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## 'We Love Glen Cove' shows the love

A new website personifies what makes Glen Cove so appealing, leading people to remain in the city their entire lives. See story, Page 10.

# New president, and for many, a sense of relief

By **JENNIFER CORR**  
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In the days after President Biden's swearing-in on Jan. 20, many Glen Cove residents were saying they felt a weight lifted off their shoulders.

Asked for his thoughts on the national transition of power, Nelson Melgar, a community activist, said the only word that came to mind was "relief."

Allen Hudson III, Glen Cove High School's assistant principal, used the same word. "I thought it was relieving that Trump was no longer president and that Biden and [Vice President] Harris were sworn in," Hudson said. "I thought it was a beautiful event. I think it's . . . this country beginning to heal after four years of having Trump in office."

Before he departed on Air Force One from Joint Base Andrews the morning of the

inauguration, soon-to-be former President Trump told Americans, "I love you" and "Have a good life," leaving behind a country ravaged by Covid-19, financially decimated and ideologically divided, now in the hands of Biden and Harris.

**I** think a lot of the healing we need still remains, and relies on the responses of us who are everyday people.

**THE REV. ROGER WILLIAMS**  
Pastor, First Baptist Church of Glen Cove

The next four years, Williams said, will hopefully be an opportunity for healing.

The inauguration featured performances by Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez and Garth

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## Fighting 'two pandemics,' anti-Semitism and Covid

### HMTC honors its founder, Boris Chartan, at gala

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The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County held a Virtual Gala Concert on Tuesday evening, complete with tears, touching remarks and songs performed by Israeli cantor and "Les Misérables" star Dudu Fisher.

The event was one big thank-you letter to Boris Chartan, a Holocaust survivor who founded

the center in 1992.

"This has been a year of firsts and challenges," said Andrea Bolender, the center's board chair. "I'm proud to tell you that HMTC has been at the forefront of weathering those firsts and climbing the mountains of those challenges."

And on the eve of National Holocaust Remembrance Day, those challenges were reflected on and stories of triumph and perseverance shared. Even

through there are challenges in passing the memories of the Holocaust on to young people, and teaching those who see hate to stand up by being "up-standers," Chartan's mission has repeatedly come to fruition.

"It will not be a dream': The most appropriate words from the father of modern Zionism, Theodore Hertzl, aptly describe the feelings I have for the upcoming

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# Death of survivors makes mission even more important

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concert event . . .” Chartan said in pre-recorded remarks. “For many years, I had a dream of establishing a center in Nassau County that would educate our children and their children and their children’s children, not only about the horrors of our history, but also about the need to live together in harmony so that in the future, no people would ever again suffer from the damage caused by racial and religious hatred and intolerance.”

Chartan said he was honored to share the event with those who have made it possible to teach people to accept and celebrate one another’s differences. Supporters of his mission worked tirelessly to bring the promise of “never again” to life, he said.

This mission is especially important given the rise of hate and division, along with the passing of Holocaust survivors, Chartan said, and the responsibility of remembrance now falls on a new generation.

The night’s special guests included co-hosts Dr. David Langer, chair of the

Department of Neurosurgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, and Vice Chair Dr. John Boockvar, both of whom star in the 2021 Netflix docu-series “Lenox Hill.”

Another special guest, Dr. Katalin Karikó, senior vice president of BioNTech RNA Pharmaceuticals, was invited to introduce Langer. “She has been helping to save humanity,” said Keith Gustein, an HMTC board member. “Through her tireless efforts and pioneering analysis, Dr. Karikó’s research helped develop the Covid-19 vaccine that will help end this pandemic.”

“Thirty-two years ago, when I started to work at the University of Pennsylvania, I met a bright young medical student, David Langer,” Karikó said. “He was curious. He wanted to know everything. He wanted to know everything that I knew, and he was really wanting to make real impact on patients’ life.”

After Langer completed his residency in neurosurgery, Karikó said, they both worked tirelessly, shoulder to shoulder, in an effort to develop messenger RNA for



Photos courtesy Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County

**BORIS CHARTAN, FOUNDER** of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, shared some pre-recorded remarks.

the treatment of strokes. “Fast-forward 30 years and here we are, with two revolutionary anti-Covid-19 vaccines based on [messenger RNA],” Karikó said.

Not expecting to see Karikó, Langer wiped away tears. “I hope that someday, when you win the Nobel Prize,” he told her, “I can do the same thing for you.”

In his remarks, Langer said he had learned about the Holocaust by reading about it, and then he met his future wife, whose father was a 16-year-old in Berlin when his parents took him from their home in 1940.

“His father was depressed — his business was taken away from him in the Nuremberg Laws,” Langer said. “He moved his entire family . . . to New York City. He learned, in a year, the English language and then came back and fought as a GI, as a U.S. Army member.”

Kathy Boockvar, the secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and John Boockvar’s sister, spoke about her brother. Even with his busy schedule, he continues to support her, Kathy said, and helped her as she oversaw the Pennsylvania election using a technique John calls “gritflowness,” combining grit, flow and mindfulness. He uses the technique to prepare for neurosurgery.

Her brother wiped a tear away before telling his sister that it has been a pleasure supporting her and being a protective brother from a far.

“My great-grandfather John Bailey, in the late 1800s, was one of 10 children in his family,” Boockvar said. “As my mother tells the story, he was chosen as the smartest child of the 10. John Bailey was chosen, and the other nine had to work at the butcher, but they worked so that John [could] go to Yale. Now, Jews in the late 1800s did not go to Yale, but John started a tradition, and John Bailey became a doctor.”

Boockvar said that story set him on his own path to becoming a doctor, joining four generations of physicians. Among his wife’s ancestors were Holocaust victims and survivors, including one who came to America at age 19, joined the U.S. Army and used his knowledge of German language to help liberate concentration camps.



**SEEING DUDU FISHER** perform, which Chartan did live from Israel, fulfilled one of his dreams.

Israel Nitzan, the acting consul general at the Consulate General of Israel in New York, said in a video message that he was honored to be part of the virtual gala as the world faces two pandemics, the rise of anti-Semitism and the Covid-19 pandemic.

He acknowledged the role of Chartan, who has battled the “first pandemic,” along with Boockvar and Langer, who faced Covid-19, the “second pandemic,” on the front lines.

Said Bolender, the center’s board chair: “The fact that we were able to honor the person fighting the pandemic of anti-Semitism and doctors that are doing neurosurgery during a pandemic, it’s such a blessing for us.”

Then event raised almost \$100,000 for Holocaust education.

## Breast Cancer support groups held on Zoom

Women coping with Breast Cancer can join Zoom support groups facilitated by the Adelphi New York State-wide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program. Women will have the opportunity to meet with others in similar situations.

“Thank you for holding Zoom meetings (and again moderating) for the metastatic group,” one participant said. “I cannot tell you how being a part of this group (especially with all the Covid restrictions) has helped me to learn and continue to grow in my cancer journey.”

These groups are run by licensed social workers and are free. Registration is required.

### Support group information and times

- Support for Women Recently Diagnosed  
Mondays: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call social worker Adriana Valencia at (516) 877-4371.
- Support for Women Under 40, Wednesdays, every other week: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call social worker Angela Papalia at (516) 877-4329.
- Support for Women with Stage4/

Metastatic Breast Cancer: Thursdays: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call social worker Lois Goetz at (516) 877-4347.

- Support for Newly Diagnosed Latinas  
Thursdays: 6 p.m. Call social worker Adriana Valencia at (516) 877-4371.

- Cafecito-Support for Latinas with Breast Cancer. Meets twice a month. Call social worker Angela Papalia at (516) 877-4329.

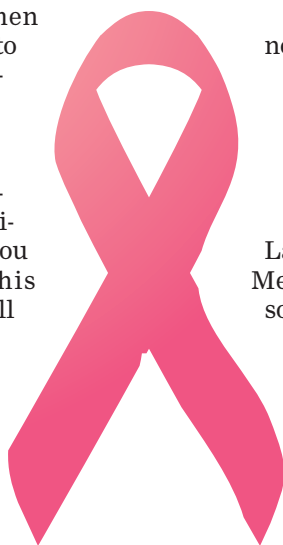
- Art therapy workshops. Time and date to be decided.

These four-session art therapy workshops empower participants to express themselves using art. Workshops are facilitated by Papalia, assistant director of the Adelphi Breast Cancer program, and Kimberly Newman, the communications and marketing coordinator of the Adelphi Breast Cancer Program.

For information on future workshops, call Papalia at (516) 877-4329.

Call the Adelphi Breast Cancer Hotline with any breast cancer concerns at (800) 877-8077.

“You are not alone.”





# N.S. officials share their hopes for Biden presidency

By MIKE CONN

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The day after the historic inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris on Jan. 20, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove, held a press conference to discuss his feelings of optimism toward the country's next presidential administration. He was excited to see the inauguration go smoothly, he said, especially after the Capitol insurrection that had occurred only two weeks prior.

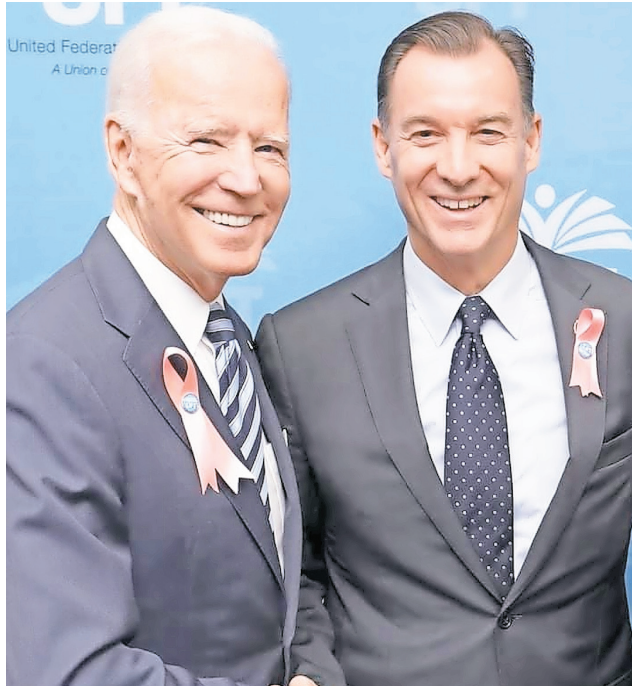
"We've gone from insurrection to impeachment to inauguration," Suozzi said, "and it's a brand new day here."

Suozzi the first member of the House of Representatives to publically endorse Biden when he announced his run for the Democratic Party nomination prior to the 2020 election, said he is excited to see the new administration get underway. He is looking forward to Biden addressing five key issues toward the start of his presidency: curbing the coronavirus pandemic, helping the country rebound from the pandemic's economic effects, taking on climate change, addressing racial inequity and restoring people's faith in the media and the government.

Biden's commitment to bipartisanship was one of the most encouraging things about the inauguration, Suozzi said. The president wants to unify the country to get things done, something which Suozzi said it very much needed.

State Sen. Jim Gaughran, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said the Biden administration did the best it could to recreate a normal inauguration under irregular circumstances. He appreciated it, having attended the inauguration ceremonies of former President Jimmy Carter, the first of Bill Clinton's and both of Barack Obama's. Additionally, he said he shed a tear seeing Harris take her oath of office, as it represented an incredible step forward in gender equality.

Gaughran said he was encouraged by Biden's focus on bipartisanship. Unity is the most important thing to have



Courtesy Office of U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi

**U.S. REP. TOM** Suozzi, right, said he was very encouraged by President Joe Biden's inauguration and is excited to see where the new administration takes the country.

to help the country get back on track, Gaughran said.

"Biden's years and years and years of experience as a senator, not just his relationships and understanding of the process, but also his willingness to work on a bipartisan level, I think is going to be tremendous," Gaughran said.

Both Suozzi and Gaughran said they are optimistic that New York will benefit greatly under the Biden administration. The state has been paying the federal government more than it gets back, something which they expect will change in the near future. This, both

said, should help the state's economy rebound from the pandemic.

Assemblyman Michael Montesano, a Republican from Glen Head, said he was glad to see the inauguration went by without any violence. Nonetheless, he said tempers are hot right now and that federal government agencies need to listen to people's needs.

As the country moves into a new administration, Montesano said he is most concerned about the economy, especially the nation's reliance on China for its medical goods. However, he said he too feels that people need to go in the same direction even though they have different opinions.

"I'm trying to be optimistic about where we are going to go," Montesano said. "I always say, a president or governor is only as good as his legislators. Biden has an ambitious agenda. Time will tell if he can implement these things."

Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said he felt a great sense of pride in the nation and in Biden during the inauguration, especially considering the insurrection that had occurred only two weeks beforehand. This, he said, made it even more meaningful.

Lavine said he is very confident that a Biden administration is in the best interest of all Americans. The president is someone who values institutions and government programs, which focus on benefiting the population at large, Lavine said, something which was not the focus during former President Donald Trump's administration. He also said president's choices in cabinet members and agency leaders have instilled confidence in him.

"Every single person he has appointed to head our agencies and every person he has appointed to be in his cabinet is a person with true governmental experience," Lavine said, "and each of these individuals are people who are dedicated in preserving and protecting the agencies that they will head, the departments that they will head and the American people."

Laura Lane and Jennifer Corr contributed to this story

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ On Jan. 18, a 59-year-old Glen Head male was arrested for having ability impaired by drugs and leaving the scene of an accident on Glen Street.

■ On Jan. 20, a 27-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation in the second degree (two counts), operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver and other vehicle and traffic law violations on Landing

Road.

■ On Jan. 21, a 21-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for menacing in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree and endangering the welfare of a child on Miller Street.

■ On Jan. 23, a 26-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Red Spring Lane.

■ On Jan. 23, a 20-year-old Brentwood male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree, operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver and other vehicle and traffic law violations on North Lane.

■ On Jan. 23, a 46-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for aggravated family offense (two counts), criminal contempt in the first degree (two counts), and

harassment in the second degree on Carney Street.

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

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# Regency at Glen Cove staff and residents get their vaccines

By JENNIFER CORR  
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It was a celebration on Tuesday complete with decorations and snacks as 117 staff and residents at The Regency at Glen Cove Assisted Living received the first dose of their Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine through an on-site CVS clinic.

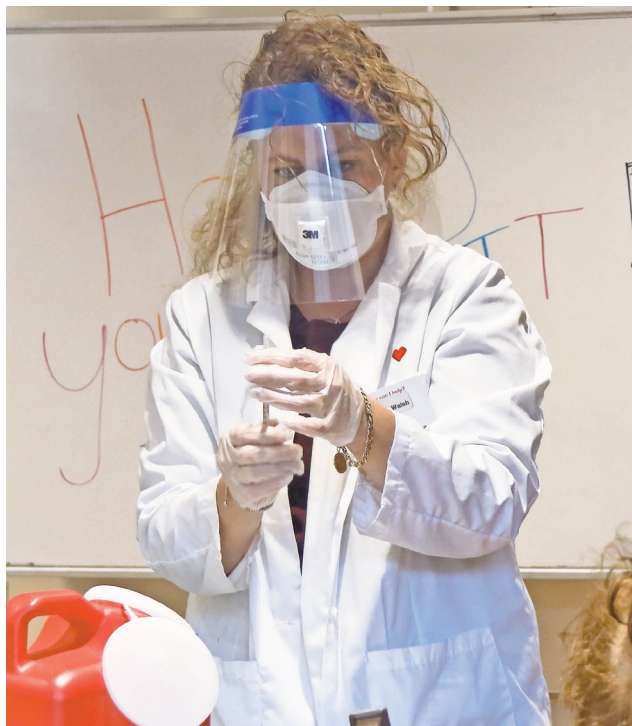
“It’s just a great feeling,” said The Regency at Glen Cove Assisted Living Administrator Beth Evans, who also received her vaccine Jan. 26. “We’re very excited with this privilege to be able to do everything here and everything is set up, we have rainbows everywhere, balloons and snacks and flags and buttons for everybody. We’re treating the staff to lunch.”

The clinic comes after a Gov. Andrew Cuomo announcement on Dec. 21 that a federal program to vaccinate nursing home residents would begin at 618 facilities across the state enrolled in the program. CVS will vaccinate 271 facilities. Walgreens will vaccinate 253 facilities and other pharmacies will vaccinate 94 facilities. The program, as of late December, was expected to take six weeks including three “clinical days” at each facility.

There were be clinics at The Regency at Glen Cove on Feb. 16 and March 9 following Tuesday’s clinic. The majority of the residents and staff are on board with getting their vaccines, Evans said, including resident Frances Blatchly, who said she felt fine after receiving her first shot.

“I was a little scared because I have allergies, but we followed directions and everything and I feel fine,” Blatchly said. “I hope everyone in the facility comes and get their shot.”

She was thrilled when Community Relations Liaison Amy Eisenburg notified her that she would be able to



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**THERESA WALSH OF** CVS Pharmacy prepares to administer a Covid-19 vaccine.

come downstairs for dinner the following day. “Oh, goody, goody,” Blatchly said. “We have a wonderful staff here. They’re really encouraging and they are going to throw us a big party with steaks.”

In-person activities, with masks and social distance in use, will also resume. Evans said she is looking forward to the day that these residents will get to enjoy their life

to the fullest again instead of having to be isolated in their room to prevent getting Covid-19.

“We’re a big family here and the residents are our families,” Evans said. “We want what’s best for them.”

When Blatchly’s daughter, Jillian Abbatangelo, found out her mother received her first dose, all she could say is, “yay.”

Abbatangelo, a school librarian, also received her first dose, along with other members of her family who are in health care. She will receive her second around Feb. 14, calling it her “Valentines Day gift.”

When Abbatangelo and her mother receive the second dose, she is hoping to be able to hug her mother, who she has only been able to see behind glass or a screen. “I have not been able to hug my mother since March 11, 2020” she said. “That’s a long time.”

“It was really difficult,” Blatchly said of her months of isolation. “We’ve been pretty much in lockdown since March and that’s a long time. But, we have a wonderful recreation staff. They come by everyday and ask ‘do you want to play cards? Do you want this? Do you want that?’ So I’ve been coloring and doing word searches. I read a lot.”

Getting her first dose, Blatchly said, feels like the beginning towards the path to normalcy. She will get her second dose on Feb. 16.

Starting Jan. 27, Evans explained that residents would be able to have limited visits with their family again, as long as there are no positive cases in the facility. The visitations will happen in a designated area and both parties must social distance.

“As far as opening for regular visits as we’ve done in the past, we have to really wait for the Department of Health and an executive order to make that decision,” Evans said, adding that a beginning to the end of this pandemic is “what we’re praying for.”





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## Thursday, Jan. 28

### ESL Beginner, Intermediate class

Virtual classes from the Locust Valley Library. Learn basic English for everyday situations and improve listening skills. The intermediate class will take place from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. and the beginner class will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (516) 671-1837.

## Friday, Jan. 29

### 'Tenet' afternoon movie showing

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, in the Library Annex Room A at 2 p.m. In the 2020 movie "Tenet," John David Washington, armed with only one word, "Tenet," fights for the survival of the entire world and journeys through a world of international espionage on a mission that will unfold in something beyond real time. The movie's runtime is 150 minutes and social distancing protocols will be enforced during the showing of the movie. Masks must be worn. Register in advance to reserve a seat at [www.goldcoastpubliclibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastpubliclibrary.org). For more information, call (516) 759-8300.

### Student loan debt forgiveness

Virtual seminar at 7 p.m. Promoted by the Glen Cove Public Library, the National Student Debt Forgiveness program, which helps people effortlessly solve their Federal Student Loan debt issues, is offering free workshops. To register, visit [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org). For more information, call (516) 676-2130.

## Saturday, Jan. 30

### GC baseball, softball registration

Village Square, 100 Village Square at Bridge Street, Glen Cove, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register in person for the Glen Cove Baseball Softball Association Spring 2021 season for children from pre-K to ninth grade as they prepare for the spring sports season. For more information, email [gcbaseballandsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:gcbaseballandsoftball@gmail.com) or visit [www.glencovebaseballandsoftball.leagueapps.com](http://www.glencovebaseballandsoftball.leagueapps.com).



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## 'The Rich Diversity of African Art'

Virtual event on Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Join the Glen Cove Public Library for a virtual program featuring Hofstra University Museum of Art's acting Museum Director Karen T. Albert, who will explore works of African art from the museum's collection. To register, visit [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org) or call (516) 759-8300.

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### Indoor winter market

Village Square, 100 Village Square at Bridge Street, Glen Cove. Farmers market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Sea Cliff/Glen Cove Winter Market offers a selection of locally grown vegetables, eggs, along with fresh baked bread, sweets, honey and other goods. Most products grown or produced on or near Long Island. Following Covid-19 guidelines. For more information, call (516) 318-5487.

## Sunday, Jan. 31

### Knit blanket workshop

Not Just Art, 183 South St., Oyster Bay. from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn to make a chunky style hand knit blanket in a

small group workshop. This workshop includes all materials and instruction and everyone leaves with a completed throw blanket. Private workshops are also available. Masks are required. Admission is \$65. Sign up in advance, as space is limited. For more information, contact (516) 922-8300.

## Monday, Feb. 1

### 'Random Acts of Kindness Bingo'

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley. Earn five hours of community service credit and get a special prize by participating in the "Random Acts of Kindness Bingo" game. Starting Feb. 1, pick up a bingo card from the library (it can also be emailed), complete five acts of kindness and write a list of the acts completed. Return the bingo card and the

written list to the library by Feb. 14 to get a certificate of completion and Valentine's Day gift. For children in grades 6 through 12. For more information, visit [www.locustvalleylibrary.org](http://www.locustvalleylibrary.org) or call (516) 671-1837.

## Tuesday, Feb. 2

### Yoga and meditation in Great Hall

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Warm up the mind, body and spirit this winter season. There will be a yoga and meditation session in the historic Great Hall, led by instructors from Oyster Bay/Glen Cove Yoga. Masks are required during the session and mats and other equipment will be stationed six feet apart. Screening questions will be asked upon arrival. Cost is \$10 to \$18. For more informa-

tion, call (516) 922-9210 or visit [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org).

## Wednesday, Feb. 3

### A 1937 issue of 'Der Sturmer'

Virtual event from 12 to 1 p.m. The Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County presents a virtual Curator's Corner on Zoom. HMTCC's Museum and Programming Director, Dr. Thorin Titter, will explore a 1937 issue of the pro-Nazi German newspaper, "Der Sturmer," that is included in the HMTCC gallery. Learn about the publisher, Julius Streicher, who rallied support to the Nazi Party, but was seen as too salacious and incendiary by many of the leaders of the Nazi Party. To register for the virtual event, visit [www.hmtcc.org](http://www.hmtcc.org). For more information, call (516) 571-8040.

## Thursday, Feb. 4

### 'Public Speaking 101'

Virtual workshop at 7 p.m. for children in grades seven and up. Learn public speaking techniques through games and earn two hours of community service. To register, visit [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org). For more information, call (516) 676-2130.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to [jcorr@liherald.com](mailto:jcorr@liherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- Mockingbird Wings and Not Just Art team up in knit blanket workshop Jan. 31.
- Deasy Elementary School PTA meeting on Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Glen Cove Public Library can print documents sent via email. Call (516) 676-2130.
- Oyster Bay Youth Ice Hockey Program Session 2 will begin Feb. 6.
- Sea Cliff is collaborating with Nassau County in Hazard Mitigation Plan.



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# Here's how to sign up for your vaccine

By **ANDREW GARCIA**

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At press time Monday, the distribution of vaccines to those over 65 years old continued in New York state. Despite the slowly unraveling process, most appointments to receive a shot will eventually need to be made through various government-run websites.

It's no secret: Appointments for the coming weeks are booked. New York receives roughly 250,000 doses of the vaccine every week from the federal government, a portion of which is allocated to Nassau County. More than 55,000 vaccinations have been administered in the county, which has more than 1.3 million residents.

Still, it can be helpful to know what to expect when navigating the unfamiliar — and sometimes dysfunctional — websites. To eventually receive the vaccine, an appointment is required. **A vaccine will not be given without an appointment.**

In addition to those over 65, eligible groups include doctors, nurses and health care workers, first responders, teachers and public transit, grocery store and public safety workers. Eligibility will open to more residents in the coming weeks and months.

The New York state website, [www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov](http://www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov), features an "Am I Eligible" app, which can be used by residents to check their eligibility before making an appointment.

Also available is a list of all state-run vaccination sites in New York. Nassau County is home to one at Jones Beach, although like all other sites, no appointments are currently available. There are 11 other sites shown, all with limited availability.

Nassau County has also established its own website for vaccine information, [www.nassaucountyny.gov/vaccine](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/vaccine). Several more county-run sites are shown, including Nassau Community College in Garden City, the Yes We Can Community Center in Westbury and Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, as well as five others. Appointments are limited here, too.

Appointments for all sites will continue to open as eligibility requirements expand and more vaccines are delivered to the state. All vaccines received by officials are required to be used, according to federal guidelines.

Residents will need to be diligent in making appointments once it's their turn. Problems have been reported about the New York state website, including it being inundated with heavy traffic, according to Nassau County officials. Appointments across the state were also canceled because of low vaccine supply, according to The New York Times.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, county officials operated a pop-up vaccine site at Union Baptist Church in Hempstead. Roughly 150 vaccination shots were given to pre-selected community members over age 65. Similar pop-up



Courtesy Nassau County

Check if you are eligible to receive the vaccine [here](#)

- Click [here](#) for appointments at Nassau Community College, Garden City
- Click [here](#) for appointments at the Yes We Can Community Center, Westbury
- Click [here](#) for appointments at NUMC, East Meadow
- Click [here](#) for appointments at Northwell Health Center for Advanced Medicine, Lake Success
- Click [here](#) for appointments at 8 Greenfield Road, Syosset
- Click [here](#) for appointments at Belmont Park, Elmont
- Click [here](#) for appointments at Northwell Health GoHealth, Hewlett
- Click [here](#) for appointments at Northwell Health GoHealth, Syosset
- To make an appointment at Jones Beach and other vaccination sites, call the New York State hotline at: **1-833-NYS-4-VAX**

**Due to high demand, the State's registration system may not be displaying available appointments at this time. Appointments are constantly added on a rolling basis, please check back later.**

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sites are likely to appear.

"Once we get adequate vaccine supply from the federal government, Nassau County is committed to an equitable distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine," Executive Laura Curran said in a statement. "As part of our efforts, the county is working closely with trusted messengers to build confidence in an equitable process, and with established partners to directly increase access in the communities hardest hit by the pandemic. The county will continue to vaccinate as many residents as we can across all communities so we can definitively win this war, get our lives back and get our economy roaring."

The Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines, which are being used in the county, require two doses. The state site should automatically schedule your second appointment, while county officials will reach out to residents who received their first doses at a county-run site.

**A NASSAU COUNTY** resident was vaccinated at Union Baptist Church in Hempstead on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Officials opened the pop-up site to administer more than 100 vaccine doses to those over 65.

**NASSAU COUNTY'S WEBSITE** also lists sites run by the county, including the Yes We Can Community Center in Westbury.

Location Name	Location Address	Appointments Available
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SUNY Albany	Albany, NY	No Appointments Available Currently
Westchester County Center	White Plains, NY	No Appointments Available Currently
SUNY Stony Brook University Innovation and Discovery Center	Stony Brook, NY	No Appointments Available Currently
SUNY Potsdam Field House	Potsdam, NY	Appointments Available
Aqueduct Racetrack - Racing Hall	South Ozone Park, NY	No Appointments Available Currently
Plattsburgh International Airport -Connecticut Building	Plattsburgh, NY	Appointments Available
SUNY Binghamton	Johnson City, NY	No Appointments Available Currently
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University at Buffalo South Campus - Harriman Hall	Buffalo, NY	No Appointments Available Currently

Courtesy New York state website

**ON THE NEW** York state-run vaccination website, [www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov](http://www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov), a list of available state-run sites is shown. There is limited availability, but appointments will open to those eligible as more vaccines are delivered to the state.





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# Local reaction: time to focus on healing

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Brooks and a reading by National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman. “I think it was well put together,” Hudson said. “I think they purposely chose people of various diverse backgrounds to represent the United States as we are, a country, a melting pot, of all races and creeds. It was a sigh of relief to know that it was peaceful.”

John Maccarone, of the Glen Cove Republican Club, said he, too, was happy to see a peaceful transition of power. “We live in a deeply divided country,” Maccarone said. “There’s no getting around that President Trump had [over 74 million] votes, more votes than any other Republican has ever got. The people who voted for him are looking to see what Biden’s going to do, and they have to be reckoned with in their needs and their concerns. Everybody should be addressed, and President Biden is going to have some tough decisions on a lot of tough things.”

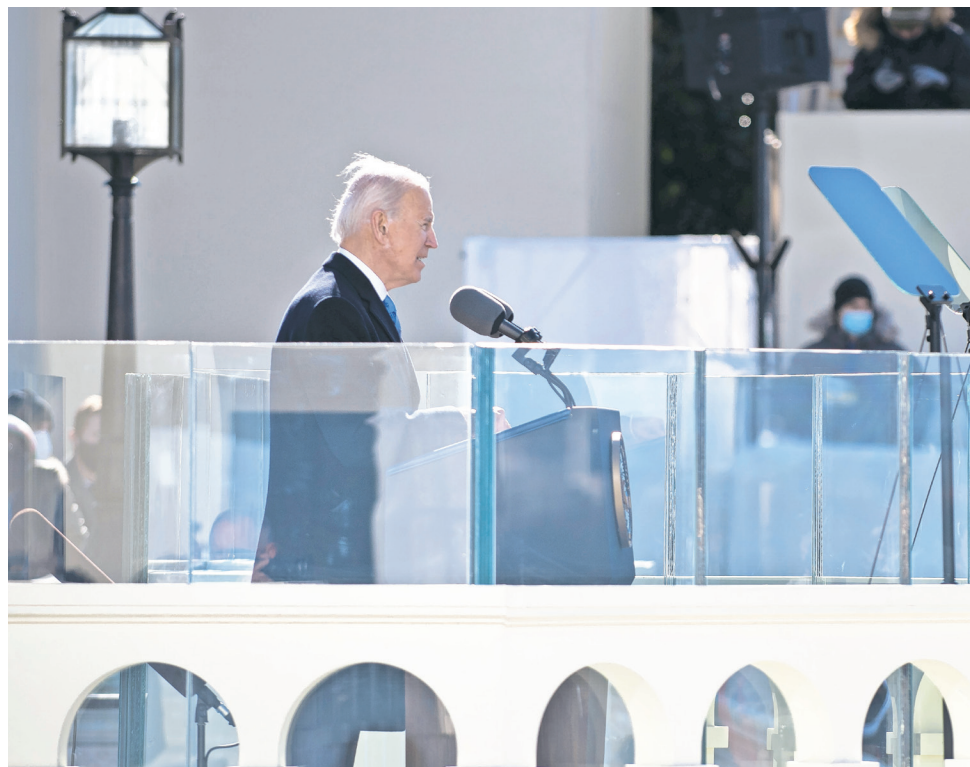
Hudson said he would like to see the country move forward, continue on its journey toward true equality and reclaim its role as a superpower; because, Hudson

said, he has friends in other countries who have been “shocked” by what the U.S. has become over the past four years.

“I think that much of the healing we need is outside the purview of the presidency,” Williams said. “I think a lot of the healing we need still remains, and relies on the responses of us who are everyday people, who engage each other in our communities. We just need to understand that there are some things that a president is unable to do — it has to be on us.”

With respect to the North Shore, Melgar said, conversations about national politics, which in the past would occur only once in a while, have become a daily occurrence. “I genuinely believe that we are exhausted,” he said.

And while attaining unity is an important goal, Melgar said, for now he would like to see Biden work to bring an end to the coronavirus pandemic. As someone who has experienced grief, Biden should understand very well what the people of this country have faced over the past year, Melgar added.



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**PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIDEN Jr.** addressed the nation at his inauguration.

## Lipp and Spinello create website for the city

By **JENNIFER CORR**

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Glen Cove is a vast community, with museums, businesses, parks and other facilities, along with plenty of opportunities to volunteer, get involved and come together, virtually or in-person, with fellow residents. Now much of what makes Glen Cove the city so appealing that people remain their entire lives can be found on a website, [www.WeLoveGlenCove.com](http://www.WeLoveGlenCove.com).

“I was very impressed with Glen Cove, the history, the destinations and facilities,” Bob Lipp, the website’s co-creator, said. “I felt, why not put together a website where we can kind of accentuate the positives, the people, the places, the things that really make Glen Cove special?”

Lipp collaborated with former Mayor Reggie Spinello. Lipp met Spinello during his involvement with the Glen Cove 350 Committee. During Lipp’s time volunteering, he got to know Spinello, he said, and decided to use the opportunity to do something special for the community.

Spinello, who has lived in Glen Cove his whole life, has been a great help in building the website and its content, Lipp said. He added that Spinello’s ultimate goal was to unify the community and reach out to residents.

There is a great deal that can be found on the website, which was launched on Jan. 12. There are short stories about facilities, such as the Glen Cove Public Library, Cove Ani-

mal Shelter, the North Shore Historical Museum, the Howard Davis Jr. Glen Cove Boxing Club and the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. Additionally, residents that people know, like Jeanine DiMenna of the View Grill, Carolyn Wilson, the former deputy mayor and Glen Cove Senior Center Advocate Shirley Pickney, can be found.

“The ‘We Love Glen Cove’ website was created to provide Glen Cove residents with short stories and other information about the people, facilities, organizations and businesses that call Glen Cove home,” Spinello wrote in a news release. “Glen Cove is a special place to live and work and we felt that more people needed to know about that.”

Amy Driscoll, the director of the North Shore Historical Museum, said she was delighted to be included on the website.

“I think it’s nice to have something so positive out there that highlights so many aspects of the community,” she said. “I thought, ‘Wow, these are just really accomplished people who are so committed to their community.’ It’s good for everyone to see that, particularly now, [when] sometimes things are really difficult and you just see the bad.”

With the pandemic and financial issues facing the city, it was Lipp’s hope that people would realize, as they browsed the website and read about Glen Cove’s fascinating history, that the city offers much. One of the goals is for residents to feel a sense of pride

in their city.

“There’s the history, sprinkled with facilities for seniors, stories for kids, some of the interesting restaurants, business people,” Lipp said. “I think what we really need to do, and Reggie Spinello thought of a lot of this, is to appreciate some of the wonderful things we have because we do not want to lose them.”

And with big changes coming to the city with the introduction of RXR Realty’s Garvies Point development and the newly established Village Square, with its plaza becoming the city’s new hub for events, it is important to welcome the influx of new residents, while reflecting on the city’s vast history and what it has become today.

“You look at all that and of course what’s happening on the waterfront now and you look at the downtown, you begin to get a flavor of the whole community that over 100 years so much of it remains,” Lipp said. “Harbor Mansion is amid so many types of mansions that remained from the Pratt era, [which] we call the Gatsby era.”

For example, the Welwyn Preserve, was a 204-acre parcel given to Harriet and Harold Pratt as a wedding gift in the early 1900s. The garden, now the HMTC’s Children’s Memorial Garden, dedicated to the young victims and survivors of the Holocaust, was originally laid out in 1910 for Harriet Pratt’s garden. In 1975, the property was bequeathed to Nassau County, and today the HMTC is dedicated to pre-

venting the wrongs of the past from happening once again.

“It speaks so much to the diversity of Glen Cove, to the social inclusion that a lot of people have living here and on a larger scale, it speaks to the lessons we should never forget and the lessons of unity and tolerance,” Lipp said. “And here it is, right here in Glen Cove.”

Not too far away, DiMenna, of the View Grill, can be found at a much-loved restaurant with its famous waterfront and golf course view. Her story can also be found on the website.

“She’s a lifetime resident, is beloved in Glen Cove, but we really wanted to create a story,” Lipp said. “It was about her special connection to the town, and what we found out was that when she was 14 years old, she was actually asked to wash dishes at a restaurant. That restaurant was or is located in the same exact spot where she currently owns the restaurant the View Grill. The location is the same but the name is different.”

Driscoll said she would not have known DiMenna’s story, along with the stories of other people and facilities if it had not been for the website. “It just gives you more appreciation of the people you see regularly,” Driscoll said.

Visit the “We Love Glen Cove” website at [www.WeLoveGlenCove.com](http://www.WeLoveGlenCove.com). For more questions or to submit an idea, a “contact us” page can be found on the website.



# Inside LI to host cutting expenses webinar

As the pandemic continues, the economic state of the country remains in disarray as many businesses close and many people lose their jobs. Numerous Long Islanders are struggling financially and have been left wondering how they will ever save money again.

Herald Inside LI will host a free Zoom webinar at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28, titled, "Cutting Expenses," to provide Long Islanders with information and advice about how they can reduce expenses and save money this year.

Herald Inside LI is a weekly webinar series. To register for Cutting Expenses webinar or to view a recording of a past webinar, visit [liherald.com/insideli](http://liherald.com/insideli).

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## Tax grievance period extended

Nassau County property owners will have an extra 60 days to file their property-tax grievances because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, County Executive Laura Curran announced last week.

The grievance period will extend from March 1 through April 30.

"With many residents still struggling from the devastating repercussions of the Covid-19 pandemic ... this will provide additional breathing room for those who want to fight their property assessment," Curran said. "I will continue to protect the rights of homeowners and do everything I can to ease tax burdens whenever and wherever possible. I encourage homeowners to consider the possible benefits of the grievance procedure."

Tentative assessed property values for the 2022-23 roll for every property in the county have been finalized and are being mailed out currently. Notices of tentative assessment are also posted online at [mynassauproperty.com](http://mynassauproperty.com).

Homeowners who believe their assessed values for the 2022-23 assessment roll are inaccurate can file an Application for Correction of Assessment with county's Assessment Review Commission before the close of the grievance-filing period.

Because of the instability of Nassau's real

estate market caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the continued economic hardships that homeowners and businesses face, Curran said she has paused property valuation updates for the 2022-23 assessment roll. Thus, unless a homeowner has since received a correction of error, an assessment reduction or physically altered an improvement, the notice of tentative assessment should reflect the same property assessment as the previous year's roll, which, the county executive said, is intended to protect against updates based on the current chaotic real estate market.

Homeowners can find the calendar of virtual legislative meetings online at [www.nassaucountyny.gov/arc](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/arc) and file their grievances on this site on their own. There is no fee to file an Application for Correction of Assessment with the county.

For people without internet access, the application can be obtained in person at the Assessment Review Commission, 240 Old Country Road in Mineola, or by calling the ARC at (516) 571-3214. Property owners are encouraged to check ARC's website for up-to-date information.

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# Remembered as a 'class act,' Glen Cove's Dorothy Tota dies

By JENNIFER CORR

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Dorothy Tota, who would have turned 100 on Feb. 21, was known for her humble nature, despite being a world traveler and the first female supervisor at Cartier Jewelers in Manhattan. Many remember Tota, also known as Dotty, as a "class act."

Tota, 99, who resided at The Regency at Glen Cove died on Jan. 1.

"She was quite a woman," said her nephew Bruce Castellano. "She was a petite woman with a very modest air to her. But she was still a powerhouse."

Tota was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Benedetto and Rosa Tota on Feb. 21, 1921. She was raised in Brooklyn, but visited Locust Valley often as her parents built a summer home there in 1928.

"My grandparents were very progressive and they had four daughters," said Castellano, who lives in Sea Cliff. "They insisted that they all went to college, they all went to school. It was back at a time when women just didn't. My mom [Marie Castellano] went on to get her master's degree in foreign language, French and Italian. My Aunt Dotty went on to business college and yes, she was a supervisor at Cartier Jewelers."

Her entire professional career was spent at the Cartier Jewelers on Fifth Avenue in New York. Hired in 1945 at the age of 24 as a sales associate, she was quickly promoted to supervisor of the Fine Jewelry Department, a position she held until 1986. "It was very fascinating," Castellano said. "Very quickly in her twenties she became a supervisor because she was very smart, very assertive and had an excellent appearance on the floor."

Those who knew Tota say that she was modest about her success, but she would tell stories about the Cartier clientele, some of whom were celebrities, in a way that was respectful of the client as well as the merchandise they purchased.

"She not only talked about it but she got my brother [the late Denis Castellano] and me a summer job there when we were in college," Castellano said. "In the 60s and 70s, my brother was older than I and she got us jobs as valets. You got finger printed and you got bonded and basically you carried trays of incredible jewelry around all day from one department to another."

Castellano recalls many subway trips consisting of lively conversation with her from their homes in Brooklyn to Cartier. "Her house and mine where I grew up were a block apart," he said. "I went on cruises with her too. She would invite my brother and me. She was very giving and very loving. She never married and never had children of her own, but my brother and me were like her children."

Tota throughout her life traveled all through Europe, the Caribbean, Central America, South America and China, Castellano said. "She had a lot of adventures. I have pictures of her on camels, pictures of her dining outside in all kinds of foreign places, cafes all across the world."

After retirement, Tota resided in the Locust Valley vacation home that was frequented by her entire family. Dr. Charles Valicenti of Bayville Dental grew up in the same neighborhood and remembers the family well. He would later become the family's dentist.

"They were always very sweet and wonderful," he said. "If the ball went in their yard, they



Photos courtesy Bruce Castellano

**DOROTHY TOTA AT** the Cartier Jewelers Christmas party in 1961.

sent it back out for us. They were just very nice people over the years we've known them."

Valicenti said he gives Castellano accolades for taking care of Tota and her sisters. "Bruce was there for every single one of them," Valicenti said. "I told him, 'Bruce, you gave these women their integrity.'"

Tota was someone Castellano said people could confide in, along with his mother Marie, he said. "My brother passed away very young at 41 of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma," Castellano said. "She was his godmother and took his death very seriously. She moved in with my mom [in Greenvale] and she got us through all of it, she really did."

After Marie died in 2011, Tota continued to live in her home for two or three years, Castellano said, until she decided that she did not want to live alone anymore. She moved to The Regency at Glen Cove in 2014. Castellano said he marveled at the fact that even in her 90s, Tota was still making friends. "She loved her activities and her chair yoga and her games, her boards games, her interactions and her movies," he said.

Beth Evans, the administrator of The Regency Assisted Living in Glen Cove, said that the faculty remembers Tota as being gracious, caring and quiet, but strong. She got along well with her friends at The Regency, Evans said.

"She was very happy here and her family was very involved," Evans said. "She enjoyed any kind of program that was educational and musical. She was very sophisticated, always looking beautiful every day with her hair done."

And Tota always was the strength, still sharp as a tack, until the end of her remarkable life, Castellano said, just seven weeks short of her 100th birthday.

Tota is the beloved sister of Fran Genduso and the late Marie Castellano and Victoria Tota; devoted godmother to her nephew, Denis Castellano; second mother and devoted aunt to her other nephew, Bruce Castellano and his husband, Gerald Anders.



**DOROTHY TOTA ON** board the SS Queen of Bermuda in 1950.





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### Elias Ardon

Elias Ardon, 72, of Glen Cove, died on Jan. 25. Beloved husband of Maria; loving father of Carlos (Rosa), Virginia (Necter Yanes), Lillian (Walter Campos) and Julio; dear brother of Arnold and Deisy; proud grandfather of seven; also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Ardon was an avid soccer fan with a great sense of humor and he will be deeply missed by all. Visitation will be at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Prayer service is also on Saturday at 3 p.m. Interment will be private.

### Maria Alicea

Maria Alicea, 90, of Glen Cove, died on Jan. 19. Beloved wife of Roberto; loving mother of Edna Peralta, Carlos (Betsy), Evelyn Ragogna (James), Jose (Maria) and David; proud grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of seven. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home.

### Marianne Vowels Cattier

Marianne Vowels Cattier, 93, of Glen Cove, died peacefully at her home on Jan. 11 in the company of her sons. Cattier is predeceased by her husband Jean Cattier; Adeline Gretener; her step-daughter Marie-Louise Cattier; her daughter-in-law Carole Meyers. Survived by her sons Alan R. Cattier (Lisa) of Lexington, Mass. and Jacques Cattier (Jennifer) of New York, N.Y.; beloved stepmother to Suzanne Taliaferro of Brays Island, S.C. and John Cattier (Dawn) of Marshfield, N.C.; also, a beloved grandmother to Catherine Franks (WJ) of Barre, Va., John Andrew (Krista) of Muskegon, Mich., Trevor, Pierce and Avery Cattier of Lexington, Mass. and Adele and Julien Cattier of New York, N.Y.

Born on Nov. 16, 1927 in Frankfort, Ky. to Walter Richard and Anna Mae Vowels, Cattier was raised in Louisville, Ky. where her Irish-German ancestors settled in the 19th century. Her father was a liquor salesman for the Brown-Forman company and her mother was

one of the first female executives at Schenley Distilleries in the rapidly expanding Kentucky Bourbon trade of the 1920s.

In her early career, Cattier worked at the U.S. Embassy in Paris and the U.S. Consulate in Bern before moving to New York City in the mid-1950s, where she worked for the Ford Foundation and met and married Jean Cattier. Her marriage to Jean brought her to the North Shore of Long Island and his home in Locust Valley. Inspired by the enchanted gardens that were an intrinsic part of their home, Cattier developed her abiding love of all things horticultural and historic. From the North Country Garden Club, to Planting Fields and Old Westbury Gardens, Cattier was an active supporter of preserving the natural beauty of the North Shore.

Cattier was also an enthusiastic participant in local educational institutions, including the Portledge School of Locust Valley where she served on the Board of Trustees for over 20 years and of the Hutton House continuing education program at Long Island University's CW Post campus. Cattier was an intrepid traveler and perhaps no place was dearer to her heart than France, where she kindled her love initially working for the U.S. State Department.

Amongst the many things she passed on to her family was the commitment to her friendships. None were greater than the family's beloved caregiver, Adeline Gretener, of Locust Valley and Zug, Switzerland, who raised all of the Cattier children and who remained a loyal member of the family until her passing in 2019. Cattier invested in keeping those she loved close to her heart. From her impeccably written notes, to her weekly trips to New York City to having luncheons with dear friends, sharing in the theater and joining a local bridge group later in life. Nurturing long-term friendships was always a priority in Cattier's life.

Cattier will be missed by many, yet the memory of her generous and loyal spirit will continue to inspire. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Funeral service and interment private In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Old Westbury Gardens, the North Shore Land Alliance or the North Country Garden Club where she served as the club's secretary for many years.

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Applicants must attend a virtual application review via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, February 11th at 3PM in order to be considered for funding. Information to join the meeting via livestream or conference call can be found on the Glen Cove Community Development Agency website calendar: http://glencovecda.org/calendar/

One electronic copy and one hard copy with required attachments must be received by 4PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to CByrne@glencovecda.org - Glen Cove CDA, Room 304, City Hall - 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, NY 11542. For further information or to provide comments, contact Camille Byrne, Executive Assistant of the

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## OPINIONS

## Obama, a kindred spirit in 'A Promised Land'

Every life has its inflection points, moments that can steer you in one direction or another; and that direction, as poet Robert Frost would say, makes all the difference. That is especially true for former President Barack Obama, as he makes clear in "A Promised Land," his introspective account



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of his personal and political life, released by Crown in November.

Impression one of this 701-page tome: Obama is an excellent writer. Impression two: His political idealism is heady and infectious — inspiring — and because he is so solidly grounded in his family and

his ever-evolving faith, he is utterly relatable as a person. He's one of us, born into the middle class, with all its attendant daily struggles and perpetual yearning for a better life — for the American dream.

Early in the book, Obama ponders a fascinating question: What if he had never left Chicago, where he was a community organizer from 1985 to 1988, and struck out for Harvard Law School? What if he had stayed, fighting, and winning, seemingly small battles to improve people's lives, helping to repair a park or housing project or starting an after-school program?

What if he had never run for president? "Like many local heroes I've met over the years, I might have managed to build up an institution that could reshape a neighborhood or portion of the city," he writes. "Anchored deep in a community, I might have steered money and imagination to change not the world, but just that one place or that one set of kids, doing work that touched the lives of neighbors and friends in some measurable and useful way."

He left, however. After earning his law degree, he ran for the Illinois State Senate, and won. He ran for Congress, and lost. And he ran for U.S. Senate, and won, before seeking the presidency in 2007-08, sealing his destiny, and his place among the pantheon of truly historic American presidents, the first African-American to lead the country.

His first run for president was an audacious undertaking, begun just about 14 years ago, on Feb. 10, 2007, on the steps of Illinois's Old State Capitol, where Abraham Lincoln had delivered his "House Divided" speech 149 years earlier, noting, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Thrust onto the national stage, Obama was seemingly a natural candidate, intelligent, clear-headed, collected, indefatigable — at once esoteric yet utterly down-to-earth. What we see in "A Promised Land"

is his very human side, beyond the glare of the media spotlight. We see his occasional annoyance and anger, his wrenching self-doubt and guilt — he desperately wanted to be the excellent father that he never had as a child, but his constant campaigning pulled him away from his wife and two young daughters.

We see former first lady Michelle Obama, ever the reluctant but supportive political wife — and a magnetic draw on the campaign trail, humanizing the Obama brand while delivering arcane policy proposals in emotional terms easily understood by the electorate. No doubt, Barack and Michelle Obama make one

hell of a power couple.

I could see myself in the details of "A Promised Land," which I suspect would be the case for many people. Like Obama, I studied at Columbia University, only six years after he graduated from the school. As was the case for Obama, my time there was spent in quiet contemplation. He lived a life of seclusion and self-improvement, without any close friends, making to-do lists, running along the Central Park Reservoir or the East River, eating cheap meals on the fly. That was pretty much my life at Columbia, only I ran along the Hudson.

While reading, Obama habitually circles words he has never seen before. It was

**I**n which the author ponders the question, what if he'd never left Chicago?

## Post-inauguration: So, how are we doing?

Hallelujah. That says it for me. Great relief, writ small. How do we feel safe again after the anxiety of the last four years? The inauguration of Joe Biden and the restoration of a functioning government feel right, but it will take a little time to feel good. Especially



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while we negotiate our way through the 12th month of a savage pandemic.

I witnessed the turn from darkness to light, from crazy to sane, from chaos to civility. Like you, I watched on TV as the president took the oath, as Lady Gaga sang and as poet Amanda Gorman sealed the deal. Still, this doesn't feel like jubilation to me. It feels like I just stopped banging my head against the wall. The agony is ebbing, but there's a dull pain that will take some time to resolve.

Right now, the feeling that eclipses all others is relief. Since Jan. 20, I haven't gone to sleep watching the news or wor-

ried my way through a fitful night. Briefly, I tuned in to the news around 9 p.m. on Inauguration Day. Biden was still president. Nine hours had passed since the swearing-in, and no one had stormed the Capitol. The day went according to plans.

One wonders what the news outlets will rant about now. How will they be relevant without the sugar high of the former president? The press lives by "if it bleeds, it leads," and we had plenty of bleeding, from the stolen migrant children at our borders to the hundreds of thousands of friends and neighbors dying of Covid-19. How do we cover a regular presidency, which makes the usual kinds of mistakes and actually functions as an administrative body? Will there be an audience for proposed infrastructure legislation and state dinners for visiting dignitaries?

The media is challenged to get past the low-hanging fruit like Kellyanne Conway weaving her awful webs, Michael Cohen spilling his secrets, Ivanka, Jared, Giuliani and Melania the Silent. Trump's goon squad gathered all the available light. The mean-spirited tweets and corrupt actions of so many people around

the former president provided grist for the media every minute of every day of the past four years. How do we and the news industry get accustomed to calm and quiet at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.?

Admittedly, something is lost, like sensationalism and melodrama; the grinding of the wheels of respectable government may not make for bold headlines.

I hope the journalists who helped save this country with their relentless pursuit of the truth will rise to the moment and continue to expose the bad guys who *always* rise to the moment, and point to success where they find it.

This column, over the past four years, has strayed from usual weekly territory, which is hyper-local. To me, Trump and Covid are as local as stories can get, changing the DNA of our lives. To finesse the constraint of writing once a week, I sometimes post something especially timely on Facebook.

On the night of the inauguration, I wrote this:

"So, what's the trick here? A sane, accomplished rock-solid man elected President. A Black woman with Indian

a habit I picked up as a teen that I have never shed. I could especially relate to his description of his disorganized nature. Referring to his 2008 campaign manager, David Plouffe, Obama writes, "Whereas I could be absentminded, indifferent to small details, incapable of maintaining an orderly filing system, constantly misplacing memos, pens and cell phones that had just been handed to me, Plouffe turned out to be a managerial genius."

Like Obama — and like so many people — staying organized, on task, on point, is a constant struggle for me. I have to work at it, day after day. No manner of computerized calendar helps. I have to write it all down, and remind myself, again and again, do this, do that. Self-deprecating to a fault, Obama gives us permission to admit our foibles.

The wonderful part of "A Promised Land" isn't the after-action report on the life and times of Barack Obama, but rather the humanizing of his political persona, which was shaped by hard times that gave him the empathy he needed to craft policy — think the Affordable Care Act of 2010 — that helped determine the individual destinies of millions of Americans.

It's a good thing he opted for Harvard Law.

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parentage elected Vice President. A heartfelt inauguration speech promising to keep us safe and true to democratic values. A blast of first-day executive orders undoing some of the malicious initiatives of the former administration. A press conference at the end of the day, a real press conference in the White House briefing room by someone who says she will tell us the truth. When can we believe this is all true? It's so much goodness, all at once. It will take some time to accommodate to the change."

Think of the ground shifting under our feet as Trump & Co. were swept into office, primed for action, taking axes and shovels to our country, fracturing our democracy and burying the ideals that had grounded us for 240 years. For four years, many of us have lived with serious anxiety and stress. Our president did not help us or protect us or work at his job to keep this country and its people safe.

It changed last Wednesday, but we need a moment to gather ourselves together for the serious recovery work ahead. It's still midwinter. But, every day, there is more light. Looking forward to *hallelujah*, writ large.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Sadly, we're in this pandemic for the long haul

Some 100,000 New Yorkers may face debilitating long-term health effects after falling ill to Covid-19, according to "What If You Never Get Better?" in the most recent issue of The New York Times Magazine.

Yes, 100,000.

That is a staggering number of people who may suffer from "long-haul Covid," a seemingly inexplicable malaise with a wide range of symptoms, from general fatigue and achiness to severe joint stiffness and pain, heart palpitations and "brain fog," described as a rush of emotion and thought, as if all the brain's synapses were misfiring at once, leading to confusion and memory loss. Some have called it a "brain hurricane."

Similar effects were described by patients who fell ill during the Spanish flu

pandemic of 1918-19, long after the outbreak had waned. That is telling us that the effects of the coronavirus pandemic may be with us for years to come.

Most long-haul Covid patients are women, according to The Times. Long-haulers, it's believed, may suffer from an extreme overreaction of the body's immune system to the coronavirus. Testosterone acts as a mild immunosuppressant; thus, men, while they may be more likely to die of Covid-19, appear less susceptible to long-term effects.

What's clear is this: As a society, we must prepare ourselves now to cope with Covid-19 and its after-effects long beyond the point that we have reached herd immunity against it, defined as 60 to 70 percent of the population with immunity. There will be an ongoing psycho-social

toll, as well as an economic one. Many people may struggle for years to regain a sense of normalcy and return to work. There will be untold medical costs.

We must prepare ourselves now to support not only our family members and friends, but also strangers. We must accept that we are all in this together.

Precisely a year has passed since Wuhan, China, locked down to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Some 2.1 million people around the globe have died of it, including more than 400,000 in the U.S.

We must remain vigilant and committed to fighting this terrible illness by maintaining social distance, wearing masks, working from home when possible, limiting gatherings and getting vaccinated as soon as we are allowed and able.

## Here's to offshore wind for L.I.

Governor Cuomo recently announced his 2021 agenda — aptly titled "Reimagine, Rebuild, Renew" — and included in it is an ambitious \$26 billion green-energy plan to continue the restructuring of the state's power grid by building in ever-greater amounts of renewable energy, particularly wind.

The E.F. Barrett Generation Station in Island Park, an aging, rusting hulk of a power plant, will serve as a connection point for an undersea electric cable that will extend from a large-scale wind farm 20 miles south of Jones Beach. The wind farm will not be visible from shore. It is one of two such projects proposed off

Long Island's coast — the other will be 60 miles east of Montauk.

We're excited to see plans for offshore wind moving forward. Wind farms will not only provide massive amounts of carbon-free electricity, but will also help create thousands of high-paying construction jobs that will infuse Long Island's economy with hundreds of millions of dollars.

Like state economies across the nation, New York's has been battered by the coronavirus pandemic, with tens of thousands of people losing their jobs. It is smart of Cuomo to focus on infrastructure improvement — particularly green infrastructure. Multi-billion-dollar projects like

wind farms will boost the economy, at the same time that they will help reduce carbon emissions to stave off the worst effects of the climate crisis, including sea-level rise and stronger hurricanes. In fact, offshore and land-based wind projects will reduce carbon emissions by 16 million metric tons per year, while creating some 17,000 jobs. Talk about a win-win.

Offshore wind has been a long time coming in the U.S. — there is only one small, five-turbine offshore wind farm in the country, off the coast of Rhode Island. Let us hope Long Island's offshore wind farms are finally brought to fruition in the near future. That will require all of our support.

## LETTERS

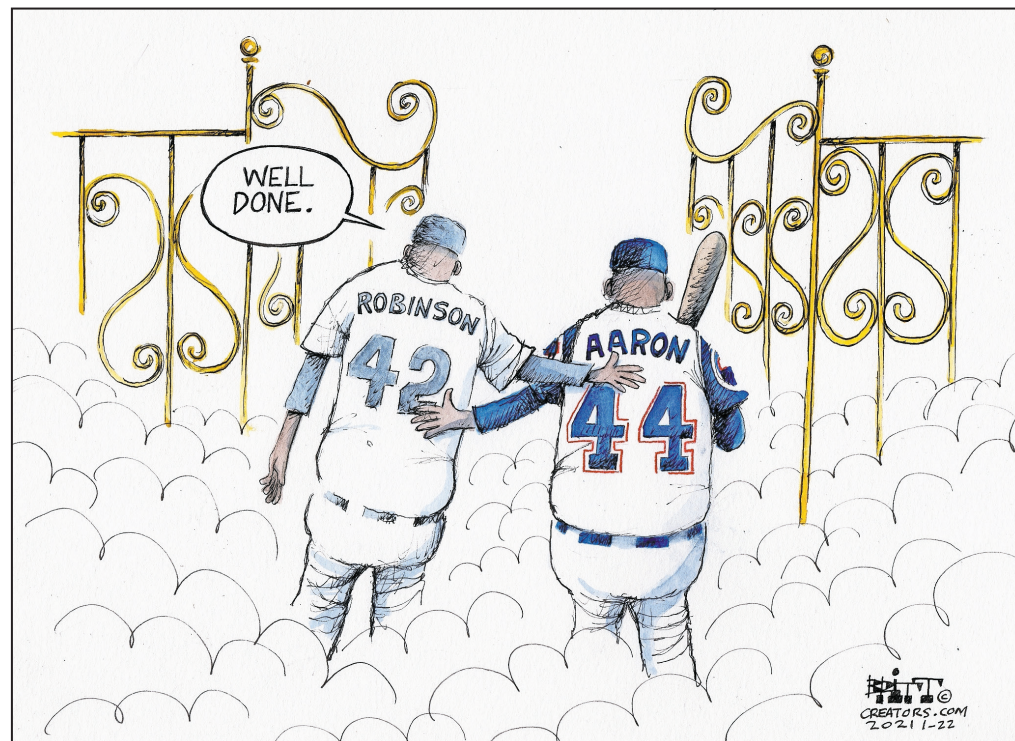
### Let's be honest about Trump's presidency

To the Editor:

It was discouraging to see two Trump apologist letters, "Democrats had a chance to heal" and "Comparing Trump to Goebbels was out of line," last week.

One letter was misleading, suggesting that the reason Trump is vilified is because he requested voting audits. This is untrue. He is vilified because after 30 court decisions, the certification of votes by Republican state officials and the statements of his own administration, he was still lying about having won the election. Poll workers were threatened and attacked by his supporters, officials were terrified and harassed, and our government was violently assaulted all because Trump couldn't accept losing and his followers couldn't accept that the majority of Americans didn't support his beliefs or actions.

The other letter was even more delusional. Presi-





## OPINIONS

# What happened to civic responsibility?

The events at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6 and the exhortations by some elected officials leading up to them got me to thinking about civic responsibility and our nation's future. It also reminded me of a conversation I had with someone I had met while in the Navy years ago. In



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an exchange about the Constitution, he asked, "Which Constitution do you believe in?"

At first, I didn't understand what he meant. Then I remembered the confirmation hearing of Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett and her testimony on the meaning of "originalism." So,

I concluded, this is what he asked: Did I believe in the Constitution of 1787, that followed the American Revolution, or was I one of those who believe in the Constitution that followed Reconstruction and gave previously denied rights to all people?

Those who cling to the original wording of 1787 maintain that the text is authoritative and unchangeable. They seem to ignore that the Constitution was written and adopted with provision for

evolution in thinking and amendment. Without the amendments, Barrett wouldn't have the right to vote or serve as a judge.

I began thinking about this question, which Constitution, while pondering the events of the past few months and the rampage that took place in the halls of Congress. Why don't we know more about our history and our form of government? Why do some people react angrily when historians offer research demonstrating that some long-held truth turns out to be incorrect? Ours is called an exceptional country, but it isn't exceptional in the ways some espouse. They claim a moral superiority when the claim is really different.

What has become the United States is not a nation based on tribal affinity, a common land or region, or blood relations, as are some others. Instead, it is a nation unlike most because it was founded on ideas and ideals that became the founding principles of freedom, civic engagement and responsibility, and schooling for citizenship. These principles, and others, still obtain, even if they aren't fully realized. That's why we refer to the nation as an "experiment," and why we strive to "create a more perfect

union." We recognize it is not yet perfect, but continue to strive for it to be — for all people.

Those old enough will remember junior high and high school courses in civics, including formal instruction in U.S. government, history and democracy. For the fortunate students, civics instruction wasn't just textbooks in the classroom, but also involved activities such as writing letters to the editor of the local newspaper, attending and writing about school board meetings, and formulating proposed legislative bills and debating the merits of the ideas behind them. While all 50 states require some form of

instruction in civics and government, theory-based classroom instruction isn't sufficiently supported by experience-based learning. One consequence is that only 25 percent of American students achieve the "proficient" standard on the National Assessment of Educational Progress Civics Assessment.

According to the National Education Association, until the 1960s it was common for high school students in the U.S. to take three different classes in civics and government. Unfortunately, these courses were slashed in the early 2000s, when the federal initiative called "No Child Left

Behind" gave priority to "core subjects" like math and English, and to job preparation and standardized testing. In addition, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, only small proportions of teachers surveyed thought that school districts and parents would support teaching about politics in a course on government or civics.

The toxic nature of politics reflects the decline in education in civic responsibility, and promotes partisanship over patriotism. How can we fulfill our obligations to pursue the common good if we give priority to conflict over compromise? How can we discover the virtues of resolution over revolution if we don't know the building blocks of our democracy?

In pursuit of a more perfect union, we should celebrate the four freedoms drawn from the Bill of Rights and articulated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. We should use them as templates when discussing national purpose, priorities and progress. These principles, together with schooling in civics and critical thinking, can help guide fulfillment of the promises contained in the Constitution to which our elected and appointed officials swear loyalty.

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## LETTERS

dent Biden wasn't even in office yet when it was written, yet the writer blamed him for disunity. Biden hadn't even weighed in on the impeachment, but he was responsible for it, not Trump, who incited sedition.

That was followed by a list of Trump's "accomplishments" despite the fact that we are living in a pandemic that has killed over 400,000 people, experiencing record unemployment and facing financial peril, all largely due to his incompetent leadership and surly unwillingness to accept expert advice. Most "working people" aren't living off their 401(k) accounts. They are functioning in a world of jobs with shrinking benefits, no security and an inability to support themselves.

And let's talk about Trump's support for veterans. He cut their housing budget to redirect money to his border wall. He vetoed a bill that would have given them a salary raise. He attacked a prisoner of war and American hero, and then pardoned a group of mercenaries who murdered women and children. He didn't even show up to honor veterans on Veterans Day in 2018, and skipped an Armistice Day memorial in France because it was raining. That's respect?

If these two readers really want the country to heal, it starts with honesty. I have yet to hear any coming from those few who still support this bullying, racist, dishonest, selfish man. Joe Biden is a welcome change, but in order to move forward, we have to look

backward with integrity. Many people are doing so. I hope more join the process.

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*Glen Cove*

### So, just write off student loan debt?

To the Editor:

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer wanting the federal government to forgive the first \$50,000 of outstanding college loans sounds great. Who doesn't want free stuff from Washington? But what about the millions of American parents who saved and sacrificed to put their children through college? What about the students who worked at part-time jobs to attend college?

Millions benefited from being able to attend college on student loans. This has given them access to the middle class. Sadly, too many students then stuck the federal government with the bill. Despite being successfully employed for years at good-paying jobs, there are a number of former students with ample income who refuse to pay off their student loans. Taxpayers are left with the uncollected debts.

Now Schumer wants Washington to write off hundreds of billions in outstanding student loan debt. Many larger private colleges have endowment funds ranging

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from millions to billions. Why don't they contribute to reducing their own graduating students' debts instead of taxpayers?

Collecting some of these outstanding debts from those who can easily afford to pay would only be fair. Given that we are now burdened with a national debt of more than \$27.7 trillion, attention must be paid to this scandal.

Why not start by denying federal and state tax refunds to those deadbeats who look for a free ride at our expense? When will the White House and Congress speak up on this issue and introduce legislation to assist in collecting the outstanding debts?

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