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TONY JIMENEZ, GLEN Cove's director of veterans affairs, at the unveiling of the new World War II monument in 2018.

'A great public servant' needs help from his community

By **LAURA LANE**
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Tony Jimenez is familiar to many in the City of Glen Cove. He has been involved in city government, is an emergency medical technician and helps at-risk youth.

Known for his generosity of spirit, he is someone people turn to for help, regardless

of how well they know him. U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a friend for 25 years, described Jimenez as a "great public servant." Now the Vietnam veteran, who served his country and continues to give to his community, needs help. Jimenez, 69, desperately needs a kidney. Doctors have told him that if he does not receive one, he will likely not

survive.

Jimenez joined the Army when he graduated from high school in 1969. He served for two years, one as an infantryman in Vietnam, and eventually became a sergeant. Like so many other soldiers, he was exposed to Agent Orange, and by 1980 he had diabetes, which led to kidney failure

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All of us at the Herald Community Newspapers were frightened by the coronavirus pandemic when it reached Nassau County last spring. Some were sickened by Covid-19, and some were even hospitalized.

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executives, press operators, drivers and managers. Now, more than ever, we are relying on you, our readers, to support us, as we have supported you through this crisis.

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organizations.

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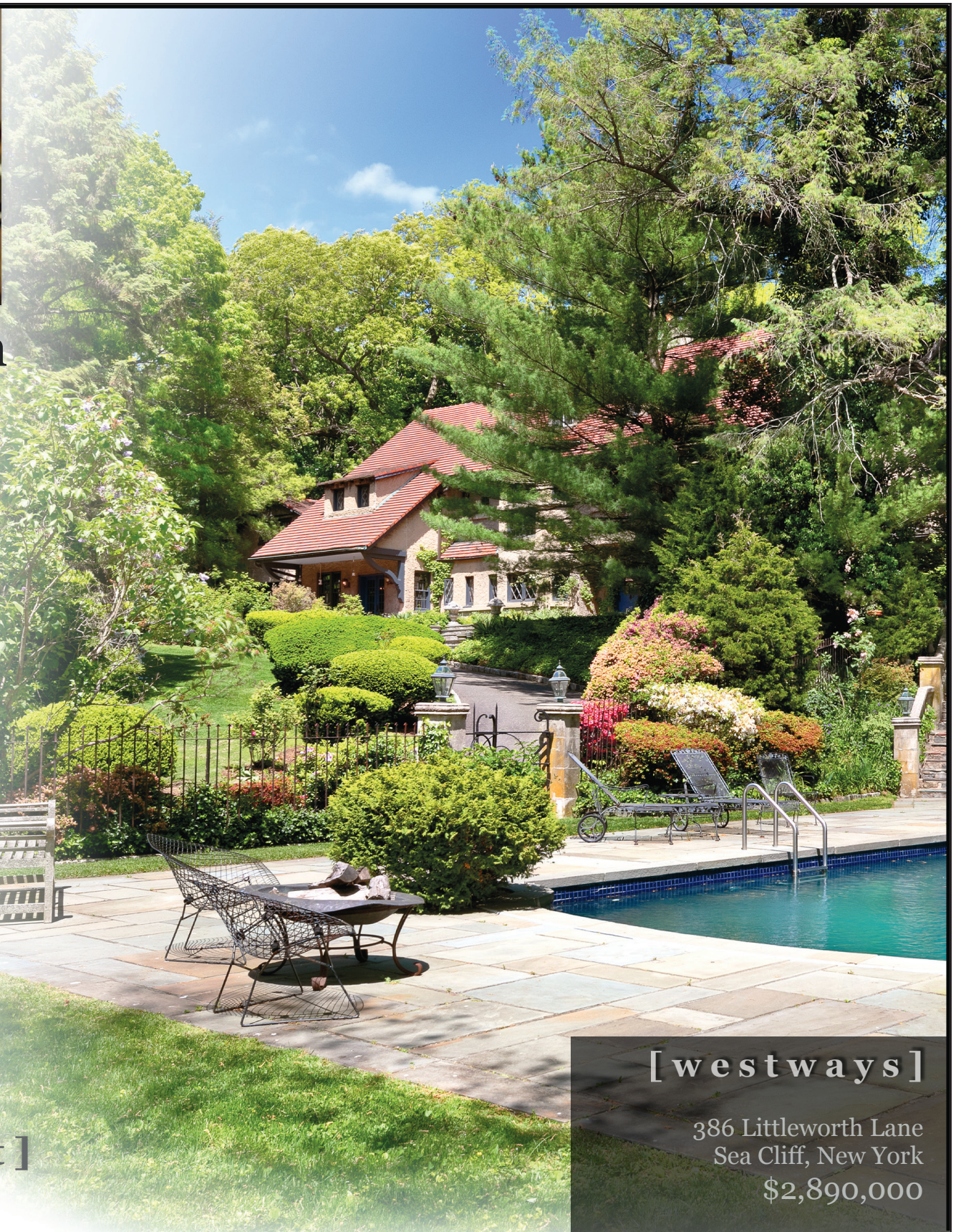
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TONY JIMENEZ, HERE with his wife, Kathy, said he needs a kidney from a live donor to survive.

Tony Jimenez in dire need of a kidney

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two years ago. Knowing how his life would change once he underwent dialysis, he said, he put it off as long as he could. But his kidneys weren't functioning, and filled with so much fluid that he suffered congestive heart failure. In September he began dialysis, having been told that if he didn't, he would die.

Because doctors have given him six to nine years to live, he was denied inclusion on a list to receive a kidney from a cadaver donor. There is no living donor list. Jimenez has been looking for a kidney donor with type A negative blood ever since.

There are several tests a potential kidney recipient must undergo. During Jimenez's physical workup, he had an angiogram, and doctors found three blocked coronary arteries. He could not be considered for a kidney transplant, they said, until his heart issue was resolved. So, in February, he had open-heart surgery.

That wasn't his first operation. After working at ground zero in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center, he was diagnosed with lung disease. And he suffered a stroke in 2013.

'He helped so many people'

Jimenez was one of the first people in Glen Cove to respond on Sept. 11. He began working at what was then known simply as the pile that night. The next day, he drove back in to Lower Manhattan and joined the bucket brigade. "It reminded me of Vietnam," he said. "Sometimes [in Vietnam] we'd lose people and couldn't find them. We'd come back days later and

smell for them. I'd find body parts, which we did on the pile, too."

The city had two ferries at the time, which brought those who were fleeing the attacks from Manhattan to Long Island. The plan, recalled Suozzi, who was mayor at the time, was to bring the wounded to Glen Cove Hospital.

"We had heard rumors, and needed to know what was going on, Suozzi said. "Tony was the first to respond and volunteer to go there. Tony is paying the price now."

The Jimenez family was originally from the projects in Manhattan before moving to Levittown. Tony was always quiet, according to his older brother Phil. "He helped so many people and did so much without fanfare," Phil said. "I remember kids were being picked on when we lived in the city, and when we moved to Long Island. Tony told the guys to stop, that what they were doing wasn't right. One time he was only 10."

Jimenez moved to Glen Cove in 1980. He was a surgical technician for 26 years, and became a court officer for the city in 1988. He joined the Fire Department as an emergency medical technician in 1994, and said he was proud that he assisted in the delivery of seven children.

For a few weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, he went to work during the day as a court officer, and then headed to Lower Manhattan at night. Eventually he was assigned to ground zero, because court officers were being asked to assist the

police. He never found anyone alive in the wreckage.

His experiences, starting with Vietnam, have left him with physical as well as emotional scars, he said. "I still think of 9/11 a lot," he said. "I was diagnosed with PTSD and underwent counseling. I lost friends in the military, but most of the pieces of bodies we found on Sept. 11

were from everyday New Yorkers — your neighbor."

"Tony keeps things to himself," said his older brother Phil. "When he found out he had to have open-heart surgery, he knew my wife and I were going on a cruise. He made sure we were on the ship, and then said, 'Oh, by the way, I'm having open-heart surgery tomorrow.'"

Giving others hope

Jimenez was a Glen Cove city councilman from 2000 to 2014. Then, even after losing an election, he was asked to return a year later, when Councilman Nick DiLeo died.

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who described Jimenez as her best friend, said they went door to door together when they were running for City Council.

"He casually told me he had Type 1 diabetes, which my daughter has," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I was so amazed he was able to accomplish so much having that. He never let his diabetes stop him, and

has done more than most people I know that are healthy."

His ability to be so active comforted her, DeRiggi-Whitton said. She began to believe that her daughter could live a normal life as well.

Jimenez can be found at most ceremonies in Glen Cove, but especially those for veterans. Phil said his brother has always been extremely patriotic. "Even after his heart surgery in February, he went to an event, and should not have been there," Phil said. "People were holding him up."

Dialysis has weakened Jimenez considerably. He goes three days a week for three and a half hours. He insists it isn't that bad, but it does hinder his activity. He misses going on vacation, he said.

As he waits for a kidney his wife, Kathy, a retired registered nurse, said her husband is more withdrawn. "I think he's closing himself into a little cocoon," she said. "Physically, I'm seeing his limitations. The day in between dialysis he has more strength, and we try to make the best of things."

Glen Cove firefighter Pete Prudente donated a kidney to a stranger in March 2019. "I feel fine," he said. "Living with one kidney hasn't changed my life in any way. I try to advocate for others to do this."

Prudente is helping to spread the word around town that his friend needs a kidney. "I'm in the process of making T-shirts right now," Prudente said. "It will say, 'My friend needs a kidney.'"

Jimenez is hopeful that someone will help him soon. "There was a reason why I survived in Vietnam and others didn't," he said. "Maybe the reason is to do my best for humanity."

How to help Tony Jimenez

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- On Sept. 22, a 47-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for assault in the third degree and endangering the welfare of a child on Walnut Road.
- On Sept. 24, a 37-year-old Mineola male was arrested for attempted petit larceny on Forest Avenue.
- On Sept. 24, a 24-year-old East Norwich male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh

degree (2 counts) on Ford Street.

- On Sept. 25, a 38-year-old Bayville male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Sunset Avenue.
- On Sept. 25, a 46-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for violation of parole.
- On Sept. 26, a 27-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree on McLoughlin Street.

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.

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MAYOR TIM TENKE, left, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, Councilman Gaitley Stevenson Mathews, Councilwoman Eve Lupenko-Ferrante, Councilman John Perrone and Councilman Rocco Totino lend a hand with helping Glen Cove get counted.



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Glen Cove residents' head to the library to get counted

The Census Outreach Van was parked at the Glen Cove Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Complete with Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots, staff from the Nassau Library System were on hand to provide support to those who needed help with filling out their census questionnaire.

It was quick and easy to fill out the questionnaire, with the questionnaire taking about 10 minutes to complete. Participating in the census is safe, secure and confident.

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Activities for children were also available while parents completed the Census questionnaire.

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City Council talks parking commission

By JENNIFER CORR

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At the Sept. 15 Glen Cove City Pre-Council meeting, Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews suggested rebooting the city's Parking Commission, which had already been on the books but is currently not in use, as there is no sitting person on the commission.

"[The Parking Commission] is on our charter," Stevenson-Mathews said. "And if you look at the way the commission is designed in our charter, it's well done. I think it's well constructed."

The Parking Commission, section 265-27.4 of Glen Cove's vehicle and traffic laws, which was established in the 1990s according to Stevenson-Mathews, is written as followed:

Parking Commission

■ There is hereby a Parking Commission, which shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of four members of the City Council.

■ Members are to be appointed for terms of one year; members may serve more than one term and each member shall serve until the appointment of a successor.

■ The members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

Duties of Parking Commission

■ The Parking Commission shall meet the third Wednesday of each month at Glen Cove City Hall.

■ The purpose of the Parking Commission shall be to investigate and consider various parking situations and conditions, including existing and/or proposed parking



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JOHN ZOZZARO, THE owner of The Downtown Café on School Street and a member of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's Board of Directors, said that parking is an important factor in operating downtown businesses.

restrictions and regulations throughout the City of Glen Cove as requested or referred by the mayor's office, therefore making recommendations to the City Council with regard to said parking situations, conditions or existing or proposed restrictions and/or regulations.

■ The City Council may, at its option, enact a parking ordinance contrary to the recommendation of the Parking Commission.

The matter was brought up after a resident requested the removal of a no-parking sign on New Woods Road. Stevenson-Mathews, who had also brought up the commission at a meeting in January, suggested that a Park-

ing Commission would be able to effectively consider this request. Council members Dr. Eve Lupenko Ferrante and Danielle Fugazy agreed.

As for the requested New Woods Road, Gregory Kalnitsky, the city's attorney, said that the no-parking sign has been up for years and that it cannot come down.

"There isn't a shoulder there that provides parking," Mayor Tim Tenke said. "I don't believe it's a safe thing to do. It's going to force people to walk into the [roadway] if people are parking there."

"I think it makes sense to have that commission back up and running so that people can know that there are three people that you can submit information to, share your concerns with," Stevenson-Mathews said. "[The commission] can weigh all the issues. I think it makes for good government. I think it will help the city make decisions on parking and again it just makes an opportunity for the public to have a means to have input."

Stevenson-Mathews said he is hopeful that the city will fill the vacancies of the commission, which has three spots, with a resident, a business owner and someone with legal background.

"I don't think it's a bad idea," Tenke said to the council. "If you have people that are interested please send their names and we'll consider them."

John Zozzaro, the owner of The Downtown Café on School Street and a member of the

Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's Board of Directors, is hoping that members of the commission would be able to represent the needs and concerns of residents and business owners.

Among the concerns of downtown business owners about parking, Zozzaro said, is making sure customers are comfortable with where they are parking and having parking that's convenient so people do not go somewhere else because they cannot find any parking.

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THE SEPT. 25 ribbon cutting signifies the opening of Harbor Landing on Herb Hill Road.

Garvies Point brings in new North Shore neighbors

By JENNIFER CORR

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Joe Graziose, RXR Realty's executive vice president of residential development and construction, joined by colleagues, family and Glen Cove city officials, used a pair of large scissors to cut a ribbon in front of one of Garvies Points' complexes' Harbor Landing, located on Herb Hill Road on Friday, Sept. 25.

"For those of you from Glen Cove, mayor and others in the audience, you remember [former condominium site] Captains Cove, right?" Graziose, of Glen Cove, asked the crowd at the ribbon cutting. "That was 30 years ago. I was 28 years old."

At the end of last year, new Glen Cove residents began moving into the complexes, including Village Square, The Beacon at Garvies Point and Harbor Landing, a part of a \$1.3 billion transformation of over 50 acres of Glen Cove's waterfronts.

When the project is finished, it will bring 1,000 residences, split evenly between rentals and dwellings for sale.



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THE POOL AREA at The Beacon will also connect to the esplanade along the water.

Also, about 75,000 square feet of restaurant, retail and office space, will be available, along with 28 acres of publicly accessible waterfront esplanades and parks. Amenities such as gyms and pools

are also included.

The Beacon at Garvies Point is more than halfway sold, the rentals at Harbor Landing is 88 percent leased and Village Square, which opened in September, is already seeing new residents move in. And while construction was halted for 106 days during the pandemic, RXR continued to do virtual tours for those interested in the residential units. As cases decline, RXR is now providing in-person tours.

"We were able to take what a lot of people thought [the property] could be and actually bring it to reality and that's what today is about for me and RXR," Graziose said.

The development will also have parks, an amphitheater with programmed events, and is in close proximity to Garvies Point Museum and Preserve. There will be kayak and paddleboard launches, retail, water front views and access to Mercadante Beach, as well as marinas with boat slips and an ecology pier

"Garvies Point was a vision becoming a reality," Joanne Minieri, the chief operating officer for RXR said. "Well today

Garvies Point is the reality. It's a master plan with luxury rentals, workforce rentals, luxury condos, acres and acres of open space. But what really Garvies Point is . . . is a reflection of the success that could be achieved when municipalities, communities and the private sector come together for the greater good."

The ribbon cutting event for Harbor Landing came after a virtual Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency meeting where the real estate firm walked away with a 10-year extension on their sales tax exemption, originally granted in 2016. The firm will also be meeting with the Glen Cove Planning Board for a review of an amendment to the planned unit development, or PUD.

The PUD is for Block A, a condominium complex that hasn't been built yet, and Block D, E and F market rate rental complexes, that includes a restaurant, a spa and wellness center, which also have not been built yet. The three blocks also include placing a municipal parking area for public amenities and the Glen Cove Ferry Terminal and Boat Basin located on

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RXR REALTY'S EXECUTIVE Vice President of Residential Development and Construction, Joe Graziose, reminisces on the progress made on the Garvies Point property in front of the attendees at the Harbor Landing ribbon cutting.

New residents welcomed to Harbor Landing

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the western edge of the Garvies Point property. RXR is asking to reduce the height of the condos, move the condos back from Hempstead Harbor and rearrange the market rate units, which would increase the number of market rate units by 71.

“The partnership between RXR and Glen Cove has resulted in the transformation of a once blighted area,” said Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke. “It is being revitalized so that the public can utilize the parkland spaces designed by RXR. It’s going to be a destination both for recreation and relaxation.”



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JOE GRAZIOSE PROVIDED tour of a 2-bedroom, ½ bathroom suite in The Beacon.

History of the Garvies Point property

Joe Graziore, RXR Realty’s executive vice president of residential development and construction, who was a contractor about 30-years-ago, joined in on the effort with developers Jack Quinn and Alan August to build the condominium site called Captain’s Cove, which was located on Garvies Point Road. But according to a 1995 report found on the Environmental Protection Agency website, a portion of the site was historically used as a sanitary landfill by the City of Glen Cove and the nearby Li Tungsten facility processed tungsten ores with elevated concentrations of uranium and thorium.

And evidence showed that both the Li Tungsten facility and Captain’s Cove were polluted; both of which became the Garvies Point site today.

In November 1999, according to a press release from the Environmental Protection Agency, a cleanup plan for two properties overlooking the Glen Cove Creek, that formerly made up the Li

Tungsten federal Superfund site, was announced. That site was the city’s centerpiece for its water re-development strategy. That same year, the federal government signed a deal with the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency, which eventually took ownership of the site that would protect it from liabilities for EPA Superfund costs in cleaning the hazardous waste.

In 2016, the IDA entered into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement with RXR, receiving an administrative fee of \$10 million, along with additional tax revenue and jobs that’s estimated to bring millions of dollars into the city.

RXR has been responsible for rebuilding the sewage pump station, a \$10 million project, rebuilding the Anglers Club facility and marina, reconstructing the boat ramp manager’s office, which has bathrooms and outdoor showers, and building public restrooms by The Beacon at Garvies Point.

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Two vie to win Assembly District 13 race

By LAURA LANE

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Two attorneys will face off on Nov. 3 to secure the North Shore's District 13 assembly seat. Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, who is the incumbent, has served the community for 16 years and would like to continue to do so. Challenger Andrew Monteleone, a Republican from Syosset is taking a second shot at the position, having run unsuccessfully against Lavine two years ago.

It will be up to the voters to determine who will best represent them. We asked Lavine and Monteleone a few questions to help residents to make their decision.

Herald Gazette: What can you do at a state level to help facilitate an economic recovery after Covid-19 on the North Shore?

Charles Lavine: The most effective thing we can do as a state Legislature is to work in an orderly manner, which means we will attack the fiscal crisis. The process begins with negotiation and passing a budget that meets rational expectations and for New York to join with other states to pressure the federal government to provide the necessary assistance. This would not be a gift. The pandemic is an international crisis and the United States has had the worse response in dealing with it.

New York has a \$10 to \$15 billion deficit. We need help from the federal government. But even if President Trump has an epiphany and realizes he is sacrificing New York by the time any meaningful measure would be passed it would be the end of the year or early next year.

Our only relief is Democrat control. If the Democrats do not gain control in Washington we will have to cut back on the state budget in health care, public education and the private sector will suffer too. Hospitals will suffer cuts. These cuts could begin as early as late November and December. We have done everything we can do and at this point are at a standstill.

Andrew Monteleone: The key, especially after something like a pandemic, is to work together on both sides of the aisle to get something done. We are going to need to look at tax incentives to get small businesses going again, we will have to reevaluate when we will put into effect people paying rent and mortgages again. I think it will be a hybrid plan something from the past and something new. It could be something like the PPE on a state level to help businesses that are on the verge of declaring bankruptcy. If they are just need a little bump to stay in business it is something we should consider. A tax break for a year after we get going is certainly something we should consider to help



Charles Lavine
Incumbent

Hometown: Glen Cove

Age: 73

Party: Democrat, Working Families Party, Women's Equality

Career : Lawyer, retired public school educator, assemblyman since 2004

Education: Juris Doctori

Political Experience: Chair of the Committee on Election Law and is a member of the committees on Codes, Ethics and Guidance, Health, Insurance and Judiciary. Served 5 years as chair of the Ethics Committee.

Family: Married, two children, three grandchildren

these small businesses get back on their feet and be able to rehire those people that they had let go. In order for the tax break to happen we would need the federal government's help because we can't afford to do it without it. To get help we would have to form a bipartisan group to go to Washington and say, 'Look forget politics. This is above and beyond politics. This is for the survival of New York state.' We need the government's help.

Herald Gazette: In regard to Covid-19, what actions can you take to be sure that New Yorkers, especially those living in the North Shore, are being protected? Would you support fines for those who continue to have large gatherings, do not wear masks and will not social distance?

CL: New York has done everything we can do to make our citizens aware of the crisis. That's why everyone is wearing masks. We will continue to try everything we can to assist our citizens emotionally and spiritually so we can stand together as a people to combat this.

Although I think the North Shore is



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Political Experience: None

Family: Married with two sons.

doing what they should do, I think that eventually fines for not wearing masks will be discussed and the state will have to help pay for the enforcement. If we mandate that the county do it we will have to help with the cost to the Department of Health and the cost of police increased enforcement. The tickets won't pay for that.

At this point there is no discussion in the Assembly about a need for fines. How severely do you punish your neighbors for violating social distance regulations and not wearing a mask?

AM: I'm out all the time campaigning and for my work. I think the North Shore is doing a very good job of wearing masks and social distancing. Even with schools open, I can see that they are doing a very good job of following the protocols. I didn't think in August that our schools would still be open.

We are fortunate because, in the rest of the country, wearing masks and social distancing has become political. Here, for the most part, Republicans and Democrats are doing what they should do.

I wouldn't mandate any fines unless the surge is worse than it was in May or

June. But if we see a resurgence and it is from the bars and restaurants not doing what they should be doing, they should get a fine and then if they still won't comply be closed. I think it will be difficult to enforce everyday people not wearing masks. At this point, people are doing the right thing here. I can't see a situation where we would need to give out fines.

Herald Gazette: What more can be done to establish a public water authority? If one is established, how do you plan to help usher the ratepayers in the water district into it?

CL: The Senate passed a bill for a North Shore Water Authority. Because of its complexity, we in the Assembly are still evaluating it. We will make several modifications to the Senate's bill. We want to be certain that the legislation reaches the constitutional requirements. We don't want to have it rejected by the state courts if New York American Water challenges it.

AM: I support public water and am 100 percent behind New York American Water leaving the area. I would push the second I got into the Assembly to speed up their departure.

I think if possible the area should hitch onto Jericho Water District. That would be the most cost effective. But if we need to get a new water district, we could do that too. The main issue is getting New York American Water out and everything else will fall into place after that.

Herald Gazette: What would your goals be?

CL: I hope to make sure there are more early voting locations. There are none in the North Shore. I also want to see a statewide computerized system to track where someone's vote by mail is in the system. Now people can call to ask if their ballot was received and processed but that is a 20 minute process. In a few clicks with a computerized system, you would see if your ballot was counted, collected or rejected.

AM: My short term goals would be to fix the Criminal Justice Reform Act. I do criminal defense work and believed there should have been bail reform. But to tell a judge that someone convicted of three burglaries in the past who is accused of doing another that bail cannot be posted? We need a more commonsense approach as to who gets bail and why. The law was passed without thinking of the consequences.

My long term goal is to get ahold of the taxes in New York. People are leaving. We have to figure out how to keep our kids here and us here when we reach retirement. Both parties need to work together.

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GUARDIAN ANGEL FOUNDER and President Barbara Costello was proud to give the community a safe way to buy designer clothing for a good cause.

Guardian Angel's Showcase Fundraiser is a success



Shopping safely and locally were the guidelines for the success of The Women's Designer Showcase Fundraiser to benefit The Guardian Angel Family Crisis Center in Sea Cliff on Sept. 17.

The one-day shopping event allowed women the luxury of shopping locally for designer clothing and accessories at discounted prices without the hassle of wasting time and gas driving to malls to shop for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. Barbara Costello, Guardian Angel's president and founder, as well as a group of volunteers, set up all the clothing displays for social distancing to ensure the safety of shoppers.

"We had quite a steady flow of women shopping all day which made this fundraiser such a big success," Costello said. "I'm grateful we will now be able to continue our outreach work to all families in need in our community."

DESIGNER BOOTS CAME in all shapes and sizes during the fundraiser, some of which were shown off by Lisa Craig, far left, director of the Glen Cove Adult Day Program.

VOLUNTEER ELLEN KAPLAN guided shoppers through the vast array of designer clothes.

GLEN GARDEN CLUB President Ronnie Thyben joined Barbara Costello in making the fundraiser a success.



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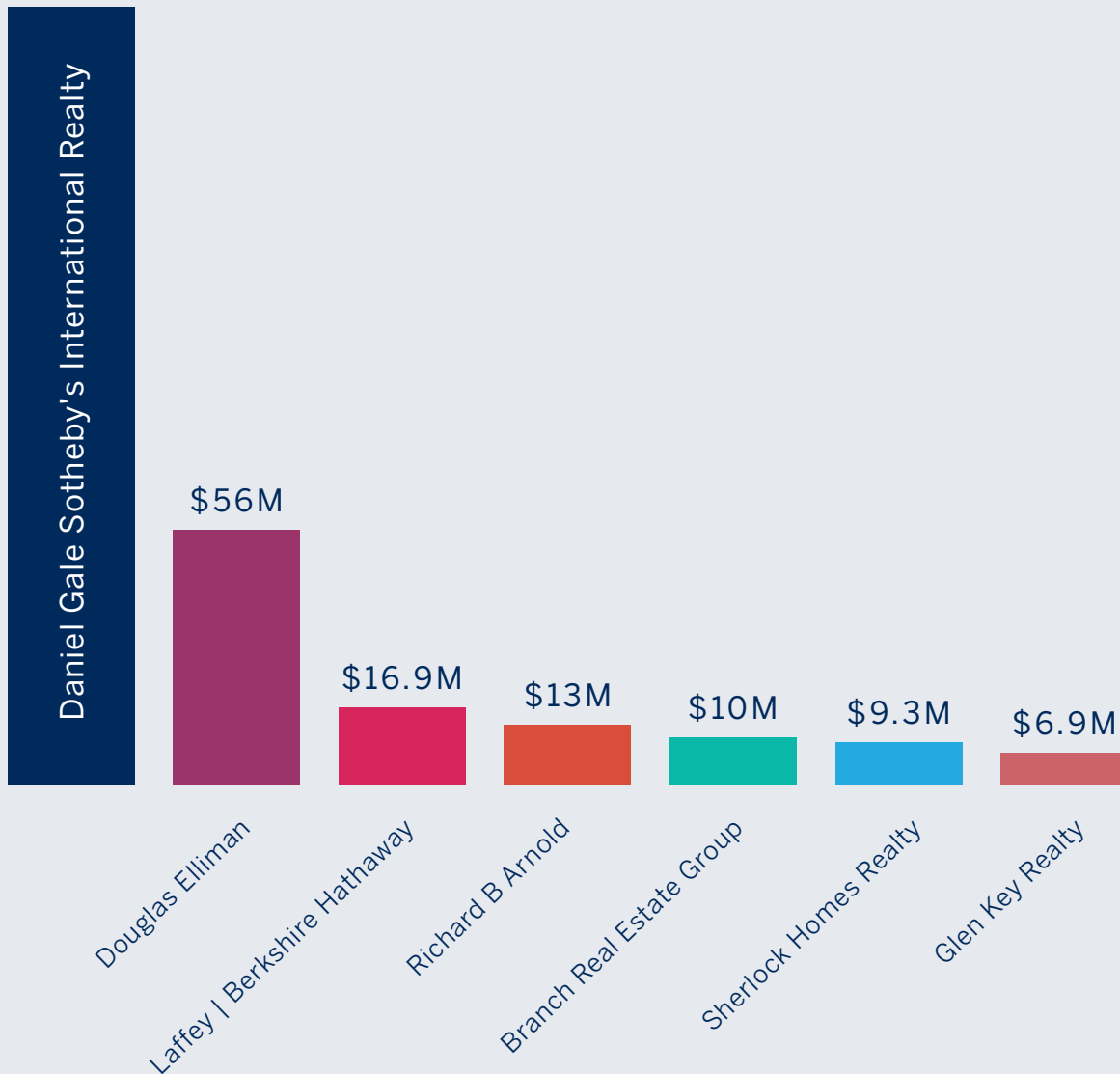
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Advocates seek justice for Breonna Taylor

By **BRIANA BONFIGLIO**

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Black women were front and center at the latest Black Lives Matter protest outside the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola on Sept. 24.

The protest primarily sought justice for 26-year-old Breonna Taylor, a Black woman who was fatally shot by a Louisville police officer in March. Officer Brett Hankinson was indicted on Sept. 23 on three counts of wanton endangerment for bullets that flew into a neighboring apartment. There were no charges in relation to Taylor's death.

One protester held a sign that read, "They charged the bullets that missed." Others said, "Jail killer cops," "Shut down racism and white supremacy" and "No justice no peace." Another said "Defund the police" on the front and "Refund social services" on the back.

Several local advocacy groups banded together to organize the rally, including the Long Island chapter of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, LI United to Transform Policing and Community Safety, Nassau County Democratic Socialists of America, Long Island Black Alliance, NY02 Indivisible, Long Island Activists and Young Long Island for Justice. The protest began around 5:15 p.m. and led into a march about two hours later, after several Black Long Islanders spoke emotionally at the microphone.

Nia Adams, a Long Island organizer, said she took the death of Taylor "very personally" — "the last 24 hours have been very hard for me," she said.

"The lesson that we are hearing out of Louisville is it is OK to break into a Black woman's home," she continued, "it is OK to murder a Black woman in her sleep, and it is OK to then attempt to slander and criminalize a Black woman after her death, and you will not be held accountable."

She added that Taylor's death is not an isolated incident. "This is a culture that needs to change," she said. "We need to ... divest [from police departments] and reinvest in community solutions — into health care, housing and education. These are the things that matter. These are the things that keep us safe."

Shanequa Levin, founder of Women's Diversity Network and member of LI United to Transform Policing and Community Safety, said she is "tired of having to give my kids 'the talk,'" referring to the conversations Black parents have with their children to "teach them how to behave differently" when approached by a police officer.

"I can't take my Black skin off," she said, shouting. "I can't do that. I'm Black every damn day, and you see that as a threat."

Couple Devon Toney and Latoya Bazmore, community organizers from Brentwood, spoke about their own alleged experiences with police brutality. They said that they were beaten by Suffolk County police officers on the evening of Aug. 30 while hosting a barbecue at Ross Memorial Park in Brentwood for home-



Photos by Briana Bonfiglio/Herald

MANY HELD SIGNS in support of Black community members feeling hurt by the persistence of police brutality cases across the country.



SHANEQUA LEVIN, FOUNDER of Women's Diversity Network and member of LI United to Transform Policing and Community Safety, vented her frustrations about how Black people are viewed in the United States.

less, addicted and mentally ill community members. "I'm still traumatized by what went on that night," Bazmore said, adding that she often sees people who are on the streets struggling being "brutalized by police."

Protest organizers made several demands, including dropping charges made against Toney that night; charging, arresting and convicting "all killer cops"; divesting from Nassau County police; reinvesting in community safety programs; and providing slavery reparations for Black citizens.

Throughout the protest, the crowd took part in call-and-response chants, such as "Say her name, Breonna Taylor;" "When Black lives are under attack, what do we do? Stand up, fight back" and "The people united, will never be defeated."

"All I want us to do is continue what we doing," Bazmore said. "Don't ever lose the fight in you."



PEOPLE OF ALL ages, but mostly young people in their 20s and 30s, gathered outside a Nassau County legislative building in Mineola to protest the lack of charges against Louisville police officers for the death of Breonna Taylor.

NIA ADAMS, A racial justice advocate on Long Island, spoke candidly about how the Breonna Taylor case has affected her emotionally.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Congregation Tifereth Israel

LIZ SACCONNE, LEFT, Congregation Tifereth Israel's social action co-chair, and congregant Emily Plassman readied to donate food to the community.

Congregation Tifereth Israel collects and donates food for Yom Kippur

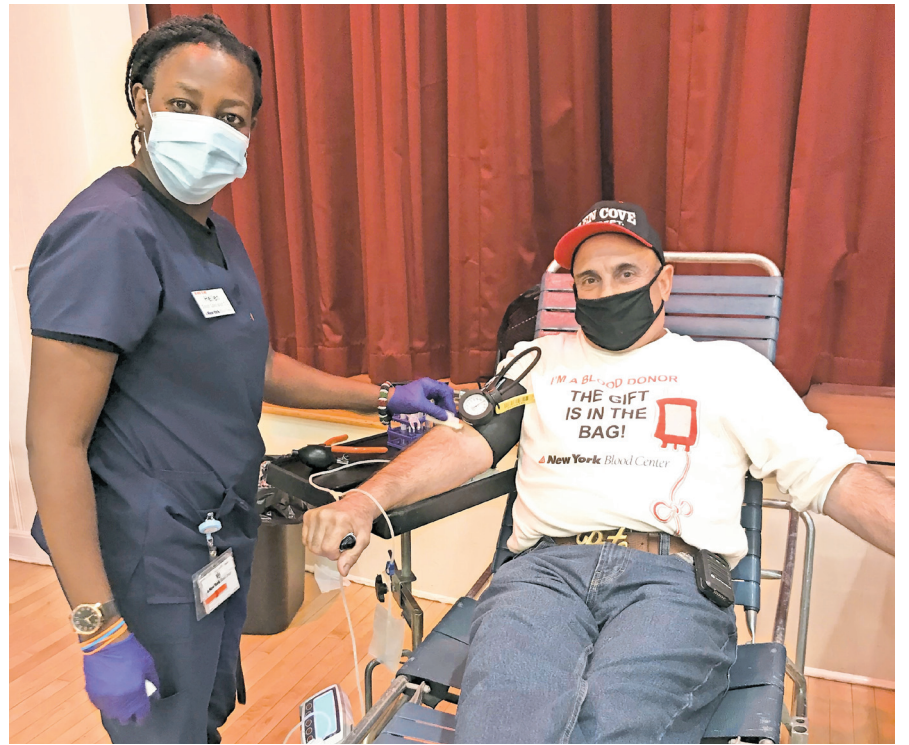
Yom Kippur in the Torah is referred to as the Day of Atonement.

Every year, the tradition is to fast for a 25-hour period from sundown on the Sunday of Yom Kippur to past the sundown the next Monday.

Project Isaiah, Congregation Tifereth Israel's program, rededicates the food

that those of the Jewish faith go without over their fasting period to those in need.

Every year through Project Isaiah, congregants honor the Prophet Isaiah by donating and distributing food to the community. Food will be collected through Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Courtesy Pete Prudente

PETE PRUDENTE, THE blood drive chair for the Polish National Home of Glen Cove and Vicinity helped by donating himself at the group's latest blood drive.

Glen Cove blood drive is a success

The Polish National Home of Glen Cove and Vicinity, which has been active since 1922, run two blood drives each year. At its recent blood drive on Aug. 26, there were 75 pints of blood collected. This was much appreciated because, during the pandemic, many blood drives were cancelled. Glen Cove resident Pete Prudente is the club's blood drive chair. He is also an altruistic living organ donor.



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First up: THE STEPS.

Whether buying or selling, we are constantly asked what “steps” are involved. Before we can answer that, we have to pull back and assess the current market. Right now, we are no doubt in a sellers-market. People are flooding the area like never before — primarily due to the pandemic. Add in record-low mortgage rates and a shortage of inventory and you have a strong U.S. housing market in terms of buyer demand. Feeling overwhelmed yet? **Don’t.**

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FUNERALS ARE AS personal to funeral home directors as they are to those who have lost a loved one.

Funeral homes go back to normal as the coronavirus pandemic loosens its grip

By **JENNIFER CORR**

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At the height of the pandemic, Louis Pillari, the funeral director at Oyster Bay Funeral Home, said he lost several nights of sleep. “It’s not in my nature to have to say ‘I can’t allow you to see your loved one’ or ‘I can’t help you,’ even.”

Pillari said when Covid was at its peak he was extremely busy and just as sad. There were numerous families that called, he said, and some were from out of the area. “For over 40 years of being around this business, I never had to say the word ‘no,’” he said.

But things have changed since then and Pillari said that he is grateful to leave the days behind where his funeral home would have to turn people from the outside area away because there was such a great need from people living in the hamlet.

“It was a sad time,” Pillari said. “There were some people that asked in the beginning, ‘Well, can I see my loved one?’ and I had to tell them no because we didn’t know enough about the disease and we were afraid a little bit. I didn’t want my employees or myself to get sick.”

“We’ve learned since that we can safely embalm the bodies and then allow people to say goodbye,” he said. “But we aren’t recommending that anyone hug and kiss anyone that passed from Covid. We are erring on the side of caution, obviously.”

Another change, he said, is that it has been over two months since his funeral home has assisted with arrangements for a person who died from Covid-19.

Codge Whitting, the funeral director at Whitting Funeral Home in Glen Head,

said that while he had a similar experience, he and his team are moving forward. “In short, we’re kind of back to normal,” Whitting said. “The big issue initially was the number of deaths that were happening just precluded us from having any embalming done. We were very limited in what we could do for services.”

“Probably it was a month and a half of a crazy amount of work and then it kind of settled down and we were able to take time off and get back onto a more normal schedule,” he said, adding that he felt especially sad for the families who, because of the pandemic, could not partake in their religious or non-religious traditions and rituals as they grieved for their loved ones.

Whitting said that he began to notice a decline in Covid-19 related deaths in the middle to the end of May. “We were able to start doing embalming again and what I started doing was leaving things up to the discretion of the families. I have some families that want to keep [the service] completely private . . . there are families that want to just do it by private invite, so they’ll invite families who they want to attend.”

And then some services, Whitting said, are open to the public. “We have the sign up that says practice social distancing,” he said. “I heard that some families were concerned that people weren’t going to [social distance] but I found that over the last several months that people behave well at funerals.”

Funeral homes can only be filled at 33 percent capacity. So, people have to be mindful of how long they spend paying

their respects.

At Dodge Thomas Funeral Home, Greg Minutoli, a funeral director, said that services have remained open 100 percent, with precautions such as limited capacity followed.

“If people wanted to have an open casket wake, our funeral home was willing to do that for people,” Minutoli said. “A lot of times, people were ringing our doorbell that weren’t able to see their loved one in the hospital. They had to say goodbye or watch their loved one die on FaceTime.”

“They were very adamant that they wanted to see the person, even though they died of Covid and though everyone was a little scared, ourselves included, we did it,” Minutoli said. “We made sure they had that opportunity and I think a lot of people were grateful for that.”

Looking back, Minutoli reflected that working as a funeral home director during the pandemic was like nothing he had ever experienced before.

Referring to that time as a sad and traumatic time Minutoli said, “It was incredibly stressful for everyone involved, whether it was a health care worker, families, funeral home staff. It was tough and especially during the first couple of weeks, we kind of just got into the swing of things and really just took what challenges came.”

And like Whitting and Pillari, Minutoli said it’s been a long time since they’ve seen a Covid-19 death.

“Yeah, we are going forward in a very cautious manner,” Pillari said. “We are trying to make things as safe for people as possible, while still allowing them to have closure and grieve.”



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OUNTY LEGISLATOR DELIA DeRiggi-Whitton, left, Glen Cove Public Works Commissioner Louis Saulino, State Senator Jim Gaughran and Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke investigated the collapsing Morgan Memorial Park sea wall.

State funding secured for Morgan Park seawall

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On the beach at Morgan Memorial Park, City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Glen Cove Public Works Commissioner Louis Saulino joined State Senator Jim Gaughran to investigate the collapsing sea wall at the park.

There had been concern about the seawall's condition because of Superstorm Sandy in 2012. Built in the 1920s, the seawall will be repaired in the coming years because Gaughran helped secure \$250,000 in state funding to do so.

"Long Island is dealing with the serious threats of climate change including increased and severe coastal storms," Gaughran said. "The Morgan Memorial Park seawall is the city's last line of defense to protecting Glen Cove from storm flooding and coastal erosion. [The money] should allow them to hopefully rebuild this wall quicker and stronger."

Since it is a historical structure, Gaughran said, the project, which is set to go into planning in the spring, will be executed in such a way that should maintain the wall's integrity.

Saulino confirmed that the wall will be repaired with the existing stones, and that he does not believe he will need to use any new stones to repair it.

"The first thing we will be doing is an evaluation of the whole wall again; we have plans from 2010. It went out to bid and then it was never awarded," Saulino explained. "What we'll do this

time, depending on the pot of money we have available in total, is take the wall as far as it can go, with the most important issues taken care of first."

The wall's design should be approved by the City Council at the Oct. 13 meeting, Saulino added. After completing the design and having the wall receive a full evaluation, the project should go out to bid next spring.

The main focus of the project will be on the side of the wall facing the oncoming waves, which will not only protect Morgan Park but also protect the city. According to Gaughran's office, the wall, made of granite blocks each weighing over a thousand pounds, is so significantly damaged that the wall is leaning inland, making the city vulnerable amid a very active hurricane season.

"Superstorm Sandy and other storms have taken their toll on the seawall at Morgan Park," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I am so glad that Senator Jim Gaughran was able to secure \$250,000 in state funding to repair and preserve the beautiful sea wall as well as the walkway above the wall."

As the elected officials walked the shore of Morgan Memorial Park looking at the sea wall that will soon be repaired, Gaughran thanked Tenke for helping advance this project, which many are saying is a long time coming.

"Being that part of the park is along the waterfront, it does incur damage from heavy storms," Tenke said. "This park is utilized by many people and being able to restore the seawall will ensure many more years of enjoyment by the public."

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Once the pandemic began, I knew I had to put all of our programming online for our members, so I started a social media campaign to make sure everyone was aware of what we had to offer. I worked with all of our teachers to create a full online class schedule on the Glen Cove Senior Center Facebook page, which includes dancercise, yoga, tai chi, and painting.

Since we have started live-streaming, thousands of seniors from all over the United States have taken part in our programs. I have also organized live music performances every week on our Facebook page since March. Every Wednesday we have an amazing local musician performing for anyone who would like to watch for free. We have covered all genres of music, including jazz, classical, rock and roll, country, blues and more. We get thousands of views by people of all ages from around the country. It really means a lot to our viewers as well as our local artists since it is a very difficult time for them as well.

Before the pandemic, we had very few "likes" and barely any traffic to our Facebook page. We now have over 25,000 people viewing our Facebook page every month and well over 1,000 likes. Our live content is not just being enjoyed by local residents, but by people of all ages from across the country.

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JOAN ADOMSKY

OYSTER BAY

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR,
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Everyone's life had become very difficult during the coronavirus. I realized right away that our clients had lost their jobs. They are not businessmen. They are painters, housekeepers, lawn care workers, and their jobs were eliminated.

We asked them to make a list of what they needed and drop it off. Our clients, who are from Oyster Bay, include 30 families that have three to five children. They usually come here every two weeks, but during Covid, we told them they could come whenever they needed to come. We had a steady flow of people coming here for help.

We were getting so many wonderful donations from people. You can't imagine what it is like to see boxes from Walmart, Target and CVS being delivered to us. It made my heart soar to see this kind of love and devotion from the community.

The St. Dominic Student Council decided that the children should be able to have a birthday party, even during Covid. We looked up when the children's birthdays were. Then the council members used their club donations to buy and then deliver cake mixes, candles and sprinkles, putting it [all] in a birthday bag. We had the bag ready for the mother of the child for their birthday. Then a Girl Scout troop gave us bags filled with fun items for the children — games, flash cards, coloring pencils.

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I know all the children in school because I'm a substitute because I've been in all the classrooms. When we stopped going to school in mid-March, I missed them and just wanted to give them a little bit of a smile. So, I bought these "pep talk" cards on Amazon, and I had to buy a lot of them because there are a lot of students.

Then I typed up a little sayings like, "Be safe, be happy" to go with the pep talk cards that already sad things like, "You're amazing!" and, "You rock!"

I put the cards in envelopes with the little saying I had printed, wrote all of their names on them along with, "Love, Mrs. Riso," and hand-delivered them. It was something for me to do that was fun, and I was hoping that it would help them and make them smile. Many of them said they were so happy to receive my note, and some even wrote back to me.

I wanted to connect with them since I know all of them. I just missed them so much, and I wanted to be able to make them happy during a very difficult time. I wanted to give them a little bit of school back, to make them think about how much school was and hope that they would be happy to return.

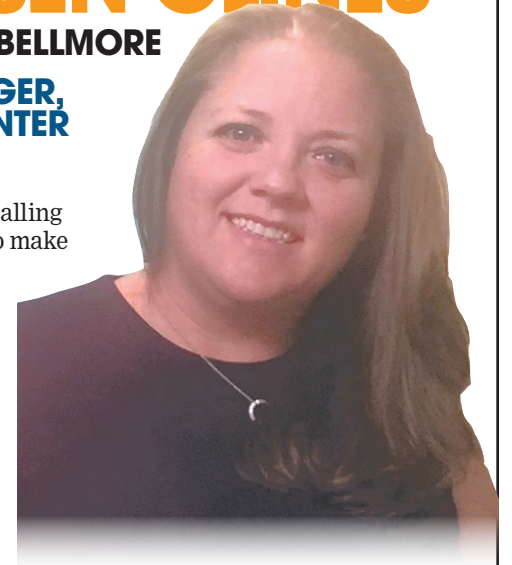
It was just an absolutely fabulous feeling — I was so glad I did it. The point was to give them a smile and a little bit of sunshine if they were having a rough time.

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HEIDI JENSEN CLINES

NORTH BELLMORE

ASSISTANT SITE MANAGER, GLEN COVE SENIOR CENTER



Because of the pandemic, we've been calling seniors at home, checking on them to make sure they're okay, letting them know that we're still there even though they can't come to the center:

We're so used to having the seniors at the center all the time. Part of my job responsibilities were when new members would come in, I would register them, show them around. I would oversee the nutrition program with the site manager Jacqueline Tecce, along with transportation.

I have a 7-year-old, and my husband's 91-year-old aunt lives with us, so we definitely have to take more precaution than normal. So we weren't able to do our daily routine of my son going to school or seeing his friends, hanging out with our friends, doing daily functions like going to the zoo or different things that he loves like the Cradle of Aviation Museum. I think the pandemic made us do more things outside, like more walks or bike riding.

Home schooling was definitely a challenge in the beginning, but once we got our routine, it wasn't so bad. Doing schoolwork virtually is not fun. A 7-year-old's attention span can only last so long.

And actually my husband's a teacher, so my husband was home as well, and I didn't have to worry about daycare or something for my son.

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NOSH, North Shore Soup Kitchen join forces at St. Rocco's

By JENNIFER CORR

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Food provider NOSH and North Shore Soup Kitchen, which joined forces in July, have been feeding the local communities out of the Church of St. Rocco in Glen Cove since late August.

"Of course, we're there on a month by month basis because when they can use their parish hall again, they need to function as a church, so we are there for now," said Courtney Callahan, the founder of NOSH, which stands for North Shore. "We have so much room. We have all these refrigerators and freezers so that we can really feed people and we try to get fresh produce and you need refrigerators for that."

Prior to working out of St. Rocco, the group used Glen Cove High School to sort, store and organize the food. Callahan said she was thankful to Glen Cove City School District Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna and Glen Cove High School Assistant Principal Allan Hudson for providing NOSH with a space to operate. But when the district had to get ready for the school year, the organization had to find another place to go, which ended up being at St. Rocco.

Rev. Daniel Nash of St. Rocco said that he is delighted to have NOSH work out of the church.

NOSH had not always partnered up with North Shore Soup Kitchen, however. NOSH started out as an effort by Callahan,



Courtesy NOSH

THIS PAST LABOR Day, people of all ages volunteered at St. Rocco to help NOSH.

an, a member of the North Shore Soup Kitchen Board of Directors and other local leaders to ensure that no one on the North Shore went hungry.

"Courtney Callahan, got the idea during the pandemic outbreak that if we couldn't cook in the soup kitchen and kids can't go to school, how is anybody going to eat?" Maddie Rubenstein, of North Shore Soup Kitchen, recalled.

Volunteers for NOSH would buy groceries at retail, put ingredients for two meals in what's called NOSH bags and

deliver the bags of food to families once a week. The meals are designed to feed a family of five and if a family has more than five members, they can receive two bags instead.

And it was toward the beginning of the pandemic that Callahan was driving around for 14 hours a day making these deliveries. At that time, the money to drive the effort was coming from fundraising.

"There was a point where we were struggling a little bit because we are new

and you have to spend a lot of time fundraising and we were feeding so many people," Callahan said.

So when Rubenstein offered to adopt NOSH as one of the North Shore Soup Kitchen's programs in July, Callahan said she was thrilled. "It was a miracle," Callahan said. "Nothing better could have happened that day, except for world peace."

"[The soup kitchen] really saved NOSH," she said. "They run things so well. They have great experience in balancing their annual budgets and they have pivoted to a completely different model which is amazing because they have a beautiful model."

The North Shore Soup Kitchen has been feeding the community for 31 years, operating from First Baptist Church of Glen Cove until the pandemic hit.

"The North Shore Soup Kitchen wasn't functioning because we couldn't cook in a confined area," Rubenstein explained, "and we couldn't serve lunches to our guests cafeteria style safely."

With the adoption of NOSH, the North Shore Soup Kitchen is now helping to provide ingredients instead of cooked meals. "It was very important that the soup kitchen was a part of us because they have so much respect and integrity in that part of the non-profit industry," Callahan said.

"North Shore Soup Kitchen, which is a

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uous ending.

Leon calls herself an eco-detective because she writes about ecologically damaging crimes. In this novel, a young widow asks Brunetti to investigate the death of her husband. He had been employed by a testing company that measured the cleanliness of Venice’s water supply. Shortly after submitting questionable results, he died in a mysterious motorcycle accident. What seemed like a private tragedy, is soon revealed to have much wider implications. All of Venice is endangered and Brunetti wonders what a good man can do in the face of a global catastrophe. A disturbing call to action and highly recommended!

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

Ingredients now provided, not just cooked meals

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31-year-old organization, took this program and we have resources in the form of a bank account from donations, 80 volunteers and the rented church property. All of that then went to NOSH to help these families,” Rubenstein said. “Today, we’re feeding about 350 to 370 families a week.”

It’s really shifting the business model to accommodate a changing world in which we can not cook and serve cafeteria style indoors, but we can safely deliver groceries,” Rubenstein added. “The mission is exactly the same — feed our neighbors who are struggling.”

For now, approximately 120 volunteers are working out of St. Rocco sorting, freezing, bagging and lifting food. They are also delivering food to those who need it and going to Whole Foods Market to pick up food that can’t be placed on the

shelf.

The operation at this point, Rubenstein said, is huge.

“We’re still concentrating on our contactless delivery because Covid has not disappeared,” Callahan said. “Our soft goal is that every family in this area knows that if something happens with Covid or the economy, that they will never go hungry.”

Rubenstein said that volunteers and donations are always needed.

“People asked how it was done and I said it was all done on good vibes,” Callahan said.

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John Kle takes over as new Kiwanis president

By MIKE CONN

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John Kle, of Glen Cove, took the helm as the Kiwanis Club of North Shore's new president on Thursday, a position which he will hold for the next year. Former president Roger Hill is set to become the lieutenant governor of the ten Kiwanis clubs in the Long Island North Division.

Kle, 73, was unanimously elected to the presidency. Hill said Kle is creative, something that the club will need moving forward given the cancellation of the 2020 Sea Cliff Mini Mart, which serves as the club's biggest fundraiser. The event was cancelled due to concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

Kle, originally from Sea Cliff, graduated from North Shore High School in 1966 before attending Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill. He returned to New York after graduating and spent roughly 40 years as a writer, director and producer in the film and television industry. He said he concentrated mostly on children's programming, and was nominated for a local Best Director Emmy in 1990 for his work on a show called "Kids-TV."

Kle said he has spent much of his adult life aware of the Kiwanis because his father, John, was a member for over 30 years until his death four years ago at 99-years-old. Kle joined the Kiwanis after his father's death believing it to be a nice tribute. His wife, Leslie, is also a



Courtesy Kiwanis Club of North Shore

ROGER HILL, LEFT, said John Kle is the perfect person to takeover as Kiwanis Club of North Shore's President.

Kiwanian, and served as president the term before Hill.

"It's a rare opportunity to give back," Kle said of his new role. "It's difficult to find something like that. It's all volunteers — it's a bunch of people working to help kids — [and] it's beautiful."

Leslie McCarthy, editor of the club's newsletter, Kwips, said Kle quickly became familiar with the club's membership upon joining and fit right in. Both she and Hill said Kle has a creative mind which will be well-suited to help the club move into the future.

"I think he will have creative ideas, especially now during this difficult time of Covid," McCarthy said. "I think he will be able to carry us forward, which we need. I think he has some good ideas and this is what we need especially at this time."

McCarthy also noted that Kle has a "youthful way about him" and a great sense of humor, the latter of which she said is an important trait to have when entering into a leadership position such as the Kiwanis presidency.

"I just think he will be very good at it," McCarthy said. "Having that kind of per-

sonality as a leader I think is important. Taking yourself too seriously can be a little much when you're up there at the dais."

Kle said one of his biggest missions is attracting new members. He said he and other club members will put extra efforts into reaching out to friends and corporations who might enjoy the experience. He said the club is starting a Young Professionals Group, which focuses on bringing people between the ages of 20 and 45 to continue the club's legacy of charity as its current members grow older.

In navigating the club through the remainder of the pandemic, Kle said members have to operate within social distancing guidelines while still finding places to meet in person. There are many members who were afraid to come back out because their age makes them especially susceptible to Covid-19, he said, but they are slowly beginning to feel safer about participating in club activities again.

The first big fundraiser which Kle will oversee will be the Nassau to Suffolk Bicycle Challenge, which will be on Oct. 25 since its original spring date was postponed. Kle and Leslie have also set up a GoFundMe page to help the Kiwanis gain some of the funding they may have lost with Mini Mart being cancelled.

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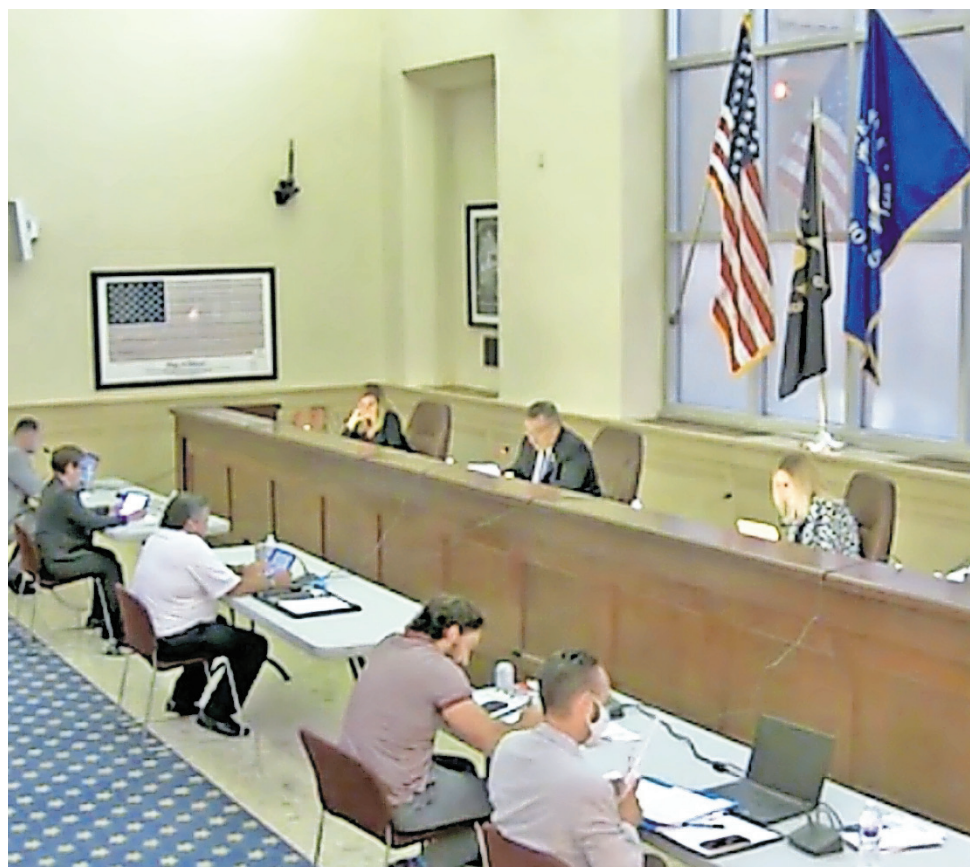
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THE GLEN COVE City Council held its first in-person council meeting since March.

City Council holds public hearing on landlord registry

By **JENNIFER CORR**

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A public hearing was announced at the Sept. 22 meeting of the Glen Cove City Council regarding the landlord registry and mandates that would require landlords to have their property inspected every two years by Code Enforcement for a fee.

“These basically have to do with making sure apartments are registered in Glen Cove where the premises is not owner occupied,” Mayor Tim Tenke said. “And this sets forth the fine for not following our regulations regarding that. This will actually give some teeth to our codes.”

And as per the amended chapter 168, article 1X of the City of Glen Cove Code of Ordinances regarding the landlord registry, every owner of a one-family dwelling unit or a two-family dwelling unit in the City of Glen Cove who is renting their property would have to register their property on an application form from the Building Department of Glen Cove.

City of Glen Cove Attorney Gregory Kalnitsky explained that the landlord would also have to have the property inspected by Code Enforcement for a fee, that would be set by a resolution by the City Council if they adopt the proposed ordinance amendments. A failure to do so will result in a penalty for non-compliance.

Confirming that the property is in compliance with city and state building codes, along with making sure the home is safe in the event of a fire, would benefit tenants, Kalnitsky said because it will ensure that tenants have good

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accommodations.

“It’s a way to get a better understanding of the rentals in the community,” Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said. “And the fact is that we are inspecting them every two years, and that takes money, and we need them just to account for that.”

Public hearing on the matter will remain open until the council votes on it on Oct. 6.

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Car larcenies and burglaries rise dramatically

BY LT. JOHN NAGLE

In 2020, Glen Cove and the surrounding areas have experienced a large increase in larcenies from motor vehicles and commercial burglaries. There are different theories on why these types of crimes are on the rise. Some will point to the new bail reform laws, where suspects are given appearance tickets for property crimes instead of pre-trial detention. Other possible reasons include the drastic release of defendants from local jails, court backlogs due to Covid concerns, or the result of the reopening of cities and towns after everyone was in a lockdown state. Regardless of the reason, Glen Cove has experienced a 110 percent increase in larcenies from vehicles and a 200 percent increase in burglaries.

The crime of burglary is defined as the unlawful entering and remaining inside a building or residence with the intent to commit a crime therein. Of the nine burglaries committed in Glen Cove, Glen Cove detectives have successfully made arrests in seven of the nine burglaries. More than half of the burglaries were committed by a burglary crew working out of Brooklyn who was burglarizing

auto repair businesses and a Chilean burglary crew that was burglarizing residential homes in Nassau County as well as Glen Cove.

The rash of larcenies from automobiles is all taking place after dark. They are occurring in different neighborhoods throughout Glen Cove. The common denominator in all these larcenies is that the vehicle is left unlocked by the owner. Based on the police investigation, some of the perpetrators seem to be young teenage males who seem to be working together. Many times, multiple vehicles have been targeted in one night. From our investigation, these thieves will simply pick a neighborhood and proceed to check the car doors of vehicles parked in the street and driveways. When they discover an open vehicle door, they will enter the vehicle and remove anything of value.

There are some preventative steps everyone can take to prevent being a victim of a property crime. The crime of burglary can be prevented in various ways. Homeowners should always lock their windows and doors. Residential burglaries usually occur during the day when the homeowner is working. Do not advertise on social media when you are vacationing or are away. If you are away, put a

stop to newspaper and mail deliveries until you return. Nothing indicates you are not home more than a pile of mail overflowing from your mailbox or multiple newspapers or Amazon boxes littering your stoop or driveway. Keep bushes and shrubs away from windows. Burglars welcome overgrown landscaping, it helps keep their actions hidden from the police or other neighbors.

Surveillance cameras like the ring doorbell are great tools that a homeowner can utilize that can capture a burglar before they enter your home. These smart surveillance cameras are relatively inexpensive, and they notify you via your smartphone when someone is on your property. If you see something or someone acting unusual in your neighborhood, regardless of the time of day, notify the police department.

Regarding the rash of car larcenies, these crimes can be prevented if residents simply lock their car doors. It is never a good practice to leave your wallet, credit cards, or electronic equipment in your vehicle. If you keep your car unlocked, you are inviting a thief to either steal your vehicle or to steal whatever you left inside it. Until next time, be alert and stay safe.

CRIME WATCH

Police investigating assault in S.C.

The Sixth Squad is investigating an Assault that occurred on Sept. 26 at 7:45 a.m. in Sea Cliff.

According to detectives, a 54-year-old female was walking west bound in the vicinity of 125 Sea Cliff Ave. when she was approached from behind by an unknown male. The male pulled her pants down and fled west bound in a four-door sedan which turned south bound onto Dubois Avenue. No further description of the vehicle is available.

The suspect is described as a male, approximately 20 to 40 years old. No further description is available.

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Coaches talk high school, college sports delays

By **BRIANA BONFIGLIO**

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High school and college sports coaches on the latest Herald Inside LI webinar discussed how Covid-19 has affected their programs — including new recruiting methods, alternatives to competitive gameplay and staying positive through it all.

The virtual panel was live-streamed on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. and produced by RichnerLive, a division of Richner Communications Inc., publisher of Herald Community Newspapers. Herald Inside LI is a webinar series that aims to educate the community about navigating different aspects of life during the coronavirus pandemic.

Local athletic coaches and officials joined the most recent conversation, including Chuck Priore, head football coach at Stony Brook University; Danielle Santos Atkinson, head women's basketball coach at Hofstra University; Michael Rubino, head football coach and athletic director at Valley Stream Central High School; and David Viegas, director of health, phys. ed. and athletics in the Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District.

Tony Bellissimo, sports editor of Herald Community Newspapers, offered opening remarks about the delay of fall sports because of Covid-19. "This has serious effects on schools and student-athletes," he said, "especially the student-athletes in high school with an eye on playing at the next level."

Skye Ostreicher, of RichnerLive and Herald Community Newspapers, moderated the event and asked the panelists questions — first, about their reactions to the delay of high school and college sports.

"It tears me apart to not see our kids and be at their games," Viegas said, "but I think the focus had to be on getting us back into school, and now that we're there, staying there, staying open."

The other panelists agreed that though it must have been a tough decision for university officials to make, health and safety must be the top priority. "We need to make the most out of it and figure out how to move this process forward," Priore said.

A big concern among high school athletes is losing game time that could be recorded and sent to college coaches, or



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP left: David Viegas, director of health, physical education and athletics at Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District; Skye Ostreicher, Herald Inside LI moderator; Michael Rubino, head football coach and athletic director at Valley Stream Central High School; Danielle Santos Atkinson, head women's basketball coach at Hofstra University; and Chuck Priore, head football coach at Stony Brook University discussed how Covid-19 has impacted the college sports recruiting process on Sept. 23.

that recruiters could attend to watch them play. However, the panelists each gave advice to those student-athletes looking to continue their sport in college. "We have learned different ways of recruiting and outreach," Priore noted.

This means using online platforms to connect with colleges, rather than in-person meetings, tours or visits with college officials at competitions. Both Priore and Atkinson said they use social media to learn more about prospective players. They also said that they would accept videos of players demonstrating their skills, even if they are not in a game and are recorded by a friend or family member.

College tours are also available virtually, Priore noted, as well as a wealth of information about the schools. Now that

prospective student-athletes are diving deeper into Stony Brook's online information, "I honestly think the kids that we're recruiting are benefitting from knowing Stony Brook better," he said.

Priore added that being able to hop on a Zoom call for recruiting purposes has been advantageous for his football players looking to enter professional leagues. "Today, we had 32 NFL teams on a Zoom call with [our athletics officials], showcasing our kids," he said. "We've never had 32 NFL teams visit our campus, so our kids got more exposure this year than they normally would."

For high school students, Atkinson encouraged Zoom calls for getting to know potential teammates and coaches at colleges. "They're able to get on a call and

come face to face with our academic adviser, strength coach and student-athletes, which was a great change," she said, "because that's one of the most important things — who are the people that I'm going to be surrounded by during my time in college?"

Rubino said that Twitter is a great place for high school students to present themselves to coaches, as well, by adding information about the student's academics and sports background. "It's about marketing yourself in the best possible light," he said. "Let [coaches] know what class you are and make it as easy as possible for them to recruit you."

Although games are not being played, college student-athletes have already begun training in small groups within their teams, while following health and safety protocols, with practices on the horizon. The college coaches noted that during the shutdown, not all the players had access to a gym to continue conditioning before playing. Thus, they are still getting all players on the same page before they start playing in January.

"We had to stay in small groups as a football program, social distance and wear masks indoors," Priore said. "From a training standpoint, our kids have really benefited."

High school student-athletes, however, are mostly still waiting to practice with their teams. Coaches are formulating plans to make this happen in the future. The panelists noted that without competitive sports in the fall, there is plenty of time to focus on academics, as well as maintain relationships with college officials to get recruited.

"It's not canceled; it's just postponed," Viegas said. "They'll get their opportunity; they just have to be patient."

The panelists acknowledged that for student-athletes, many of whom have played every year since they were young, the change in plans could be overwhelming. Atkinson encouraged coaches and parents to discuss mental health with their student-athletes and to shed a positive light on the situation.

"Everyone is just trying to stay positive, follow the rules, wear your mask," Rubino said, "and then hopefully in the next few weeks, we'll start to see some high schools generate plans where we can follow [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] guidelines and get [teams] back together a little bit."

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Are you buying a home on Long Island? With a house comes many responsibilities, but what exactly does that entail?

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Husband and wife Max and Ashley Kramer, of North Bellmore, recently bought a home during the pandemic and will speak about their experience.

Skye Ostreicher, of RichnerLive and Herald Community Newspapers, will moderate the discussion, which will guide first-time homebuyers in how to purchase a house. Panelists will also discuss special loans for first-time homebuyers.

"I feel that getting knowledge out now is important for first-time homebuyers as they need to lay the groundwork for the home-buying and financing process," Ferrero said. "Spending time up front learning from knowledgeable sources allows them to be educated, prepared and ready

to put a plan in place so that their first-time home-buying goes well for them, both financially and emotionally."

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Cumulative Covid positives surpass 1,000

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As New York state saw 866 new positive cases of Covid-19 on Sept. 26, Glen Cove also experienced an increase. Ten new cases were reported in the city according to data collected by Newsday.

Citing data from the Nassau County Department of Information Technology, Glen Cove has had 1,015 positive cases from the beginning of the pandemic until Sept. 29.

Glen Cove resident Charlotte Y. Washington, the mother of a Glen Cove High School sophomore, said she and her fiancé Lorin Roberts, a United States Air Force veteran, are afraid of catching the virus again.

"My fiancé is still recovering from complications from Covid-19 since March," she said. "We are very paranoid to go anywhere without catching it again because next time around I feel we won't survive it."

Washington is looking forward to the day that life can return to normal once again in the city and the state so that she and her family will feel safe. But to get to that day, Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said, everyone must follow health guidelines.

"Glen Cove residents must continue to remain vigilant with the proven guidelines to reduce the spread of Covid-19 — facial coverings and social distancing," Tenke said.

In late August, during a 7-day period the city had just one Covid-19 case. And at that time, Glen Cove Hospital had not had to check in a Covid-19 patient in over a month. That is no longer the case.

"We have had a couple of cases [in the hospital] but we have not seen a rise in the number of Covid cases," said Bradley M. Sherman, M.D., medical director of Glen Cove Hospital.

In the past, GCH, which is part of the Northwell Health system, was under siege by Covid-19. In early May alone, most of its patients tested positive for the coronavirus.

But now, Glen Cove Hospital has been able to shut down units that were caring for patients from the North Shore community and patients from other hospitals that Kerri Ann Scanlon, the executive director of Glen Cove Hospital, said were "under siege," like North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Forest Hills.

"We're preparing, God forbid, we have a second round in the fall," Scanlon said. "But we know so much more about what we can do to prevent the spread — masks, six feet social distance, wash your hands, Purell gel. The basics really matter."

Like Tenke, Sherman is asking residents to remain vigilant when it comes to protecting themselves and others from the virus. "I think the way to protect everybody is really to make sure that everybody wears the masks, espe-

cially when they're out in public," he said, "and to keep the six foot distance as best people can because that will really help to decrease these numbers."

And Sherman also wants to remind the public that the hospital is safe. "Patients that we suspect may have Covid or we're ruling them out, we put them in a separate area," he explained.

As for the nearby Glen Cove City School District, data from the New York State Covid-19 Report Card indicates that there has been one Glen Cove High School student, one service provider at Eugene J Gribbin Elementary School and a staff member at Deasy School that has tested positive for Covid-19. But pursuant to Nassau County Department of Health, there is no need for closure.

"We are extremely careful and are doing all we can to ensure the health and safety of our children and staff," Glen Cove City School District Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said.

Protocols include mask wearing during in-person school days, a hybrid model of alternating between in-person and remote learning and sanitizing the premise often. Rianna also stated that the situation is being closely monitored and that anyone who had close contact with those who tested positive has been contacted by the district or the Nassau County Department of Health. If one hasn't been contacted, there is nothing more that they have to do, Rianna said.

For now, Washington said, she will continue to have her daughter attend school from home, an option made available for all students who are not comfortable with in-person learning.

Miriam Norensburg, the mother of a Glen Cove City School District kindergarten, said she had to enroll her son in private school because the hybrid model did not work with her family's current circumstances.

"I am currently going through some medical issues and I am not in the position to be able to have him home and teach him appropriately for more than half of each week," Norensburg said.

She said she wishes that the district had taken working parents as well as single parents into consideration when drafting this year's plans. "I felt like they could have come up with some sort of a plan to make it work for the lower grades," she said. "I do not understand how they honestly expect these children to stay up to grade level going to school two days a week."

However, she understands that not all families feel safe with in-person learning. "Not everyone has the same home situation and I don't think anyone should be forced to send their kids back if they have immunocompromised people living in the home or are otherwise concerned for their family," she said. "At the same time, I feel that options should be available for those who do want to send their kids back."

OBITUARIES

Geoffrey Whitely

Geoffrey Whitely, 66, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 28. Beloved father of Colin, Lauren (Michael) and Daniel; loving partner of Mary; dear brother of Lee (Sue), John (the late Jette), Andrea (Frank) and the late Jay; also survived by Paige, Peter and many nieces, nephews and his canine companion "Bella." Whitely loved nature and enjoyed

cooking, reading. He was very handy. He will be greatly missed. Visitation and service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Saturday, Oct. 10, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Service to begin at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Planting Fields Foundation, P.O. Box 660, Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771.

Willibe Wilson

Willibe Wilson, 91, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 27. Longtime devoted companion of Shirley Pinckney; loving father of Vicki and the late Deborah Bowden; proud grandfather of Para (Clare), Wendell, Terah, Kiba, Janai, Portia and Jayden; great-grandfather of Khale, Mckenzie, Denisa, Shanaya, Kenya, Jordan, Amir, Amad, Kniel and Ariyah; also survived by his nephews Eric, Darren and Charles. Proud U.S. Army veteran, past commander of the American Legion of Glen Cove and an avid bowler.

Visitation and service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Interment Calverton National Cemetery.

Jeffrey Peet

Jeffrey Peet, 58, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 24. Loving son of Patricia and the late John; dear brother of Jack (Nancy), Kenny (Dawn), Nancy and Gail; proud uncle of Mikey, Justin, Timothy, Nicole, Heather and Aislin; also survived by many cousins and close

friends. Peet was an avid target shooter and a lover of outdoors. Visitation and Service held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

Norman Bigman

Norman Bigman, 77, of Saratoga Springs and Glen Cove, died on Sept. 17. Survived by his wife, Ruth; son, Alan Bigman and daughter-in-law, Luba Bigman of Houston; daughter, Lauren Cohen and son-in-law, Matt Cohen of Saratoga Springs; will also be greatly missed by his grandchildren Jonah, Caleb and Naomi Cohen and Katya, Keira and Andrew Bigman; leaves behind his beloved siblings Rosalie and Mickey Silber and Aaron and Doreen Bigman; beloved by his extended family, nieces, nephews, and cousins, who

remember him with great affection.

Bigman was born Jan. 25, 1943 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the late Benjamin and Lilly Bigman. He was the youngest of three children, including sister Rosalie and brother Aaron. His father died when Bigman was 8-years-old. He married Ruth Gilman on July 25, 1964. He received his Associates Degree from Queensborough Community College in 1962 (where he was in the inaugural class) and later earned his Bachelor's Degree with honors from New York University in 1965.

He and his wife spent most of their married life in Glen Cove where they raised their family until they moved to Saratoga Springs in 2018.

Bigman's life represented the American dream. His parents immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe to escape religious persecution. Starting his career as a high school industrial arts teacher, Bigman subsequently joined a commercial construction and design firm, Environment Research and Development Corporation. Through hard work and a talent for achieving his clients' goals, he rose to become head of the construction division in his early 30's. He later co-founded his own company, Planned Management Construction. Over the years, Bigman completed projects throughout the United States for companies such as Mitsubishi,

Richmond, Emblem Health and Tiffany & Co., among many others. Later, he continued to serve clients as a trusted consultant for Gannon Vitolo Contracting in New York City. He also showed great leadership in philanthropic organizations, spearheading fundraising efforts for Queensborough Community College and Harbor Child Care; also serving on their boards.

Outside of his business and community positions, Norman loved his friends. Throughout the years he remained close to colleagues who became friends and people from the community he met with regularly through his informal breakfast club. He was also a member of the Lotos Club in New York, where he additionally served on the directory.

Bigman was an accomplished craftsman who enjoyed woodworking. Everyone knew of his extensive woodshop in the basement. Some of the lucky ones have his exquisite creations in their homes today. While his handy-work was unmatched, he never quite developed his singing voice, and relished being the worst vocalist in a family of non-musicians. Norman also loved his plants. He could keep an orchid alive far beyond the usual lifespan. He was also a reader and enjoyed having classical music playing in the house.

Most of all, Norman loved his family. May his memory be a blessing.

OPINIONS

We could use a little old-school politics right now

My soul is aching. As the Covid-19 death toll surpassed 200,000 last week, we mourned Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, one of America's greatest daughters — an incredible mind with a voracious appetite for learning, a fearless, indomitable advocate for women's rights and, quite simply, a good



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and decent human being, with an old-school sense of politeness that enabled her to deliver a penetrating verbal jab without personal insult.

Her death at age 87 came only two months after the passing of U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who was 80. Together they represented a

Lewis spoke of “good trouble,” agitating not simply for the sake of agitating, but to move the “arc of the moral universe,” as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called it, further toward justice.

For both Lewis and Ginsburg, advocacy meant always speaking their minds, telling the truth as they saw it, without reservation, no matter the reaction, and the reaction was often harsh, brutal even. Lewis was beaten more than once during the 1960s civil rights movement for marching peacefully.

Both were ridiculed, mocked. Yet always they maintained their composure. For both, a deep and abiding religious faith — Ginsburg, Judaism, and Lewis, Christianity — informed their responses. They showed love and understanding toward even the most vehement of their detractors.

Lesser leaders might have thought of their critics as enemies, but not Ginsburg and Lewis. To them, their detractors were people who needed persuading, and they held out the hope that, with enough time and patience, those critics might realize the error of their ways.

The nation could learn a lesson or three from Ginsburg and Lewis. For decades, our political system has become increasingly partisan, to the point that people hate others without ever having met them, for no reason other than they belong to another

political party.

As a society, we no longer take the time to reflect on the possible merits of one another's positions. We assume hostile intent. That must end.

I know that's a big ask in the middle of the most contentious presidential race in memory, but we should, at least, try, if only to honor the memories of Ginsburg and Lewis.

That doesn't mean we cannot disagree with one another's positions. That doesn't mean we cannot criticize candidates' policy platforms, or their records. We can. We should. There is no greater exercise of one's civil liberties than to speak and write freely, as is one's First Amendment right.

We should, however, train our slings and arrows on policies and practices, not on people. All liberals are not communists, any more than all conservatives are corporate raiders and robber barons. We should never throw around such invective in our political discourse. We should, like Ginsburg and Lewis, assume that those on the other side of the political aisle love their country, too, until proven otherwise. And we should be prepared to forgive those who trespass against us.

I was reminded of this last week. I recently wrote a column titled, “A maddening take of two presidencies,” criticizing President Trump's response to the corona-

virus pandemic and comparing it with President Obama's approach to battling the H1N1 flu pandemic early in his first term, noting that Trump admittedly lied to the American people about the deadliness of the Covid-19 virus, while in a speech at the start of H1N1, Obama laid out the facts, calmly and truthfully.

Five letters from Trump supporters came fast and furious, with three asking why I hate America, and one, as expected, calling me a communist. Three were unsigned. Their vociferous nature shouldn't have surprised me given how heated the presidential race is, but it did. I was inclined to cry, not at the letters themselves, but at the state of our politics.

I thought, my goodness, these writers have no idea who I am — the proud son of a World War II Navy veteran, a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer who taught English and American democracy for two years in the Republic of Bulgaria, a formerly communist nation, and an Eagle Scout who learned right from wrong at the earliest of ages.

As a Peace Corps volunteer, I swore allegiance to the U.S. Constitution in the garden of the American ambassador's stately residence in Sofia, Bulgaria, in August 1991. That sacred document guided me then, and it guides me now as a journalist.

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particular brand of leadership: strength obtained not through bullying, but through the depth of their moral conviction, their sense of justice and their commitment to telling the truth under all circumstances.

Each helped create a more equal society and a more perfect union, though they would likely say their work was far from over at their deaths. That would explain why they continued working through the pain of terrible illness. Surely they will go down in the annals of history as truly monumental figures. Their lives should serve as models for our own.

The nation could learn a lesson or three from Ruth Bader Ginsburg and John Lewis.

The porch: not just a place, but a place in time

Nearly 50 years ago, we bought our house in Woodmere because it had a back porch. The seller was very clever. She whisked us through the front of the house and straight out to the porch, where she was

sipping coffee and reading a book, as pink and white magnolia blossoms tapped against the screens. It was love at first sight.

Our porch is our summer place. The pine walls let in the first chill winds of autumn, so our porch season is limited. The limitation adds to



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its charm, since we begin thinking in April about the many dinners we will enjoy alfresco once summer comes. It is my favorite room in the house. Although we have perfectly good beds and couches inside, a porch nap, with the overhead fan stirring the air, is dreamy.

These warm autumn mornings, I drink my Bustelo brew and read the newspapers in my back porch, looking

out at the garden and listening to the birds and thinking how lucky I am to have a place that brings me such peace. Sitting out there moves me out of the house and into the day, quietly, the way I like to begin. From the porch I can barely see any other homes; the privacy is complete.

When I sit out there, I notice things. Last week I saw cardinals sweeping back and forth across the yard and watched, day after day, until I spotted their nest nearby. I see other things, too, that aren't there anymore, like my little kids screaming and jumping in and out of a kiddie pool.

In recent years, community developers have started building new “old-fashioned” towns in an effort to recreate one of the most precious pieces of Americana — the small, hometown neighborhood. The new communities have clean, narrow streets, variety in the home styles, built-in green space and — most important — ample porches.

The builders might as well save their money. Architects may erect nostalgic wraparound porches in darling Disneyesque communities, but there undoubtedly

will be more Pelotons than rockers on those porches, and more cellphones and TV's than pitchers of lemonade.

There is such a thing as porch culture, and I advocate strict adherence to its traditions. You simply cannot fake an old-time porch. Our porch has no TV and no electric light. In the evening, if we have dinner there, we experience the gradual fading of the day. We light candles. This has led to a remarkable phenomenon, which I refer to as porch therapy. In the glow of the candles, as the sun fades and the moon rises, people who sit in our porch are given to personal revelation. The mood invites intimacy, and we have heard, and told, our share of secrets.

The essence of porch culture was captured eloquently in an old favorite novel, “Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood” by Rebecca Wells. She writes of four girls growing up in Louisiana in the late 1930s and early '40s, and at one point she talks about their porch life:

“An afternoon of iced tea and idleness. Those Ya-Yas aren't going anywhere . . . They are lazy together. This is comfort.

This is joy . . . Not one wears a watch. This porch time is not planned. Not penciled into a DayRunner. . . . People took porches and porch time for granted back then. Everybody had porches; they were nothing special. An outdoor room halfway between the world of the street and the world of home. . . . And in the evening when the sun went down, the fireflies would light up over by the camellias, and that little nimbus of light would lull the Ya-Yas even deeper into porch reveries. Reveries that would linger in their bodies even as they aged.”

According to the website This Old House, “In American literature, the porch is a stage where the symbolism is often as thick as the summer air — a transitional space between the cocoon of home and the cacophony of the outside world.” Another perfect example is the porch in “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

For me, an ideal summer day begins with breakfast on the porch, includes a spell of reading and inevitably a nap, and then dinner with cicadas chirping their song into the twilight. Here we are in October, and that song feels ever more precious.

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We'll say it again – fill out the census

We have to wonder what President Trump has against giving people more time to fill out the U.S. census, particularly given that it must be tallied amid the global coronavirus pandemic, making in-person interviews difficult, if not dangerous. But Trump apparently wants the census over with sooner rather than later.

The census was scheduled to end on Oct. 31, but in August, the U.S. Census Bureau suddenly reduced the time frame by a month. Last Thursday, however, U.S. District Court Judge Lucy Koh, in northern California, issued an injunction requiring the Census Bureau to continue tallying people through the end of October, according to NPR. The Trump administration filed an appeal in federal court Friday.

Koh said that the administration's shortened census time frame was likely to produce errors in the count. We agree.

We say this: Complete the census ASAP. No one, regardless of status, should be afraid to fill out it out. Federal law prohibits the Census Bureau from sharing any information it collects with any other government agency. Its sole purpose is to count the number of people living in each state to apportion the correct number of U.S. representatives to the states and allocate the proper amount of federal funding to them.

According to the Census Bureau, you should be counted where you were living and sleeping most of the time as of April 1. If you're responding for your home, count everyone who lives and sleeps there

most of the time. That includes children, foster children, roommates, and any family members or friends who are living with you, even temporarily.

If someone is staying with you because of the pandemic, however, they should be counted where they usually live. This includes college students, who should still be counted at school. If they live in student housing, the college will count them. If they live off campus, they should respond for their off-campus addresses.

Completing the census takes no more than 10 minutes, and you can do so securely online at www.2020census.gov. To reach the U.S. Census Bureau for help, call (844) 330-2020 for English speakers and (844) 468-2020 for Spanish speakers. Representatives are available daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Restoring tax fairness for Long Islanders

In December 2017, Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, pushed by President Trump throughout his first year in office. The act limited the deduction for state and local taxes — previously unlimited — to \$10,000. That section of the legislation alone cost middle-class taxpayers on Long Island and other high-tax areas thousands of dollars, and in some cases, more than that.

Thanks to intrepid reporting by The New York Times, we now know what Trump paid in federal income taxes that year — \$750. The year he was elected, he also paid \$750. For 10 of 15 years before that, he paid nothing.

That is to say, while Trump was hurriedly ramming through a tax measure with little public debate, he was benefiting from a vast array of loopholes to evade paying his fair share of federal income

taxes.

Ask yourself how much you paid in federal income taxes those two years — likely thousands more, if not tens of thousands more. Should you not be entitled to a deduction as basic as the one previously offered for payment of state and local taxes?

We have editorialized on the unfairness of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act before — and we will continue to until it is addressed. Essentially, the measure forces taxpayers on Long Island and in other high-tax areas to pay taxes on the state and local taxes they have already paid. The deduction was originally enacted to ensure that taxpayers would not be charged twice.

The act also nixed deductions for unreimbursed employee expenses, tax preparation fees and other miscellaneous deductions, according to the Tax Policy Center

at the Urban Institute and Brookings Institution.

In short, the act eliminated some of the only deductions that middle-class Long Islanders had depended on in the past, while the president employed a litany of deductions available only to the rich — the rich who, we might add, sustained business losses.

Congress should have already rescinded the poorly considered SALT provision in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, but it hasn't. Democratic representatives like Tom Suozzi, in Glen Cove, and even members of the president's own party like Republican Peter King, in Seaford, who is retiring at the end of the year, have spoken out, calling for a restoration of the SALT deduction. Ensuring that happens, however, will require sustained pressure on Congress and the White House.

LETTERS

Avoiding grave impact on the entire bay system

To the Editor:

As an environmental group whose mission is to “preserve, protect and restore the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Estuary and the surrounding watershed,” the Friends of the Bay have concerns about a proposed DEC operation. A DEC permit was issued and then suspended on June 5 to allow Frank M. Flower & Sons to dredge clams from the uncertified waters of Mill Neck Creek and transfer them to certified waters in Oyster Bay for cleansing and ultimate harvest.

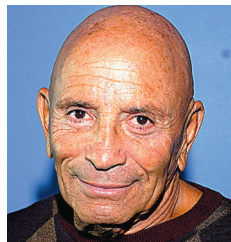
One of our concerns is that the uncertified waters of the creek serve as an undisturbed spawning sanctuary for shellfish that can help repopulate the bay. Removing clams



OPINIONS

Cuomo needs to fund the developmentally disabled

Recently, a unique mobile rally and car parade commemorated the 33rd anniversary of the closure of Willowbrook Psychiatric Hospital on Staten Island. Opened in 1947, Willowbrook was, by today's standards, a horrific institution that warehoused people with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses or any other condition that



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made them look, act or learn differently. For those unfortunate enough to have been born with or develop a disability or mental illness during that era, placement at Willowbrook meant a life of neglect, abuse and horrifying, inhumane conditions.

I have my own personal horror story of how mentally disabled people are treated. When I married Ellen, she had a son, Ricky, who could not speak or cry and who is now blind. I married Ellen because of the love she had for Ricky, who eventu-

ally had to be placed in a special school, Wassaic, in upstate New York. That broke our hearts.

A few weeks after we left Ricky there, we went back to visit him. He had lost half his body weight, was wearing four diapers and had a black tongue. We took him to a pediatrician, who cried when he saw Ricky's condition. He was later placed in another facility, where he was put in a steaming hot tub and scalded.

Ricky is now 62 and living in a group home, where I visit him often. But I can never forget his wretched treatment, or what it did to him — and to all the members of his family, who love him. The unconditional love for a developmentally disabled child is like no other love imaginable.

Thankfully, we have evolved far from that unenlightened time, and have become a more empathetic human race. On Long Island alone, there are about 5,000 people with developmental disabilities living in smaller group homes and

receiving care that far exceeds anything we could have hoped for in the past.

But these changes didn't come about by accident. The strides forward in the treatment of our special children and adults came only after a lengthy, well-fought battle, beginning with a recognition of this population as human, deserving of basic considerations.

That fight continues today. Organizations and individuals have taken on the challenging role of caring for and housing people with developmental disabilities who can no longer be cared for at home. It is the state's responsibility to adequately fund those organizations and to ensure that these vulnerable people are cared for and protected, and have some quality of life.

Over the past several years, it has seemed as if state funding for this priority has been anything but a priority. Caregivers who choose a career in nurturing and providing basic care to our special people are so underpaid that they are

forced to work second jobs. What has happened to the progress we made and the empathy we gained? We are living in a time when fast-food workers are paid more than those who bathe, feed and dress those who can't do it for themselves. If this trend continues unchanged, we will certainly slip back to a time that we must vow never to return to.

Willowbrook closed in 1987 — not that long ago, and certainly well past the time when we all should have known better about what gives us our humanity and how it is inextricably tied to how we treat the most vulnerable among us.

If you agree with this and understand this message, please let your voice be heard by making sure Gov. Andrew Cuomo continues to make our special people a priority in the state budget. We all know times are tough and spending is tight. But we simply can't afford to return to one of our darkest hours. Cuomo can be contacted at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>, or by phone at (518) 474-8390.

Harvey Weisenberg, a longtime resident of Long Beach, served in the State Assembly from 1989 to 2014.

The fight for this often forgotten population of special people continues today.

LETTERS

from this area and disturbing the substrate by dredging along with continued harvesting in the bay and losses from natural predation could potentially have a grave impact on the entire bay system, particularly since the Flower company ceased operation of its hatchery last fall and is no longer putting any seed clams and oysters into the bay.

The second concern is the potential harm to other marine species living in the creek.

Before this project should go forward, we are requesting that there be an area-specific review on the environmental impacts of dredging in the creek.

Below is an excerpt from a Coastal Fish & Wildlife Habitat Assessment from Oct. 15, 2005, prepared by the New York Department of State

(https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/consistency/Habitats/LongIsland/Mill_Neck_Creek_Wetlands.pdf):

“Oak Neck Creek and Mill Neck Creek serve as nursery and feeding habitat (from April 1 – Nov. 30, generally) for various marine fish species, such as scup, bluefish, Atlantic silversides, Atlantic menhaden, winter flounder, and blackfish.

“Any activity that would degrade the water quality; increase turbidity; sedimentation, or temperature; or alter depths or flows in the Mill Neck Creek . . . habitat would adversely affect the biological productivity of this area.

Our concern is heightened because the situation in the area has changed dramatically in the past year. Besides the Flower company ceasing its hatchery and seeding operation, an alewife ladder has been added at the dam at the head of the creek and the shellfish population of Oyster Bay has plummeted.

We understand based on information from DEC biologist Wade Carden that the project permit was suspended indefinitely June 5 after the Town of Oyster Bay withdrew its offer to monitor the project because of environmental concerns. But we also understand that DEC ultimately could do the monitoring itself or have another agency do it and thus allow the project to proceed.

If DEC decides to allow the project to proceed with monitoring by someone other than the Town of Oyster Bay, we request that monitoring take place in the creek to make sure that there is no disturbance of muddy bottom areas with the subsequent siltation of adjacent bottomlands.

We also expect that there would be adequate public notice before any transplanting takes place so Friends of the Bay and other interested parties can observe.

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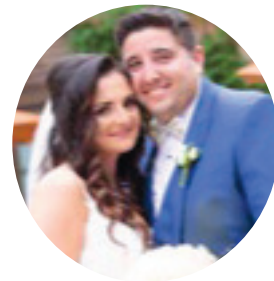
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