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A GROUP OF Children's Memorial Garden tour guides listened as Helen Turner explained how she presented the garden to a group of Girl Scouts.

Garden honors young victims, survivors of Holocaust

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Before staff members and volunteers gathered for socially distanced tour guide training at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County's Children's Memorial Garden on Friday, Oct. 9, Meryl Menashe walked up to a copper-colored stanchion in which the name Vladka Meed was etched, along with some of her words.

"I will make you proud," Menashe said, patted the stanchion.

Menashe, a member of the Children's Memorial Garden Committee and a longtime educator at the center, in Glen Cove, knew Meed, who died at age 90 in 2012. She was a member of the Jewish resistance in Poland who smuggled dynamite into the Warsaw Ghetto and helped children escape. Meed is one of 14 victims and survivors of the Holocaust who are memorialized on stanchions throughout the garden.

In the past couple of years, the Children's Memorial Garden, which was dedicated in

2003 to the 1.5 million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust, has undergone a number of renovations, including the installation and etching of the stanchions.

Tours designed by the Children's Memorial Garden Committee will lead groups through this dark chapter of history, reading the words of those like Anne Frank, who was 15 when she died, leaving behind her diaries, and Janusz Korczak, a Polish educator, children's author and

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Is it safe to trick-or-treat in a pandemic?

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With coronavirus among the scariest factors in communities across the state this year, many Glen Cove parents are wondering whether it's safe to take their children trick-or-treating on Halloween.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo addressed the question last month in an interview with News 12 Long Island. "I would not ban trick-or-treaters going door to door," he said. "I don't think that's appropriate. ... If you want to go for a walk with your child through the neighborhood, I'm not going to tell you that you can't."

Many children — and parents — are excited about Halloween, but some are understandably a bit skeptical. Glen Cove parent Stacey Karathanasis said she planned to let her kids go trick-or-treating and attend a small gathering afterward. But the candy they collect, she said, will

remain in the bag due to Covid-19 concerns.

"I'll let them experience the Halloween night, let them go trick-or-treating, but they're not touching whatever is given to us," Karathanasis said. "Things are getting worse — the numbers are getting higher. We may even skip everything and not do any of this. It all depends on how things are by then. Two weeks are a long time. Anything can happen by then."



Photo courtesy Tiegerman

VERA, WHO WAS dressed as a jack-o'-lantern last year, will be trick-or-treating with her family this year.

Scott Goldberg, a father of a 16-month-old, said that he was looking forward to taking his family out on Halloween, while following precautions such as wearing (non-Halloween) masks, changing gloves frequently and keeping his daughter, Vera, at a safe social distance from others.

"We plan on hitting up all of our childhood spots, that my wife and I grew up in, to take the

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Suozzi, Santos vie for 3rd Congressional District

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The race for the 3rd Congressional District is heating up as Election Day approaches. Incumbent U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, an attorney and certified public accountant, would like to continue to pursue his goals for constituents using his membership on the House Ways and Means Committee and as vice-chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. George Santos, a private equity fundraiser and newcomer to the political arena, would like to use his talents to secure a fiscally sound New York. It is up to voters who will win. We asked the candidates a few questions to help when voters go to the polls.

Herald Gazette: The coronavirus pandemic has devastated our local economy and caused businesses to shut down or see steep losses in revenue. What could you do to help small local businesses and help the local economy recover?

Tom Suozzi: The Congress did a lot of things working together in the early part of coronavirus. The Democrats proposed a comprehensive package in May, calling it the Heroes Act, but we saw no action from the White House or Senate Republicans. Then we heard the Republicans were offering a trillion dollars versus our \$3.5 trillion that we had offered a month ago. I'm on the Problem Solvers Caucus, which is bipartisan, and we came up with a compromise of \$1.5 trillion. The conversation was going again. We were closer to a deal with Democrats now asking for \$2.2 trillion and the Republicans asking for \$1.6 trillion. And then in the middle of it, Pelosi got a call to stop the negotiations from the president. We need another PPP program to provide specific relief to the restaurants based on their 2019 revenues versus their 2020 revenues. We need another package for independent entertainment venues based on their net operating costs. There are a million things we can do. We just need for the Democrats and Republicans to work together. I believe we can get a deal done.

George Santos: I believe in small business. It is the engine keeping the economy going. But instead of writing more bills that we cannot afford in the federal government, there is \$6 million in dry powder in the private sector today. This is the money that is standing by idly in firms like Goldman Sachs and others. They are not investing because of the climate volatility. So instead of us going to the federal government and digging ourselves into a hole, I say give some kind of incentive for corporations sitting on trillions of dollars of private money and let's create a program for small business owners to apply for small percentage loans in exchange for the federal government getting some sort of write off for these bigger corporations for fiscal year 2020 to 2021. I believe the tax revenue we would lose from a mega corporation we would gain in some wealth and



Tom Suozzi
Incumbent

Party: Democrat
Age: 58
Family: Married, three children
Hometown: Glen Cove
Education: Juris Doctorate
Career: U.S. Rep., attorney, CPA
Political experience: Mayor of Glen Cove, Nassau County Executive, U.S. Rep. since 2016
Party affiliations: Democratic, Independence, Working Families

job creations in smaller sectors as we grow our economy bottom up, and it would resolve the issue of digging oneself into more debt. This would be fiscally a responsible approach for future generations to not have to dig themselves out of an absolutely atrocious debt. Any financial issues prior to the coronavirus should not be the federal government's responsibility. The problem with Congress is there are a lot of lawyers. I don't think they understand the financial factor as much as they think they do. I'm sure if this is introduced properly in committee, it would be taken into consideration.

Herald Gazette: School officials are worried about possible cuts from the state coming later in the year. How can you help local schools get the funding they need?

TS: The biggest expenditure is school aid. If schools don't get the money they need, they will be crushed. They won't raise taxes now so they will have to lay people off. It would be devastating. We are bailing out every state because we send more income taxes to the federal government then we get back in federal air or federal programs. Schools are funded from state aid and property taxes, which are stable. If a school district is in a heavily commercial area — a big benefit for some communities — they could be in trouble because the



George Santos
Challenger

Party: Republican
Age: 32
Family: Single
Lives in: Whitestone, Queens
Education: MBA from New York University in Economics and Finance
Career: Private equity fundraiser
Political experience: None
Party affiliations: Republican Party

businesses are in so much trouble. The problem is that the state has lost so much in sales tax revenues and doesn't have money to pay schools all the state aid. When the state passed its budget and the schools passed their budget, they did so as though the money was available. Everyone figured the federal government would help, but it's all in the remain willing to work across party lines.

GS: Our schools should be running on lower, leaner budgets since in the majority of schools there is a hybrid model, meaning they need less for the staff. The overhead has dropped drastically too. I don't think the fear is that they won't receive any funds. I think it is that they won't receive as much. I think the funding will be adjusted to the overhead the schools have now, not what it was prior to the pandemic.

I was a public school student and I depended on that system and wouldn't want anyone else to not have access to a good decent quality education. I'd fight to secure funds for schools but I'd like to know the real facts and numbers. Budgets can't be one size fits all. They need to be adjusted.

Herald Guardian: The Black Lives Matter movement has become the largest civil right movement in the country, with protests against systemic racism springing up all across Long Island. What do you think

could be done to address the issue of systemic racism?

TS: I'm one of the original co-sponsors of the Justice and Policing Act passed to reform our police across the country and certain federal standards like eliminating choke holds. I believe racism is real in our country, but you can be pro-reform and say support the police. Legal changes need to be made at the local level to enhance your community policing. This way cops will know the community and they will know them. They can work together. Then the resources need to be put where the problem areas are. We need to set up an accountability system based upon the use of force, where it is needed and how often. Are there more people pulled over in a certain area? If you monitor it statistically you can hold your officers accountable. This is all very doable.

GS: I believe that Black lives matter absolutely. I come from a biracial family, but white lives and Asian lives, everyone matters. As far as systematic racism, I have a hard time agreeing with that being a factor in America today. I see so many people of so many different races extremely successful today. If it is a truly systematic racist society, we would never have had people in high offices. I see the problem as more of an education issue. Inner cities are deprived of the same benefits that a suburban area has been given the privilege of. Inner city kids grow up with unflattering influences around them and they have an education that lacks quality.

Do I believe all police are bad? I don't. Do I believe the officer who caused George Floyd's death is wrong? I do. Police are not properly funded for training. Bail reform is a disaster and has put lives of all New Yorkers at risk.

Herald Gazette: What are your goals if elected?

TS: I have to bring money back to New York. We are having less and less influence because our population is not growing. I want to get an infrastructure deal to address water quality in Nassau and Suffolk counties focused on green energy. The biggest wars in future won't be based on oil, money or land. It will be based on water.

GS: Law and order is most important to me and reestablishing that trust in our community with the police. I want to boost small businesses to where they were before the coronavirus, and I'm tired of losing electricity every time we get a storm with over 30 miles per hour winds. I would have a massive appropriation within the \$20 to \$30 billion range to secure for an upgrade of the electrical grid as a whole, and I would get the funding from the federal government.

Arrest

■ On Oct. 4, a 34-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal contempt in the first degree, aggravated family offense, and menacing in the third degree on Ellwood Street.

■ On Oct. 5, a 23-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree and two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Duck Pond Road.

■ On Oct. 6, a 22-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for grand larceny in the fourth degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree.

■ On Oct. 6, a 24-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal trespass in the second degree on Garvies Point Road and multiple open warrants.

■ On Oct. 6, a 27-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for assault in the second degree, criminal contempt in the second degree and resisting arrest on McLoughlin Street.

■ On Oct. 6, a 54-year-old Lindenhurst male was arrested for robbery in the second degree on Glen Street.

■ On Oct. 7, a 38-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree and violation of parole on Glen Cove Avenue.

■ On Oct. 8, a 53-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for menacing in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree on Sunset Avenue.

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

Hearing on 2021 budget, which pierces tax levy

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At Tuesday night's City Council meeting, a public hearing was held about piercing the tax levy in order to meet the \$64,265,670 budget for 2021, which included raises in salaries for personnel as per union contracts and cuts in city employees.

The property tax cap, established for fiscal years beginning in 2012, limits the city's ability to increase the property tax levy, meaning the allowable levy growth factor for fiscal year 2021 would be limited to 1.56 percent, bringing in a revenue of \$200,000.

If the city were to not pierce the tax levy, there would be a budget hole of approximately \$2.3 million.

In front of Glen Cove City Council sits the 2021 budget and the piercing of that property tax cap by 8.48 percent in residential real estate tax rates (per \$100) and by 3.88 percent in commercial real estate tax rates (per \$100.) Extra monies brought in by this increase would supplement the gap between appropriations and revenues, city officials say.

"It's only the portion of your taxes that goes to the city [that will be impacted,]" said City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke. "This does not reflect the larger portion, or the school portion, of the

tax. It doesn't impact the Nassau County or the library tax. This is only 28 percent of your entire tax bill that comes to the city."

Tenke explained that for an owner of a \$500,000 home, they would pay an extra \$260 for the year in their taxes to the city. He said that while he knows that this is no small ask, this increase will help get the city back on track.

Citing a presentation available under the city website's finance tab, the Office of the New York State Comptroller's Office found that between January 2013 and December 2016, the council has not had a structurally balanced budget. The council has relied on non-recurring revenue, debt and interfund transfers to balance budgets and meet normal operating expenditures.

"When you're using non-recurring, one-shot revenues to fill those holes, that does not help us the following the following year," said City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke. "This is the reason why we're here. We can no longer kick the can down the road."

City employee cuts and raises as per union contract

City Controller Michael Piccirillo explained that he and the mayor went line by line through the budget to make certain eliminations, including a cut of \$867,000 in new hires and salary increase

requests made by city departments. "Mayor, I decided we were going to put a freeze into effect and not incur any of those additional costs," Piccirillo said.

Then, after cutting another \$2.1 million in costs, Piccirillo said, there was still a hole in the budget. "We had to look at the potential of cutting positions," he said.

Among the cuts in this year's budget was Parks and Recreation director and a laborer, a golf course administrator, a food service helper for the Glen Cove Senior Center, a laborer from the Public Works Road department, a personnel clerk and a finance clerk.

The mayor said that the city, upon approval of the 2021 budget by the council, plans on consolidating the park management aspect of the Parks and Recreation Department to the Department of Public Works and recreation to the Youth Bureau.

Meanwhile, a good portion of city employees, including the Youth Bureau director and the City Clerk, received raises in their salaries in the 2021 budget as per union contract. "No one's getting a raise," Tenke said. "They're only being compensated for additional work that they will be doing."

What Glen Cove residents are saying

Many Glen Cove residents were not satisfied with the piercing of the tax levy

proposed in the 2021 budget.

"While I know the city is in heavy debt and has been for a while, trying to make big dents in debt while people are losing their jobs and businesses are closing is a terrible idea," Glen Cove resident Alexander Papas told the Glen Cove Herald Gazette. "Easy to tell someone that the increase will only be a couple hundred bucks when your salary hasn't been touched."

In regards to cutting employees while giving others raises in their salary, residents said that they are simply disappointed.

The public hearing on the matter will remain open until Oct. 27. For more information about the proposed 2021 budget visit www.glencove-li.us/budget-finance/.

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Branch Real Estate to help make Halloween safe

On Oct. 31, the Branch Real Estate office at 203 Glen Cove Ave. in Sea Cliff will be handing out free orange and black balloons, which residents can float in front of their homes to show children that they are open for trick-or-treating this Halloween. Balloons are free and will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some other examples of ideas for a safe and spooky Halloween include:

- Having a scary movie night at home, complete with costumes.
- Use Zoom to have a virtual costume party.
- Give out individual treat bags.
- Wipe down any treats brought home from trick or treating or let them sit for a couple of days before opening.
- Have a family scavenger hunt for treats at home.
- Make a safety mask a part of a child's costume.



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Glen Cove to host virtual Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Contest

Glen Cove's Pet Parade will go on, but this year it will be virtual. Dogs from Glen Cove can don their costumes for the 2020 virtual Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Contest.

The city's canine residents will have an opportunity to win best costume, best superhero, the funniest costume, most creative costume, best owner/pet combo and the scariest costume. Winners will be invited to an award ceremony on Oct. 30.

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Highest beam installed at UBS Arena

Covid-19 protocols to be implemented at new venue when it opens to the public

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New York Islanders and state officials gathered at the future home of the UBS Arena last Friday morning to watch as construction crews placed the highest beam atop the 885-square-foot facility.

“Today is a very, very special day,” Northwell Health CEO Michael Dowling said at the topping-off ceremony. The health system — the largest in New York State — has partnered with the Islanders and lead developer Oak View Group to provide more community-based wellness programs and ensure people’s safety and well-being while inside the future live entertainment and sports venue.

“This is about hope,” he said. “This is about the future.”

Construction on the nearly \$2 billion project was delayed by two months when Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced his “New York on Pause” order in March, but now, Oak View Group CEO Tim Leiweke said, the project is back on track to open next fall. He and Islanders co-owner Jon Ledecky attributed that success to the hard work of the project’s 10,000 union workers.

“It’s because of each of you that we are able to reach this important milestone,” Ledecky told the workers on-site at the ceremony, with Leiweke adding that he “cannot believe what a phenomenal job you’ve done.”

Officials broke ground on the site last September, and they expect the roof to be two-thirds complete by the holiday season. From there, Leiweke said, crews could start working on the electricity and plumbing, and putting up drywall.

Crews have already begun installing the beams and stanchions for the stadium seats, and watched as the highest beam, signed by officials and union workers, was put in place on Oct. 9.

The facility is expected to open in time for the National Hockey League’s 2021-22

season, and will house a 17,000-seat arena for the Islanders hockey team, as well as 20,000 seats for concerts. There will also be 56 suites, private clubs and 2,000 premium seats.

Musical artists, many of whom postponed their 2020 tours, will also benefit from a two-way ramp that will accommodate eight trucks, one of which will be able to drive right onto the arena floor; for artists to easily unload their equipment. They will also be able to stay in a four-season presidential suite, complete with their own greenrooms and offices that will be only 15 steps from the stadium.

“They went out of their way to make sure we didn’t cut any corners,” Leiweke said of designer Populous at a webinar about the future of live sports and entertainment on Oct. 8, adding that UBS’ bathrooms “are nicer than most arenas.”

Oak View Group officials have also spent months looking into different sanitation technologies to implement at the new UBS Arena, and assembled a task force to discuss health and safety. They will also create new standards for health and safety at arenas that an independent agency would rate them on.

“Our job is to ultimately deal with the virus,” Leiweke said, noting that he had met with Dowling early on in the planning stage to discuss how they could safely open an arena during a pandemic, and Dowling informed him about the need for air-filtration systems.

The arena will now feature four massive air-pumping stations and technology that disinfects the air. It will also use ultraviolet lights to help disinfect surfaces and will feature outdoor spaces, and the grab-and-go technology that Amazon uses at its Amazon Go stores. Oak View Group was able to get that technology at its UBS Arena due to its naming rights agreement with Amazon for the Seattle Kraken’s new stadium.

“We’re working with the gold stan-



Tim Leiweke



Courtesy Facebook Live

CREWS PLACED THE highest beam, signed by New York Islanders and state officials as well as the developers and union workers, atop the future UBS Arena on Oct. 9.

dard,” Islanders co-owner Jon Ledecky said. “We have to make sure a fan feels 1,000 percent safe when they enter the building.”

But the Oak View Group, the Islanders and Northwell Health are also making sure people in the community stay safe. They announced on Oct. 6 that, as part of the partnership, Northwell and the Islanders will create community programs focused on health, nutrition and physical activity. The partnership will also help Northwell expand its outreach efforts, Dowling said, and learn more about the community’s needs.

“It will be continuous learning,” Dowling said, with Leiweke adding that officials from the different organizations will learn more about the community’s needs before the first puck drops at the arena in 14 months.

A retail village included in the plans for the redevelopment project, however, may open a year later due to coronavirus delays, and the south platform of a new Elmont Long Island Rail Road station at the site will open around Nov. 1 of next year with the north platform — serving westbound trains — finished a year later. The station will include 5,500 parking spaces, with 150 reserved for commuter park-

ing.

“We will be fine, and we will get through this,” Leiweke said at another panel discussion about the construction project on Oct. 8. “I’m not going to let a temporary virus affect what we’re doing here.”

The project is being privately funded, Leiweke said, and is expected to provide a significant boost to the regional economy, at a time when economic activity has slowed because of the coronavirus pandemic. It is expected to generate roughly \$25 billion in economic activity over the term of its lease, and developers have vowed to fill 30 percent of the arena’s permanent jobs with workers who live in the surrounding area.

Additionally, 30 percent of contracting dollars for construction was earmarked for state-certified minority- and female-owned businesses, and 6 percent was earmarked for service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.

“If you don’t think New York is going to return, you are blind to what’s going on around us today,” Leiweke said at the ceremony on Friday. “To all of those that doubt New York, come visit us at UBS.”

For more information about the arena, visit www.UBSArena.com.

Northwell receives \$1.4M grant to study gun violence

Northwell Health has been awarded \$1.4 million from the National Institutes of Health to study gun violence prevention and establish and implement a first-of-its-kind protocol to universally screen among those at risk of firearm injury. The grant is part of the health system’s “We Ask Everyone About Guns” research study, which aims to shift the paradigm to view gun violence as a public health issue and approach firearm injury risk similarly to other health risk factors that are part of routine care, like smoking, substance use and motor vehicle accidents.

We Ask Everyone About Guns will

establish evidence-based screening and intervention strategies within three of its hospitals. Led by Drs. Chethan Sathya, director of Northwell’s Center for Gun Violence Prevention, and Sandeep Kapoor, the study will pilot at South Shore University Hospital in Bay Shore, Cohen Children’s Medical Center, a pediatric trauma center on the Queens-Nassau County border that is the accepting facility for adolescent trauma for more than five counties, and Staten Island University Hospital — each of which are in regions with critical need for firearm injury and mortality prevention, and areas with at-risk

youth.

Northwell plans to expand We Ask Everyone About Guns across the health system.

“Gun violence is a public health issue, and this NIH-funded study is a step in the right direction to finally addressing it as one,” said Michael Dowling, Northwell president and CEO. “Unfortunately, we have been dealing with two pandemics — Covid-19 and gun violence. By screening for firearm safety in our facilities, we can better understand how and why this senseless bloodshed continues to increase at historic rates.”

Northwell received the NIH grant as gun violence continues to rise across the country and remains the leading cause of premature death in the U.S. — nearly 40,000 people dying each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In August, shootings doubled and murders increased 50 percent in New York City, according to the NYPD, compared to the same timeframe in 2019. Since May, there have been 791 shootings in New York City alone, which was a 140-plus percent increase over the same period in 2019.

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Panel guides first-time home buyers

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When Max and Ashley Kramer decided to buy their first home together before Covid-19 hit, they quickly realized it would be a lot of work. “We went on a whim to look at a few houses before we were prepared at all,” Ashley said. “That was important for us because it made us realize, ‘Ok, we need a team. We can’t do this on our own.’”

To begin the process in April, they first called a mortgage broker. Though they lost out on deals for two homes because of the fast-paced market, they landed in a house that they say they are happy with in North Bellmore.

The Kramers shared their first-time home-buying experience on the latest in a series of Herald Inside LI webinars produced by RichnerLive, a division of Richner Communications, publisher of Herald Community Newspapers, discussing different aspects of life in the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Oct. 8, the couple was joined by panelists Scott Wallace, certified buyer representative and real estate salesman at Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty; Matt Korman, licensed real estate broker at Douglas Elliman; and Veronica Ferrero, assistant vice president and community lending coordinator at Emigrant Mortgage Company Inc.

Moderator Skye Ostreicher, of RichnerLive and Herald Community Newspapers, first asked the panelists the most important thing a first-time homebuyer should know. The experts’ resounding answer was to find a reliable team, composed of a mortgage broker, a buyer’s real estate agent and an attorney, who will help at every step of the way.

“It’s all about communication between everyone,” Wallace said, “and unfortunately, in this market right now, I feel for the buyers out there. They’re trying so hard, and they are qualified; sometimes they just need a little more education about their qualifications.”

Ferrero said that step one in the home-buying process is to do what the Kramers did — consult with a mortgage broker, assess finances and answer questions like, “How much am I comfortable spending?” and “How will I show proof of income, credit, savings and assets?”

“The most important thing is to plan, to budget and to basically check your credit and speak to somebody that will be pre-approving you,” she explained, “because if you don’t have that pre-approval or you don’t start that process, it’s going to be difficult to know where to go from there.”

In the time of Covid-19, securing a pre-approval or pre-commitment based on finances is crucial, the panelists agreed, because many sellers will not allow buyers into the houses without one.

The next step for a buyer is to decide where they



Courtesy Herald Inside LI

CLOCKWISE FROM THE top right, Skye Ostreicher, moderator; Max and Ashley Kramer, first-time home buyers; Matt Korman, licensed real estate broker; Stuart Richner, CEO and publisher of Herald Community Newspapers; Scott Wallace, certified buyer representative and real estate salesman at Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty; and Veronica Ferrero, assistant vice president and community lending coordinator at Emigrant Mortgage Company Inc., spoke on a virtual call about the process of buying a first house.

want to live. Consult with a real estate agent who knows the areas well, walk through the neighborhoods and decide what they want and need in a home.

“I’m seeing a trend from west to east as people are coming out of apartment living and are wanting more space,” Korman said. “People aren’t necessarily going to be going into the city office five days a week anymore.”

While there is high demand for people moving out of apartments and into larger homes on Long Island, there is also low supply of homes on the market. This means the market moves quickly, and everyone needs to be on top of their game when making offers, the panelists said.

Max suggested securing a pre-commitment rather than a pre-approval for the mortgage. “Our offer was a little shakier because it was lower, and we didn’t have a commitment to lend so that would have helped us on the terms side,” Max said of the Kramers’ first offer on a house.

Once an offer is accepted, Korman explained that time is of the essence — a buyer needs to immediately call to schedule an inspection and close on the deal, especially in today’s hot market. “It’s very stressful for

all,” Wallace said.

Max said to expect large closing costs, especially on Long Island. “The down payment you expect,” he said, “the closing costs you don’t, and they’re high — you’re talking \$15,000 to \$20,000, and that’s not going toward the principal of your house.”

There are several grants available for first-time homebuyers, either to go toward down payments or renovations, Ferrero said. These include the state’s SONYMA program, homebuyer “dream” programs with certain banks and down payment assistance programs. Wallace encouraged people to visit the Long Island Housing Partnership website, lihp.org, to learn more.

“It’s important to educate people and not scare people,” Ferrero said. “Markets change. Never give up because there are programs out there to help you and homes for you. It may not be the right time for you but that time will come.”

Emigrant Mortgage Company, Scott Wallace Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty and Douglas Elliman sponsored the event. Visit liherald.com/insideli to view a recording of this webinar and find more information on upcoming webinars.

RichnerLive to host breast cancer awareness webinar

To highlight Breast Cancer Awareness Month, RichnerLive will host a free, virtual Herald Inside LI panel on to the disease and its impact on Long Islanders. On Oct. 20 at 4 p.m., join top advocates, doctors and community leaders to answer questions, debunk myths and share facts about breast cancer.

Is the incidence of breast cancer higher among Long Island women? Where can women be screened and what is treatment like? The discussion

will cover prevention, diagnosis, screening and recovery — from a medical and holistic perspective — with both doctors and scientists, including:

- Adrienne Esposito, executive director, Citizens Campaign for the Environment
- Karla Waldron, executive director, Mondays at Racine
- Dr. Melissa Fana, chief of breast surgery, Northwell Health

■ Geri Barish, executive director of Hewlett House and president of 1 in 9: The Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition

Skye Ostreicher, of Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLive, will moderate the conversation and take questions from viewers.

Herald Inside LI, produced by RichnerLive, a division of Richner Communications, publisher of Herald Community Newspapers, is a weekly webinar

series that started in August to address different aspects of life during the Covid-19 crisis. This episode will also touch upon the pandemic’s impact on breast cancer treatment.

To register, visit liherald.com/insideli. To submit your questions in advance, email insideli@liherald.com. To sponsor a webinar or for more information about Herald Inside LI, contact Amy Amato at aamato@richnerlive.com or (516) 569-4000, ext. 224.

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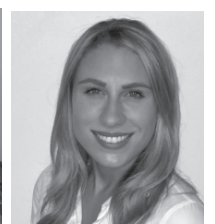
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10 Doctors differ on safety of trick-or-treating

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baby safely and to social distance,” Goldberg said. “We’re very happy to also hear that a lot of homes will be doing all types of candy giving, from trunk-or-treat to leaving candy out in bags for the trick-or-treaters.”

Dr. Greg Gulbransen, an Oyster Bay pediatrician, agreed that trick-or-treating should be safe as long as parents lead their children in taking the necessary precautions. “I think that kids can trick-or-treat in small groups, wearing masks and sanitizing their hands often while collecting candy,” Gulbransen said. “They’ll be fine.”

Parents, he added, should take the same precautions as their children. “It’s really more of the same thing we’re already doing,” he said.

Goldberg said that given everything children have been through this year, they should at least have Halloween to look forward to. “What I remember as a child was the late-afternoon sun glow hitting the neighborhood and all the leaves being orange and yellow,” he said. “It felt like a festive time, where everyone was out running around and enjoying Halloween.”

Experiences like that, Goldberg said, are important for children.

“As a Glen Cove parent,” Donna Salvatore-Christ said, “I’m concerned that our kids are missing out on so much since March, and I hope they can participate in somewhat of a safe and normal Halloween, although trick-or-treating may be a little different this year due to Covid.”

Dr. Bradley Sherman, Glen Cove Hospital’s medical director and chair of the Department of Medicine, offered a dissenting opinion, saying he didn’t think children should go trick-or-treating this year. “It would be too difficult for children and families to social distance and to wear a mask,” Sherman said. “You need to do



Photo courtesy Tiegeman

LITTLE SUPERHEROES IN masks attended a Trunk-or-Treat event at Tiegeman School in Glen Cove last Saturday.

both. And then the child would have to take candy from someone or take some out of a bowl that others have touched. It will be hard for parents to disappoint their children, but Covid rates are climbing.”

City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said that families should decide what form of Halloween celebration, if any, works for them. “What’s good for one per-

son isn’t necessarily good for the other person,” she said. “That’s true for Covid and in general.”

Fugazy Scagliola said she planned to take her children trick-or-treating, while following local and state health guidelines. “Everyone in general on Halloween should be safe,” she said. “Practice the guidelines that are set forth to stay safe.”



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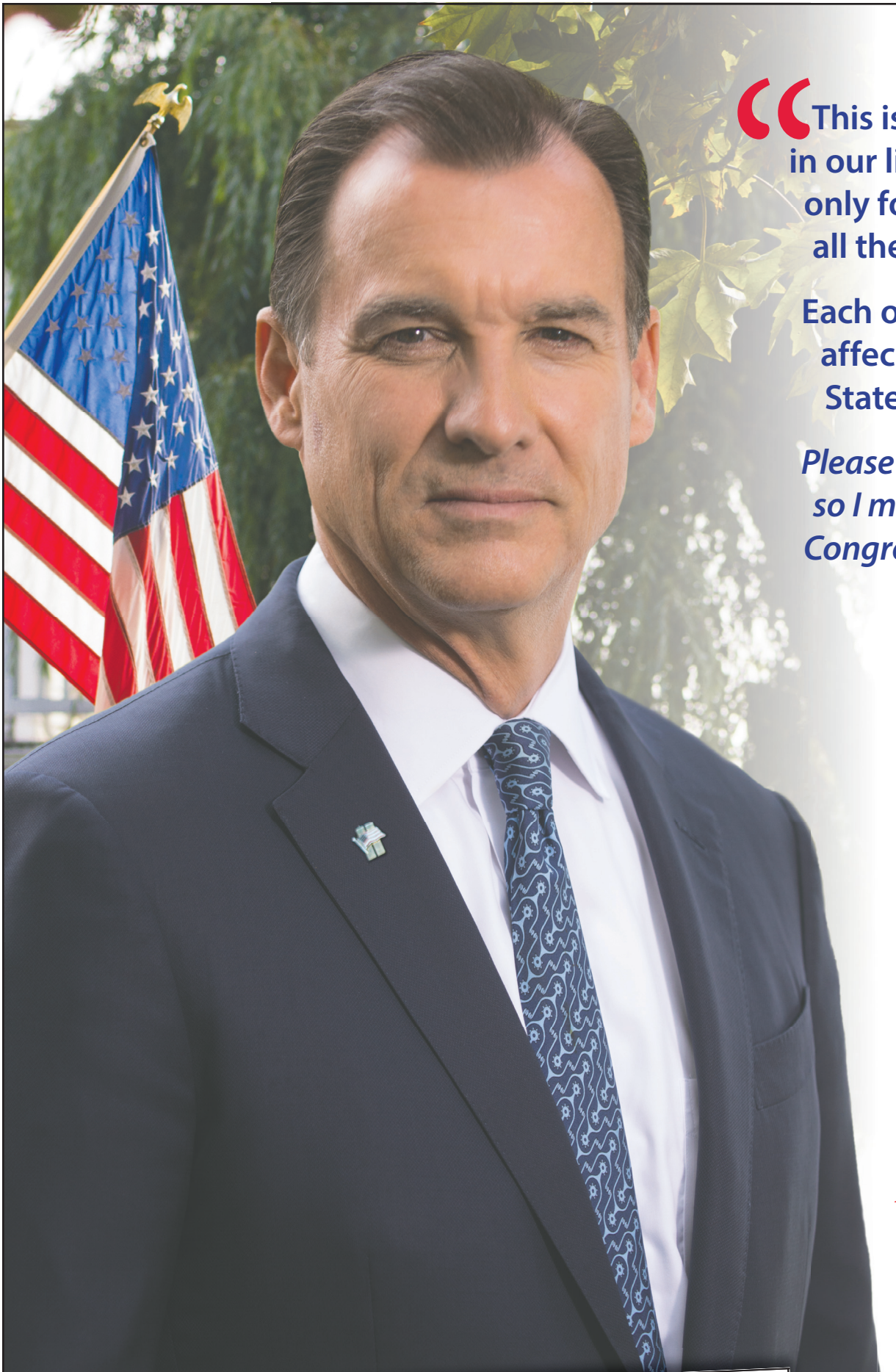
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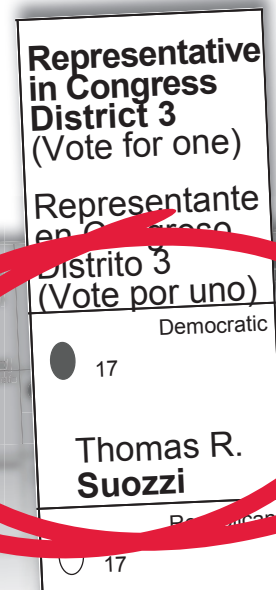
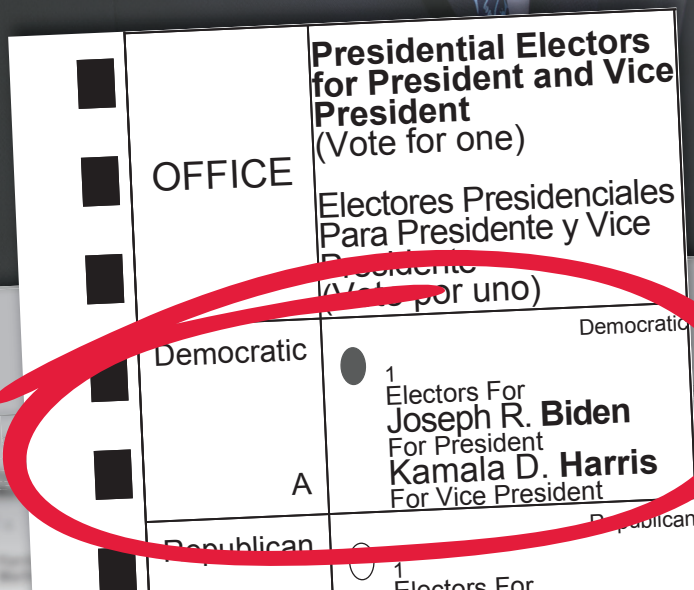
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We were faced with challenges just like everyone else in the community, and our challenge was how to continue to connect with the community while staying safe apart. Our first big disappointment was that we were supposed to do a major K-12 wellness event in April, but we had to cancel that.

We got right to work trying to figure out new ways to work with the community, and one of the things we did was we virtually showed the movie "Angst," an indie flick that delves into the issue of anxiety in kids and solutions to work with anxiety. We followed that with a virtual interview with Ellen Ritz of the National Alliance of Mental Health. We also continued to run virtual CASA Coffee events, just trying to keep the focus on wellness during difficult times.

The most fun community-driven thing we did during the worst of the pandemic was a 19-day wellness challenge. We reached out to community members and got the most beautiful videos of families and kids doing things from exercising to art projects to community service. We focused on healthy coping skills that people can use as an alternative to using substances, as substance abuse has been on the rise during the pandemic.

CASA is gearing up to connect with the community again, whether it's together or at a distance, this school year. We're going to put a lot of focus on trying to connect more with our youth this year to make them part of the solution to youth substance abuse.



HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

CYNDY ERGEN

BAYVILLE

**LANGUAGE INTERPRETER,
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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Most of the Spanish-speaking families have my cell phone number. When we were told at the district on March 15 that we would not be returning to school because of the pandemic, I did a group text to my 120 parents. I translated the information that the schools were sending and the superintendent's messages for them, sending [them] by email. What I wanted was for the Spanish [speakers] to know they had a voice. They are a part of the school district, too.

The parents were confused. It is scary for them, as it is for the world. And it was tough for some of the parents because they needed money. When Covid hit, they lost their jobs. My husband lost his job, so I would tell them. I wanted them to know my story so they knew we were all in the same boat. I was working so much because we work so much more at home. My daughter cried at one moment, telling me that I worked all the time. But what was I going to tell people when they called me, that I wasn't working so I couldn't help them?

We started a food drive at Centre Island, and the community's donations were amazing. We got food and gift cards, too. Sometimes we had more than 100 people waiting for the donations. I even had people come from Queens. Three months later, we moved the drive to Christ Church. Now things are better because most families are back at work.

I lost people in Mexico, which is where all of my family are. My uncle and cousin died from Covid. We had just seen them in December, so it was difficult. I'm a very positive person and like to be happy all the time, but sometimes inside I am not.



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MELANIE RAYMUNDO

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**COORDINATOR,
GLEN COVE SENIOR CENTER
DAY PROGRAMS**

On a daily basis I organize all the programming, all the entertainment, all the activities, trips, games, just a whole calendar of events, for our seniors. Most of our seniors in this program have either cognitive or physical frailties. We tailor activities that will engage them, give them a sense of purpose and just give them a moment of joy.

Originally I was working from home. We were doing all the daily phone calls. Unfortunately, we had people pass away, and for all of us it became really depressing. We wanted to engage again. Social isolation is something we hear every single day, but when you actually experience what it does to the people you work with, including the population with memory loss, you see how it really affects them and their life. It affects you as well because everything you worked towards, all the people that work with, you start to see that disappear and that was very disheartening. But that's why we started up the online programs.

Right at the beginning of the pandemic, when we had to close our doors, we actually started a network of phone calls. We would call our members every single day or twice a week, whatever really they wanted. And then we would do crisis counseling. We started up a lending library of activities, like our games that we had here, anything the families needed to help them through this time because they're the ones that are the real heroes. They're the ones who are caring for their loved ones while balancing their work or life.



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GREG ERGEN

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**CLEANER, GLEN COVE
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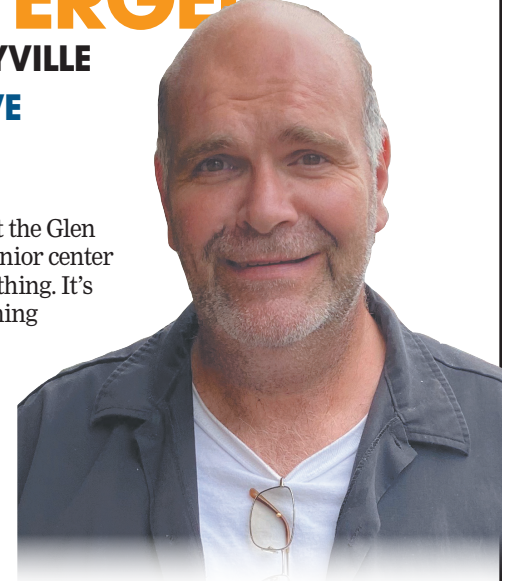
The pandemic has increased what I do at the Glen Cove Senior Center 10-fold. Once the senior center opens, it's going to be a repetitious type of thing. It's going to be unbelievable — a lot more cleaning involved.

I have been here through the whole pandemic with my helper. We've been cleaning when staff gets in, before they get there, and we clean while they're there. We keep the place pretty clean. It's repetitious; that's what it is. It's constant cleaning.

Once the Glen Cove Senior Center opens, it's going to be crazy. We had to set the center up for social distancing as we do the programming so that the seniors can have their fun. Thank God I got the maintenance part done before we open. But as soon as we do open, it's going to be constant cleaning. I think it's going to be great for them. It's going to be good for the seniors because they have to get out. They feel really wound up sitting at home, so hopefully this will be a good environment for them once more, even though the pandemic is still going. There are a lot of rules that need to be enforced.

The seniors at the Glen Cove Senior Center are wonderful people. We like to accommodate them and make the place the homiest as we possibly can so they feel that this is a place they can come to and unwind.

It was scary at the beginning of the pandemic because we just had a baby eight months ago, so I'm very careful. I live with a senior, my wife and a baby.



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IN 2019, AN amphitheater for outdoor workshops and events, and the installation of memorial stanchions, were completed in the Children's Memorial Garden at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County in Glen Cove.

Highlighting voices of the Holocaust

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doctor who worked at an orphanage in Warsaw and was killed at the Treblinka extermination camp. Anne Frank, Menashe said, "wanted to live after her death," Menashe said. "And she did."

"The point of this garden tour, designed by Meryl and the garden committee, is to really highlight voices of the Holocaust," said Helen Turner, the center's director of education.

The tours, which must be booked three days in advance, will run through Nov. 15, and will take groups on a 45-minute journey of quotes from before, during and after the Holocaust, all etched onto the 14 stations. "As we go through, you have the warning signs, you have Jewish resistance, you have rescue," Menashe explained. "The last one was also a child's voice, which was also deliberate."

We want the voices of the Holocaust to come alive," she added. "If it didn't give me chills, I didn't put it in."

Menashe said she was proudest of the fact that every voice included in the garden is somehow connected to the Holocaust. "We wanted [the quotes] to be balanced; we wanted to represent everything," she said, "and I have to say, it was a great committee. Everyone respected everybody, and there was a lot of give and take."

The history of the Children's Memorial Garden

According to the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center website, the Children's Memorial Garden is the first in its kind on public grounds in New York state. In the early 1900s, the property, today known as the Welwyn Preserve, was a 204-acre parcel given to Harriet and Harold Pratt as a wedding gift.

In the 1910s, Harriet Pratt asked the renowned landscape architects the Olmsted Brothers to design the layout of the estate as well as a garden, which was subsequently developed by Martha Brown Hutcheson and James Leal Greenleaf.

Harold Pratt died in 1939, and Harriet in 1963. In 1975 the property was bequeathed to Nassau County, and became the Welwyn Preserve.

In 1996, the Million Pennies Project, the brainchild of Holocaust survivor



MERYL MENASHE, A member of the Children's Memorial Garden Committee and a long-time educator at the center, discussed the life and legacy of her late friend Vladka Meed, who was part of the Jewish resistance in Poland.

'The Butterfly'

ter of Nassau County.

The poem, a portion of which appears below, was written at Terezin concentration camp in 1942 by a 21-year-old Jewish Czech named Pavel Friedmann. He died of typhus at Auschwitz in 1944, and the butterfly has become the international symbol for the 1.5 million Jewish children murdered in the Holocaust.

His words are on the first stanchion in the Children's Memorial Garden at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Cen-

*For seven weeks I've lived in here,
Penned up inside this ghetto
But I have found my people here.
The dandelions call to me
And the white chestnut branches in the court.*

*Only I never saw another butterfly.
That butterfly was the last one.
Butterflies don't live in here,
In the ghetto.*

Irving Roth, was launched with the purpose of creating a Children's Memorial Garden. By the end of 1998, according to the HMTTC website, students from Nassau and Suffolk counties to Queens had accumulated \$12,000 in pennies, each representing a child who died, for the garden.

Volunteers hacked through the brush that covered the garden created almost 100 years earlier. On April 29, 2003 — Holocaust Remembrance Day — the Children's Memorial Garden was officially dedicated

as a living tribute to the 1.5 million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust.

In 2019, an amphitheater for outdoor workshops and events, and the stanchions, were completed. "It's a beautiful project," Menashe said.

To schedule a tour of the garden, contact Rachel Cara, the center's education programming coordinator, at (516) 571-8040 or rachelcara@hmtcli.org. For more information about the garden or the center, go to www.hmtcli.org.



Courtesy Kiwanis Club of North Shore Long Island

THOUGH IT WILL see some changes, Kiwanis Club of North Shore Long Island hopes its Nassau Bicycle Challenge will be just as successful as last year's.

Annual Kiwanis Bicycle Challenge is ready to go

The Kiwanis Nassau Bicycle Challenge — formerly the Nassau to Suffolk Bicycle Challenge — will take place on Oct. 25, starting at Tappan Beach Marina in Sea Cliff at 8 a.m. This event is touted as the best ride on Long Island, the 24-year Kiwanis legacy has raised over \$100,000 to support Kiwanis charities and local community groups who support the Kiwanis focus of serving children.

The ride has been restructured to be shorter than in years past, with a 25 mile loop and an additional 10 mile leg for riders who wish to have a more rigorous challenge. Both rides will hug the coast, providing impressive views of the Long Island Sound.

Cyclists can learn more at www.n2nbc.org. The website also has a GoFundMe link for donations.

The Glen Cove Downtown BID gets the streets ready for fall

Over 150 scarecrows will now line the streets of Downtown Glen Cove to bring in the autumn spirit. These festive scarecrows were purchased by the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District and installed by Ralph Comintino and Damion Stravredes of Glen Cove's Commission of Beautification that is now directed by Emmanuel Grella and Elizabeth Mestres.

"Although the Glen Cove Downtown BID purchases the decorations that line the downtown streets, if it was not for the synergy between the BID and the Beautification Commission, these warm and welcoming decorations would not be possible," said Patricia Holman, the executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown BID.

Elizabeth Mestres, the co-director of the Beautification Commission, said that she feels the same way. "We are very happy with the great relationship that Beautification and the BID has," she said, "and we look forward to working on new projects with the BID."

The Glen Cove Downtown BID has also created a program that allows downtown businesses to purchase fall

flowers and ornamentals at wholesale. "Over 300 fall flowers and ornamentals were purchased by our downtown businesses, delivered by WPW Growers and picked up by our members so they can decorate their store fronts for the new season," Holman said. "You may see these in front of businesses like The Regency Assisted Living, La Bussola and Glen Cove Fitness."

The Glen Cove Downtown BID did not stop there, as over 550 mums and cabbages were purchased by the BID and planted throughout the downtown area by its landscaper, Testa Landscaping.

Ever since the Downtown BID was formed in 1997, it has participated in projects like this to enhance the area. Other projects include the maintenance of over 20 landscapes, walkway up-keep, establishment of flower adornments, light pole banners, litter removal and Christmas ornamentals, along with many other activities that are carried out to keep the downtown area looking clean and feeling safe.

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FAMILIES ENJOYED A night of costumes, decorations, movies and candy at Tiegerman Middle School in Glen Cove.



MASKS WERE WORN as families picked up candy and participated in activities.

Trunk or Treat at Tiegerman, a fun day for all

On Saturday, Tiegerman, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and adults with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders, hosted a free Trunk or Treat, where people decorate their cars and handed out candy and watched a drive-in movie featuring Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse, to benefit the students of Tiegerman.

Forty families were able to enjoy a spooky night on the grounds of Tiegerman Middle School.

All necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of guests were followed so that attendees could enjoy a safe, Trunk or Treat and drive-in experience while supporting a noble cause.

Almost \$10,000 was raised to aid in the efforts to assure peace of mind and a safe return of Tiegerman's operations as an education and adult community services provider. Funds raised will support urgent need for supplies and technology to ensure the health and safety of students. Personal protection equipment, upgraded equipment for classrooms and special-ists and upgrades to wireless network infrastructure and air filtration systems are some of the necessary items that those funds will go towards.



Photos courtesy Tiegerman

CHILDREN HAD THE chance to show off their costumes before Halloween at this Trunk or Treat event.

TIEGERMAN'S TRUNK OR Treat event was a fun day for children, parents, teachers and volunteers alike.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

LIAM DALL, A Glen Cove High School senior, chose to focus on the 1.5 million Jewish children killed in the Holocaust for his Eagle's Scout project.



Courtesy Ilene Dall

CHILDRENS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO THE 1.5 MILLION JEWISH CHILDREN WHO PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST. MAY WE LEARN FROM THE TRAGEDY TO BUILD STRENGTH AND TO PREVENT REPETITION.

"HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOBODY NEED WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT TO IMPROVE THE WORLD"

-ANNE FRANK

Courtesy Cantor Gustavo Gittin

THE MEMORIAL DEDICATED to the children of the Holocaust will remain on the Congregation Tifereth Israel property for years to come.

Project honors the 1.5 million Jewish children killed in the Holocaust

By **JENNIFER CORR**
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On the property of Congregation Tifereth Israel, a memorial sits in honor of the 1.5 million Jewish children killed during the Holocaust.

And that memorial, which will remain on the property for years to come, was made by Glen Cove High School senior and CTI congregant Liam Dall, who chose to focus on the children of the Holocaust for his Eagle Scouts project.

"We've been members of the temple for a number of years now and I needed to do something for my Eagle's Scout project; some of my friends did veteran memorials, some of them do different types of memorials about events that impacted people in our country and our communities," said Dall, a member of Boy Scout Troop 6.

He was inspired, he said, to create a Holocaust memorial when he walked around Congregation Tifereth Israel and saw the memorials dedicated to Holocaust victims there and was further inspired to focus on the Jewish children of the Holocaust by an exhibit at the United States

Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. called "Daniel's Story."

"Daniel's Story," a book written by Carol Mates, tells the story of a boy who could once remember leading a normal life before the Nazis came to power in 1933, which ultimately threatened his own family.

"I think it's important to remember the 1.5 million children who died and the Holocaust so that we don't repeat history," Dall said. "The memorial I made is actually a way to teach children at the temple about the Holocaust."

His mother, Ilene Dall, said that she was proud of her son.

"It was a long road for him to complete his project, starting almost three years ago when he was thinking about it," she said of his project, which was completed about six months ago. "The Eagle Board was very impressed with him."

CTI Rabbi Irwin Huberman agreed with Liam Dall that if one doesn't learn from the past, then there is a danger of repeating history. And the memorial is just one way to never forget the young victims of the Holocaust.

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PORTRAITS OF PRESIDENTS of the Order Sons of Italy In America Loggia Glen Cove are displayed in the lodge.

Centenary celebration for G.C. Sons of Italy

By **JENNIFER CORR**

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The walls in Order Sons of Italy In America Loggia Glen Cove #1016 is lined with emblems of Italian and Italian American history, along with many photos and documents produced over the chapter's 100 years.

And on Saturday, the Glen Cove chapter got to celebrate its 100 years of fellowship and tradition, while also celebrating Italian Heritage Month, which is observed through October.

"The Son's of Italy is an organization for Italian Americans," said Councilman Rocco Totino, who is also the principal trustee of the chapter. "It's nationwide. Our chapter is about 215 active members."

Members of the chapter include County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Congressman Tom Suozzi, who attended the event on Saturday and presented an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol.

"My family has been participating in the Sons of Italy for three generations," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I am very proud of my Italian heritage and am also thankful that this lodge preserves our rich culture and does so much for our community."

Tony Sclafani, the lodge's president, pointed to a photo that included DeRiggi-Whitton's father, former Glen Cove Mayor Donald DeRiggi, also a member, which was placed among photographs and documents on display in the chapter's basement. "There's a lot of history here," he said. "And this was all damaged. It was all put away in boxes and nobody actually wanted to tackle this."

The back room in the chapter's basement, which is now a museum, was damaged during the flood. And as members took to cleaning the area, they found boxes and boxes of memorabilia collected over the years. It wasn't until the pandemic that Sclafani decided to look through the photographs, documents and other items.

Sclafani, who used to own Romantic Travel in Glen Head and came to the United States at the age of 13, remarked that many members could recognize the people captured in the photographs dated as far back as the 1920s.

"I still have a little bit more to do," Sclafani said of the museum. "I have pictures and I don't even know who they are.



Photo courtesy Rocco Totino

CONGRESSMAN TOM SUOZZI, left, Order Sons of Italy in America Grand Lodge of New York President Anthony Naccarato, Councilman Rocco Totino, Mayor Tim Tenke, Councilwoman Marsha Silver, Order Sons of Italy In America Loggia Glen Cove #1016 lodge president Tony Sclafani and Joe Gallo, its vice president, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the chapter, along with Italian Heritage Month.

But little by little, I'll make sure that they're placed so that people can come down and see."

Black and white photographs from dinner party events that took place in the Polish National Home in Glen Cove, uniforms that the men and women of the chapter used to wear, documents given to the chapter by local officials and a memorial for late members help to tell a story of 100 years of how America Loggia Glen Cove #1016 came to be what it is today.

"The most likely reason why there was a chapter formed in Glen Cove was due to the fact that most of our Italian population in Glen Cove is actually from a certain area in Italy called Sturno, Glen Cove's sister city," Totino explained, adding that he's visited Sturno, Italy and has actually ran into former or current Glen Cove residents there.

The America Loggia Glen Cove #1016 was formed on April 10, 1920 by Giuseppe A. Nigro, who immigrated from Sturno, Italy when he was a teenager. He opened a coal and lumber yard years later after moving to the city. Joining Giuseppe were

10 other Italian-Americans: Charles Anzalone, Carmine Caggiano, Vincent Gambino, Angelo Genova, Antonio Grazioso, Domenick Izzo, Arcangelo Macedonia, Pasquale Nigro, Giuseppe Sanfratello and Giuseppe Trimarchi.

Members used to meet in the basement of a building located near the Old Fashioned Bakery in Glen Cove until the new building in Downtown Glen Cove was purchased in the 1980s.

"We're the oldest chapter on Long Island," Totino said. "The actual New York state [Sons of Italy] which encompasses all of New York, was formed 15 years before [The Glen Cove Chapter]."

And besides the 100 years of fellowship and tradition that the chapter has brought for many local Italian-American families, the chapter has also served philanthropic purpose, donating funds to local little leagues, distributing scholarships for local high school seniors and sending money to the Grand Lodge-Sons of Italy, the statewide chapter, which ultimately donates funds to a number of organizations.

"We try to give as much as we can," Sclafani said. "But unfortunately we had to cut down a little bit because of income. We used to do a lot of parties, so we'd collect here, donate here. But the only income right now is the apartments [rented out in the chapter's building]."

Marisa Gambino, the chapter's principal trustee, explained that while she's disappointed that the chapter couldn't hold the large celebration the members had originally wanted, she's happy that they can mark this milestone while celebrating their Italian heritage.

"Even if we don't meet all the time, people don't come all the time, when we do the dinner dances or whatever, we see each other and it's nice that we maintain that," Marissa said, "and we're trying to reach out to more younger people to keep our tradition."

Sclafani pointed to a sign posted in the bocce court in the basement, which is used for tournaments and a way to pass some time. "You can not know where you're going unless you know where you came from," he read.

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

OBITUARIES

Louis Guadagni

Louis Guadagni, 88, of Glen Cove died on Oct. 11, 2020 at the age of 88. Beloved husband of the late Eileen; loving father of Andrea (Tim) Knight, Louis Guadagni, Kathleen (Kenny) Rieger and Craig Guadagni; cherished grandfather of Stephen, Benjamin, Matthew, Kevin, Mitchell, Lindsey and Samantha. Visitation on Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Whitting Funeral Home located on 300 Glen Cove Ave. in Glen Head. Funeral mass on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's RC Church in Glen Cove. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery in Locust Valley. Contributions may be made to the Glenwood Landing American Legion, 190 Glen Head Rd, Glen Head, N.Y. 11545.

Larie D. Gortaire

Larie D. Gortaire, 61, formerly of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 18. Beloved wife of John; loving mother of Sarah R. and Peter J; caring daughter of Marie D. Ziegler; dear sister of Harold Ziegler and Karen Bremer; proud grandmother of Christian and Aurelia; also survived by nieces and nephews. Gortaire was an administrative assistant for J. Tortorella Group of South Hampton, N.Y. She loved to read books and educate her grandkids. Gortaire was faithful and loved the Lord. Interment East Hillside Cemetery. Donations may be made to Calvary Chapel of Hope, Amityville, N.Y.



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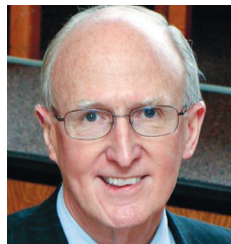
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OPINIONS

Why can't we work together?

I was asked by a local proprietor why so many educators vote Democratic. I asked, "How do you know they do?" He blithely answered, "Well, I read it in the paper."

Our brief exchange was a friendly one, but it reminded me of how our nation's deep political divisions now seem to define our daily discourse. Just in the past few



ROBERT A. SCOTT

years, the political trenches have become that much deeper and, sadly, the "debate" is that much more indecorous.

What can we do to stem the excesses of partisanship, which I believe are infecting our political process and the ability to make sound decisions on

the most critical issues affecting our society? Think about the resistance to wearing masks and respecting social distancing.

After the storekeeper's comment, I began wondering why it seems that Republicans and Democrats can't work together; why politics involves divisiveness, damning and distortion of the truth; why so many seem relentlessly opposed but not engaged. The certitude they show reveals no moral anguish about critical issues, like immigration, which must be reformed if we are to admit the talent we need at all levels.

I wondered why we see more demonizing than discussing; why what the media calls "debates" are really more like serial assertions, leaving essential questions undiscussed. Then I considered why elected officials of all stripes need each other. Why can't we disagree without being disagreeable? What lessons are we teaching our children?

Democrats are criticized for reliance on government for progressive social policies and infrastructure funding. Republicans want to cut taxes and reduce government. But infrastructure is needed to provide the platforms that Republicans expect for entrepreneurs to succeed. No millionaire or billionaire can legitimately claim that he or she did it alone. They, and certainly those who helped them, were most likely educated in public schools, drove to work on public roads, relied on police and firefighters, and used publicly licensed airwaves to communicate. They took for granted that they could eat safe foods and breathe clean air. In other words, entrepreneurs succeed by using facilities and systems funded by the taxes they don't want to pay.

Many anti-government types acknowledge this when they talk about "giving back" in recognition of the advantages society provided them. Far too often, though, these tax-deductible charitable contribu-

tions serve as "voluntary taxation," supporting personal priorities instead of the public ones that should be funded by taxes. And there are notable problems that result from too little government involvement: an inadequate and inequitable health care system, a lack of pandemic preparedness, rampant racism, financial meltdowns, unprotected water and produce, and cities and towns that are ravaged by hurricanes and forest fires. We suffer from too much focus on individual freedoms and not enough on collective responsibility.

This doesn't mean that government is the answer to every problem — or that business and the market are the sources of all wisdom. There are proper functions for government and proper functions for the market, and ignoring the unique missions of either usually leads to difficulty. The market seeks profit maximization, the public seeks safety and assurances, and each balances the other.

Over time, disparate groups around the world have peacefully reached agreements on issues as diverse as the Law of the Sea treaty, international telecommunications, air traffic control, the calendar and time zones, to name just a few. In each case, all gained through compromise. They built on the unique characteristics of cooperation and tolerance.

These examples give me hope that differing points of view can find common cause in the highly inefficient use of tax revenues. On Long Island, for example, we have some 900 taxing authorities, each with a board and administrative structure. Think of the numerous towns and villages in our two counties, and the school, water, sewer and library districts that serve our population of 2.8 million.

The challenges ahead are too large for either the government or the market to solve by themselves. Energy uses and sources, unconstrained financial instruments and natural disasters like rising seas are greater than either sector can handle alone.

We need less anger and attitude. Instead we need committed leaders who will work on behalf of the public, not just party or base, and an informed citizenry prepared to debate them in order to bring all sides together to address common problems with common sense.

And we, the public, should commit ourselves to elect new representatives when those in office are more committed to noise than negotiation. Only when this happens — when we can debate without shouting, and disagree without being disagreeable — can we begin to spend tax dollars more wisely on the highest priorities, and not continue to borrow from the next generation.

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As if it couldn't have gotten worse, he was contagious

Millions of Americans seem to be manifesting what has been called "insane" behavior: They keep doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different and better result. They keep flouting coronavirus regulations, and, even though such behavior has killed an outrageous number of Americans, they still expect a different outcome for themselves. They are surprised when they get sick.



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In the midst of a surging pandemic, they won't wear a simple mask, even as the highly conta-

gious virus sweeps across the country. They continue circulating the same lies about Covid-19 that have challenged the medical community from the beginning. These lies, minimizing the threat of the disease, undermine epidemiologists and embolden people to take risks that may land them in the ICU.

Even though people at the White House are dropping like flies, those loyal to President Trump don't see the necessity of a course correction in White House corona-

virus protocols. They are still ready to attend Trump's mask-optional rallies without social distancing, even after people have gotten sick and died after such public events. Just ask Herman Cain.

Millions think it's OK to move about in public without observing the basic safety precautions issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They have no problem with sitting within spitting distance of the speaker at the podium. Witness the president's unmasked children sitting in the audience at the first debate.

I still see people without masks in local stores. They apparently believe that if Covid-19 isn't a hoax, then at worst it's no big deal, and in Trump's case it's "a blessing in disguise." So, no worries.

And why should they fret? The president of the United States isn't worried. Even after testing positive, after suffering various clinical symptoms of Covid-19, having at least two episodes of low oxygen levels and spiking a fever, he is champing at the bit to hold rallies and even an in-person second debate with Joe Biden.

At press time, the White House was refusing to release his updated Covid-19 test results. These aren't his tax returns;

this is life and death. He was a one-man source of contagion, with more than 30 people and counting in his inner and extended circle falling ill with the disease. It hasn't been determined who is Patient One in the White House cluster, but Trump is doing nothing to urge contact tracing or rigorous testing.

Even sick, he insisted on that notorious joy ride around Walter Reed Army Medical Center, exposing everyone in the presidential SUV to the virus. In his widely mocked "Covita" appearance from a White House balcony, looking like your generic dictator, he insisted he was cured. It was like a miracle. Actually, it was ill-advised and seemingly delusional.

With Donald Trump, there is absolutely no learning curve, and on some level, that's the worst thing about him. He doesn't learn, he doesn't evolve, he doesn't get enlightened, he doesn't ever apologize for his mistakes.

He could get lucky and survive, but as we went to press, he should be in isolation, according to many medical experts. Nevertheless, he insists he is fine, and is going about his business, often without a mask and without observing social distancing.

We need leaders who will work on behalf of the public, not just party or base.

And Trump hinted that the Gold Star military families might have gotten him sick.

He has learned nothing from this bout with Covid-19.

The novel coronavirus has brought about a novel realization. The president is unable to learn from his blunders and misapprehensions because he cannot acknowledge making mistakes. He never regrets; he never apologizes. Bad outcomes are always someone else's fault.

In the case of his Covid-19, he hinted that the Gold Star families he greeted at the White House might have gotten him sick. But he may have known he was positive for the virus before he received the military families in the White House, with few masks in sight. How could he *not* spread the infection he carried? In an interview, he said the Gold Star families love to touch him and kiss him. Some, I imagine, may pay a price for that privilege.

In the criminal justice system, someone who can't learn from his mistakes is known as a repeat offender. Repeat offenders in the time of Covid are those who keep walking through this viral fire without expecting to get burned.

I must be insane, too, because I fully hoped that a chastened president might express thanks for his recovery and then embrace all the Covid-19 precautions that would keep the people around him safe.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Breast screening is still a must, despite pandemic

There is perhaps no disease that strikes greater fear in the hearts of women than breast cancer. It is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths, behind lung cancer, and the second-most-common form of cancer among women, behind skin cancer.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor the many who have died while spreading the word that early detection is key to preventing deaths. It's an excellent time to have a mammogram or make an appointment to get one.

Screenings and treatments, however, are down dramatically since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Breast imaging has dropped by 62 percent, genetic counseling by 26 percent, breast surgery by 21 percent, and as of August, new cancer diagnoses by 52 percent, research shows.

Medical experts are urging women to be screened and keep up any treatments and surgeries.

Breast cancer occurs when cells grow beyond their normal bounds. The cancer can then metastasize — that is, spread through the blood or lymph systems to other parts of the body.

The average age of diagnosis for breast cancer is 62, though experts recommend that women begin having annual mammograms at age 45, and as early as 40 for women with histories of breast cancer in their families.

Though the symptoms can range widely, some of the most common include:

- A lump, knot or thickening under the breast or in the underarm area.
- Swelling, redness or darkening of the breast.
- Change in a breast's size or shape.
- An itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple.
- A pulling-in or retraction of the nipple or other parts of the breast.

Breast cancer resources

■ Hewlett House, a nonprofit community learning resource center: 86 East Rockaway Road, Hewlett, (866) 411-CANCER (2262).

■ The Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer hotline: (800) 877-8077 or www.adelphi.edu/nysbreastcancer.org.

■ The American Cancer Society: (800) ACS-2345 (227-2345) or www.cancer.org.

■ National Breast Cancer Foundation Inc.: www.nationalbreastcancer.org.

■ National Cancer Institute: (800) 4-CANCER (422-6237) or www.cancer.gov.

■ Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation help line: (877) GO KOMEN (465-6636) or helpline@komen.org.

In June 2016, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the Get Screened, No Excuses Law, which gives public employees four hours of paid leave per year for breast cancer screening and eliminates such obstacles as co-payments and annual deductibles. The measure also requires 210 hospitals and clinics to offer extended hours for screenings to help women who have difficulty scheduling mammograms during a typical 9-to-5 workday.

Screening is among the most important ways to prevent breast cancer, but there are other actions you can take to reduce your risk of developing it. According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, a woman who exercises four hours per week reduces her risk. Eating a low-fat, nutritious diet can help. A diet high in fat increases the risk by triggering the hormone estrogen, which fuels tumor growth. So fill your plate with plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Compared with non-drinkers, women who have one alcoholic drink a day have a very small increase in risk. Those who have two to five drinks daily, however, have about 1½ times the risk of women who don't drink.

According to the women's breast-feeding advocacy group La Leche League International, and the New York State Department of Health, studies confirm

Making Strides

The American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Walk at Jones Beach, held annually in October, has been canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, but the society is still holding a drive-through fundraiser at Jones Beach on Sunday, Oct. 18.

To sign up, go to bit.ly/3dh2hIL. For more, email LongIslandNYStrides@ cancer.org or call (631) 300-3212.

that breast-feeding reduces the risk of cancer. Research shows that the longer a woman breast-feeds, the more protected she is against the disease.

The American Cancer Society says that new technology to fight breast cancer is emerging, and that modern medicine's understanding of the risk factors is also improving. Consulting with your doctor and being vigilant about your health are the most important actions that a woman can take.

The key is awareness. Know your body, and know your risks. Prevention and early detection are the best weapons in the battle against breast cancer.

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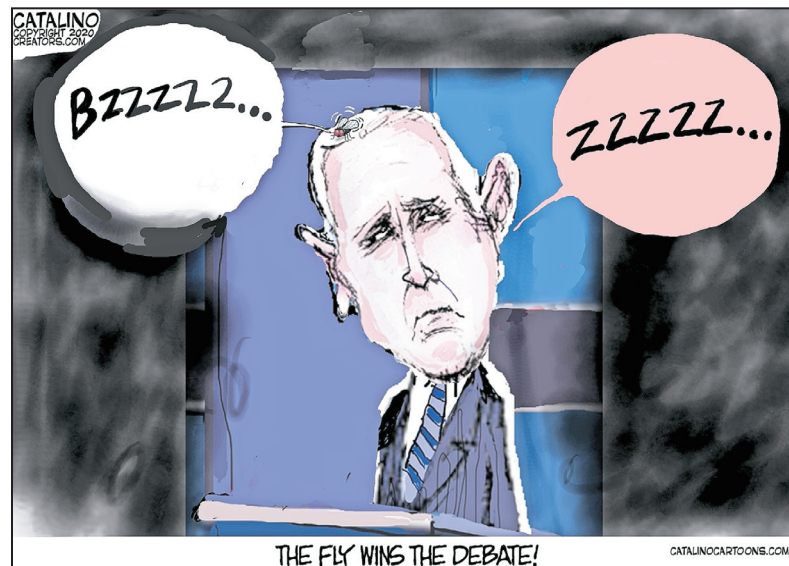
First Amendment rights at stake

To the Editor:

The board of the Press Club of Long Island, the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, strongly objects to the Oyster Bay Town Board's new rule that, under the guise of maintaining decorum, authorizes the town supervisor to have someone face charges for photographing or recording public meetings in a

manner that he or she finds disturbing.

A rule that permits the town supervisor to remove journalists from a meeting and even have them charged by the police for having a television camera that is too large or for moving about a room to shoot photographs flies in the face of the First Amendment. The rule puts journalists in the position of choosing between doing their work effectively and facing a punishment of up to 15 days in jail. If the rule is allowed to stand, it will be at the expense of freedom of the press



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OPINIONS

MTA will risk much if it cuts service and hikes fares

Pat Foye, chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, has said that service on the Long Island Rail Road and Metro North could be reduced by as much as 50 percent — and bus and subway service by 40 percent — in the coming months if the MTA does not receive \$12 billion in federal aid. At the same time, fares could go up



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by more than the scheduled 4 percent next year. In other words, there would be substantially less service for more money. And those cuts would not only leave many commuters seething, but could also create further financial and safety risks for the

MTA and its passengers.

Significant service cuts or fare hikes require a public hearing process. As a recipient of Federal Transit Administration funding, the MTA must comply with federal Title VI and other civil rights guidelines. Service cuts cannot have an adverse impact on minority, low-income and physically challenged communities. The process would require a series of public hearings across the metropolitan

area, which would take the MTA several months. It would be subject to review by the FTA and the New York City and state governments.

Service reductions would require the MTA to update its FTA bus, subway and commuter rail fleet management plans. The FTA would want to ensure that the MTA has the financial resources to maintain its equipment, so that rail cars can remain operational for their intended lifespan of 39 years, and buses, 14 years. But with such extensive reductions, several hundred to several thousand commuter and subway rail cars and buses would no longer be needed, and couldn't simply be kept around as spare equipment.

The LIRR has a fleet of more than 1,150 cars, and Metro North, more than 1,260. New York City Transit has 6,400 subway cars, and more than 5,700 buses operate in the city. The fleets are partially federally funded, and equipment that is no longer needed for passenger service as a result of service reductions would require the FTA's permission to be temporarily mothballed in a safe and secure location, while still being maintained. That would defeat the goal of cost savings.

Another option would be to transfer

equipment that is no longer needed to another transit agency. The paperwork alone involved in this process would take several months, and, once the transfer is completed, if ridership increases significantly or parts of the fleet need to be replaced, additional equipment would not

be readily available.

The MTA could also purchase the excess federally funded equipment from the FTA, basing its value on depreciation. The MTA would then be free to sell the surplus equipment and keep the proceeds. And it could retire any equipment that has already reached the end of its intended lifespan. But this, too, could lead to a shortage of equipment down the road.

Most important, as far as commuters are concerned, a major reduction in LIRR service would go directly against promised increases in that service: new trains for the New York Islanders' arena at Belmont Park, starting next October; a 40 percent increase in rush-hour service when the \$2.6 billion Main Line Third Track is completed in December 2022; the addition of 24 trains per hour during peak times in support of the \$11.2 billion East Side Access to Grand Central Terminal, also scheduled for December 2022;

and an increase in reverse-peak service on all branches by the end of that year.

The MTA board of directors has a legal and fiduciary responsibility to protect the interests of both commuters and taxpayers. We need to make sure that Foye details all of the potential costs and challenges of the changes he has in mind with the board as well as elected officials at all levels of government before he proceeds with those cuts.

And Long Islanders need to know how their daily commutes will change if the proposed cuts and fare hikes are implemented. How overcrowded will trains become? What will be the cost in time that commuters spend standing on platforms? How will social distancing be maintained as the coronavirus pandemic drags on? These are questions that all of us who use the LIRR and any other branches of the MTA should be asking.

To voice your opinions, write to Foye, at the MTA, 2 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10004, or LIRR President Phil Eng, at the LIRR, 4312 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, N.Y. 11435. Or record a comment for one of the MTA's monthly board meetings, now being held on Zoom. For a schedule and instructions, go to www.mtboardmeetings.com.

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and the public's right to know.

Under New York State Open Meetings Law, it is the duty of the Town Board to accommodate large cameras, broadcast equipment and lighting so journalists can broadcast and publish what occurs at public meetings. First Amendment rights are not subject to the discretion of the town supervisor.

We strongly urge the Town Board to rescind this new rule.

PRESS CLUB OF LONG ISLAND

Time to ban fracking

To the Editor:

U.S. Rep. Kathleen Rice has shown herself to be a true partner in helping to bring New York state and our country to 100 percent clean and renewable energy. Indeed, her opposition to the Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas Port and her support for offshore wind is commendable. But our planet is rapidly heating up, making it urgent that we move off fossil fuels such as fracked gas. I urge Rice to co-sponsor and actively work for the passage of the Fracking Ban Act (H.R. 5857). We need to ban hydraulic fracturing and stop any new fossil fuel infrastructure across our country.

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Attacking the 'Red Zones'

To the Editor:

Our Covid-19 numbers remain good news, even as clusters appear in certain areas of the state. Our testing system is so advanced that we were able to track clusters to 2.8 percent of the state's population and attack the virus within that population.

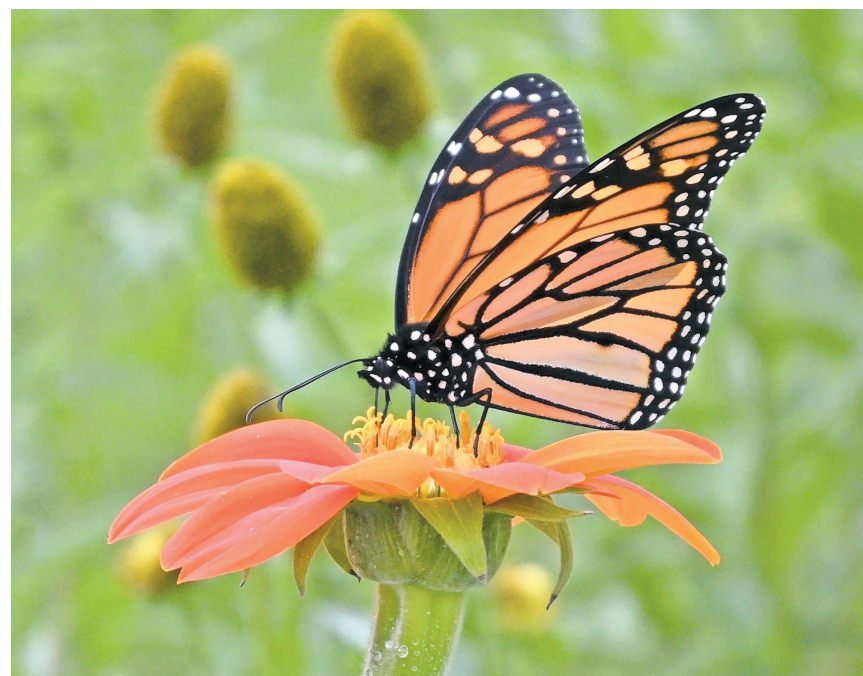
It will take the work of all of us to ensure we do not go backward on our hard-fought progress. We must all continue to wear masks, wash our hands, remain socially distant, and above all, stay "New York tough."

Within the Red Zone focus areas, 3,901 test results were reported last weekend, yielding 193 positives, or a 4.95 percent positivity rate. In the remainder of the state, not counting these Red Zones, 130,678 test results were reported, yielding 1,254 positives, or a 0.96 percent positivity rate.

The Red Zones are home to 2.8 percent of the state's population, yet had 13.3 percent of all positive test results reported to the state, and 17.9 percent of all positive case results reported to the state last week. The positivity rate for test results this past week in the Red Zone areas has been 6.17 percent, down slightly from the prior week.

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A monarch butterfly, one of nature's works of art — Oyster Bay

CORRECTION

Titles for two City Council members were inaccurate in our Living In section in the Oct. 1 paper. It should have said below Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews and

Rocco Totino's photographs Councilmen. Additionally, the Herald Gazette's Angela Calvo's name was incorrect. The Herald Gazette regrets the errors.



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