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MATTHEW MORALES, LEFT, James G. Morales, Stevie Mackey and Geo Ponce were all key players on "The Most Wonderful Time" Christmas album, which has had almost one million streams.

Brothers from Glen Cove release Christmas album

By JENNIFER CORR

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A week after the release of the album "The Most Wonderful Time," brothers Matthew and James G. Morales reflected on the impact their education in Glen Cove schools had on them as musicians.

City Councilman Rocco Totino grew up with Matthew, and played trumpet with him in the Glen Cove High School jazz band. "We haven't seen each other in a while, but we keep in touch on social media," Totino said. "It's cool that we get to converse via social media and we get to see how our careers are going as well."

At the time, the jazz band was directed by music teacher

Richard Roselli, who, Matthew said, encouraged the Moraleses to study at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

"I'm really thankful for the music education we got to have in Glen Cove," James said. "I had some of the greatest music teachers in the world. I still think about them all the time. All of them just CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Villa project approved by Planning Board

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DANIEL

By JENNIFER CORR

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The Glen Cove Planning Board voted 4-2 during a Nov. 21 virtual meeting to approve the Livingston Development Corp.'s proposal to change the 176unit Villa at Glen Cove from condominiums to rental units. Board members Carolyne Diligard Clark and John Maccarone voted against the measure.

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The approval comes after the planning board

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President, Livingston

Development Corp.

requested several conditions and changes in the project from Daniel Livingston, president of Livingston Development Corp.: the elimination of a communal area

planned for the roof of one of the development's six buildings; a completion bond to ensure that Livingston begins work on the project within a year; a sign prohibiting right turns at the development's exit on Craft Avenue; and the prohibition of amplified music.

Livingston also agreed to forgo the use of pile driving in the development, on Glen Cove Avenue.

"This project has been going on for as long as I've lived in

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OUR COVID-19 TRACKER

With the Covid-19 test positivity rate rising across the country, the Herald is adding a weekly coronavirus tracker to the upper-left corner of our front page to help you gauge what's happening in your area from week to week. The number is an aggregate of the communities that this newspaper covers. Data is obtained from the Nassau County Covid-19 Dashboard, which provides the total number of cases reported in an area since the start of the pandemic, and is updated regularly.

NORTHWELL'S VICE CHAIR of Plastic Surgery Dr. Mark Smith cared for a patient.



Courtesy Northwell He

NEWS BRIEF

Glen Cove Hospital opens breast surgery center of excellence

To further expand the number of highquality health services available to residents of Glen Cove and its surrounding villages, Glen Cove Hospital has created a center of excellence in breast surgery featuring Northwell Health's leading breast and plastic surgeons.

Esteemed Northwell Plastic Surgeon Dr. Mark Smith, vice chair of the service line, is among a dozen expert breast and plastic surgeons who will perform procedures including mastectomies, lumpectomies, breast reconstruction, breast reduction and deep inferior epigastric perforator flap surgeries at Glen Cove Hospital's new center of breast surgical excellence.

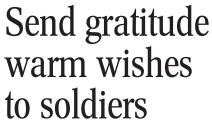
"Northwell Health is bringing worldclass breast surgical care to Glen Cove and surrounding communities," Kerri Scanlon, and RN and executive director of Glen Cove Hospital said. "We are confident that this center will become one of the premiere breast surgical centers on Long Island."

Following surgery, patients will recover in a specially designated suite unit. The center's staff includes a nurse navigator, Doreen Mather and a registered nurse, who will help patients and their families from their initial diagnosis to their treatment plan providing information and emotional support.

"At Glen Cove, highly-skilled surgeons are teaming with an experienced nurse navigator to help patients cope with the complexities of the health care system so they can just focus on their surgical recovery, which is very important," Smith said. "Increasing access to this high caliber surgical program brings services closer to home for patients and eases their stress as well."

Glen Cove Hospital's operating room team has received Press Ganey's Guardian of Excellence award for their consistently high scores from patients.

For more information about Glen Cove Hospital's breast surgery center of excellence, call (516) 674-7783 or contact Mather at (516) 254-0323 or dmather@northwell. edu.



Handwritten holiday cards and letters, as well as hand-drawn pictures, are being accepted at several Sea Cliff locations to be forwarded to soldiers who will be away from their families this holiday season. Items are being collected until Dec. 7 locations including:

- Restoration Oak, 227 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff, Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Baron Floral Design, 82 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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played such a deep role in my development as a musician."

Now living in Los Angeles, the Moraleses operate the production company The Eleven, and are enjoying watching the album's streams on music platforms like Apple Music and Spotify rise, with the total number of streams over one million. The album was released in collaboration with Los Angeles vocal coach Stevie Mackey, who has worked with artists like Selena Gomez, Jennifer Lopez, Fergie, Kelly Roland and Lenny Kravitz, among others.

The collection of Christmas music features the Morales brothers, Lopez and JoJo, among other musicians.

Matthew, 33, plays trumpet and James, 36, plays drums and the piano. James was also the executive producer.

"Being able to create this body of work with my older brother has been such an incredible experience," Matthew said. "It was a lot of work, but I wouldn't have wanted to do it with anyone else. I'm super-grateful and excited we were able to build this together."

"We're literally just flying through the charts and getting play-listed," James added. "We have Diane Keaton tweeting and making comments about the album. It's unbelievable. It's been an unbelievable experience."

The Moraleses are especially excited about the fact that the album was produced independently. "We are the label," James said. "We are the record company."

Matthew said this is a very exciting time in his life. "Given the landscape of music and just how people are creating and consuming music, there's been so much power in the independent artist," he said. "This is the first time we're really exploring [and] creating something from scratch."

James met Mackey on Jennifer Lopez's "It's My Party" concert tour. James, who played piano on the tour, was blown away by Mackey, who was Lopez's vocal coach.

"[James] came to me with the idea, actually, and he was talking about creating a Christmas album with Stevie, and I'm usually hesitant," Matthew said. "But I did not hesitate one bit. I said absolutely. I think that's an incredible album idea."

Production on the album began before the coronavirus pandemic spread, Matthew explained. "When it finally did hit and we were working on this album, we knew how much more it meant," he said. "Given everyone's spirits and just uncertainty, we knew we wanted to make the biggest independent Christmas album ever and really reach people this holiday season."

The Moraleses started their production company in 2011, next to Madison Square Garden. In 2018 they packed up the studio and moved west to Burbank, Calif. The company has produced music by Meghan Trainor, Karmin, Sean Kingston and Cher Lloyd, among



Courtesy Lauren Desberg

other artists

Both Matthew and James said their favorite song on the new album is "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," which features Lopez. "It gets in touch with our roots," Matthew said. "We grew up playing in jazz band, and 'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year'... has the big-band feel with jazz

infused into it. Just from a nostalgic and a place of getting back into our jazz roots, I would say that song really takes the cake."

Roselli, their former teacher, said he has been following the Morales brothers for some time, and takes pride in their achievements of. He said he was fortunate to have taught them.

James said that Roselli introduced him to the idea of music production. "Here I am, fast-forward all these years later, living in Los Angeles, making records with my brother," he said. "We played jazz band together, we're making records together and working with artists across the world. It's just a really humbling experience. We've come such a long way."

Told of the impact the brothers said he had on them, Roselli said, "Flip the coin. I was lucky to have the opportunity to teach and get to work with these really talented musicians. At my day job, I felt very fortunate I had these kids to work with, instead of having to go to work and put in the nine-to-five."

Matthew Morales said that another



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MATTHEW AND JAMES Morales developed their musical skills at Glen Cove High School with Richard Roselli, the high school's music teacher.

musical inspiration was their father, who played in salsa bands across New York City in the 1970s. Growing up in Glen Cove was also inspiring to Matthew. "I think there's care in the city," he said. "There's a lot of love, and there's acceptance. I really just feel like it's a unique place."

Totino added that it's great to say you're from Glen Cove when the Moraleses and other successes, such as the singer Ashanti, grew up in the city. "It shows that Glen Cove is a great place to grow up, [and] to go to school," Totino said.

Construction likely to begin next spring

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Glen Cove," said John DiMascio, the chairman of the planning board. "They were very receptive to the things we wanted to change and improve. There were several things that they changed, which in my opinion made the project much more controllable and much better for not only the people living there, but for the people in the surrounding area."

Because Livingston implemented recommendations by the planning board, some of which were influenced by what members of the public had to say during hearings on the development, DiMascio voted in favor of the project.

Livingston said that construction would likely begin next spring, and be completed in two years.

"We're certainly delighted," he said. "We know that this project will be a jewel for Glen Cove. It will improve an area that has been blighted for generations, and it'll provide an economic engine for Glen Cove."

Maccarone was outspoken about his "no" vote. "This project has been bandied about for about 15 years, and I find it utterly disgusting, in an age of transparency, without even discussing the merits of the proposals and the changes, that we are voting on this at 6 p.m. on a Friday night at a meeting that was ordered by the mayor," Maccarone said. "So for those reasons alone, I vote no."

Mayor Tim Tenke explained at the Nov. 24 City Council meeting that under state law, boards have 62 days from the closing of a hearing to reach a decision. "Friday was the 62nd day," Tenke said, adding that he simply pointed the law out to the planning board.

"Many, many people did not know about this vote," said Glen Cove resident Steve Gonzalez, who lives near the site of the development. "And I'm sure there are many people now, residents who live in that area, who do not know that this vote took place."

The project has received much scrutiny over the years, particularly from those who live near it. Concerns range from the possibility of overdevelopment to the project's impact on home values, traffic flow and quality of life for nearby residents.

Livingston Development Corp., which



Courtesy Livingston Development Corp.

DANIEL LIVINGSTON, PRESIDENT of Livingston Development Corp., said that construction on the Villa at Glen Cove would likely begin next spring. He estimated that the project would be completed two years later.

had acquired most of the 4.98 acres for the project by 2007, proposed 176 condominiums for the site in 2016, but last winter it put forward a proposal for a 216-unit rental complex. In March, the City Council voted to move Livingston's application to change the project to the planning board, and in June the developer sought to reduce the size of the project to 176 rentals.

The most recent plan for the site, put forward this summer, includes more open land, Livingston said, and roughly 600 trees, 1,800 plants and shrubs, two fountains, a gazebo and sidewalk lanterns. That recreational space would occupy .58 acres of land, with no major construction planned for that section of the site.

The six apartment buildings on the site would range from two to four floors in height.

"I'm certain once the project is completed," Livingston said, "people in the community will be very, very pleased."

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On Nov. 26, a 22-year-old Far Rockaway man was arrested for two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and other vehicle and traffic law violations on Glen Cove Arterial Highway.

- On Nov. 26, a 28-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for third-degree assault on Miller Street.
- On Nov. 28, a 35-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for three counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and fourth-degree criminal possession of marijuana on Brewster Street.



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HERALD SCHOOLS

Protecting students as cases of Covid-19 rise

In a letter addressed to the Glen Cove City School District community, Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Rianna discussed how the district is responding to the rising cases of Covid-19 in New York and Long Island.

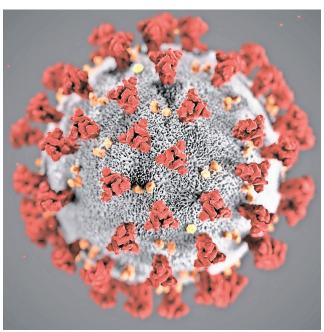
"As many of you are aware, the numbers of new cases and the expected 'second wave' have been the focus of news stories everywhere," wrote Rianna. "We too, have continued to monitor the information closely, specifically in our area and have worked closely with the Department of Health for guidance and assistance."

The district has been following Department of Health and Center for Disease Control and Prevention, such as the six-foot of social distance and the use of masks mandate, in each classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria and meeting rooms in the schools. The in-person/hybrid model has made this possible, Rianna added.

"In most cases, due to choices provided to parents, the social distance has increased and actual in-person attendance decreased slightly," Rianna said. "When we are made aware of a suspected case, whether of a staff member or student, we collect all relevant information regarding the person and begin the process immediately, from isolation to contact tracing."

After the district's first case, the district devised a procedure that collects details necessary to share with the Department of Health in order to expedite next steps.

"Among the inquiry is name of person, date of birth, contact information and type of exposure or test the person or the person they were exposed to took," Rianna



Courtesy Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

AS COVID-19 INCREASES in New York state, Dr. Rianna said she making sure she is informed of any directives.

wrote. "This assists the DOH to pull any Rapid tests they may not have received directly, as well as review any regular or PCR test." The district also collects data as to who the person has been in contact with within a certain period of time, for long they were within six feet of distance and whether they were wearing masks.

"We also review such items as daily schedules, attendance, and transportation, to insure there was no deviation from the 'normal' routines," Rianna wrote. "We then begin contacting all who have been impacted, using this protocol."

Facilities are also cleaned and disinfected daily and when the district is made aware of a positive case within the building additional disinfecting is done, night or day and even during weekends.

Although each case is slightly different, the district protocols mimic that of the DOH, Rianna said. Communications regarding positive cases are provided by principles to their specific building and principals are also involved in investigation in potential cases and exposures.

"You may see a case on the Covid dashboard that you did not receive a robocall about," Rianna said. "For example, if a student is on remote only and has not been physically present, it must be recorded in the record under the building in which that student is enrolled. Such circumstances can also pertain to a staff member as well. We ask that if a parent is concerned about their particular child and has not been contacted, they should call their building principal. The care and safety of our students and staff is our priority."

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HERALD SPORTS

Molloy aims to rebound off 12-17 season

By TONY BELLISSIMO

Despite losing its all-time leading scorer, Molloy College's men's basketball program is aiming to rebound from a 12-17 season, including a 7-9 mark against East Coast Conference foes.

The Lions, who captured their firstever ECC Tournament title in the 2018-19 campaign, aren't playing any non-conference games this season due to Covid-19 and won't be in action until traveling to upstate Rochester to face Roberts Wesleyan College in the Jan. 9 opener.

'We began working on conditioning around the same time as we usually do and then got into individual skill work and socially distant team-based offense and defense drills," head coach Charlie Marquardt said. "We have that mandatory week off around the holidays and when we start back up Dec. 28, we'll have 10 days to get ready for the opener."

Barring any changes, the 18-game ECC schedule and postseason tournament will be played without fans. "I'm expecting games to have the feel of a scrimmage," Marquardt said. "We will have to generate our own energy. It'll be intriguing."

The Lions will also need to turn the page on the Nick Corbett era. A threetime All-ECC First Team selection, he averaged 23.7 points per game and finished his career at Molloy with 2,032 points, 379 rebounds and 385 assists and 153 steals. "Not only was Nick our alltime leading scorer, which is an amazing feat considering some of the players we've had, but he also had the uncanny ability to step up late in games," Marquardt said. "Who'll be getting the ball in crunch time this season will be by committee,'

Molloy returns four players who made at least 14 starts a season ago, including former Baldwin High School product Justin Caldwell, a redshirt senior big man, and former Lynbrook High School standout James Montgomery, a sophomore who like Caldwell is 6-foot-7.

Calldwell, who averaged a little more than 5 points and 5 rebounds per game last season while making 22 starts, knows what it takes to get the job done inside, Marquardt said, and will be counted on to provide leadership as well.

Montgomery started 19 games and led the Lions in field goal percentage (55.7) on the way to chipping in 6.3 points per game. "James improved as the season went on and made steady contributions as a freshman," Marquardt said. "He got bigger and stronger during the offseason and he can attack the rim as well as post

Pano Pavlidis, a 6-8 sophomore, emerged last winter and Marquardt is expecting even more with 17 starts under his belt. Pavlidis led the team in rebounding (6.8 per game) and scored at a 6.7 ppg clip.

Though experienced in the frontcourt, Marquardt also likes his collection of guards and believes it'll take strong backcourt play for Molloy to be competitive against the likes of Daemen, Bridgeport and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Spearheading a deep group of guards is Steven Torre, one of few seniors on the roster. He's the Lions' top returning scorer (10.4 ppg) and made 14 starts. Marquardt said the plan is for Torre to be off the ball more and make up for some of the offense lost by Corbett's departure.

Junior guard Frankie Phelan is a breakout candidate following a determined offseason. Another quality option to run the point is Kenny Lazo, a freshman out of Brentwood High School who won two Long Island championships and earned All-State honors. Marquardt describes Lazo as a born leader and tenacious defender.

Former Lawrence Woodmere Academy standout Kendall Ogilvie, a junior, transferred from LIU Post prior to last season but didn't play. He's in the mix along with a pair of freshmen — former Freeport High School's Darren Fergus and Mick Browne from Queens.

"We like our guards," Marquardt said. "We have some experience, some guys with bigger roles and some talented newcomers."



JUNIOR FRANKIE PHELAN is part of a deep backcourt that has Molloy head coach Charlie Marquardt excited.



JUNIOR PANO PAVLIDIS, a 6-foot-8 forward, averaged 6.7 points and 6.8 rebounds for the Lions last winter and is primed to take his game to another level.



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HERALD NEIGHBORS



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COURTNEY CALLAHAN, LEFT, of the food relief organization NOSH, Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Kyle Elwood, Stephanie Rice, Grant Ady and Robert Occhipinti, owner of Maldon & Mignonette, spent the early afternoon of Thanksgiving distributing prepared Thanksgiving meals to local families.

Maldon & Mignonette distributes Thanksgiving meals



GLEN COVE CITY Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, left, helped connect Robert Occhipinti to Courtney Callahan of NOSH.





s long as Robert Occhipinti could keep the lights of Maldon & Mignonette on, he said he wanted to make it a priority to give back to the community. On Thanksgiving, the owner of the Sea Cliff restaurant met his goal by distributing prepared Thanksgiving meals to North Shore families.

"I've always wanted to do something like this since I was a kid and I said if I was able to follow my dream and my passion through a restaurant, I said I wanted to give back," Occhipinti said. "I was blown away about how these people were brought to tears, how much people are struggling. Just because they have a home does not mean they're okay."

This was Occhipinti's first time distributing Thanksgiving meals, teaming up with the local food relief organization NOSH.

The meals included turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, salad, vegetables and pies. "They were just very happy," Occhipinti said. "I'm excited to do it next year."

COURTNEY CALLAHAN, ABOVE, left, Robert Occhipinti and Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews helped distribute the meals.

THE MEALS INCLUDED turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, salad, vegetables and pies.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Supporting small, local businesses this holiday season in G.C.

By JENNIFER CORR

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Before Glen Cove's holiday shoppers log onto Amazon or head to the mall this season, they may want to stop by Downtown Glen Cove and peek into some of the local stores, said Patricia Holman, the executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District.

"There are plenty of little stores that people aren't aware of," Holman said. "You can buy an array of things. Shanti Maa has toys and Life's ABC's has almost everything you can think of. They have toys, they have clothes."

The GLY (God Loves You) religious store, owned by a local family, sells cards, nativity scenes, ornaments, advent candles and calendars.

"We want to make sure that when the winter is over and there is no more Covid and guidelines that we have all of our businesses here in the downtown area," Holman said. "And the best way to do that is to make sure that we support them."

On Saturday, Glen Cove resident Nicole Robinson-Helmus, as part of the North Shore Biz Network's Small Business Saturday event, spent the day checking out local businesses in the North Shore area. She stopped at AquaBrasil



Courtesy Nicole Robinson-Heln

AS PART OF Small Business Saturday, Nicole Robinson-Helmus stopped at AquaBrasil in Glen Head.

Boutique in Glen Head. There, she was able to find Christmas gifts and even some items for herself.

AquaBrasil Boutique took to its Facebook page to express gratitude for the influx of regular and new clients. "Thank you North Shore Biz Network for creating this wonderful event and spreading the importance of supporting local businesses," the post read.

As part of Small Business Saturday, the North Shore Biz Network had encour-

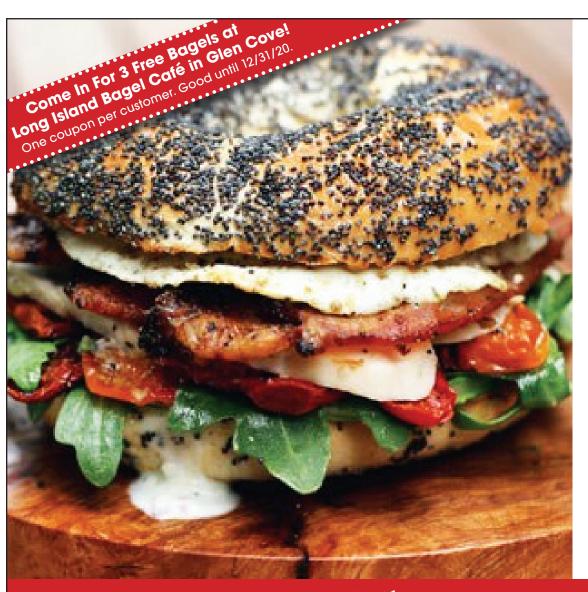
aged locals to head to participating businesses, AquaBrasil Boutique, Artisan Jewels Gifts and Goodness, Beautiful Flowers, CoCo Confections and Coffee and My Beautiful Mess. Those who posted online with the hash tag #NSBNSmallBizSat were entered into a contest, which Robinson Helmus had won.

"These are businesses that [business owners] support their families with and also help build the community," Robinson-Helmus said. "When we support small businesses we actually lift up our community. We actually lift up our neighborhood."

Robinson-Helmus, the owner of This Balance Life, a yoga and meditation service, knows all too well the importance of supporting local businesses, especially during the pandemic as she has to get creative to meet a new demand.

"During these times, a lot of people are suffering from depression and anxiety and even loneliness and some people are afraid to step inside the gyms," Robinson-Helmus said. "That's why I offer services on Zoom so that people don't have to feel like they're alone or they're by themselves."

Robinson-Helmus is offering gift certificates this holiday season.



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Rev. Hurst: A pastor for current and new generation

By JENNIFER CORR

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The Rev. Lance Hurst, 30, of Brooklyn, became the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove on Nov. 1. His first job interview with the search committee took place over Zoom.

"They were just laughing and having a good time in the interview," Hurst said. "They could not take themselves too seriously, but take the work seriously and it just made me feel at ease. I felt like I had a fun time interviewing with them and I felt connected to them."

First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove Elder Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, who also serves as a city councilman, said that the church is thrilled to have Hurst as pastor.

"I feel that in a big way that while he's relatively young, he brings not only a foundation theologically, but also he has a broad background in his faith journey in many denominations," Stevenson-Mathews said.

With First Presbyterian long established, Hurst said that each generation of leadership has had to question what the church was going to be as a community.

"One of the big things that the Presbyterian Church has wrestled with is whether or not we can affirm LGBTQ people," Hurst said. "[First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove] decided this for over half a decade now, but I'm a queer person and I'm obviously serving in that church as pastor."

As the new pastor, Hurst said he hopes to have the church continue to ask questions that brings to mind traditions, values and worship and whom it serves.

"How do we discern how God is at work in the world and is that work one that invites people, one that welcomes people, one that celebrates people as they are or is it one that forces people to become just like us?" Hurst said. "Because I think if its one that forces people to become just like us, then I don't really think that's who God is."

Hurst said that he's grateful to his predecessors for making First Presbyterian Church an affirming place. "I don't even have to bat an eye about talking about my sexual orientation," Hurst said. "I don't have to think twice about bringing my partner to church. It's a no brainer, which is refreshing."

Hurst grew up with a Southern Baptist



Courtesy First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove

THE REV. LANCE Hurst, 30, became pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove on Nov. 1.

background in Jasper, Fla. that was "very conservative," he said. "My parents didn't go to church. I only went with my grandparents.

During Hurst's first years of high school, he had begun attending a non-denominational church with a friend. "That was the first time that I felt this sense of something larger then me, something bigger then me that actually really loved me," Hurst said, adding that it was the first time he began to love his reflection in the mirror. "But it also had this other message that made it feel as though love is so conditional based on whether or not we were living in, quote-on-quote, sin. And of course one of those sins was homosexuality."

At the time, Hurst said, he wasn't aware of his sexual orientation, but he was aware of his dream of becoming a pastor. His dream became a reality when he began studying practical theology at Southeastern University, a Christian liberal arts college.

"Then I did a masters there and doing my masters I realized that I was gay," he said, "and that was a big moment for me because my whole faith tradition that I inherited told me that I couldn't be gay."

Hurst would have to decide how his sexual orientation would impact his faith journey. At the time, he had been serving as a pastor and he began to question if being a pastor was even for him, going onto studying higher education at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey.

"I worked in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton, New Jersey and while I was there I just fell in love with that community and I fell in love with the work of pastoring again," Hurst said. "I felt so connected to this work of creating a community, creating a space that people could come to and they could be reminded week after week that they are loved. That they are enough."

He knew that being a pastor was his calling, but he didn't know that serving during a pandemic would be part of his journey, a challenge going into a church with its longtime traditions, like the Thanksgiving luncheons that he had to say "no" to

Planning on moving to Glen Cove in a month, Hurst commutes back and forth

The Rev. Lance Hurst's theological background

Growing up with a Southern Baptist background in Jasper, Fla., Rev. Lance Hurst later attended a non-denominational church during high school.

At Southeastern University, a Christian liberal arts college, he studied practical theology. Hurst is continuing his studies at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Hurst has served in a variety of church roles in Florida, New Jersey and New York City.

Before joining First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove as pastor, he was working at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan as the congregational care and outreach coordinator. He also served as a discipleship pastor at Common Ground Church.

between Brooklyn and Glen Cove, holding meetings and other special events over Zoom. He said he's just thankful for state guidelines on houses of worship when it comes to protecting the congregation and the surrounding community from Covid-

"People want to be together," Hurst said. "There's a lot of weight on faith leaders' shoulders right now to determine what is safe and what is not for their community."

Right now, First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove is observing in-person services on Sundays, as the sanctuary is large enough for the congregants to adequately distance themselves. For now, congregants have to forego worship through singing.

"It's definitely challenging and very different then it would normally be," Hurst said.



North Shore residents lose power during Monday's storm

At 4:30 p.m. on Monday, PSEG Long Island reported 5,973 of its approximately 1.1 million customers across Long Island and the Rockaways were without service due to the heavy rain, strong winds and hazardous gusts impacting the region. It had many downed trees, branches and wires to contend with as well.

About 100 of those customers without electricity were in Glen

Cove, according to PSEG Long Island. Sixty-five were in Oyster Bay and 48 were near Brookville and Muttontown.

Six hours later, PSEG Long Island reported that 94 percent of customers electricity had been restored.

PSEG Long Island had additional personnel, including tree and line crews, to repair damage and restore outages.



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HERALD Covid-19 HOMETOWN HEROES

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ost of 2020 has been about death for me. My father died on Feb. 2, right before the coronavirus hit. We were very close, both as family but also as professional artists. The loss was painful and continues to be.

Still mourning Dad's death, it was time to go back to work. I received a text from one of my former staff who now worked for WNYC, the public radio station. He is responsible for choosing the callers that go on the air to ask questions of the host from a daily talk show. A man from Oyster Bay had called, he said, and he had the coronavirus. There was no time to get him on the air. Would I want to talk to him about what he was experiencing?

It was mid-February, the very early stages of the virus. Our publication had not written anything about it yet.

When I spoke to the man he asked to remain anonymous because he felt somewhat like a leper. He did not have any symptoms and was frightened. We talked a few times before I wrote the story. I found that photo that is now familiar to everyone — that round, red spiky photo of Covid-19. I ran it with the story. I showed the image to another editor. "Look what it looks like," I said. "This is going to be big." Little did I know.

After my second story on the virus was published, Covid-19 hit with full force. People were dying. I knew some who died from the virus and others who did not. I told anyone who would listen that 2020 was the year of death. At first I think they thought I was being dramatic, but now I think they agree.

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y favorite part of my job has always been getting to the human side of the issues I cover. Whether they be breaking news stories, political coverage or feature pieces, I try to whittle everything down to one singular point: How does this affect the well-being of the people involved?

With this mindset, I always watch out for the tone of voice that people use during interviews. The reality of this pandemic hit me when those tones began to change.

People went from being excited about the things they were doing to sounding more somber, afraid of what the future might hold for them and those around them. The North Shore is filled with people who do incredible things

for their neighbors, and it was heartbreaking to hear how harshly some of their stories have changed.

With all this in mind, I've done everything I can to be as delicate and empathetic as possible. There is no handbook for dealing with trauma, as everybody experiences it in their own way.

I'd like to thank all of our readers and sources for their tremendous support and cooperation during what has been a remarkably difficult time for all of us. I also want to thank my incredible coworkers, friends and family for the many and varied ways in which they've helped me through these last nine months. Finally, I'd like to thank my extraordinary girlfriend, Dana, for helping me maintain some semblance of sanity through her unconditional love and support.

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his past year has surely been a whirlwind. Just graduating from Stony Brook University last December, and spending the beginning of the year as a cashier at Trader Joes and helping News 12 upload their stories onto the internet as a freelance digital producer, Scott Brinton, the executive editor of Herald Community Newspaper, gave me a call in February to let me know there was a vacant position. Before I knew it, I was a full-time reporter covering Glen Cove, Oyster Bay and Sea Cliff.

But little did I know I would be a full-time reporter during a pandemic. A couple of weeks after I started in March, we were sent to work from home. I'd have to become acquainted with sources over the phone and Zoom calls. I didn't even know what Zoom was before March, but now I use it every week.

While most of my conversations would take place over the phone in the early months of the pandemic, the love and care that people feel for one another in the Glen Cove, Oyster Bay and Sea Cliff community could surely been seen. People were making sure no one in their community went hungry and were working day and night to provide one another with personal protective equipment; they were bringing food to Glen Cove Hospital and were just there for one another in any way they could be.

What's amazing about New Yorkers is that whenever there's a challenge like a pandemic, the first thing they do is make sure everyone around them is OK, that they have what they need. Being able to tell these stories has been an honor and certainly a light in a dark spot.

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EDITOR, ROCKVILLE CENTRE HERALD

ince mid-March, the demands on me as a working mother have been constant. Early on in the pandemic, almost every news story was considered breaking news and had to be posted online as soon as possible. Our company quickly shifted from a weekly to a daily mindset, and it was intense. My two daughters, ages 10 and 8, were home all the time, and even now they only go to school in person two days a week.

The interruptions and distractions are nonstop — they need snacks, lunch, help with technical issues, questions about school assignments, assistance finding a pair of socks, or a lost toy, or they just need

to share a story with me. (Within two minutes of writing this, they interrupted me). With limited social outlets, my husband and I are expected to join in on their games in our free time, and it's exhausting.

For the first several months, as school shutdowns were extended and everything was getting canceled, from birthday parties to dance recitals to spring concerts and vear-end celebrations, there were a lot of tears. By mid July, my 10-year-old told me she would no longer expect any plans to actually happen because she didn't want to be disappointed, which was heartbreaking to hear. On top of this, my husband's stepfather was diagnosed with cancer and his uncle died unexpectedly, so we have been providing emotional support to my mother-in-law. But I try to stay positive and we're cherishing this time together.

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Remembering the day Parks changed the world

At the Glen Cove Pre-Council meeting on Dec. 1, the City Council reflected on the day in 1955 that Rosa Parks started a movement by saying "no" to racist poli-

"Sixty-five years ago today, on Dec. 1, 1955, a woman was arrested for failing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama," City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said. "That was Rosa Parks. Although we celebrate her day, which is always Feb. 4 of each year, it's significant today that it's been 65 years since that's happened."

Parks, instead of going to the back of the bus, which was designated for African Americans, she sat in the front. When the bus started to fill up with white passengers, the bus driver asked Parks to move. She refused. Her resistance set in motion one of the largest social movements in history, the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"At just 5-foot-3, Rosa Parks may have been small in stature, but she continues to be a giant among our civil rights icons," said City of Glen Cove Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews. "Her simple act of defiance is a lasting reminder that one person's actions can change the course of history."

By the time Parks boarded the bus in 1955, she was an established organizer and leader in the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama. Parks not only showed active resistance by refusing to move, she also helped organize and plan the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true," Parks had said. "I was not tired physically, or no more tired than I usually was at the end of a working day. I was not old, although some people have an image of me as being old then. I was 42. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Parks courageous act and the subsequent Montgomery Bus Boycott led to the integration of public transportation in Montgomery. Her actions were not without consequence, however. She was jailed



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ROSA PARKS FOUGHT inequality by starting the Montgomery Bus Boycott with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

for refusing to give up her seat and lost her job for participating in the boycott.

After the boycott, Parks and her husband Raymond Parks moved to Hampton, Virginia and later permanently settled in Detroit, Michigan.

Parks's work proved to be invaluable in Detroit's Civil Rights Movement. She was an active member of several organizations, which worked to end inequality in the city.

By 1980, after consistently giving to the movement both financially and physically Parks, then widowed, suffered from financial and health troubles. After almost being evicted from her home, local community members and churches came together to support Parks.

On Oct. 24, 2005, at the age of 92, she died of natural causes leaving behind a rich legacy of resistance against racial discrimination and injustice.

Graziosi may become storm water officer

By JENNIFER CORR

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At the next Glen Cove City Council meeting on Dec. 8, the City Council will vote to appoint Rocco Graziosi, the city's Department of Public Works project manager, as the new storm water officer.

"We need to have a person designated in that position and Lou Saulino thought that Rocco would be good for that position and I don't see any reason not to designate him," City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said. "He's the person that will be

the contact for the [Department of Environmental Conservation.]"

As the storm water officer, Graziosi will not receive an additional salary, Tenke said.

Graziosi has been managing the storm water down at Garvies Point Road, which was often flooded during extreme weather events until the road was paved earlier this year.

According to Saulino, the director of Public Works, the city decided to advance the construction of Garvies Point Road in



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ROCCO GRAZIOSI HAS been managing the storm water down at Garvies Point Road, which was often flooded during extreme weather events until the road was paved earlier this year.

City Council to vote next week on storm water officer

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2016. Reconstruction of that road, along with Herb Hill Road, goes back a decade. The project was funded in 2016 by federal aid administered by the New York State Department of Public Transportation and went to competitive bid the same year.

However, the project was not awarded until 2017 because of legal issues. During that time period, Saulino said, the DEC added protocols regarding excavation and testing, which impacted construction procedures and had a significant financial impact to the city.

The city was required to implement a comprehensive storm water management program that was needed to include pollution prevention measures, treatment or removal techniques, monitoring, use of legal authority and other appropriate measures to control the quality of storm water discharged to the storm drains and then the surrounding water bodies, said Graziosi.

Tenke said that Graziozi's position as storm water officer would entail completing reports and monitoring how various city projects would affect the city's storm water system.

"This is something that Rocco has been doing and he received training on," Gregory Kalnitsky, the city attorney, said. "It's important to make sure the various projects downtown don't affect our storm water systems. This is something he's already been doing for quite some time."

Tenke said that managing storm water runoff, which according to the Environmental Protection Agency could lead to the deposit of harmful pollutants such as trash, chemicals and sediments into lakes, streams and groundwater, is especially important considering the city's proximity to the Long Island Sound and Hempstead Harbor.

"We have to be extra careful, especially with our wetlands," Tenke added. "It's good that we have someone who oversees that."

Graziosi has also overseen the city's investigation and replacement of existing lead service lines.

At the next City Council meeting, the council will also vote on a resolution to authorize the city to enter into a proposal with Waldon Environmental Engineering for professional engineering and inspection services for the state's Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

"If you have a lead line, that is your sewer line with lead in it, that runs from your house to the street, it has to be replaced," Tenke said. "This is another one that Rocco Graziose had been in charge of. He wanted this to be put on. We have until the end of the year to adopt something in regard to this."

For those that opt into this program, they will only be charged a small fee to replace their lead service line, receiving insurance coverage to replace the line. The City Council had voted in May to enter into a grant with the state that includes a budget of \$535, 950 for construction and \$62,700 for engineering and inspection, also covering a portion of the cost of the city's and the Glen Cove Community Development Agency's staff time on the project.

Tenke said the city could be sued for failing to adhere to DEC regulations under the Clean Water Infrastructure Act if the council does not pass this resolution. The Clean Water Infrastructure Act requires municipalities to take affirmative steps to ensure that there is no leakage on sewer laterals, Kalnitsky explained.

"The newer houses don't use those," Tenke explained. "It's when you had these lead pipes that were put under ground that didn't rust, didn't corrode because they were made out of lead, but yet they leached out into the soil and contaminated ground water. That's really why they're looking for these home owners who have these laterals that connect to their house to the street."





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OBITUARIES

Jose Luis Lopez

Jose Luis Lopez, 76, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 30. Lopez was the pastor of the Iglesias Ciudad De Refugio Church of Glen Cove for over 42 years. Beloved husband of Juanita; loving father of Naomi Hernandez, Ruthy and Brenda (Anival Guerra); proud grandfather of Andrew, Jasmine, Gabriella, Jonathan, Isaiah, Luis and Isaac; special greatgrandfather of Savannah, Hope and Samantha; also survived by loving brothers and a sister. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Visitation and service at Iglesia Ciudad De Refugio Church of Glen Cove. Interment East Hillside Cemetery

LaRue Covino

LaRue Covino, 64, formerly of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 30. Mother of Richard and Michael; sister of Diane Molesky (the late Thomas); also survived by several nieces and nephews. Interment service held at St. Paul's Churchyard Saturday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m.

Maria L. Cipriano

Maria L. Cipriano, 81, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 30. Beloved wife of Donato; loving mother of Tina Campbell (John), Michael (Holly) and the late Frankie (Beth); cherished grandmother of Caroline, Jack, Donato, Dante, Maria, Ellie and Lucas; dear sister of the late Rosie, Peter and Carl; also survived by nieces and nephews: good friend to Grace Oddo and Maria Stanco. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery.

Dolores A. Curiano

Dolores A. Curiano, 89, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 24. Beloved wife of the late Charles A.; loving mother of Charles P. (the late Joette), Paul (Dorothy), Lori Logan (James) and John (Susan); dear sister of Rose Curiano (Robert); proud grandmother of Jennifer, Matthew, Michele, Christopher, Michael, Lea, Gabrielle and Carly; active parishioner and volunteer at St. Rocco and member of the Rosary Society. Visitation held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass held at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.

Jane Courtney Miller

Jane Courtney Miller, 77, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 22. Devoted wife to Francis Miller; survived by children Courtney and Timothy (Meaghan) Miller; her grandsons Colin, Patrick and Jack Miller; her sisters-in-law Mary Jo and Marian Courtney; and many adoring nieces, nephews and friends.

Courtney Miller was the only daughter of Frederick and Irene Courtney and was the last surviving sibling of her four brothers - Richard, John, Dr. Frederick Junior and James. She was born in Hempstead and raised in Glen Cove. A graduate of Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, Courtney Miller went on to earn her master's degree in social work at Catholic University in Washing-

She began her esteemed career as director of adoption at St. Christopher's where she oversaw adoption services for children in foster care for over 20 years. She then became regional director at Wide Horizons for Children, where she spent 22 years and built out the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut offices. She had a part in helping over 2,000 families come together through adoption. Courtney Miller's passion for domestic and international adoptions led her to travel the world, where her integrity, intelligence and warmth left an indelible mark.

Courtney Miller was a unique blend of kindheartedness, strength, humor and intellect. Her friendships were many and lifelong. Her vivacity naturally connected her to people; she always offered an ear to listen and was a trusted confidante to many. She made everyone around her feel at ease and continually put the needs of those around her before her own.

She was steadfast in her faith and her strength and fortitude were deeply rooted in that spirit. She perpetually saw life as more full of blessings than difficulties. Her outlook was optimistic even in the toughest of times. Her ability to laugh and find joy, despite battling cancer for much of the last decade was an inspiration to all that knew her.

Her greatest gifts in life, without question, were her children and grandchildren. Courtney Miller cherished her role as a mother and more recently a grandmother to Colin, Patrick and Jack. She knew them each as individuals and found so much joy in being with them. She beamed with pride in their pres-

She will be dearly missed by her adoring Courtney and Miller families, colleagues and friends.

Due to the current environment, services will be for the immediate family only. A mass followed by a celebration of life will take place during the summer months.

Donations to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Courtney Miller's honor can be made at www.giving. mskcc.org.

Umberto Telese

Umberto Telese, 81, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 17. Beloved husband of Maria; loving father of Roberto (Regina), Davide (Patricia), Marco (Sengsanpan) and William (Kaitlin); dear brother of Agnese (the late Michele), the late Rocco (Maria), the late Mario (Immacolata) and the late Angelo (Antonietta); proud grandfather of Michael, Joseph, William, Matthew, Olivia and Sara; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Telesa loved to work and provide for his family. He was an avid hunter and gardener. He adored his time with his family. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment Locust Valley

Antonio Esposito

Antonio Esposito, 67, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 10. Former husband of Caroline "Gina,' loving father of Nancy Ricciardi (Vito) and Nick; dear brother of Richie (Raffaela); proud grandfather of Joseph, Carolina, Antonio, Vito and Antonio; special uncle of Nancy, Mena and Nicky. Esposito enjoyed singing Italian songs, playing soccer, gardening and most importantly loved his family. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment East Hillside Ceme-

Deborah F. Wertheim

Deborah F. Wertheim, 72, of Glen Cove, died on Nov. 7. Beloved wife of the late Craig Alan; loving mother of the late David Samuel; dear sister-in-law of Sheila Holly Dotan (Itzhka), Brian Wayne (Alice) and Martin Lee; special aunt of Anat, Tal, Paula, Adi, Evan, Roey, Robin and Erica; also survived by great-nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Service and interment at Wellwood Cemetery.



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Tom Malloy, beloved G.H. artist, dies at 77

By MIKE CONN

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The door of Tom Malloy's Glen Head lawnmower shop was always open. For decades, people could walk in and out as they pleased, to observe or chat, while he worked on one art project or another, wearing his signature denim overall. His sculptures were nearly as amazing as he was, his friends and family said.

Malloy died of cancer on Nov. 21, at age 77

He was born on March 2, 1943, in Glen Cove, the third of James and Frances Malloy's four children. His family moved to Glen Head when he was 4, and he lived there the rest of his life.

Byron Nernoff said he grew up across the street from Malloy, and the two were lifelong best friends, very much like brothers. They were known as mischiefmakers as children, Nernoff said, which got them into trouble more than once.

Nernoff recalled the two of them finding a tree with green berries growing from it, perfectly sized ammunition for their plastic straw peashooters. They pocketed a supply of the berries, but when they grew itchy after a few days, they realized they had taken them from a poison sumac tree. The two were bedridden for a week, Nernoff said, but still passed toys and drawings packed in an onion bag back and forth on a clothesline strung between their houses.

"Tommy was a very, very well-liked person," Nernoff said. "He was very kind-hearted. He would do a lot of favors for people. We got along great."

After graduating from North Shore High School in 1961, Malloy worked at various welding and mechanical jobs on many of the North Shore's grandest estates, where he became friendly with some of the area's wealthiest and most influential figures. In the early 1970s he opened his shop, Tom's Lawnmower Service and Welding, at 30 Railroad Ave. in Glen Head, which he owned and operated until his death.

He never married or had children, but his niece Georgia Filasky said he made the North Shore community his family. Everybody who knew her uncle loved him, she said, and his friends were dear to him.

"He was just a very kind person," Filasky said, "and he really believed that if you were good to your friends and neighbors, they'd be good to you."

Most people knew Malloy for his artwork. His shop doubled as a studio in which he molded and welded metal, mostly bits of recycled scrap, into sculptures of all shapes and sizes, much of which was indicative of his love of nature. His grandniece Chase Filasky said that he loved the simplicity in life, and could bring out the beauty in anything he got his hands on.

"It just more or less inspired people to look at things differently and live more simply... to look at everything differently and not what something is, but what it could be," Chase said.

This love for the simple things was a huge part of Malloy's appeal, Nernoff said. "Tommy was the kind of guy that did not want to grow up," he said. "He didn't



TOM MALLOY
COULD most often
be found at his
Glen Head lawnmower shop, which
doubled as his art
studio.

MUCH OF MALLOY'S artwork was symbolic of his love of nature.

Courtesy Geri Reichgut

have a computer; technology wasn't his bag. He had an antique cellphone . . . He lived in the past. That's what people liked about him."

Over the years, Malloy crafted hundreds of pieces that could be found across the North Shore. He created the 9/11 Memorial at the Glen Cove Fire Department and a full gallery at the Fish Hatchery in Cold Spring Harbor, as well as pieces that are now on display in the Sea Cliff Village Library and several local businesses and restaurants.

He gave his artwork to his friends, including a metal squirrel for the grand-children of his favorite art teacher. His niece said he did everything out of the love he had for the people around him, because he wanted them to know just how much they all meant to him.

"It's not even about the art," Georgia Filasky said, "it's about giving anybody the validation that they're important. That's what made him so well-loved."

Photographer and Sea Cliff resident Geri Reichgut said she got to know Malloy when a friend of hers told her about his artwork. She was struck by his kind nature, she said, and when she saw the beautiful sculptures he made, she knew she had to bring them out into the world.

"He was the most likable, lovable, amazing, kind man," Reichgut said. "He was a wealth of historical information, growing up and living in the same town that he was born in, so as a photographer, how could I resist photographing him?"

As the coronavirus pandemic spread, Reichgut said, Malloy was in the process of getting his shop organized so he could set up a display of his pieces outside. Everybody in the neighborhood knew his artwork, she said, and he wanted people to be able to safely see it when they could no longer go inside the shop.



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

He was not only an incredible artist, Reichgut said, but also an asset to the community. "He was just beloved by everyone just because of the way he was," she said. "He always had a smile for everybody, his door was open, people came by and he had that personality that you just wanted to be around him because he was so genuine and so creative and so giving of his time."

Despite his deteriorating health this year, Filasky said Malloy rarely stopped talking about the community he loved so much. As they drove home through Ros-

lyn Harbor from St. Francis Hospital in Manhasset earlier this fall, she recalled, he pointed out virtually every sprawling estate along the way, and told her about the lavish parties he attended.

Even as an everyman guest of some of the North Shore's wealthiest people, Filasky said, he was always the life of the party. No matter where he went, she said, people wanted to be around him.

A graviside service for Malloy will be held at Saint Patrick Cemetry, in Upper Brookville, this Saturday at 12:30 p.m..

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

The outsider

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ear Great Book Guru, Now that we are into December, I really need a good book to help with the darkness of

winter, preferably something that will keep me distracted. I do love mysteries!

-Deep in December Doldrums

Dear Deep in December Dol-

The book I'm recommending this week is admittedly dark, but definitely distracting: "The Abstainer," by Ian McGuire. The story opens in Manchester, England in 1867m with the hanging

of three Irish lovalists — members of the Fenian Brotherhood. The abstainer of the title is James O'Connor, a police official who has recently arrived from Ireland. He is getting over the death of his wife and a serious drinking problem.

Manchester is an industrial powerhouse replete with pollution, corruption, and violence. O'Connor talks of the fog, bleak homes and a downtrodden people that con-

> hatred the Irish rebels feel for English oppression. As the only Irishman on the police force, he is trusted by neither side and his attempts at peacemaking are

When Fenian sympathizer Stephen Doyle arrives from America, O'Connor is confronted with an enemy he both fears and

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trast with the bucolic land he left behind. What is not left behind is the

resented by all.

"Today is World Aids Day," City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said at the City of Glen Cove Pre-Council meeting. "Thirtytwo years ago today in 1988 was when World Aids Day began and approximately, according to the World Health Organization, more than 30 million people have passed away since this epidemic began." The National Institute of Health on Dec. 1 in a statement said that World AIDS Day is a time to reflect on the progress that has been made against HIV, as well as the considerable challenges that remain.

World AIDS Day observed

at G.C. Pre Council meeting

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WORLD AIDS DAY has been observed annually since 1988.

respects. The conflict between the two men becomes unbearably tense and the reader is hard-

pressed not to see issues that resonate today: divided loyalties, political corruption and police neutrality. Highly recommended!

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Public Work employees Damion Stavredes, left, and Ralph Comitino, far right, along with Glen Cove Downtown **BID Executive Director Patricia** Holman, in the middle, getting Glen Cove's Downtown ready for Christmas.



Courtesy Glen Cove Downtown BID

Santa, tree lighting coming to the City of Glen Cove

The Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District has arranged for Santa to come to Downtown Glen Cove on Saturday, Dec. 5. Children will have an opportunity to take photos with Santa in Village Square, in a socially distanced manner that will include masks and plexiglass.

The event will kick off at 3 p.m. with the arrival of Santa via fire truck to the Village Square plaza. His cottage, decorated by sponsor Safavieh Home Furnishings, will be set up in the center of the plaza, the ideal backdrop for holiday photos. Children will receive candy canes and popcorn balls upon their visit, sponsored by American Paving and Masonry. Masks are required at all times and attendees will be asked to maintain a distance of at least six feet.

At 4:45 p.m., the City of Glen Cove will host its annual Tree Lighting ceremony, the first one to take place in the center of the new Village Square.

ment read. "The National Institute of Health continues to advance rigorous, innovative research to prevent new HIV transmissions and to improve the health of people with HIV world wide.

We now have highly effective HIV

treatment and prevention methods and

work is underway to address the remain-

ing challenges in delivering these those to

people who need them most, as well as to

develop new interventions," the state-

Ever since 1988, World AIDS Day has

been observed.

World AIDS Day this year takes on a new meaning with the Covid-19 crisis.

"This year the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic is creating great concern and uncertainty for people everywhere, including those affected by HIV," the statement read. "Notably, lessons we learned from involving affected communities in HIV research planning and implementation are informing our response to this new pandemic.'

This year, the NIH awarded approximately \$10 million to support implementation science research to advance the goals of the Ending the HIV Epidemic: A plan for America initiative, which aims to reduce new HIV diagnoses in the United States by at least 90 percent by 2030.

"By joining our nation and the world community in recognizing the day, we commemorate the lives lost, celebrate progress achieved and strengthen our resolve to eradicate the disease from our planet," said City of Glen Cove Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews.

Happenings at the Glen **Cove Public Library**

Even though those working at the Glen Cove Public Library can not always be there in person, they are still there for patrons virtually, offering activities, an outlet to express oneself and even social worker interns to assist in personal mat-

Upcoming activities for children, teens and adults

Hanukkah and Christmas crafts for ages 5 and up

Beginning Dec. 7

Hanukkah and Christmas crafts for children will be available for pickup at the library beginning Dec. 7. Families can only take, at most, two bags. Crafts are available while supplies last.

Tweens' holiday garland crafts for grade 4 and up

Beginning Dec. 7

Want to make a holiday garland? Reserve a project and pick it up at the Glen Cove Public Library. Families can only take, at most, two craft bags. Craft bags are available while supplies last.

It's a Wonderful Life film lecture Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. via Zoom

Is it true that It's a Wonderful Life began as a Christmas card? Join the Glen Cove Public Library to find out as Sal St. George explores this and so much more about this film. In this presentation, St. George will discuss where the story originated, the original stars considered for the roles as well as how 1946 audiences responded to the film. Learn why James Stewart was reluctant to portray "George," as well as the circumstances that turned an obscure lost film into a beloved national classic. Register online.

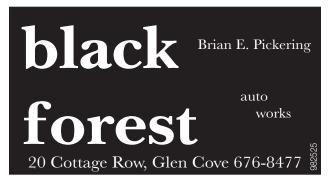
Brain Aerobics

Dec. 16 via Zoom

Join Victoria Lanza on Zoom for Brain Aerobics. This class builds brain strength and increases memory skills. Lanza also explores the power of positive thinking, nutrition for the brain and many other useful tools.

To register and learn about these events and other offerings from the Glen Cove Public Library, visit www.glencovelibrarv.org

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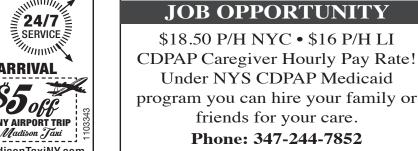
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Seeking comfort in a cult classic this pandemic year

Breaking up Covid

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Exposure.

n the interior of Washington state, in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, there is a tiny city, population about 900, that I have long wanted to visit — Roslyn.

There are no vacation amenities in this place — it is a seemingly ordinary American city, with a handful of eateries and shops and one hole-in-the-wall radio sta-



SCOTT BRINTON

he-wall radio station along its single weatherworn main street. From 1990 to 1995, however, Roslyn was the standin for the fictional Cicely, Alaska, in the CBS cult classic "Northern Exposure," an Emmy Award-winning series that, to my mind, is the finest comedy-drama ever produced,

mixing medicine with literature, history, philosophy, religion, music—oh, so much music— and magic to conjure up an idealized version of small-town America.

Yes, the denizens of this very out-of-theway place disagree and argue — and argue some more — but despite their differences, whether they be spiritual, political or socio-economic, folks seek to understand one another on a deep, existential level, and in the end, they do.

That's why, I believe, so many viewers love this show, worship it, really, including my wife and me. We discovered "Northern Exposure" in 1993, when we arrived in the

U.S. after I had served for two years in the Peace Corps in Bulgaria, where Katerina was born and raised, and we instantly fell in love with it.

Five years ago, I bought the six-season DVD set of the show for Katerina as an anniversary gift, and we set it aside, think-

ing we would eventually watch and rewatch the show's 110 episodes, but we never found the time. Then the coronavirus pandemic struck, and it forced us to slow down. Sequestered at home in the early weeks of the crisis, we started watching the series from its start and found solace in this endearing show, which was best described by one reviewer as "esoteric utopian."

Each Saturday afternoon, feeling pandemic fatigue, we lounged on the couch after chowing on diner food and watched three or so episodes at a clip until, nine months later, we had viewed six years' worth of shows. It was an entirely escapist exercise in a year when, it appeared, the country was collapsing around us. It brought us back to a happier time, one of relative stability, before the Oklahoma City bombing (which occurred the year "Northern Exposure" ended), 9/11, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Great Recession of 2008-09, Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and now the pandemic.

The show's main character, Dr. Joel Fleischman (Rob Morrow), a Queens native and a graduate of Columbia University's medical school, must spend four years practicing in Alaska because the state paid for his exorbitantly expensive medical education. He thinks he'll be stationed in Anchorage, the state's largest city, or its capital, Juneau.

Instead he is sent to Cicely, somewhere

in the far northern reaches of Alaska, where paved roads peter out into dense forest and the temperature plummets well below zero in the dead of winter. Fleischman, a citified New Yorker, is appalled, horrified even. In Cicely he must adapt to a decidedly slower rural culture, one that values the natural beauty of the land surrounding the town, and one that places interpersonal relations, rather than

economic success, at the forefront of people's lives.

Through the relationships Fleischman develops with the other central characters, he slowly comes to appreciate the place and its people to the point that, one day, toward the end of the show, he ventures upstream by canoe to live off the land with a Native American tribe, fishing and gathering, before finally returning to New York City.

Among his small circle of friends are the debutante-turned-bush pilot Maggie O'Connell (Janine Turner), the philosopher D.J. Chris Stevens (John Corbett), the millionaire retired astronaut Maurice Minnifield (Barry Corbin), the trapper-turnedbarkeep Holling Vincoeur (John Collum) and his live-in girlfriend (and later wife), the former beauty queen-turned-waitress Shelly Marie Tambo (Cynthia Geary), aspiring filmmaker-shaman Ed Chigliak (Darren Burrows), general store owner Ruth-Anne Miller (Peg Phillips) and Fleischman's quiet and patient receptionist, Marilyn Whirlwind (Elaine Miles). There are a host of minor, but always eccentric, characters who round out the cast.

What defines the show are the relations among the characters, the depth of their thoughts and the intelligence of the dialogue. There is no other show quite like it. Many have compared it to "Twin Peaks," another '90s cult classic. Yes and no is my answer to that appraisal. There is a persistent darkness to "Twin Peaks," which is about the murder of a teenage prom queen. "Northern Exposure," meanwhile, is one long celebration of life and its many traditions and mysteries.

Sadly, the show isn't available on a streaming service, only on DVD, but buy it and watch it if you're seeking a feel-good story that will stimulate your mind and soul.

I'd love to know what show is keeping you going through the pandemic, and why. You can email me at sbrinton@liherald.com.

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We're on Trump time for another seven weeks

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alf of me never wants to write or speak the name Trump again.
Half of me wants to finish the work I started nearly four years ago: to use my 750 words in this newspaper to speak to the issue of our time, the ongo-

RANDI KREISS

ing incompetence of the Trump administration. Apparently my second half is Trumping my first half, at least this week.

I tried over and over again to stand in others' shoes, to imagine how readers who clearly are informed and patriotic could support a leader who freely lies and then

lies about lying, who cheats and who is willing to abuse the majesty of the presidency for his personal gain. I understand when a reader praises his peace initiative between Israel and the UAE, or the Warp Speed vaccination program. Well done, Mr. President. But none of this comes close to compensating for all we've lost here at home, and across the world.

Responding to a column about Trump's bad behavior, some readers digress to Cuomo and Clinton, with references to their lapses. But they aren't in the White House. Does the fact that Hillary Clinton either did or did not use a personal e-mail

account have anything to do with Donald Trump's misogyny and racism? Were Cuomo's people speaking to Russian operatives before his election?

Perhaps you have loved ones and friends who have died of Covid-19. We have, and we are living the same masked and socially distanced life that so many of you are. This is our war, and we pull together to protect one another.

Do we just let go the fact that Trump, back in January, was in the singular position to organize a cohesive national response to what he knew was a surging global pandemic? Do we forgive and forget 265,000 dead Americans? Do we let go of the tragedy that thousands died because the president decided to keep the pertinent information about the deadly virus a secret? How can we forgive the delay in

ramping up manufacturing of masks and gloves and ventilators?

Even if we accept that which we cannot change, how do we accept his present shenanigans — the comments and behavior of the outgoing president in the face of his

clear defeat to Joe Biden? The man is still raving, hurling false accusations and conjuring imaginary frauds perpetrated against his campaign. Dozens of frivolous lawsuits have fizzled to nothing. The courts are upholding the integrity of the election, and yet the sitting president says he won't concede, and may or may not agree to attend the inauguration or welcome the new president to the White House.

We have a leader who fiddles while the pandemic burns across the land. Every single day we are paying the price for electing him to office.

This will all go away after the inauguration, I suppose, as Biden takes office. But what to do with the Donald? Reports abound that he is the subject of investigations in D.C. and New York.

Trump has been pardoning himself

since he stepped into the presidency, so more pardoning will not be a surprise. The question is, how aggressive will authorities be in prosecuting him for his alleged misdeeds? Biden should not be asked this question, and certainly he should not answer it. Unlike his predecessor, he knows that executive power stops at the doors to the Justice Department.

We teach our children that actions have consequences, and that bad actions may lead to punishment or sanctions. It must be the same for the president. I don't think it serves our country to be in forgive-and-forget mode. We cannot let Trump slide into his next incarnation with impunity. We cannot give him a pass if he has actually broken laws that he swore to uphold.

He may be unsavory and duplicitous and, frankly, incapable of being president, but none of that is illegal. Let the investigations run their course. If we are a country of laws, then so be it, for everyone. If the legal eagles find no cause to pursue prosecution, then so be it. Should charges be brought, let Trump have his day in court. This is not to humble the man, but to heal the country.

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Celebrating our Hometown Heroes

n mid-May, as the coronavirus pandemic raged in New York, the Heralds undertook what became a monumental project to feature each week the front-line heroes who were and are — keeping us safe and providing for our daily sustenance — doctors, nurses, EMTs, firefighters, supermarket employees and sanitation workers.

Every week through November, we published 16 Hometown Heroes — 444 in all — encouraging them to describe in their own words their harrowing, and sometimes horrifying, experiences. They told stories of death and job loss, mourning and fear. At the same time, they demonstrated resilience in the face of unbearable hardship and kindness to desperate strangers.

They spoke of our shared humanity at a time of collective tragedy.

Last week, we wound down the series, publishing our final set of 16 Heroes in our Thanksgiving Day issue, a fitting way to end it. We are so grateful to so many people who have kept our society and our economy moving during this cri-

We began the series focusing primarily on health care workers, but we expanded it over time to include teachers and principals, custodians and business owners, and many, many people who formed ad hoc organizations and small nonprofits to address the needs of their neighbors during the pandemic.

This week, we feature our stories those of editors and reporters who, at

the beginning of the crisis, were deemed essential workers by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and since then have provided readers with the vital, fact-based information necessary to keep them and their families safe.

We have often risked our own health to report not only on the pandemic, but also on the massive social and political protests that have erupted across Nassau County this year. Yes, we wore masks in the field. Yes, we maintained social distancing — or tried our best to do so. Still, in the backs of our minds, we had to live with the persistent thought that any time we were in the field reporting, we could have been infected.

No doubt, 2020 has been a year like no other, for journalists, too.

Why returning to the Paris accord is good for L.I.

resident-elect Joseph Biden recently committed to re-entering the 2015 Paris Agreement to limit carbon dioxide emissions worldwide, which President Trump pulled the U.S. out of in June 2017. Re-joining the climate treaty, which 194 countries have $agreed \ to --including \ every \ industrialized$ nation except the U.S. — will surely be good for Long Island.

Why? Because any effort that we make to limit CO2 and mitigate the global-warming crisis is good for the Island.

Leading scientists from the United Nations' International Panel on Climate Change and other agencies around the world tell us that we have limited time

perhaps only a decade or two — to reverse the effects of the crisis before the Earth's climate system suffers permanent damage. And, they tell us, we must make a concerted, collective effort to address climate change. That was the idea behind the Paris

Among the many potential dangers of climate change are stronger hurricanes, and with Long Island jutting 118 miles into the Atlantic Ocean, we are particularly vulnerable to oceanic storms. We must not forget Superstorm Sandy

Thankfully this hurricane season, we weren't hit by a hurricane, but Tropical Storm Isaias, which began in the Caribbean as a Category 1 hurricane, did wreak

havoc here in early August, downing trees and power lines, causing widespread outages for a week or more. There were so many hurricanes in the Atlantic this year that forecasters ran out of names — the last named storm was Wilfred, in late September — so they switched to letters of the Greek alphabet. 2020 was the seventh most costly hurricane season on record, with more than \$40 billion in damage in the U.S.

Now, not later, is the time to address the climate crisis. We are pleased to see the president-elect taking it seriously, appointing former Secretary of State John Kerry, who signed the Paris Agreement for the U.S. five years ago, as his climate czar.

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Thank goodness the election wasn't in February

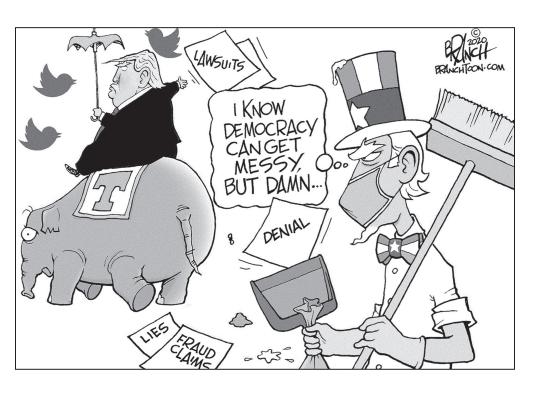
To the Editor:

Re John O'Connell's column, "Give thanks the election is over, and put the knives away," last week: I was deeply saddened that a person such as O'Connell bought into President Trump's madness.

O'Connell wrote that Trump ignited national pride among his followers, but that's not at all what I saw. I saw an explosion of hate and intolerance. I saw people voting against their own best interests by supporting

He is anti-union. He is anti-labor. He has declared bankruptcy six times, each time forcing his vendors to sue him to recover pennies on the dollar.

His vindictiveness carries into his political decisions. His intent of destroying the states that didn't



OPINIONS

In praise of higher education

mong the increasing

number of critics

value of a degree.

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or over a century, American higher education has been viewed as a public good as well as a vehicle for personal growth. It has been a source of scientific and technological advances as well as a means for individual intellectual and social development. According to such polls as Gallup and Pew, Americans believe that



ROBERT A. SCOTT

higher education is nearly essential in helping young people and adults succeed personally and professionally.

We can see this on Long Island, where 15 public and independent colleges and universities prepare the region's students for produc-

tive and satisfying lives in a range of careers, from attorneys to artists to military officers, who contribute to the common good. These institutions enroll over 160,000 students, many the first in their families to attend college; employ over 30,000 people, from groundskeepers to faculty and administrators; have operating budgets of over \$5 billion, yielding tax revenues and retail sales for the local and state economies; and hold over \$1.5 billion in invested funds.

If a community started an economic development initiative seeking an employer whose workforce included highly educated people who would be active locally, whose "products" and services added to the economic and cultural well-being of the community, whose operations were respectful of the local ecology and whose economic impact would be significant, it wouldn't have to look much further than its closest college or university.

Nationally, however, there are an increasing number of critics of higher education, some of whom even question the value of a college degree. According to recent reports by Pew and Gallup, those surveyed said they were deeply concerned about higher education because of increases in tuition and student debt, and questions about the relevance of academic programs.

Survey respondents' dissatisfaction with colleges correlated closely to their political affiliation, with more Republican-leaning respondents saying higher education is going in the wrong direction. Those respondents were also much more likely to mention allegations that college faculty bring their political and social views into the classroom, and that colleges spend too much time protecting students from views they might find offensive.

While we in higher education may question the design of the surveys, the vagueness of the questions and the definition of "college" they use, the results are the work of established polling organizations, and help perpetuate public views. Therefore, we should take these findings, and the resulting news stories, seriously and try to understand not only why these views exist, but also what we can do to regain public trust and confidence in our institutions.

In many public discussions and news articles, higher education is overrepresented by wealthy institutions like Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Stanford. Institutions on Long Island are not comparable in terms of students' family income. Nearly 30 percent of students at Adelphi and over 21 percent of those at Hofstra come from families in the bottom 60 percent of family income

(under \$65,000), with fewer than 4 percent of families in the top 1 percent (\$630,000 or more). In comparison, 15 percent of Harvard students are from families in the top 1 percent; Yale, 18.7 percent; Princeton, 17 percent; and Stanford, 17.5 percent. Long Island institutions are more accessible and offer opportunity to a wider swath of society.

The role of higher education is complex and not easily understood. Not only do colleges and universities challenge what is known through research, scholarship and other creative endeavors, they also act as curators of the past, the archivists of heritage. They bridge the past and the future by preparing graduates for the challenges of careers and com-

merce as well as citizenship.

Several Long Island colleges and universities are ranked nationally, but none are exceedingly wealthy, aloof from their communities and principally residential in character. Nor are any as the universities of Georgia, Alabama or Ohio State. Instead, our colleges and universities are primarily commuter institutions that fulfill their missions not only in their classrooms and online, but also in their communities.

There are numerous examples of college partnerships with schools, chambers of commerce, nonprofit groups and businesses, not only for the benefit of the partners, but also as part of students' education. Our research universities contribute to biomedical advances and the understanding of climate physics, among many other contributions. Many of our colleges and universities partner with one another in order to share resources and enhance efficiency. Overall, they are responsive and flexible, and have demonstrated that they can meet societal and student needs with a variety of programs and credentials.

With greater efforts to demonstrate commitments to student success on and off campus and renewed initiatives to serve the public, colleges and universities can strengthen their place in society and regain public trust and confidence as essential forces for social mobility and personal fulfillment. Institutions on Long Island can lead the way.

Robert A. Scott is president emeritus of Adelphi University.

LETTERS

vote for him was and is clear.

He appointed unqualified cronies to cabinet positions who proceeded to gut the public school system and make decisions based on increasing big-business profits.

Lastly, the last four years of "good economy" is a balloon that is due to burst in a few years. The national debt will have to be paid at some point, and people like O'Connell will conveniently forget that a big chunk of it is the fault of Donald Trump.

LIZ AMBROSINO West Hempstead

Reminded what Thanksgiving is about

To the Editor:

Sitting at breakfast this morning, I was feeling sorry for myself because tomorrow, Thanksgiving, I will be home alone (for the first time) celebrating the holiday. This was not the original plan. I was to visit my son and his family and enjoy Thanksgiving with them.

What happened, however, is that he lives in what is now a yellow zone, and he and his wife and school-age sons are concerned that they might inadvertently expose me to Covid. My initial reaction was disappointment and sadness, despite the fact that every year I have been blessed with being a participant in a great family celebration of extended family, including my two sons and daughter and their families.

As I read Randi Kreiss's column "Dinner for two at our Thanksgiving table" (Nov. 19-25), about the Berlin Airlift and the sacrifices of World War II, I recognized that me being alone at Thanksgiving was nothing compared with the many who are currently suffering through this pandemic in such tragic ways. I am fortunate to be in good health, have the love of family and friends, have a roof over my head and food to share with our local pantry each week.

When I sit down to Thanksgivings dinner tomorrow, I will remember to be very thankful, and I will look forward to next year and a hopeful return to normal for all of us.

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Another last burst of color — Red Cote Preserve, Oyster Bay Cove





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