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Courtesy Marisa Pomerantz Macnow

Ushering in the new year

Many people stayed home on New Year's Eve, limiting themselves to celebrations with family members. Jacob and Natalie Macnow, 10 and 12, prepared to bid 2020 farewell. More photos, Page 12.

Suozzi: A mad dash for safety

By LAURA LANE
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U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, of Glen Cove, was in the House chamber when the Capitol was breached by protesters Wednesday afternoon. A debate over certification of Electoral College results in the presidential election was under way, sometime between 3 and 4 p.m., when members of Congress were instructed to retrieve the gas masks from under their chairs.

"Tear gas had been used in the rotunda," Suozzi said during a call to the press while he remained in an undisclosed area. His voice was measured and calm. "The chaplain of the Congress said a prayer. The doors in the chamber were locked, but then people began banging on them."

Capitol Police drew their guns. Republican and Democratic lawmakers huddled together, Suozzi said. A protester broke through the glass of the door through which the president enters for the State of the Union address.

"The glass is broken, but I don't know if it was shots or banging," Suozzi said. "I did hear a pop, pop, pop."

Representatives on the floor of the chamber were escorted out first. Suozzi was upstairs in the gallery, far from the door, at the time. "At one point we were concerned that we couldn't exit, so 30 of us stayed there," he said. "We wanted to see if [the protesters] would break through the doors."

Capitol Police had their weapons drawn."

Members of Congress and their staffs tried to determine which door to use for an exit because they could hear people in the hallways. "We finally left the chamber, and I saw several protesters on the floor surrounded by Capitol Police," Suozzi said. "We went downstairs through a labyrinth, and I saw people sheltering in place."

Suozi felt strongly, he said, that the members of Congress should return to their chambers to continue the process of certifying the presidential election. "We must show countries that our democracy will continue to survive and thrive even in the mist of this lawlessness," he said. "We cannot allow thugs and violent people to change the way that our country works."

As of press time on Wednesday, tens of thousands of Trump supporters had stormed the Capitol, overrunning police barricades, scaling walls and entering the heavily protected structure. The protesters had forced security to barricade the doors of the House chamber with furniture, their weapons drawn, prepared to fire. The Associated Press reported that an unidentified protester had been shot, and National Guard troops were en route to the Capitol, along with officers from the Federal Protective Service and Secret Service.

Telling time, and an important story from the past, at HMTC

By MIKE CONN
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When Andrea Bolender, of Glen Head, took over as chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County in September, she said that one of her missions would be to promote the idea of being an "upstander," someone who doesn't sit by while injustice

happens all around.

That idea, Bolender said, is in keeping with the center's newest artifact, a clock, donated by Vice Chair Ron Fishman's family, that was hidden by his grandparents' neighbors in Paris when his grandparents were taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp by the Nazis in 1940.

The Art Deco clock. Fish-

man said, hung on the dining room wall in the home of Shama and Dora Prierer, Jewish immigrants from Poland. His mother, Rosette Prierer Gerbosi, has childhood memories of pushing her doll carriage around the dining room and hearing the clock chime — a scene from a normal childhood, before the horrors that

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Out with the old, in with the new for 2021

By JENNIFER CORR
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The story of 2020 is one of trials and tribulations. The City of Glen Cove faced many trials when it came to public health and well-being, as well as financial distress. But through it all, the community stuck together and pulled through to 2021.

“We did not know what this virus meant to us,” City of Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said, reflecting on when the virus first touched-down in March. “We had no guidance. We were listening to the medical advice; we were listening to the governor, the hospital. We were trying to do what was right.”

People were no longer able to see their loved ones and what really stood out to Tenke was that if a person was in the hospital for Covid-19, they could not be with their family.

“It was a very frightening time in the spring, Tenke added.

Businesses that were deemed non-essential were forced to go remote and restaurants would become limited to take-out and delivery service only. The streets of Downtown Glen Cove would become empty.

The hallways of schools within the Glen Cove City School District would also become empty for some time and many students would spend the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year learning from home.

In the fall, the students began alternating between in-person and remote learning. “The pandemic has changed the way we live, has impacted our daily lives in ways we never thought would occur,” said Dr. Maria L. Rianna, the superintendent of the Glen Cove City School District. “We have lost so many loved ones. It has been difficult.”

The teachers would have to work in ways they would never have to before, Rianna added, innovating new ways of teaching children from behind computer screens. All school faculty and staff have done a wonderful job, Rianna said.

In order to get through this time, everyone had to learn new ways to adapt, whether it was conducting business over Zoom or finding safe ways at home to pass the time.

Patricia Holman, the executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, said she was proud of business and restaurant owners for learning new ways of conducting business during a social distant era, whether it was offering curbside pickup or offering delivery through services like Uber Eats. Holman herself learned during this pandemic, she said. She plans on continuing to livestream events like Downtown Sounds to garner a wider reach.

“We’ve actually gained five new businesses,” she said. “The businesses were able to get through it, the community supported them and I hope that until brighter days, it continues through 2021.”

The Glen Cove High School Food Pantry grew in use and distribution, food relief organization NOSH was formed to deliver food to North Shore residents in need, Glen Cove resident Lia Di Angelo, through her organization Comité Cívico



COURTCILMAN ROCCO TOTINO, left, Mayor Tim Tenke and Councilman John Perrone delivered lunches to employees at Sunrise Senior Living of Glen Cove in May.



MANUEL LEMUES, A manager of Amalfi Pizzeria and Restaurant, said that he and his coworkers have been appreciating the community support through the pandemic and after losing power for several days.

Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

Argentino, delivered groceries to those who needed it and Glen Cove resident Kimberly Conte Velentzas donated her porch to be used as a place to drop off groceries as part of the Porch Pantry, a non-profit that gathers and delivers groceries.

Tenke said the depth of generosity in Glen Cove is endless, as residents are always willing to give, adding that the Glen Cove Police Department, Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department, Glen Cove EMS, Auxiliary Police, health care workers and Department of Public Works employees continued serving their community, even when it was dangerous to do so.

Going into 2021, Tenke said he is feeling optimistic that the Covid-19 vaccines will work and that it would be given to enough people to defeat this virus once and for all and return to a sense of normalcy. But with that in mind, as cases continue to rise once again, people must practice precautions until that day of normalcy returns.



COURTCY Glen Cove City School District
STUDENTS IN GLEN Cove City School District classrooms are separated by six feet with dividers on their desks.

New Year's resolutions, hopes and goals

- Sharon Levin: To live her best life and continue surviving day by day.
- Cynn timer Maharani: To be healthy and stay alive.”
- Tammy Lanham: “We set goals. Resolutions tend to fade and the goal-setting process tends to have more sticking power. My husband’s number one goal this year is to give his mom, in Kentucky, a hug. Mine is to complete a Core-52 study [a daily guide to building knowledge on the Bible] with my husband. My son’s is to improve his cardistry [the performance art of card flourishing where you manipulate a deck of playing cards]. My daughter’s is to wake up at 5 a.m. each school morning.”
- Marisa Pomerantz Macnow: “Healthy eating and exercise more. More family time — cook and walk the dogs together, family game night, family homework help. Smile more, stress less. Definitely don’t stress the small stuff. Try new things, whether food, tea or technology.”
- Glen Cove City School District Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Rianna: “I wish for the end of this pandemic. I look forward to a much healthier and safer return to a school setting and normal lives.”
- Porch Pantry founder Kimberly Conte Velentzas: “One of our goals is to hopefully find a donated location in town where we can store [food] and work out of so that we can get more volunteers safely and service more families as possible.”
- Glen Cove Senior Center Executive Director Christine Rice: “We’re hoping once the pandemic is past us that we’re able to work with the community and with the committees and advisory boards on how to make Glen Cove and the areas around Glen Cove more age friendly for seniors.”
- Glen Cove Downtown BID Executive Director Patricia Holman: “I’m cautiously being very optimistic and I really hope that maybe towards the end of the summer we can have a few of our concerts that we usually have and by Halloween we’re able to go back to doing our special events.”

GCFD assists in house fire on Downing Avenue

By **MIKE CONN**
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The Sea Cliff Fire Department received an alarm at 1:19 a.m. on Dec. 17 alerting them of a house fire next to 110 Downing Ave.

First Assistant Chief Jim Ajamian was the first to reach the blaze, arriving at 1:24 a.m. He said he immediately saw that the entire house was engulfed in

flames. The fire was under control within three hours, he said, and the SCFD received aid from 13 other departments, including Glenwood Fire Company, Glen Cove Fire Department, Glen Cove Emergency Medical Services, Locust Valley Fire Department, Bayville Fire Company, Atlantic Steamer, East Norwich, Syosset, Roslyn Rescue, Hicksville, Port Washington and Plainview.

Ajamian said roughly 100 to 150 fire-

fighters helped put the fire out, one of whom was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The homeowners were away on vacation.

There was major structural damage to the building, Ajamian said, and everything was contained to that one house.

Resident Suzanne Cohen lives near the house, which she said sits on a large plot of property making it visible to residents of surrounding blocks. Though she was never afraid that the fire would spread to her home, she said it was no less scary.

“It was really, really terrifying for me because I’ve never seen anything like that in real life,” Cohen said. “It looked like you were watching a movie in real life.”

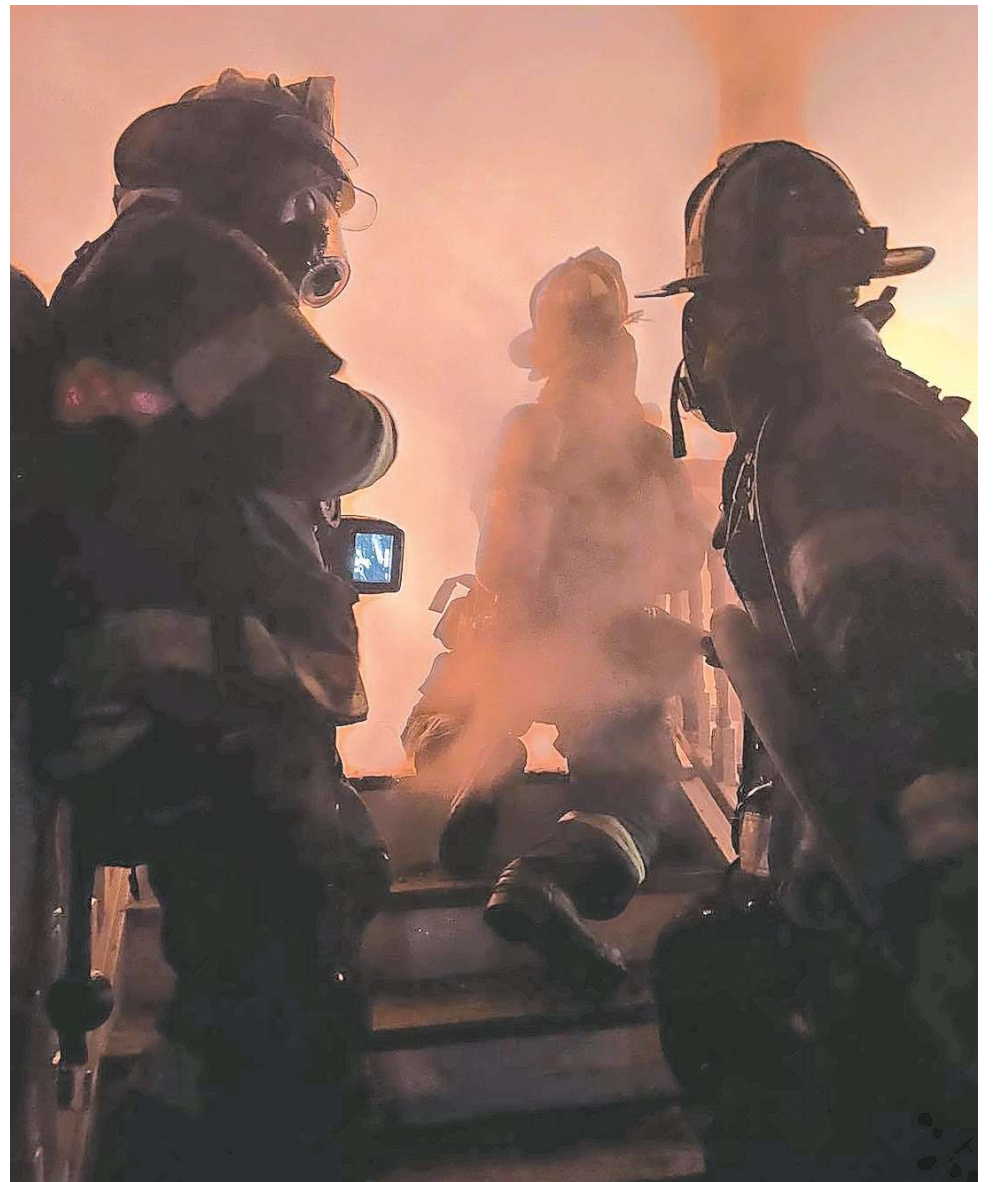
Cohen commended the fire department for its swift and effective response. “They were just amazing,” Cohen said. “You hear stories and you hear about things they do but to see it front of your eyes is a whole other thing.”

Ajamian said the Nassau County Fire Marshal’s office is investigating the cause of the fire.



Photos courtesy Sea Cliff Fire Department

OVER 100 FIREFIGHTERS were needed to get the fire under control.



FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF Jim Ajamian said he saw the house engulfed in flames when he arrived on the scene.

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CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On Dec. 28, a 28-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for attempted assault in the seventh degree, menacing in the second degree and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree on Austral Avenue.

■ On Dec. 29, a 29-year-old Syosset male

was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree and moving from a lane unsafely on Town Path.

■ On Dec. 31, a 36-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for driving while intoxicated and failing to signal on Highland Road.

Tax rule benefits seniors, disabled

By JENNIFER CORR

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Many seniors and people with disabilities have been isolated during the coronavirus pandemic. Following a unanimous vote by the Nassau County Legislature on Dec. 23, they can forgo their annual renewal application for tax exemptions in 2021 and 2022, provided they are still eligible for an exemption, which is granted to people with limited incomes.

When Nassau County Executive Laura Curran signed the measure, she guaranteed that seniors and people with disabilities will continue to receive a discount on their school taxes without appearing for in-person visits to tax offices ahead of the Jan. 4 filing deadline.

The measure came after Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued an executive order that gave counties the ability to waive tax-exemption renewal requirements. The Legislature's Democratic caucus co-introduced the legislation on Dec. 21.

Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said she voted for the measure because the pandemic is an ongoing emergency, and keeping older adults safe must be the priority.

"We felt that this would be not only a convenient step but a step in the right direction for safety measures that we're trying to keep," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "It's almost a no-brainer."

How tax exemptions work

Nassau County offers a Senior Citizens' Real Property Tax Exemption for people over age 65, along with an exemption for people with a limited income and disabilities. The exemption provides reductions between 5 and 50 percent on county, town and school taxes, but no reduction for special school districts.

Discounts depend on income. The 50 percent exemption applies to people whose income, including Social Security, is \$29,000 or less. The 5 percent discount is applied to those who make \$36,500 to \$37,399.

Eligible homeowners can expect to receive the tax exemptions in their school property tax bills that will be distributed next fall.

For more, call the Nassau County Department of Assessment for more information at (516) 571-1500 or visit www.nassaucountyny.gov/1502/exemption-brochures.

Her hope, she said, is that the automatic renewal will continue past 2022. "It just makes everything easier," she said. "It's just one less thing for them to have to think about."

Legislators realized how difficult the renewal could be, DeRiggi-Whitton said, when an incorrect robocall went out to those in the program stating their tax exemption renewals had not been received.

"It sent people into a panic, and they went down [to the Nassau County Depart-

ment of Assessment], and there were long lines," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "That kind of sparked our awareness of how difficult it can be sometimes."

Legislator Josh Lafazan, a Democrat from Woodbury whose jurisdiction includes Oyster Bay, said he would also look at any proposal that would improve quality of life for older adults. "As a young legislator, it's my generation, and therefore my responsibility, to take care of those who came before us," he said.

But for now, he said he was happy to

make the lives of seniors more comfortable as they face other challenges during this pandemic. "Senior citizens are among those who are most vulnerable to Covid-19," Lafazan said. "So many seniors are struggling to retire in place and stay in Nassau County. If we can take action to help these seniors during a crisis, then that is public service done well."

He said he was proud to work with his colleagues to pass this measure for county residents.

Glen Cove Senior Center Executive Director Christine Rice called the measure a step in the right direction. "If we can alleviate any additional stress, any extra steps that they would have to complete in order to do their taxes, would be an extremely positive step for them," she said.

DeRiggi-Whitton said she has spent a good amount of time during the pandemic addressing seniors' concerns. "Their lifelines were these senior centers," she said. "They've been closed or functioning at a minimum capacity. They're real connection to the world has really been minimal. It's a tough, tough situation for so many people."

For many seniors, Lafazan said, the tax exemptions are also a lifeline because they allow them to stay in their homes. "Seniors need more relief, and we need to do more as a government to allow our seniors to . . . live with dignity."



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Thursday, Jan. 7

Evening yoga

Virtual evening yoga session held at 7 p.m. Donna Harragan will lead hour-long evening sessions on Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Feb. 4, 11 and 25. To register, visit www.glencovelibrary.org. Call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

Friday, Jan. 8

Student loan debt forgiveness

Virtual program at 7 p.m. The National Student Debt Forgiveness program can help people solve their Federal Student Loan debt issues with their free workshops. Consecutive sessions will be held on Jan. 13 at 12 p.m., Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. and Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Register online at www.glencovelibrary.org. Call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Annual Chip-A-Tree

Morgan Memorial Park parking lot, Germaine Street, Glen Cove from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. As the holiday season comes to a close, the City of Glen Cove Beautification Commission will host their annual "Chip-A-Tree" event for residents to recycle their used evergreen Christmas trees. There will be free coffee and donuts for all who attend. Residents are asked to remove all decorations and lights from their tree before recycling. For those who are unable to attend the event, they can drop their trees off at a designated area in the parking lot. After Jan. 9, trees will be picked up curbside on Wednesday's with yard waste by the Glen Cove Sanitation Dept. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at (516) 676-4402.

Online Dancercise

Virtual session from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Start the weekend moving with a Dancercise class with instructor Carol Rodriguez. Ten classes costs \$50 and consecutive sessions will be held Jan. 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6 and 13. Checks can be made payable to Locust Valley Library and can be mailed to the library



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Paint night for adults

Digital event from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join the Bayville Free Library from to paint "Winter Thaw" on a canvas with a ClayNation instructor. Materials will be available for pickup at the library, 34 School St., Bayville. Register at www.bayvillefreelibrary.org. Call (516) 628-2765 for more information. Cost \$20.

at 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560 (to the attention of Michael Vinas). Include a cell phone number on the check, as Rodriguez will text participants a Zoom link 15 minutes before each class. For more information, visit www.locustvalleylibrary.org or call (516) 671-1837.

Monday, Jan. 11

Morning yoga

Virtual yoga session at 9:30 a.m. The Glen Cove Public Library is hosting morning yoga sessions. Led by instructor Marie DiPrimo, consecutive sessions will be held Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, 8 and 22. Register for the classes online at www.glencovelibrary.org. Call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

Take and make snowman

Oyster Bay - East Norwich Public Library, 89 E Main St., Oyster Bay. Starting Jan. 11, families of children two to six-years-old can head to the library to pick up a snow man craft. Then, while assembling the craft, they can listen to a story. Visit www.oysterbaylibrary.org to receive the YouTube link for the story. Call (516) 922-1212 for more information.

Virtual cooking class

Virtual cooking class at 7 p.m. "Chef Rob," in a virtual event hosted by the Oyster Bay - East Norwich Public Library, will demonstrate a chicken paprikash and dumplings recipe he learned while on a trip to Hungary. Register online at www.oysterbaylibrary.org. Call (516) 922-1212 for more information.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Enough Abuse seminar

Virtual seminar at 7 p.m. Hosted by the Glen Cove Public Library, the Enough Abuse Campaign is offering educational information for parents, professionals and other concerned adults to prevent people from victimizing children and to prevent children from developing abusive behaviors in the future. This program is presented by staff from The Safe Center. Register for the class online at www.glencovelibrary.org. For more information, call (516) 676-2130.

Gap year seminar

Virtual seminar at 7 p.m. Wondering about the benefits of a gap year and

realistic options amid Covid-19 and the disruptions to higher education? Join Katherine Stievater, founder of Gap Year Solutions, for a presentation and Q&A about the benefits of gap years and what a realistic gap year looks like when international travel is not an option. Register online at www.oysterbaylibrary.org. Call Leslie Armstrong at (516) 671-1837 for more information.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Get started in family research

Virtual program at 7 p.m. The Genealogy Federation of Long Island is offering an introduction to finding one's family history. For more information, visit www.glencovelibrary.org. Call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Council of Advisory Teens

Virtual meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. The Council of Advisory Teens is a group of teens who help make decisions about the Locust Valley Library. This year, CATS will focus on a newsletter, podcast and book reviews. Get involved and register for the meeting at www.locustvalleylibrary.org. Call (516) 671-1837 for more information.

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5 things to know about your town

- Sea Cliff Board of Trustees will hold virtual meeting on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.
- Glen Cove Board of Education to hold virtual meeting on Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
- Bayville Free Library to discuss depression in elderly people on Jan. 11 at 2 p.m.
- Glen Cove Library to offer delivery to the home-bound Jan. 12 and 26.
- Glen Cove City Council to hold meeting on Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

HERALD SCHOOLS

GCHS's top 10 students from Class of 2021 recognized

By **JENNIFER CORR**
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Ten Glen Cove High School students were recognized at the Dec. 16 Glen Cove City School District Board of Education meeting for having the highest grade point averages in their class.

"Given the extraordinary circumstances that our students faced over the last school year, this achievement is all the more remarkable," said Glen Cove High School Principal Tony Santana, who added that the students are a source of Glen Cove pride.

"I know that it has not been your traditional and typical school year or end of school year last year and it doesn't seem that the traditional will be back as soon as we all would like," Glen Cove City School District Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Rianna said, "but I want to note how proud I am of all our students, our top 10 students."

Students have been extraordinary in

adjusting to their learning environment, she said, adding that despite the challenges they face, they remain dedicated and committed to their studies.

"I look forward to sitting with you and actually meeting with you as the year goes on," she said.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

TEN GLEN COVE High School students were recognized for having the highest grade point averages in their class.

The 10 students with the highest grade point average

- Alan Gansky (valedictorian)
- Owen Forrester Yates (salutatorian)
- Liam R. Dall (honorary)
- Philip Wlodarczyk
- William E. Merkel
- Jennifer Heman
- Olivia Nystrom
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Federal gov't stalling offshore wind farms

By MADELINE ARMSTRONG

The final leasing grounds for offshore wind farms in the Atlantic Ocean south of Long Island were supposed to have been designated in early 2019 so lease auctions could be held, but nearly two years later, they have not yet been assigned, slowing New York's bid to acquire 70 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030.

Assignment of New York Bight Offshore Wind Energy Areas, located between Long Island and New Jersey, has been indefinitely postponed without explanation, angering local elected leaders like U.S. Rep. Kathleen Rice, a Democrat from Garden City and a wind energy proponent.

The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, a division of the Department of the Interior, oversees assignment of offshore wind leasing grounds. Rice, who represents the 4th Congressional District, covering a wide swath of Nassau County's South Shore, recently wrote to DOI Secretary David Bernhardt to express her outrage that designation of the WEAs continued to be delayed.

She was joined by other elected leaders, including Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove who represents the 3rd Congressional District, and who was formerly Nassau's county executive, as well as Rep. Jerrold Nadler of the 10th District and Rep. Tom Reed of the 23rd District. The representatives asked that the BOEM assign the WEAs so lease auctions could be held. To date, they have not received a response from either the BOEM or the DOI.

That has local environmental advocates concerned and dismayed, as offshore wind does not emit carbon dioxide into the atmosphere the way fossil fuel power plants that burn oil, natural gas and coal do, and so wind energy is not a cause of climate change, the slow heating of the Earth over time. Global warming is considered a particular threat to Long Island because it causes sea levels to rise and hurricanes to grow bigger.

"If we're really going to fight climate change and transition to renewable energy, offshore wind has to play a key role," said Adrienne Esposito, executive director of the Farmingdale-based Citizens Campaign for the Environment. "It is not a luxury item. It is a necessity."

Esposito said she supports Rice's letter. "We really need a congressional representative to get involved, take action and support wind farms," Esposito said.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, a state agency that promotes energy efficiency and renewable power, is also calling on BOEM to designate the final WEAs.

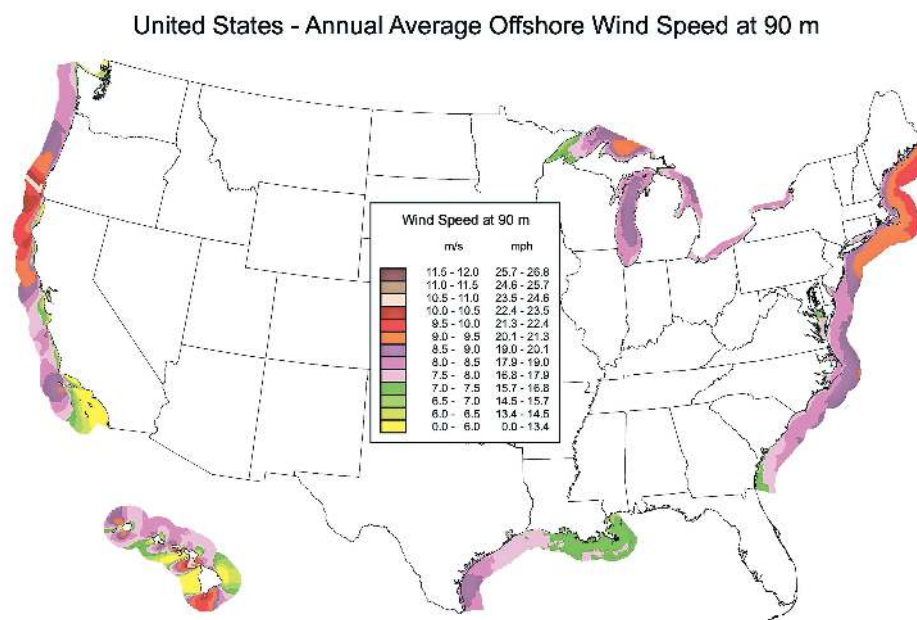
"Our progress in catalyzing this game-changing industry is limited without additional lease areas in the New York Bight — a needed solution only BOEM has the authority to execute," read a NYSERDA statement. "We urge BOEM to issue final Wind Energy Areas for the New York Bight."

When contacted, BOEM gave the following statement: "BOEM continues to



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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is holding up construction of offshore wind farms between Long Island and New Jersey because the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has yet to assign the final leasing grounds for them, as it was supposed to have done two years ago. Above, a view of the nation's only offshore wind farm, off the coast of Rhode Island.



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THIS MAP, FROM the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, shows the potential wind energy that would be captured off the coast of Long Island.

work with our government agencies and our stakeholders to assess how future offshore wind development could affect other ocean uses with the goal of reducing potential conflicts." The BOEM said it was assessing possible conflicts, but it did not specify what they might be.

Esposito said she believes the federal government has been stalling the assignment process to assist the oil and gas industries. President Trump "has been clear he does not support wind," she said, "and wants to continue advancing the exploration and development of oil and gas industries."

Rice said Trump has never supported wind farms and has worked to stall other

renewable energy projects in New York. In July 2019, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, legally requiring New York to obtain 70 percent of its energy supply from renewable sources such as wind, solar and geothermal.

According to Joe Martens, director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance, a coalition of advocacy groups that support wind power, 27 percent of New York's energy currently comes from renewable sources. "We have a long way to go in 10 years," said Martens, "and offshore wind is one of the ways that we can make the transition."

There are currently three projects proposed in the New York Bight, two of which — Sunrise Wind and Empire Wind — have begun the regulatory review and permitting processes, and have the potential to power hundreds of thousands of homes and bring in hundreds of millions of dollars, even billions, for the local economy. "As New York continues to build back its economy from the [Covid-19] pandemic," read a NYSERDA statement, "offshore wind provides a massive opportunity to stimulate billions of dollars in investments and create thousands of family-sustaining jobs."

The New York Bight wind farms would create about 32,000 jobs annually, Martens said. "I think this is a great opportunity for a whole new generation of workers," said Roger Clayman, executive director of the Long Island Federation of Labor. "Our labor movement was not always environmentally sensitive, but the fact is we're all on the front lines of climate change."

When the Wind Energy Areas might be designated is unclear. "I don't know if anybody could [know] unless they had a crystal ball," Esposito said. Martens said that 6,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy would need to be generated by 2030 to help New York reach its goal of 70 percent renewable energy by that year. Development of a single wind farm takes years. That is why it is crucial, the experts said, to designate the WEAs so leases can be assigned, and the years-long regulatory review process and construction can begin.

"I will openly concede that it will be a challenge," Martens said, "but in New York anyways, we're required to do it."

Esposito urged Long Islanders to "speak up and speak out in favor of wind energy." "Having a voice matters," she said, "and we can't stay silent and hope that things change."



SHAMA AND DORA Priever entrusted their neighbors with keeping their daughter, Rosette, safe from the Nazis when the Prievers were arrested in 1940.

Promoting the idea of being an ‘upstander’

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befell her family.

Shortly before Rosette’s parents were arrested, they sent her out of Paris with their Christian neighbors; she posed as their daughter. Her older brother, Bernard, also avoided arrest, joining Parisian resistance forces. Their parents gave the clock to their neighbors, asking them to hold on to it.

The rest of their belongings were confiscated by the Nazis, and Shama and Dora ultimately died in Auschwitz’s gas chambers.

After Allied forces defeated the Nazis in 1945, Bernard retrieved the clock, the only remaining furnishing from his family’s home. It was one of the only things he took with him when he immigrated to the U.S. the following year. Rosette followed shortly afterward, living first in Brooklyn before starting a family in Woodbury.

Bernard died two years ago, and Fishman took ownership of the clock. He said that he and his mother decided to donate it to the HMTCC because it tells a personal story of how much was lost during the Holocaust.

“I think, in the spirit of giving, the Holocaust Center is predominantly focused on providing education and information, and that’s the intention and the reason why,” Fishman said. “That’s what gives me satisfaction — knowing that this story will be heard by other people.”

Bolender said that every artifact at the center holds significance for the families of those who died in the Holocaust. Her father, Benek, survived, but

everything he had as a child was taken from him, much like millions of other European Jews. The clock, she said, represents something her father never had — a physical reminder of a happy life before the Holocaust.

“When we see things that make up our past, imagine one day not having any of that,” Bolender said. “So when you have one piece, I think it’s like a building block, something you could build a new life around without losing the old life.”

European Jews’ lives before the Holocaust are an often-overlooked part of history, HMTCC director Thorin Tritter said, overshadowed by the atrocities they faced. The clock, he said, offers a window into that period. “The clock draws our attention to the Nazi invasion of France in 1940 and the horrors of the Holocaust in France,” Tritter said. “It also highlights the resilience of this one family and the support they got from trusted neighbors.”

The clock also provides the center with a perfect opportunity to teach visitors about the importance of being an upstander, Bolender said, because the Prievers’ neighbors risked their lives to save Rosette and the clock. These were ordinary people doing extraordinary things, she said, something that many people may not have been capable of in such dire circumstances.

Bolender and Fishman said they hoped visitors would recognize that the clock helps tell a story of resilience and love for one’s neighbors, while still serving as a sober reminder of the impact the Holocaust had, and continues to have, on millions of people.

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

DR. EVE MELTZER-KRIEF, top left, Dr. Bradley Sherman and Dr. Uzma Syed joined Assemblyman Charles Lavine for a virtual discussion on Covid-19.



Courtesy the Office of Assemblyman Charles Lavine

Assemblyman Lavine urges community to exercise caution as cases rise

Assemblyman Charles D. Lavine is asking the community to be extremely diligent due to a recent spike in COVID cases. Glen Cove is among the communities that suffered an alarming increase of Covid-19 cases, with 163 new cases in the last seven days.

“It is time to exercise extreme caution as Covid cases in our community continue to rise,” said Lavine. “The community has been patient and diligent for many months and we need to continue this dili-

gence to stop the spread of Covid.”

Recently, Lavine held a Facebook discussion with Dr. Bradley Sherman, Dr. Eve Meltzer-Krief and Dr. Uzma Syed to discuss the importance of Covid-19 safety during the holidays. In the hour-long virtual discussion, many tips and resources were mentioned to steer friends and neighbors to the proper medical sources for any Covid-19 related questions.

Now is a critical time to make sure the community is following social distancing rules, wearing a mask or face covering, washing hands and staying home when experiencing flu-like symptoms to ensure the whole community is safe and to stop the spread of Covid-19.

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NINETY-YEAR-OLD LORRAINE LAZAROWITZ, the facility's resident council president, was one of the first to receive the vaccine.

Covid vaccines at G.C. Rehab Center

It was certainly an encouraging and uplifting way to end the year 2020 when vaccination day arrived at the Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Ninety residents and 75 healthcare staff received the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine. The vaccination process was done by Walgreens, with the second dose of the vaccine scheduled to be done on Jan. 19.

Ninety-year-old Lorraine Lazarowitz, the facility's resident council president, was one of the first to receive the vaccine.

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Working to complete repairs at bridge tidal gates

By JENNIFER CORR
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There are repairs that need to be made on the East Island Bridge Tidal Gates and the City of Glen Cove is hoping to get it done by 2021.

The project is budgeted at roughly \$820,000 and should be partially funded by a \$750,000 grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. In order to receive grant money from the DEC, the project needs to include green infrastructure and water quality improvement, Ann Fangmann, the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency and Community Development Agency director said.

"The city has an existing agreement with Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett Inc., what's called LKB just to be short, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for professional designs as well as other services for the East Island bridge, tidal gates and so forth, which is funded in part by the New York state DEC," City of Glen Cove Attorney Gregory Kalnitsky explained at Tuesday night's Pre-Council meeting. "LKB pre-

pared all the bidding documents and permitting documents that were ultimately accepted by the DEC, as well as all other agencies. The project was let out and three bids were received and opened on Dec. 30 of 2020."

The idea is to get at least one set in each covert potentially functioning so that we can control the water.

ANN FANGMANN
IDA, CDA director

The problem was, Kalnitsky explained, the lowest bidder was pricing the project higher than it was budgeted for. Ultimately, Fangmann and the Department of Public Works Director Louis Saulino decided that in order to get the project done, they had to re-bid.

"That's why we need LKB's help," Fangmann said. "We need their help to take a look at the scope that was approved with the DEC, hopefully make some modifications that we can get the price down to an amount that we can afford right now with the borrow that was done and with what the city has previously committed to the project."

Aspects of the project will be reviewed by the city's hired engineers in order to get the price down on the project. For example, Fangmann said, it could be possible to have one set of tidal gates in a covert operating and controlling the water without having every tidal

About the East Island Bridge Tidal Gates project

■ **Tidal gates:** There are three sets of coverts with multiple tidal gates within each of them, making roughly 12 tidal gates. The tidal gates, which control the inflow and outflow of water between the Long Island Sound and Dosoris Pond, have been inactive for over a decade. Without being able to control the flow of water, the city is not able to control the consistency of water levels overtime and a storm event could cause a surge of water that floods the area. Dosoris Pond is a manmade pond and the tidal gates are a component of this pond.

■ **Bridge:** A number of restorations have to be made on the East Island bridge, including the removal of stones on the very bottom of the bridge.

■ **Water quality and green infrastructure:** In order to get funding for this project from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the city had to put in place components of the project that would improve water quality and put in place green infrastructure. As part of this project, Dosoris Pond water will be cleaned up and nitrogen, phosphorus and other pollutants will be removed. About one acre of green infrastructure improvements will be put in place. Three rain gardens, which is a garden of native shrubs, perennials and flowers planted in a small depression in order to hold and soak in rainwater runoff that flows from roads, driveways, patios and lawns, will be installed. One will be designated for Pryibil Beach. Shoreline restoration and plug plants are also designated for Pryibil Beach.

gate within coverts operate simultaneously.

"The idea is to get at least one set in each covert potentially functioning so that we can control the water," Fangmann said. "It's just taking a look at

those various scope items and trying to improve upon it and also cut some costs."

Even with the pandemic and other mitigating factors, Fangmann said she remains hopeful that this project will be finished in 2021.

Happy New Year!

To all our neighbors:

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I am sure that you, like myself, are proceeding with cautious optimism. We are all looking forward to resuming our former activities, so that our businesses, our educational system, and our families can thrive successfully as they are meant to.

As we move from a year of survival to a new season of celebration of all the freedoms that we as Americans hold dear, we must take a moment to mourn those that we have lost in the pandemic. We will never forget you! We must also continue, during this time of transition back to normalcy, to protect our neighbors in the Glen Cove community by wearing masks, social distancing and frequent hand washing.

Even in the darkest days, I have been encouraged by the strength of our Glen Cove community. In a year of enforced separation we have come together as never before. I'd like to thank our first responders, our Police Department, our health care workers, our teachers, our city employees, our store employees, our restaurant and small business owners and every single one of our residents for going above and beyond every day in these extraordinary times. We're still standing!

As your City Court Judge, I assure you that the Glen Cove City Court system, as always, is here to support and assist our community in any way we can. My family and I wish you and your family a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
The Hon. Richard J. McCord and Family



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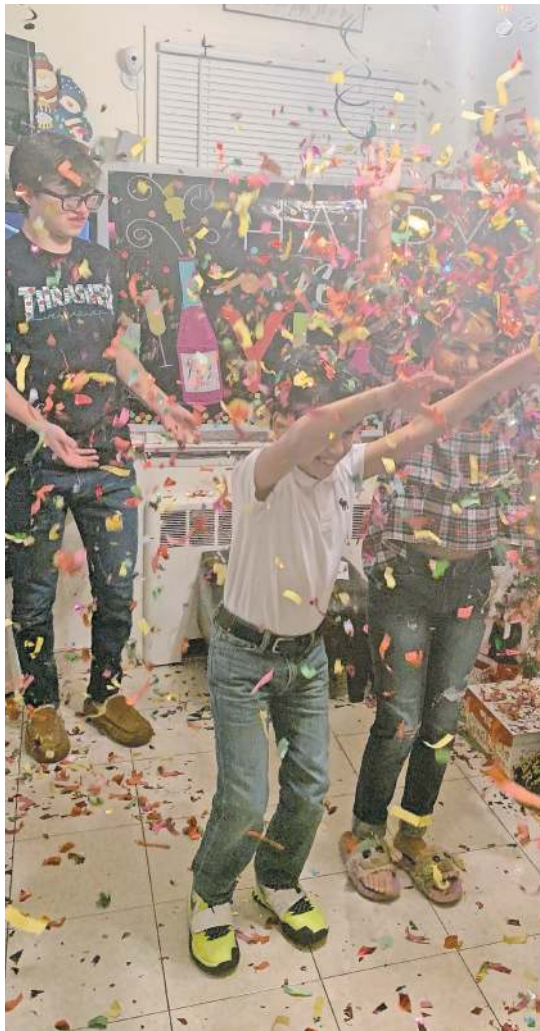
HERALD NEIGHBORS



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THERE WAS PLENTY to snack on at the Maharani residence's New Year's Eve family party.

Very happy New Year's Eve in G.C.



Courtesy Viviana Brooker

BROOKER SIBLINGS, ABOVE, Tyler, 19, left, Roy, 8, and Isabella, 10, celebrated the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021 in their living room.



Courtesy Tammy Lanham

This New Year's Eve was different than most. Instead of the parties with friends and family or heading to Times Square to bring in the New Year with strangers, many spent it at home or from a safe distance from others.

The year 2020 is surely one that no one will ever forget, but many Glen Cove residents are ready for a new start.

From bringing in 2021 from the mountains of the Catskills to watching the Times Square ball drop from the living rooms of Glen Cove homes, residents expressed cheer and happiness in welcoming a year full of mysteries.

THE LANHAMS, ABOVE, Tommy, left, Tammy, Appolonya, 17, and Dylan, 14, spent the days between Christmas and Jan. 1, 2021 in the Catskills.

STANTON SIBLINGS, LEFT, SODIA, 4, and Kai Jr., 8, enjoyed wearing fun accessories as they brought in the New Year.



Courtesy Patricia Stanton

Former G.C. resident sings at 'New Year's Rockin' Eve'

By JENNIFER CORR
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Ana Salvemini once sang in chorus at Glen Cove High School. On Dec. 31, she sang "I Will Survive" as a background vocalist for Gloria Gaynor at "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve."

The song, released by Gaynor in 1978, was dedicated to all the health care and essential workers who have been on the front lines since March. Some workers had the opportunity to watch the performance in Times Square from socially distant VIP designations.

"It's [was] an amazing opportunity," Salvemini, 40, said. "I'm really grateful to be involved and Gloria Gaynor is just a wonderful person. She's always thinking of others. The song is really powerful right now."

New Year's Eve

Salvemini left her house in East Patchogue at 5 a.m. for New York City in order to make it in time for her Covid-19 test, something all performers had to do prior to the show.

At about 2 p.m., Salvemini, along with Gaynor and the band, had their sound check. Then she said she waited in the hotel room until it was time to go on stage at 8:45 p.m.

As she approached the stage, she said there was some nerves, but she was mostly excited to sing a song that helped get people through 2020.

Times Square was not packed with spectators this year because of Covid-19. Salvemini and Gaynor, along with other performers like Jennifer Lopez, Cyndi Lauper, Miley Cyrus and Nelly performed to people watching from their living rooms and the essential workers in the audience.

"I've lived in New York almost my whole life and I've never seen Times Square not packed with people," Salvemini said. "That, in of itself, was strange."

All precautions were observed Salvemini said, with social distancing guidelines enforced and the stage disinfected between performances.

"It was really special, not only for me but for Gloria's career," Salvemini said. "This is the first time she performed in Times Square on New Years Eve and it was just an amazing moment."

Glen Cove roots

Salvemini attended Robert M. Finley Middle School and Glen Cove High School until after her sophomore year, she briefly moved to Pennsylvania with her family. "Glen Cove has always had my heart," Salvemini said.

Chorus was her favorite class. That's where she learned how to harmonize with other singers, she said, and she was able to gain confidence in singing in front of people.

Fellow classmate and longtime friend Tiana Morano said she was proud of



Photos courtesy Ana Salvemini

ANA SALVEMINI AND her husband Jimmy founded an event company called AMP DJ/Band Hybrid.

Salvemini. "Since we were young she's had an amazing voice," Morano said. "We always had these dreams of fame and I've watched her career really explode."

Also in the Class of 1998 was singer-songwriter Ashanti Douglas, known for songs like "Baby" and "Foolish."

"The choir was definitely an inspiring part of our life," Morano said.

We always had these dreams of fame and I've watched her career really explode.

TIANA MORANO,
Ana Salvemini's
longtime friend

Although she no longer lives in Glen Cove, she said she will always appreciate the city where she grew up.

"It was really an awesome childhood," Salvemini said. "There's so much diversity in Glen Cove and that's one of the things I loved about it the most. I lived down on Shore Road, so I was really close to the water, which is a wonderful experience."

City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said it was an honor to have Salvemini represent Glen Cove at "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve."

"With Gloria Gaynor's 'I Will Survive' becoming a theme song of 2020, I find it extremely appropriate that she is dedicating it to health care workers for New Year's Eve," Tenke said. "Hopefully their tribute will bring hope to residents everywhere that 2021 will be a brighter year."

Covid brought challenges

Salvemini and her husband Jimmy faced their own challenges this year. The couple has been performing at weddings for over 20 years. With Covid, many weddings have been put on hold.

In October, they kick-started an event company called AMP DJ/Band Hybrid,



ANA SALVEMINI, LEFT, sang as a background vocalist for the "I Will Survive" singer Gloria Gaynor during "Dick Clark's New Years Rockin' Eve."

which includes rotating DJs, singers, MCs and a live drummer. The company offers entertaining services at weddings and corporate events. They're currently doing consultations over Zoom.

When asked what she would want to tell Glen Cove residents, Salvemini said, "Stay strong and know that we're all going to get through this rough time together and we will survive."

Herald Inside LI talks vaccines at webinar

By NICOLE ALCINDOR

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Last year, nearly 350,000 Americans died of Covid-19 — and more than 3.2 million total — making 2020 the deadliest year in U.S. history, according to the Associated Press. Help, though, is on the way.

In the weeks leading up to the New Year, the federal Food and Drug Administration approved two vaccines — the first by Pfizer-BioNTech and the second by Moderna — which have gone to health-care workers and will also go to residents of long-term care facilities during the early stages of distribution.

On Dec. 23, Herald Inside LI held a Zoom webinar featuring three doctors, all of whom recently received a first shot of vaccination, to discuss their experiences and what people can expect in the coming months.

“I urge people to take the vaccine because Covid-19 is a horrific disaster to human life,” said Dr. Aaron Glatt, chairman of the Department of Medicine, chief of infectious diseases and the hospital epidemiologist at Mount Sinai South Nassau in Oceanside. “We want to go back to hugging and seeing people, and the way we will do this is through the Covid-19 vaccines. The goal is to vaccinate everyone.”

Webinar attendees were encouraged to submit their questions for the panelists. One viewer asked if the vaccine could hurt fertility.

“There were some cases of women who got pregnant after getting the vaccine; however, there is zero evidence that the vaccine can cause infertility,” Glatt said. “I would tell a pregnant woman that it’s a personal decision if she wants to take the vaccine, but if she chooses to get the vaccine, she might be protecting herself more, as well as protecting others and [her] baby. [She] might even give [her] baby antibodies against the virus.”

Another viewer wondered whether people of color were more likely to experience side effects from the vaccine or lower efficacy.

“There were about 40,000 people of color that were represented in the experimental trials for these two vaccines,” said Dr. Zenobia Brown, vice president and medical director of population health at Northwell Health Solutions. “We have proven that the vaccines are safe for people in minority groups.”

Brown and Glatt agreed that although the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines were proven 95 percent effective in experimental trials, after people receive them, there is still a chance that they can contract the



Dr. Nicolas Hernandez, Northwell Plainview



Skye Ostreicher, Herald Inside LI



Dr. Aaron Glatt, Mt. Sinai South Nassau



Dr. Zenobia Brown, Northwell Health Solutions

Courtesy Zoom

HERALD INSIDE LI recently held a Zoom webinar featuring three doctors to answer viewers' questions about the new Covid-19 vaccines.

virus and spread it to others.

“When I get my second dose of the vaccine, I won’t become Superman. I don’t know how to play the piano now, and I won’t magically know how to play the piano after the second dose,” Glatt said. “We still need to be careful, and we still have to wear masks and social distance.”

“I cannot stress this enough: Social distance and wear masks, even if you get the vaccine,” Brown said. “My biggest fear is that people will not want the vaccine. I look forward to the day when more and more people will want to take the vaccines.”

For Dr. Nicolas Hernandez, the academic hospitalist at Northwell Plainview Hospital and another panelist, taking the vaccine was a decision that he made to protect his family, his patients and himself.

“I was scared when they gave me the Pfizer vaccine, but I’ve been a patient with Covid-19, I’ve had family

members that have had Covid-19, and I take care of patients with Covid-19, so I wanted to do my part,” Hernandez said, while adding that his only reaction to the first shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was temporary fatigue and soreness. “As a family physician, I recommend that all immunocompromised people should get the vaccine, and even if you are not up for the vaccine, still do your part.”

This webinar was the final episode of the first season of Herald Inside LI. To watch the recording of this episode and all others, go to LIHerald.com/Recordings and subscribe to the Herald Inside LI YouTube channel.

The next Herald Inside LI episode will take place on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. and will feature college advisers and counselors discussing students staying local for upcoming spring semester, rather than going away to school. To register, go to LIHerald.com/StayingLocal.

Herald Inside LI to host local college webinar

With the Covid-19 infection rate rising during a second wave, many Long Island parents were concerned about the health and safety of their college-aged children who lived in university dorms during the fall semester.

In the coming weeks, before the spring semester begins, parents will have to choose whether to send their children back to school to live in campus dorms or off-campus apartments, or whether they should live at home and attend local schools.

Local colleges are accepting students on rolling admission to accommodate those who decide at the last minute to stay home for the spring semester. Many parents, though, are wrestling with

choosing the best options for their children.

Herald Inside LI will host a free live Zoom webinar, sponsored by Molloy College, on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m., to discuss staying local for college. The webinar will feature college advisers, counselors and college students, who will share their thoughts on staying home this spring.

To register, go to LIHerald.com/StayingLocal. To sponsor a webinar or for more information, contact Amy Amato at aamato@richnerlive.com or (516) 569-4000 ext. 224. For questions, email inside-li@liherald.com.

—Nicole Alcindor

OBITUARIES

Madeline Rotegliano

Madeline "Midge" Rotegliano, of Glen Head, died on Dec. 29. Loving wife of the late Ralph Rotegliano; beloved mother of Jodi McKillip (Brad) and Tracey New (Lloyd); cherished grandmother of Sarah and Emily McKillip; dearest sister of Sylvia Wierzbicki and Alexis Neuenhaus. Interment Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rotegliano's name can be made to Port Washington Animal Hospital, 16 Willowdale Ave., Port Washington, N.Y. 11050.

Marie L. McPartland

Marie L. McPartland (nee Beissner-Cesario), 88, of Glen Cove died on Jan. 2. Beloved wife of the late Hans Beissner and Michael Cesario; loving mother of John Beissner, Philip Beissner (Clara), Michael Cesario (Jean) and the late Kenneth Beissner; dear sister of Patricia McPartland; cherished grandmother of Philip, Andrew, Jennifer, Amanda, Michael, Patrick and Sean; adored great-grandmother of Olivia and Gabriella. McPartland was an educator for the New York City school system and a writer for Seventeen Magazine. She was an avid traveler, a strong supporter of unions and she was a philanthropist. Internment at Long Island National Cemetery.

Dorothy Tota

Dorothy Tota, 99, of Glen Cove died on Jan. 1. Beloved sister of Fran Genduso and the late Marie Castellano and Victoria Tota, devoted Godmother to her nephew, the late Denis Castellano and devoted aunt and second mother to Bruce Castellano and his husband, Gerald Anders. Tota was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Benedetto and Rosa Tota on Feb. 21, 1921. Tota was a strong, yet sensitive woman who had an uncanny ability to assess a situation and be the silent pillar when strength was needed. She was an indomitable support in times of family crisis and was the person who kept a clear head and a modest presence, yet was often the core strength for her parents, sisters and nephews. Her humility and physical size belied her ability to manage any crisis with skill and poise. Her entire professional career was spent at Cartier Jewelers, located on Fifth Avenue in New York. Hired in 1945 as a sales associate, she was quickly promoted to supervisor of the Fine Jewelry Department. Tota was the first woman that the Cartier family hired to hold a position of supervision. She held that position until her retirement in 1986. Always modest about her professional success, she had a treasure trove of stories about the Cartier clientele, but was always discreet and respectful. Stories of her encounters with celebrities and New York City society were incredibly entertaining, but respectful of the client as well as the merchandise they con-

sumed. Her family was the center of her life and she was proud of each of them for their accomplishments. A world traveler, she generously shared her international adventures with slide shows and films of trips to faraway places. But her generosity was not limited to her photo and film tours. She was generous in many other ways, particularly to her nephews and niece, showering them with gifts and love at every opportunity. She made holidays special for her family with unique and interesting gifts that were both personal and thoughtful, as she and her sisters planned, cooked and baked for every holiday, birthday, anniversary and any event that required celebration. Greatly loved and sorely missed, Tota was a legend. A representative of a bygone time who never lost sight of who she was and the importance of sharing her love in many unique ways.

Rosario Pisano

Rosario Pisano, 62, of Glen Cove died on Dec. 30, 2020. Beloved husband of Maria; loving father of Salvatore, Elaina (Fiancé Frankie) and Joseph Anthony; dear brother of Rosa (Giuseppe) and Teresa (Luigi). Pisano was a master mason and loved the outdoors. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery

Wahl Hildegard

Wahl Hildegard (nee Kittelberger), 97, died at her daughter's home in Glen Cove on Dec. 27, 2020. Beloved mother of Carol Sullivan, the late Nancy Olson and the late Alice Scheff; survived by eight loving grandchildren and thirteen adoring great grandchildren. She was born in Corona, Queens to Adolf and Bertha Kittelberger, attended Newtown High School and married her first love, Harry Galaid in 1942. Galaid's untimely death in 1952 left her with three young daughters to whom she was courageously devoted. Several years later she married the second love of her life, Albert Wahl, who cherished her and her children. Internment at Maple Grove Cemetery in Queens, N.Y.

Anthony Pisacano

Anthony Pisacano, 96, of Glen Cove died Dec. 24, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Margaret; loving father of Anthony (Mary), Karen, Roger and Michael (Kim); cherished grandfather of Daniel, Stephen, Catherine, Neil, Laura, Sarah, Margaret, Victoria and Noelle; devoted great-grandfather of Stephen and Sophia. His family life began in Bayside and finally Jamaica Estates, N.Y. He retired to Sun City, Ariz. with Margaret, a place that they loved. Internment Calverton National Cemetery.

Frank Rocco Riolo

Frank Rocco Riolo, 71, of Glen Cove died on Dec. 24, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Lynda; loving father of Frank Russell (Angela); dear brother of Caesar (the late Irene), Joe (Mary Jane) and the late Theresa (the late Lenny Paulich); cherished grandfather of Marco; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Riolo was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for over 20 years. He was an avid N.Y. Yankee and N.Y. Giants fan. Riolo enjoyed his retired years working at the local golf courses. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery.

Louise Simoneschi

Louise Simoneschi, 96, resident at the Atria Glen Cove, died on Jan. 15, 2020. Survived by children Vito, Joey and Nancy, who miss and love their mother terribly. What brings them peace is to know she is with her husband and their father Angelo, her parents Nunzia and Mike, her brothers Joey and Tomy Famigiletti and her sister Fannie Gerla, along with her beloved Saint Mary Elizabeth Hesselbald. Her theme song was "One Day at a Time," written by Marijohn Wilkin and Kris Kristofferson.

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Very strange vacation

Dear Great Book Guru,
Over the holidays, I heard from a lot of my friends about their favorite new books and many have mentioned one they found horrifyingly prescient. It is set close to home — on the East End of Long Island with characters that are eerily familiar. Do you know the book and if so, would you recommend it?
—Books for the New Year

Dear Books for the New Year,

I recently finished "Leave the World Behind," by Rumaan Alam, a truly terrifying tale. Amanda and Clay leave Manhattan with their two teenage children, Archie and Rose, for a two-week vacation at a luxurious rental home in a secluded spot on the far reaches of Long Island. Their cell phones have notoriously poor service, so there is little concern at first when they lose contact with friends back

home. However, a late-night knock on the door reveals that the world as they knew it has come to an end. The owners, George and Ruth, have fled New York City because a sudden blackout has swept the nation. This affluent, sophisticated Black couple are viewed with suspicion and racial stereotyping, but each couple soon comes to realize their need for each other. Loud sonic blasts fill the air and strange illnesses develop. With TV and internet down, it is impossible to know the nature of this disaster. Comparisons to the present pandemic are of course uppermost in readers' minds. A book you will not be able to put down. Highly recommended!

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

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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 entering webinar ID number 813 2510 2196 and passcode number 144429. The hearing may also be accessed through a computer link located on the home page of the Glen Cove web site (www.glencove-li.us/citycouncilivestream/), which link will be posted on the web site in advance of the meeting. Anyone wishing to provide public comment can submit comments to svulin@glencove.ny.gov in advance of the hearing. Public comments received prior to the

commencement of the public hearing will be made part of the public record. In addition, live public comment may be received during the duration of the meeting by telephone, by dialing (929) 205-6099 and entering webinar ID number 813 2510 2196 and passcode number 144429. Please note that although all interested persons who dial in will be given an opportunity to speak, all telephones will be muted until such time as the particular individual is authorized to speak. The proposed amendment may be viewed at <http://www.glencove-li.us/city-council-documents/>. If you are unable to access the document, please contact Shannon Vulin via email at svulin@glencove.ny.gov.

A copy of the proposed amendment is also available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office and may be viewed by appointment during normal business hours, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. The amendment, if approved by the City, may not take effect without the prior approval of the New York State Public Service Commission. All interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing. 124347

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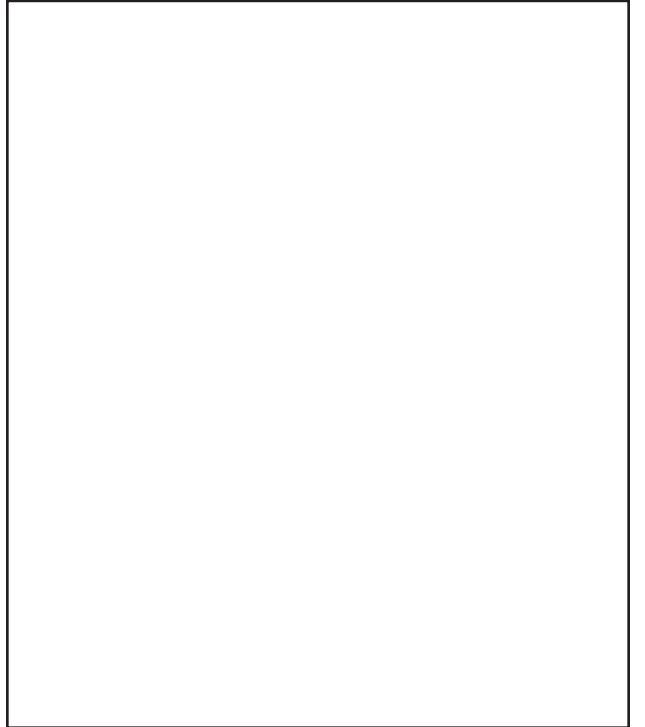
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OPINIONS

How long will we suffer, and how well will we heal?

It's now nearly a year since the Trump administration learned that a deadly virus was making its way into our country. During that period, the White House and many governors have engaged in a political wrestling match over who was responsible for leading the battle against the coronavirus pandemic. While you may not like the conclusion, it



**JERRY
KREMER**

is clear that President Trump never took this crisis seriously, and is even less concerned now that his tenure is about to end.

It may be an uphill battle, but President-elect Joe Biden has made it clear that he is willing to aggressively step into

that battle on Jan. 20, because the next six to nine months will determine whether the pandemic is beaten. There are two good reasons why there has to be a field general leading the fight. America can't afford for this dark cloud to linger indefinitely because of the economic damage we have experienced. Moreover, what if there is another pandemic, caused by one

of our political enemies?

Prior to the election, the president predicted that there would be many millions of vaccinations before the end of the year. To date, fewer than three million people have been inoculated, and only 11 million doses have been distributed around the country. The slow rate of inoculations is due to the fact that many states are staggering under the weight of testing costs and the needs of responders. Local governments and health care institutions have been on their own for 10 months after being told by Washington that the virus was a state-by-state problem.

Biden has pledged to get inoculation numbers up to one million a day. That is comforting, but health care professionals estimate that even at that rate, it would take over a year to vaccinate every American. And to reach that pace, the federal government will have to take some draconian measures.

The Defense Production Act dates back to the Korean War. It gives the president the power to force companies to drop their private customers and produce what the country needs. Trump claimed he used

the act to get General Motors to build more respirators, but GM claimed it came forward on its own to build them. The president didn't aggressively use the act, for fear of offending his conservative base, which opposes government intervention.

Even ramping up to a million inoculations a day may not be enough.

Why is there a need for use of the act now? When you have a mass anti-virus campaign, you need more than a vaccine. The big pharma companies are spending billions of dollars to keep up with their competition and protect their stockholders. In addition to the vaccines, you need cotton swabs, syringes, packing materials, dry ice and other supplies, and those products aren't manufactured by big pharma. That's where the federal government comes in. Using the act, manufacturers can be forced to produce the goods that are needed to get a complete program in place.

While Biden is preparing to take on the vaccine program, the pandemic is exploding in numerous states that have a shortage of hospital gowns, masks and gloves and can't cover the costs of doctors, nurses and other first responders. Bipartisan

Covid relief legislation finally signed last week by the president will inject some new money into the efforts of local organizations, but it won't make up for the costs they have been incurring since last March.

The world is keeping a close eye on our national effort, and many friendly countries are trying to figure out why we've done such a terrible job of combating the virus. But our enemies are also keeping a close eye on our tragedy. In his latest book, "Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World," author and CNN host Fareed Zakaria claims that our enemies could create another health crisis in our country in as little as 24 hours. Are we capable of handling another one? You know the answer to that question.

The weeks and months ahead will determine how long America will suffer and how well we will heal. Happily, the incoming administration is prepared to pick up the ball dropped by the outgoing one.

Jerry Kremer was a state assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He now heads Empire Government Strategies, a business development and legislative strategy firm. Comments about this column? JKremer@liherald.com.

Saving our sanity and our souls through books

A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The person who never reads lives only one."

— George R.R. Martin

It nearly killed me. One of my grandkids said they "hate" books. They don't read books except when one is assigned in school. Given the options of smartphones, TV and computers, they don't ever crack the cover of a novel or nonfiction adventure, even during quarantine, when there's so little to do.



**RANDI
KREISS**

Oddly, this kid gets good grades and likes school, which seems counter-intuitive, because I can't imagine anyone becoming an educated person in the world without reading books. It's not like I haven't tried. I have gifted and suggested books pitched toward this particular teen's interests. I've read the same books they are assigned in class so we can talk about them. I keep tossing out lines and getting no bites.

My hope is that this child just hasn't found the right books yet to get their attention. I know a few people who

became enthusiastic readers in adulthood. I wish that for this young person I love.

Granted, I was a book nerd from the time I could put eyes on paper. I remember, in first grade, begging my father for some money so I could buy books. It was like falling in love. My first loves were "Half Magic," by Edgar Eager, and "The Boxcar Children," by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

If feels lame even to be defending reading when it seems so self-evident that through books we fire up our imaginations, we live other lives and we time-travel to places beyond our reach. We find comfort in finding common ground with writers. It is a bias, but I do believe that life is only half-lived without books.

As part of my own life, I have led book groups for the past 20 years, and this year will do so again. For the first time, our group will be Zoomed, and so it's open to anyone who contacts the Longboat Key Education Center (941-383-8811, charity@longboatkeyeducationcenter.com) wishing to sign up. We meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, and began this week with the first of eight short books in eight weeks.

I want to share my reading list because I call my class "Literary Gems," and these are. We begin with "Hamnet," by Maggie O'Farrell. William Shakespeare had a son, Hamnet, who died

when he was 11. Four years later, the bard wrote "Hamlet." From these thin facts, O'Farrell weaves a rich story of grief and life in the throes of a plague.

Our second book is "We Have Always Lived in this Castle," by Shirley Jackson. Murder, mayhem and the especially delicious brand of British madness abound in this story by the author of the most famous short story in the world, "The Lottery." Next, we'll read "The Boy in the Field," by Margot Livesay, a luminous psychological thriller. Our last book for January is "Writers and Lovers," by Lily King, a gorgeously written, rather ordinary story of a young woman finding her way, told with extraordinary beauty.

In February, we'll read "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous," by Ocean Vuong. This debut novel by a Vietnamese-American writer was described as "permanently stunning" by Ron Charles of The Washington Post. It is an original and exquisite amalgam of memoir,

letters and poetry. Next, we read "The Disappearing Earth," by Julia Phillips, comprising an astonishing cast of characters, an unspeakable crime, all set in Kamchatka, on the Siberian peninsula.

Our third book next month is "Trust Exercise," by Susan Choi, a brilliant send-up of students enthralled with themselves in an artsy university setting. The language is pitch-perfect. Our last selection is "Last Train to Key West," by Chanel Cleeton. It is 1935, and a ferocious hurricane is barreling towards the Florida Keys. A helluva story of three women caught up in a story of murder, betrayal and salvation.

For many of us "bookies," talking about the novels and nonfiction works is as much fun as reading them, like a delicious dessert after a remarkable meal. So I hope some readers can join the book group. But no matter what, wherever you are at this moment, sheltering in place, working from home or venturing out, I want to share these special books with the hope that you connect with the authors and find solace and peace and joy in that connection.

Reading? The past year, when so much was lost, books brought joy into to my life. As the new year begins, they are the untapped treasure of 2021.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Resolve to monitor your mental health in 2021

Let's say it like it was: 2020 was miserable. It was a horrid year for us all. Everyone — everyone — was affected to one degree or another by the coronavirus pandemic, which washed over us like a merciless tidal wave, leaving fear, anxiety and death in its wake.

The speed at which the virus swept across the land was stunning, leaving us feeling helpless against a viral invader.

Nearly 4,700 people have died of Covid-19 in Nassau and Suffolk counties — and an estimated 25,000 in New York City — since the coronavirus broke out in the greater metropolitan area in March, bringing grief to hundreds of thousands of lives here.

On top of those terrible — and terrifying — statistics, Long Island lost more than 100,000 private-sector jobs from November 2019 to November 2020, an 8.8 percent decline, according to the New York State Department of Labor. The biggest losses came in hospitality, 35,800 jobs; education and health services, 23,600; trade, transportation and utilities, 15,000; professional and business services, 10,000; and manufacturing, 8,000.

There is help available, however. If you are feeling anxious, depressed or suicidal, regardless of the reason, you can — you should — check out the state Office of Mental Health website, where you will find numerous resources to turn to for help.

There you will find the NY Thankful project, for which you are asked to write messages about all that you are thankful for. The very act of writing down all that is good in your life, it seems, helps relieve stress and anxiety. We suggest that you try it — if not on a state website, then on your own.

Mental health resources

■ NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline: (844) 863-9314

■ Long Island Crisis Center Hotline: (516) 679-1111

■ National Suicide Prevention Hotline: (800) 273-8255

■ New York State Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 942-6906

■ Crisis Text Line: Text Got5 to 741-741

■ For front-line workers, text FRONT-LINENY to 741-741

Signs of suicide

■ Talking about:

- Wanting to die.
- Feeling guilt or shame.
- Being a burden to others.

■ Feeling:

- Empty, hopeless, trapped.
- Extremely sad, anxious, agitated or rageful.
- Unbearable emotional or physical pain.

■ Changing behavior, such as:

- Making a plan or researching ways to die.
- Withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye and giving away important belongings.
- Taking dangerous risks.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.
- Eating or sleeping more or less.
- Using drugs and alcohol.

Source: National Institute of Mental Health

Also listed on the site are the phone numbers of numerous agencies you can call to talk it out, whatever the issue might be. Call if you need to. There has, in the past, been a stigma associated with seeking help with mental health crises. That should never have been the case. Mental health is crucial to your well-being.

If you think about it, you also realize

that your mental health is connected to everyone else's. What the coronavirus pandemic has demonstrated, in certain terms, is that we are all interconnected in a larger societal web. So — please — seek help if you need it.

If you make any New Year's resolution, let it be that you will take care of yourself in 2021 — both your physical *and* mental well-being.

LETTERS

Senior Center is there for us

To the Editor:

The silver lining in this black cloud of pandemic is here in our community. There are gold star heroes at the Glen Cove Senior Center, where the mission to assist our elder population has never stopped. The staff at the center rose to meet the challenge when things shut down. They deliver meals to our most vulnerable friends and neighbors. They make countless wellness calls to seniors who are isolated. When the center closed, the clever, young staff members created interactive virtual programs that keep us healthy, happy and entertained. Their work never stopped. The shutdown did not slow them down. The tireless staff created ways for our elder community to see, speak and interact with others while living alone. How fortunate we are to live in this caring community.

All of us at the Glen Cove SAGE Foundation Inc.



OPINIONS

Cardiac Covid: How the virus impacts the heart

As 2020 came to a close, the coronavirus surpassed heart disease as the leading cause of death in the U.S. — a sobering reminder of the toll the virus continues to take.

We have learned a lot about Covid-19 over the past 10 months. Importantly, we know now that it isn't just a lung and



JEFFREY T. KUVIN

respiratory issue, as was thought early on. It is a systemic inflammatory disease that may affect many organs in the body, and when it comes to the heart, it can be especially serious.

Covid-19 infection certainly does not affect

everyone's heart, but it turns out that you don't even need to have significant symptoms to have heart-related issues. The most direct, and at times the most complicated, impact of the virus on the heart is muscle inflammation, a condition called myocarditis. This can result in a variety of cardiac issues, including

muscle weakness and rhythm disturbances.

It is well known that other viruses — as well as some medications, chemotherapies and other medical conditions — can also affect the heart in similar ways.

In addition to direct toxic effects on the heart muscle, Covid-19 may cause blood clots, which can impact the heart, lungs and the brain, resulting in heart attacks, pulmonary emboli and stroke. We learn more every day, but it remains unclear whether traditional approaches to heart disease are applicable to patients with long-term complications of the coronavirus, like heart damage.

While many patients are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic, others may become very ill, and some even succumb to the disease. We don't know the exact number of Covid-19 patients with myocarditis, because some patients may have cardiac involvement without even knowing it.

Some of the symptoms of myocarditis include chest pain; shortness of breath; heart palpitations or irregular heartbeat;

lightheadedness, dizzy spells or loss of consciousness, and extremity swelling.

The lingering effects of Covid-19 on the heart, particularly myocarditis, have been a hot topic in the sports community. Several college and pro athletes with the virus have done the right thing by staying off the field this season — not only because of the risk of virus transmission, but because their doctors saw evidence of myocarditis on an MRI.

The heart needs time to heal. We know that active inflammation of the heart can cause serious problems, even in highly trained athletes. And, during recovery, athletes should refrain from heavy exertion until they are assessed by a cardiologist.

And if an athlete can get asymptomatic, or subclinical, effects of the heart, so can we all.

Given new and emerging data, the exact risks and treatment protocols for Covid-related cardiac issues remain unclear. Who should undergo MRI testing of the heart — the best way to detect myocarditis — is a question that has not

been definitively answered.

As things stand now, a coronavirus infection alone does not warrant an extensive cardiac evaluation. If, however, patients are highly symptomatic and have abnormalities in specific laboratory tests, like electrocardiograms or echocardiograms, then highly specialized tests, like MRIs, might be warranted.

As the pandemic continues, as at all other times, it is important to recognize cardiac warning signs, which can be very similar to Covid symptoms. Addressing cardiac risk factors, including cholesterol, blood sugar levels, blood pressure, sleep hygiene and obesity — is always prudent. In addition to improving quality and quantity of life, it is widely recognized that controlling cardiac risk factors can affect the course of Covid-19.

Jeffrey T. Kuvin, M.D., is the de Roulet professor and chair of the Department of Cardiology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. He is the senior vice president of cardiology for Northwell Health's Central and Eastern regions, chair of the Department of Cardiology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and North Shore University Hospital, and co-director of the Sandra Atlas Bass Heart Hospital.

Chronic heart conditions are showing up after even mild cases.

LETTERS

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The pandemic's empty chairs

To the Editor:

In a November speech, President-elect Joe Biden expressed his sorrow at the number of empty chairs that would appear at the dinner tables of many families this year because of the coronavirus.

Covid-19 has often been compared to the 1918 flu pandemic, which killed 675,000 Americans, a majority of them young adults, and infected one-third of the world's population during its four waves. Masks were strongly recommended, but many protested against wearing them. People were quarantined, hospitals were full, and the death toll was overwhelming. Like Donald Trump, President Woodrow Wilson underplayed the severity of the virus. There was no vaccine, no Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and very few opportunities to work from home in that pre-computer era.

One of the empty chairs of 1918 belonged to my family. My father, then 16, was playing in the streets of Manhattan with his brother, Irwin, 13. Irwin wasn't feeling well, and my father carried him home piggyback, and his mother put him to bed. The next day he was dead. Ironically, his parents and older brother remained healthy, but they never recovered emotionally from Irwin's death. It was especially devastating to my paternal grandmother, whose father fought in the Civil War, contracted tuberculosis and gave it to my grandmother and her sister, both of whom died young: a history of empty chairs. My father would occasionally see my sister and me drawing pictures or playing a game, and remark, "My brother and I used to do that."

When the 2020 pandemic arrived, I immediately thought of Irwin. Did he suffer? Was his mother with him at the end? Had he survived, I would have had an uncle and perhaps some cousins on my father's side. Empty chairs span generations. Only one photo of my father and his brother remains, as my grandmother destroyed all the others in her grief.

Fortunately, I lost no family members in 2021, but as I watched the statistics rise, I knew that each death was more than just a number. It reflected a deep loss and an empty chair at the table of many families. I hope they find solace in 2021 and beyond.

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