

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A complete stranger dropping off a gift basket of wine, snacks and other treats on one’s doorstep might have seemed peculiar only a few months ago, but in the days of the pandemic, it’s the new normal for some women.

The concept of “wine fairies” has swept communities across the country. It often

starts in Facebook groups, where women share their addresses and stories, and comes to fruition with a “dusting” of goodies and plenty of photos to follow. And, of course, a fairy’s mission is to give the recipient a smile, but not get caught.

“It’s the best part, running up to the door, deciding whether you want to knock or not — you don’t want to get caught — and then you run to

the car,” said Breanna Cruz, 24, of Glen Cove. “I’ve run to the car so many times trying not to get caught.”

Cruz, a teaching assistant at a local day care center, and her mother, Laura Cruz, also of Glen Cove, a medical biller and receptionist for a doctor’s office, noticed that in a Long Island-wide wine fairy Facebook group, there were few North Shore residents,

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A maskless customer costs L.V. man a job

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Thomas DeSarle, of Locust Valley, is without a job after he refused service to a Glen Cove Carvel customer who was not wearing a mask as he coughed and paid with cash dampened with perspiration.

“He offered the customer a mask, and the customer refused,” said Jonathan Bell, of Bell Law Group, who is representing DeSarle in the alleged July 11 incident. “Tom went back to the owner of the store and asked if he had to serve the customer, and she said ‘yes.’ He then served the customer who paid with cash, using the same hand that the customer was coughing on, and the cash was wet from perspiration.”

DeSarle, as seen on CCTV footage aired by NBC, refused to take the money. And instead, according to Bell, DeSarle’s higher-up completed the transaction, and he was sent home that day.

Bell said DeSarle did not come in for his next shift the following Monday because he thought he was fired, but he got a call at 1 p.m. from the owner of the franchise, Annie Chen, asking him to come in. “So he hurried up, because this was his only source of income,” Bell said. “She was getting ready to leave when he arrived, and she said, in substance, ‘Promise me you won’t do that again. That if someone comes in without a mask, that you will serve them.’”

Tom [DeSarle] went back to the owner of the store and asked if he had to serve the customer, and she said ‘yes.’

JONATHAN BELL
Attorney

DeSarle said no to this request, Bell said. “If he feels like his safety is in jeopardy, he’s not going to be serving the customer, and she said, ‘Well, if you are not going to promise me, you have to leave. You’re fired.’ So that’s how it went down and how it was described by Tom to me.”

Bell said that over DeSarle’s two years as a manager at the Glen Cove Carvel franchise, he

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A fun way to learn about our waterways

The 90 minute cruise around West Harbor on Saturday, guided by Friends of the Bay and The WaterFront Center was a big hit with 51 residents participating. Colorful Kayaks and paddleboards dotted the Long Island Sound with participants, who were a variety of ages, enjoying the guided excursion led by an experienced naturalist.

“Everybody seemed to like it so we’re planning to make it an annual event and maybe even do more than one kayak cruise per year,” said Bill Bleyer, president of Friends of the Bay as well as an author and historian who served as one of the tour guides along with WaterFront Center naturalist Molly Gagliano.

Participants rented all of the available kayaks from the WaterFront Center and Bridge Marine, which pitched in to provide additional rentals. Then the group followed the new Friends of the Bay boat, a 24-foot Parker, as the tour guides pointed out osprey and other wildlife. They described the history of Jakobson Shipyard and the Western Waterfront, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, the historic oyster sloop Christeen, Frank M. Flower & Sons shellfishing company, the independent baymen, and Billy Joel’s house on Centre Island.

It was a celebration of flora and fauna, one that shared the beauty of the waterways, a place many species call home.



Photo Courtesy Joe Catalano



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THE KAYAKERS AND paddleboarders enjoyed a day out on the water.

BILL BLEYER, ABOVE, president of Friends of the Bay and author and historian served as one of the tour guides.

PEOPLE OF A variety of ages participated, including Lilly Louden, left, and her father Daniel, left.

STANDING OR SITTING, the adventure was informative and fun for residents, far left.

4 Business owners want 2-hour parking by School Street

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Business leaders and owners have been working for about a year to make sure street level parking spots in the free parking garage on Brewster Street would be made available for clients of School Street businesses and medical practices.

This comes after a deal made in 2017 between RXR Realty and the former City of Glen Cove administration which signed over a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 75 parking spots of the 550 spaces in the Brewster Street Parking Garage for Village Square residents.

Each space, according to Joe Graziose, RXR's executive vice president of residential development and construction, costs \$780 a year. RXR, which will be leasing the minimum of 25 spaces, will have to pay \$20,000 a year for those spots. Those spaces will be reserved for Village Square residents that want to park in the downtown area.

Patricia Holman, the executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown BID, John Zozzaro, the owner of The Downtown Café on School Street and a member of the BID's Board of Directors, and other BID members have been in communications with Glen Cove Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, the liaison between the BID and the City of Glen Cove and a member of the BID Board of Directors, in an effort to secure two rows



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DOWNTOWN GLEN COVE business leaders worry that there will not be enough parking on School Street and hope to make street level parking spots within the Brewster Street Parking Garage two hour parking.

of street level parking spots on School Street. Business leaders are hoping to make the first two rows two-hour parking.

"It is in the best interest of our businesses to have parking on street level, that way it's easier for customers to access local businesses," Holman said. "There's no elevators in that parking lot at this time and the handicap can not access the street level, so we certainly need the spots there for them too."

Holman and Zozzaro both noted that if there isn't enough parking for customers, they are likely to take their business elsewhere. They hope that in designating the first rows for two hour parking, that it will prevent people from taking advantage of the spots and leaving their cars there all day. "We don't want this to happen," Holman said. "We want to keep business here."

"I just want to make sure the parking spots [that RXR acquires] is not the front rows for the customers of the commercial buildings and all the medical offices next door," Zozzaro said. "We want to put two hour parking there, so that the customers and the patients can have easy access to School Street."

Graziose said that RXR does not plan on taking any of the spots in the first row by School Street, but rather 10 spots in the second row, 10 spots in the third row and five spots in the last row. He said what is driving RXR to the bottom floor is the fact that the garage does not have an elevator in it. There are 140 spaces total in the bottom floor.

"I've lived in Glen Cove for 59 years of my life and I've not seen that parking garage ever full," Graziose said.

"Our objective in building this building in the downtown is to bring vibrancy to the downtown. We have 146 units we're going to be bringing online, which is 146 shoppers, plus 146 mouths to feed."

This matter of designating School Street parking rows as two-hour parking was brought up at the Glen Cove Pre-Council Meeting on July 21 as a discussion item.

"The city is going to reach out to the Downtown BID because the way this topic came to the City Council yesterday was from a great business man in the downtown, but he's just one business," Fugazy Scagliola said. "I think we have to understand collectively how business owners that are going to be impacted by this parking."

Taking what business owners have to say, the issue at hand should be discussed between the city, the business community and RXR, she said.

"I think that having spots that turn-over every two hours is good because if you have someone that just leaves their car there, it's not helpful and I think what we would like to see is some hustle and bustle in the downtown," Fugazy Scagliola said. "I think that we're going to come to a reasonable solution that's good for our residents, our new residents and good for the businesses."

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No mask, no service, no job at Carvel

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worked hard, and as an essential worker cleared 50 hours a week during the pandemic.

This is devastating to DeSarle, Bell said, as his full-time position as a manager of the Glen Cove Carvel was one he relied on. “Now he’s out of work,” Bell said.

This alleged incident comes after Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered New Yorkers to wear masks or face coverings in public when they cannot maintain social distance. Cuomo further signed an executive order on May 28 authorizing businesses to deny entry to those who do not wear masks or face coverings. And a sign at the Glen Cove Carvel states that all customers must wear masks.

A Glen Cove Carvel employee, who asked to remain anonymous, said customers should be assured that employees of the franchise have been working to keep everyone safe. Surfaces are cleaned, customers wear masks, and those who do not are offered masks.

The franchise owner could not be reached for comment. Chen told Newsday that DeSarle was rude to the customer, failed to provide masks made available by Carvel and then quit his job three days later.

“Carvel is stating that the particular store is complying with local and state ordinances,” Bell said. “But clearly if you see the video that aired, the individual is not wearing a mask.”

Bell is organizing a GoFundMe page for DeSarle to help him during this time. Bell added that DeSarle has been offered a job. Going forward, Bell said, he and his client will work to solve this dispute privately before acting.

If need be, Bell and DeSarle are considering filing suit in state Supreme Court and



Courtesy Bell Law Group

THOMAS DESARLE, FAR left, and his attorney, Jonathan Bell, answered questions at a news conference about an alleged incident at the Glen Cove Carvel, where DeSarle lost job after refusing to take money from a customer who was not wearing a mask.

a complaint with Cuomo’s office and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The president of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Cohn, was outraged when she learned what allegedly happened to DeSarle. “It’s despicable,” Cohn said. “The chamber, the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, the Gold Coast Business Association and the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce have been meeting weekly, and we’re trying to put together a mask campaign. That’s how strongly we believe in the importance of masks.”

Mahir Nisar, an attorney with Nisar

Law Group P.C., argues that this alleged incident could violate New York Labor Law title 740, which prohibits employers from retaliating against employees for refusing to take part in any activity that presents a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety.

“Due to the substantial and specific dan-

ger that Covid-19 poses to the public health and safety, an employee’s objection to, or refusal to participate in, the violation of New York’s Covid-19 quarantine order would arguably fall in this category and be protected against retaliation,” Nisar said.

The identity of the customer in question is unclear.

Local reactions

“I think this is completely unfair. Stores have the right to refuse service, especially if this man was allegedly coughing all over. The manager did all the right steps, and to be let go seems completely unjustified.”

Christina Speranza Hunnicutt
Glen Cove

“Thomas has always been courteous and very accommodating to our family. I believe the owner may have made a hasty decision and was unaware of all of the facts involved, but I don’t believe she needs to be publically demonized like this. Obviously, she’s made prior good choices like hiring Thomas [DeSarle]. This Carvel will not lose my business, but it’d be heartwarming to see Thomas and the owner get together, resolve this and go back to their previous winning working relationship.”

Lina Maini
Glen Cove

“My husband and I . . . go there three times a week, and when we heard about what happened, we stopped going. Couldn’t give my business to a company that treats its employees like that.”

Kenzie Garry
Sea Cliff

“My son is 5 and goes to Carvel all the time. [Thomas DeSarle] is always so nice to him, and my son loves the gummy bears he always gives him.”

Larin Kaywood-Graziose
Glen Cove

“I love Carvel, but I will not be going back because of this. He had his health and the health of other patrons to worry about. Shame on management. He is a nice and courteous man always. All of them are. Shameful.”

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NYS delays high school sports by one month

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The high school athletic fields across New York state will remain quiet at least until the third week of September.

The Officers of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association voted July 16 to delay the official start date of the 2020 fall sports season, cancel the fall Regional and State Championships and prepare to implement a condensed season schedule in January 2021 if high school sports remain prohibited throughout this year due to Covid-19.

This decision came at the recommendation of the NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force when it convened as a working group for the third time this morning. "As the state considers reopening, it is unrealistic to believe athletic seasons can start on Aug. 24 as originally scheduled," said Paul Harri-ca, NYSPHSAA president. "The priority will continue to be on the educational process and a return to learning in the safest way possible."

The NYSPHSAA Officers' decision includes delaying fall sports practice start date until Monday, Sept. 21, waiving the seven-day practice rule, maintaining current practice requirements, and encouraging geographic scheduling for games. Schools would have the option, if permitted by state officials, to offer off-season conditioning workouts.

"We recognize this is challenging for everyone, but the decisions made at the State level are based upon data and statewide infection rates all in an effort to stop the spread of Covid and reopen responsibly," said Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA's executive director. "At this time, Department of Health guidance presented on July 13 prohibits interscholastic athletics across the state. The association will continue to follow state guidance and will work collectively with state officials to ensure high school athletics will start up responsibly in the future."

"As an association, we must be willing to be flexible and continue to explore all options with students' safety as our main focus," Zayas added.

If football practice begins Sept. 21, Nassau County will maintain its full 2020 regular-season schedule with a start date of Saturday, Oct. 3, said Section 8 football coordinator Matt McLees. The original start date was Thursday, Sept. 17.

"I'm actually happy for the delay," McLees said. "I thought the news would have been worse. I don't think we are out of the woods yet though for the fall. But for now, we have hope."

McLees said the Nassau football season would conclude with county

championship games Dec. 5 and 6, pending Section 8 approval. The number of playoff teams in each of Nassau's four conferences has been cut in half, from eight to four, and there will not be Long Island championships.

Other fall sports, such as soccer, volleyball, field hockey, girls tennis, girls swimming and cross country, require only six days of practice compared to football's 10 prior to competition and could face opponents as early as Sept. 28.

"We're all trying to pull in the same direction," Section 8 boys' soccer coordinator Al Freeman said. "In these circumstances, the first thing is to make sure the kids get their education. In terms of the soccer season, we'll await guidance from BOCES and then create a schedule and alignment."

With regional differences, schools and areas will be impacted differently by the Covid-19 crisis. At the discretion of the NYSPHSAA Officers and authorization from state officials, if the fall sports season is interrupted or impacted by Covid-19 crisis (for example, state official guidance, school closings or cancelation of high-risk sports), then a condensed seasons plan will be implemented.

The condensed season plan would call for three 10-week campaigns, with winter sports (basketball, bowling, gymnastics, ice hockey, indoor track & field, swimming (boys), skiing, and tentatively wrestling and competitive cheer going Jan. 4 to March 13, fall sports (football, cross country, field hockey, soccer, swimming (girls) and volleyball going March 1 to May 8, and spring sports (baseball, softball, lacrosse, golf, tennis, and outdoor track & field taking place April 5 to June 12. Because of the high-risk nature of wrestling and competitive cheer, they may be moved to later dates in the condensed model.

"It's my goal to preserve every sports season for every student athlete," said Zayas, who noted 198,000 students take part in fall sports alone statewide. "What we are trying to do is develop solutions to benefit student-athletes and to provide them with an opportunity to participate," he added. "We need to be flexible, and we need to be open to exploring all ideas and all options."

The NYSPHSAA Officers have the ability to adjust seasons with the authority granted within the NYSPHSAA Constitution which states: "Article IV, 2: A committee of officers in consultation with the staff shall have the authority to act on all matters not provided for in this constitution and bylaws, and on such emergency business as may arise between regular meetings of the Executive Committee."



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THROUGHOUT NEW YORK

state, fall high school sports such as soccer will not begin practicing until Sept. 21.

NASSAU COUNTY FOOTBALL

is keeping its regular-season schedule intact with a start date of Oct. 3. One round of play-offs was eliminated.

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival cancels 2020 season

The committee for Morgan Park Summer Music Festival has decided to cancel its 2020 season of free concerts in the park due to the coronavirus.

The city, the Glen Cove Police Department and Nassau County, worked closely with the committee to establish rigorous protocols to assure a safe summer concert season for Long Island audiences. However, the safety protocols that were established were rejected by New York state.

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival will be corresponding with the many donors who contributed to support the 2020 summer season, offering to return their donation or apply the support to the 2021 season if they prefer.

The festival, which marked its 60th anniversary in 2019, is a not-for-profit organization, administered by an all-volunteer team to present free concerts in Morgan Park each summer weekend. These seasons of professional, family-oriented performances are funded entirely through tax-deductible contributions by businesses and individuals. No taxpayer funds are sought or used.



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THE MORGAN PARK Summer Music Festival has cancelled its 2020 season of free concerts in the park.

Traffic reduced on roads for repaving

On Monday, July 20, 2020 the following four roadways will be reduced to traffic and/or possibly closed for repaving.

- Dosoris Way (Forest Avenue to Walnut Road)
- Walnut Road (Forest to Pearsall avenues)
- Pearsall Avenue (Glen Street to Highland Road)
- Highland Road (Walnut Road to Pearsall Avenue)

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AquaBrasil Boutique brings new fashion to Glen Head

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When Bruna Tembelis had to cancel the opening of her shop, AquaBrasil Boutique, due to the coronavirus pandemic, she had to find new ways to succeed as a new local business.

"I was ready to open in April and then the pandemic started, so I wasn't even able to open my doors," Tembelis said. "So, what I had to do was start with Facebook Live and totally get out of my comfort zone. It's not something I was comfortable with in the beginning, but I did what I had to do."

While the business, which Tembelis describes as a lifestyle boutique and gift shop, has found success through virtual platforms, its Glen Head storefront finally opened to customers in June. There and online, customers can buy jewelry, women and children's fashion, accessories and more.

Working with both American and international brands, Tembelis said that many of the store's products stand out for being handmade, biodegradable and ethically made. While the boutique's specialty is clothing and jewelry, its inventory is diverse, featuring other products like candles and natural soaps as well.

The boutique was recently featured as the North Shore Biz Network's "Business of the Month" for July. Deborah Orgel-Gordon, the president of the North Shore Biz Network, said that the shop is a valuable addition to Glen Head's local business scene.

"I don't think we have a place in the community to sell products for children, so that's really exciting," Orgel-Gordon said. "I have lots of little grand-nieces and nephews, so I'm always looking for children's products."

Orgel-Gordon added that AquaBrasil has women's products as well. She said



Courtesy Bruna Tembelis

AN ARRAY OF jewelry, accessories and more can be found on AquaBrasil Boutique's online store and at its Glen Head storefront, which opened for in-person shopping in June.

there are not a lot of local women's clothing stores in the area, something which she said the community has been missing.

Tembelis said the boutique's name was inspired by her Brazilian roots and her favorite crystal, aquamarine. She said her commitment to opening her own business started with making and selling semiprecious Brazilian jewelry, and that original passion is still important to her. In addition to products from various brands, she sells her own line of semiprecious crystal bracelets, with each crystal representing

a different healing property.

Working both in the medical field and in real estate after moving from Brazil to Queens 15 years ago, Tembelis said her passion for making jewelry grew as a side business over the years. Now, living in Glen Cove with her husband and two daughters, she has been able to grow that side of the business even further.

"I always loved the North Shore, and I like to be close to the water," Tembelis said. "I love this area, and the community has welcomed me with open arms. I've

been here seven days of the week — I live here, basically. It doesn't feel like a job, though. This is what I love."

When the building in Glen Head that she now operates in became available in January, Tembelis said she quickly worked to open her store there. Although her plans were changed by the pandemic, Orgel-Gordon said having to immediately prioritize the store's online presence may benefit AquaBrasil down the line.

"Most of these businesses that started this year had to create websites and learn to sell their products online," Orgel-Gordon said. "Many small businesses have to go the route of having a storefront and an online store on their website to keep them afloat, because that's the only way to compete with people who normally order online."

"So, in a positive way," Orgel-Gordon added, "I think that even though it was probably really hectic and scary and horrible, it pushed her and any other business in our community that hasn't had an online site to set all of that up right away."

Although the pandemic is still keeping new businesses like AquaBrasil Boutique from getting the traditional publicity of events like ribbon-cuttings, success is still achievable, said Steve Warshaw, president of the Gold Coast Business Association. He said people are apprehensive about going into new places, something which he said business owners need to consider. It will be a while before a normal level of comfort among consumers sets in, he said, so being online could be crucial in new businesses' survival.

"As far as places like AquaBrasil, they just have to maintain an online presence and get their name out there and advertise," Warshaw said. "It's hard for any new business now, but once people know who you are in the neighborhood, then you have a following."

Bottles of hand sanitizer donated to city

Over the past few months, the Perrigo Company PLC has donated over 500,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to local hospitals and first responders facing urgent shortages. This past week, Glen Cove resident and Perrigo employee, Carlos Valverde, facilitated a donation of 6,528 bottles of hand sanitizers to the Glen Cove Police Department and an additional 6,528 to Glen Cove City Hall.

This is the second time that Perrigo was able to donate to the GCPD since the start of the pandemic. In April, when Perrigo Company learned of the hand sanitizer shortage, its team mobilized to formulate, produce and ship hand sanitizer within only a few weeks' time.

Perrigo is manufacturing the hand sanitizer at its New York facility and the product is being delivered to hospitals and health-care providers in West Michigan and the greater New York City area through the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, which determines the agencies most in need of the product. The Michigan State

Police will also receive hand sanitizer donations to aid first responders in their work with the general public.

"The initiation of this welcomed gesture by Carlos and the Perrigo Company are just a small example of what makes Glen Cove a great and unique community," said Sergeant Ryan Nardone, the Glen Cove PBA president. "Carlos, a Glen Cove native, resident and friend chose to utilize his professional capacity to ensure that he made a difference in Glen Cove. While Perrigo Company made donations to many larger organizations; Carlos ensured that they allotted sanitizer for The City of Glen Cove and our Police Department."

"In these uncertain times, there are two things we know: wearing masks and keeping our hands clean and sanitized are proven to help stop the spread of Covid-19," Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said. "Thanks to Carlos and the generosity of Perrigo we have been able to continue following those proven guidelines."



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CARLOS VALVERDE MADE sure that Glen Cove City Hall and the Glen Cove Police Department received thousands of donated bottles of hand sanitizer from the Perrigo Company PLC.

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'Wine fairies' lighten things up during crisis

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because of their distance from other communities. So, in the interest of bringing the fun to the North Shore, they started their own Facebook group in May called "Wine Fairies of Glen Cove, Glen Head, Sea Cliff, GWL and Locust Valley."

Since then, they have not only gone on many dusting trips, but have also received at least 30 dustings, sometimes several a day. All dustings are purchased by the women making the deliveries.

"It's been a blessing, especially during this pandemic," Laura Cruz said as she and her daughter prepared for a dusting last weekend. "It grew very, very fast. People we know, people we don't know, people that we know of, they just kept adding their friends."

As women on the North Shore networked, the group grew to over 1,000 members, and now Breanna Cruz said she sees ladies dusting in her neighborhood all the time. "We've received personalized wine glasses," she said. "We've gotten to try a bunch of different wines that we haven't tried before."

Group members bring new wines to front doorsteps, start new friendships, renew old ones and bond over the loss of loved ones. Their dustings have also brought many smiles during a time when it's been hard to find things to smile about. "It's not just wine," Breanna Cruz said simply.

Pam Giorgi, of Glen Cove, who has tested patients for Covid-19 through the pandemic, said that the group elicited positive emotions in herself, her coworkers and her brother, James Pascucci, who has Down syndrome and is the only male "fairy" in the group.

"I joined it at the beginning of the pandemic, and because I was working on the front lines, I said, 'I'm watching,'" Giorgi recalled. "And it was cool, because the things these women were doing — I actually showed my coworkers some of these elaborate things, and it helped a lot of us get through 12 weeks."

She added, "This job was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be, and I'm a pretty tough cookie."

For a while, Giorgi did not list her address in the group because of her long hours, but eventually she changed her mind, and even got her brother involved. "I believe I dusted first just because someone made me smile, and a few days later when I went dusting, I



Courtesy Pam Giorgi

JAMES PASCUCCI, WHO has Down syndrome, is the only male fairy of the North Shore Nassau County wine fairy group.



Courtesy Pam Giorgi

BREANNA CRUZ, OF Glen Cove, posted this photo of goodies in her trunk, and told fellow "fairies" to check their doorsteps after she went on a dusting with her family.

took James," she said. "We went for a walk around the block and I posted a picture of him on his bicycle, and the fairies went crazy, and they were like, 'Oh I want to dust him!' It's just so positive."

Giorgi said that other members often call her "James's paparazzi" when she posts photos of him preparing and making deliveries, adding that he has been dusted about 25 times since he's gotten involved.

"He said he loves this group — 'I love the girls, I love that they smile,'" she said. "But what he doesn't like is that they're not allowed to hug him. We keep social distancing as much as possible."

Giorgi added that many of the women in the group came together on Father's Day to dust those that had recently lost their fathers. "I thought I was going to be the only one that would dust a few women

who had recently mentioned that they lost their dad," she said, "and next thing I know, because I had posted that I lost my dad last year, they dusted me, and they're



Courtesy Jessica Kaiser Baker

AFTER WALKING HER dog, Jessica Kaiser Baker, of Bayville, found this basket from the wine fairy group on her doorstep.

dusting each other . . . they're the most phenomenal group of people."

Jessica Kaiser Baker, a high school guidance counselor who lives in Bayville, said that the group has helped her get through a difficult time, as she balances her role as an essential worker and the loss of her father to Covid-19.

"My dad had passed away on May 1, and someone posted that they were looking to dust people that were helpers and first responders, and then I jumped on and I said 'Please, anybody that works at Winthrop, I would be happy to dust because they were so great to my dad,'" Kaiser Baker recounted. "And then people dusted me back and then I got my kids involved. It was something for us, in a

really dark time, that we could do together to bring joy to others."

She said that she and her boyfriend, Keith Hickey, made boxes out of wooden pallets for the treats they left, which recipients ultimately used for planting and storage.

"Not that we're having dinner at each other's houses, but I made a really strong support network in a short period of time, and [Giorgi] brought me a basket of things that had very specific things about your first year without your dad," Kaiser Baker said. "Even my mom, who was completely devastated, said 'How is there total strangers just being so nice and supportive?' This is a really, really nice thing."

Sagamore Hill Historical Site has new superintendent

Jonathan Parker has been chosen by the National Park Service as the new superintendent of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay. He will begin on August 30.

“Sagamore Hill National Historic Site will greatly benefit from Jonathan’s leadership style and knowledge of the site,” said Gay Vietzke, the regional director. “While serving as acting superintendent at the park earlier this year, Jonathan successfully steered operations during the Covid-19 pandemic. He is dedicated to improving the quality of visitor access and experiences within the park while also addressing the preservation of this exceptional presidential home.”

Parker currently serves as the chief of interpretation at Valley Forge National Historical Park in Pennsylvania. He recently led the collaborative development of a combined \$2.5 million federal project for the park that included the design of 3,600 square feet of new exhibits and the production of five new films. He previously served as the chief of interpretation, education and partnerships at Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works national historic sites in Massachusetts.

“I am honored to have been selected to serve as the superintendent of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site,” Parker said. “It is a privilege to support the ongoing



Courtesy National Park Service

JONATHAN PARKER HAS been chosen by the National Park Service as the new superintendent of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

mission of this place that is singular in American history. Not only is Sagamore Hill an iconic home to a renowned American President and his family, it is a serene, beautiful and living emblem of Theodore Roosevelt’s regard for the conservation of the American landscape. I am equally honored to work alongside the park’s outstanding staff and partners, whose diligent efforts ensure that its mission is preserved.”

Heralds to start webinar series

In mid-August, the Herald Community Newspapers will start a new webinar series featuring special guests to discuss the big-picture issues affecting Nassau County residents. First up will be a webinar looking at how Nassau schools will open while the Covid-19 pandemic still is raging across the country.

Look out for details in upcoming editions of the Herald.

Skye Ostreicher has been named the webinar series host and moderator. Over the past decade, Ostreicher has worked with public relations and government affairs consulting firms on behalf of businesses, nonprofit organizations and tech startups across Long Island and New York City.

Most recently, she launched her Instagram TV series, “Life Before the Virus,” featuring interviews with elected officials and community leaders discussing the effect of the coronavirus on everyday life.

Ostreicher grew up on Long Island and received a full academic scholarship to the University of Miami, where she



Courtesy Skye Ostreicher

SKYE OSTREICHER WILL host the Herald Community Newspapers’ upcoming webinar series.

studied chemistry before graduating a year early to earn a double master’s in public health and public policy from Stony Brook University.

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**CHAIR, JULY 4TH COMMITTEE,
SEA CLIFF CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

The July Fourth car parade was a result of the challenging times we're in now because we could not do what we usually do, which is a full-blown reading of the Declaration on the Village Green with music, refreshments, the ringing of the village and many other wonderful things. It's a small place, so we felt that would not be safe in these times.

Some of the people on the committee worked on a virtual ceremony, but I felt like we needed to have something in person. We decided to do a drive around Sea Cliff, wishing all Sea Cliffians a happy July Fourth as we drove by in decorated cars.

It was more successful than I expected. July Fourth is a day when people have plans - I wasn't sure there would be many people out. We invited all Sea Cliff residents to come out on their porches and wave to us. What really surprised me was how much fun all of us had who were in the car parade, so I was very happy about it.

July Fourth is the most important American civic holiday because the Declaration of Independence is a statement of the ideals on which this country was founded, and I believe its authors gave us a plan for how to achieve those ideals. They gave us a system that can help us make all those things truly meaningful.

We celebrate it every year, and I felt that this year, with all of its challenges, made it even more important.



HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

CHRISTINE RICE

GARDEN CITY

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GLEN COVE SENIOR CENTER**

The pandemic has definitely changed the way we look at our programs and services and the things we offer to our members.

Where it used to be person to person on a daily basis, we are now digital, so it's given us more of a platform to hopefully not only reach the members who used to join us every day, but also members who may be homebound and also additional seniors who may have not known about our services but now have learned more about them on a digital level.

The senior center staff has been so proactive in helping seniors in learning the techniques on how to get on Facebook, other websites or Zoom to join meetings that we have with our members. And I have to say I'm very impressed with the majority of seniors. As intimidating as it may be, a majority of them are open to learning this new skill and becoming connected with everyone on this level.

I believe that although we can't be person to person as we used to, being able to see individuals through a Zoom call or an other platforms that we have used, it has enabled them to still have that connection on some level, be able to see each other and speak to each other about what is happenings and their emotions and feelings that they're experiencing through this pandemic.

Food is very important, not only at a nutritional level, but also an emotional level. We want to serve as many members or seniors as need be through our meal deliveries. So far I believe we've been very successful with that.

Our staff has also been regularly calling members to make sure to check in.



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My family and I, we just came to Glen Cove last August. Almost half of the time that we have been here, in New York, was during the pandemic. So we had half of our ministry where we were in the building, and we almost had half of our ministry where it's been online.

The pandemic has changed what I do as a pastor in a lot of ways. The way that I connect with my congregation has changed, because typically we're meeting at least on a weekly basis in the building, and we're able to shake hands or hug or talk about issues and things like that and obviously that has dramatically changed.

I've had to more intentional about connecting with people because it has not happened as naturally as it did before the pandemic, so we've been, as a church, very intentional about our online services.

If this happened 10 or 15 years ago, it would be much more difficult.

The other minister and myself have also been doing Wednesday night an internet show where we're able to interact with people and address things that they have on their mind; answer questions from those that are watching. We've talked about feelings during the pandemic; we've talked about some of the racial tensions that have come up recently and how to deal with those emotions in a loving way.

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NANCY FARINACCIO

LINDENHURST

VOLUNTEER, LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER OF OYSTER BAY



When the coronavirus hit, I was full time at the Life Enrichment Center. We were told on March 13 not to come in anymore, but I wanted to be here in case our members needed anything. A lot of them live alone and have no family at home. I have gone in every day since we closed.

We had a ton of calls. They were all scared. Most were our members, and a few had the virus and were afraid to go to the hospital. They said they needed food and medicine and were afraid to go out. We were running errands. There were so many we got volunteers from the community to help us.

Volunteers shopped for them. And I ended up bringing medicine and putting it on the front porch. I also dropped off soup that our chef Anthony made and froze. But the members didn't only need things. They were really lonely, scared and worried. We were here to give them support and reassurance. Anything I could do I did.

I was concerned for my own health and safety — I have underlying health issues. But the members' needs were there, and for me, it superseded anything else. I got flak from the staff and my family. I told them this is what I'm going to do. I prayed every day for our members and for the strength to help to keep them going.

We lost a few members from the virus.

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Teen starts dog walking, pet care business

By JENNIFER CORR

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Incoming Glen Cove High School freshman Aidan Waters will have quite a busy summer with his new business, "Aidan's Dog Walking."

Through his business, 14-year-old Aidan will walk and watch dogs while their owners are out for the day.

"A friend of ours was asking me to take care of her dog for the day and I really enjoyed it and I thought of making the business to make some money and help the animals," Aidan said. "I think it's a fun way to earn some money and I just love all animals and taking care of dogs."

Aidan's mother, Sarah Finkelstein Waters, said that when brainstorming ideas for work that would be appropriate for a young teenager and something that would keep all parties safe during a pandemic, working with animals seemed to be the best fit. She took to Facebook to help Aidan advertise his new business, receiving a warm and welcoming response.

And not only does Aidan plan to earn some cash through his new business, he also plans on donating a portion of his earnings to Cove Animal Rescue in Glen Cove. "I think they really help the animals and I want to inspire others to donate and adopt animals," Aidan said.

Cove Animal Rescue Board Director Janine Fakiris said she really appreciates what Aidan, who has volunteered and fundraised for the shelter before, is doing.

And, Fakiris said, the support is certainly helpful for the shelter after facing a period of struggles through the pandemic. "In the beginning of the [pandemic], the struggles were obviously getting a lot of the animals from the people who were sick due to the Covid," Fakiris



Courtesy Sarah Finkelstein Waters

AIDAN WATERS, WHO started his business "Aidan's Dog Walking," will be starting high school in the fall.

ris said. "So, we were getting a lot of dogs and cats and luckily we were able to foster them and get them adopted. Then, obviously, we weren't able to have any fundraisers."

Another challenge, Fakiris said, is the fact that since the shelter was no longer able to run the trap, neuter

and release program for a period of time, the shelter received an influx of kittens. The shelter has since resumed the program.

Even through these challenges, the shelter has been able to send many animals to forever homes and has also received much support from the community. That support was reciprocated with a pet pantry set up outside the shelter for community members to grab pet food and supplies they may need.

"It's amazing that, first of all, at Aidan's age, that he has learned how important it is to give back to his community," Fakiris said. "Aidan's mother truly raised a very smart, caring little boy. So when he does things like that, it shows the community that there are ways to help the shelter."

"He's a good boy," Finkelstein Waters said of her son. "He's kind, he's quiet. He's a really sweet guy."

Depending on what school days will look like this September, Finkelstein Waters said that Aidan might continue to balance his business with his schoolwork.

Celina Cullen, who works as an English as a new language teacher at the Glen Cove City School District, hired Aidan to look after her Shih-Poo mix puppy named Nala for the day. And she plans on doing so again.

"He genially has a love for animals," Cullen said. "You can tell by the way Nala jumped up on him and they were fast friends. My dog was in good hands."

As a teacher, Cullen said that small jobs for young people can help them learn responsibly and confidence. And, during a pandemic, a job like pet care can provide a productive and safe social outlet.

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JACK GOTTFRIED, SECOND from near left, made it his mission to help his NSHS varsity basketball teammates like Matthew Falcone, far left, Jake Sasso and Will Scarola be the best they could be.

NSHS grad earns award for teamwork

By **MIKE CONN**

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According to many of those who know him, recent North Shore High School graduate Jack Gottfried, of Glen Head, personifies everything it means to be a team player. His selfless attitude and focus on making everyone around him better made it an easy choice for varsity basketball coach Kevin Carpenter and district Athletic Director Don Lang to nominate Gottfried for the Dr. James Tolle Hero/Heroine Award this year, Carpenter said.

Last month, Gottfried, 18, was notified that he was one of only two student-athletes in Nassau County to win the award and its \$1,000 scholarship. It is given to athletes who impact their teams in ways that go beyond winning, by making an emotional contribution and bringing joy to their teammates.

"I'm extremely humbled by it," Gottfried said. "I really couldn't believe that I had won such a huge reward. I'm honored."

"My husband [Peter] and I were very surprised, and words cannot express how proud and grateful we were that he was recognized in that way," said Gottfried's mother, Allison.

Jack, who also played golf and soccer at NSHS, said his path to the varsity basketball team wasn't an easy one. He was under 5 feet tall as a freshman,

and also dealt with a variety of injuries, among them Osgood-Schlatter disease, whose symptom is painful bumps below the knees. That kept him from playing soccer his freshman year, and contributed to his inability to make the junior varsity basketball team as a freshman and sophomore.

But basketball is so important a part of life in Jack's family, Allison said, that he remained determined to make the team. His father and grandfather, Frank Romeo, both played basketball in college and coached at the high school level, and he had the full support of his family throughout his journey.

"He has this way about him that nothing's going to stop him, and that there's nothing that's going to set him back too much," his mother said.

Jack's time to shine came in his junior year, when he made the varsity team. Although he was still relatively undersized, growing to 5 feet 9 by the end of his senior year, and didn't get

much playing time, he was determined to make an impact in any way he could. He gave his teammates emotional support, he said, encouraging them and offering advice on developing their strengths and overcoming their weaknesses.

"I felt it was very important to be that guy who, off the floor, was very supportive," Gottfried said. "I figured that since I'm not going to play a lot, I have to help these guys off the floor, help them mentally, support them and make sure they do the best they can on the floor."

One of his teammates, Will Scarola, said that Gottfried is the kind of guy who will do anything to make his team better. He always gave 100 percent in practice, and took time to ensure that every teammate was being the best he could be, a quality that Scarola

said is hard to find.

"Jack really fought and worked hard over the years to make the team and contribute," Scarola said. "Jack wasn't always the biggest and all that, but he always worked the hardest."

He's a team player. He's got a real passion for the game of basketball, and I think his journey at North Shore, and being part of our program, has shown a lot of growth.

KEVIN CARPENTER

NSHS boys' varsity basketball coach

Scarola said he couldn't think of a better recipient for the Tolle scholarship. "I grew up with Jack for our whole lives," he said, "so I'm very proud of him, and I think everybody should be, too."

Carpenter said he saw the hard work Gottfried put into everything he did, and that he came to practice every day with the mentality of being the best teammate possible. He didn't care about statistics, Carpenter said. He just wanted to make the team better, and was a pleasure to have on the squad.

"Jack's a great kid," his coach said. "He's a team player. He's got a real passion for the game of basketball, and I think his journey at North Shore, and being part of our program, has shown a lot of growth."

In the fall Gottfried will attend Marist College, where he plans to major in digital arts and animation degree, a passion he said he discovered when he began taking more art classes as a sophomore at North Shore. "I fell in love with it," he said, "and I realized this was something I wanted to do, and I might be able to do it for the rest of my life."

Although he will be leaving organized basketball for the time being, Allison said that her son's grit and determination would help him succeed at anything he sets his mind on.

G.C. Rehab Center offers help to those with cardiopulmonary disease

For the estimated 16 million Americans living with cardiopulmonary disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, participating in a support group can improve their emotional wellbeing and have a positive impact on their health.

That is why the Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Glen Cove has joined with the American Lung Association to form a Better Breathers Club at the Glen Cove facility, which offers an opportunity for cardiopulmonary disease patients to connect virtually, via ZOOM, with others who are facing similar experiences, obtain practical information and to receive support. The club is free and open to anyone no matter where they live. The Glen Cove facility has had a pulmonary support group for several years, but the partnership with the ALA is a new venture, resulting in twice the number of group participants.

“With this support group we hope to promote respiratory health and a better sense of well-being for those living with chronic lung disease,” said Daniela Badalamenti, director of the cardio pulmonary program at Glen Cove.

“I for one find the Zoom COPD support group meeting very informative and the exercises we did were very much needed to keep the mind and breathing going,” said Nancy Roesler, a member of the club. “Every week it was a break in the pandemic and gave me and others a chance to see and converse with others.”

The support group will cover an introduction to cardiopulmonary diseases; the benefits of cardiopulmonary rehabilitation; the role of family support in cardiopulmonary disease; heart healthy medical nutrition therapy and communicating with healthcare professionals.

The monthly support group meets every third Thursday of the month and is open to all and is currently using ZOOM meeting format. To receive the Zoom invite information to participate, email lisa.penziner@paragonmanagementsnf.com or call (516) 457-5585.

The Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at 6 Medical Plaza in Glen Cove, offers an inpatient cardiopulmonary disease program that transitions seamlessly to the Pulmonary Support Group.

Heralds come up big in Press Club contest

The Press Club of Long Island released the results on Monday of the 2019 Media Awards, and the Heralds won or placed in all 10 categories that the papers entered. Awards are judged by volunteers from an out-of-state press association.

Papers from across Long Island, including Newsday, entered the competition.

“I’m so pleased and happy and honored by our showing in the Press Club’s annual contest,” Scott Brinton, the Heralds’ executive editor, said. “It really is a testament to the talent of our editors, reporters, photographers and layout artists.”

Here’s a rundown the Heralds’ honors:

Robert W. Greene Public Service Award, Small Market, Long Beach Herald — Tony Rifulato, for his year and a half of reporting on the City of Long Beach payout scandal

Best Community Newspaper, Third Place, Long Beach Herald — Tony Rifulato, Bridget Downes, Darwin Yanes

Cub Reporters of the Year — Briana Bonfiglio (Oceanside and Rockville Centre Heralds) and Darwin Yanes (Long Beach Herald)

Breaking News, First Place, Oceanside Herald, for “Teen stabbed in fight in Oceanside” and “Love was Khaseen”

— Briana Bonfiglio, Christina Daly, Nadya Nataly, Anthony Rifulato, Darwin Yanes

Best Column, First Place, All Heralds — Scott Brinton

Best, Column, Third Place, All Heralds — John O’Connell

Crime and Justice Reporting, Third Place, Long Beach Herald — Tony Rifulato, Bridget Downes, Darwin Yanes

Editorial and Commentary, First Place, All Heralds for “State must do right by mental health patients” — Scott Brinton

Environment Reporting, Second Place, Wantagh and Seaford Heralds, for “State unveils ambitious plan for Bethpage toxic plume” — Mallory Wilson

In-depth Series, Second Place, All Heralds, for “The Racism Around Us” — Scott Brinton, Jeff Bessen, Briana Bonfiglio, Nakeem Grant, Robert Traverso, Melissa Koenig, Andrew Garcia, Tim Denton, Nadya Nataly, Darwin Yanes

Neighborhood and Community News, Second Place, Franklin Square/Elmont Herald, for “More calls for increased street safety” — Ronny Reyes

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Pet owner incensed after dog is euthanized

By JENNIFER CORR

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At its June 2 meeting, the Oyster Bay Town Board voted unanimously to adopt a policy that lifted a moratorium on euthanizing “unadoptable” dogs in town animal shelters. If a canine is deemed unadoptable based on the policy’s standards, it can be euthanized.

Lori Prisand, an animal advocate, said that while she understands that not every dog can be rehabilitated, dogs should be given time and training. She also said a committee should be established to sign off on euthanasia when it is deemed necessary and humane.

“We want our town shelter, one of the wealthiest towns in America, to act like a shelter, not an animal-control facility,” Prisand said. Referring to the policy she said, “If your dog gets in there, it’s a grave risk.”

Among the latest complaints against the Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter comes after the euthanization of an 11-year-old pit bull terrier named Midget Mac that had escaped from his Massapequa home.

Christina Zeleny, the dog’s owner, woke up on Jan. 10 to find Midget Mac missing.

The Zeleny family had three dogs, and she said, it was common for Midget Mac, who used to compete in American Bully Kennel Club shows, to break out of the yard to look for the family’s older dog, which died last year of old age.

What Zeleny did not know, as she searched the neighborhood for Midget Mac, was that he had likely escaped the night before when one of her children let the dogs out.

According to records from the New York Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center in Farmingdale, a good Samaritan brought Midget Mac to the center at 11:30 that night. A microchip that was implanted in him 11 years ago was not registered, so the staff at the center left a voicemail at the Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter.

According to the records, Edith Karapet, a former veterinarian at the Farmingdale center, stated that on the day the dog went missing that the friendly 57-pound dog that ate during the night and limped when walked by the staff had a bleeding left forearm fracture and therefore needed pain control.

After the Farmingdale center reached the town shelter on the morning of Jan. 10, the shelter director, Tom Licata, went to pick up Midget Mac. Karapet told Licata that the dog needed immediate medical care for the fracture. She also recommended a fentanyl patch to give the dog relief from the pain. According to the center’s records obtained by Zeleny, Licata denied the use of the patch.

Licata said he has no recollection of denying the pain patch for the dog. He added that that claim is contrary to his efforts of ensuring immediate medical care for the animal.

The dog was taken to the Carmen Ave. Veterinary Hospital by Licata, where Midget Mac was X-rayed. Records indicate the dog was diagnosed with a catastrophic fracture secondary to osteosarcoma,



Courtesy Christina Zeleny

MIDGET MAC, WHO competed in dog shows in his younger years with the Zeleny family, was known to be a sweet and friendly dog.

ma, a severe bone tumor.

“The town’s veterinarian and hospital’s veterinarian concurred that it was inhumane to make the dog suffer any longer, as it was in extreme pain,” Town Public Information Officer Brian Nevin wrote in an email.

A representative of Carmen Ave. could be reached for comment.

Rich Lenz, commissioner of the town Department of Public Works, gave the OK, according to records. (Lenz has served in dual capacity in the DPW and the Department of Environmental Services, which oversees the shelter, since the commissioner of environmental services retired last year.)

“The town never denied medical services to this or any other animal,” Lenz said. “Following the recommendations of two independent veterinarians, we made the most humane decision possible as this poor dog suffered extreme pain from bone

cancer.”

In the meantime, Zeleny, still looking for Midget Mac, contacted the town shelter. She said she was on the phone with the shelter when she was told that her dog had been euthanized because of his condition. She said the shelter should have known that the dog had an owner because of Midge Mac’s grooming. “They couldn’t wait 24 hours?”

Zeleny said she arrived at the town shelter at 2 p.m. on Jan. 10 to identify her dog, who she said was placed in a garbage bag on a table.

Nevin said that an animal neglect complaint had been made against Zeleny with the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, focusing on her older dog, which had escaped in 2017. But a detective from the SPCA said the complaint was determined to be unfounded, and no charges were filed.

Nevin also explained in an email that

strays are held for seven days at the town shelter. In the case of a medical emergency, however, the veterinarian must determine what constitutes humane treatment if the owner is not found.

According to Nevin, since Jan. 1, the Town of Oyster Bay Animal Control and Adoption Center had taken in 27 cats. Of them, two were euthanized due to sickness or injury. None were euthanized for aggression.

The center also had taken in 54 stray dogs. Of them, one was euthanized due to sickness or injury, and three others were put down due to aggression.

Midget Mac, Nevin said, was the one dog put down this year for medical reasons and Zeleny is devastated because that dog was an important part of her family.

Mike Conn contributed to this story.

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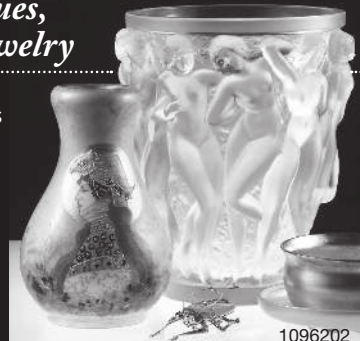
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Edward F. McEvoy

Edward F. McEvoy, 81, formerly of Sea Cliff, died on July 19. Beloved husband of the late Mary. He was a proud US Navy veteran and a graphic designer for over 40 years. Interment St. Charles Cemetery.

Angelo R. Vasiento III

Angelo R. Vasiento III, 54, of Sea Cliff, died on July 4. Husband of Brenda; son of Nancy and the late Angelo Jr.; father of Charles (Ashlyn) and Felicia; brother of Christine; grandfather of Greyson; uncle of Nicole and Matthew. He was a Corporate Bond Broker for many years and an avid sports fan. Interment was private.

Roslyn R. Lutt

Roslyn R. Lutt, 84, of Glen Cove died on July 22. Beloved wife of the late Irwin; loving mother of Steven (Karen), Donald (Kurt), Dina (Geoffrey) and Howard (Lydia); cherished grandmother of 6. Very active in Congregation Tiferth Israel for many years. Arrangements by Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment Service at New Montefiore Cemetery.

Martin E. Spring

Martin E. Spring, 60, of Floral Park, died on July 20. Beloved son of Lori and Stanley; dear brother of Burke (Patti), Peter (Nancy) and Frank (the late Carol); also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins; good friend of John. Spring's family lives in Glen Cove. Arrangements made by Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Interment at St. Charles Cemetery.

Jan Jakobsze

Jan Jakobsze, 92, of Glen Cove died on July 9. He is survived by his wife, three children and four grandchildren. Jakobsze was born on Nov. 27, 1927 in Poland. He married his loving wife Helena on Aug. 21, 1950. Together they had two sons, Andrew and Richard and one daughter, Agnieszka. Jan and Helina emigrated to the United States in 1964 where they raised their three children. He worked diligently in Local 66 for twenty-eight years to support his family. Jan was a soft-spoken man who was devoted to his family. Funeral Mass at the Church of Saint Hyacinth in Glen Head. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

William V. Carney

William V. Carney, 83, of Glen Cove, died on June 28. Beloved husband of Joan (Tierney) for 58 years; loving father of William P., MD (Rita, MD), May Beth Pilc (Roger), Donald PhD and Tara Garret (Bo); cherished grandfather of William and John Carney, Matthew and James Pilc, Shannon, Caroline and Sean Garrett; dear brother of Eleanor McLean (the late Robert), caring brother-in-law of George Tierney, PhD (Kathy); proud uncle of Raymond and Keith Tierney and Eleanor, Mary Ellen and Robert McLean; also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Born in Brooklyn to Rose and William Carney, Carney enjoyed a full and accomplished life. He graduated from St. Augustine's High School in Brooklyn, earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He was a registered professional engineer in the state of New York. Carney attended Pratt on an Army ROTC scholarship and was honorably discharged from the Army as First Lieutenant. An inventor with numerous patents in his name, he was also an entrepreneur and a co-founder of Porta Systems, Inc., which grew into a publicly traded company on the American Stock Exchange. Carney

retired from Porta Systems as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. Carney's true pride and joy was his family and he was happiest when surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren and extended family. He was a wonderful, loving husband, father, grandfather and a friend to all who knew him. Carney was an athlete who loved playing tennis and golf with family and friends at Nassau Country Club (NCC). In more recent years, one of his favorite pastimes was having lunch with "ROMEOS," Retired Old Men Eating Out, at NCC. Arrangements entrusted to Oyster Bay Funeral Home. A funeral mass was held at the Church of St. Dominic in Oyster Bay and was buried at Locust Valley Cemetery on July 2.

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Dear Great Book Guru,
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-Determined but Distracted

Dear Determined but Distracted,

I have just the book for your group: "Saint X," by Alexis Schaitkin. This debut novel opens in 1995 on an unnamed Caribbean Island. An affluent American family is taking their yearly island vacation to "beat the winter blues." It is a familiar story of leisure-seeking, racism, poverty, wealth, and elitism but a few pages into the book the teenage daughter is found dead on the beach. The remaining 335



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pages detail the impact this death has on her parents, the resort workers, their families, the aging movie star who finds her, the girl's college classmate, boyfriend, teacher and especially her seven-year-old sister. The story jumps eighteen years and this young sister is now a fledgling book editor living in Brooklyn. As she is about to alight from a taxi, she notices the driver's name — it is that of one of the men originally suspected to have been involved in her sister's death. For the next six months, she obsessively insinuates herself into his life as she tries to learn the truth about the tragedy that shaped her life and the lives of so many. Highly recommended!

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OPINIONS

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social distancing and staying at home. That, coupled with our health care workers' efforts to care for Covid-19 patients safely, has markedly reduced the spread of the disease in New York state.

One of the consequences of people's fear of contracting Covid-19 was that some people who required urgent medical care for ailments, such as a heart attack or stroke, were so worried about catching Covid-19 that they delayed or avoided coming to a hospital when they needed care. We at Glen Cove Hospital would like everyone to know that we are here for all of your medical needs and that we have taken several precautions to ensure everyone's safety from Covid-19

while they are in the hospital.

The hospital's cleaning protocols include using Virex 256 and bleach, which have both been proven to kill Covid-19. Also, after each room cleaning is performed, an adenosine triphosphate (ATP) test, which measures microorganisms, is done. If a room or area does not have a low enough score to be considered clean after this test is completed, it is re-cleaned until it passes the test.

Glen Cove Hospital's emergency department has been recognized for its medical proficiency as well as its stellar patient satisfaction scores from Press Ganey. At our ED, we put the care and comfort of our patient first, and this is exemplified by our department receiving the prestigious North Star 90 Patient Experience award two years in a row. Caring for roughly 18,000 patients a year, Glen Cove Hospital's emergency department is led by Dr. John Colletta, chairman of emergency medicine, and Dr. Payal Sud, associate chair of emergency medicine. The department is staffed with residency-trained, board-certified emergency phy-

sicians; registered nurses certified in emergency and trauma care; and advanced care practitioners with numerous years of experience in emergency medicine.

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Glen Cove and the communities sur-

rounding the city, have been incredibly supportive of the staff and of the hospital. Thanks to the generosity of so many, the team was provided with meals on a regular basis. Team members rarely had downtime, and knowing there was nourishment readily available truly made a difference. Our employees very much appreciated the cards and letters that we received from so many, thanking them for their work and for their commitment. The cheers of support during the many parades led by community members and community organizations such as the local fire and police departments lifted spirits and reminded us all that we were and continue to be in this together.

From myself as well as the rest of Glen Cove Hospital's team, I would like to say thank you to our community members for helping to emotionally recharge us as we cared for their loved ones.

We have been here caring for the Glen Cove community for nearly 100 years, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue to do so.

Dr. Bradley Sherman is chief medical officer of Glen Cove Hospital.

A letter of contention, and then civil discourse

I met Joan online last week when she sent me a letter reacting to my July 9-15 column, "We're all in the room where it happened." We exchanged notes, and I realized we were doing what educated, respectful people do when they disagree: We talked.



RANDI KREISS

Joan: *First off, I want to let you know how much I've always loved reading your column. Your take on life and the way you incorporate humor into it remind me of Erma Bombeck. . . . However, not any*

more. I can't even get through one column without you mentioning your political hatred of President Trump. I get freedom of speech, but not when it's so one-sided. If you want to be political, either run for office or represent both sides. . . . Like it or not, Trump is our president. Do you really see Joe Biden running the country? He doesn't even know his name. Something is definitely going on there.

Please go back to writing the way you always did. God knows this world needs compassion and humor now more than ever, not hatred. Thanks for letting me vent.

Randi: Joan, I really appreciate your taking the time to write, and I'm happy to know you enjoy some of my columns. I'd like to point out that I write an opinion column — my opinion. You may disagree, but I have no obligation to give what you refer to as "both" sides. That's for reporters. I'm a columnist, and I offer my own thoughts on the political scene.

I find it a bit sexist that you're perfectly comfortable with my family pieces that remind you of Erma Bombeck, but don't want me to be "political." I can be political, serious as a heart attack and also funny. Depends on what life is throwing my way that week.

Please keep reading, and let's keep talking.

Joan: *Hi Randi, thanks for answering my email.*

I never looked at your column as an "opinion" column, which does make me view it differently now. I was a little puzzled

regarding your finding my reaction a bit sexist. Maybe "motherly" would be a better way to describe it. Thinking about it, I guess I need an escape from all the political hatred and BS going on in the world, and your column used to provide me with that.

The older I get (I'll be 66 next month), I'm just tired of all negativity, whether it be political or not. It seems to be everywhere these days. That being said, I do recognize your opinion, and we can, as adults, just agree to disagree.

Randi: Joan, I'd love to know more about you. . . . Do you often write letters to the editor? What is your life like during the pandemic? What brings you joy during these difficult days?

Joan: *What a nice thing it is to want to know more about someone; thanks for that. I've only written a letter to the editor one other time in my life. That was to a columnist who had just lost his dad, and wrote an article that touched my heart to the core. I had lost my dad as well, and the parallels between the two fathers were amazing, so much so that I felt compelled to write him.*

My life during Covid-19 hasn't been as awful as most people's. I'm still able to

work; my office was quarantined, so I'm basically by myself. I have four sons and 14 grandchildren, so there's always something to do or someplace to be, so, honestly, I kinda welcomed the opportunity to do nothing on my weekends.

I did miss my hairstylist, however; and I loved your column about hair color and going braless! I totally related! The joy I get these days I would have to say comes from my grandchildren.

Randi: I have an idea: I'd like to use our notes back and forth as a column that shows how people with different political views can find common ground. I could do it including your name or without your name. What do you think? Is there anything you'd like to add to the discussion?

Joan: *I was pleasantly surprised by your idea. I'd agree to anything if I thought it could make people less angry and negative. Of course, I wouldn't want to get into a political smack-down of any kind with you. Deal?*

Randi: My intention is to hold up our exchange as an example of mutual civility.

Joan: *OK, just use Joan if that's OK.*

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Congress should support local news

In the past five months, Congress has responded to the coronavirus public health crisis with several emergency relief measures, including the stimulus checks sent to individuals and households, payroll protections to small businesses, expanded unemployment benefits, fee waivers for borrowing against 401(k) plans and more.

Now, Congress will have the opportunity to pass a relief measure that protects your access to trustworthy local news, helps grow local businesses through ads placed in local news media — and rewards you for subscribing to a newspaper like the Herald.

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act, introduced on July 16, is a bipartisan bill cosponsored by U.S. Representatives Ann Kirkpatrick, a Democrat from Arizona, and Dan Newhouse, a Republican from Washington state. In brief, the legislation provides for tax credits for subscribing to local newspapers, payroll credits for paying journalists who provide local news, and credit for advertising in local newspapers and local media.

The act is a response to the insidious way in which the pandemic has deeply damaged American communities in a malevolent cycle. It forced the shuttering of many local businesses that stopped advertising in their local papers. Newspapers, which have seen their revenues plummet, responded by laying off the people who bring the news or reducing the number of days on which they publish. That threatens the access to vital news for people in the community who themselves may be out of work temporarily or perma-

nently and can no longer afford newspaper subscriptions.

Here's how the Local Journalism Sustainability Act would help everyone caught in this vicious circle:

■ Credit for advertising in local newspapers and local media. Businesses with fewer than 1,000 employees would be eligible for a five-year, non-refundable tax credit to spend on advertising in local newspapers or on local radio or television stations. The credit, up to \$5,000 in the first year and \$2,500 in each of the next four years, would cover 80 percent of advertising costs in the first year and 50 percent annually thereafter. This provision would help local businesses as well as local media companies.

■ Credit for local newspaper subscriptions. The act would provide for a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$250 per year to help cover the costs of subscriptions to local newspapers, in print or digital form, that primarily produce content related to news and current events. The credit would cover 80 percent of subscription costs in the first year and 50 percent thereafter, and help consumers while incentivizing support of local news organizations.

■ Payroll credit for journalists. This five-year refundable tax credit could be used by local newspapers to compensate its journalists up to \$50,000 a year. The credit would cover 50 percent of compensation up to \$50,000 in the first year, and 30 percent of compensation up to \$50,000 in each of the subsequent four years. This provision would go a long way toward ensuring

that communities keep their local news coverage.

This simple yet comprehensive legislation would help the three keys to trustworthy, fair and accurate local journalism: local residents, business owners and journalists. It would not be bailout or handout to any of these elements of a thriving community — rather, an urgently needed assist with a strictly limited time frame responding to an unprecedented public health and economic crisis.

Please contact the office of your local U.S. representative — Rep. Peter King, Rep. Gregory Meeks, Rep. Kathleen Rice or Rep. Tom Suozzi — to ask him or her to support your local businesses, your local news media and your access to the trustworthy local news that only your community newspaper provides by cosponsoring the Local Journalism Sustainability Act.

To see how to contact these legislators by email, phone or mail, go to <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>. You'll be taking another important step toward helping your community and its small businesses, including the local newspaper, emerge healthy from this crisis.

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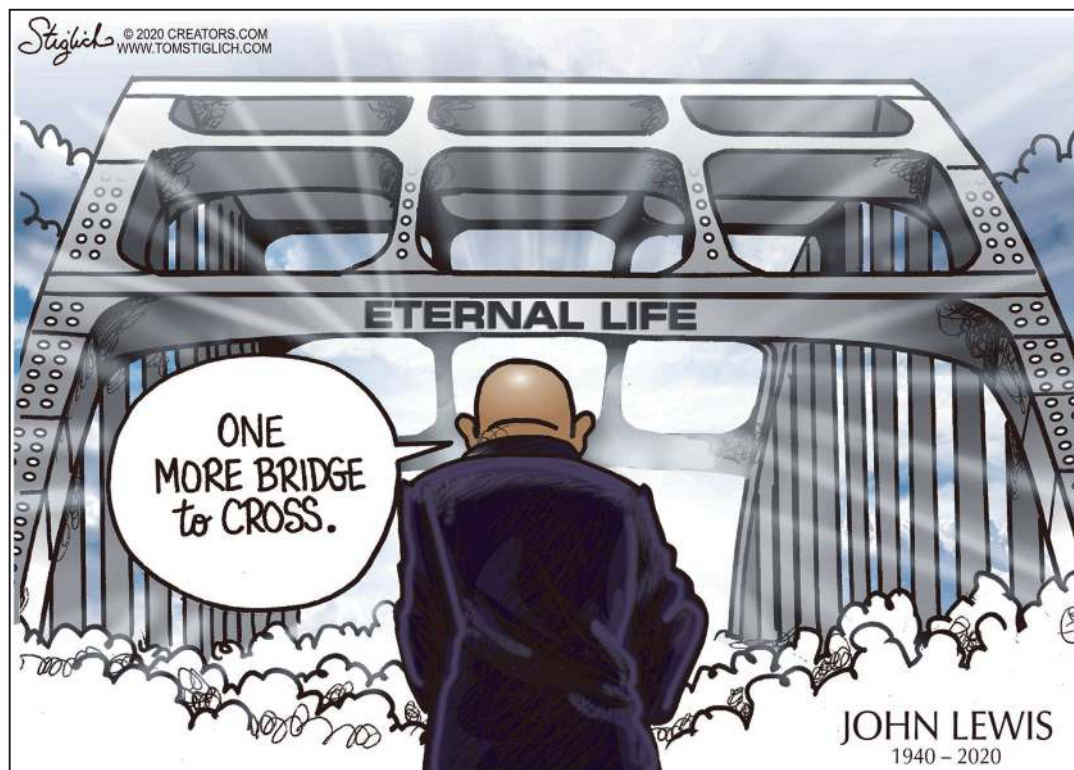
NYAW is using scare tactics

To the Editor:

For some who may think New York American Water's response in "PSC Seeks Plans for Public Water," (July 9-14) is accurate, think again. This is the company's classic textbook fear-based response. When a community fights to take back its water rights, NYAW's outline is to promote fear and doubt, tire the community, file lawsuits and outspend the community on scare-tactic advertising.

Let's take a closer look at their comments.

"Taxes are the main issue." This is wrong. The taxes we pay through our water bills that those with public water do *not* pay and are only *part* of the problem. It is the narrowly tiered higher rates, surcharges and profit added into these bills that, together, cause one monumental storm. Further, NYAW has no power to eliminate the taxes. That power resides with our elected officials.



OPINIONS

Monuments, memorials and memory

In the U.S. and in Europe, monuments, memorials and historic names are being removed from public places because of their associations with colonial expansion, racial bigotry and discriminatory public policy. In this country, initiatives are under way to redesignate military bases that honor Confederate generals, rename buildings that celebrate



ROBERT A. SCOTT

those with racist attitudes and actions, and remove statues of elected officials who not only enslaved people but fought to keep them as slaves. Princeton University is removing President Woodrow Wilson's name because of his racist views and poli-

cies.

There are those who want the statue of President Theodore Roosevelt removed from in front of the American Museum of Natural History because it features two smaller figures on either side of him representing colonial expansion and racial discrimination. Others advocate the removal of Christopher Columbus statues because of the harm he did to others.

Monuments and memorials are expres-

sions of a nation's, a region's or an institution's values. They are erected or named to commemorate people who are seen as exemplifying those values. They are a form of mythmaking and political posturing to honor the past. In some cases, such as the naming of military bases for those who fought against the Union in order to preserve the system of slavery, even to the point of death, they were an attempt to heal the wounds of war and defeat. They were also a mistake.

History is an essential subject, but it is given too little attention in schools and colleges. History is an examination of memory in all its forms in order to study what came before, whether in politics, norms of behavior, or science and technology. History is necessary to understand art and social policy as well as law and philosophy, because history is the study of context as well as text.

What should we do with the monuments that celebrate those who fought to preserve the slave system, an essential element in the development of American capitalism? Are preservation as is or removal of historical statues and memorials our only options?

To hide these monuments will not

erase the stress and trauma of racism that Black Americans face every day. To bury them will not deep-six the memories of segregation, slavery and Jim Crow that have resulted in great disparities in health, wealth and opportunities for

Black Americans. The statues and monuments should be put in museums or stored and represented in books for teaching the truth about our country, its trials as well as its triumphs. They can be used to teach about evolution in law, morality and ethics — and what equality means.

In each case, it can be explained that there was vigorous opposition to slavery; not everyone condoned it, even if popular figures benefited from it. During George Washington's first year in office as president, the Society of Friends — the Quakers, previously led by abolitionist Benjamin Franklin — petitioned the U.S. government to ban slavery, an initiative they had started in 1696. One hundred six years before Woodrow Wilson segregated the federal workforce, Britain had passed the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act.

There were slave rebellions and acts of civil disobedience that belied the notion of the "happy slave." There was also an

active abolitionist movement and lecture circuit, with Frederick Douglass, a former slave, a popular speaker and author. His 1852 speech, "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July," for the Rochester, N.Y., Ladies Anti-Slavery Society, was one of many that helped dispel the notion that Black people lacked intelligence.

The fact that many people, including those elected to high office, benefited from the slave system did not mean there was no active and public opposition to it throughout the land.

We need a national reconciliation with the truth if we are to fulfill the ideal "to create a more perfect union," stated at the founding of our nation. The truth might hurt, but should be cited in honor of the ideals of democracy. These truths are neither unpatriotic nor politically correct. They acknowledge that historical accuracy is a virtue, and that our country was founded on ideals that were virtuous in aspiration if not in action.

America was founded by people seeking freedom who then proceeded to deny freedom to others. We must own up to this past. The study of history helps us think in terms of time, to understand how societies change. We must know our history — and teach it well.

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LETTERS

"A full or a piece-meal sale will not be in the best interest of the public." This is also wrong. Due to the different logistics between the North and South shores, a piece-by-piece approach would make sense and is in the public's best interest. Unfortunately, for NYAW and Liberty, it is not in their best interest. They cannot make the maximum profit and give the maximum back to their shareholders.

"[It] would take several years, cost taxpayers millions of dollars." This is not correct. Look no further than our neighbors in Great Neck. In the early 1990s, the officials finally got their acts together and got public water for their residents. It took three years from start to finish. This community has waited since the late 1800s to have public water. What is a few more years when the grand prize is affordable public water and local control with local accountability? Instead of paying the grossly overinflated \$608 million sticker price for the proposed sale to Liberty, a fair and reasonable price could buy them out in our area, and we would be able to apply for state grants to aid in the purchase. Note that when SCWA bought several areas in Brookhaven, state grants wiped out all debt to the residents.

"And lead to gaps in service." Not true. Just exactly what kind of vague statement is this? All it would take would be the flip of a switch for us to get water from a neighboring public water provider.

Fasten your seat belts, neighbors, because there will be more scare tactics coming our way and we will call them out on it every time. Our time for affordable public water is now!

AGATHA NADEL
Glen Head

City planners need to think ahead

To the Editor:

Yesterday, I visited a friend at the new housing in Garvies Point. Her apartment was quite nice, as I assume the other apartments in the complex to be too. But the exterior architecture of the place was alarmingly disturbing — so discordant without any sort of theme or connection with the community it serves.

I was a home builder for 60 years before retiring not so many years ago, so I have some basis of judging the difference between the good, the bad and the beautiful.

Perhaps the City of Glen Cove should have an architectural review board, which might effectuate an improvement in architecture for the future. I had made this suggestion to the city about five years ago, but the idea fell on deaf ears.

I also noticed the ugliness of the tele-

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Sunset over Hempstead Harbor — Sea Cliff

phone poles despoiling the place, with all sorts of wires and cables hanging from them. I know these wires and cables can be buried and are buried in the villag-

es. Why not in Glen Cove? Why can't city planners think ahead a bit?

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choosing the right agent is as important as choosing the right house



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