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THE CLEANUP WAS a family affair for Ann and Bryce Klatsky, who brought their son, C.J., along last Saturday.

International Coastal Cleanup comes to Pryibil Beach

By **JENNIFER CORR**
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Each year in the fall, hundreds of thousands of people in more than 75 countries remove trash from beaches and waterways, taking part in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup.

Pryibil Beach, in Glen Cove was one of the beaches that received some TLC last

weekend from 92 volunteers. Glen Cove resident Wendy Wang came to the event on Saturday with her family to help fulfill her son's Boy Scout responsibilities and to help keep one of the local beaches clean. "We want to make sure that [Glen Cove] stays beautiful," Wang said. "It's good to see so many people out helping this morning."

In an effort that has typically taken place in Septem-

ber for the past two decades, locals scanned the park for garbage as, for the third year, scuba divers searched the bottom of Long Island Sound for litter. The Glen Cove Beautification Commission coordinates a cleanup at Pryibil Beach one year, and Morgan Memorial Park Beach the next.

All of the garbage that is collected is documented by

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Real estate market heats up

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At a showing last Sunday, coronavirus guidelines were taped on the entrance to the yellow two-family house at 4 Ave. B in Locust Valley. Mary Stanco, a real estate agent with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Laffey International Realty, was waiting inside with a mask on. There were Covid-19 disclosure forms on the kitchen counter.

"It's a hot market, that's for sure," said Stanco, a company sales manager for Glen Cove who has been in the business since 2005. "Plus, Glen Cove is a hot area now, with all those buildings that are being built — condos, rentals. We're getting people from all over."

At an Inside LI panel presented by RichnerLive, Deirdre O'Connell, CEO of Daniel Gale Sotheby's International, explained that because of the pandemic, people are spending more time at home and, as a result, reassessing their lifestyles. For many who live in apartments in New York City,

that means fleeing east to look for a home with more space.

"Housing isn't just about a place to sleep anymore," O'Connell said. "It's a place to live, and then you add on the low interest rates and it makes doing

People are leaving and moving around for different reasons, which created bidding wars, and our house market has gone up.

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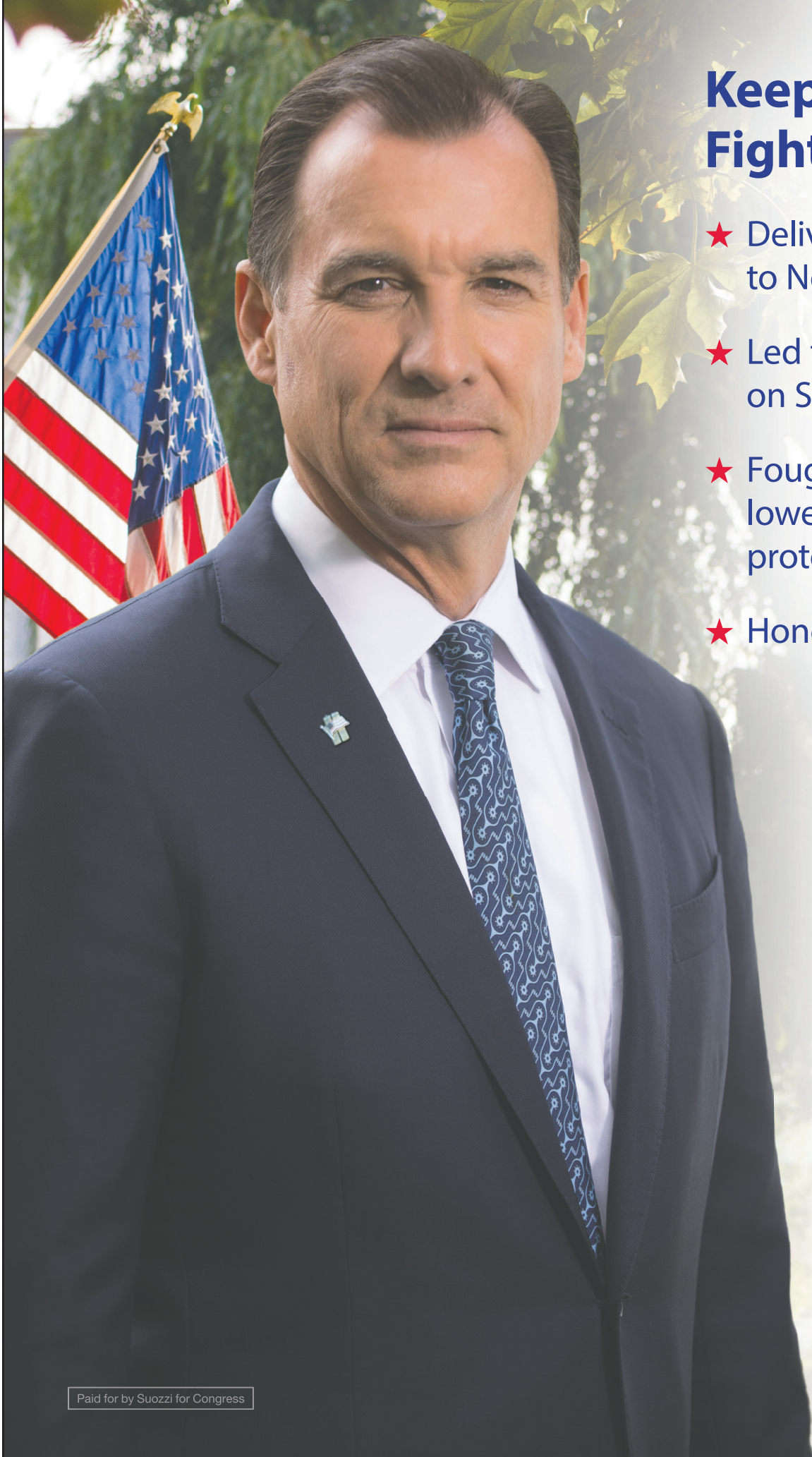
it more affordable, no matter what the price point."

Many Manhattan clients who own vacation homes in the Hamptons are also purchasing homes in Nassau County, said Anthony Piscopio, senior executive manager of sales for Douglas Elliman's North Shore Region. "Some of them wanted to be in between Manhattan and the Hamptons," he said, "so they're purchasing here on the North Shore."

Mishelle Berger Calo, an associate broker at Glen Key Realty in Glen Cove, said she hadn't seen so many people move to Long Island from the city since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "But [that was] nothing like this," she said. "We haven't had bidding wars like this. Houses are just coming on and then they're just gone the next day, with multiple

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DIVERS FROM THE Scuba Network made their way out of the Sound.

Residents, scuba divers help with the cleanup

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volunteers using a checklist created by the commission.

“For us here in Glen Cove, it’s important to see if there’s an increase or a decrease in the amount of litter that’s going on,” said Damion Stavredes, a program supervisor for the commission. “The purpose of the beautification program is education. So, once we put this information out there, people that come to the beach, residents, will hopefully be a little bit more mindful, and maybe they won’t be inclined to toss their cigarette butts or plastics.”

The American Littoral Society and the Ocean Conservancy catalog everything picked up along the shore or on the bottom of the Sound, Stavredes explained. According to Ocean Conservancy literature, the annual International Coastal Cleanup reports, which include information on the types of trash that are picked up, and where, have played a direct role in shaping national legislation and in helping municipalities create recycling or other programs to prevent debris from ending up in the oceans or on their shores.

“I live in Glen Cove, so that’s why I try



VOLUNTEERS WORKED AMONG the trees as well as on the beach.

to help my town,” said Martha Katz, the owner of Scuba Network, the shop that sends the scuba diving volunteers each year. She added that many of the divers focused on the area around the pier, searching for debris from fisherman.

“Today there were people who came last year as well, who were telling me that the beach is much cleaner this year,” Katz said. “Also, one of the guys showed me that the underwater is much cleaner than . . . it used to be.”

In 2014, the first year the Scuba Network got involved in the cleanup, the divers filled hundreds of bags with trash they found, Katz said.

“We do it at least once a year — we clean the environment below the water and above the water, so that it’s good for all of us,” she said. “When residents from Glen Cove come to the beaches, they feel better because the beach is cleaned. That’s what we go for.”

Joan Bessette, a member of the beautification commission, said that events like this are helping Glen Cove residents become more environmentally conscious. “Generally, our beaches are pretty clean and they just want to maintain that,” Bessette said, “and volunteering makes people feel good.”

“Today’s a great turnout,” Stavredes said. “We are hoping to keep this going as long as we can.”

The effects of beach debris

■ **Economic loss:** Marine debris is an eyesore. It degrades the visual appeal of the coastal environment, and in many cases causes economic loss if the area is a popular tourist destination.

■ **Habitat damage:** Marine debris can scour, break, smother and otherwise damage important marine habitats, such as coral reefs. These habitats are part of marine ecosystems, and are critical to aquatic species’ survival.

■ **Wildlife entanglement:** Damaged nets, ropes, lines, packing bands, rubber bands, balloon strings, six-pack rings and other marine debris can wrap around marine life. The entanglement can lead to injury, illness, suffocation, starvation or death.

■ **Ingestion:** Many animals, such as sea turtles and seabirds, can ingest marine debris, which is often mistaken for natural food or is accidentally ingested with that food. Ingestion of debris can lead to loss of nutrition, internal injury, intestinal blockage, starvation or death.

■ **Vessel damage and navigation hazards:** Marine debris that is large and that floats below the water surface can damage a boat’s hull, tangle in its propeller or clog its air or water intake.

■ **Alien species transport:** If a marine organism attaches to debris, it can travel hundreds of miles and be deposited on a shore where it is non-native. Invasive species can have a devastating impact on fisheries and local ecosystems that is costly to eradicate.

— National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



TRASH WAS COLLECTED and recorded, and, according to the Ocean Conservancy, the data is used to help communities keep litter off their shores.

Working to get voters to show up on Election Day

By JENNIFER CORR

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As Election Day and the deadline to register to vote on Oct. 9 near, local political activists are urging people to cast their ballot.

"We are encouraging all of our members to text their friends, create social media posts encouraging people to register and vote," said Stevens Martinez, the founder of Glen Cove Next Generation Democrats. "We're targeting the Gen Zs through the use of TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram stories."

Martinez said the Glen Cove Next Generation Democrats are also working with elected officials to have the broadest reach of their message.

And part of that message is to vote. According to the Penn State University Libraries, 138 million Americans voted in

the 2016 presidential election, which is 58.1 percent of the eligible voting-population.

Eric Tuman, of the Glen Head Republican Club, said his members have been working to make sure people show up on Election Day as well, utilizing social media and other methods to spread their message.

"We encourage everybody to vote," Tuman said. "And we're hoping they vote the Republican way and it seems to be that in my little area that we have a lot of Republican support."

Oyster Bay High School alum Arianna Chetram, 20, who is the founder of education reform organization PWRN-NOISE, believes that many don't understand how important their vote is.

Chetram said she's been in connection with Pace University, which she attends,

and the Oyster Bay High School Student Council to get students to register to vote and show up on Election Day.

"It does not matter what party you register for," Chetram said. "Because without your power, you basically do not have a power here. That power means so much in this country. You have a say in something. You should be able to use that say. You have a voice."

Back in August, Chetram said, she was on a Zoom conference with voting organization When We All Vote, which was founded by Michelle Obama, to discuss ways to encourage communities to vote.

"I took their advice," Chetram said. "I had a list of things I can do. I took that list and basically I have been pulling out a voting table at every protest I was invited to and every event. I had a bunch of forms and I encouraged people by telling them how important their vote is."

Cynthia Silletti, the Glen Cove Democratic Committee city leader, said that the committee has been very active in supporting the 2020 candidates — U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, State Senator Jim Gaughran

and State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, along with national presidential candidate Joe Biden and vice presidential candidate and United State Senator Kamala Harris.

"Political campaigns are different in this Covid climate and we are getting creative in our outreach so as not to endanger the health of our voters and our volunteers, while making sure everyone knows the importance of what is at stake in this election," Silletti said.

She added that the Glen Cove Democratic Committee has been active on social media, distributed information about early voting through social media, has held numerous committee and volunteer Zoom events to highlight candidates and is participating in phone banks, which is a process used in political campaigns to reach out to registered voters.

The Glen Head Republican Club is endorsing President Donald Trump, George Devolder-Santos for Congress, Edmund Smyth for New York State Senate and Andrew Monteleone for New York State Assembly.

Voting resources and information

Voting dates

Oct. 9: Deadline to register to vote.
Oct. 24 - Nov. 1: Early voting period for General Election.
Nov. 3: General Election Day.

Voting resources

Find election resources and information, learn about Covid-19 health regulations at the polls, apply for absentee ballot, check voting registration and apply to work polls at www.elections.ny.gov.
Learn about candidates on the ballot at www.ballotpedia.org.

What North Shore resident's Nov. 3 ballots will look like

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■ Tom Suozzi (incumbent,) Democratic Party.

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Northwell partners with Islanders on arena

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Northwell Health has partnered with the New York Islanders and the UBS Arena to provide more community-based wellness programs and ensure people's safety and well-being while inside the future live entertainment and sports venue, Northwell and Islanders officials announced on Oct. 6.

The 10-year founding sponsorship deal is just the latest extension of Northwell's 20-year-long relationship with the New York Islanders Hockey Club as the team's official health care sponsor and title sponsor of its East Meadow practice facility.

"We are proud to align ourselves with New York's newest premiere sports entertainment venue," Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health, said in a statement. "With 25,000 employees living near UBS Arena alone, this partnership allows us to reinforce our commitment to serving the community, and we look forward to developing future health and wellness programming with UBS Arena and the New York Islanders."

As part of the agreement, Northwell and the Islanders will create community programs focused on health, nutrition and physical activity. Additionally, Dowling said, Northwell — which has dealt with thousands of Covid cases throughout the pandemic — will use its knowledge of the coronavirus to ensure the safety of all patrons.

The new arena will feature "top-of-the-line sanitation efforts," according to Tim Leiweke, CEO of Oak View Group and lead developer of the arena project, including a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration system, ultraviolet light systems and disinfecting solutions "that have proven safe and effective in large-scale spaces."

"Our experience with Covid is very instructive here," Dowling said, calling the partnership a "win for the Islanders, a win for Northwell and a win for the community."



Courtesy Oak View Group

THE UBS ARENA is expected to open in time for the 2021-22 hockey season.

The partnership, he explained, will help Northwell expand its outreach efforts and learn more about the community's needs.

"When you have good people do good things," Dowling said, "that makes all the difference."

The UBS Arena is expected to open in time for the 2021-22 hockey season, and will feature a 17,000-seat arena for the Islanders hockey team. For more information, visit, www.UBSArena.com.

The project is expected to create 10,000 construction jobs and 3,000 permanent jobs, generating approximately \$25 billion in economic activity over the term of the lease.

The roof was being installed on July 22, and officials expected it to be fully-enclosed by the end of the year.

"New York is our home," said Tim Leiweke, CEO of Oak View Group, and leader of the arena project. "We wanted to put New York back on its feet."

The \$1.5 billion private investment into the arena and

the overall surrounding campus will provide a significant boost to the regional economy at a time when economic activity has slowed due to the pandemic. The project will also inject much needed stimulus into the New York economy and the local community, with the goal of filling 30 percent of UBS Arena's permanent jobs with workers who live in the surrounding area.

Additionally, 30 percent of contracting dollars for construction will also be earmarked for state-certified minority and female-owned businesses, and 6 percent will be earmarked for service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. An additional \$100 million investment in transit and infrastructure enhancements, including the first, newly constructed Long Island Rail Road station in almost 50 years, will benefit local residents and visitors for decades to come.

Tony Bellissimo contributed to this story.

Nassau's positivity rate still hovering at 1 percent

While New York City saw coronavirus cases spike last week — with an overall Covid-19 positivity rate of 3 percent and clusters where it exceeded 6 percent — Nassau County's infection rate remained at 1 percent as of Oct. 4, according to County Executive Laura Curran.

As of Sunday, 79 residents were positive out of 7,752 tested. "Despite minor ebbs and flows", Curran said, "Nassau's Covid positivity rate remains low — a testament to the resolve of our residents. This is a serious virus, and we'll continue to take it seriously."

Nassau hospitals reported 47 Covid-19 patients on Sunday, with 12

patients in intensive care units and five on ventilators. There was one new death.

"Keeping this virus under control requires all of us to do our part,"

Keeping this virus under control requires all of us to do our part. Wearing a mask is one of the most important things all of us can do for our county and nation right now.

LAURA CURRAN
County executive

Curran said. "Wearing a mask is one of the most important things all of us can do for our county and nation right now. Avoid mass gatherings that can become super-spreader events. Continue to look out for one another by staying six feet apart and wash hands often."

At one point in April, Nassau had the third-highest number of coronavirus cases in New York state, with more than 13,000 Covid-19 patients.

RCI now offering second round of advertising grants

Richner Communications Inc., publisher of Herald Community Newspapers and The Riverdale Press, this week announced a \$250,000 grant program to support local businesses to supplement the \$500,000 program offered in the spring.

Through the Herald Small Business Marketing Grant Program, Long Island businesses are eligible to receive up to \$15,000 of matching grant funds, which can be used for marketing services to promote their products and services.

The Herald Small Business Marketing Grant Program is being supported by chambers of commerce from across Nassau County.

Businesses can apply for grants at www.liherald.com/grants through Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, and they will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This past spring, Herald Community Newspapers launched the Herald Small Business Marketing Grant Program," said Stuart Richner, president of RCI and publisher of Herald Community Newspapers. "We decided to launch a second round of grants because we were humbled by the gratitude that our small business community showed to us for this program and were heartened to hear

how effective Herald Community Newspapers' marketing products and services were in getting small businesses back on their feet."

The Herald Small Business Marketing Grant Program will provide up to \$250,000 in matching advertising dollars and can be used toward print or digital advertising in any Herald or other RCI property. Since the coronavirus crisis started in March, the Herald has seen its audience increase by 100 percent, meaning that advertisers now have the ability to reach even more people than before.

The program is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus. Grants are available for between \$300 and \$15,000 of matching funds and can be used through Dec. 31, 2020.

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Diocese of RVC declares bankruptcy

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The Diocese of Rockville Centre filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Thursday because of the financial strain of lawsuits by sexual abuse victims under New York's Child Victims Act, which took effect last year.

The CVA allows victims to sue for decades-old cases, whereas before a state statute of limitations on sexual abuse claims often prevented them from doing so (see sidebar).

In an 11-minute video on the Catholic Faith Network, Bishop John Barres, spiritual leader of the diocese, which encompasses Nassau and Suffolk counties, announced the bankruptcy filing, which was made in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Rockville Centre is among the nation's 10 largest dioceses, and is home to 1.4 million Catholics. It is among a growing number of dioceses that are filing bankruptcy because they must defend sexual abuse lawsuits. It is the largest diocese to file to date.

Barres spoke directly to Long Island parishioners. "Our goal is to make sure that all clergy sexual abuse survivors are afforded just and equitable compensation," he said. "It is our hope that this offers survivors the possibility of some measure of healing from these horrific abuses."

The bishop said the diocese had no choice but to file for Chapter 11 reorganization. "This decision was not made lightly," Barres said. "However, in the year since the passing of the Child's Victim Act, more than 200 lawsuits alleging abuse have been filed against the Diocese of Rockville Centre."

Barres said the diocese would be able to continue its charitable and educational missions under the Chapter 11 filing because all the lawsuits will be centralized into one litigation pool, saving the diocese in attorney's fees. Otherwise, he said, the "increasingly heavy burden" of litigation could have begun to affect the work of the diocese, which to date has spent about \$3.7 million defending 94 lawsuits filed under the CVA.

A settlement, Barres said, will be determined based on the diocese's assets.

The diocese began cutting expenses last October to help cover the cost of the lawsuits, saving \$3.5 million annually. Then, the coronavirus pandemic struck, and its weekly offerings by congregants at Masses dropped "precipitously," according to a diocese news release. Roughly 40 percent of the diocese's income comes from weekly offerings. In August, the diocese cut 10 percent of its staff at its pastoral center in Rockville Centre, saving \$5 million a year.

According to Barres, the process of Chapter 11 is the only way to offer a "fair and equitable outcome for everyone involved." That was also the goal, he said, of the Independent Reconciliation Compensation Program, which was started in 2017 and has paid more than \$62 million to roughly 350 survivors, according to the diocese release.

The IRCP, a voluntary program, ended with the bankruptcy filing, the release said.

Barres said he expects regular operations and ministries to continue during the restructuring process, and that employees and vendors will continue to be paid. Additionally, he said, since parishes and Catholic schools operate as separate legal entities, they are not included in the filing. However, he noted that the filing would affect the diocese's ability to provide financial support to parishes and schools.

"We will work diligently with all survivors, creditors and ministries to maintain open communication while we work toward our goal of completing a settlement and finalizing a restructuring plan that includes a comprehensive and final resolution for suffering survivors," Barres said.

Attorney Jeff Anderson, of Jeff Anderson & Associates in Manhattan, whose firm represents more than 70



Courtesy Diocese of Rockville Centre

BISHOP JOHN BARRES announced and explained the Diocese of Rockville Centre's Chapter 11 filing in an 11-minute video on the Catholic Faith Network.

The Child Victims Act

The Child Victims Act, signed by Governor Cuomo in 2019, temporarily increased the state's statute of limitations in child sexual abuse cases. Previously, cases had to be filed by the time a victim was 23 years old, and victims, at that young age, often did not know they could file or were embarrassed to do so. By the time they did, it was often too late.

The Child Victims Act extended the period for a victim to file a case from age 23 to 28 in the case of criminal charges and to age 55 in civil cases.

The legislation was to last one year, but in August, Cuomo signed a measure extending the filing period by another year, to Aug. 14, 2021, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The Child Victims Act," the governor said this August, "brought a long-needed pathway to justice for people who were abused, and helps right wrongs that went unacknowledged and unpunished for far too long."

sexual abuse survivors, said the decision is "disappointing, yet unsurprising.

"Like their recent attacks on the Child Victims Act and their efforts to intimidate survivors from coming forward," Anderson said, "we see the diocese's decision to declare bankruptcy as strategic, cowardly and wholly self-serving.

"Bishop Barres often states publicly that the diocese is trying to atone for its tremendous sins in its long history of failing to protect children," he continued, "but in the courtroom, the diocese's representatives are filing unfounded motions, baseless appeals and resorting to intimidation tactics to keep survivors from coming forward."

Anderson explained that the bankruptcy filing presents an obstacle for survivors as they try to seek justice. "Bankruptcy can limit survivors' ability to unearth names and information regarding predator priests, expose top officials who covered up for the sexually abusive clergy," he said, "and bring to light what these officials knew and when they knew it."

He said the filing does not mean the diocese is bank-

rupt and said the diocese is using the bankruptcy code for reorganization as a way to slow the reconciliation process.

"It's not because they can't pay," Anderson said. "They want to stop us and the survivors from revealing publicly...the real histories of the practices employed by the Catholic bishops."

He noted that in court documents, the diocese's liabilities and assets are both listed. "They have underreported their assets," Anderson said, "and they have insurance to cover these liabilities. In all these cases, they have massive amounts of insurance." What is not listed, he said, are the "true assets" of the real estate and investment funds under the bishop's control.

"This lack of transparency is a real threat to child safety," Trusha Goffe, an attorney with Jeff Anderson & Associates, said. "But survivors will still have the power to come forward and seek justice and healing."

Mitchell Garabedian, a Boston-based attorney who represents 23 sexual abuse victims who have filed civil complaints against the Diocese of Rockville Centre, said the Chapter 11 filing would not prevent his clients from moving forward with their lawsuits. "Clergy sexual victims will now seek justice and validation through the U.S. Bankruptcy Court," Garabedian said. "Legal discovery of secret files, names of perpetrator priests and negligent supervisors and the identity of assets will be sought through the bankruptcy court. Transparency will continue to be pursued in the bankruptcy court so that victims can try to heal."

St. Agnes Cathedral parishioner Ruthanne McCormack, of Rockville Centre, whose children attended St. Agnes Cathedral School and continued on to Catholic high schools, expressed sympathy with the victims and said she hopes the filing would not affect survivors' reparations. "No amount of money can take away their pain," she said, adding, "Faith is strength."

She said that since the sexual abuse allegations came to light several years ago, the church has opened discussions within the parish community, and she believes priests have a greater awareness of the impact of abuse. As project coordinator for the Rockville Centre Coalition for Youth, she sees how childhood sexual abuse can lead to substance abuse.

"I feel my children are better off for the Catholic education they had," McCormack said, "and I think the church will be better off from this. Hopefully people will heal, and hopefully they don't look to other ways to do so."

Wilson, a Korean War veteran, will be missed by community

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Vicki Wilson said that her father, Willibe Wilson Jr., saw the good in everyone. “My father never met anyone that he didn’t like,” Wilson said. “There was always something good. Nobody was really bad. If he was your friend, he was your friend to the end.”

At age 91, Willibe Wilson Jr., a longtime Glen Cove resident, Korean War veteran, past commander of the American Legion and an avid bowler died on Sept. 27. He was a longtime devoted companion of Shirley Pinckney; father of Vicki Wilson and the late Deborah Bowden; grandfather of Para (Clare), Wendell, Terah, Kiba, Janai, Portia and Jayden; great-grandfather of Khale, Mackenzie, Denisa, Shanaya, Kenya, Jordan, Amir, Amad, Kniel and Ariya; also survived by his nephews Eric, Darren and Charles.

He was a great dad and grandfather, Vicki Wilson said.

“He was a happy person,” she said. “He was a kind person and a generous person. He was passionate. He always had a smile on his face and everybody that met him and that knew him loved him.”

David Hubbard, the commander of the Young Simmons Post of Glen Cove, called Wilson an excellent individual who dealt with people very well.

“He had a lot of wisdom and he passed it on,” Hubbard said. “He was my commander of the Young Simmons Post in Glen Cove and he was very instrumental in bringing me on board with his knowledge of the American Legion especially and the veterans, veterans organizations and things we can do to benefit the veterans.”

And Wilson was community oriented, Hubbard added. Willibe Wilson Jr. served as chairman of the Children & Youth Committee, hosting an annual luncheon and dance for



Courtesy Tab Hauser

WILLIBE WILSON JR., who died on Sept. 27, was honored on Veterans Day in 2016 for his service.

the children of St. Christopher-Ottillie and the Variety Child Learning Center for more than 20 years.

“Willibe’s great heart, great, great, great heart, was for children with special needs,” said retired U.S. Marine Corps Major Fred Neilson.

Wilson also served as a Young Simmons Post Commander and a past American Legion 10th District Commander, which includes Suffolk, Nassau and Queens counties.

Additionally, he served as a secretary for the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade Committee and as a custodian for the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club.

“He was very patient, very easy going,” Nielson said. “He had a very positive disposition and he saw the best in everybody.”

Willibe Wilson Jr. is among the active veterans in the community who died this year, along with WWII veteran Robert O’Neill, 95, and Vietnam War veteran Joseph Tolbert Jr., 70. “It is true that we are in a time when the very few WWII vets and even more, more and more of the Korean War vets are reaching those ages where war would have taken a toll on the body,” Nielson said. “Even for those who returned home reasonably safe, war still costs something in the mind, body and spirit.”

“These are people with whom we had been in community service for decades,” Nielson said. “What the veteran community tends to do as communities is serve. Serve others.”

Wilson loved serving the veteran community and the City of Glen Cove, Vicki Wilson said. “He was born in Glen Cove at the hospital in Glen Cove and he lived here all his life,” she said. “He loved Glen Cove.”

According to Nielson, Wilson parents moved here from the South and helped established the Calvary AME Church.

Rev. A. H. Sparkman of Calvary AME Church said that the church is eternally grateful for the life and legacy of Wilson. “He was a faithful and committed worker who served as an officer in the church and our prayers are with his family at this time of bereavement.”

Wilson was an artillery sergeant in the U.S. Army, past American Legion 10th District Commander and Korean War Veteran Honoree, City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said.

“Willibe was always involved with Veterans Affairs, Memorial Day, Veterans Day as well as the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club. He not only represented veterans, but he represented African American veterans and was a beloved and respected member of our community,” Tenke said. “His presence will be sorely missed.”

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Barber honored, a member of Native American tribe

Layton Hunt, the only member of the Lumbee Tribe of N.C. living on Long Island, was honored in September by the tribe through Gaitley Stevenson Mathews, a councilman from Glen Cove.

Hunt, a U.S Army veteran who served in Korea, moved to Long Island in 1958. He had grown up in Roberson County, North Carolina, in the town of Pembroke, before entering the service in 1954.

Having worked as a barber for many years, in May of 1966 he purchased the shop on the corner of Birch Hill and Buckram roads in Locust Valley, where he currently works. He renamed the shop "Hunts Hair Styling."

Hunt owned and ran the shop until September of this year when he sold it to Brain Basile, a longtime friend and owner of Strong Island Styles in the neighboring municipality of Glen Cove. Hunt will however continue his work as a barber at the shop and Basile has committed to keeping the historical nature of the 109-year-old shop as is. He said he is bringing in additional barbers to continue the long tradition of quality hair styling in Locust Valley.

Stevenson-Mathews, also originally from Roberson County, N.C., first met Hunt through a mutual friend, Glen Cove EMS member Steven Gordon. "When Steve mentioned that Mr. Hunt was from Robeson County and that he thought he might be Native American, I thought he must be a member of the Lumbee Tribe,"



Photos courtesy Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews

STEVENSON-MATHEWS, LEFT, RET. Col. J. Hunter Mathews on FaceTime, presented Hunt with a Proud Military Family Challenge Coin as barbershop owner Brian Basile looked on.

Stevenson-Mathews said.

When Stevenson-Mathews and Hunt first met they discussed many topics, including how they both came to live on Long Island, Hunt's military service, Stevenson-Mathews' brother, who is a retired colonel and Hunt's Lumbee ancestry.

"With 37 percent of the population of Robeson County identified as Lumbee, the influence of those of Lumbee ancestry was significant growing up, and I was honored to have many friends of Lumbee heritage," Stevenson-Mathews said. "While I love Glen Cove, Locust Valley,

and the North Shore of Long Island, like Mr. Hunt, I grew up farming tobacco, eating pork BBQ and enjoying other Southern traditions."

It's nice to have a friend who understands the culture of one's childhood and I could not have been more pleased when the Lumbee Tribe reached out asking me to make a presentation to Layton on their behalf," Stevenson-Mathews added.

Stevenson-Mathews joined with his brother via FaceTime, to present Hunt with a "Proud Military Family" challenge coin.



LOCUST VALLEY BARBER Layton Hunt was presented with a citation on behalf of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

Stevenson-Mathews also presented a Letter of Merit on behalf of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and the tribe's chairman, Harvey Godwin Jr.

The new owner of the barbershop, Basile, was presented with a bottle of champagne on behalf of all gathered as a congratulatory gift. Others in attendance included Glen Cove residents Carla D'Ambra and Joseph Moores, a member of Glen Cove James E. Donahue VFW Post 347 and of the Glen Cove American Legion Post 76.



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Celebrating the opening of Village Square

By JENNIFER CORR

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The Village Square plaza on Brewster Street was the scene of another ribbon cutting on Tuesday, with the prior one occurring on Sept. 25 at Harbor Landing. Both marked RXR Realty's Garvies Point developments.

"I love having all these ribbon cuttings," Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said. "Every week we have a new one, which is great. I'm just happy to see that these are just as spectacular as you said they were going to be before they were built."

But about three years ago, Joe Graziose, RXR Realty's executive vice president of residential development and construction, said, the property was the site of dilapidated buildings.

"And in less than three years with a lot of blood, sweat and tears, what you see behind us is what we've accomplished," Graziose said.

Village Square comprises 2.8-acres featuring 146, one and two-bedroom rental apartments. Also, a 16,500 square-foot public plaza and 15,600 square feet of retail space. Parking was also considered. There are 171 parking spots, 69 of which are reserved in the Brewster Street garage.

Ten percent of those rentals have been designated as workforce housing and winning applicants were chosen by a lottery in June.



Courtesy Tab Hauser

IT WAS A day to celebrate when the Village Square plaza on Brewster Street was officially opened.

The 'blood, sweat and tears' that it took to get Village Square to where it was today included removing a six foot diameter pipe that ran underground the site, Graziose reflected. It was discovered about a month into construction.

"I remember going into [the President of RXR Realty Michael Maturro's] office and I said 'Mike, I have some bad news,'" Graziose said. "'We have this pipe. We have to bring this around.'"

The cost of the pipe's removal was roughly \$2 million. "He said 'Joe, this is the last time you're coming in this office,'" Graziose said. "I'm writing this number down and I don't want to hear from you.' I think I've been back once or twice but with much smaller issues."

Another complication for the Garvies Point development as a whole, which includes Harbor Landing and The Beacon at Garvies Point, was the coronavirus

pandemic.

"I know you said Joe that for 108 days you were shut down because of the crisis and that was very frustrating, but you went through that. You're here," said State Sen. Jim Gaughran. "This is a bright spot. This is a sign that we're coming back and particularly for this great City of Glen Cove."

Village Square is not only a transfor-

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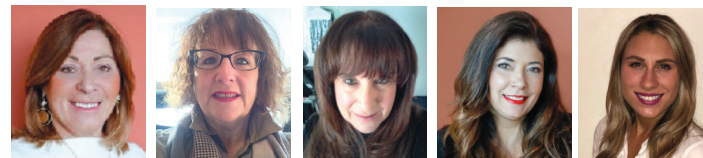
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When the pandemic hit, I said I have to do something to help others during this crazy period. I had recently joined as legal counsel of the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, so I thought of what I could do with my background and my knowledge to help out. I started to reach out for information in regard to the loans that were so needed by our small businesses.

I suggested to the mayor of Glen Cove to have update webinars with the NSHCC, the Gold Coast Business Association, Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown BID, and RXR was also very involved. We all got together and started to have great webinars that had pertinent, critical information for the community.

I am lucky enough to speak fluent Spanish as well. The Hispanic community needed to know and understand the issues that were going on and the programs that were being offered. Coming from an immigrant family, I understand that Hispanic people are great, hardworking people. Sometimes they don't understand the language completely, so they miss out, so I translated a lot of the information provided for them.

Out of that came an opportunity to have food drives. We were able to get about 15 sponsors to provide food for us, and we had a successful drive on May 23, where close to 200 families were fed. I still get new sponsors calling to help, so as of late, we have fed over 1,000 families.

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LAURIE HUENTEO

GLEN COVE

**SECRETARY TO THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GLEN COVE SENIOR CENTER**



My official title is secretary to the executive director of the Glen Cove Senior Center, which encompasses all sorts of office duties; however, the Senior Center is a very fluid work environment. Additional responsibilities encompass being the volunteer coordinator; the internship coordinator; and overseer of some of the maintenance crew.

When the pandemic began, we were initially working from home, so my colleagues and I made a lot of well-check calls. In the past five months or so, we have been delivering meals. As well, I started and have been running two virtual engagement groups, which meet twice each week and run for two to two and a half hours, giving members a chance to see each other and socially engage. I also administer our Virtual Senior Center Program. We have been able to supply six seniors with tablets that offer a multitude of classes, the ability to use internet and email and play games because stimulation and interaction, even if through the computer, is vital for the emotional, mental, and physical health of all.

Like so many, there was a huge adjustment in the beginning of the pandemic. I felt lost and without a structured direction to my days. I continued to work 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., making calls and participating in the online live activities we continue to offer our members and the general public.

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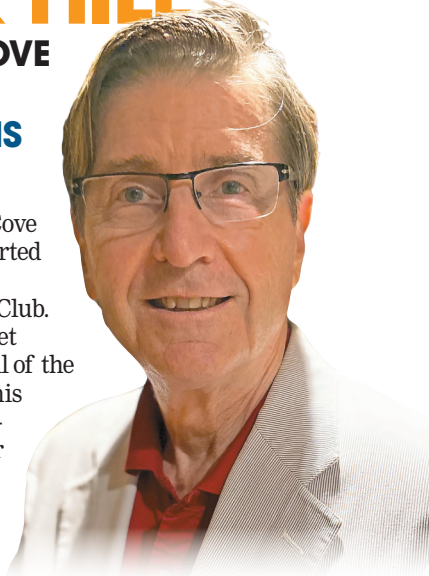
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The pandemic struck very quickly. Both Glen Cove Middle School and Glen Cove High School started food pantries through our sister club, Glen Cove Kiwanis — I'm part of the North Shore Kiwanis Club. They needed a foundation to help get monies to get food for those pantries, so I worked with Rich Hall of the Glen Cove club, and we got one grant from Kiwanis International Children's Fund, which we split between the two schools. We also received two other grants, so together we had about \$7,500 to give to the food pantries.

Strictly with Covid, we've had different food collections at supermarkets, and we were also collecting food in coordination with our Key Club. The Key Club also reached out to certain seniors who were isolated, calling up and checking on them. Also, some members coordinated deliveries because some people couldn't pick up the food.

Then, we tried to continue our regular work because we still had to found our scholarships — we give about \$7,000 away to North Shore High School students. We also help contribute to the Pediatric Trauma Center and the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation. Those are regular budget items that we have, but obviously with Mini Mart being canceled and other restrictions, our fundraising was curtailed. We had to work really hard in trying to keep funding some of the charities that help the area.

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We had to go virtual right away. When Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf closed, I was told I had to work from home. I ended up going back into work three days a week during the summer. There were two or three of us social distancing, wearing face masks, shields and gloves. My husband, Jack, a diabetic, was on his third hospitalization during the summer. In June, we both had been tested and were negative.


My daughter and her husband asked us to come to Saratoga [Springs] in July for the weekend. They both had tested negative. By Sunday, my daughter started feeling sick, and her boys got it too. Someone in her bubble was asymptomatic.

I thought I had a sinus infection and the doctor did too. He gave me an antibiotic and said I should get tested anyway. I told everyone at work that I was getting tested. It was very upsetting for me because I didn't want anyone to get sick. The last time I was tested, it took three weeks for the results to come back. I was having severe symptoms, so I went to Huntington Hospital to be tested. The next day they said I had the coronavirus and my husband did too. I felt so guilty, so bad.

We stayed in our bedrooms and my son left trays of food for us. I had two weeks of active symptoms like coughing. I didn't want anyone to know I had it because I felt ashamed. Even though you know it is not your fault, you feel responsible and guilty.

I had to get tested twice with two negatives before I could go back to work. Now I have no problem telling people I had it.

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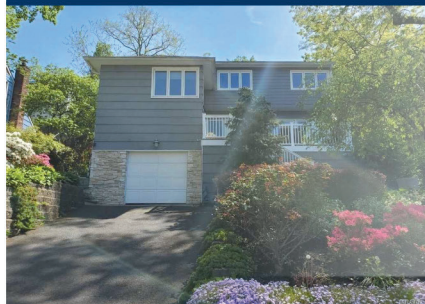
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Village a 'game changer' for City of Glen Cove

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mation of what was once the site dilapidated buildings, Tenke said, it is also bringing a new place to hold community events, along with new residents into Glen Cove's downtown.

"It really is for the community," Tenke said. "And I think that's what RXR always does when building an area. They want to make it so that the community benefits from these projects and they've done that here."

Graziose added that the project has helped the community by utilizing local businesses. In fact, 18 percent of the project's cost went to businesses in Glen Cove, including Safavieh Home Furnishings, and 50 percent of contracts were given to businesses in Nassau County.

The firm also worked with All Island Dermatology, Graziose said, because the practice was originally located on the Village Square site. "In assembling properties such as this, it's important that we come together as a community and we find a way to move forward," Graziose said. "Dr. Joseph Onorato [the owner of All Island Dermatology] has been on this site for much longer than RXR. He's been here since 2007."

All Island Dermatology will now be Village Square's first commercial tenant, with 1,000 square feet of space. "We are very excited at All Island Dermatology to be part of this fantastic revitalization of



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STATE SEN. JIM Gaughran, left, and City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke both said that Village Square would be an asset for the city.

Village Square," Onorato said. "[It's] now the centerpiece and gem of the downtown area of the City of Glen Cove."

Maturo called the project a "game changer" for the city. "Today's topping out represents empirical evidence that we're

bringing Long Island back to life, more specially putting Long Islanders back to work," he said, "in a safe environment."

In Glen Cove, Village Square is just a part of Graziose's vision.

"I'm a Glen Cove native and I've lived

here my entire life," Graziose said. "We're just going to continue to fulfill the dream, fulfill the vision, create jobs, build the economy and it's all good stuff in planning with our partners and the City of Glen Cove."



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Race for the Fifth State Senate District heats up

By MIKE CONN

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Two years after winning a seat in the State Senate, State Sen. Jim Gaughran, a Democrat, is seeking reelection as the representative of the Fifth State Senate District. He is being challenged by Republican Edmund Smyth, who has served on the Huntington Town Board since 2018 and is running for Senate for the first time.

Barbara Wagner is also running for the Fifth State Senate District seat as a member of the Green Party.

The Herald Gazette asked Gaughran and Smyth a few questions pertaining to the North Shore to help voters make a decision on Nov. 3.

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

Jim Gaughran: Restoring the state and my district after Covid is really the most important issue. I think the next legislature is really going to focus on how we rebuild after Covid and I'm confident we're going to have the ability to do that. We're going to be in a better place, not just economically, but there's also an awful lot of people with mental health issues that we have to address. We have to continue to rebuild our health care system and address the issues we're having as a society in terms of a lack of civility and people working together. We need more bipartisanship — that's something I'm going to be fighting for in Albany in terms of the economy.

We need to reduce the state's \$14.5 billion deficit going forward. We don't have the cash to plug that hole, so we hope to get federal aid from Washington. If Joe Biden is elected president, I believe we will get back our state and local tax deduction. For the people in my district, that is probably a \$5,000 to \$10,000 stimulus immediately in their pocket each year. Then, the next step in terms of the economy is a large infrastructure program to come out of Washington. If we get a major federal investment in infrastructure, we could use it for a variety of things.

Edmund Smyth: Most of that will be supporting local businesses in getting any kind of loans or loan guarantee programs in place, providing guidance with federal programs, as well as with the Small Business Administration. Generally, I'm an unapologetic free market capitalist. I'm always looking to support small businesses in any policies that I can. I've put together programs in Huntington even when the quarantine was in full effect. Proposals to get people working at the ground level is a place to start, and on a bigger scale, I'd push for providing any kind of PPE and financial support.

In addressing the deficit, what it's



Jim Gaughran
Incumbent

Age: 63

Family: Married with children

Lives in: Northport

Education: Juris Doctorate

Career: Attorney, chair of the Suffolk County Water Authority

Political experience: Suffolk County legislator, Huntington Town Board trustee, State Senator since 2018

Party affiliations: Democratic, Serve America Movement

going to come down to is priorities within the budget. Some of the things I've seen in the budget are not where we should be prioritizing spending, as it would be better to spend money focusing on businesses.

Herald Gazette: How do you plan to usher the community into a new public water authority if the approved Senate bill passes in the Assembly and the governor signs it? If it does not pass, what will you do to further work toward public water in the area?

JG: In the way the bill is designed, it simply says that we are now going to give the power to move to municipal water and how to do it over to the people. It would be another level of local government and it's empowering the citizens of what would be this new district to make the decisions themselves. Commissioners will be appointed on a basis of a weighted vote based on the population of municipalities that would make this up. Although it would be their decisions, I would encourage them to appoint people who really want to make a difference.

There's a feasibility study being done with state grants Senator Marcelino and I were able to acquire. Its purpose is to give us a roadmap as to what the costs and legal avenues are in terms of moving to a municipal system and the general consensus of the community. I tend to agree that the best



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Challenger

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Family: Married with children

Lives in: Lloyd Harbor

Education: Juris Doctorate

Career: Attorney, former staff sergeant in U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve

Political experience: Huntington Town Board trustee since 2018

Party affiliations: Republican, Independence Party, Conservative Party, Libertarian Party

concept would be to try to enter into an agreement with the Jericho Water District because it already has infrastructure professionals while running at much lower rates. The alternative is hiring municipal employees and operating a new authority.

If the bill doesn't pass, I would push to pass it again, but I'm very optimistic it will pass because the facts and logic are on our side.

ES: I think a public water authority is the direction to go in. The American Water privatized water experiment did not work because it comes down to an issue of accountability. I would want to see public water authorities broken up into as many localized authorities as possible. It works in areas of Suffolk County because they have elected trustees and commissioners who are accountable to the voters and customers in a much more direct way. Utilities are an example of services that can't reasonably be provided by the private sector, particularly water.

If it doesn't pass, I would first want to see the reasoning behind the people that voted against it. Then, I would approach them all and try to persuade them.

Herald Gazette: There has been increased interest in stopping hydraulic dredging in the Long Island Sound. Do you support this effort and, if so, what can you do to push it forward?

JG: When I was elected, I knew about this problem. I met with a lot of environmental leaders, the Baymen and a lot of people who were very concerned about this issue and potentially losing this wonderful economic and cultural resource. I was able to secure funding for an independent study to have a review done by scientists at SUNY Stony Brook to see what the impact is on the environment and on the shell-fishing industry, and that is ongoing now. I will also be looking at a solution to the problem. Hopefully, it will be of value and give us a roadmap toward improving the quality of water and having our shellfish industry thrive.

ES: I'm against the hydraulic dredging in the area. The North Shore ecosystems right now are too fragile to accommodate it. There's enough Baymen and competition right now to do traditional clamming and oyster harvesting in those waterways. Hydraulic dredging does a tremendous amount of damage to water bottoms and it's not something that we can have happen in our waterways here. Before enacting any sort of law outlawing hydraulic dredging, I would have to look to see if it's ecologically stable elsewhere in the state.

Herald Gazette: What would your goals be?

JG: One of my goals would be to help local governments deal with their shortfalls and many of the changes that they're going to have to make, as a result of Covid, one of which is we have to look at redeveloping parts of Long Island. We need to come up with economic plans to work with local communities, chambers and business organizations to help bring business back.

I want to make sure we're doing all we can to keep our young people here, because we've been losing them to other parts of the country. Some of that means to find ways to make housing more affordable. I also believe that each school should make decisions on how to move through Covid independently because they know what's best for them. We also need to improve mass transit on Long Island.

ES: The biggest issue right now is bail reform. I would want to see that repealed in its entirety and redrafted from the ground up. I do think the bail system needed reform and people should not be in jail for things like motor vehicles paperwork problems. However, those types of nonviolent crimes wound up being a Trojan Horse for a list of much more serious felonies. We're now stuck with a list of over 300 crimes that shouldn't be eligible for small amounts of bail. I'm also a big believer in term limits for all politicians, as a lack of term limits is a big cause of political stagnation.



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THE TWO-FAMILY HOUSE at 4 Ave. B in Locust Valley is for sale, and its owner, Lucy Meola, is hoping that whoever moves in will enjoy the neighborhood.



FORMS WITH COVID-19 guidelines at a home for sale in Locust Valley.

Homes are selling fast on the North Shore

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offers in every price range.”

“Then you have the interest rates,” Berger Calo added. “People were getting locked in under 3 percent during the summertime, so the interest rates were at a low, low, low. I had a lot of first-time homebuyers that were coming out of the woodwork and just taking advantage of that.”

And Berger Calo, like O’Connell, has noted that people want more out of their homes now that they’re places of refuge, quarantine and often education for children learning remotely. “They want home offices,” she said. “They want pools. I just had someone put on the market an open floor plan.” It was hard for their children to learn remotely there, she said, adding, “They wanted something more traditional so that they can have separate rooms.”

Terry Sciubba, and owner/broker at Sherlock Homes Realty Corp., in Sea Cliff, said that many people are trading homes in the city for those on the North Shore because of the schools. “They don’t want to send their kids [to school] in the city, because they’re either doing virtual or going to school two days a week,” Sciubba said.

“People are leaving and moving around for different reasons,” Berger Calo said, “which created bidding wars, and our house market has gone up.”

Locust Valley resident Lucy Meola said that her family has owned the house at 4 Ave. B for 45 years. “My mom passed, and I’m already at this house [next door], so we wanted to sell this house to somebody else,” Meola said. “This is a beautiful neighborhood, and the neighbors are really nice, so I want somebody else to have the same experience.”

Selling a home right now can be difficult, said Meola, who is selling one for the first time. “I feel bad for Mary [Stanco] because she has to do things creatively,” she said, “but yeah, it is hard.”

Many agents are allowing no more than two people inside when showing a house. Masks are required, as is the sign-



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MARY STANCO, A real estate agent with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, prepared for an open house in Locust Valley, with Covid-19 disclosure forms ready to go.

ing of Covid-19 disclosure forms, which ask about symptoms and recent travel. At the height of the pandemic, in-person showings weren’t allowed, and houses were shown online.

“We had to completely reinvent everything, from daily operations — where we had to shut down our offices — to how we show the properties,” Piscopio said. “Everything became virtual: virtual open

houses, virtual showings, guiding the person through a property live on video.”

Douglas Elliman had some success despite the restrictions, Piscopio said, but it wasn’t anything like business as usual. “It was a valiant effort by our agents and our management team and our clients to restructure how we present the properties,” he said. “It was difficult.”

Berger Calo said that she had noticed

an increase in rental deals as the pandemic raged. “A lot of people were coming from Manhattan that wanted to rent for six months, three months,” she said. “That was very busy in March and April.”

Then, all of a sudden, Berger Calo recounted, the market took off. “Once we were open and ready to go, the market was just selling,” she said. “It’s good. It’s a hot market. It’s really good.”

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. However, due to the COVID-19 concerns and the fact that city hall is closed at the present time, the meeting will be held virtually using the Microsoft TEAMS application. The link to the meeting agenda and the access instructions will be listed on the home page of the Glen Cove website at least 2 days in advance of the meeting. The website is www.glencove-li.us. To review this application, please contact Rosa Rizzo, the secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals at rrizzo@glencoveny.gov for a copy. Anyone other than the board and the applicant will have their microphones muted until instructed by the chair that comments will be taken. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard by telephone on the teleconference during the hearing. All citizens have a right to participate in the teleconference of the public hearing and to provide written comments by email or regular mail to the City Clerk, which are received prior to the commencement of public hearing, make oral comments and to ask questions on the teleconference concerning the proposed application. Public comments received prior to the commencement of the public hearing will be made part of the public record. The transcript of the hearing will be available at a later date. Anyone wishing to comment on the application, but who cannot join the TEAMS forum, can submit comments to Rosa Rizzo rrizzo@glencoveny.gov in advance of the hearing.
Case # 9 - 2020: The hearing will be on the application of Kenneth Johnson residing at 3 Whitman Lane, Glen Cove, N.Y. who seeks two Variances from Section 280-59, 280-59.1 (2) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a new detached one car garage with less than the required lot coverage and with more than the maximum height permitted. Applicant is proposing 17'8 feet from the surrounding grade when the maximum height shall not exceed 14' feet to the ridgeline above surrounding grade and; proposing 672 sq. ft. land coverage when 500 sq. ft. is the maximum size permitted for garages. The property is

designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 21, Block 84, Lot 29 and located in the City's R-4A One - Two Family Residence District.
CASE # 10 - 2020: The hearing will be on the application of Taylor Levy residing at 94 Glenlawn Avenue, Sea Cliff, N.Y. which seeks one Variance from Section 280-59.1(8) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to maintain existing stairs and deck with less than the required side yard setback. Applicant has an existing side yard setback of 2'3" feet where 10 feet each is the minimum required. The subject property's use is a residential two-family. It is located at 53 Valentine Avenue, Glen Cove, N.Y., designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 21, Block J, Lot 441 and located in the City's R-4B One - Two Family Residence District.
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September 25, 2020
OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
TERI MOSCHETTA,
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Irma L. Berkley

Irma L. Berkley, 91, of Glen Cove, died on Oct. 4. Beloved wife of the late William; cherished mother of Susan Graham, William R Berkley III, Peggy (Jack) Marshall, Tish (Timothy) Warner and Timothy Berkley; devoted grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 8. Long time parishioner, lay minister serving on the ministry of consolation and choir member of St. Boniface Martyr Church. Active member of the Glen Cove Senior Center. Visitation Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave. in Glen Head. Funeral mass on Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Boniface Martyr Church, on 146 Glen Ave in Sea Cliff. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Glen Cove SAGE Foundation.

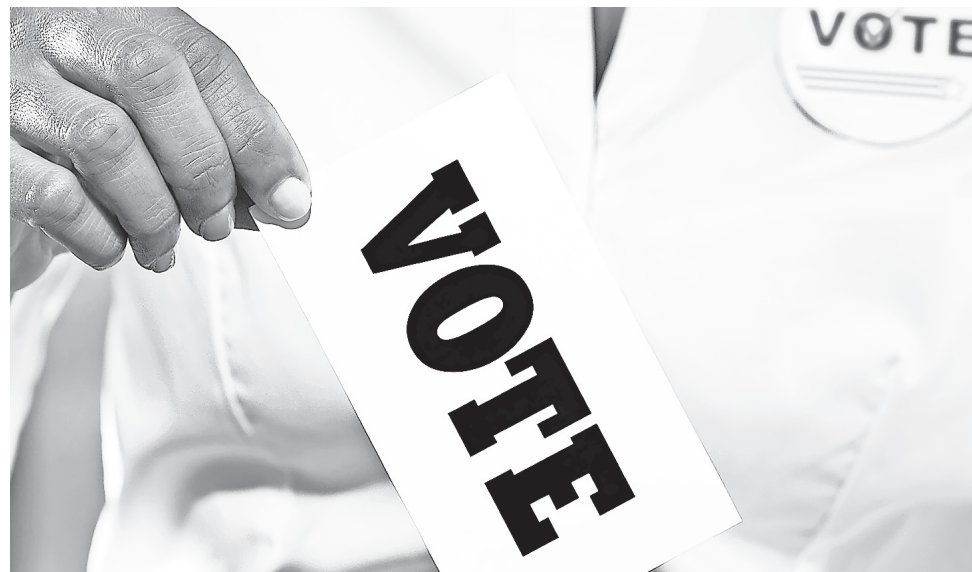
Laura May Jackson-Nesmith

Laura May Jackson-Nesmith, 80, of Glen Cove, died Sept. 30. Beloved mother of Laura Nesmith and Tammy Nesmith; dear sister of Claude Jackson; proud grandmother of Justin Young and Naem Hawkins. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service and interment will be private.

Florence C. Baldassarri

Florence C. Baldassarri, "Zizi," 97, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 23. Beloved aunt of Elaine Bode, John Baldassarri, Dennis Balsari, Roseann Stallone, Corinne DeSantis, Rita Cascino, Valerie Tursi, Gerard Baldassarri, Robert Balsari, and Renee Reinhardt; survived by great nieces, nephews and relatives. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.

NEWS BRIEF



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ELECTION DAY IS on Nov. 3.

Class on how to fill absentee ballot to be held digitally

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Please, Mr. President, prioritize Covid-19 prevention

Let us begin by wishing President Trump and those around him well. He, First Lady Melania Trump and several top federal officials and campaign workers were diagnosed last week with the coronavirus.

At press time, the president appeared to be on the mend, though we received conflicting reports from his doctors and press aides, so deciphering with certainty how he was faring was impossible. We hope for the best.

That said, let us be clear: Trump brought the illness on himself and those around him with his cavalier approach to disease prevention. From the start, he eschewed masks, mocking former Vice President Joe Biden for wearing them. He has not practiced social distancing, as was clear at the Sept. 26 Rose Garden ceremony for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett. And he has held large indoor and outdoor rallies, at which masks have been optional, contradicting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

On Sunday, Trump left Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and rode in a SUV among his supporters. Inside that hermetically sealed vehicle were Secret Service agents who were potentially exposed, despite their wearing personal protective equipment. The president's short trip flouted CDC guidelines on social isolation recommended after a positive Covid-19 test — the patient, the agency states, should stay away from others for 10

days, and should be fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication before venturing out. This is the period during which the patient can spread the disease.

It is clear that the president's behavior, which many have described as reckless, has sown confusion across the nation, leaving people wondering how, exactly, to protect themselves. So we thought it would be useful to pause a moment and lay out what precisely the CDC says.

The CDC, and not the president, should be your guide.

First, it's important to understand the difference between quarantine and isolation. Those were two terms thrown around a lot last week, and they were often confused.

The CDC states that people who suspect they may have been in "close contact" with someone who was infected with the coronavirus should self-quarantine for 14 days. Close contact is defined as exposure for 15 minutes or more within six feet of someone. You also might have shared eating utensils, or hugged or shook hands. Or that person might have sneezed or coughed on you or in your direction.

When you quarantine, you remove yourself from the world, even though you may not have tested positive for the coronavirus, to ensure that you do not infect others if, in fact, you have contracted it. It is possible to show no signs of the illness and yet carry it and spread it to others, so the only way to be sure you don't is to keep to yourself.

Even if you feel healthy, you should stay home for two weeks, the CDC states. That's because you may not show any symptoms or test positive for two to 14 days after contact.

Isolation, as noted, is required for patients who have tested positive, and it is a must for at least 10 days, according to the CDC.

Disease prevention should be at the forefront of everyone's minds, though, and that begins with social distancing — staying at least six feet from others — and mask wearing. The CDC states that masks should fit tightly, but should also allow you to breathe easily. You should avoid wearing your mask on you forehead or chin, and you should not touch your mask, only its straps. Finally, you should be sure it fits over your mouth *and* nose.

By order of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, masks are required in public spaces everywhere in New York state. We believe there should be a national mask mandate, but thus far the president has not called for one. Perhaps his illness might change his mind.

We urge readers to visit CDC.gov to read for themselves the coronavirus guidelines the agency has laid out. More than 200,000 people have died of Covid-19 across the United States. That grim statistic is only projected to continue climbing.

The question is, how fast will it rise? By following CDC protocols, we can slow the advance of the disease until a vaccine is at last ready for widespread use.

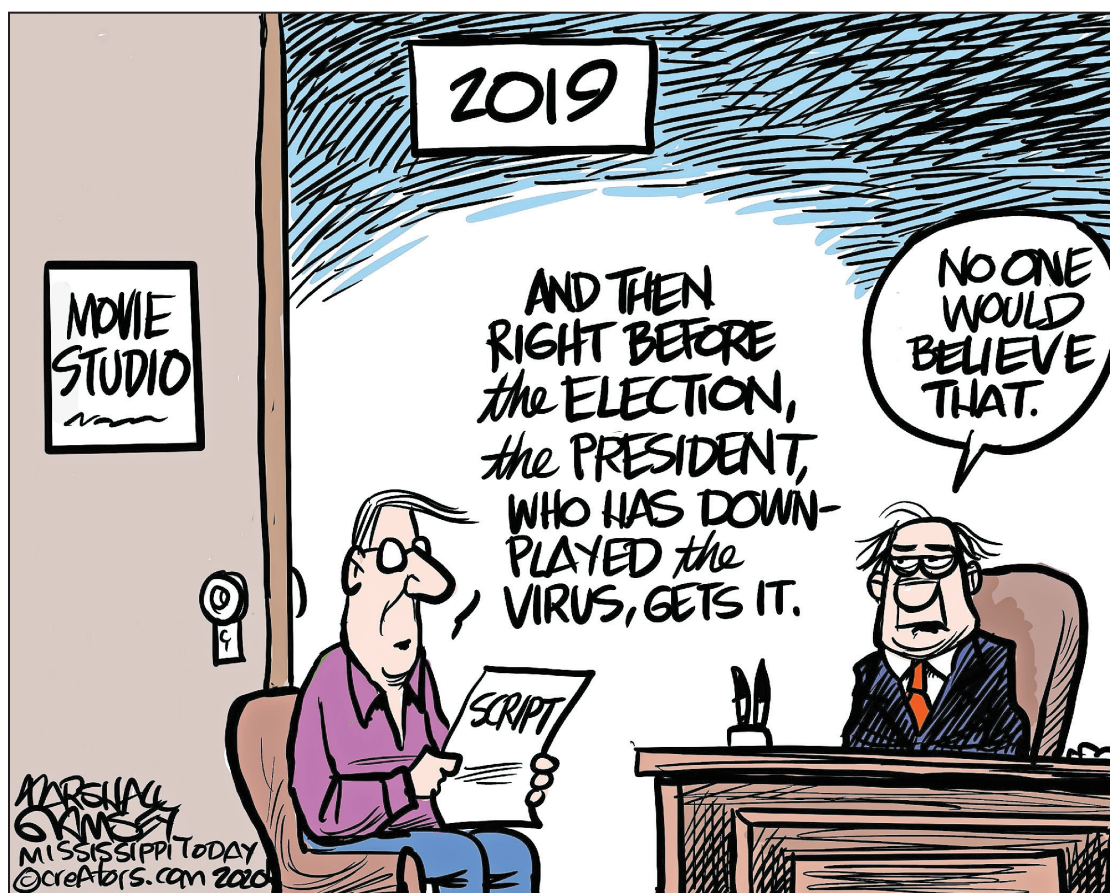
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To the Editor:

I write regarding the dishonest, fear-mongering ads that have been run against State Sen. James Gaughran by a National PAC controlled by a single billionaire, which are trying to paint the senator as "soft on crime" for having voted for bail reform. The groundbreaking bail reform laws are designed to eliminate a two-tiered system of justice in which the wealthy could buy their freedom, and poor people, arrested for the same petty offenses, were incarcerated pre-trial.

And the law is working — the number of people held in jail pretrial has already dropped. When incarcerations are reduced, the amount spent to incarcerate individuals, estimated at \$600 per day per individual, is also reduced. In a state facing a serious budget deficit, this savings is quite significant. The law allows release without bail for non-violent offenses, especially misdemeanors. When individuals are charged with serious and violent offenses, the law allows the court to set bail.



OPINIONS

The census, Obamacare and your right to vote

Have you ever had anything stolen from you? A car? Hubcaps? A laptop? A baseball glove? A bike? Those are minuscule compared to the things that President Trump is trying to steal from you behind your back.

Let's start with the census. Every 10 years, by law, every state is required to



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conduct a survey of the number of people living there for purposes of determining how many representatives they will have in Congress. In addition, census figures are used to determine how many federal dollars will flow to the states for health, mass trans-

port and public-safety programs.

No one in our nation's history has ever tried to sabotage the census until this year. The fixed date for the census to be completed is Oct. 31. But Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross tried to end the census count earlier. This was his fifth attempt to disrupt the effort. Was it because the census workers were

exhausted? No, it was to stop the count for pure political reasons.

When the count is ended early, it means that those states that have a high rate of response will receive a greater share of federal funds. Some of those states are Idaho, Mississippi, Montana and North and South Dakota. What they have in common is that they favor the Republican Party. More populous, Democratic-leaning states like New York have a lower response rate because we have many more people to count, and an earlier census halt would cost us billions of dollars in aid.

Another piece of the census puzzle is exactly how many members of Congress New York will get. At this point, it's estimated that we will lose two representatives. If there's an undercount in the census, the state could lose even more, and seats would go to places like Florida and North and South Carolina, where the population is rising.

There are multiple other ways that the president is taking dollars out of your pockets. The Affordable Care Act provides health insurance for over 20 million people. Approximately 6.3 million New

Yorkers benefit from Obamacare. Many of them are your friends and neighbors who can't get employer coverage. At this moment, Trump is asking the Supreme Court to throw out the ACA.

What happens if the act is invalidated? Those 6.3 million New Yorkers will lose their coverage, and you will be asked to pay for it. Will the anti-New York Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, rush to save us? Don't hold your breath. And with Trump's new Supreme Court nominee, Amy Coney Barrett, about to be confirmed by the Senate, it's a good bet that Obamacare will be scrapped. That will likely mean no coverage for pre-existing conditions and the loss of many other current benefits.

The country is waiting with great anxiety for the Food and Drug Administration to approve a vaccine for Covid-19. Numerous pharmaceutical companies are competing to be the first to have a vaccine approved. Congress promised to help us get free testing, and that was a failure. The president has assured us that the vaccine will be affordable, and has given companies billions of dollars to

speed up their research. But you can expect to pay a hefty premium for your Covid shot.

The biggest presidential theft of all is Trump's continuous efforts to keep you from voting on Nov. 3. Day after day, he has told voters that mail ballots are part of some fraudulent scheme. He has promoted lawsuits around the nation to stop voting by mail, despite the fact that there is no proof of any fraud in the system. In his latest scam, he asked his supporters to go to the polling places to "police" the voting process.

In Vladimir Putin's Russia and in Venezuela, Poland, Hungary and Syria, dictators have for countless years successfully poisoned the voting system to suit their political needs. Trump's assault on the process is designed to steal your most priceless possession, the right to vote.

And I haven't even touched on the plan to blow up the U.S. Postal Service, which you also pay for. Petty theft? No. Grand larceny by the White House.

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If the Supreme Court tosses the Affordable Care Act, millions of New Yorkers will suffer.

LETTERS

I am alarmed at the consistent misinformation and fearmongering from this PAC, which does not represent any person in Nassau or Suffolk counties. For example, these ads have dishonestly failed to acknowledge that in our old cash bail system, just like now, people were released back into the community after being charged — it's just that before, only those who could afford bail were released.

We cannot go back to a system that offered freedom to wealthy individuals while subjecting the poor to pre-trial incarceration when accused of the same charges.

Gaughran supports bail laws that are fair for all, as well as appropriate funding for police, and a balance between the need for law enforcement and the need for fairness to all individuals on Long Island. He is a thoughtful and serious legislator who has the needs of his constituents constantly in the forefront of his mind. One cannot say any of those things about the person running these ads.

Perhaps, rather than revisiting the bail reform bill, the New York Legislature (and the federal government) should revisit laws that allow billionaires to spend unlimited funds on dishonest negative advertising.

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A perfect autumn sunset — Bayville

OPINIONS

Congress is AWOL on coronavirus aid

With all the hullabaloo about the Supreme Court vacancy, the election and President Trump's contracting Covid-19, the national media has largely overlooked a pressing matter before Congress that needs immediate attention.

Whether the coronavirus epidemic surges or wanes, its ongoing economic and social effects are unquestionable. The U.S. bought precious time with earlier actions by Congress, the president and the Federal Reserve to provide considerable stimulus for our economy.



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In the first half of this year, those emergency spending measures — over \$3 trillion in all — basically replaced most of the nation's economic output lost to the epidemic. But even as Covid-19 continues to ravage the economy, negotiations in Congress to provide more economic aid to families and businesses are stalled.

Some observers fear that this political impasse could continue beyond next month's election, possibly even until a new Congress takes office in January. Economists of nearly all political stripes — who rarely see eye to eye on anything

— generally agree that the deadlock threatens the nation's fragile economic recovery.

Millions of Americans who were able to make rent payments and buy essentials like food and medicine with the extra money Washington sent through state unemployment systems are especially vulnerable. They've seen their supplemental federal benefit drop from \$600 per week to \$300, and even that funding has ended.

With this stream of money dried up, more people will be unable to pay rent, buy enough food, or afford their families' medical bills. Many will have to resort to welfare programs, food stamps and Medicaid. In a vicious circle, they'll become dependent on other federal and state programs to make ends meet without the help they received under the emergency federal stimulus program.

Likewise, many hundreds of thousands of small businesses that have been hanging on for dear life now face the distinct possibility of closing for good. With their demise would go millions of decent jobs held primarily by hardworking middle-class people who live just a paycheck or two away from financial disaster.

The Payroll Protection Program, passed as part of the earlier compromise

between Congress and the administration, gave these businesses a lifeline. Now they'll drown with the dead weight of an economy still in severe distress. And more workers who were kept on payrolls under the PPP will sink into unemployment.

Unfortunately, political leaders in

Washington have resorted to the usual foot-stomping and name-calling rather than action on this critical issue. First, the Democratic leadership in the House passed a massive \$3.4 trillion bill that some Republicans likened to a Christmas wish list, loaded up with expensive presents for the Democrats' special-interest friends. Then Republicans in the Senate dithered while they negotiated with them-

selves over the size of another federal stimulus bill, or whether to pass one at all.

This impasse should have been broken weeks ago. The Senate finally did pass a \$500 billion emergency bill that would have pumped a considerable amount of money into the economy. When a bipartisan group of House members took the politically risky step of breaking with their leaders to urge passage of the compromise bill, they were beaten back by the leadership.

Instead, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has made the magnanimous (to her) offer

of a \$2.2 trillion bill. In response, the Trump administration has signaled support for a \$1.5 trillion bill, which meets Pelosi's proposal more than halfway. Clearly, there's room to reach an agreement.

Since Congress is thankfully still a bicameral body, with a Senate and not just a House, the deadlock can be broken by serious good-faith negotiations. Trump has said he'll sign whatever compromise legislation Congress sends to him.

And compromise is the key word here. If Congressional leaders have calculated that they can gain more short-term political advantage by fighting rather than settling this dispute, they will have committed gross misfeasance.

There was a time not too long ago when \$500 billion proposed by the Senate would have been considered huge, and when \$3 trillion proposed by the House would have been considered fiscally reckless. But these aren't ordinary times. The nation is at war with an invisible enemy. There is a number, between restraint and excess, that must be found. If it isn't, and soon, the number that should be cut is the number of years members of Congress can serve. Maybe it's time to pass term limits.

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In Washington there's foot-stomping and name-calling rather than action.

Covid-19 stalks America, unchecked and deadly

When the coronavirus jumped from bats to humans in a wet market in Wuhan, China, last year, a unique and deadly bug went viral. Viruses are respected and feared by epidemiologists for their

ability to spread quickly and mindlessly through unprotected populations. As if to prove how vulnerable every single one of us is, President Trump and his wife tested positive last week.

On every level, the pandemic is a national tragedy, but the greatest heartbreak is that

it never had to be this bad. We need and want our president to be healthy and robust. He might have remained so if he had followed the guidelines from his medical experts. They urged him to be more self-protective and more protective of the people around him. Week after week, month after month, epidemiologists and other scientists have been warning us and cajoling us and sometimes begging us to take basic precautions against Covid-19, which got a foothold in America in Janu-

ary and never quit.

The doctors told us, and they told the president, that easy, protective measures could be taken to mitigate the fierce death toll that was predicted. Trump chose to play down the warnings, to defy medical advice, to challenge common sense and common knowledge. All this time, leading up to his infection, he refused to wear a mask and keep a social distance from others. He insisted on bringing thousands of people together for political rallies, without requiring them to mask up. He held events at the White House, including his nomination for a second term, with no rules about wearing masks or staying six feet apart.

The week before last, at the Rose Garden nominating ceremony for the president's choice for the Supreme Court, Amy Coney Barrett, the Trumps mingled with guests and White House staff, with the president leading the mask-free contingent. There was hugging and back-slapping. Within days, Senators Mike Lee and Thom Tillis; the Rev. John Jenkins, president of Notre Dame University; former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and several other attendees announced that they

had tested positive for Covid-19.

We will never know whether it was bravado or fear or defiance that motivated his choices, but Trump's insistence on encouraging others to throw away their masks with their common sense has resulted in more deaths and more pain than we can bear.

He so easily could have saved lives. He could have led the country by example, bringing Americans together in a united effort to wear protective gear and respect social distancing. Every day on the campaign trail, he exposed his staff and the people at his rallies to the rampaging virus. By deriding those who wore masks, he contributed mightily to

the problem.

We are now beyond 200,000 deaths in the U.S. Psychologists tell us the number is difficult to conceptualize. Human beings can understand one death, in its sad and intimate details. But 200,000? It short-circuits our imagination.

The Washington Post ran a story to help readers visualize and appreciate the immensity of the human loss we have suffered. You click on a website and put in your Zip code, and you see a map with your location as ground zero for the dis-

ease, and then 200,000 dots, representing Covid-19 victims, on the map surrounding your home. When I did it, my entire hometown of Woodmere was wiped out, along with villages and towns north, south, east and west. Looking at that map with no living souls within miles made the loss very real. It looked as if a nuclear weapon had detonated, with my home as the target.

It is sad to contemplate the enormity of our national tragedy, especially now with our president at risk. The coronavirus has killed hundreds of thousands of Americans, in part because leadership chose not to listen to advice from experts who train all their lives to combat rogue epidemics.

The president's choices have been costly, to himself and his family, but mostly to the people of the United States. Now that he is sick, he is getting state-of-the-art care and treatment that should be, but isn't, available to every American who gets sick with the virus.

The Secret Service spends millions of our tax dollars to keep the president and his family safe. Yet he has put himself, his wife and countless others in mortal danger by refusing to wear a cheap mask.

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