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Courtesy Congressman Tom Suozzi

Remembering half a million Covid victims

At the U.S. Capitol, Rep. Tom Suozzi joined a bipartisan group of senators and representatives to honor the 500,000 people who have died of the coronavirus in the U.S. Story, Page 4.

Glen Head resident is first with South African Covid-19 strain

By **MIKE CONN**
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According to Nassau County health officials, a Glen Head resident has been diagnosed with the South African variant of Covid-19. Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on Sunday that this was the first case of the South African strain detected in New York.

According to Cuomo's news release, sequencing of the strain was conducted at Opentrons Labworks Inc.'s Pandemic Response Lab in Manhattan, and was verified at the Wadsworth Center in Albany.

"We continue to see a reduction in positivity and hospitalizations throughout the state, which is good news, and this progress is allowing us to reopen

the valve on our economy even further," Cuomo said. "But with the discovery of a case of the South African variant in the state, it's more important than ever for New Yorkers to stay vigilant, wear masks, wash hands and stay socially distanced. We are in a race right now — between our ability to vaccinate and these variants, which are

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BID focuses on Glen Cove's downtown

By **JENNIFER CORR**
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It has been a whirlwind of a year for the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, with business owners and leaders creating innovative ways to serve customers and for people to gather safely in the city's downtown.

Members of the BID, along with residents, reflected on the past, present and future at the group's virtual annual meeting on Monday night. Guest speakers included U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, who swore in new members of the BID's board of directors.

"I have said over and over again how proud I am of our downtown businesses," said Patricia Holman, the organization's executive director. "How they have helped and transformed our businesses overnight, and how proud I am to be part of a community that supported our businesses."

Whether it was advocating for the closure of School and Glen streets for dining, making Downtown Sounds a success by inviting musical acts to play live at Tiki Recording Studios or hosting a socially distant tree lighting, 2020 was a successful year for the BID, despite its challenges.

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PATRICIA HOLMAN
 Executive director, BID

The group produced a commercial that aired on News 12 and Verizon Fios over 600 times, marketing the downtown area as a place where visitors can find flavors from around the world.

"This year we celebrated the opening of Village Square, welcomed new residents and welcomed six new businesses," Holman said. "We work closely with property owners, Realtors and potential downtown businesses to help promote all the downtown has to offer."

This year, Holman said, the BID planned to focus on economic development downtown, while continuing its marketing with

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BID honors community leaders, shares goals

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television and social media ads. “We will be able to continue our special events,” she said.

The organization has accomplished its goals, past and present, with the help of community members and business owners who have stepped up to support local businesses, Holman added.

At Monday’s meeting, Fred Guarino, of Tiki Recording Studios; City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy-Scagliola; Matt Nartowicz, of American Community Bank; and John Zozzaro, owner of the Downtown Café, were honored for their dedication to the city’s downtown.

Guarino was recognized for helping the BID continue the popular Downtown Sounds concerts. With his assistance, musical acts performed live for people staying at home, who watched on TV, as well as those eating in downtown restaurants, who watched on screens throughout the area. Everyone at the studio embraced the challenge to help keep the downtown alive, Guarino said.

“When our downtown businesses were clearly being left out of the [Paycheck Protection Program] funding,” Holman said, “Matt Nartowicz, of American Community Bank, came to the rescue for many of [them], helping 38 businesses with the PPP loans and bringing about \$1.4 million of funding in our downtown area.”

“My staff who lives here in Glen Cove always says, ‘Once you live in Glen Cove, you never leave,’” Nartowicz said. “I don’t live in Glen Cove, but I’ve worked here for the past 11 years, and I want to thank the Downtown BID and all the businesses that I love to frequent for making me feel at home.”

Fugazy-Scagliola, Holman said, also offered key support to downtown businesses as a liaison between the business community and the City Council. “While helping the families of our community at the Glen Cove High School Food Pantry, she stayed in constant contact with me and many downtown businesses, wanting to help in any way she could,” Holman said. “At first, there wasn’t much one could do but offer moral support, which [Danielle] did.”

As the year went on, Holman said, Fugazy-Scagliola helped advocate for closing School and Glen streets for outdoor dining as well as the funding of festival lights, and helped bring Santa Claus to Village Square for the tree lighting.

“I’ve been a member of the BID for over 20 years now, and I’ve been on the board for about four of them, and I’m really proud to continue it,” Fugazy-Scagliola said. “I’m really in great company. My fellow honorees have worked really hard for the businesses in the downtown.”

Zozzaro, a member of the BID board of directors, was honored for his dedication to helping fellow restaurant owners transform how they served customers when they were ordered by the state to offer only takeout and delivery. He also shared with DeRiggi-Whitton the struggles restaurants like his were facing with third-party delivery service fees.

“We all have to step in and try do our best to make it happen,” Zozzaro said, “to make everything work.”



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

FRED GUARINO, OF Tiki Recording Studios, top left, **Matt Nartowicz**, of American Community Bank, top right, **City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy-Scagliola** and **John Zozzaro**, of the Downtown Café, were honored for their dedication to downtown Glen Cove.

How the Glen Cove Downtown BID allocates funds

Revenue

- Glen Cove Downtown BID assessment: \$144,499.65
- Seasonal décor: \$1,000
- Nassau County grant: \$10,000
- City of Glen Cove DTS partnership: \$12,500
- Downtown Sounds partnership: \$6,000
- Holiday Festival sponsorship: \$450

Total: \$174,449.65

What does the BID do with the revenue?

- **Capital improvements**
Downtown festival lights
Holiday decorations
Landscaping and floral designs
- **Marketing**
Commercials produced by the BID, displayed on social media and during Down-

town Sounds.
News 12 Long Island and Verizon Fios commercials.

■ Special events

- Village Square Tree Lighting
- Fitness in Village Square
- Downtown Sounds Virtual Concert

D.C. candlelight vigil for 500,000 Covid victims

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove, joined a bipartisan group of members of Congress in a candlelight moment of silence at the U.S. Capitol on Monday, to honor the 500,000 people in the United States who have died of Covid-19.

"Our nation reaches another tragic milestone; more than 500,000 Americans killed by the coronavirus in just one year," Suozzi said. "To put the enormity of that number into perspective, if you counted one second for every person who has died from Covid in the U.S., you would count for almost six days."

He added that people across the

country have shown an incredible ability to work together to overcome the difficulties that have been caused

by the virus. And then he offered some hope.

"As sure as spring follows winter, we will get through this," Suozzi said. "We will smile again. We will celebrate life's simple pleasures that we once took for granted. . . For now, let's not become desensitized to the magnitude of the grief and devastation that the pandemic has caused.

Wear your mask, stay socially distant, get vaccinated when it's available and look out for each other."



Tom Suozzi

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On Feb. 18, a 54-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for assault in the third degree, menacing in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree and endangering the welfare of a child on Mason Drive.

■ On Feb. 20, a 38-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree on Skunks Misery Road.

■ On Feb. 20, a 30-year-old male was arrested for criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree on Forest Avenue.

Great Neck man arrested for assault in G.H.

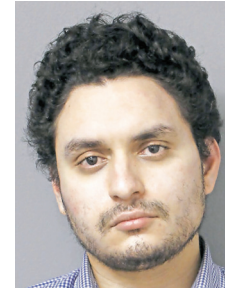
Great Neck resident Michael Molina, 30, was arrested in Glen Head on Feb. 17.

According to Nassau County Police Department detectives, 6th Precinct officers responded to a disturbance call at a Todd Drive home. Upon arrival, officers observed Molina banging on the front door and screaming obscenities, authorities said. He ignored multiple verbal commands to step away from the door and kept screaming. As the officers attempted to place him into custody, he began to flail his arms and refused to be handcuffed.

After a brief struggle, Molina was placed into custody. As officers were placing him in the rear seat of their

police vehicle, Molina intentionally kicked an officer on his right side, causing substantial pain to the officer's arm and shoulder. The officer was transported to an area hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Molina was charged with second-degree assault, resisting arrest, obstructing governmental administration and disorderly conduct. He was arraigned on Feb. 18 and is being represented by the Legal Aid Society of Nassau County. Despite multiple phone calls, a lawyer representing Molina could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday.



Courtesy Nassau County Police Department

MICHAEL MOLINA, 30, of Glen Head.

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Alzheimer's group funding NYU research

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, headed by former New York State Sen. Charles Fuschillo Jr., of Merrick, has awarded a \$250,000 grant to NYU Langone Hospital in Mineola to expand and accelerate research that it is conducting to uncover the underlying causes of Alzheimer's disease, with the goal of developing new treatments and slowing the progression of the disease. This AFA award follows a \$100,000 grant in 2019 that began the cutting-edge research project.

The NYU Langone clinicians and scientists are seeking to approximate brain behavior by reprogramming human cells derived from Alzheimer's patients. Based on genetic information collected through voluntary blood donations from many patients, the team can distinguish where Alzheimer's neurons diverge from healthy neurons, and from there take corrective action. This allows the team to then non-invasively explore the potential development of new treatments.

The study is led by Dr. Allison Reiss, head of the Inflammation Laboratory at the Biomedical Research Institute at NYU Langone Hospital and associate professor of Medicine at NYU Long Island School of Medicine. Reiss is also a member of AFA's Medical, Scientific and Memory Screening Advisory Board.

"This new funding allows us to quicken the pace of our work and include participants with only mild cognitive impairment, allowing us to study subtle changes in the composition and metabolism of neurons before advanced Alzheimer's has taken hold," Reiss said.

"The brain is the body's most inaccessible and complex organ, making it extraordinarily challenging for scientists to develop new treatments and cures for Alzheimer's," Fuschillo said. "This grant enables the NYU Langone Health team to



Courtesy Alzheimer's Foundation of America

THE ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION of America recently awarded NYU Langone in Mineola a \$250,000 grant to conduct research into the causes of and treatments for Alzheimer's disease. Above, Dr. Allison Reiss, head of the Inflammation Laboratory at the Biomedical Research Institute at NYU Langone Hospital.

expand the number of participants, perform additional cutting-edge work and accelerate the pace of this very promising research study. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is very pleased to make this investment in hope."

"Having cared for a loved one with Alzheimer's, I know the impact this disease has on families and how desperately new treatments are needed," said AFA founder and Chairman Bert Brodsky. "We're hopeful that NYU Langone's research can make a game-changing scientific breakthrough that will improve the lives of families affected by this terrible disease."

Reiss and her team have been gathering blood samples from individuals liv-

ing with Alzheimer's, as well as those without the disease. From each blood sample, the research team isolates exosomes that originated in the patient's brain. Exosomes are small particles shed from every cell, including neurons in the brain. These extracellular pieces, or vesicles, derived from brain neurons carry key genetic information. Researchers are investigating the differences in this genetic information between healthy people and those with Alzheimer's.

The aim is to use the information gained to reprogram Alzheimer's neurons to behave more like those in healthy people. The research team is also testing a number of drugs for possible repurposing and use in Alzheimer's disease, as

well as seeking new gene-editing approaches to treatments.

The new grant will allow the study to expand the participant pool to include those with mild cognitive impairment. By comparing this group to the original pool of participants who have already progressed to full-blown Alzheimer's, the earliest deviations from normal can be captured. The study is also being expanded to include first-degree relatives of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease. Additionally, the grant will allow the team to accelerate the project by using more complex tools to analyze the effectiveness of novel treatments to restore cellular and mitochondrial function.

Reiss is joined by Dr. Aaron Pinkhasov, chairman of psychiatry, and Dr. Irving Gomolin, chief of geriatrics, at NYU Langone on Long Island; Dr. Joshua De Leon, associate professor of clinical medicine at the NYU Long Island School of Medicine; and Dr. Lora Kasselmann, assistant professor of foundations of medicine, and Dr. Thomas Wisniewski, the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman professor of the NYU Alzheimer's Disease Center.

According to Reiss, in the last two decades, only a handful of medicines were approved to treat Alzheimer's disease, while the vast majority of clinical trials were halted. Trials typically rely on research first conducted on mice or using spinal fluid, and those often fail to replicate the complex neurological activity in the human brain. That contrasts with research to find cures for cancers of the liver, lungs and other vital organs, where it is increasingly common for pieces of tissue to be extracted for biopsies—and for profiling of cancer cells—to develop with optimal treatment regimens.

To give to AFA, go to alzfdn.org/donate.

Inside LI to host Black History Month webinar

By **NICOLE ALCINDOR**
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In honor of Black History Month, Herald Inside LI will host a webinar featuring Black leaders on Long Island on Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Speakers will include Phil Andrews, president of the Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce Inc.; Regina Armstrong, superintendent of the Hempstead School District; Frederick Brewington, owner, principal, civil rights lawyer and community activist at the Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington; Margo Cargill, CEO of Titanium Linx Consulting Inc.; and Daniel Lloyd, vice president of the of Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce, and founder and president of Minority Millennials Inc.

The speakers will by Zoom discuss their industries and the culture of

today's workplaces. They will also discuss how communities have adapted to social justice and racial equity issues, as well as provide insight on how leaders can best harness their influence to impact Long Island.

To register to watch the webinar on the scheduled date or receive a recording of the event, go to LIHerald.com/BlackHistoryMonth.

To sponsor a webinar or for more information, contact Amy Amato at aamato@richnerlive.com or call (516) 569-4000, ext. 224.

HERALD INSIDE LI will host a webinar featuring Black leaders on Long Island on Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

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Courtesy Herald Inside LI

HERALD SCHOOLS

AP Scholars named at Board of Education meeting

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At the Glen Cove City School District Board of Education meeting on Jan. 13, students were recognized as Advanced Placement, or AP Scholars.

AP Scholars are students who scored 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. AP Scholars with Honor are students who had an average of at least 3.25 on their AP exams and those with scores of 3 or higher on four or more of their AP exams, were also recognized.

The Board of Education also recognized AP Scholars with Distinction, students who scored an average at least a 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of three or higher on five of these exams.

"We are very proud of our students and it's a proud moment for the district," Dr. Michael Israel, the assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and technology said. "I know their families share this

pride as well. Congratulations to our students, their parents and their teachers."

Students honored at the Jan. 13 Board of Education meeting

- Vanessa Amaya - *AP Scholar with Honor*
- Sidney Angalet - *AP Scholar*
- Christie A. Annunziato - *AP Scholar*
- Steven L. Bailey - *AP Scholar and AP Capstone Diploma*
- Ryan C. Basil - *AP Scholar*
- Alex D. Beckhard-Suozzi - *AP Scholar*
- Isabella L. Bifano - *AP Scholar*
- Jose A. Bonilla - *AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar*
- Caitlin H. Callahan - *AP*

Scholar

- Gabrielle F. Callahan - *AP Scholar with Honor*
- Grecia S. Cisneros - *AP Scholar*
- Michael S. Corwin - *AP Scholar*
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- Liam R. Dall - *AP Scholar with Honor and AP Seminar and Research Certificate*
- Natalie De La Rosa - *AP Scholar*
- Vincenzo Di Graci - *AP Scholar*
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- Megan S. Fahey - *AP Scholar with Distinction and AP Cap-*

stone Diploma

- Kahley Gambino - *AP Scholar*
- Alan Gansky - *AP Scholar with Distinction*
- Sara M. Garcia - *AP Scholar with Honor*
- Adriana Gigliotti - *AP Scholar with Honor*
- Susan A. Giovanniello - *AP Scholar*
- Caitriona M. Greene - *AP Scholar with Distinction, National AP Scholar and AP Capstone Diploma*
- Trinity K. Guzman - *AP Scholar Delmy Henriquez Arriaga - AP Scholar, AP Seminar and Research Certificate*
- Addison G. Huvane - *AP Scholar, AP Seminar and Research Certificate*

- Sarah G. Israel - *AP Scholar*
- Elijah G. James - *AP Scholar*
- Monica M. Juarez-Barnes - *AP Scholar, AP Seminar and Research Certificate*
- Nicole Khaimov - *AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar*
- Axelle R. LaBaw - *AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar*
- Jennifer L. LaRocca - *AP Scholar*
- Emily F. McCarthy - *AP Scholar with Honor*
- William E. Merkel - *AP Scholar*
- David Milanese - *AP Scholar with Distinction, AP Seminar and Research Certificate*
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Thursday, Feb. 25

Virtual play time

Virtual play time for children ages 18 months to five years old from the Gold Coast Public Library at 10 a.m. Time For Kids will lead children and their parents or guardians through an educational experience that will help children gain school readiness and developmental growth skills. For more information, visit www.goldcoastlibrary.org or call (516) 759-8300.

Friday, Feb. 26

Healthy cooking demo

Virtual demonstration from the Glen Cove Senior Center at noon. Healthy eating is vital in ensuring the body gets the nutrients it needs and maintaining a healthy weight to stay active and independent. This healthy cooking demo is being led by a chef from Cornell Cooperative Extension in partnership with the Nassau County Office of the Aging. For more information, visit www.glencoveseniorcenter.com or call (516) 759-9610.

Virtual game night

Virtual game night from The Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay at 7 p.m. Via Zoom, participants will play Scattergories Online. Cost is \$20 per player and all money will benefit the LEC. Details will be emailed upon registration. To register, visit www.lifeenrichmentcenteroysterbay.org or call (516) 922-1770.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Indoor winter farmers market

Village Square, 100 Village Square at Bridge Street 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 and sweets, honey, maple syrup and other local goods. All products are grown or produced on Long Island or by Long Islanders. Market is operating safely under state guidelines. Market



Herald File Photo

'Virtual Tai Chi with Linda Cafiero'

Virtual Tai Chi sessions from the Gold Coast Public Library with instructor Linda Cafiero begin via Zoom March 1 at 11 a.m. Tai Chi not only helps reduce stress and anxiety, but also helps increase flexibility and balance. All levels welcome. Register online at www.goldcoastlibrary.org or in person to receive access to program. Call (516) 759-8300 for more information.

will take place on Saturdays through April 24. For more information, call (516) 318-5487.

Sunday, Feb. 28

Erev Purim performance

Virtual program from Congregation Tifereth Israel at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a performance and bring Hamantaschen to celebrate Purim. Register online at www.ctionline.org or for more information, call (516) 676-5080.

Monday, March 1

Make dog biscuits to donate

Virtual program from the Gold Coast Public Library from 7 to 8 p.m. Pick up a kit of everything needed to make dog

biscuits, except for the eggs, from the Gold Coast Public Library. The kit, made by the Baking Coach, will include an instructional video. Drop off the biscuits by March 15 so the library can donate them to a local shelter. For more information, visit www.goldcoastlibrary.org or call (516) 759-8300.

Tuesday, March 2

Learn to make scallion pancakes

Virtual cooking class from the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance center of Nassau County from 7 to 8 p.m. Join Chef Jason Lee, owner of Long Island Pekin, to learn how to make scallion pancakes with a ginger soy dipping sauce. This is a free event. For more information, visit www.hmtcli.org or call

(516) 571-8040.

'Archaeology of Cats and Dogs'

Virtual class from the Bayville Free Library at 7 p.m. Archaeologist Patty Hamrick returns with the fascinating history of cats and dogs. They have been gods and guards, hunters, pack animals, sacrifices and more. Register at www.bayvillefreelibrary.org for the Zoom link. For more information, call (516) 628-2765.

Wednesday, March 3

Virtual 'Curator's Corner'

Virtual lecture from the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County from noon to 1 p.m. In this "Curator's Corner," Dr. Thorin Tritter, HMTCL museum and programming direc-

tor, will explore a 1941 letter written to John Baron from the U.S. Government about Sabina Ghitman's visa application, providing insight into the bureaucratic hurdles that made it so difficult for Jewish people to leave Nazi Germany and enter the United States during the Holocaust. This is a free event. For more information, visit www.hmtcli.org or call (516) 571-8040.

'Bookworms' discussion group

Virtual program for children from second to third grade from the Locust Valley Library at 7 p.m. Join Leslie Armstrong's monthly book group on Zoom and enjoy books, meet friends and have a great time. To join, parents and guardians should email Armstrong at larmstrong@locustvalleylibrary.org. For more information, call (516) 671-1837.

Thursday, March 4

College application help

Virtual workshop for high schoolers from the Glen Cove Public Library at 7 p.m. Debbie Gershow Lindell will present a 90-minute workshop about college application essays and the application process. To register, visit www.glencovelibrary.org or 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

5 things to know about your town

- Nassau County taxes extended to March 12.
- Co-ed fitness classes for people 18 and up now offered by the Town of Oyster Bay.
- O.B. recreational basketball, badminton and volleyball registration begins March 9.
- Register for G.C. junior soccer at Village Square on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sea Cliff Board of Trustees meeting to be held March 8 at 6 p.m.



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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy The Regency at Glen Cove

REGENCY AT GLEN Cove staff enjoyed lunch provided by Mary Stanco, including her sister, case-worker Angelina Stone, third from left.

Mary Stanco is The Regency at Glen Cove's 'Cupid' for all she does

Valentine's Day at The Regency at Glen Cove was even more special this year, as Glen Cove's own Mary Stanco, from Berkshire Hathaway Homes Services/Laffey International Realty, treated the entire staff to lunch.

Each year, The Regency hosts a "Love is in the Air" Valentine's Day luncheon for the staff and Stanco wanted to do something extra special for the community where her sister, Angelina Stone, works as a case manager.

The lunch was prepared by Vito's of Glen Cove and enjoyed by all.

When The Regency thanked Stanco, she simply responded "Thank you for all you do for our seniors and our community."

This was not Stanco's first act of kindness towards The Regency. During the pandemic, she helped to make sure The Regency staff, essential workers, were acknowledged for their hard work by providing two other luncheons.

Another snow day in G.C.

By **JENNIFER CORR** and **SCOTT BRINTON**

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Glen Covers woke up on Thursday to more snow falling from the sky, landing atop the snow that was already covering the ground thanks to two other snowstorms earlier this month.

Long Island and the greater New York metropolitan area were under a winter storm watch on Thursday into Friday, according to the National Weather Service.

City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said that the city was in "good shape" on Thursday afternoon. As the Department of Public Works cleared the roadways of snow, Tenke requested that residents avoid parking in the road.

"Our DPW workers are very hard working and they do a terrific job," Tenke said. "We had about 30 plows and about 38 men usually scheduled, don't have any shortages on salt or sand."

The Glen Cove City School District did not have to worry about calling another snow day because students and teachers were already off, thanks to



Courtesy Linda Gambino

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winter break. The district announced that its buildings would be closed to all other personnel as well on Thursday.

There were no power outages in Glen Cove, according to PSEG.



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Glen Head resident has South African strain

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actively trying to proliferate — and we will only win that race if we stay smart and disciplined.”

Dr. David Hirschwerk, an infectious disease specialist with the Northwell Health system, said the South African strain is one of several variants that have emerged from the original Covid-19 strain. It has a set of mutations that make it different from the original strain, he said, and the result is that it is less able to be neutralized by currently available vaccines. The vaccines, however, still have value when defending against the strain, and would still help limit the virus's most severe effects.

Although roughly 60,000 Americans test positive for Covid-19 every day, Hirschwerk said that doctors are only able to conduct genetic sequencing on about 1 percent of the cases. This means that more people may have the South African strain than health officials know. The Glen Head patient had not traveled to South Africa, he said.

“Really what it speaks to is that there is community spread of this strain,” Hirschwerk said. “When you start to see people have it that have no travel to South Africa and we know that that’s where it started, it is almost certainly reflective of community spread that is already out there.”

Treatment of the South African variant is no different than that of the stan-

Emerging Covid-19 variants

There are a number of coronavirus variants that are circulating globally, several of which emerged last fall.

■ In the United Kingdom, a new variant of SARS-CoV-2 (known as 20I/501Y.V1, VOC 202012/01, or B.1.1.7) emerged with a large number of mutations. This variant has since been detected in numerous countries around the world, including the U.S. In January, scientists from the U.K. reported evidence that suggests the B.1.1.7 variant may be associated with an increased risk of death compared with other variants. More studies are needed to confirm this finding. This variant was reported in the U.S. at the end of December.

■ In South Africa, another variant of SARS-CoV-2 (known as 20H/501Y.V2 or B.1.351) emerged independently of B.1.1.7. This variant shares some mutations with B.1.1.7. Cases attributed to this variant have been detected in a number of countries other than South Africa. This variant was reported in the U.S. at the end of January.

■ In Brazil, a variant of SARS-CoV-2 (known as P.1) emerged that was first identified in four travelers from Brazil, who were tested during routine screening at Haneda airport outside Tokyo. This variant has 17 unique mutations, including three in the receptor binding domain of the spike protein. It was detected in the U.S. at the end of January.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

dard Covid-19 strain. But, Hirschwerk said, monoclonal antibody treatment, most often used in older Covid-19 patients or patients with underlying conditions, may not be as effective against this strain.

Although less is known about the treatment of the South African variant than the standard Covid-19 strain, he said, it is still vital that people get vaccinated.

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from

Glen Cove, said it is important to be prepared, not scared, when unexpected problems like this arise. When he called the Nassau County Health commissioner, Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein, Suozzi said, he was told that the diagnosis was made 10 to 14 days ago and that the patient was immediately quarantined.

“As we face these different strains — the UK strain, which could be more deadly, or the South African strain, which is more contagious — it’s more important than ever that we don’t let our guard [down] over the next couple of months regarding social distancing and mask wearing and getting out vaccines,” Suozzi said. “We just need to contain this before it spreads.”

He added that he had confidence in President Biden’s plan to handle the coronavirus, because Biden is stressing the basics of preventing its spread. “There’s light at the end of the tunnel if we do this the right way,” Suozzi said.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran also said that following Covid-19 protocols is key when dealing with the new strain.

“Case numbers and positivity rates in Nassau County continue to drop, but we need to keep that progress going,” Curran said. “We don’t believe the South African variant is more deadly, but it may be more contagious.”

New North Shore Covid-19 positives on the decline

By JENNIFER CORR

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Almost a year since Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced statewide shutdowns, Covid-19 cases, after a sharp increase last month, are on the decline.

When temperatures dropped in late 2020, Covid cases went up and continued to do so in early 2021.

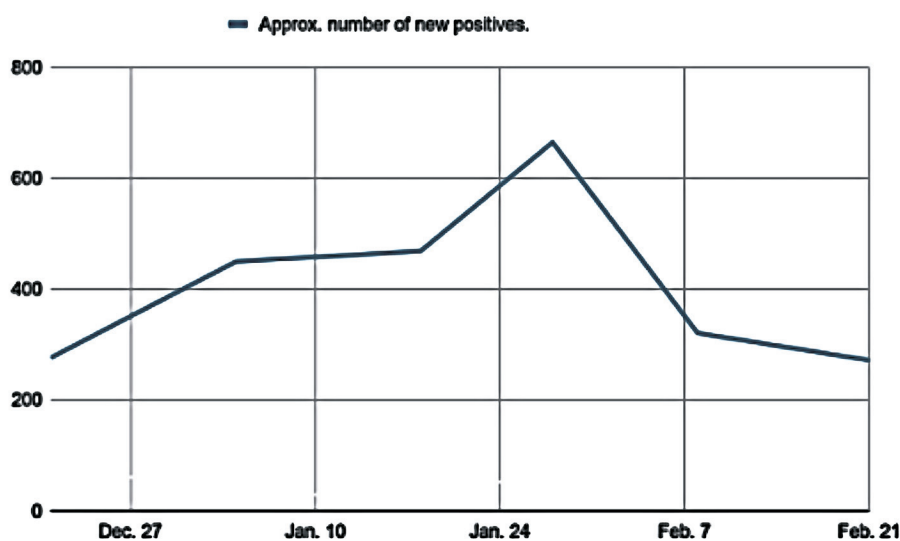
“Over the summer we did see a lull,” said Andrea Marchese, a Glen Cove Hospital ICU nurse. “It was never completely gone and it was never back to normal, but it was slower. Then in the fall, it started back again.”

Today, cases are declining again, but are still relatively high compared with the numbers seen over the summer. Marchese said there are currently up to 13 people with Covid in Glen Cove Hospital’s ICU, a section of the facility designed for eight patients.

On Feb. 20, there was 8,238 new cases in New York state, including 272 on the North Shore. The decline in cases comes as the United States surpasses 500,000 Covid-19 deaths and when vaccines are being administered to front-line workers, the elderly and people with underlying conditions.

Dr. Bradley M. Sherman, Glen Cove Hospital’s medical director, said he had seen fewer coronavirus-related check-ins lately. It appears that fewer people who contract the virus require hospitalization, and more patients are experiencing milder cases than last spring when the hospi-

New North Shore Covid-19 positives since December, 2020



Courtesy Nassau County Department of Information Technology

The number of new positives since last December in Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, Oyster Bay, Oyster Bay Cove, Bayville, Locust Valley, the Brookvilles, Muttontown and East Norwich.

tal was seeing many elderly patients.

Now, Sherman said, people are coming in earlier when experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, which ultimately leads to milder cases.

“We are accepting patients from other Northwell Hospitals as part of a load-balancing effort to help offset the higher volumes in some of the other hospitals,” he explained. “But even those numbers are coming down a little bit.”

The decline in coronavirus positives

and hospitalizations can be attributed to a number of factors, Sherman said, including wider access to testing.

“I think people are less hesitant to come to the hospital to get evaluated than they were in the spring,” Sherman said. “Partially, the treatments have gotten better, [and] we’re treating patients sooner and they are recovering quicker.”

Monoclonal antibody treatment has been shown in clinical studies to decrease the number of emergency room visits and

hospitalizations, along with the amount of virus in an infected person’s blood. Studies of this treatment are ongoing.

“I think now, in the last two weeks, [vaccines] are playing a role,” Sherman said. “Now that more people have gotten the second vaccine, and that it has opened up to a larger group of people, I think vaccines have definitely helped.”

Senior care facilities across the North Shore have hosted Covid-19 vaccine clinics for residents and staff. “The residents were thrilled, as were the staff,” Diane Ziems, executive director of the Atria Glen Cove, said in January. “We made it a celebration, so we had food, gave out gifts and gift certificates.”

Three clinics have been planned for the Atria. “The goal is that we’ll have 100 percent by my final clinic in March,” Ziems said, adding that vaccinations would be the beginning of a return to a sense of normalcy for the residents. “I feel there’s hope that we’re getting there.”

Battling Covid-19 in the Glen Cove Hospital ICU, Marchese said, has made the medical staff there closer. “We’ve seen a lot,” she said. “We’ve gone through a lot together.”

She urged people to continue being vigilant against the virus, and to get the vaccine if they can to help protect the community.

“It’s not just you,” Marchese said. “It’s about your family and your community and the country as a whole.”

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, Glen Cove Housing Choice Voucher Program

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Interim Rule 24 CFR Part 903.17, a public hearing to review adjustments to the City of Glen Cove Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) (NY121) Annual Plan (FY2021) for inclusion into the 5-Year Plan (FY 2020-2024) will be held virtually during the Glen Cove City Council Meeting on 3/9/2021 at 7:30PM.

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 link to access the virtual meeting may be accessed through the City of Glen Cove website on the following link: <https://glencoveny.gov/calendar/> Anyone wishing to provide public comment can submit comments to svulin@glencoveny.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 the telephone number posted on the City of Glen Cove website calendar link: <https://glencoveny.gov/calendar/>

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. If you have any questions about accessing this hearing, please contact Shannon Vulin via email at svulin@glencoveny.gov. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss amendments to the Annual Plan for inclusion in the 5-Year Plan of the Glen Cove HCVP that include Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan as well as affirmative measures undertaken to ensure Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO).

Questions or comments concerning NY121 (FY2021) Annual Plan and/or its (FY2020-2024) 5-Year Plan will be accepted in writing through 3/23/2021 by mail to: Fred Moore, Program Administrator, Glen Cove Housing Choice Voucher Program, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, NY 11542 or by email to fmoore@glencovecda.org. The plan will be available for viewing online at: <http://glencovecda.org/prgrams> wherein the responses to all questions

or comments received will be posted by 3/23/2021. Published Glen Cove Herald Gazette 2/25/2021 124790

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LEGAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT MEETING ON MARCH 30, 2021, OF GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTE ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET AND ELECT ONE TRUSTEE OF THE GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special meeting of the qualified voters of the Glen Cove Public Library will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law of the State of New York at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, in said District on March 30, 2021 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:

To vote on the following proposition:
RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Glen Cove Public Library, Glen Cove City School District, as prepared by the Trustees of the said Public Library, for the year 2021/2022, and as the same may have been amended, be and hereby is approved; and that the amount thereof, less receipts, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the said School District. For the purpose of electing; one (1) Trustee for the Glen Cove Public Library. For a (5) five-year term.

The vote on the aforesaid matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Library Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law hereby calls said Special District Meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating the candidate for the office of Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library must be filed with the Clerk of the District between hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., no later than March 1, 2021, the thirtieth day preceding the election, at which time the candidate so nominated is to be elected. Each nominating petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed estimated expenditures to be voted upon shall be made available at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday, during the fourteen days preceding such meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Glen Cove Public Library will hold a special budget hearing on March 16, 2021 at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York at 7:00 p.m.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. The final date to register for the meeting to be held on March 16, 2021 is March 1, 2021. If a voter has voted in any election within the last 4 years (2017) or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of Election Law, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. prevailing time, on any day after Tuesday, March 16, 2021, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Library Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, including the date set for the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an application for an absentee ballot for the Library election and budget vote may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, of Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. Such application must be received at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received at the office of the District Clerk, Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

Gina Rant Clerk 124677

LEGAL NOTICE AVISO DE UNA REUNION ESPECIAL DE LA BIBLIOTECA DEL DISTRITO EL 30 DE MARZO 2021, DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DE GLEN COVE PARA VOTAR EN EL PRESUPUESTO DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA Y PARA ELEGIR A UN JUNTA DE FIDEICOMISARIO DE LA BIBLIOTECA POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevara a cabo una reunion especial de los votantes calificados de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion de Estado de Nueva York, en dicho Distrito el 30 de Marzo 2021 entra las 9am y las 9pm Dicha reunion sera de ayunda para los siguientes fines:

Para votar sobre las siguientes prosiciones: SE HA RESUELTO que el presupuesto propuesto de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, Deistro Escolar de la Ciudad de Glen Cove segun lo preparado por los Fideicomisarios de dicha Biblioteca publica para el ano 2021/2021, y segun se haya modificado, se apruebe por la presente; y que la cantidad de los mismos, menos los recibos, se aumenta mediante la recaudacion de un impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles gravables en dicho Distrito Escolar.

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SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones que nominan al candidato para el cargo de administrador de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove deben presentarse al secretario entre las horas de 9am y las 9pm., a mas tardar el 16 de marzo de 2021, el trigésimo dia anterior a la eleccion, momento en el cual sera elegido el candidato asi nominado. Cada peticion de nominacion debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, debe estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distrito, debe ondicar la residencia de cada firmante y debe indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato.

Los formularios de muestra las peticiones se pueden obtener del Secretario de Distrito en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York

Gina Rant Clerk 124677

YORK SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que una copia de los gastos estimados propuestos para ser votados estara disponible en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, entra las 9am y 5pm todos los dias, except los sabados, domingos o festivos durante los catorce dias anteriores a dicha reunion.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que la Junta de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove realizara una audiencia especial sobre el presupuesto el 30 de Marzo 2021 en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York. a las 7pm

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que los votantes calificados del Distrito pueden inscribirse entre las 9am y 4 pm. La fecha final para inscribirse en la reunion que se celebrara el 1 de Marzo. Si un votante ha votado en alguna eleccion en los ultimos 4 anos 2017 o si es elegible para votar conforme al Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral, el o ella es elegible para votar en este eleccion. Todos las demas personas que deseen votar registrarse. La lista de registro preparada por la Junta de Elecciones de Condado de Nassau se Archivaran en la oficina del secretario de Distrito de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, y estara abierta a inpeccion por cualquier votante calificado Del Distrito entre las horas de 9am y 4pm hora vigente cualquier, dia despues del martes 1 de Marzo de 2021 y cada uno de los dias anteriores a la fecha establecidas para la Eleccion de la Biblioteca y la Votacion de Presupuesto, except los sabados, domingos o dias festivos, incluida la fecha establecida para la reunion.

BOLETAS AUSENTES POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA, que las solicitudes de boletas de votacion en ausencia. Para la Eleccion de la Biblioteca y la Votacion de Presupuesto se puede solicitar en las oficinas del Secretario del Distrito, de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York. Tales solicitudes deben recibirse al menos (7) siete dias antes de las elecciones si se va a enviar la boleta al votante. Ninguna boleta de votante ausente sera votada a menos que haya sido recibida en la oficina de Secretario de Distrito, en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York a mas tardar a las 5:00 pm hora del dia, en el Fecha de la eleccion.

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Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT or by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid conditioned as set forth in the "Information for Bidders" of the Bid Specifications. All bid security, except those of the three lowest bidders will be returned within ten (10) days after bids are submitted. The bid security provided by the three lowest bidders will be returned after the execution of the Trade Contract. The District will require the successful bidder to provide separate Performance and Labor & Materials Payment Bonds in the amount of the contract price and in the form specified in the Bid Documents. Each Bidder shall prepare their bid proposal, along with a bid security, in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the "Information for Bidders" and Bid Specifications. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the minimum wage rates to be paid under the contracts. Wages and mechanics employed to work on this project shall be paid in accordance with Section 220 of the Labor Law and in accordance with the Prevailing Rate Schedules found in the Project Manual. Proof of such payments will be required. The District reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder providing the required security within forty-five (45) days of the date opening of the bids. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the District further reserves the right to reject bids that contain conditions, omissions, exceptions or modifications, or in its sole discretion to waive



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G.C. Schools appoint Dr. Kim Rodriguez

The Glen Cove City School District appointed Dr. Kim H. Rodriguez as the district's new assistant superintendent for human resources, which was effective as of Jan. 19.

"I am ecstatic to join the Glen Cove City School District," Rodriguez said. "Glen Cove has a strong reputation for academic excellence and incredible community support. I am eager to provide the district with the tools necessary to provide the best learning experience for our students and support our district personnel."

In addition to having her own private practice in counseling, Rodriguez brings over 30 years of experience in public education to the Glen Cove City School District. Prior to joining the district, she served as director of college and career counseling for Southampton Public Schools. She is New York state certified in school counseling and has a New York State Professional Certification as a District Leader.

Rodriguez was recently awarded the Career Achievement Award from the New York School Counselors Association for outstanding service, achievement and dedication to the counseling profession. She is currently the co-chair of the LIRACHE Superintendents/College Presidents Partnership, Guidance Work Group and is an executive board member for Suffolk Directors of Guidance.

Rodriguez received a bachelor of science in elementary education and master



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

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of science in school counseling from Long Island University. She went on to receive her doctoral degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in counselor education from the Union Institute and University Graduate School in Cincinnati, Ohio. She most recently received her advanced graduate certificate in educational leadership from Stony Brook University.



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OPINIONS

How do you know I'm from Lawn Guyland?

I was in Ryann's Wines in East Meadow around the holidays, standing at the checkout, when a fellow customer, a man in his 70s, called out to a 20-something employee from across the store.

"Where's yuh bittuhz?" the man inquired loudly. Befuddled, the young man asked for clarification.



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"Excuse me?" I immediately knew what the gentleman was looking for, and probably where he could find it. But rather than clear up the situation, I stood silent. "Yuh bittuhz ... bit-tuhz," the older man exclaimed, growing a bit frustrated.

I should have told the kid what the guy was looking for, but I was enjoying the confusion. After another few moments, the light bulb finally went on in the clerk's head. "Oh, bittERS," he said, directing the man to the correct aisle.

I walked out of the store with a half-smile, because that brief interaction highlighted a notion that has been turning around in my mind for some time: Younger Long Islanders don't "tawk" like we

older folks anymore.

I don't have anything beyond anecdotal evidence of this linguistic shift, but I'm positive it's been happening for some time.

Ten years ago, I married Jill and became stepdad to Nicolas and Jake. At the time the boys were 6 and 4, respectively. I remember how much it frustrated me that they said the word "orange" wrong. They pronounced it "OR-enge." It sounded like nails on a chalkboard to me, and I'd correct them over and over; "It's not 'OR-enge,' it's 'ARE-inge,'" I'd tell them. "Say it like ya from New Yawk."

I wondered where they picked up this mispronunciation. Had they spent time in Florida before coming into my life? No, that wasn't it. Their dad grew up just a few minutes east of me, and he "tawked" just like I do.

In a few years, Jill and I had Adriana and then Elia and, as soon as they were able to talk, they started saying stuff wrong. It was "wah-ter," not "wah-tuh" and "hot dahg," not "hot dawg."

My friends noticed the same thing with their kids, and you might have, too. If not, try this. Have your kids say talk, daughter, call and coffee, and see if you notice a difference.

My interest was piqued after the liquor store encounter, so I set out to find some answers. I contacted Hofstra University to see if they could hook me up with a linguistics professor who could shed some light on the subject. They put me in touch

with Ilona Pierce, an associate professor in the Department of Drama and Dance. It seemed like a curious choice, but Pierce seemed to know her stuff when it came to the "Lawn Guyland" accent.

It's part of her job to teach budding Long Island actors how to ditch their accent for a more "neutral American" one. "I'm not a linguist, but I do spend most of my time listening to the speech of young actors — from Long Island, but also from all over the country and the world," she said.

First off, Pierce set me straight on a point of contention. Despite what some locals claim, there is absolutely no difference between the Long Island and the New York City accent. Ours has its roots in New York City, Pierce explained, and it spread out as New Yawk— sorry, New Yorkers moved out to the suburbs.

Second, she confirmed that the Long Island accent is absolutely evolving. "I hear way fewer t-h sounds changed to t/d," she said. "In the Long Island accent

of the 20th century, you'd hear 'wit' for 'with' or 'dis' and 'dat' for 'this' and 'that.'"

She also said kids aren't dropping r's for a's anymore (turning "ever" into "eva," for instance) and they have adopted a more "general American" pronunciation of words like "Harry, Gary and marry." Case in point: my daughter Adriana is currently reading the classic "Hairy" Potter series.

So, what the heck is going on? Well, according to Pierce, accents just naturally evolve over time. Nowadays, people relocate more easily and frequently and, as they move, they bring their sounds with them, she said.

That made sense to me. The more I thought about it, I realized that I didn't speak exactly like Grandma and Grandpa Buglione did. They came from Brooklyn and didn't boil water; they "berled" it. They used the "terlit," not the toilet. And if they knew a guy named Earl, they probably would've called him "Oil." But I never spoke that way.

It wasn't all bad news, though. Pierce said she still hears kids calling dogs "dawgs," and some of them still drink "cawfee."

Maybe there's hope for the Long Island accent after awl.

Nick Buglione is a teacher, freelance journalist and former editor of the East Meadow Herald.

A governor bruised by a pandemic mistake

I admired Gov. Mario Cuomo so much that I actually bought an old CD of his speeches some years ago, and I actually listened to them. So I am educated in the successes and rhetorical and political skills of the Cuomo boys. But what to say about Gov. Andrew Cuomo in light of recent headlines? As a



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longtime supporter who watched his rise through the razor wire of New York politics, I have to say, Governor, you let us down.

According to The New York Times, the Cuomo administration did not fully disclose the staggering numbers of

Covid-19 nursing home deaths in New York City last spring. The allegation is that the horrific death toll — 15,000 and counting — was, in part, the result of the governor's order to move Covid patients who had been hospitalized back to nursing homes and long-term care facilities. The nursing homes weren't equipped to handle pandemic disease, and they didn't have sufficient protective gear for their staff. A cascading series of flawed policy

and thinking led to increased infections and deaths.

Remember: Last March 5, Cuomo announced that cases of Covid-19 had doubled overnight from 11 to 22 statewide. By April 1, there were 83,000 reported cases. By May 1, New York state was nearing 375,000 cases.

By late spring, Covid patients were swamping New York hospitals. Refrigerator trucks converted to mobile morgues stood outside some medical centers. The search for more personal protective equipment and ventilators was desperate, and in that context, Cuomo made the decision to move Covid patients from hospitals back to nursing homes. There were many possible reasons for that decision, from suggested political advantage to the prospect of hospitals having to triage care for all the incoming patients, to conflicting advice from medical experts on how to move forward.

The result was that many thousands of nursing home residents died, almost always alone, almost always without saying goodbye to their loved ones whose grief is now compounded by anger. The people who took care of them, from the

nurses to the aides to the custodians who washed the floors, also died from the virus as it surged through the facilities.

In recent statements, Cuomo has said that the policy was a mistake, and that there should have been more transparency when reporting the nursing home fatalities. He said the total of deaths reported was "delayed," but he didn't say that was intentional or self-protective. He said there was a "void."

There were many missteps in the early days of the pandemic. Supplies were scarce, and doctors and scientists who are usually in their comfort zone treating disease were shocked by the ferocity of the virus, even in the best hospitals in New York. There was no federal leadership. President Trump played the governors, had them begging for ventilators and masks that he dispensed grudgingly and for which he demanded obeisance. Cuomo's nursing home policy was among the many mistakes that were made in those months.

It follows that whenever Cuomo realized that the hospital-to-nursing-home policy was a mistake, he should have said so, fully and publicly. Waiting, delaying,

hiding the real numbers or whatever was done to avoid revealing the full truth was wrong. Attempting to cover up the tragedy, if that's what was done, only compounded thousands of families' pain.

Cuomo is also the leader who sat before the cameras and the press every single morning for months and talked us through the wrenching changes in our lives brought about by the pandemic. He was steady and confident and told us we could get through it. He reminded us that we were "New York tough," and we believed him.

Governor, you rose to the occasion in those first months and provided steady leadership that helped us stay anchored in our lives. You did it while fighting a novel disease that was crushing the city, and you did it without significant support from the federal government. You inspired us, you kept the city going, you were a rock. I will never forget your 11 a.m. fireside chats.

You also let us down. No thinking citizen of this state or country expects simple, black-and-white solutions to problems or leaders who are perfect. But we do expect you to tell us the truth, even when it hurts us. Even when it hurts you.

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A year later, lessons learned from the pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic reached Long Island a year ago next week, at first bringing a handful of cases before it dug in and exploded, wreaking havoc. We failed to see it coming until it was too late. We failed to imagine its destructive power.

Nassau County's first reported case was a 42-year-old Uniondale man who worked at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Centre and was treated at NYU Winthrop Hospital in Mineola, now NYU Langone.

His case was reported last March 3. Three days later, Uniondale Schools Superintendent Dr. William Lloyd said in a statement, "The district has been in close contact with Nassau County and New York state health officials, and we have been told that at the current time, there is no reason to take any additional precautionary or preventive measures than those we already have in place."

By mid-March, schools had shut down. Nassau County Executive Laura Curran gave the order to close them for two weeks. Students didn't return to their school buildings until September, learning, as best as they could, virtually, using new and unfamiliar online platforms like Zoom and Google Classroom.

Businesses shuttered, some never to return. Hospitals — and the brave women and men who staff them — were quickly overwhelmed by the coronavirus case-load. So were funeral homes. Death, it seemed, was everywhere.

And so here we are, a year later, battered and bruised, many of us filled with

anxiety because of a job loss, economic issues or simply the uncertainty that the coronavirus has brought to all of our lives.

"Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger," the saying goes. After a full year of coping with a relentless disease, watching too many family members and friends fall prey to it, we are tired, ready for this nightmare to be over. We need to feel normal again.

We are wiser, however.

Our children are learning, albeit at a slower pace than they did. We are more forgiving of students if they miss a homework assignment or fail an exam. We don't require them, to the degree that we did, to take the seemingly unending battery of state tests they were subjected to for years. Even the SAT is no longer sacrosanct, with a growing number of colleges becoming SAT-optional.

Maybe that's how it should have been all along. Perhaps our expectations were unrealistic. Long before the pandemic, young people complained, like no generation before, of the anxiety they were feeling. Maybe we should have listened more closely, understood better.

If we come out of the pandemic with more realistic expectations of our children — and the desire to let them be kids at least part of the time — then some good will have come from this hell that we have collectively experienced. Maybe — just maybe — we will have learned that children's feelings matter more in the end than their grades.

At the same time, the pandemic

exposed, like never before, the wide disparities in educational opportunities for children from different communities, based largely on race and socioeconomic forces beyond their control. We should commit, like never before, to closing these gaps so all children are given equal opportunity to learn.

When you've had so much taken from you, you start to reassess all that you are. How much does owning the biggest house on the block or the shiniest car really matter? When you're on a ventilator fighting for your life, not at all.

We also learned that we're highly adaptable creatures. Countless businesses have carried on virtually, leaving their owners wondering why they hadn't tried going remote earlier. It saves time and effort. It also saves gasoline and, thus, money. And, as we have learned, it might be a way of saving the planet — less travel by car means less greenhouse gases sent into our atmosphere, which could help slow the climate crisis, the biggest of the crises facing humanity.

We shouldn't look back and beat ourselves up. We didn't know better. We do now, though. The question is, when we are past the pandemic, who will we become? Will we revert to our old ways or adopt our newfound practices?

We are likely to achieve herd immunity within the next year through a combination of inoculation and infection. Now is a good time to start planning for that day, and to decide how we will live in the years after these difficult days.

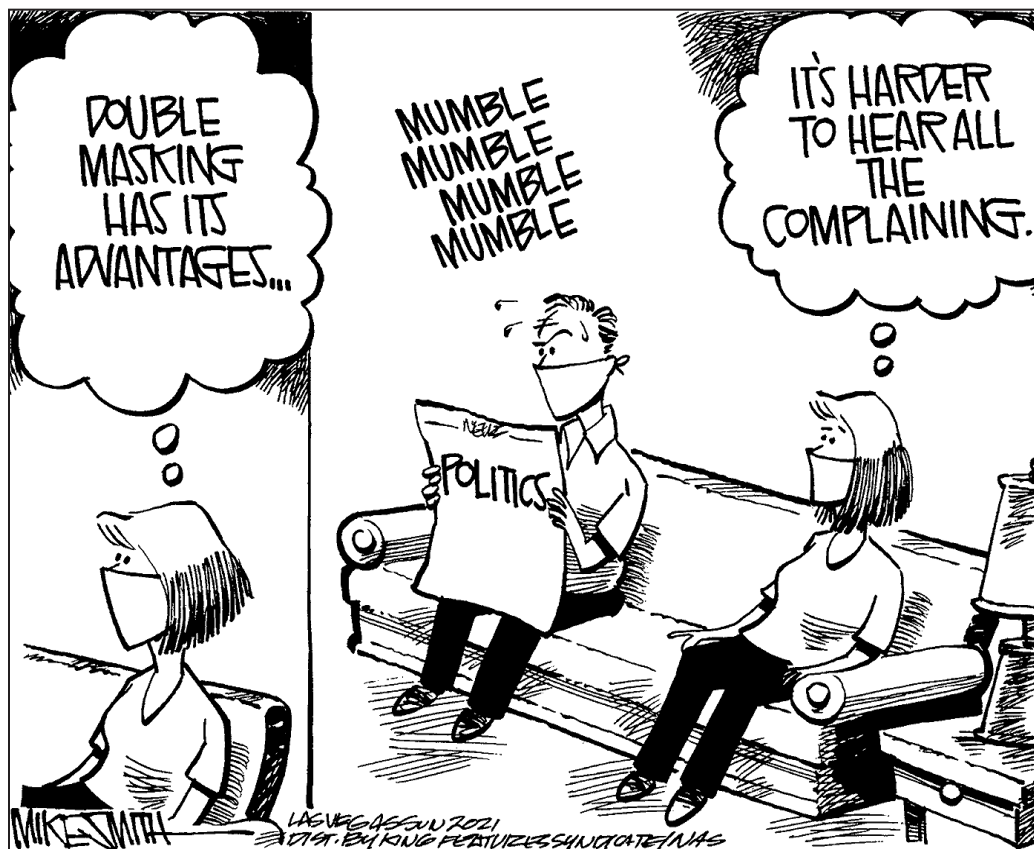
LETTERS

Glen Cove is now approaching a crossroad

To the Editor:

I've been actively involved in our community for almost 30 years and have had many roles, from participation in our youth programs to zoning and planning boards and now as a city councilman. I pride myself on my ability to listen. While on the Zoning Board, I visited every applicant's location. On the Planning Board, I always explored whether the changes sought would help or burden our community. As a councilman, I always do my due diligence before any vote. My goal has been, and always will be, to make Glen Cove better.

Becoming a councilman last year was a challenge that I was excited to conquer. I never expected what was on the horizon. The learning curve was tremendous, because 60 days after I took office, the world shut down due to Covid-19. All members of the council not only had to come up to speed with regular city business but had to figure out a way to deal with the con-



OPINIONS

So now that you're vaccinated . . .

I applaud the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recent guidance update recommending that people who are fully vaccinated not be confined to quarantine after exposure to a case of Covid-19. Becoming fully vaccinated provides many with a sense of liberation, but it also comes with a deep social

responsibility.

According to published research, full vaccination — defined as two weeks after the second dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine — virtually eliminates a person's chance of dying from the strains of the virus we are currently likely to encounter. The



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vaccines provide excellent protection for most people from even contracting it.

Nonetheless, a small percentage of vaccinated people will still come down with Covid-19. And researchers continue to study whether someone who has been vaccinated can transmit the virus to others. While I think they will ultimately find at least some protection against transmission, we can't yet quantify the risk. Until we have these answers, vaccinated people must assume the responsibility of ensur-

ing they don't inadvertently spread the virus. Our knowledge of Covid-19 is expanding rapidly, and science should guide our policymaking.

The new CDC guidance is important not because it's a get-out-of-jail-free card — it isn't — but because of the accompanying explanation. The agency didn't just issue a blanket statement that vaccinated people don't need to quarantine after exposure; rather, it gave an important medical explanation. It acknowledged that the risk/benefit ratio, a cherished tenet in medical evaluation, shifts after people are vaccinated. They aren't completely free of the possibility of contracting or transmitting disease, but the odds of doing so change.

We should acknowledge and even celebrate the fact that vaccinated people are highly unlikely to die of the current predominant strains of Covid-19. But we don't yet know how long the post-vaccination protection lasts, so the CDC set the quarantine-free policy at 90 days — a period supported by science — as long as people have no symptoms following their exposure.

The other side of the equation is benefits. There are important psychological, economic, sociological and health-related benefits to keeping people active, produc-

tive and out of quarantine, and there are profound impacts of keeping them in quarantine. The CDC concluded that although there is some risk of vaccinated people contracting and spreading the virus, the risks of forcing them to quarantine outweigh the benefits. I fully support this analysis.

Quarantine, the taking away of someone's freedom in the interest of protecting the public's health, must be ordered responsibly. A careful evaluation of the risk/benefit ratio is the correct way for public health policymakers to proceed. I believe the next step should be a lifting of the domestic travel quarantine for New Yorkers who are fully vaccinated. If

we are no longer quarantining fully vaccinated people with a known exposure, why would we take away their freedom just because they've traveled — including those with no known exposures?

Using good science, we might find that some locations have more dangerous variants. In those cases, quarantine might become necessary, even for fully vaccinated travelers.

I get asked all the time when I think we will return to life as we knew it before the pandemic. We aren't going to just flip a switch, and parts of our new normal might be here to stay. I for one will always

wear a mask on a plane, because the benefit of not getting sick with Covid-19, influenza or *any* respiratory virus that could ruin my vacation far outweighs the tiny cost of wearing that mask.

To get back to life as we knew it will require a stepwise series of policy decisions based on benefit outweighing risk, each getting us closer to that light at the end of the tunnel. We don't have all the answers regarding Covid-19 transmission or variants yet. Until we do, County Executive Laura Curran and I continue to remind residents that it is vital for fully vaccinated people to strike a balance between the activities that become relatively safer following vaccination (reflected in the CDC's new policy) and the necessary social responsibility for vaccinated people to continue taking protective measures.

They should protect themselves and their communities by wearing masks, social distancing, and staying home and getting tested when they feel ill. Fully vaccinated people should be comforted, even liberated by the knowledge they will surely survive even if they catch Covid-19. They can enjoy that luxury while protecting their neighbors and loved ones until everyone experiences the exuberance of immunity.

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tinual punches thrown by Covid. We all wanted to achieve some semblance of normalcy throughout the pandemic. We assessed how to protect our city workers while they continued to do their jobs. And we held City Council meetings remotely, which has been challenging because we haven't had the opportunity to speak to our community face to face.

Everyone in our city pulled together, and sure, we stumbled, but we adapted to move forward in these trying times. The city now approaches a crossroad. Many want progression, while others resist change. Many want the services the city offers, but few want to accept the costs. People are quick to criticize, while few residents offer solutions.

When residents engage in any public forum, I always hope to hear them constructively add to the discussion for the right reasons. I listen to every resident who decides to voice their opinion at any of our City Council meetings or public hearings. And I always hope, when a resident stands up to speak, that he or she is doing so to help make Glen Cove better.

In the week before each council meeting, I review, question and think through every resolution presented. I call, meet with or look for any person

or place that the resolution affects. I do not take my position lightly. By the time any resolution is brought before us, it has already been through hours of scrutiny by the mayor and council. By the time we vote, we should frankly be unified as one, with the simple goal of doing the right thing for the community. Our job is not to look out for ourselves, but rather to represent the community as a whole. Each resolution we pass is a culmination of our collective ideas becoming one single voice — that of the people of Glen Cove.

Times are tougher now than ever before. The pandemic has caused the loss of loved ones and financial strain on all of us. I must say, however, that I am grateful for how well our city has fared in the face of such adversity. We adapted quickly to help local businesses stay open, and we did what was absolutely necessary to cut any excess spending to remain financially sound. It is my sincere hope that our country has turned a corner, and as the vaccine becomes more available, we will look back on this hardship triumphantly.

JOHN PERRONE
Glen Cove city councilman

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