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Hotly contested North Shore races are still uncertain

By LAURA LANE
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As the American people anxiously awaited word on Wednesday of who their next president would be, North Shore residents were also uncertain about who their local elected leaders would be — in particular, whether leader George Santos or incumbent Tom Suozzi would be the next representative of the 3rd Congressional District.

Thousands of absentee ballots remained uncounted because they could not be opened until seven days after the election.

As of Wednesday, there were 48,097 outstanding absentee ballots in Nassau County and 23,846 in Suffolk County. Northeast Queens, which Suozzi represents, had 13,947 absentee ballots. The registration of the ballots was 51 percent Democratic, 17 percent Republican and 32 percent blank.

Suozzi and State Sen. Jim Gaughran, both Democrats, lagged behind in their races.

“As we await the final tally of all votes, we are confident of Congressman Tom Suozzi’s victory,” said Suozzi’s senior adviser, Kim Devlin. “It is clear that Tom will win re-election by a substantial margin. Democrats hold a 3-1 advantage in the nearly 90,000 absentee votes yet to be counted, and we expect Tom’s margin of victory to be over



Courtesy Edmund Smyth

EDMUND SMYTH HAD a substantial lead over State Sen. Jim Gaughran, but roughly 36,000 absentee ballots remained to be counted.

20,000 votes.”

Gaughran’s advisers and staff also said they were hopeful. “There are nearly 30,000 absentee votes, the majority of which appear to be from Democrats,” Marissa Espinoza, Gaughran’s spokeswoman, said. “It is vital that every vote be counted. I’m confident that this full count will favor Senator Gaughran.”

Edmund Smyth said he was optimistic that he would maintain his lead over Gaughran after the absentee votes were counted. “Last night showed voters across Long Island agreed change was needed to bring common sense to Albany,” he said. “We built a solid cushion of

roughly 10,000 votes going into the opening of absentee ballots, and I am confident that when all votes are counted, we will be successful.”

Democratic State Assemblyman Charles Lavine and Republican Assemblyman Michael Montesano were clear victors on election night.

Lavine said he was grateful to his constituents who voted, whether they supported him or not. Entering his ninth term in the Assembly, he said this election was like no other, noting that it was the first time the state had offered three ways to elect representatives — early voting,

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A safe, spooky Halloween in Glen Cove

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It was a monster mash in Glen Cove as costumed children, accompanied by their families, visited a number of houses for safe trick-or-treating, gathering plenty of goodies and scares along the way.

“This is an in-person, house-to-house car parade for a safe way for families to trick-or-treat,” said Roni Hausch Jenkins, one of the organizers of the event.

Eleven families, who are part of the “Car parade and celebrations drive by’s – Long Island North Shore” Facebook group, offered their front lawns for the event, with two other organizers, Cynpra Glouchkov and Kerren Verene, creating a miniature pumpkin patch and a spooky walk-through for older kids.

City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman handed out candy, and Councilman Gaitley Steven-

son-Mathews visited some of the houses as well.

“Everyone on the Glen Cove Neighbors Facebook group was asking, ‘What are we doing for the kids on Halloween?’” said Glouchkov, a member of the car

On behalf of the car parade group, we were happy to be able to offer the kids in our area a safe, socially distanced way for them to still enjoy Halloween.

HAUSCH JENKINS
 Glen Cove

parade group. “My friend and I, Kerren, decided to do something for the neighborhood kids, just making decorations for them on the lawn and see if they would pass by, but then it kind of grew into a car parade. And I really thought it was successful.”

Children in the car parade and others who walked or rode past the houses collected roughly 130 bags of treats and enjoyed the pumpkin patch and spooky walk set up on Glouchkov’s lawn. “The children had a lot of fun,” she said. “Everyone called me afterwards to thank me.”

The smiling faces of the children made Glouchkov and

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Office	Winner/Leader	Opponent
3rd C.D.	George Santos (R) - 51%	Tom Suozzi (D) - 49%
5th S.D.	Edmund Smyth (R) - 56%	Jim Gaughran (D) - 44%
13th A.D.	Charles Lavine (D) - 58%	Andrew Monteleone (R) - 42%

G.C. residents anxiously wait for election results

It was a quiet night on Nov. 3 across the North Shore as residents patiently waited at home for the 2020 Election results after casting their ballots throughout the day.

"I think it will be close but I feel Donald will probably win," said Glen Cove resident Philip Carlos, who had headed to the polls to vote at 6:30 a.m. to vote at Connolly School. He said the line was long, but it moved fast, taking him 25 minutes to cast his ballot.

David Cantor, another Glen Cove resident, said he arrived at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to cast his ballot.

"It was all very civilized," Cantor said. "I arrived at about 6 a.m. to be there as the doors opened and was a bit surprised to see there was already a line. Everyone was wearing a mask and keeping a reasonable distance so I felt quite safe."

Cantor said that he made it inside at 6:30 a.m. However, Glen Cove resident Peter Luzynski had a very different experience.

"I voted at Landing School," he said. "I was stopped at the door and asked where I lived. I told them and was told to go to a table in the back corner. It was a very small room. We were almost shoulder-to-shoulder. There was no social distancing. The blue booths where you mark your ballot were next to each other, no 6-foot distance. I asked the woman working there why there was no precautions being taken. She could not understand it either."

Luzynski said it took him 15 minutes to



Courtesy David Cantor

WHEN DAVID CANTOR, of Glen Cove, arrived at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 6 a.m. to cast his ballot, a line had already formed.

vote and that the room was so small it was hard not to bump into another person. "My wife asked me when we got home, do you think we caught the virus?"

As cities across the United States, such as New York City and Washington D.C., boarded up store fronts in anticipation of unrest from the election's results, City of Glen Cove Police Department Chief William Whitton said that though the department was stepping up patrols, he did not

anticipate any unrest in Glen Cove.

But when residents woke up, many final results were not in, including the presidential race between U.S. President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, the 3rd Congressional District race between Congressman Tom Suozzi and challenger George Santos and the Fifth State Senate District race between State Senator Jim Gaughran and challenger Edmund Smyth.

"I'm feeling very anxious, but optimistic," said Ravin Chetram, the vice president of the Oyster Bay East Norwich Chamber of Commerce. "A lot of things are happening. I couldn't sleep all night."

Chetram said he was also nervous about the local elections, as Suozzi and Gaughran are falling slightly behind in their races. "With Long Island, where we're at, it's just that everyone is Republican and I have no issues with Republicans," Chetram said. "I support [Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor] Saladino and I support [Town of Oyster Bay Clerk] Richard LaMarca. We need to have a balance."

"I think it's probably a message to the Democratic Party that the policies that they've been enacting over the past few years have been unacceptable to the people of Glen Cove," said John Maccarone of the Glen Cove Republican Club. "I think we have a new state senator in Glen Cove."

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Laura Lane contributed to this story.



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Absentee ballot count will finalize results

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absentee voting and Election Day voting — and it would take some time to count absentee ballots.

“I will continue to work hard to protect voting rights and to address the budgetary crisis that results from the Covid pandemic,” Lavine said, “and at the same time, I will also strive to continue to represent the best interests of our constituents and others who reach out to our office for personal assistance.”

Montasano said, “It’s a great feeling to be [re-elected], to know that I have the support of my constituents and that they were happy with the work that I’ve been doing for them. They decided to give me an opportunity to go back and continue to do work and serve them. As I always said, my position is, I work for these people, and every two years they evaluate me, and if they think I’m doing a good job, they renew my contract and send me back to work.”

Mike Conn contributed to this story.



ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES LAVINE, near left, held on to his seat in the 13th A.D. for his ninth term in office.

Courtesy Office of Assemblyman Charles Lavine



Courtesy Congressman Tom Suozzi

U.S. REP. TOM Suozzi was behind in the vote count on Election Day, but that could change because of absentee ballots.



Courtesy Michael Montesano

STATE ASSEMBLYMAN MICHAEL Montesano, above, won on Election Day by a sizable margin.



Courtesy Office of State Sen. Jim Gaughran

STATE SEN. JIM Gaughran, who was losing his re-election bid as of early Wednesday, was hopeful that absentee ballots would change the direction of the race.

CRIME WATCH

Arrest

- On Oct. 20, a 43-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Continental Place.
- On Oct 22, a 54-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for two counts of aggravated

unlicensed operation in the second degree, operation of a motor vehicle without financial security and failing to signal on Sea Cliff Avenue.

- On Oct. 22, an 18-year-old male was arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree on Valentine Street.

■ On Oct. 12, a 46-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Burns Avenue.

- On Oct. 13, a 37-year-old Jupiter, Fla. male was arrested for two counts of disorderly conduct on St. Andrews Lane.

■ On Oct. 13, a 23-year-old Bronx male was arrested for second degree aggravated unlicensed operation, speed and operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver on Glen Cove 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.

A message from Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

Advancing initiatives that protect and enhance the health and safety of Nassau County residents is among the most rewarding work that I have the privilege of doing as a legislator. These initiatives have never been as important as they are amidst the ongoing stress and uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the Oct. 26 meeting of the Nassau County Legislature, I proudly joined my colleagues in unanimous votes to dedicate resources to improving and protecting the welfare of our senior citizens, a beloved segment of our community that is particularly vulnerable to Covid-19.

Nassau County received more than \$650,000 in federal CARES Act funding from the New York State Office for the

Aging to support the delivery of home and community-based services to seniors as they shelter in place during the pandemic. These dollars will be applied to enhancing quality of life for homebound seniors by assisting with household chores, housekeeping, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, grocery shopping and transportation to essential services like doctor and dentist appointments. Assistance with simple tasks that so many of us take for granted can make all the difference as we seek to protect our vulnerable loved ones from Covid-19.

The Office of the Aging also awarded Nassau County more than \$2.3 million in CARES Act funding to bolster our Nutrition Services Program. Those funds will

be applied to expanding “drive-through” and “grab-and-go” programs that serve seniors who typically utilize meal programs at community facilities, senior centers and other locations that have been closed during the pandemic. The well-rounded, nutritious and shelf-stable meals provide a solid nutritional foundation for participating seniors.

To support family members and others who have stepped up to provide at-home care for loved ones, Nassau County has secured nearly \$410,000 in CARES Act funding through an allocation by the state’s Office for the Aging. Services supported through this funding includes counseling, respite care and training on various elder care-related issues.

To learn more about these initiatives and the full portfolio of Nassau County’s senior citizen assistance programs, visit <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging> and contact the Department of Human Services’ Office for the Aging at (516) 227-8900 or seniors@hhsnassaucountyny.us.

As life continues to slowly return to normal with Covid prevention protocols in place, road traffic has increased steadily to pre-pandemic levels. That impacts every Nassau resident.

To ensure that the rules of the road are consistently and effectively enforced, Nassau County was recently awarded \$200,000 by the governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for its Buckle Up Seatbelt Enforcement Initiative and Aggressive Driving Enforcement campaigns. Those funds will be set aside to pay for overtime earned by



Delia DeRiggi Whitton

the officers assigned to these important public safety initiatives. It’s also important to note that since Nov. 1, a state law requiring all back-seat passengers to wear a seat belt went into effect.

I sponsor annual events where representatives of the Nassau County Police Department inspect car seats to ensure they are properly installed and being used correctly for optimal safety. For information about Nassau County Traffic Safety Board’s Car Seat Safety program, call Chris Mistrion at (516) 571-7021.

And, as always, please feel free to contact my office about these or any other topics at (516) 571-6211 or dderiggiwhitton@nassaucountyny.gov.

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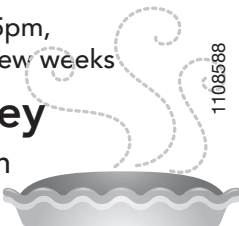
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Non-profit leaders to talk Covid-19 challenges

The impacts of the coronavirus pandemic have been widespread. Like businesses and schools, non-profit organizations too have faced major challenges and needed to adapt during these times.

RichnerLive, a division of Richner Communications, which publishes Herald Community Newspapers, will host its "Not-For-Profit Summit: Covid-19 and Beyond," a special, one and a half-hour webinar featuring leaders in the non-profit industry, on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.

In many cases, these past few months have created a greater need among the populations that non-profit organizations serve — for child care, for food, for financial assistance — while the non-profits themselves are also dealing with limited resources.

From creating new fundraising methods to keeping the people they serve engaged in different ways, this conversation will focus on how not-for-profits have overcome tough times in recent months. Every non-profit is struggling in some way, and this discussion will guide viewers on:

- Financial sustainability
- Fundraising
- Program operations
- Board engagement and growth

The morning's keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey L. Reynolds, president and CEO

of Family & Children's Association. Reynolds also served five years as executive director of the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, where he launched programs helping vulnerable youth populations. He also currently serves on several drug task forces, including Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Heroin Prevention Task Force.

Other panelists will include:

- Paule Pachter, CEO of Long Island Cares
- Andrea Rieger, CFO of Variety Child Learning Center
- David Rottkamp, CPA partner and not-for-profit practice leader of Grassi Advisors & Accountants
- Jennifer L. Smith, community development officer, Investors Bank

Skye Ostreicher, of RichnerLive and Herald Community Newspapers, will facilitate the discussion among the non-profit experts and deliver questions from event participants.

To register, visit liherald.com/notforprofit. 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.

NEWS BRIEF

Glen Cove Downtown BID honors veterans

This Veteran's Day will mark the continuation of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's program "We Honor Our Veterans."

The program was created so that active soldiers and veterans have a clear indication as to which businesses offer a discount to those that are serving or have served in the U.S. military. Each participating business in the downtown area has a decal stating "We Honor Our Veterans Here" displayed so that the soldiers and veterans know to ask for the discounts that are offered.

When Glen Cove's director of Veteran Affairs Tony Jimenez first contacted Patricia Holman, the director of the Glen Cove Downtown BID, about organizing a downtown wide business discount she was eager to get started on the program.

"I am very grateful for all that sacrifice to serve and all who have served," she said. "I am honored to present this program to our military and veterans with hope that they know they are always in our thoughts that we are supportive of their efforts and are thankful."

Holman added that she was pleased to see that many businesses display the decal.

Along with the decal, there is a page on the Glen Cove Downtown BID's website, www.GlenCoveDowntown.org, that lists



Courtesy Glen Cove Downtown BID

THIS VETERAN'S DAY will mark the continuation of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's program "We Honor Our Veterans."

participating businesses. To date there are 35 downtown businesses participating in this program. One of the businesses, Glen Floors, is offering 10 percent off materials. YouOffice is offering 50 percent off a private office suite rental.

"It is important to us at Glen Floors that we express our appreciation to the men and women who give their lives in service for our country, selflessly and tirelessly, in order to insure and protect our freedom," said Lou-Ann Thompson of Glen Floors and the vice president of the Glen Cove Downtown BID. "By our giving a little in return, we hope that it will be an example of our sincere gratitude and respect."

HERALD SPORTS

POPS softball perseveres amid pandemic

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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Just like every sports organization at every level, 2020 brought unprecedented challenges for POPS 40 & Over Softball, which recently completed its 22nd year on the South Shore of Nassau County.

"We're thrilled to say we played a whole season without any member testing positive for the virus," said POPS founder and commissioner Keith Pastuch, a retired chiropractor who resides in East Atlantic Beach. "It took a lot of work to pull it off, and this was the most rewarding year out of the 22."

POPS traditionally conducts two seasons each year from early May through late August, but had to eliminate fall ball for 2020 after Covid-19 forced its spring/summer schedule to be delayed by more than two months. "The thanks and appreciation I've received from players and their wives and family members has been incredible," Pastuch said. "Probably the one thing everyone missed was the camaraderie after games. We had to ask guys not to hang out in the parking lot or stick around to watch other games after they played."

POPS, which had 400 players this year, down from the usual 550, not only followed New York State Department of Health guidelines for Covid-19, but also took additional precautions to keep everyone safe, Pastuch noted. "Because we're dealing with older players, we were advised to have everyone wear a mask in the dugout areas," he said. "Because of guidelines, catchers wore masks during games, as well as the first- and third-base coaches and the umpires."

Similar to youth organizations, POPS players were not permitted to share equipment or drink bottles, or celebrate with the usual high-five or fist bump. Postgame handshakes were replaced by the tip of a cap.

One unexpected hurdle to get the season off the ground, Pastuch said, was securing enough field permits. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, some familiar fields were not available or only available through the end of August. Because of this year's delay, fields were needed until mid-October to get a 12-game regular season in, plus playoffs. "It came down to the wire in terms of getting enough permits," Pastuch said.

When the action finally began July 13, players took the field with heavy hearts. A beloved member of the POPS family, longtime director Bob Lashinsky, lost his battle with Covid-19 in March. Pastuch organized a drive-by past Lashinsky's Bellmore home to



Photos courtesy Keith Pastuch



TEAM PASTUCH, ABOVE, captured the 60 and older division championship in the POPS softball league, which overcame a myriad of obstacles to get a full season in.

TEAM GREGORETTI FINISHED No. 1 in the 40-plus division.

THERE WAS NO stopping Team Cohen, below, in the 50-C division.

pay respects, and nearly 100 cars took part. A scholarship, presented to a graduating high school senior related to a POPS member, was established in Lashinsky's name in honor of Bob and his father, Leo.

While there's long been a waiting list to join POPS, Pastuch said that would not be the case for 2021. With the help of six directors and seven field supervisors, he has already secured additional weeknights at various fields to accommodate more games. For more information, visit www.popsoftball.com.



HERALD NEIGHBORS

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2020 HOWL-O-WEEN WINNER FUNNIEST

Photos courtesy City of Glen Cove Office of the Mayor
MAX, DRESSED AS a “bad pet who didn’t social distance and chewed his mask.”



2020 HOWL-O-WEEN WINNER SCARIEST

MISTY DRESSED AS the devil.



2020 HOWL-O-WEEN WINNER BEST SUPERHERO **LOLA**

LOLA WAS SUPERMAN for the day.



JILLIAN KUTI'S PET was “the evil spore Covid-19.”

G.C. dogs impress at Canine Costume Contest

Many pups entered the Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Contest but only five could take home the prize. This year’s event was held digitally amid Covid-19, replacing the traditional Glen Cove Howl’oween parade.

The funniest dog was Doreen Grella’s Max, “a bad pet who didn’t social distance and chewed his mask.” The best superhero was Yajhayra Reyes’s, Lola, dressed as Superman. Joanne Yee’s Misty won as the scariest dog dressed as the devil. The

most creative dog was Jillian Kuti’s pet, who dressed as “The evil spore, Covid-19.”

The best owner and pet combo were dogs George and Gracie dressed as Bat-

man and Robin with their owners Councilwoman Dr. Eve Lupenko-Ferrante, dressed as Wonder Woman, and John Ferrante, dressed as Superman.



DOG'S GEORGE AND Gracie dressed as Robin and Batman with their owners Councilwoman Dr. Eve Lupenko-Ferrante and John Ferrante.

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Herald Inside LI focuses on development

By **BRIANA BONFIGLIO**

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Panelists from several different sectors involved in commercial real estate offered a positive outlook on Nassau County's economic development during the latest Herald Inside LI webinar on Oct. 29.

Financial, legal, government and development professionals engaged in discussion about current projects and how the coronavirus pandemic has impacted their work. Those speakers were Michael Maturo, president of RXR Realty; John S. Madigan, senior vice president and director of Emerging Corporates-Long Island, Citi Commercial Bank; Kyle Strober, executive director at Association for a Better Long Island; Sophia A. Perna-Plank, associate at Jaspan Schlesinger LLP; Harry Coghlan, CEO and executive director of Nassau County Industrial Development Agency and Tom Pistore, president of commercial operations for UBS Arena at Belmont Park.

Skye Ostreicher, of Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLive, moderated the discussion. RichnerLive produced the webinar and started the Herald Inside LI series in August to spark conversations about how the Covid-19 crisis has impacted life on Long Island. In this webinar, the big questions were: How has commercial real estate been impacted, and what does this mean for Nassau's economy?

One of the newest commercial projects in the works is the UBS Arena at Belmont Park, being built on Hempstead Turnpike in Elmont, which will open with the Islanders 2021-22 hockey season.

Pistore said he sees the project as a "beacon in the community" during this dark time — it will create 10,000 construction jobs, 3,000 permanent jobs and build a new railroad in Elmont, he said. He noted that the build is following the "three S's" — sanitization, security and sustainability. He also said that developers are working closely with partners, such as Northwell Health, to create a diversity and inclusion plan to ensure the community benefits from the project.

"There's a lot of darkness right now — a lot of uncertainty, a lot of anxiety," Pistore said. "The construction continues; we are on track. We're making great strides

with our Islanders fans. We're making great strides with our premium fans, with our music lineup that's about to be announced, with our partner UBS, which is our naming partner; and Northwell."

Maturo, whose company is developing the Nassau HUB near Nassau Coliseum, noted that before the pandemic, there was a real interest in creating vibrant, walkable downtowns on Long Island. While this still stands, there are now many more factors involved, including people staying home more than they used to. People are also working from home — Maturo said his commercial office buildings are only 10 to 12 percent occupied at this time — and there is an influx of people moving from the city to the suburbs.

Taking all of this into account, Maturo said he believes that post-pandemic, once there is a vaccine, "there's going to be an explosion in activity," he said. "There will be greater connectivity, both literally in terms of how we move between the city and the suburbs, but more so how the suburbs collaborate and integrate with the city in terms of economic activity."

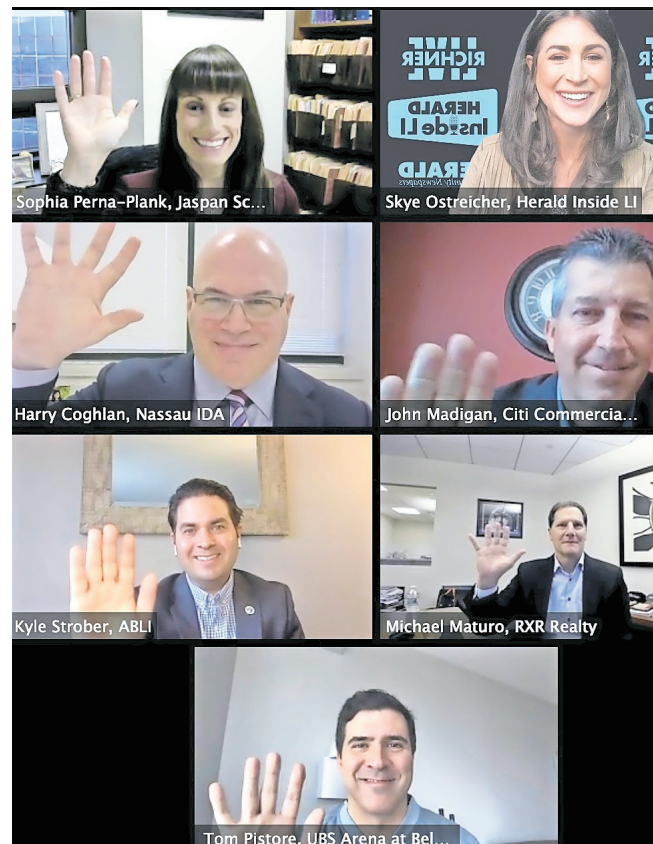
Maturo advocated for more public transportation in Nassau County's future, which he hopes to integrate into the Nassau HUB, a multi-use, village-style development.

The pandemic has also brought new companies leasing office buildings on Long Island — as residential real estate has climbed, so has commercial, in markets such as offices and rental buildings.

"We are seeing a lot of our clients, especially from Brooklyn or Queens, are looking to move their facilities out to Long Island," Madigan said, "so a lot of commercial real estate requests we're getting right now are companies looking to move out here. Long Island is definitely benefiting."

Strober added that eventually people will return to their offices, and that will be a plus, as well. He did warn, however, that the economy may need another boost well before things start returning to normal.

"The federal government shot the economy in the arm," he said, referring to the CARES Act, which offered loans to businesses across the country, as well as stimulus checks and unemployment benefits that allowed people to spend their dollars,



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP right: Moderator Skye Ostreicher; John S. Madigan, senior vice president and director of Emerging Corporates-Long Island, Citi Commercial Bank; Michael Maturo, president of RXR Realty; Tom Pistore, president of commercial operations for UBS Arena at Belmont Park; Kyle Strober, executive director at Association for a Better Long Island; Harry Coghlan, CEO and executive director of Nassau County Industrial Development Agency; and Sophia A. Perna-Plank, associate at Jaspan Schlesinger LLP, discussed economic development on Long Island during a Herald Inside LI webinar on Oct. 29.

"and slowly we're going to be weaning off that high and we're going to need another shot."

Perna-Plank said she represents several big-box clients filing for bankruptcy, such as retailer Pier 1, which recently closed all its brick-and-mortar locations. This puts landlords in a situation in which they need to fill large spaces with new leases.

"Our landlords have to get creative," she said. "They have to start breaking up these large leasable areas. If they have a store that's 5,000 square feet, they're going to have to do some work and chop those up so that they can start filling those spaces."

As businesses struggle during the pandemic, Perna-Plank also said landlords are working with their tenants to negotiate plans for rent payments.

Coghlan also spoke about his role in aiding businesses that want to open and thrive in Nassau County, such as offering several different types of tax incentives. The Nassau County IDA is one of 109 IDAs

in New York and one of eight on Long Island. Its programs help Nassau County's economy remain competitive with surrounding regions, the panelists said.

"We address the affordability," Coghlan said. "There's a lot of discussion about PILOT programs and things we do... We're not giving corporate welfare; we're not destroying the tax base of Long Island. It's frustrating when we work hard on a great project and you just see 'tax breaks' in the headline ...

"I look at it as tax creation," he continued. "We're not going to do anything that's going to destroy the tax base. We're only seeking to grow it, which will offset the burden on our residents as we're working with manufacturing companies and wholesale companies who move here."

RXR Realty, Citibank and Jaspan Schlesinger LLP sponsored the webinar. Herald Inside LI is a weekly webinar series. To view a recording of this webinar and to register for future ones, visit liherald.com/insideli.

Webinar to discuss youth mental health

In recent years, local school districts have placed greater emphasis on mental health improvement initiatives and support systems for students. Now, amid the Covid-19 crisis and a rapidly changing world as we head into the holiday season, students may need those resources more than ever.

During the next Herald Inside LI webinar on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m., school officials and behavioral specialists, as well as a local elected official working closely on the issue, will discuss how school-aged children have been impacted by the pandemic and what solutions Long

Island has available to it. Panelists will include:

- Dr. Vera Feuer, child and adolescent psychiatrist, Northwell Health
- Dr. William B. Johnson, state monitor of Hempstead School District and former superintendent of Rockville Centre School District
- State Sen. Todd Kaminsky
- Dr. Jeffrey L. Reynolds, president and CEO of Family & Children's Association
- Dr. Charles Schleien, chair of pediat-

ric services at Northwell Health

Skye Ostreicher, of RichnerLive and Herald Community Newspapers, will moderate the conversation and deliver questions from viewers. The webinar will also touch upon Northwell's partnership with several Nassau County school districts to provide mental health services at Cohen Children's Behavioral Health Center on Merrick Road in Rockville Centre, as well as FCA's partnership with the North Shore and Great Neck school districts.

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Communications, which publishes Herald Community Newspapers, launched the Herald Inside LI webinar series in August to speak with leaders on a weekly basis about issues impacting Long Island communities, especially during the pandemic. To register for "Mental Health: Coping for Kids," visit liherald.com/mentalhealth.

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G.C. resident named VFW's Veterans Day honoree

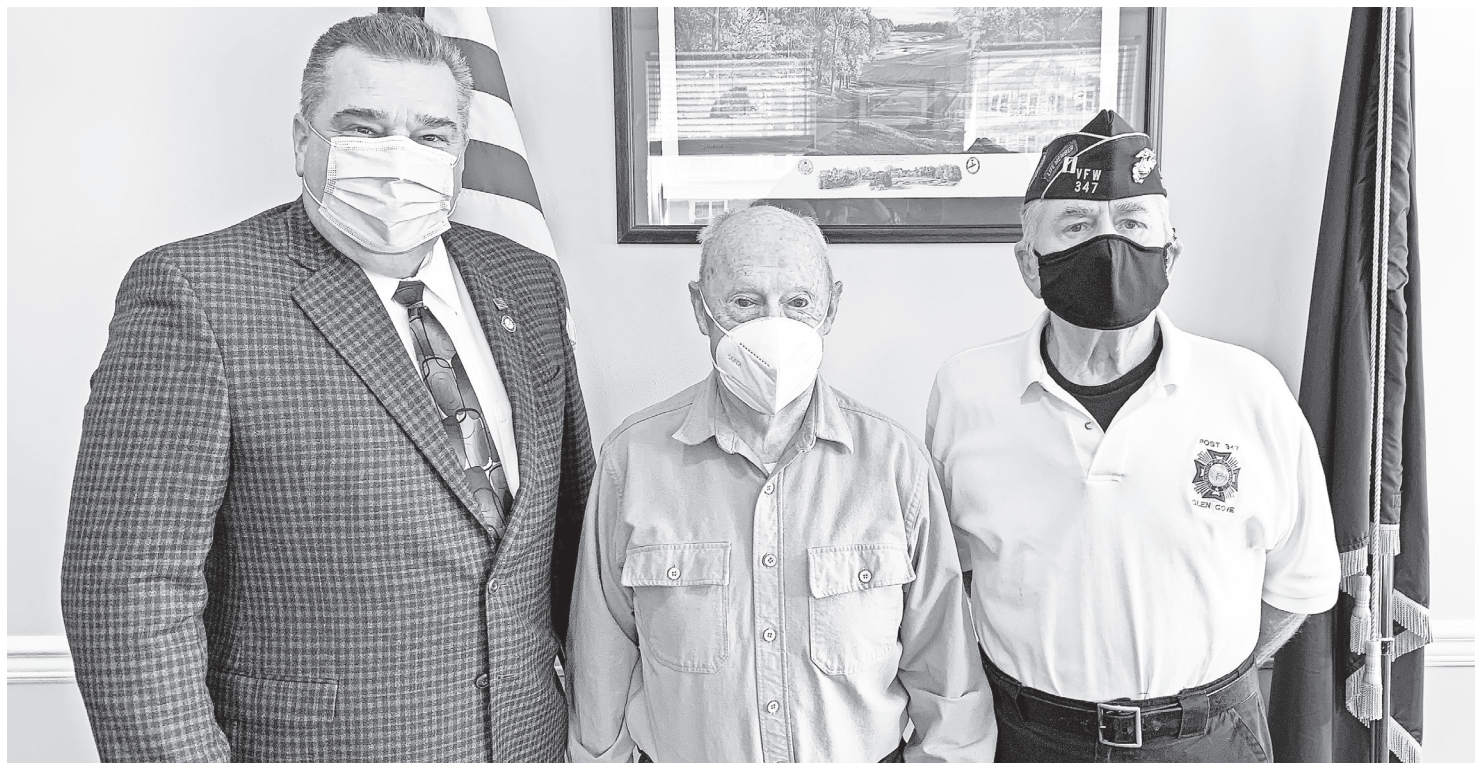
Don Doran, a lifetime resident of Glen Cove, with the exception for two years at Fort Bragg, N.C. and four years in Los Angeles, Calif, has been named this year's Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 347 Veterans Day honoree.

"It was an honor to select to Donald Doran to be this year's Veterans Day honoree," Henryk Nowicki, the commander of VFW Post 347, said. "For an 85 year old, he is in better shape than most people I know. He is at the city golf course every chance he has."

Doran was born in his home on Woolsey Avenue, the fifth child of eight children. In his youth, he worked as a caddy, delivered newspapers, played baseball; football, tennis and he learned to play golf. After graduating high school in 1954, he volunteered for the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Artillery Battalion, serving until 1956. His youngest brother also served in the 82nd Airborne Division and his oldest brother served in the U.S. Navy.

He married a Glen Cove native, moved out to California and had three children, two boys and a girl. His younger daughter was a commander in the U.S. Navy. Doran spent 16 years post retirement working as a property manager in Centre Island, N.Y.

He is an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the Glen Cove Men's Golf



Courtesy City of Glen Cove Office of the Mayor

CITY OF GLEN Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, left, Donald Doran, and VFW Post 347 Commander Henryk Nowicki celebrate Doran's Veterans Day honoree status.

Club, participating in and winning as many tournaments and events as possible and he is a loyal attendee at VFW events. He is honored to be recognized this Veterans Day.

"I've known Don Doran for many years," City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said. "I am truly grateful for his service to our country and to our community. He is always in a good mood,

always ready to tell a funny joke, and always a pleasure to be around. I was thrilled to hear of the VFW's selection of Don Doran for this year's Veterans Day. I wish Don and his family all the best."



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Facebook group offers a fun Halloween

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Verene's day, they said. They wanted so badly to bring joy to children who have had to go without socialization, birthday parties and other events during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I have three kids of my own right now that are school age and it's getting to them," Glouchkov said. "The longer it goes on, it's like, 'Oh, we can't go anywhere anymore, we can't do anything.' A lot of kids around us feel the same way. So this was a really good opportunity to get out there, and they were all happy, very happy."

Hausch Jenkins noted that all of those who handed out candy were extremely careful in packaging the treats and social distancing. "On behalf of the car parade group, we were happy to be able to offer the kids in our area a safe, socially distanced way for them to still enjoy Halloween," she said. "It was amazing to see all the happy, smiling faces."

This wasn't the first time the car parade Facebook group had brought smiles to children — and the adults in their families. Since late April, car parades have become the new normal on the North Shore thanks to the group, lifting the spirits of those who have been unable to attend graduation ceremonies or hold birthday parties and other celebrations.

Hausch Jenkins founded the group in late April after speaking with her friend Lynda Hickey. They realized that there weren't as many car parades, a way to celebrate and show support during a pandemic, cruising down North Shore streets as there were in other Long Island communities. They wanted to change that.

What started as a small operation among friends has become a series of large daily events. "Some days there's



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POWER RANGER PAUL Casale; unicorn Charlotte Casale; Vivien and Alexander Cornell, dressed as Sally and Jack from "The Nightmare Before Christmas"; and troll Hanna Mecinski took part in the Halloween drive-by event.

eight [car parades]," Hausch Jenkins said. "It's just really kind of taken off. In the beginning there were a few cars, and as more and more people now have found their way to the page, they're requesting more parties and then more people are joining in."

Until the pandemic fades away and life returns to normal, the members of the Facebook group, who were once

strangers, plan to continue to bring cheer and a sense of normalcy to the community with decorated vehicles, music and car horns. "The way that New Yorkers are, we come together," Hausch Jenkins said, "and through it we make each other stronger."

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ARIANNA ROMEO, FAR left, Vera Glouchkov, Maddy Verene and Kailey Yanes Rosa dressed as horror victims for Halloween.

Halloween was spooky and fun



Courtesy Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews

CITY COUNCILMAN GAITLEY Stevenson-Mathews, above, visited Cynpra Glouchkov's house. Her son, Nicolei, was dressed as a werewolf.

KERREN VERENE, RIGHT, gave trick-or-treaters Alexander Cornell, Paul Casale and Hanna Mecinski candy bags.



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When the school closed in March, I came to the high school three to four days for three hours to give the kids their instruments and let the teachers in. I sat in a deserted building that the day before was open 24/7. The high school became a ghost town.

When we reopened on June 8, we had guidance from the state, the superintendent and assistant superintendent. In mid-June, we cleaned the high school top to bottom, every closet, every nook and cranny. We took the legs off the tables and put them in barrels in storage. There are usually at least 20 chairs in a classroom. We measured every inch of those rooms and took a light piece of wood to make sure the desks were six feet apart. Now we had 16 desks in a room. We cleaned the four floors in the building. We moved shelves that were affixed to the wall, some that were there for 25 years.

Once the kids came back, they would pick a sanitized desk guard at the beginning of the day to use all day. At the end of the day, we would put gloves on and collect the 500 desk guards and clean them with the chemical Virex, which kills Covid. It took six guys to clean the desk guards five hours each night. Then we would wipe down every desk, which took an additional 10 minutes per room. I have one guy that wipes doorknobs down all day.

It comes down to everyone chipping in. The kids wipe down their surface of their desk when they leave. And this goes on all day long. I think the district is doing well. Other districts don't do anything. In the winter, I'm hoping things will get better.

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OYSTER BAY

**DIRECTOR,
GOLD COAST LIBRARY
GLEN HEAD**



The library had been open until March 15, and we closed the building the next day to be safe. Although the building was closed, we weren't actually closed. All of our digital services were up and running, so we were making sure we were serving our collection of free books and audio books. We actually had a 70 percent increase in our digital usage while we were out.

We also did a lot of virtual programming. We were able to have cooking classes, exercise programs and story times online. Mr. V, our children's librarian, did a great job of doing quick, three-minute story times a couple of times a week that everybody was really enjoying. We saw a lot of traffic on all our channels, which was awesome.

As things moved on into June, we reopened with curbside services. The building was closed, and we didn't have any seating or computers, but we were filling requests for any type of item that we could get to people. We quarantined everything for 96 hours out of an abundance of caution, so there were no issues with touch. We reopened with browsing in August.

We were glad to be able to give people something to do while they were at home and it really seemed to raise people's spirits a lot. We feel as if the library is the center of its community, and we do everything we can to give people avenues for education and recreation in ways to improve their daily lives.

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Even since the pandemic, we've been doing a lot of disinfecting and cleaning. The job before the pandemic was pretty much the same thing, but we're doing a lot more cleaning now.

I'm in charge of helping maintaining the building. My job is to also make sure that the senior center is looking clean and spiffy and vacuumed, and the bathrooms have to be done. The biggest change is that we are required to have cleaning done around the clock while everyone is here.

The pandemic just brought more work and more cleaning. But I was OK with coming in when the pandemic started. Now we always have to wear a mask.

Outside of working at the Glen Cove Senior Center, life has been a little more different. You can't see your family as much and socialize as much as you used to.

As someone who works at the Glen Cove Senior Center, keeping it clean, I realize the importance of practicing public health guidelines such as social distancing and wearing a mask.



HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

DEBORAH ORGEL-GORDON

**GLEN HEAD
FOUNDER, NORTH SHORE BIZ
NETWORK
REGIONAL**

My main goal is to teach people the importance of shopping local and helping our local economy. Since I owned a gift shop in 2012, up to this point through all of the Gold Coast Business Association years, the focus has always been to support small business owners. The way I do that is through social media, events and spreading the word.

When North Shore Biz Network started out, we were supposed to have in-person events. That ended in March, but we've been trying to keep the momentum going. We have a monthly Zoom meeting for businesses to network. Every month, we feature a Business of the Month story, and we have also been doing contests for small business owners where we go on social media and try to get people to share the Business of the Month article with others. Then they get entered into a contest to win gift certificates for a local business. We're also working on Saturday promotion concepts for our members who are small retail business owners.

I saw how difficult it was for small business owners during that first period of time when they were closed, then being limited [as to] who can come in for a period of time. It's important for us to keep getting the word out there and encouraging people to go into these stores and support them, or we're going to have empty storefronts. I'm a small business advocate, and it always feels good to help.



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Board of Education approves district goals

At the Oct. 21 Glen Cove City School District Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Rianna presented the 2020-2021 district goals assembled by district leaders.

"I appreciate the thoughtfulness everyone brought to this," Board of Education President Monica Alexandris Miller said. "I thought it was a really good discussion."

Goal #1

The first goal outlined is to ensure that the district's instructional program meets the educational, social and emotional needs of all students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade as measured by attendance, reading and math scores on district and state administered assessments, graduation rates and college acceptance.

"We're going to be looking at attendance, and attendance going much further than just daily attendance, but participation in remote learning," Rianna said.

Rianna also noted that it hasn't been determined if New York State Regents

exams administered in January and June, as well as other state assessments are going to be altered, delayed or cancelled all together as it was last year.

As for college acceptance rates, Rianna said she also wanted to make sure the district equally supported students who decide not to go to college and enter the work force instead.

Goal #2

The second goal is to form a fiscally responsible budget for the 2021-2022 school year, as well as ensure the district is being fiscally responsible through this pandemic period.

"Obviously it is the district's fiscal responsibility to create a budget that the voters will be asked to vote on in the spring of 2021," Rianna said. "There will be a lot of pieces that we did not necessarily expect and still have questions in regards aid and what's being held back."

Rianna added that maintaining reserves to use during the budget process to offset expenses and to avoid elimination of programs and staff is a priority as well.

Goal #3

Based on identified needs of the district's facilities during the recent bond process, the third goal is to prioritize and secure essential projects and repairs within school buildings and to create safe, secure and environmentally-friendly learning environments while maintaining fiscal responsibility and health and safety obligations to the students and the community.

Rianna said the district plans to adhere to this goal by securing alternative funding sources to decrease financial impact such as grant opportunities, donations and energy performance opportunities.

"I want to say at this time as we began the school year, even before we adopted this particular goal, we have continued to work on alternative funding sources and we thank Assemblyman [Charles] Lavine who has provided us with \$250,000 in grant money towards capital projects," Rianna said.

Rianna added that the district is also

exploring the possibility of putting forward a bond or projects to be accepted by the community, "obviously, understanding the fiscal impact during this pandemic era but understanding that we do have repairs and enhancements to our current facilities to ensure the health and safety of our students and our community."

Goal #4

The fourth goal is to develop a communications plan to strengthen the relationships between the district and the every stakeholder, enhance community pride and to further expand opportunities to enhance family participation and engagement.

The district, according to the presentation, plans to meet these goals by utilizing a variety of modalities such as newsletters, texting, social media and video conferencing, increase communications in various languages to meet the needs of the community and to enhance timeliness of communication to meet the needs of a larger constituency.

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G.C. Senior Center regular Irma Berkley dies at 91

By LAURA LANE

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St. Boniface Martyr Church was struggling when Pastor, Fr. Robert A. Romeo arrived in 2007. Irma Berkley was one of the first people he met. Romeo said he admired her devotion to God and her positivity. And then there was the fact that Berkley was always smiling.

On Easter, the church was filled to capacity with a line of people snaking out the door, which was very unusual for St. Boniface. Romeo said he was overjoyed, but worried that some of the regular parishioners would be upset.

"At the end of the mass Irma walked up to me. I was like here it comes," Romeo said. "She said, 'Father I could not get a seat today and it is the first time in years. I'm so happy that so many people came.' If you meet someone you want to clone it was Irma."

Berkley, 91, of Glen Cove, died on Oct. 4, from kidney and renal failure.

She will be missed at the Glen Cove Senior Center, where she helped kickoff many of the programs. Carol Waldman, who retired in 2019 as the center's director, said Berkley helped to get the Intergenerational Program with Landing School students off the ground and was instrumental in a writing workshop for the seniors.

"She did so many things," Waldman said, about her friend of 30 years. "She helped me with Coffee and Conversation and hosted it until she couldn't do it anymore. Irma was kind, generous and thoughtful, one of those people you feel lucky to have known."

Devoted to her children, Susan Graham, William R. Berkley III, Peggy, Tish Warner and Timothy, Berkley was also committed to her husband William. When he was in a nursing center in Glen Cove toward the end of his life, Berkley drove back and forth to visit him every day until he died. A year and a half ago, Berkley moved to the Atria, an assisted living center in Glen Cove. Her daughter Tish, said the day she moved to the Atria her mother handed her the keys to the car.

Berkley was a stay at home mom when her children were young, active in her children's school. But once Timothy, the youngest child, was in elementary school Berkley began working at Cole School as a teacher's aide, working with children with disabilities. Then she worked in the Glen Cove School District.

"Many of her students she kept in touch with on Facebook," Tish said. "Even after Mom passed, we had a lot of responses on Facebook."

And she was popular among her children's friends. Susan said her mother was happy that her friends gathered at her house. "She had a knack for making us laugh so hard it hurt," Susan said. "She had a big heart. When Mom died many people called and said that Mom was there for them. We had a friend who had problems at home. My mother let him live with us."

"As a mom she was funny and made us laugh," Tish said. "I miss her voice, her hugs, her saying, 'I love you.' She was never selfish with that."

Tish said her mother taught her children the importance of family. As a result, Berkley's children are close.



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IRMA BERKLEY, WHO died at age 91, loved all of the activities at the Glen Cove Senior Center.

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MSSN poll shows reluctance for Covid-19 vaccine

Nine months into a worldwide pandemic, less than half of metro area residents said they plan to get a Covid-19 vaccine when it becomes available, according to the latest Mount Sinai South Nassau public health poll.

The poll's findings underscore concerns about the vaccine's development and lack of trust in the Food and Drug Administration's regulatory process to ensure its safety and effectiveness.

However, most area residents responded that they believe the reopening of local schools has gone well, the poll showed. Forty-one percent of those polled have school age children, and about half of them said their children returned to school at least part-time. More than 90 percent of them gave schools high marks for successfully reopening. And mask wearing in public has gained widespread acceptance, according to the poll.

Another key finding of the poll: Respondents reported high Covid-19 job losses among minorities in the area compared to whites. And only half of those over 65 who were employed before the pandemic are still working at the same job.

Only 46 percent of respondents to the poll said they would get a Covid-19 vaccine. Among those who said they would not get it, two-thirds said they believed the vaccine is being rushed, and they questioned its safety. In all, 54 percent of 600 metro area residents polled indicated they trust the FDA to impartially deter-

mine that a Covid-19 vaccine is safe and effective to release.

"We clearly have our work cut out for us in terms of educating the public on the safety of a Covid vaccine, assuming one is fully developed, tested, demonstrated to be safe and efficacious, and approved by the FDA," said Dr. Aaron Glatt, the chairman of the Department of Medicine. "The poll results show that there is significant concern about the approval process. It will be up to us in public health and in the government to make the case for a Covid vaccine once it becomes available. I have faith in the approval process being conducted by the FDA and that all the data will be analyzed by independent professionals. These professionals will be guided by the science and nothing else."

The public's desire to vaccinate for Covid-19, as well as the flu, comes at a time when their trust in government agencies is at a low point. Just 32 percent of the poll's respondents said they trust the CDC "a lot," while 44 percent said they have "some" trust.

Overall, the public has widespread acceptance of mask wearing and maintaining social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus. In all, 92 percent of poll respondents said that they either wear a mask all the time when outside the

home or when they cannot social distance.

"If together we are going to continue our rigorous recovery from the overwhelming disruption caused by the pandemic and ensure that we don't experience significant setbacks from a second wave as well as the flu season, we must remain vigilant and wear masks in public and practice social distancing," MSSN Chief Medical Officer Dr. Adhi Sharma said.



Dr. Aaron Glatt

About a month into the school year, parents and guardians with children back in school responding to the poll said the return has been successful. On a scale of 1 to 10, in which 1 means not successful and 10 means very successful, the mean score was 6.82, and 7 percent of respondents offered a score of 1 to 4.

Parents and guardians are a bit less likely to attest that their children's return to school has been safe. Using a similar scale, for which 1 means extremely unsafe and 10 means extremely safe, the mean score was 6.35, and 12 percent offered a score of 1 to 4. About half of the parents and guardians reported that at least one of their children has returned to school at least part time, with New York City households more likely to have a student back in school than Long Island households.

The poll also found that work life is still in recovery from the tumult caused by the pandemic. While three-quarters of area adults who were employed before Covid-19 are currently employed at the same job, 11 percent are at a different job and 14 percent remain unemployed. Of those who are at a different job or unemployed, 82 percent experienced a job change/loss because of the pandemic. Additionally, New York residents are more likely to have experienced a job change or lost their job than Long Island residents.

Only 18 percent of white respondents have changed or lost jobs since the pandemic started, compared to 31 percent of Black respondents, 31 percent of Hispanic respondents and 32 percent of other race respondents. Almost one in four (23 percent) of black respondents who were employed before Covid-19 are now unemployed.

The survey marked MSSN's third poll of 2020, sponsored by Bethpage, on the region's response to coronavirus. It is a survey of Long Island and New York City adult residents that aims to gather data about attitudes on key public health topics. The poll was conducted from Oct. 4 to 8 via landlines and cell phones with 600 residents in New York City and on Long Island.

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center

JIM STEVENSON-MATHEWS, LEFT, Andrea Bolender, chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center and Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews were ready to honor survivors of the Holocaust.

Holocaust survivors honored in G.C.

A line of cars, decorated with signs and balloons, drove through Glen Cove streets to honor Holocaust survivors.

Each of the participants were asked to choose a specific Holocaust survivor who they wanted to honor. Councilman Gaitley and Jim Stevenson-Mathews chose Ruth Poshner, an 87-year-old Polish Holocaust survivor who currently resides in England.

"Major accolades to Andrea Bolender, chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County and to the support staff and volunteers who

worked so hard to make this parade such a success," Stevenson-Mathews said in a statement.

Led by City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, all participants drove in a line to the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, which organized the parade, for a ceremony where Glen Cove resident and WWII Navy veteran Robert Praver was honored with a Boy Scouts knot board and official documents highlighting his dedication towards the community.

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Clearing up Covid-19 misconceptions

No doubt, understanding the coronavirus takes work. We hear a seemingly endless stream of arcane reports emanating from an alphabet soup of acronym-laden government agencies, and our heads start spinning. Then along comes a hopeful-sounding research paper, and suddenly many among us breathe a sigh of relief, believing, as President Trump would have us think, that things aren't really as bad as CNN makes them out to be and we're "rounding the corner."

Case in point: A single research paper, published online over the summer by Dr. John Ioannidis, of Stanford University, indicated the Covid-19 death rate for those under age 70 was 0.04 percent, according to the Associated Press. That figure spread rapidly on social media, and many people took it as license to carry on with business as usual.

We see this irrational fearlessness reflected in the "herd immunity" approach to the virus touted by one of Trump's top advisers, Dr. Scott Atlas, a neuroradiologist and a senior fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, a conservative think tank. Atlas, who cited the 0.04 figure in July, has suggested we should let the virus run its course among young people to build "natural immunity."

We also see it reflected in an assertion by a Herald reader who wrote last week to say the survival rate for those under age 70

was greater than 99 percent. Thus, he appeared to suggest, we should think twice about shutting down again.

Many conservatives across the country latched on to the 0.04 percent figure, and have used it — or, rather, misused it — as evidence to support a push to fully reopen the economy and end what they say are intrusive policies, such as New York's mask mandate in public spaces. The trouble is, that could lead to tens of thousands of more needless deaths, even among young people.

The 0.04 percent figure is likely accurate, but without context, it can leave the false impression that virtually no one under age 70 is dying of the coronavirus, when, in fact, tens of thousands are. At the Herald, we have written too many obituaries this year for people in the prime years of their lives cut down by this merciless virus — a firefighter EMT, a pharmacist and a philanthropist among them. You need not take our word for it, however.

National Institutes of Health statistics tell us that, among those killed by Covid-19 in the United States, 8.3 to 22.7 percent are under age 65. That is to say, of the more than 231,000 Americans who have died in the past eight months, 19,000 to 52,500 have been people under age 65. By comparison, 58,200 Americans died in the Vietnam War, which carried on for years.

When we look at Covid-19's impact in this way, we suddenly see that America's

alarmingly — and unacceptably — high death toll includes many, many younger people, and we have no idea whom the virus will take next. It is an indiscriminate killer. It infects many, but leaves some unharmed; others come down with what is essentially a bad case of the flu; and others contract pneumonia and die.

Each life lost is precious. Each life lost is irreplaceable. Amid the flurry of statistical information generated by government agencies, it is all too easy to forget the human devastation that the coronavirus has caused.

Moreover, many Covid-19 survivors under age 65 now suffer long-term symptoms, including memory loss, known as "brain fog," joint pain, high blood pressure and heart palpitations, and we cannot say for certain what their prospects are for future recovery.

Finally, we must remember that we cannot hermetically seal our elderly in virus-free bubbles. The greater the infection rate is in our larger population, the greater the chance that older adults will contract Covid-19 and die.

We must accept that the virus is with us, and we must do all we can to preserve life. We'll say it again: Wear a mask. Wash your hands often. Keep your distance. Avoid mass gatherings. Work from home if you can. Get a flu shot. And pray for a vaccine.

LETTERS

Reconsider decision to let Belyea go

To the Editor:

Every town, village, city has its own assets. It might be their school systems, restaurants, parks, beaches, recreational activities, programs for their youth, the things that make people want to settle there, or if they are absent, want to leave.

Darcy Belyea is a hometown girl. She grew up here, knows everyone, the good, the bad and the ugly. Right now, she's experiencing the best of the ugly.

She loved sports as a young person and pursued a career that would enhance that love. For 23 years in Glen Cove, she rolled up her sleeves and worked and worked to improve the responsibilities placed on her as an administrator for the Parks and Recreation Department. She has worked day and night, literally, waking at dawn, working throughout the night on proposals, making food for events during her off hours, adapting traditional programs even throughout the pandemic so the youth of



OPINIONS

How do we know what we know? Fact, faith, fear.

Thinking about allegations of “fake news,” assertions that Covid-19 is a hoax and the denial of climate change in the face of expert testimony and extreme weather events, I began to wonder: How do we know what we think we know? I thought of the biblical quote, “The truth shall make you free,” and its variants, used as a motto at a



ROBERT A. SCOTT

number of universities as a secular declaration devoid of its biblical origins.

This is a fitting slogan for universities, because they are chartered to pursue the ideal of truth in accord with facts. In fulfilling this mission, universities serve three distinct

roles. They are creators of new knowledge grounded in objective study and independent research; they are curators of what is thought, whether true or false, in books or databases; and they are critics supporting pursuit of questions that ask, “What if?” and about fairness, justice and truth.

But how do we know the truth? I think there are three ways that people claim something as true. Some seek truth

through empirical evidence that is supported by findings that can be replicated by others. This way of knowing a truth is based on trial and error and controlled experiments.

In this way, we can learn the biological origins, manifestations and consequences of disease. Medical scientists and public health experts explain what they know from objective studies. Their findings can be tested by others and reported in peer-reviewed journals in order to minimize the potential for bias to influence results.

Some others express as truth what they “know” through epiphany, or revelation. They know this truth because they believe it, often because of religious inspiration and teachings. To say that someone believes something is true without empirical evidence is not to cast doubt on their conclusion, but to clarify the process by which they determined what they consider to be true. At times, such “received wisdom” becomes an orthodoxy that brooks no challenges.

Still another expression of a truth is based on emotion, including fear and prejudice. These irrational “truths” can be the foundation of hate and discrimina-

tion. When President Trump claimed that Mexican immigrants were “murderers and rapists” he was expressing a prejudice, making an emotional claim, a fear of the “other,” not a fact supported by evidence. His claim was true only as an opinion grounded in bias.

We must stand against fear-mongering and lies about public health measures.

I think that each way of knowing — fact, faith and fear — must be acknowledged. We also must understand that we cannot argue against an expression of truth held by belief or bias by relying on empirical evidence alone. Beliefs and biases are not susceptible to reason — but they can be the subject of ethical analysis.

We must take a stand against fear-mongering, racist rants and lies about public health measures. We must expose the nature and character of the assertions made or the actions taken. As the late Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis said, “Sunlight is the best disinfectant,” so we must expose falsehoods and discrimination for what they are.

Someone might assert that climate change isn’t occurring or isn’t caused by human behavior, but that shouldn’t stand in the way of taking steps to mitigate climate disasters. Someone else might assert

that wearing masks and social distancing are denials of individual liberty. But such an opinion doesn’t give that person license to deny the rights of others who seek protection from a deadly virus.

One can argue with the scientists about how to behave during the pandemic, and the extent to which human behavior is threatening our planet, but we must do so with facts, not opinions based on emotion or epiphany.

By emphasizing the importance of facts, we may offend others who “know” a truth through another means. But they must honor our path to truth just as we must respect their right to an opinion. Indeed, the very foundation of democracy requires civility, the willingness to listen to alternative views. But we shouldn’t allow opinions to negate facts and prejudice to deny freedoms.

So let’s acknowledge that there are different paths to what we consider truth, some based on empirical evidence, some based on emotion or bias, and some based on belief. Further, let’s agree that each of us can hold our position without denigrating a way of knowing expressed by another, unless that belief or bias endangers others and curtails *their* legal rights. We can disagree without being disagreeable.

Dr. Robert S. Scott is president emeritus of Adelphi University.

LETTERS

Glen Cove would not feel left out. Why did she take on these extra responsibilities? She did them because she loves her job, Glen Cove and the youth of the city. She is the diamond that sparkles and makes Glen Cove so much more than just a place to live. She listens to what is lacking and what needs to be improved. A perfect example of that is the accessible ramp that she had placed at Pryibil’s Beach, so that those with mobility impairments could still enjoy the area. She listened to her two physically challenged friends when they told her of the importance of “access for all.”

I first met Belyea when I volunteered to coach pre-K and kindergarten basketball in Glen Cove. I am in a wheelchair and retired from playing wheelchair basketball after a 35-year career. I love children. My wife and I had just purchased a home in the area, and I wanted to share my basketball skills with children, and I became friends and she listened to what my assets were and invited me to become a member of Glen Cove’s Recre-

ation Commission. She was instrumental in submitting my name to Glen Cove’s Sports Hall of Fame, perhaps as the very first mobility-impaired person to be selected.

I have worked alongside Belyea on many projects and she listened with an open mind regarding any suggestions I offered her. I know how important sports are to the development of character in a young person. They make friends, they travel, they learn right from wrong, which they learn from their parents, but also from their coaches. Belyea is a life coach and mentor. She is dedicated, respectful and respected.

I urge the mayor and City Council to immediately reconsider laying off Belyea as the Parks and Recreations Department head.

MICHAEL ZANGARI
Former Glen Cove City Councilman

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FRAMEWORK by Christina Daly



Vivid evening colors — now an hour earlier — at Theodore Roosevelt Park — Oyster Bay

OPINIONS

The 2020 election: win or lose?

By the time you read this, the 2020 presidential election will either be over or not. There will be a clear winner, or there won't. The Herald properly advised its columnists that we couldn't endorse presidential candidates, because we don't speak for the newspaper. But I can tell you how I think the candidates' policies and personal character stacked up.



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Donald Trump was *not* an accidental president. He didn't win the White House in 2016 in a fluke, or because Hillary Clinton was a more flawed candidate who ran a weak campaign. He won because he tapped into the

valid concerns of Americans — both die-hard Republicans and disaffected Democrats — about the future of the country.

These Americans decried the flood of good jobs out of the country in the name of "free trade" and "globalization." They understood that the unchecked flood of illegal immigrants into the country further threatened good-paying jobs here with cheap labor. They were weary of exorbitantly expensive foreign wars, with

lost American lives and floods of dollars that went to fight them instead of helping rebuild America. They wanted to see America put first, not last.

Trump merely distilled these legitimate concerns into that "America First" campaign. Americans responded to his straightforward pledge to Make America Great Again. This may have surprised and dismayed some of the media and academic elites who live lives far removed from the American mainstream, but it didn't surprise me, because I've lived my whole life in that mainstream.

As president, Trump largely kept his promise to restore American peace and prosperity. He ended foreign wars and avoided new wars. He grew the economy and jobs with lower taxes and less regulation. He nominated conservative judges he said he'd nominate. He kept his word.

Then Covid-19 struck, and Trump was swept up in his own flaws. He couldn't concentrate long enough to see the huge threat the virus posed. He couldn't overcome his know-it-all attitude to let Mike Pence and an able Coronavirus Task Force do its job. He just had to run the task force's press briefings himself, dig-

ging ever deeper holes for himself. It was as if FDR had tried to one-up Eisenhower by announcing D-Day the day before the troops hit the beach.

So if Trump has lost, or loses, his re-election bid, it won't be because the old elites hate him, though they do. It will be because he just couldn't help himself, and talked his way out of the presidency. It won't be because of *fake* news, but because of his flawed penchant to *make* news. He'll have only himself and no one else to blame.

And what about Joe Biden? Full disclosure here: Biden is an old and dear friend of mine. I've known him for 40 years, and I believe he's a decent and honorable man. I also know he's not a left-wing ideologue who is hankering to impose a socialist revolution on America. Biden, like me, has lived his life in the American mainstream, and by nature he's not inclined to swim out of it.

Joe's problem, if he has, or does, become president, will be with the same left-wing elites who have battled Trump. If he's real lucky, the GOP will retain control of the Senate, so he'll have a handy foil for not pursuing the left's most radical agenda. But if he sweeps into office with

both Houses of Congress in Democratic control, he'll be hard-pressed to hold back the legislative floodgates.

If a President Biden and a compliant Congress impose steep new taxes and regulations in the midst of a fragile economic recovery, that recovery could collapse. If he jumps back into the globalized free-trade mishmash, more U.S. jobs will hemorrhage out of the country. If he rejoins the deeply flawed Paris Agreement on climate change that imposed heavy burdens on the U.S. — while giving competitors like China and India a pass — more jobs still will flow out. If Biden accedes to the wild-eyed demands of enviro-extremists to dismantle America's oil and gas industries, he could destroy America's hard-won energy independence and further stifle any economic recovery.

What Biden would have to do to have a successful presidency is follow his own conscience and his own path. He would have to bang heads with the radicals in his own party. He would have to disappoint the same elites that cheered on his candidacy. He would have to lead, not follow.

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I'm smitten with Smitten and coveting Envy

My go-to source of comfort at this time of year is apples, particularly apples born and bred in New York state.

One of the sweetest compensations for the end of summer and the turn toward winter is the homey apple. It's sad to say goodbye to cherries and peaches and plums, but apples take center stage in October and they hang on well into winter. Under the right conditions, apples can be stored for five to six months. Try that with a peach.



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Plums, peaches and cherries don't have the same cultural and mythological powers as apples. Eve didn't pick a plum in the Garden of Eden. The Evil Stepmother didn't offer Snow White a peach.

Apples have cachet. It is said that Alexander the Great enjoyed dwarf apples in Macedonia in 300 B.C. Today there are some 7,500 different cultivars, with qualities ranging from tooth-aching sweetness to mouth-puckering tartness. The most expensive apple you can buy is the Sekai Ichi, grown in Japan. They go

for around \$21 each. Do not use for baking.

Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has developed dozens of apple varieties, including the popular Cortland, Macoun, Empire and Jonagold. It leads the search for fruit that is delicious, offers crunch, has eye appeal, is disease-resistant and is blessed with a long shelf life. In recent years, horticulture professor Susan Brown led the breeding program for SnapDragon and RubyFrost at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in upstate Geneva. Her past varieties include Fortune and Autumn Crisp.

SnapDragon is an offspring of Honeycrisp and an unnamed apple in Cornell's breeding program that is described as similar to Jonagold. I haven't found one yet in stores, but they are said to be sublime in their appleness.

Forgive me if I indulge the memory of apple picking every autumn through the 1980s, when my kids were growing up. If I breathe deeply enough, I can still smell the baskets of apples in the back seat on the way home, and the scent of sugary fried doughnuts, always part of the outing. It was one of those activities actual-

ly as good as you expected it to be. The picnic lunch, the freedom of running through the orchards, the climbing and collecting, and then the eating and baking and cooking apple sauce comprised a perfect day. Even the bee stings and poison ivy were worth it.

Many self-picking orchards are still open for business and observing Covid-19 precautions.

My personal apple favorites are Pink Lady, Macoun and Honeycrisp. If I'm looking for an import, then Envy is it, from New Zealand. New York McIntosh are perfect if you're in a slightly tart mood, and Rome and Cortlands head my list for baking.

Apparently there was a juicy apple scandal that rocked the horticulture world some years back. When the succulent Honeycrisp made its debut following a romantic propagation at the University of Minnesota, it was said to be a blend of the Macoun and the Honeygold. But someone who apparently had way too much time on his hands questioned the new apple's paternity, conducted genetic fingerprinting and discovered that the Keepsake, not the Honeygold, was the father. Great embarrassment ensued in the world of apple cross-cultivation. I

It's apple season, and here's my advice: Don't use the Sekai Ichi for baking.

don't know if anyone ever conclusively proved who grafted to whom and how.

Apples are the main event in crisps, cakes, pancakes, cobblers and stove-top compotes. They are the crowning glory of muffins and cupcakes and cookies. We associate apples with holidays, the Jewish New Year (apples and honey) and Halloween. If you have young teeth, think apple jelly. In my home, from October to May, there is always a bowl of apple compote in the refrigerator that we enjoy with cereals, yogurt and especially ice cream.

Recently I tried a Smitten apple, whose rich parentage includes Gala, Braeburn, Falstaff and Fiesta breeding lines. It's a keeper.

Apples have always been associated with knowledge, immortality, temptation, sex and yes, sin. Of course, today we have to think about the *other* Apple. Why did Steve Jobs decide to call his company Apple? According to the Walter Isaacson bio, Jobs said he thought of the name while he was on an all-fruit diet. He thought it sounded "fun, spirited and not intimidating." I guess he was on to something.

And now I understand why my Mac is called a Mac.

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LETTERS

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We all love Belyea

To the Editor:

I am fortunate to have made a friendship with Darcy Belyea. I submitted my husband, Michael, who uses a wheelchair and retired from playing wheelchair basketball after a 35-year career as a potential Hall of Fame candidate several times to Belyea. I was persistent, and so was she.

She had little knowledge about adaptive sports, but she was a fast learner. She was more than willing to submit my husband's name to the committee that might move forward to honor my husband's many years of playing wheelchair basketball. My grandsons eventually met Belyea through their involvement with Glen Cove's summer camp and grew to love her. She is and will always be their Miss Darcy. She loves them as if they are family, and they have hopes of even working as camp counselors some day in the future.

At some point Belyea needed help with the Facebook page for Gold Coast Little League, and I volunteered immediately. I was retired. I took on the job as a co-administrator of that Facebook page and hopefully allowed her to focus on other projects that she was responsible for. It is my pleasure to continue to have my hands involved with that Facebook page.

I urge the mayor and the City Council to get their act together and keep our Darcy as the head of the Parks and Recreation Department. Glen Cove will not sparkle without her. There will be no glow left.

JANICE ZANGARI
Glen Cove

Stop hiding behind Covid-19

To the Editor:

We have reached a point in time when the current format in running City Council meetings and keeping the public out has become a disgrace. We are past the point when council members can continue to use Covid-19 as an excuse to make sure that the voice of the public is muted through the continued methods of confusing video meetings and conference calls that are delayed, with an extra dose of noise from feedback.

The Oct. 13 meeting was a deliberate effort to confuse the public with a slide show that nobody else could see and a conference call that was riddled with delay and noise that made it impossible to follow what was being said. This has become nothing more than a convenient method for the City Council to ram through legislation and not have to face the public. It is time they have the courage to face the public on their governance policies.

They were all quick to promote hundreds showing up for their Census 2020 events that they all attended and spread

pictures of themselves over social media, yet they continue to deny the people of Glen Cove the forum to address their grievances to their elected officials.

I have attended several meetings of different organizations over the past several months that all had more attendees than a Glen Cove City Council meeting has ever had. Social distancing was achieved without a problem. The Town of Oyster Bay holds public meetings. At this point, one can only conclude that council members lack the will and courage to face their constituents. They have all failed to look into any other venue that could hold a public meeting safely. They should stop hiding behind Covid-19 and face their constituents. They should arrange their meetings so members of the public can attend and be heard without the use of electronic confusion. Enough is enough.

BRIAN F. PEMBERTON
Glen Cove

Yes, the mayor needs an SUV

To the Editor:

In response to the "Does the mayor really need an SUV?" [Oct. 29-Nov. 4], I have witnessed many times during hurricanes, winter storms, rescue calls and house fires during extreme weather conditions that the mayor is there to support emergency responders and families during desperate times 24-7. So, to answer your question, yes he does need an SUV.

MIKE CAPOBIANCO
Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department

Decries layoffs, tax hike

To the Editor:

Shame on Mayor Tim Tenke and the five members of the City Council for implementing layoffs and a massive tax increase, which blew away the state tax cap. Once again blaming the prior administration and not taking responsibility, Tenke claimed that it takes strength and financial understanding to make the right decisions. Did he show toughness by laying off city laborers, clerks and the parks and recreation director? Did he show financial understanding by driving around in an expensive city-owned SUV? Has he taken a pay cut in his salary?

And does Tenke's financial literacy also include stymieing the development of the Villas project?

At least council members Marsha Silverman and Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews had the courage to vote against this arbitrary and capricious budget. When Silverman pointed out that there were tens of thousands of dollars that could be saved other than layoffs, she was silenced. A true slap in the face to our city employees and residents. It will not go unnoticed.

KENNETH GUTWEIN
Glen Cove

Cut salaries before jobs

To the Editor:

I was horrified reading about employee cuts that Mayor Timothy Tenke made in order to pass the Glen Cove City budget. During the months from April until now, beautiful signs were placed all over Glen Cove thanking essential workers for their heroic work during the coronavirus pandemic.

Now he cut the job of an essential sanitation worker who cleaned and carried away our garbage and trash all through the worst of this pandemic.

What was Tenke thinking? Why not cut his salary and the salary of a few of his assistants in order to save the job of this essential worker? What the mayor did is disgraceful and shameful. It certainly is not a thank-you to the essential worker who lost his job and the benefits that went with it.

MONA LONDON
Glen Cove

I miss so much

To the editor

They say that every road you travel will lead you to a new path in your life. Well here I sit, waiting to see where this road will lead me. Right now, I find myself a healthy young 79-year-old senior, one who is spending too much time in her home alone with a mask ready for use and waiting for family or friends to come and visit. Boy, do I miss those hugs and kisses I use to get! I find myself eating when I am not hungry and falling asleep when I don't want to.

So far, I have been lucky to have lived my life with the freedom to come, go and do as I wanted and with the knowledge that a strong government was always there to protect me. I now feel all of this is slipping away and that my children and grandchildren will not experience the joy I had of freedom, nor the feeling of a strong government behind them, a chance to enjoy their lives as I have mine. How did all this happen?

AUDREY CUPOLO
East Norwich

Is our freedom vanishing?

To the Editor

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AUDREY CUPOLO
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Follow the directions

To the Editor:

Voters whose absentee ballots are being rejected because they inadvertently forgot to sign, date or enclose their ballots into the inner envelope that needed to be sealed should apologize to their elementary school teachers, who taught them to read and follow directions carefully.

All of the absentee ballots came with clear and detailed directions on both the inner and outer mailing envelopes. Did these citizen-voter "rejectees" not consider their votes important enough to spend a few minutes reading and following these few directions, which is one aspect of responsible citizenship?

This retired third- and fourth- grade teacher is disappointed by the possibility that my former students may have had their election ballots rejected.

RICHARD SIEGELMAN
Plainview

At last, the election is over

To the Editor:

Election Day has come and gone. This reminds me of "The Outer Limits," the 1960s television show. With the end of around-the-clock commercials by politicians, political parties, political action groups and pay-for-play special-interest groups, we now return control of your television back to you — until the next election cycle.

No more candidates' campaign mailings clogging our mailboxes and weighing down our hard-working postal employees. Finally, some peace and quiet! Now, if only all the winning and losing candidates would pick up all the thousands of campaign signs that litter our roads and highways to help clean up our environment. They could use leftover campaign funds to hire either the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts to collect the litter. They could pay our young people a nominal fee, which I'm sure would be appreciated.

LARRY PENNER
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