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'He's truly an asset'

By Jennifer Corr
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Fred Nielsen, a 74-year-old retired U.S. Marine Corps major, is widely known in Glen Cove. He can often be found at city veterans or Boy Scout event. Carrying a clipboard, Nielsen takes note of people he meets.

As a veteran himself, he says it is especially important to make sure that every veteran is recognized for his or her service, and that by doing so, the city's youth can learn from them. Nielsen often refers to veterans as "living history."

The Herald Gazette is proud to name Nielsen its 2020 Person of the Year.

"Fred Nielsen has really dedicated his time in our community to making sure that veteran issues are brought to the forefront, as well as the Boy Scouts," Mayor Tim Tenke said. "Fred has always been available to the city to help out with color guards, any type of parades or ceremonies. Fred always dedicates his time to make sure we do it correctly, and that the branches of our armed services are represented, and represented well."

Nielsen, who grew up in Vero Beach, Fla., enlisted in the Marines at age 19, went to boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., and served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968. He was trained to be an electrician, and learned other trades as well. He stayed in Vietnam for three years, he said, to keep his younger brother, Carl, out of the war under the Sole Survivor policy. Nielsen said he tried to stay in Vietnam as long as he could, but eventually was told he could not return — and that was when his brother enlisted.

"My younger brother had joined the Marine Corps," Nielsen said. "I was at his graduation in Parris Island. I was home on leave at that time. Three weeks after he got into ... Vietnam, he was killed."

Nielsen said he often wonders what

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TIM TENKE

Mayor of Glen Cove

Carl would have accomplished. "He had such a great mind," Fred said. "He was a real people person, too."

In the 1980s, Nielsen served in Washington, D.C., in a ceremonial capacity. Among his duties were organizing parades at the Washington Monument, and taking part in funerals for Marines at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1984, he became the director of the Emergency Supply Operations Center at the Defense Logistics Agency. During the 1980s, Nielsen said, there was an advocate for homeless people in Washington named Mitch Snyder. Among the homeless were veterans, Nielsen said, and with his insight into resources that could be of help to them, he wanted to see what he could do. But that required breaking some rules.

Nielsen, in communication with Snyder, distributed surplus cots, blankets and other supplies, to shelters around the country. When shelter workers would thank Nielsen for the supplies, he'd say "Don't thank me. You have to thank the secretary of defense." Then Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger began receiving thank-you letters from homeless shelters across the country, Nielsen said. "He was saying, 'Wow, what's this all about?'" Nielsen recalled.

"I tell people I was in Vietnam, and that was a very important way to serve at that time," Nielsen said, adding that Weinberger invited him to his retirement party. "But the thing I enjoyed the most was helping homeless vets across the nation."

Nielsen retired in 1986, and he wanted to spend time with his four children from a previous marriage — Kathy, Vicki, David and Patrick — who had moved to Glen Cove from Virginia in 1985.

"During the summers [in Glen Cove], I became an assistant scout master for my son's scout troop," Nielsen said. Among

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Courtesy City of Glen Cove

In 2017, Retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Fred Nielsen was the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade honoree.

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Nielsen honors veterans, inspires children

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the members of the troop was a boy named Thomas, whom Nielsen drove home from scout camp one day. He met Thomas's mother, Theresa, who would eventually become Nielsen's wife.

"As it turns out, Theresa and I began to have a relationship, and I said to her, 'Things have changed,'" Nielsen recalled. "I used to see you as Thomas's mom, but now I'm seeing you as a woman, and I don't know if that's OK.' She put cream in my coffee and said, 'That's just fine with me.'"

The couple married in 1997, and Nielsen later adopted Thomas. "What a fine period of my life that would begin," Nielsen said.

He joined American Legion Glenwood Landing Post No. 536 in 2015, serving as a chairman of the Americanism Committee, and also co-chaired the Children and Youth Committee for the Nassau County Committee of the American Legion from 2010 to 2015. He was chairman of the Glen Cove Memorial Day

Parade Committee until 2018, and in the past couple of years, with the Rev. Roger Williams and Deacon Sheryl Goodine of First Baptist Church of Glen Cove, and American Legion Young-Simmons Post 1765 Commander Dave Hubbard, Nielsen founded the Harlem Hellfighters Citizens, Soldiers and Patriots Advisory Board.

The 369th Infantry Regiment in World War I, also known as the Harlem Hellfighters, was an African-American Army unit. In 1981, the Army assigned the unit — 31 of whose members were from Glen Cove — to the French Army for the duration of American participation in the war, because many white American soldiers refused to go into combat with African-Americans. Despite the unit's successes in the war, its members returned home to face racism and segregation.

At an event in 2019 at the North Shore Historical Museum, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi presented

the family of the late Sgt. Leander Willett, who served in the Hellfighters, a long-sought posthumous Purple Heart. Nielsen, who attended the event, had recruited then 16-year-old Dominick Williams — the Rev. Roger Williams's son — to appeal to Suozzi to apply for a Congressional Gold Medal for the soldiers. Suozzi said he would present his Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act to Congress. If it were to pass, a medal would go on display at the Smithsonian National Museum in Washington. The bill, as of press time, is currently in its introduction stages.

It's not uncommon, Nielsen said, for veterans to continue serving others, especially other veterans, throughout their lifetimes. That eventually led to his involvement with Boy Scout knot board presentations.

A knot board is often assembled by a Boy Scout and then presented to someone to honor his or her achievements. "I tell them. 'I will

not tie a single knot on this board. I will teach you, but only your knots can go on the board,'" Nielsen said. "Then when it's done, I say, 'I cannot present this. This is your board. Only you can present it.'"

Among the knot boards presented this year by scouts in Glen Cove's Troop 6 were to lifelong resident and retired firefighter Francis Uhlendoft, 92, and World War II Navy veteran and lifelong resident Robert Praver, 95.

"[Nielsen] involves children in the creation of [the knot boards] to give them an understanding," Williams said, "[and] to appreciate those who are, particularly, veterans and others who have made contributions to society."

"He's truly an asset to the City of Glen Cove," Tenke added.

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Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

Fred Nielsen, center, met Robert Praver at his knot board presentation, at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center's Children's Memorial Garden.



Giving back at home and abroad

In 2015, Lia Di Angelo, of Glen Cove, decided to convert her birthday from a day about her into a celebration for other people. As her Dec. 18 birthday approached that year, her friends and family were asking her what she wanted, but she couldn't come up with any answers. So, rather than collect material goods for herself, Di Angelo asked to be given children's toys so she could donate them.

Four years later, Di Angelo, 48, a florist who is originally from Cordoba, Argentina, has transformed her birthday toy drive into an annual event that collects hundreds of toys and thousands of dollars for charities. And this year's drive evolved even further,

marking the inaugural gala for the Comite Civico Argentino, or Argentine Civic Committee, a nonprofit organization that Di Angelo founded in July to serve the less fortunate in both her local community and in countries in Latin America.

Through the pandemic, Di Angelo has been working to buy groceries and essentials for local families.

Courtesy Comite Civico Argentino
Comite Civico Argentino founder Lia Di Angelo, far left, and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran recognized County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews for their community leadership.

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On New Year's Day, new City Council members

On Jan. 1, at the Robert M. Finley Middle School, City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman were sworn in to their second terms, along with newcomers Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Rocco Totino, John Perrone and Eve Lupenko. Tenke said that the victory of his team reflected the public's desire for change.

Tenke laid out a three-part plan for downtown revitalization, which included installing new LED lights downtown, work on the sidewalks to increase walk-

ability and handicapped accessibility and creating an entrance to the Brewster Street Garage through School Street.

Since that swearing in, council members have faced unexpected challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic. Challenges have included a deficit in state and county aid, securing Covid-19 antibody tests, conducting City Council meetings over video conferences and being there for their constituents in a whole new way.

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Courtesy xx

Victim of sexual abuse, remove priest's name from St. Rocco's

The Rev. Eligio Della Rosa served the parish of the Church of St. Rocco for more than 15 years. Although he first arrived in Glen Cove in 1965 for a four-year stay, it wasn't until he returned in 1975 that he solidified his legacy in the city by reinstating the famous Feast of St. Rocco's, a five-day festival celebrating the church.

While he is remembered for his service in Glen Cove, an allegation of sexual abuse against him resurfaced: The attorney, Mitchell Garabedian demanded that the priest's name be removed from the St. Rocco parish center.

He was portrayed by actor Stanley Tucci in the film "Spotlight," about the Boston Globe's series of stories detailing the abuse allegations against priests in Boston. Garabedian represents a man who claims the priest abused him more than 50 years ago, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Rocky Point.

Officials of the Church of St. Rocco said only that they would defer to the diocese on whether to remove Della Rosa's name from the parish center.

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Popular mom-and-pop shop Charles of Glen Cove closed after 62 years

In the heart of downtown Glen Cove there once was a hardware store packed with just about anything residents needed for their homes since the 1940s. The store carried everything from housewares to plumbing supplies to lighting to paint. Should customers be unable to find exactly what they needed, storeowner Douglas Goldstein and his wife, Sue, were always happy to help.

Although stores have come and gone in the downtown area, Charles of Glen Cove had remained, as the Goldsteins stuck with what worked, personable customer service, even as

online shopping boomed. Despite the constant flow of customers, Sue and Douglas decided to close the store and retire. Douglas explained that he just could not keep up with the workload anymore.

The Goldsteins attributed their success to their vast inventory and their commitment to customer service.

Courtesy Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews
After operating Charles of Glen Cove for decades, Douglas and Sue Goldstein decided to retire and close the popular hardware store.

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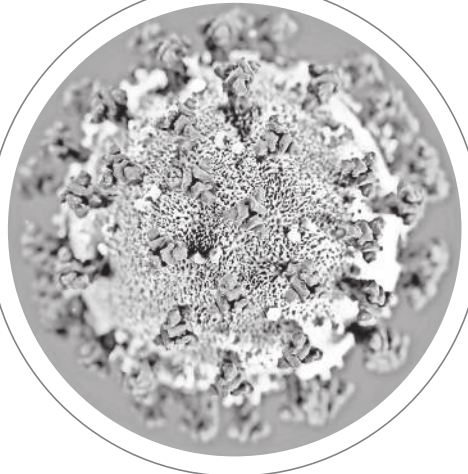
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Glen Cove Hospital prepares for coronavirus

The novel coronavirus, dubbed COVID-19 by the World Health Organization on Feb. 11, had infected more than 70,600 people in China and killed more than 1,770 as of Feb. 16, according to the WHO.

Although there were no reported cases in New York at this time, 15 people across the U.S. had been infected, prompting medical facilities, including Glen Cove Hospital, to prepare for the appearance of COVID-19 on the North Shore.

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A specialized treatment unit was created on the third floor of the hospital during the Ebola outbreak in 2015 but was never used. Dr. Barbara Keber, the hospital's chair of family medicine and Northwell's vice chair of family medicine, said that patients with Covid-19 wouldn't fit the criteria to use the treatment unit, and that the rest of the floor would be used instead.

Courtesy CDC

An illustration of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



School district and community prepare for third bond vote

After the failure of two bond proposals last year that would have funded repairs at all six schools, the district moved forward with a third bond, totaling just over \$45.9 million, that would be put to a vote on March 19. It had been reduced by 40 percent and is projected to cost the average Glen Cove homeowner, with a home assessed at \$500,000, \$20.23 a month.

The first bond, last March, totaled \$84.6 million, and the second, in

October, was for \$78 million. All buildings besides GCHS and Finley would undergo heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements.

While the vote was set to March 18, the third bond was never voted upon because of the pandemic.

Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna read letters from students offering suggestions on what they wanted to see in their schools.

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Glen Cove flies veteran suicide awareness flag

The passion was apparent in Kevin Hertell's voice as he stood before the Glen Cove City Council on Feb. 25. The Air Force veteran, who came in uniform, founded the nonprofit Suicide Awareness & Remembrance Flag Corporation. He asked council members to consider flying the flag he created to memorialize the thousands of veterans who have died by suicide after returning home from war.

More than 100,000 veterans have taken their own lives since 2001, Hertell said, and it is time this epidemic is recognized.

Mayor Tim Tenke agreed informally to fly the flag downtown alongside

the American and POW flags, and it will likely be the first city in the country to do so.

The flag proposal was added to the agenda at the council's March 10 meeting and subsequently approved by the council. Tenke added at the time he was confident the flag would soon fly above the city.

Courtesy Kevin Hertell

Kevin Hertell, far right, is spreading the word about the nonprofit Suicide Awareness & Remembrance Flag Corporation, above at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2912 in Wyandanch.

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North Shore eateries, businesses expect hard time amid Covid surge

After Gov. Andrew Cuomo's directive in March that all bars and restaurants would have to close because of the coronavirus, only allowing for takeout and delivery, many restaurant owners expressed worry and sadness.

At the same time, Deborah Orgel-Gordon, founder of the North Shore Biz Network, which organizes business networking events, said the ban on gatherings in March of more than 50 people announced by Cuomo to slow the spread of the coronavirus would cause a ripple effect among area businesses. For instance, she explained, both a florist and a caterer would lose out if a wedding were canceled.

Lisa Cohn, president of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, said she had noted the city's nearly empty streets, and was struggling to come up with ideas for how businesses could move forward.

Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said he had written a letter to U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer and State Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand requesting assistance in the form of compensation for business owners and employees affected by closures.

Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

Glen Street went without one of its biggest events of the year with the cancellation of Sunday's Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day parade.



City closes parks, beaches

Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke ordered the city's parks and beaches closed on March 30 because of several reports of people violating an order by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to keep their distance from others to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Anyone who was to go to a park, Tenke said, would be asked by the Glen Cove Police Department to leave. If they return, they could be issued a violation. "I'm really hoping that people will take this seriously," Tenke said. "This is for their benefit. I'm not looking to punish people."

The GCPD closed the parks and beaches on March 30.

The Glen Cove Golf Club opened for appointments on Friday, May 1 and pickleball at Stanco Park opened that following weekend, with playgrounds, basketball, handball and racquetball courts throughout the city remaining closed. Morgan Park opened on Saturday, May 2.

Courtesy Roni Chastain

Morgan Park is among those that have closed in the interest of slowing the spread of Covid-19.

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Funeral homes watch families grieve alone

Louis Pillari, the owner and director of the Oyster Bay Funeral Home, said in mid-April that over the past week, he had seen a spike in deaths of close to 50 percent. Codge Whitting, a co-owner and the director of Whitting Funeral Home, in Glen Head, said that he, too, had seen a noticeable increase.

Given the dictates of social distancing, there were no longer traditional viewing hours at funeral homes, regardless of whether Covid-19 is the cause of death. And members of the clergy, for the most part, were not leading prayers or offering words of comfort to grieving families at

the facilities.

Funeral Masses were not permitted inside churches. Some clergy were offering prayers at burial sites, but that was not allowed at some cemeteries. And not even family members were permitted to attend burials at national cemeteries, like Calverton and the Long Island National Cemetery, which allowed only a funeral director to be present.

Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

Those who died during the early stages of Covid were not given a traditional funeral.



Work endless for E.R. doctor

Dr. John Colletta said that his Centerport neighbors considered him something akin to a leper. They knew he worked in the emergency room at Glen Cove Hospital. As the chair of Emergency Medicine, he was on the front lines of the pandemic, working around the clock to manage the emergency room, where almost all of the patients had Covid-19.

Although the volume of virus patients was decreasing — there have been 233 cases by the second week of April — Colletta said that those who were admitted were acutely ill. Some were tested before at the

hospital and returned much sicker, he said. The majority of patients he was seeing had severe shortness of breath, and not all are senior citizens.

It's hard to know exactly how many people died of the virus, he added, because when there was a shortage of tests the hospital didn't want to waste them on those who had already died.

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Courtesy GCH

Glen Cove Hospital Emergency Room nurses Diane Perez, far left, Cristina Gomez and Amanda Sicuranza discussed the care of a Covid-19 patient.



Glen Cove Hospital: Home to heroes

The public perception of police officers and firefighters changed after Sept. 11, 2001, when so many lost their lives trying to save others. They were deemed heroes, and there was a marked increase in new recruits for jobs as first responders.

Many believe that the coronavirus pandemic may have changed the image of health care workers. Communities on the North Shore and island-wide expressed their gratitude for these workers, posting signs of thanks and delivering food, letters and cards.

Medical workers are being described as heroes for their dedication to saving lives, often at risk to their own.

Registered Nurse Aimee LoMonaco, director of patient care services for critical care at GCH, said a nurse handles four to six patients in the ICU. Each had 16 to 18 during Covid she said.

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Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

Glen Cove fire departments gathered outside the hospital and paraded down the street with their sirens to honor the hospital staff and their tireless work during the pandemic.



Protest attracts hundreds

Roughly 1,000 people came to the North Shore to protest police brutality on June 7, marching in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and victims of police brutality in the wake of George Floyd's death at the hands of the Minneapolis police.

Organizers from Sea Cliff and Glen Cove and other speakers addressed the crowd, offering messages of hope and appreciation for one another. The day was about protesting systemic racism and police brutality, they said, and North Shore residents needed to come together to show that they would not stand for injustice.

Organizers Megan Tornatore, Stevens Martinez, Tea Henderson, Wesley Knox, Jason Samel and Olivia Knox spoke about the importance of such an event, sharing their experiences with racism as well as its role in the world at large.

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The Rev. Richard Wilson, of Antioch Baptist Church, led the march in his 1929 Mercedes Gazelle.

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New Glen Cove Hospital unit to aid recovering Covid-19 patients

On April 15, Etienne Fontaine noticed that his father, Edner, was struggling to breathe while on a Zoom call with his congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. As the night wore on, Edner's condition worsened, and around 1 a.m., Etienne found him screaming in his bedroom as he fought for air.

He was taken to Southside from his home in Central Islip, where he tested positive for Covid-19. Over the following month and a half, Edner was placed in two medically induced comas and needed the help of ventilators and a tracheotomy to breathe during his time in and out of the intensive care unit.

Etienne's father recovered from the

virus but remained weak after spending so much time on a ventilator and needed rehabilitation to breathe on his own again. So he was transferred to Glen Cove Hospital's new Acute Ventilator Recovery Unit. The unit, which cost roughly \$1 million to construct, provides up to 16 patients at a time with respiratory and physical therapy, along with round-the-clock care by physicians, nurses and dietitians.

Courtesy Glen Cove Hospital

Dr. Josh Case, far left, Dr. Brad Sherman and Glen Cove Hospital's executive director, Kerri Scanlon, in the hospital's new Acute Ventilator Recovery Unit, the first of its kind in the country.



Class of 2020 ends a chapter with a socially distant graduation

Members of Glen Cove High School's class of 2020 had a unique ending to their high school career, but they were able to close this chapter of their lives with a traditional outdoor commencement on June 26.

Kicking off a number of ceremonies, school officials, followed by graduating seniors, all wearing masks, crowded the football field as "Pomp and Circumstance" played. The graduates sat with their families, who maintained social distancing.

In order to follow that protocol, there

were five ceremonies. But even with masks covering smiling faces, the excitement was still evident, as the seniors cheered for their graduating classmates.

Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

There was a lot of celebrating going on at Glen Cove High School's graduation.



'Wine fairies' bring fun to G.C.

The concept of "wine fairies" has swept communities across the country. It often starts in Facebook groups, where women share their addresses and stories, and comes to fruition with a "dusting" of goodies and plenty of photos to follow. And, of course, a fairy's mission is to give the recipient a smile, but not get caught.

Breanna Cruz of Glen Cove and her mother Laura Cruz, also of Glen Cove, noticed that in a Long Island-wide wine fairy Facebook group, there were few North Shore residents, because of their

distance from other communities. So, they started their own Facebook group in May called "Wine Fairies of Glen Cove, Glen Head, Sea Cliff, GWL and Locust Valley."

As women on the North Shore networked, the group grew to over 1,000.

Glen Cove resident Pam Giorgi, left, and her brother, James Pascucci, go on wine dusting adventures together – while (mostly) maintaining social distance and wearing masks.

Courtesy Pam Giorgi

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Glen Cove Police Department addresses questions at town hall

In a digital gathering on July 2, the Glen Cove Police Department detailed its policies and procedures in an effort to assure the community, and especially its minority members, that what happened in Minneapolis would never happen in Glen Cove.

Mayor Tim Tenke announced that a new committee would be launched to meet and discuss issues in the city, and to relay their concerns to city, school or law enforcement officials.

Deacon Sheryl Goodine of First Baptist Church of Glen Cove, asked about the Glen Cove Police Department's policies,

practices and training, including the use of force, and de-escalation techniques to prevent cases of brutality in the city. Glen Cove Police Chief William Whitton, said that de-escalation is not a new term for the GCPD, and that it has been implemented in training over the past five years.

Clockwise from top left, Mayor Tim Tenke, Police Chief William Whitton, Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz, Antwan Brown and the Rev. Roger Williams took part in the digital town hall.

Courtesy City of Glen Cove



Remembering John Lewis

Six years ago, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, the late civil rights leader, spoke at First Baptist Church of Glen Cove and signed copies of his 1998 memoir, "Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement."

According to the church's pastor, the Rev. Roger Williams and then U.S. Rep. Steve Israel reached out to Lewis to ask if he would visit the church.

Williams saw Lewis many times before meeting him. He had seen photos and videos of Lewis on television and in newspapers and books recounting his fight for civil rights. Over Lewis's years of fighting

for equal rights, he was brutalized and arrested more than 40 times. When he died on July 17, he had represented Georgia's 5th Congressional District for nearly 33 years.

When the church attendees, who included Nassau County Legislator Delia Deriggi-Whitton and State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, approached him afterward to chat or pose for photos, William recalled, Lewis engaged everyone.

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Courtesy the Rev. Roger Williams

The Rev. Roger Williams, left, former U.S. Rep. Steve Israel and Rep. John Lewis at an event at First Baptist Church of Glen Cove in 2014.



Isaias packs a blustery punch, downing trees in Glen Cove

Tropical Storm Isaias, a swift-moving tempest that slammed Nassau County on Aug. 4, knocked down more than a thousand trees and some 338 electrical and phone wires, County Executive Laura Curran said at a news briefing the following morning. No fatalities were reported, Curran said.

Thirty county crews worked through the night and into the morning, removing fallen trees and storm debris from county roads.

Chief William Whitton of the Glen Cove Police Department said most of

the city was still without power that morning, and there were many trees down as well. A week later many residents were just getting their power back.

After months of serving customers through a pandemic, many local businesses did not expect to have to deal with the consequences of Tropical Storm Isaias, losing thousands of dollars in lost food and transactions.

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Courtesy Tammy Lanham

The Rev. Tommy Lanham, the minister of Glen Cove Christian Church, said he had many fallen trees on the church's property.



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Honoring of life-saving officers

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi honored five police officers who recently saved lives including Darren Pittman of the Glen Cove Police Department. Pittman, who lives in Glen Cove, was honored for saving the life of an NCPD officer who also lives in the city. On Nov. 9 at 4:20 a.m., Pittman received a distressing text message from the officer, who was his friend. After talking with him on the phone, Pittman concluded that he was contemplating suicide, and called the GCPD for backup. Then Pittman, still in his pajamas, drove to his friend's home.

He found him in a vehicle, holding a handgun. Realizing that the officer was about to take his own life, Pittman lunged for the gun and wrestled it away. The officer became hostile, but was subdued by backup GCPD officers and taken to a hospital for evaluation. He received treatment, but has made a full recovery, and is back at work.



The family of GCPD Officer Darren Pittman, fourth from left, joined him as he was honored by U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, center, Glen Cove Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos, far left, GCPD Chief William Whitton and Mayor Tim Tenke.

Mike Conn/Herald Gazette



Sept. 11 — Glen Cove will never forget

A pandemic did not stop the city from remembering the events of Sept. 11, 2001 that left 2,977 dead, including four Glen Cove residents.

Among the residents who perished that day was 52-year-old Joseph Zuccala, who was a banking consultant at Fuji Bank on the 78th floor of the World Trade Center's south tower.

Tina Cammarata, Zuccala's sister, said that her brother was in his office when the plane hit. "He had the greatest personality, very compassionate, lots of words of wisdom,"

Cammarata said, "and he was just a special person who made everyone he met feel special."

Members of Zuccala's family attended the ceremony to place a wreath at Glen Cove's 9/11 monument. It was created within the year of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The ceremony was not open to the public this year. It was posted on social media.



Members of Joseph Zuccala's family helped honor him and the three other Glen Cove residents who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

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New bulkhead coming to G.C. sewage plant

The Nassau County Legislature voted unanimously on Aug. 3 to approve additional funding for a new marine bulkhead along the Glen Cove Sewage Treatment Plant near Hempstead Harbor. The bulkhead would run along the south side of Glen Cove Creek, which empties into the harbor.

The project, which was brought to the Legislature's attention by Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, will cost \$172,480.

County funding was approved to replace the existing bulkhead a few years ago, but, DeRiggi-Whitton said, the project fell through because it was not deemed a priority at the time. The consulting and design firm H2M

Architects + Engineers tested the soil and groundwater in the area, and found low levels of contamination. But there is more wear and tear on structures that are in constant contact with water, DeRiggi-Whitton noted, and given the fact that the bulkhead protects Hempstead Harbor from sewage runoff, further deterioration could result in contamination of the harbor.

Courtesy Office of Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton
Officials say they hoped that a new bulkhead between the Glen Cove Sewage Treatment Plant and Glen Cove Creek would help prevent contamination from seeping into Hempstead Harbor.

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An unusual first day of school in Glen Cove

First day of school outfit, check. Backpack, check. School supplies, check. Face mask, check.

Children of Glen Cove returned to school on Sept. 14 for the first time since March and social distance, plastic dividers, temperature checks and masks are just part of their new classroom routine.

Robert M. Finley Middle School psychologist Courtney Farrell said that new aspects of daily life, like wearing masks and social distancing shouldn't be too difficult for the students because it has become a new social norm.

Part of that new routine for students was adjusting to a hybrid model,

where they alternate between in-person and remote learning.

The district formed a Reopening Task Force back in June to address the different aspects of the classroom, such as disinfecting, social distancing and mask wearing. According to a letter from Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna, the district is tasked with making sure that each classroom is meeting guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local health departments.

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At dismissal, Robert M. Finley Middle School students headed for their buses, where they are required to wear their masks and sit socially distant.



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Back to the books: G.C. Library opens for browsing

As many Glen Cove residents prepared to go back to school, two of the city's resource centers had reopened—the Glen Cove Public Library and the North Shore Historical Museum.

While both had to close in March because of the coronavirus pandemic, many programs continued to connect patrons to programs, resources and opportunities for learning.

Computers and sitting areas had been blocked off in the Glen Cove Public Library, which reopened on Sept. 1. The aisles of DVDs and books had arrows on the floor to keep patrons from walking past one another. And markers keep patrons six feet

apart at checkout. The curbside pickup service the library had offered would continue, Kathie Flynn, the library director, said.

At the North Shore Historical Museum, Director Amy Driscoll and board trustee and City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews took to Facebook to announce its re-opening on Sept. 2. However, due to rising cases of Covid-19, the museum later announced it would remain closed until the end of 2020.

Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette
The Glen Cove Public Library opened for browsing on Sept. 1.



The North Shore remembers Ruth Bader Ginsburg

On Sept. 20, a small crowd gathered outside State Supreme Court in Garden City to remember the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died on Sept. 18 at age 87.

Jude Schanzer, 67, an East Meadow Public Library employee from Freeport, said that Ginsburg's death was the only event that could have brought her out to such a gathering on a Sunday that also happened to fall during Rosh Hashana.

Mahir Nisar, an attorney from Glen Head said Ginsburg lived for a pur-

pose — a purpose for life that was dedicated to championing women's rights.

Since her death, Glen Cove City Councilwoman Dr. Eve Lupenko Ferrante said, she had been reflecting on Ginsburg's accomplishments. And City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said that not only did the country lose a great hero, there will never be anyone like her.

Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

A small crowd gathered outside the State Supreme Court in Garden City to mourn the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

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Glen Cove's budget is passed, cutting jobs, raising taxes

After a heated public hearing on Oct. 27, the City Council passed Glen Cove's \$64.3 million 2021 budget, which cuts six jobs, abolishing their titles. It raised residential property taxes by 7.32 percent, exceeding the state's property-tax levy cap for the city of 1.56.

Tenke said he did not want to raise taxes, but if the council had not voted to exceed the cap, that would have left a budget

deficit of roughly \$2.3 million. He added that cutting six positions would save the city \$550,000 a year, including salaries and benefits.

Among those who were laid off was Parks and Recreation Director Darcy Belyea. Food service helper at the G.C. Senior Center was eliminated as well.

Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

Protestors gathered outside City Hall during the Oct. 27 City Council meeting where a public hearing was held on the 2021 budget.

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Garden honors young victims, survivors of Holocaust

In the past couple of years, the Children's Memorial Garden, which was dedicated in 2003 to the 1.5 million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust, has undergone a number of renovations, including the installation and etching of the stanchions.

Tours designed by the Children's Memorial Garden Committee would lead groups through this dark chapter of history, reading the words of those like Anne Frank, who was 15 when she died, leaving behind her diaries, and Janusz Korczak, a Polish educator, children's author and doctor who worked at an orphanage in Warsaw and was killed at the Treblinka extermination camp.

The tours, which had to be booked

three days in advance, ran until Nov. 15. Groups took a 45-minute journey reading quotes from before, during and after the Holocaust, all etched onto the 14 stations.

On April 29, 2003 — Holocaust Remembrance Day — the Children's Memorial Garden was officially dedicated as a living tribute to the 1.5 million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust.

Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

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

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'King of the wine fairies' gets big birthday parade bash

Glen Cove resident James Pascucci, 53, received a birthday celebration fit for a king. He said it was a day he would never forget.

After meeting in the Connolly Elementary School parking lot, the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department, sirens blaring, led what seemed like an endless stream of cars down Smith Street, their passengers bearing gifts for Pascucci, who has Down syndrome. As he waved from his front yard, he wiped away tears of joy.

Just six months ago, many of the participants would have been strangers to Pascucci. What brought them all

together was a Facebook group called "Wine Fairies of Glen Cove, Glen Head, Sea Cliff, GWL and Locust Valley."

Since the group started, approximately 1,000 people have joined, and many friendships have blossomed, including one among Kim Tognelli Heavey, Giorgi and Pascucci.

The "Car parade birthday and celebrations drive by's — Long Island North Shore" Facebook group, also helped organize the parade.

Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

James Pascucci, 53, surrounded by gifts from "wine fairies," said that his birthday celebration was one he would never forget.



Honoring a 92-year-old Eagle Scout

Lifelong Glen Cove resident and retired firefighter Francis Uhlendorf, 92, overlooking West Pond, Dosoris Pond and the island where he played as a young boy, shared his stories with Boy Scouts, 11-year-old twins Matthew and Jack McCormack, who presented him with a knot board. This added to the collection of memories Uhlendorf has accumulated over the



years at the Matinecock Rod & Gun Club, that he helped form in 1945. Glen Cove officials and members of the Rod & Gun Club were also present to honor Uhlendorf.

Courtesy Tab Hauser
Twins Matthew, left, and Jack McCormack, both 11, presented Francis Uhlendorf with a knot board.



Glen Cove reacts to Biden-Harris election win

On Nov. 11, President-elect Joseph Biden tallied over 77 million votes — more than any other presidential candidate in history — besting President Trump's 72 million-plus votes, the second-most ever. The Electoral College made Biden's win official on Dec. 14.

Allen Hudson, the assistant principal of Glen Cove High School, said he could hear the sounds of celebration as he and members of his family made their way to Sea Cliff Memorial Park on Nov. 7, where they joined other North Shore residents to mark Biden and Vice President-elect

Kamala Harris's victory by marching through the village. Hudson said he found out about the march on Facebook, and estimated that 100 to 150 people took part — all wearing masks.

Before Biden was declared the winner in Pennsylvania three days later, putting him over the top in the electoral vote count, Hudson, like many other North Shore residents, continually monitored the television network maps of red, blue and undecided states.



Courtesy Allen Hudson
Allen Hudson, center, was happy with a Biden win.



Suozi, Gaughran come from behind to win re-election

When U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi held a news conference on Monday in Glen Cove, he said he was confident he would win his bid for re-election, but wasn't ready to claim victory. Less than 24 hours later, he was.

"George Santos called me this morning to concede and congratulate me on my victory," Suozzi stated in a news release on Tuesday. "I thanked him for his call."

Suozzi, the Democratic incumbent, was behind in the vote count on election night, with 49 percent, while Santos, his Republican challenger, garnered 51 percent. That was based on in-person voting. But Suozzi said at the time that he was confident he would win, based on the larger-than-ever number of

absentee ballots that still needed to be counted.

After two weeks of being behind in the vote count, incumbent State Sen. Jim Gaughran, a Democrat from Northport, announced on Nov. 18 that he had been re-elected to his 5th Senate District seat. On Election Day, Gaughran had just 44 percent of the Nassau County vote, while his Republican challenger, Edmund Smyth, had 56 percent.

Courtesy State Sen. Jim Gaughran
State Sen. Jim Gaughran, his wife, Carol, and their dog, Corbin, were thrilled to see that Long Island's absentee ballots put the senator ahead in the 5th District race.



Neighbors ensure a Thanksgiving feast for all

North Shore residents who were part of a non-profit or religious organizations worked to ensure that no neighbor went without a Thanksgiving Day meal.

Madeline Rubenstein, a board chair of the North Shore Soup Kitchen that joined forces with food relief program NOSH, said that gift cards would be provided to the approximately 400 families that NOSH delivers bags of groceries to.

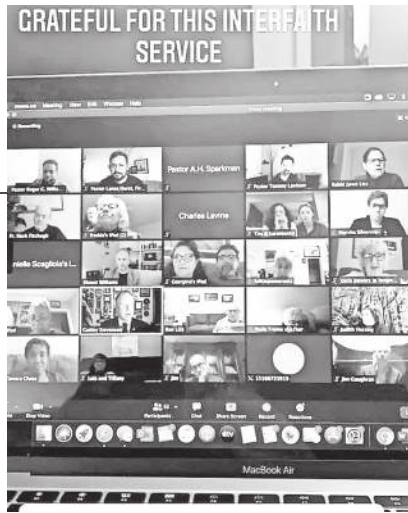
Kimberly Conte Velentzas, who has been offering her porch as a place to

drop off food donations since the spring as part of the non-for-profit Porch Pantry, held a Thanksgiving food drive in collaboration with other organizations like the Glen Cove YMCA to help neighbors celebrate the holiday.

As for the distribution of cooked, hot meals, Trinity Lutheran Church in Glen Cove handed out meals to go in lieu of its usual Thanksgiving Day feast.

Courtesy NOSH
Spiro-Tsirkas, the director of the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, dropped off bags of donations to NOSH, a food relief delivery program that helps North Shore families.

Interfaith Thanksgiving goes virtual



The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, a decades-old tradition, went digital this year, giving Glen Cove's faith leaders, elected officials and residents a new perspective on what they are thankful for after a year full of challenges.

Rabbi Janet Liss, of North Country Reform Temple, hosted the service, which was held on Zoom. The Rev. Lance Hurst, of First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove; the Rev. Tommy Lanham, of Glen Cove Christian Church; and the Rev. Roger Williams, of First Baptist Church of Glen Cove, also took part, leading their virtual congregants in prayers and songs.

Among the readings were "America's

Table," a prayer written by Ken Schept and published by the American Jewish Committee and "A Thanksgiving Prayer," by Rabbi Naomi Levy.

More than 70 participants listened to songs about healing, hope and togetherness, including "How Good and How Pleasant it is that We are All Together," from Psalm 133; "This Land is Your Land," by Woody Guthrie; and "What a Wonderful World," performed by Louis Armstrong.

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Courtesy First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove
The decades-old Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was held digitally this year.



Villa project approved by Planning Board

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 176-unit Villa at Glen Cove from condominiums to rental units. Board members Carolyne Diligard Clark and John Maccarone voted against the measure.

The approval came after the planning board requested several conditions and changes in the project from Daniel Livingston, president of Livingston Development Corp.

The project had received much scrutiny over the years. Concerns range from the possibility of overde-

velopment to the project's impact on home values, traffic flow and quality of life for nearby residents.

Livingston Development Corp., which 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.

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Herald File Photo
The Villa project was approved during a Nov. 21 virtual meeting.



Locally donated tree lit in Village Square

It was a festive evening in heart of Glen Cove on Dec. 6, as Santa Claus, riding into Village Square via a Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department truck, took photos with families.

Santa, in his den decorated by interior designer Maryvi Araujo from Safavieh in Glen Cove, was stationed behind plexiglass for safe greetings and picture takings. All families wore masks when taking pictures, making for some memorable Christmas photos that will symbolize a time of social distancing.

The tree, which was grown by the Thompson family in front of a home on George Street in Glen Cove and

donated by the Maziejka family, the current homeowners, arrived in Village Square the Wednesday prior. It was the first time Glen Cove's official Christmas tree was erected in the recently finished Village Square, a development of Garvies Point at Glen Cove by RXR Realty that was dedicated to the City of Glen Cove earlier Sunday afternoon.

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Christina Daly/Herald Gazette
Four-month-old Cole Orlansky met Santa Claus for the first time with his mom Carly and brother Cooper, 3.



First Covid-19 vaccine is on its way to the North Shore

Nassau County hospital officials and elected leaders are moving fast to prepare for distribution of the first doses of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine after federal emergency-use authorization for it was approved Dec. 11. New York is slated to receive 170,000 doses in the first batch.

At Glen Cove Hospital, Melonie Pernice, associate executive director of operations, will direct the vaccine's disbursement. There are 12 vaccine sites in the Northwell Health system, including GCH. Pernice said the hospital was ready and waiting for the go-ahead from the state Department of Health.

Front-line workers in hospitals with the highest numbers of Covid cases will get the vaccine first, and Pernice said that GCH would see deliveries sooner than expected.

Experts say vaccines should be widely available to the public by April or May. In the meantime, the first doses will go to essential workers, in particular hospital employees, long-term care facility workers and emergency medical technicians, as well as nursing home residents, according to state Health Department protocols.

Courtesy Northwell Health
Sandra Lindsay, of Port Washington, became the first person in New York state to receive Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine on Monday.



Laura Lane / Herald Gazette

Jimenez gets a kidney from his niece

Glen Cove resident Tony Jimenez had a major influence on his niece Julianne Jimenez's life nearly a decade ago. When Julianne learned this fall that her uncle was in desperate need of a kidney, she decided right away that she would be the donor.

A Vietnam veteran, Jimenez, 69, enlisted in the Army in 1969, after he graduated from Clarke High School in Westbury. He served for two years.

Since then, Jimenez has served his community in a variety of ways. Over the course of more than 14 years he served as a city councilman, a Glen Cove Fire

Department emergency medical technician and a county court officer, and he was one of the first people in Glen Cove to respond to the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, traveling by ferry to the World Trade Center.

On Nov. 30, Tony and Julianne walked into North Shore University Hospital holding hands. She gave him one last hug before the surgery, which went well for both of them.

Courtesy Julianne Jimenez

Glen Cove resident Tony Jimenez searched for a long time for a kidney donor, only to find one close to home, his niece Julianne Jimenez. Jimenez and his wife Kathy, top right, months before the surgery.



PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Glen Cove School District Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022 Registration for Kindergarten will begin on January 6, 2021.

To enter Kindergarten, children must be five years old on or before December 1 of the school year. Registration packets are available at the following locations:
Glen Cove School Website - Our District, Central Registration
District Office (Thayer House) located at 154 Dosoris Lane
School buildings
Pre-kindergarten will begin on February 8, 2021 through April 23, 2021.

To enter Pre-kindergarten, children must be four years old on or before December 1 of the school year. A New York State Income Guidelines are required to be met in order to be eligible for the Pre-kindergarten program. For both Kindergarten and Pre-K registration: Photo ID, proof of residency, proof of child's age should be attached with registration packet. Please have all forms in the registration packet completely filled out. Incomplete forms will be mailed back to you for you to complete. Drop off completed registration packets with required documentation at our District Office (Thayer House) located at 154 Dosoris Lane during business hours Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please call (516) 801-7008 with any questions you may have. 124286

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a continued PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Planning Board on Tuesday, January 5,

2021 at 7:30 p.m. when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views. The hearing will be on the application of Land Rover Glen Cove, LLC seeking a Special Use Permit and Site Plan approval to renovate an existing nonconforming building for Land Rover and Jaguar service and construct a new one story 27,507 square foot motor vehicle sales showroom with service reception area for the dealership on an adjacent lot. The property is located in the Glen Cove B-2 Peripheral Commercial District at 62 & 70 Cedar Swamp Road, Glen Cove, NY and is designated as Section 21, Block 80, Lots 16 & 18 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the public will only have virtual access to the meeting through the use of Zoom Webinar, a platform which will enable residents to watch a livestream of the meeting on the platform or to call in and listen to the meeting in compliance with the Executive Order 202.1, as subsequently extended. A link to the hearing will be posted the Glen Cove website (www.glencove-li.us) in advance of the hearing which can be accessed from the homepage by clicking the link labeled "Online Meetings" and then following the instructions thereafter. If you have any questions about accessing this hearing, please contact Rosa Rizzo, the secretary for the Planning Board, at rrizzo@glencoveny.gov. Please note that although all interested persons will be given an opportunity to speak, all microphones will be muted until such time as the particular individual is authorized to speak. Anyone wishing to comment on the application, but who cannot join the Zoom meeting, can submit comments to Rosa Rizzo

in advance of the hearing. Public comments received prior to the commencement of the public hearing will be made part of the public record. Because the City Hall is closed to the general public, the above application may be viewed on the City's web site under the tab "Boards, Commissions and Agencies" and then under the "Planning Board" sub-tab. If you are unable to access the application, please contact Rosa Rizzo at the address above.
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December 23, 2020
OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
JOHN DIMASCIO,
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124285

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Glen Cove shall conduct a public hearing on January 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Glen Cove City Hall located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York to afford citizens of the City of Glen Cove and all interested parties an opportunity to be heard concerning a proposed amendment to the Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Glen Cove and Verizon New York Inc. The proposed Amendment to the Franchise Agreement provides for an expanded definition of the term "Franchise Area" to incorporate the entire territorial limits of the City. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the public will only have virtual access to the meeting, pursuant to NYS Executive Order 202.1, and subsequent orders thereafter. The hearing may be accessed by following www.zoom.us/join and

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-Best Books Fan

Dear Best Books Fan,

I have added, subtracted, and added again to our 2020 list. There were many books I liked and very few I loved so it was difficult deciding what to include, but here it goes in no particular order:



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- "Payback" by Mary Gordon
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- "Saint X" by Alexis Schaitkin
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- "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid

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

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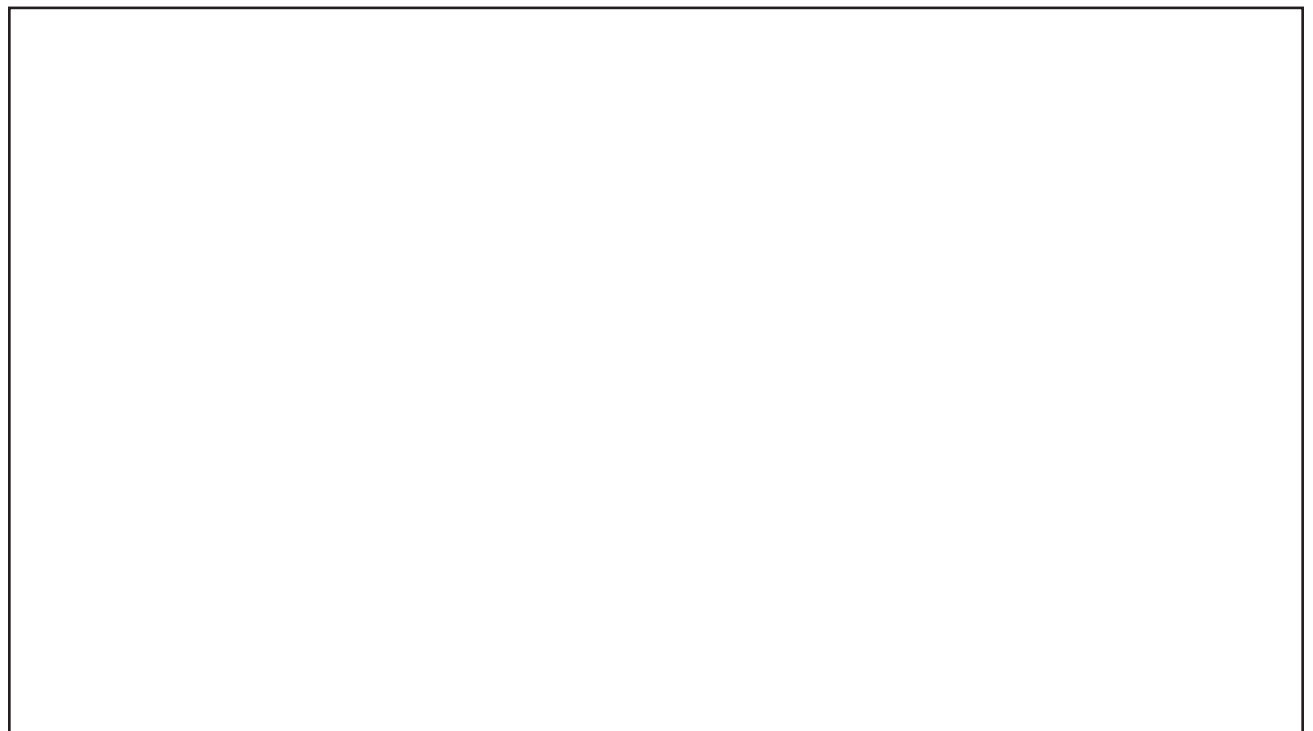
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HERALD EDITORIALS

Giving thanks in 2020

In a year when so much has gone awry — so many lives lost, businesses battered, jobs vanished — it strains the imagination to think what we might be thankful for, particularly as the nation enters its second wave of the coronavirus pandemic. The coming months will likely be, as President-elect Joseph Biden has said, a “dark winter.”

Thanksgiving is, however, all about the audacious nature of hope.

The holiday, first celebrated in the fall of 1621, commemorates the struggle that the original Pilgrims faced and, against all odds, overcame in the New World — and the kinship they felt with the Native Americans who rescued them, helping to provide sustenance to a relatively small band of people who otherwise might have starved. The roughly 50 colonists at the original harvest celebration in Plymouth, Mass., were outnumbered by Native Amer-

icans, according to History.com. The 100 Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower had seen much death between 1620 and 1621: Some 78 percent of the women died during the first winter. Yet they persevered, and survived.

So shall the American people today — thanks in no small measure to our heroes

— the doctors, nurses, EMTs, firefighters, police officers, teachers, teachers' aides, sanitation workers, railroad workers, subway and bus drivers, custodians, cooks, waiters and waitresses, supermarket employees and so many others — who have kept us safe, our education system up and running, and our economy moving. When many others were able to work from home, they put their lives on the line to do their jobs.

As a society, we should take a moment and reflect on their sacrifices over the past nine months.

We can also be thankful for our family and friends. We may not be able to shower them with hugs and kisses as we might want, but we can keep them in our thoughts and close to our hearts.

And we can be thankful for the miracles of modern science. Only 100 years ago, the 1918 pandemic ran wild for two years, killing 50 million worldwide, including 675,000 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Thanks to technology that allows many of us to work remotely and socially distance, to date we have seen a tenth of the 500 million cases that the world did in

1918-19, and because of modern medical technology, the death toll thus far is one-fiftieth what it was then.

So, while the number of infections and deaths today is unacceptably high, it is not close to the level of suffering experienced a hundred years ago — and let us hope and pray that it remains that way.

Likely, it will. On Saturday, the innovative New York company Regeneron Pharmaceuticals received emergency-use authorization for its experimental antibody treatment for the coronavirus. President Trump received the treatment, and by all accounts it was highly effective. The drug is designed to prevent patients from becoming severely ill by imitating the body's natural defense system. We can only say, wow!

If all goes well, the Regeneron treatment should prevent many deaths, enabling health officials to safely roll out at least one of the vaccines now in the pipeline without undue political pressure. By April, we could indeed round the corner on this terrible pandemic, says Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Yes, there has been much despair this year, but there is much hope as well.

County does right by small businesses

We are pleased that Nassau County Executive Laura Curran is once again promoting small businesses ahead of the holiday season — which is vital this pandemic year.

Last Friday, Curran and county Industrial Development Agency Chairman Richard Kessel came to Rockville Centre to promote an innovative contest, aptly titled the Shop Safe, Shop Local Scavenger Hunt, and we are encouraging readers to take part in it.

The contest, which will be held for one week starting Saturday, will work like this: Complete four of eight tasks in your community, like buying breakfast at a local eat-

ery or making a purchase at a local shop, and take a photo of yourself — masked — at each location, along with the product you purchased and your receipt. Then email it to scavengerhunt@nassaucountyny.gov or share it on Facebook.

The first person who finishes all four tasks and registers them on each day of the contest will receive a \$100 gift card.

All purchases must be made at small businesses in a single community on the day of the contest. Online and delivery orders are eligible. The complete set

of instructions can be found at www.nassaucountyny.gov/shoplocal.

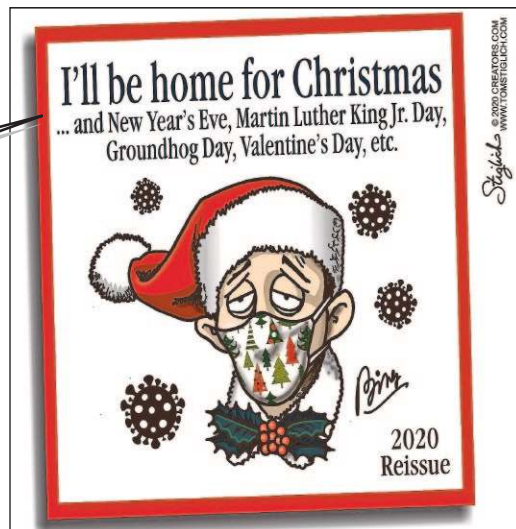
As we noted in last week's editorial, “Remember to shop locally this holiday season”: “Despite the crisis, we encourage you to consider patronizing our mom-and-pop shops, many of which now offer their goods online. Abandoning our local businesses would be devastating on so many levels.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As Bob Praver did in last week's letters, I also applaud Dr. Eric Last's column, “Surely we shouldn't be fighting over wearing masks” (Nov. 12-18), on the urgency of wearing masks in fighting the coronavirus

pandemic. But while Last's exhortation that we must “treat others as you'd want to be treated yourself” was well-intentioned, I believe it would fall on deaf ears when directed not only at those who, at this late date, scoff at the wearing of masks and social distancing, but also those who deliberately promote and take part in large, illegal social gatherings with no consideration of taking measures to counter the spread



What are the editorial pages all about?
 Who writes editorials?
 How do letters and guest columns get published?
 This week's pages offer some answers to our readers.
 We thank The Riverdale Press for the idea.

Opinion pages

OPINIONS

We need to pay attention to children's mental health

The coronavirus pandemic has created a variety of hardships that have left families and children in distress. Social isolation. A mounting death toll. An estimated 8 million Americans falling into poverty. We have entered uncharted territory, and uncertainty continues as cases continue to rise across the U.S.



SHARON SKARIAH

Grief is a normal reaction — grieving not just the loss of life, but also the loss of normalcy and freedom when a disaster occurs. So what happens when we add even more stress to families and their children, particularly when schools close?

The trickle-down effect of all this misfortune can dramatically weigh on kids, especially if they don't have access to mental health resources at home. Typically, mental health symptoms are identified at school, by their teachers and peers, social workers and guidance counselors.

Children need a routine and consistency. Remote learning and social isolation will continue to uproot them. Children

with autism also face challenges with irritability, anxiety and behavioral disturbances. And the erratic nature of schools' opening and closing (albeit temporarily) can have a lasting effect.

A recent study in JAMA Pediatrics showed that more than 22 percent of students in the Hubei province of China reported symptoms of depression, and more than 18 percent had anxiety symptoms, when schools closed for over a month. A second study, in the Journal of Pediatrics, determined that younger children (ages 3 to 6) were more inclined to show fear or clinginess, where older kids (6 to 18) were more likely to show inattention and persistent inquiry. Clinging, inattention and irritability were the severe psychological conditions demonstrated by children in all age groups.

School closures — short or long — are unfortunately bound to happen until a safe and effective vaccine is available. Prepare to take care of your child now.

First, children need outlets. In early childhood, play is important for development in the physical, verbal and emotional domains. Build that imaginary fort,

encourage storytelling, toast s'mores in your backyard. For adolescents, it's important that they develop their own sense of identity but also explore peer relationships. Encourage this — in a socially distanced, safe way.

Second, seek normalcy. The goal is to foster continued development, even if your children can't attend school in person. They want to feel safe — an important tool for parents to use during the crisis. Make sure you provide protection and consistency in an otherwise uncertain time. Talk to them about their feelings. Ensure their safety by creating an atmosphere of stability.

Third, adapt to the environment. Summer may be gone, but you can still enjoy the outdoors safely during the fall, and even on some nice winter days. When the extreme cold sets in, continue building on the elements of safety and fun you have already introduced. Have family game nights. Schedule a movie night. Cook and bake together as a family. Designate a reading hour. Although it may be colder, it's important to get exercise, so go for a walk or a hike or a brisk bike ride. There are also online exercises for kids, like yoga and others.

Fourth — and most important — pay attention. Younger children can't always express their distress, anxiety or fear. Their behavior may regress. Look for the signs, which include an increase in crying or neediness, more temper tantrums or somatic symptoms (headaches, stomach aches) than normal. Older children may also show increased anger and irritability.

If you think your children or adolescents may need a mental health professional, don't hesitate. They are acting that way because they need help. So watch out for them to verbalize any suicidal thoughts, ongoing sleep disturbances, a decline in overall functioning (hygiene, grooming), aggression or worsening substance use. If you see these signs, seek treatment.

Following these steps may help keep children mentally fit during one of our harshest times. Nothing can replace life as we knew it pre-Covid, but you can manage this new normal and keep your kids safe, too.

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Opinion columns

We publish three columns every week. Columns represent the views of the writers themselves, not of the Herald. Each writer works independently and chooses his or her own subjects. Among our regular contributors are the Herald's executive editor, Scott Brinton, and the Nassau Herald's former executive editor, Randi Kreiss, both of whom have won numerous awards for their opinion writing. We also feature columns by prominent political figures, including former U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and former State Assemblyman Jerry Kremer, both of whom are now consultants. And we regularly invite guest columnists to offer their views.

Special features

The op-ed, or opposite the editorial, page features a weekly Framework photo, which is chosen by our photo editor. The Framework offers a creative, at times humorous outlet for our photography staff. In this spot, we also publish photos sent to us by readers, featuring them on vacation, reading the Herald at various international landmarks. We call it Herald Around the World.

At times, a correction box might appear on the op-ed page. We strive each week for the highest standards of accuracy and accountability. When we make mistakes in our reporting, we believe we must own up to them and correct the record.

LETTERS

of the virus. The time for these selfish and greedy individuals to be reasoned with has long passed.

These people should be penalized for their actions, which continue to put the rest of us at even greater risk of acquiring the disease, and severe penalties should also be meted out to participants in these gatherings, not just their greed-bound organizers.

If anything, these miscreants should consider the 17th-century English poet John Donne's poem, telling us not to ask "for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee." They might also be reminded that, indeed, "no man is an island," as Donne wrote. It appears, though, that they do not realize or accept this concept, even though we are all in this fight — together.

ROBERT RUBALSKY
East Rockaway

We must protect communities of color

To the Editor:

The Washington Post last Friday published a new analysis of the impact of Covid-19 on people of color. It reported, "Nearly nine months after the virus exploded in

the United States, and amid big treatment strides, the disease continues to ravage African-American and other minority communities with a particular vengeance. Black, Asian, Native American and Hispanic patients still die far more frequently than white patients, even as death rates have plummeted for all races and age groups."

As Covid-19 continues to spread aggressively nationwide, it is crucial that government officials at all levels — federal, state and local — address the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on people of color. Immediate attention should be paid to issues such as the availability of testing facilities in communities of color, access to health care, inequitable treatment once access is provided and priorities for providing vaccines once they are available. The evidence is clear: Government owes it to all Americans to ensure fair and equal access to health care, regardless of race, in this pandemic — and always.

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The season's last splashes of color — Glen Cove

Letters to the editor

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If we believe a letter requires major revisions, we will send it back to the writer and ask that he or she change it so that meaning and intent are not lost.

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