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**Lawmakers want Cuomo to resign**

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U.S. Rep. Kathleen Rice, who represents the South Shore's 4th Congressional District, late Monday called on New York's Democratic governor, Andrew Cuomo, to resign after a third woman came forward accusing him of sexual harassment.

Another U.S. representative from New York, Tom Suozzi, who represents the North Shore's 3rd District, which includes parts of Queens, said he was not ready to ask the governor to resign, but did recognize the gravity of the issue.

"There are now several serious allegations from different women against the Governor," Suozzi tweeted on Tuesday. "These women deserve a thorough & independent investigation that will take place. The findings by the Attorney General and the Governor's response will determine the future of his administration."

After a second woman came forward to accuse Cuomo, Suozzi, a Democrat, appeared last Sunday on MSNBC's "Weekends with Alex Witt."

"I think the governor has to try to stop controlling the process and let the law and the professionals do their independent investigations," Suozzi said in part. "There is no reason that the attorney general can't do an independent investigation. It doesn't need to be with the governor dictating how it should be done. It's hard for the governor because he always likes to take action to try to address things, but the attorney general should do its investigation and he and his office should cooperate."

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**MICHAEL MONTESANO**  
 Assemblyman,  
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**Man released without bail is arrested again four days later**

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Glen Cove police officers arrested Christopher Cruz, 30, on Feb. 20 and charged him with fifth-degree possession of stolen property after he was found with car keys and prescription medication that had been stolen from a vehicle. He was scheduled to be arraigned in Glen Cove Court on March 9, and released under

terms of the state's year-old bail reform law.

But on Feb. 24, Cruz was arrested by Suffolk County police, accused of stealing a Jeep in Port Jefferson that he used to ram a police vehicle, injuring two officers. He was charged with grand larceny, second-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

According to Detective Lt. John Nagle of the Glen Cove

Police Department, Cruz said he was homeless when he was initially arrested.

GCPD Chief William Whitton said that has been arrested a total of 16 times, for offenses including assault, robbery, possession of stolen property and failing to appear in court. Nagle said Cruz had been put on a three-year probation in January 2013, but was arrested on April

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# Preserving the past, one antique at a time

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It's been an unsteady few years for antiques. Furniture, artwork, jewelry and finely crafted household items from the past, long considered pricey but good investments, have seen dramatic decreases in demand and a depression in appraised value. The abundance of retail antique shops, which once lined major city thoroughfares, small towns and country barns, have largely disappeared. People looking for high-style antiques to buy or sell, are looking online.

Buyers, sellers, investors — and auctioneers or other businesses that act as intermediary in the antiques trade — are operating in a world at variance with their dearly held expectations. Some say the situation's driven by overall migration or retail trade to the internet. Others suggest there's been a fundamental generational shift in consumer tastes in 21st century America.

While industry experts grapple with these questions, a select few — like Roland Auctions of Glen Cove — is remaking itself to meet the changing conditions in a business environment that has sustained their family for decades, while helping to preserve the fine objects of the past.

"Prices are down, kids today are not as interested in antiques, and those who have collected objects that I sold my whole life are finding their investments are bringing a fraction of what they paid for them," said Billy Roland, a principal in the company along with his brother Robert. "Meanwhile for buyers, many of the serious antique retailers, from Atlantic Avenue to Cold Spring Harbor, have just closed their doors. It used to be in my neighborhood in Brooklyn where I grew up, people would drive up with antiques in tractor trailers, empty them out or fill them up. All that's gone."

But Roland Auctions, which opened in Glen Cove in 2018, are tough veterans of the competitive and fashionable New York City antiques world. With four decades under its belt working out of the historic St. Denis building, just south of Union Square, the company established a reputation, representing the estates of the rich and famous — major Manhattan collectors, celebrities and important Long Island estates.

And seeing the handwriting on the wall, this is one family owned and operated company that has taken action. First, by moving to the Piano Exchange on School Street in Glen Cove.

"We had a really sweet deal at the St. Denis," Roland recalled. "It was a labyrinth of galleries, but increasingly, we ran antique lots online. We knew [Glen Cove] area. There was a period when we were active in the local community. With changing conditions in the market, we wanted to re-establish our roots here."

Now from its new location, Roland Auction continues to handle estates for Manhattan clients, a great deal of Long Island's great estate owners and offers charity auctions for many organizations.

If thinking of high end, high stakes auctioneering, there's some of that —



Photos courtesy Roland Auctions

**ROBERT ROLAND, CO-OWNS** Roland Auctions of Glen Cove with his brother Billy.

Roland has represented estates with art by Larry Rivers, Warhol, Renoir, Christo, Tiffany and fine furniture appraised in the tens of thousands of dollars. One client with a home on the Upper East Side was enamored with Napoléon. He slept in one of the emperor's beds and owned a circa-1803 writing desk, which ended up on loan to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

But as much as 65% of the objects in an auction are appraised for under \$300.

For sellers, that means an initial sticker shock when appraisers come around. Meanwhile, for buyers, there are amazing and inexpensive opportunities. Either way, key to operating in the antiques market is understanding how it works today.

At its Glen Cove location, Roland Auctions is only open for auctions. That means browsing antiques means going online and looking for items that are of interest and appraised at prices within range that is affordable.

"We've worked hard to make it possible for buyers to see what will be auctioned online, with high quality photography and written descriptions," Roland said. "The idea is to see what's listed, then go to the auction 2 to 3 days ahead of time, view items in the exhibition circle and decide how much you are willing to pay for them. It's a little bit of an intimidating process, but auctioneers don't want to rob you. They want you to have a good experience and come back."

That makes Glen Cove a good location for an operation like Roland Auctions. Buyers no longer have to travel far or go to NYC or Connecticut to view antiques.

Meanwhile, sellers have the comfort of knowing that their treasured items are being offered on the internet to buyers worldwide, maximizing the purchase price.

In fact, the strategy may be paying off. The last four auctions have been record-



**ROLAND AUCTIONS** OF Glen Cove offers much in the way of interesting items for people with a variety of tastes.

setting for the Roland Auctions, according to company president Sal Trupiano. "More and more people are buying," he said. "People are becoming comfortable with being online, we have more pictures, better descriptions."

In Trupiano's view, the internet may be how the antique industry will move forward into the future. "It's a double-edged sword," he said. "If you're in New York City and have expensive space, a guy from Ohio can be competing with you. But in Glen Cove, we're able to get good prices and not only sell to a local audience because we're online. Some of our expensive items go to Europe, Asia, to the western U.S. That's great. We never had that access before."

As for the overall demand for antiques, while it may be cause for worry to some in the short-run, people like Peter James, an Oyster Bay interior designer, are reserving judgment over the long haul.

"There will always be someone interested in antiques," he explained. "The

trend right now is modern, simple, but there's a niche for antiques in stately homes and they can be effective accent pieces. We are in a modern trend, no question about that, but these things tend to be cyclical."

That's good news to Roland, who with his family and staff at Roland Auctions is trying to navigate his way through present conditions.

"The truth is, right now there's more money in cleaning out a home than there is in going through it for auctionable antiques," he said. "But we're not just in this for the money. We are also in the business of preserving heritage. I'd like to think that one day the market will all come back."

And that, said Roland, is a kind of mission for his family auctioneer operation in Glen Cove.

"In a sense, by preserving precious items from the past, we are a keeper of the future," he explained. "We're one of the few people left doing that."

# Cruz arrests raise questions about bail reform law

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15 of that year for violating his probation. He was sentenced to six months in jail the following September.

The fact that his second February arrest came only days after he was released by the city has added to the debate about the bail reform law, which took effect in January 2020.

“You have people going out there, purposely targeting people’s homes, doing burglaries, breaking into cars, walking into stores and shoplifting, then you have to turn around and ... give the person an appearance ticket,” Whitton said. “It’s kind of disturbing to me because it takes away the ability for that person to, number one, be punished for their behavior; and number two, possibly get some kind of treatment where they won’t go out and do another crime.”

According to the law, those who are accused of crimes but do not have outstanding warrants are issued appearance tickets and are free to go before they are tried in court. The law does not apply to serious crimes such as first- and second-degree burglary, sex offenses, domestic-violence attacks, high-level drug crimes and other violent felonies.

Even if a suspect has a history of arrests, like Cruz, he or she does not have to wait for their trial in custody.

“It’s insane,” Whitton said. “They crafted these laws way too fast, without putting proper thought into them and [without] getting input from law enforcement, from people in the district attorney’s office, from the justice that has to adjudicate these offenses.”

Under the new law, Whitton explained, a suspect’s defense attorney can request what is called discovery — information about the suspect’s case, which can include addresses and phone numbers of victims and witnesses — earlier in the case.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” Whitton said. “And it’s been a big fail — a real-

ly big fail ... I think there’s been enough evidence to point to what the [lawmakers] did as a very big mistake.”

State Assemblyman Michael Montesano, a Republican from Glen Head, said that cases such as Cruz’s show that bail reform laws go too far in restricting the power of the courts. When he was a criminal attorney, Montesano said, he would examine offenders’ criminal histories to see what kinds of sentences they had received in the past, and determine whether they had issues besides their criminal records, such as struggles with mental health, substance abuse or homelessness. In those cases, a judge can order a defendant into a rehabilitation program. But that can be difficult under the new bail regulations, Montesano said, adding that the Cruz case resulted in a tragedy, the injury of two Suffolk police officers.

“You have to know something about the defendant and address the needs that they have,” he said. “... [Cruz] apparently has problems that need to be addressed by a social agency or by a hospital, and this could have been a discretion for the judge to use.”

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said the first state legislation focusing on bail reform laws was a bit lax on certain charges, though she said it is not fair for someone charged with a misdemeanor to sit in jail for an extended period of time because he or she cannot afford bail. However, DeRiggi-Whitton added, cases such as Cruz’s show there is still work to be done.

She said she understands “the premise of not keeping people in jail for minor offenses,” DeRiggi-Whitton said, “but I do think that it needs to still be worked on a bit to make sure that those who should be held accountable are.”

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**WILLIAM WHITTON**  
GCPD chief

# Drug bust at Glen Cove home

The Glen Cove Police Department arrested Leo Duchnowski, 29, on March 1, executing a search warrant at his home on Elridge Place and recovering three pounds of marijuana, a large quantity of edible THC, cocaine, heroin and cash.

In the basement and upper floor of the residence, detectives found over 100 marijuana plants being cultivated.

Duchnowski was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree with intent to sell, criminal possession of marijuana in the second degree and criminal possession of

a controlled substance in the seventh degree.

The case was jointly investigated by the Glen Cove Police Detective Division, U.S. Postal Inspectors and the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office. Duchnowski is currently on parole and was arraigned on March 2, and is currently out on bail.

Duchnowski’s defense attorney, Chris Cassar, of the Cassar Law Firm, said his client denies the charges.

“He is presently under investigation by the defense team,” Cassar said. “We look forward to proving that he was not involved with committing these criminal offenses.”

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ On Feb. 27, a 29-year-old Cambria Heights male was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle in the second degree and registration plate display violation on Glen Street, as well as an open warrant in Nassau County.

■ On Feb. 25, a 20-year-old Glen Cove

male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree on Red Spring Lane.

■ On Feb. 26, a 43-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for petit larceny and criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree on Glen Cove Avenue.

*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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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## 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](http://www.glencovelibrary.org) or call (516) 676-2130.

## Friday, March 5

### 'The Parallax View' showing

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head at 2 p.m. "The Parallax View," 1974, follows reporter Joseph Frady (Warren Beatty), who begins digging into the mysterious circumstances surrounding the murder of a senator and stumbles into a labyrinthine conspiracy far more sinister than he could have imagined. This movie is 102 minutes long and will be shown in the Library Annex Room A. All Covid-19 guidelines are followed. Register in advance. For more information, call (516) 759-8300.

## Saturday, March 6

### 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. For more information, call (516) 318-5487.

### Pizza making and beer tasting

Virtual gathering from the Sea Cliff Wine, Beer and Food Social Club at 7 p.m. Support local businesses Old Tappan Brewing Company and Potter's Peel Pizza, make an artisan pizza and tasting craft beer from the comfort of home. Register at [www.meetup.com/Sea-Cliff-Wine-Beer-Food-Social-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Sea-Cliff-Wine-Beer-Food-Social-Club/). For more informa-



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## Healthy eating and lifestyle management

Virtual seminar hosted by the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library on March 8 at 7 p.m. Registered dietitian nutritionist Alexandra Cerone of Northwell Health will discuss how to maintain healthy eating habits and lifestyle management during the pandemic. Residents can register online at [www.oysterbaylibrary.org](http://www.oysterbaylibrary.org). Non-residents can register by calling (516) 922-1212.

tion, call (303) 842-0474.

## Monday, March 8

### Free, live virtual bingo

Virtual bingo for all from the Glen Cove Senior Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday night is bingo night. Join the Glen Cove Senior Center for a free and live bingo session and help local seniors. Win prizes and no sign-up is needed. To join, visit [www.glencoveathome.com](http://www.glencoveathome.com). For more information, call (516) 759-9610.

## Tuesday, March 9

### 'Sweet Lorraine' virtual screening

Virtual movie screening from the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance center of

Nassau County from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is the second of three programs in HMTC's "The Catskills on the Big and small Screen," which explores film depictions of the Catskills when it served as a summer retreat for Yiddish-speaking and Jewish residents in the New York City area. "Sweet Lorraine" depicts the fictional Lorraine Hotel at the end of the Catskill's heyday in a slice-of-life comedy. This is a free event. For more information, visit [www.hmtcli.org](http://www.hmtcli.org) or call (516) 571-8040.

## Wednesday, March 10

### 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, HMTC museum and programming director, will talk about a pre-war photograph that shows Charlotte Gillman, who survived the Holocaust after being hidden in a series of Catholic convents and was able to reunite with her family. Gillman recently died, but her photo remains a central part of the gallery. This is a free event. For more information, visit [www.hmtcli.org](http://www.hmtcli.org) or call (516) 571-8040.

### QPR training

Virtual training hosted by the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library at 7 p.m. QPR stands for question, persuade and refer, three steps anyone could learn to prevent suicide. Learn the signs and how to help. To register, visit [www.oysterbaylibrary.org](http://www.oysterbaylibrary.org). For more information, call (516) 922-1212.

## Thursday, March 11

### Q&A with Ed Hearn of N.Y. Mets

Virtual program from the Glen Cove Senior Center at 2 p.m. There will be a Q&A with New York Mets world champion Ed Hearn, who has remained one of the more memorable Mets in the franchise. Hearn also operates a charity called Botton of the Ninth, a mentorship program for children, and he has written an autobiography entitled "Conquering Life's Curves - Baseball, Battles & Beyond." He resides in Kansas with his wife and son. To tune in, visit [www.facebook.com/GCSeniorCenter/](http://www.facebook.com/GCSeniorCenter/). To learn more, call (516) 759-9610.

### 'New England Road Trip'

Virtual program from the Glen Cove Public Library at 7 p.m. During a time when most people are limiting their travel, let Ted Reinstein, a reporter and author of three books about New England, be the tour guide. Participants will go from Maine to Rhode Island, Mt. Washington to Mt. Mansfield and Berkshire foliage to Fenway Park, all in one hour. There will be a Q&A at the end. For more information, visit [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org) or (516) 676-2130.

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- Town of Oyster Bay to offer pilates and yoga classes during spring 2021.
- O.B. recreational basketball, badminton and volleyball registration begins March 9.
- Bayville Planning Board to meet March 9 at 7:30 p.m., Village Hall, 34 School St.
- Sea Cliff Board of Trustees meeting to be held March 8 at 6 p.m.

# Suozzi seeks investigation into harassment accusations

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harassment against the governor must be taken seriously. I have full trust in the attorney general's ongoing independent investigation into these accusations and await her findings."

Republican State Assemblyman Michael Montesano has been calling for Cuomo's resignation for over a week and a half. He said he had sent Cuomo a letter, but had yet to receive a reply. "We have three women now accusing the governor," Montesano said. "You could see the fear in one of the woman's eyes."

He added that Cuomo's own words are coming back to haunt him. "In the Kavanaugh case," Montesano said, referring to the 2018 confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of sexual misconduct, "Cuomo said the woman should be believed."

State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat, said, "My suggestion to the governor is to do the right thing. The state attorney general has full responsibility to investigate these troubling allegations against the governor. She alone is in the best position to do so."

Rice, a Democrat, tweeted, "The time has come. The Governor must resign." Below her tweet, she posted a New York Times story detailing the third woman's accusations that Cuomo had inappropriately approached her at a wedding in 2019, put his hands on her cheeks, as seen in a photograph, and asked to kiss her. The incident, according to The Times, was recorded contemporaneously in text messages.

"I was so confused and shocked and embarrassed," Anna Ruch, 33, told The Times. Ruch, who worked for the Obama administration and on President Biden's 2020 campaign, was not employed by New York state at the time. Cuomo's previous two accusers had worked for him.

Rice has been a vocal critic of Cuomo's alleged behavior since the accusations against him first surfaced last week. On Saturday, she tweeted, "This is no joke. There must be an independent investigation into these allegations. The accused CAN NOT appoint the investigator. PERIOD."

The next day, Rice followed up with, "Enough is enough. The accused is still trying to control this process. Make the referral to the [state attorney general] with subpoena power ASAP."

Montesano has said that the accusations are affecting the state budget process. On Tuesday, he released this statement: "I am utterly appalled at the Assembly Majority's continual avoidance [of] doing their job as legislators and holding Governor Cuomo accountable for his actions. Last week we were barely in session for three hours over the course of three days, and yesterday they canceled session last minute after we attached an amendment to all Assembly bills to



Michael Montesano

remove the governor's emergency powers before he does any more damage to the State of New York."

Montesano also signed on to a bill proposed by Assemblyman Ron Kim, a Democrat from Queens — who alleged that Cuomo threatened him — to repeal Execu-

tive Law amendments passed by the Legislature a year ago granting Cuomo emergency powers during state emergencies. Cuomo's emergency powers were set to expire at the end of April. The State Senate and Assembly were expected to vote on whether to strip him of

those powers on Friday.

Cuomo is also the subject of three federal investigations into his handling of nursing home deaths at the height of the pandemic. Lavine said that the state government has traditionally not addressed the workings of nursing homes and adult-care facilities, but he was confident that the Legislature would now.

"It was a terrible error on the way

deaths were calculated, but the governor's performance otherwise was extraordinary during the pandemic," Lavine said.

He added that demands for Cuomo to step down are not new. "I know the other side of the aisle has called for impeachment long before the mistake with the nursing homes," Lavine said. "That's political."

Montesano said that the state budget needs to be finalized by April 1, and that he did not have faith in Cuomo's leadership. "Cuomo has lost his effectiveness and credibility," Montesano said. "There are too many distractions going on. We need a leader during the budget process. Cuomo's ability to negotiate has been compromised."

State Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat, will oversee the investigation into Cuomo's alleged sexual harassment. Cuomo, who had called for an independent counsel to look into the accusations, has said that his actions "have been misinterpreted as an unwanted flirtation."

"To the extent anyone felt that way," a statement from his office read, "I am truly sorry about that."



Charles Lavine



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Long Island's most anticipated running event will return this year with a new course — again.

The 2021 Jovia Long Island Marathon and all its accompanying racing events will return to Eisenhower Park in East Meadow this Sept. 17 and 18. While the event is typically held in May, Nassau County officials decided to host it five months later to allow more time to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

“As we continue to make significant progress in the fight against Covid-19, we’ve been able to allow some smaller races — with up to 300 participants — to come to our parks through the fall and winter,” said County Executive Laura Curran at a Feb. 25 news conference, at which she made the announcement.

Curran explained that the county has been able to host races by following safety and social-distancing protocols like introducing staggered start times and contactless check-ins, checking athletes’ temperatures and limiting the number of spectators.

Because the Long Island Marathon draws a much bigger crowd than the typical 5K and 10K races, attracting 5,000 people in 2019, county officials decided to hold the event in September “because we expect to have more vaccines . . . and that will mean more immunity in our community so we could get more participation,” Curran said.

For the second year, the race will be directed by Baldwin-based company Race Awesome, which is run by Corey Roberts and his wife, Stacey.

“At the end of the day, the realization is that it’s not just about producing a race,” Roberts said at the news conference. “There are so many services that Nassau County provides to the race to make it happen, especially from our health department.”

Past events have had roughly 12 medical tents along the route, all of which the county health department provided.

“The health department right now really needs to focus on vaccinations,” Roberts noted. “With that, we really took the time to think about how we can do this and do it safely with Nassau County.”

When Race Awesome took the reins to direct the 2019 marathon, it unveiled a new course that shut down parts of Merrick Avenue and Wantagh Parkway.

With the event in September, Roberts said he was reluctant to follow the same route and risk impacting the



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**NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE** Laura Curran announced the changes to the marathon during a Feb. 25 news conference, at which she was joined by Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and Health Commissioner Larry Eisenstein.

crowds heading to and from Jones Beach for their last beach trips of the summer.

The 47th marathon will feature a two-lap course that keeps runners in Eisenhower Park for more of the event and then send them through Mitchell Field, Museum Row and along the some of the pedestrian and bike lanes that the county installed in 2020.

“It will have less an impact on communities and downtown areas than previous years, while delivering athletes a full-distance marathon with a two-lap course,” Curran said.

Roberts added that having a more condensed course could allow runners more opportunities to compete alongside one another and give spectators a better chance to see runners.

The marathon will remain a qualifying event for the Boston Marathon. Everyone who registered for the 2020 event, which was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, will be automatically registered again for the 2021 event in September. Those who haven’t registered yet will be able to do so starting March 15 at [www.runlongislandmarathon.com](http://www.runlongislandmarathon.com).



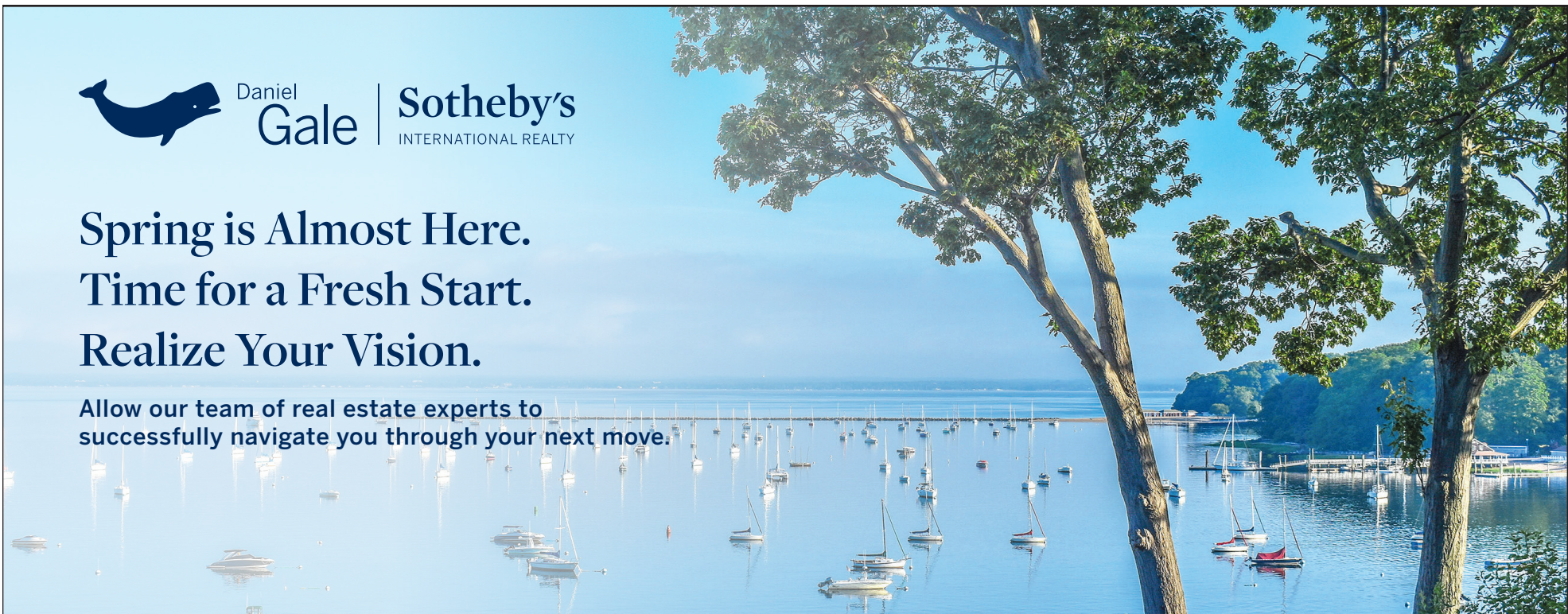
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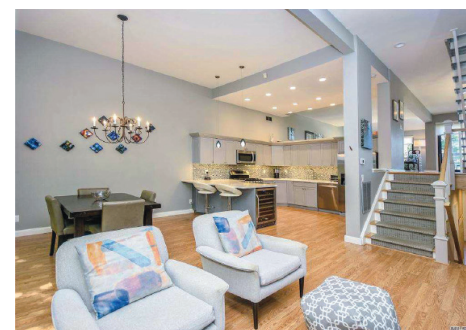
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# City Council holds public hearing on School Street parking

By JENNIFER CORR

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The City of Glen Cove held the first of two public hearings on Feb. 23 on potential changes that could make a difference for small business and medical practice owners along School Street, as well as their clients and customers.

"We're looking to help out some of the downtown businesses by moving one or two handicap spots from the east side of School Street to the west side, which makes more sense because the west side has more doctors' offices," said City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke. "The east side has the businesses where they have people who pickup and leave relatively quickly."

Moving the handicap parking spots is something the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District and local small businesses support, he said.

"We hear them and we're trying to help them out," Tenke said. "We're looking to implement those changes downtown."

The businesses along the east side of School Street, Patricia Holman, executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown BID, said, are often have quick transactions with their customers, because many are involved in take-out amid the pandemic, making ample parking in front of the businesses, including the Downtown Café and Morris Café, an integral part of doing business.

The City of Glen Cove Community Development Agency, in collaboration

with a city grant from Empire State Development, is administering funds toward investigating vehicular and pedestrian access from School Street into the Brewster Street Garage.

"I'm pretty excited about this process because the way the downtown is right now, you can't turn into any of the garages," said Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola. "If you can't find a [street] parking spot, you can't get into the garage and then people circle out and leave."

And when people leave, Fugazy Scagliola said, the businesses there can suffer.

The second of two public hearings on the matter will be held at the next City Council meeting on March 9.

The Glen Cove City Council also approved that a separate study and servic-

es be performed by LiRo Engineers in an effort to reconfigure some parking spots and eliminate bump outs, which would increase parking spots on School Street, Tenke said. "That is something [the Department of Public Works] was actually recommending," he said, "and we were looking at to try to increase parking on School Street," Tenke said.

The LiRo Engineers project, estimated at roughly \$166,000, will also include services associated with reconstruction, such as survey, design and bid phase services, on Beverly Street, Browne Street, Colonial Gate, Clement Street, High Ave, Elridge Place, Petite Place, Prospect Avenue, Relim Drive, Northfield Road, Leonard Street and Whitney Circle.

## Cleaner air means healthier students in Glen Cove's schools

The Glen Cove City School District was recently given a donation in February of \$12,000 from the nonprofit Glen Cove Education Foundation. The donation will go towards the purchase of air purifiers and touchless water filtration systems within the schools in efforts to protect students and staff from the spread of Covid-19.

"We are immensely grateful to The Glen Cove Education Foundation for their generous donation," said Dr.

Maria Rianna, the superintendent of the Glen Cove City School District. "They have been an integral part of our district's efforts of making sure we can continue to provide our students with the best learning environment possible."

Due to the major impact that Covid-19 has had on the school community, students, educators and families in Glen Cove have had to learn to adapt to a completely new

way of learning. Ensuring requisite air purification in district schools has been a prime objective and this donation goes a long way to ensure thae objective is achieved.

The Glen Cove Education Foundation's donation has also been instrumental in the district's ability to provide touchless water dispensers for students, making the schools that much safer for them.

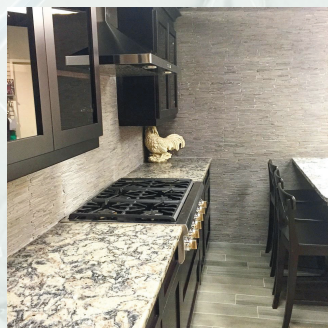
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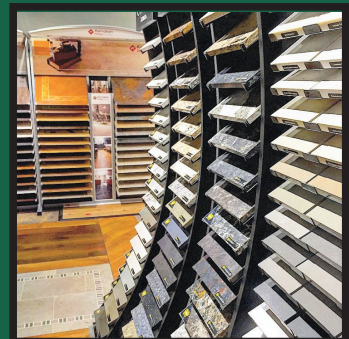
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I am a small business owner, and I employ three people in my agency whose lives depend on work. I think the biggest thing I did last year was keep them employed and keep serving my community. I didn't close a single day when all the other insurance agencies around me closed, even after I gave birth to twins in April. My team and I also put about 100 people on special payment plans so they could skip payments.

I also do a lot of food drives, mostly for women and babies. I was the nominee in 2019 for MOMMAS House for the charity work I did for them. The fundraising I did for them in 2020 was kind of tough because I had my business, my staff and my new family. Separately, I did a huge grocery shopping spree for my clients who got sick with Covid-19 and couldn't go

out. I did a food drive in January, and I'm doing another starting March 1. I'm also going to offer to pick up food from people's houses in Glen Cove so they don't have to come out of their house to donate.

Life is short and fragile. You have to just do what you love every day and don't waste a minute of time. The pandemic has shown me what I'm capable of. Honestly, I did not ever think I could be the mom of twins on top of going to work every day. I was filling out my [Paycheck Protection Program] loan application while I was in labor! I've risen to these challenges of 2020, and that's really what it's all about for me.

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## PATRICIA HOLMAN

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Being a successful woman in business means different things to each successful woman. For me, it means there are always possibilities — the possibility of finding new paths to success. Even when there are blockages along the journey, we somehow innately know and believe that doors will open if we have foresight and perseverance.

We must keep within ourselves the natural essence of our inner strengths and look forward with compassion and understanding and embrace our future endeavors. We also have a responsibility to lift other women along the way and provide good and positive examples of loyalty and trust, which will hopefully open new passages of opportunity that were once held closed.

As the executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District,

I never know what's going to come at me. I have my schedule about what I'm going to do. This morning, I have on my list getting some information from the Glen Cove Building Department because one of our businesses wants to expand. And another business called and asked me if I could help them fill our their Paycheck Protection Program loan.

We want to make sure all of our businesses survive, and whatever we need to do to keep our businesses here, we will do, even if that includes me dancing in the street for a promotional video.

I never stop thinking about what is next and what we need to do better. Since the pandemic, our priorities have shifted from focusing our attention to special events and marketing, to advocating and ensuring every business survives here and that we can bring in more.

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**W**e shut down Oakcliff on March 5, and no one was allowed in, from UPS to visitors. Ten people from our staff lived at Oakcliff and were not allowed to leave. Two of us, including myself, did not sleep there because we live alone. I was the only one who went anywhere, shopping every two weeks for everyone. We instantly created a bubble.

In April, the fire marshal showed up at our door. He said we weren't allowed to work or stay at Oakcliff. I think someone in the community rattled us out. I had written up an affidavit of protocols from the beginning that included the requirements listed by the [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]. I showed it to the fire marshal, and we were allowed to stay.

The reason why we wanted to stay was

because we wanted to be able to sail for recreation and sanity. By the summer, we had 27 people, including our high school students, living at Oakcliff. The students who flew here from California had to stay on one of our boats for five days. This was after they had already quarantined for 14 days before leaving. We would deliver food down to them.

We were so ahead of the curve. When you race around the world, you plan. You think of every possible eventuality and have a solution. This was all exhausting for me. But I always saw this as a challenge we would overcome. This was supposed to be our 10th anniversary. Covid allowed for us to have more time to evaluate what we are doing so we can do better in future.

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We've gotten accustomed to the safety procedures in place, and we've been trying to accommodate the way each person might feel. We've been cleaning and disinfecting all doorknobs and surfaces with Lysol and wipes. We keep our florist open to one person at a

time and ask others to wait outside in the garden center. We remind everyone to stay six feet apart and wear their masks, and we haven't had a problem with that.

We're always outside when we can be, so we didn't have to do much differently when it comes to social-distancing safety precautions.

Now we're getting ready for Easter and the warmer weather, so we're hoping to see more people and will have our florist open with spring flowers. We didn't get to do our annual Easter egg hunt last year, but we're going to host it again this year at a limited capacity with social distancing and mask wearing. That was always a really fun event for the community, and we're excited to bring it back.

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# Black leaders talk future at Inside LI webinar

By **ANDREW GARCIA**

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In celebration of Black History Month, Black leaders on Long Island gathered for the latest webinar of Herald Inside LI on Feb. 25.

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

Skye Ostreicher, of Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLive, moderated the discussion alongside DuWayne Gregory, senior vice president and director of diversity, equity and inclusion training for McBride Consulting and Business Development Group.

Lloyd, the youngest member of and only millennial on the panel, emphasized the importance that his and younger generations will play in advancing social justice in United States

“The millennial and generation Z demographics are the largest, most educated and most diverse in the nation,”

Lloyd said. “What we’re seeing is that millennials and gen Z are understanding what justice is — the idea of a quality life and fairness.”

“As a superintendent of a school district, we see how people can look at us as a school district when we’re failing, they’re quick to talk about it and advertise it,” Armstrong said, “but when we are experiencing successes, no one wants to share it or they begin to criticize the progress being made and say, ‘That can’t be possible.’”

“That hard work that they’re putting in is not being recognized by people on the outside,” Armstrong continued. “It makes them feel as though they are less than.”

The Hempstead School District makes it a goal to show students a wide variety of career opportunities so they understand what is possible — whether it’s a store worker or the owner of the business.

Brewington said he often invites young local people to his practice to show them career possibilities. His office commemorates several historical Black figures, including Malcolm X and

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“We know that the failure of America — and Long Island in itself — is not allowing the full story to be told,” Brewington said. “The importance of being there not only as a role model but also as a resource, so that the wonderful education that is being taken on by millennials and gen X is not wasted in regard to getting caught in the same mistakes and the same history that has pulled people down.”

“One of the big lacks is that we don’t have enough mentorship opportunities,” Cargill said. “We can give them that guidance and that direction so they can avoid those pitfalls.”

As the vice president of the Nassau Council of Chamber of Commerce, Cargill understands the perspectives and practices of other communities. By relaying this information to her own community, people there can adopt beneficial practices, too.

“It’s about information and sharing that information, and being a mentor,” Cargill said. “It’s about being part of an ecosystem that’s larger than just the majority-minority communities.”

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**NEW ADOPTEES MARIAH** Gomez, left, and Lucy Traverso with their beagle mix said they would decide on a name later when their family is all together.

## Adoptable puppies find love dog park



**AMONG THE 12** dogs up for adoption on Feb. 13 was this little guy, who was snuggling with a pink stuffed animal.

**NICKNAMED "ELVIS" THIS** hound dog had some fun with volunteers Bobby Fernandez and Shari Levin who took him out into the dog park playtime, right.



Since the Glen Cove public dog park opening ceremony in December, RXR Realty's The Beacon at Garvies Point has continued to establish the area as a dog-friendly community.

In partnership with the North Shore Animal League America, The Beacon hosted a pet adoption event on Feb. 13 in celebration of Valentine's Day. All 12 dogs were adopted that day.

NSALA's mobile "shelter on wheels" with adoptable dogs was parked at the lot besides the Garvies Point dog park for the event. To ensure the safety of participants, mobile shelter visits were by appointment only, with sanitization taking place between visitors, all of whom were required to wear masks and practice social distancing.

The mobile shelter has windows on one side so that visitors were able to see the adoptable animals without entering the unit and volunteers were able to bring older, "veteran" dogs to enjoy the dog park.



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# 3 Brothers Restaurant & Pizzeria opens in Glen Cove

By JENNIFER CORR

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For a time, it was hard to find many vegan options in Glen Cove and its surrounding villages. But that has changed with the opening of vegan Italian restaurant 3 Brothers Restaurant and Pizzeria.

There is something for everyone at 3 Brothers, from non vegan-options such as a traditional pepperoni pizza or linguini in clam sauce, to completely vegan options like a vegan Hawaiian pizza or vegan penne alla vodka.

The base ingredients of the vegan cheeses are made from natural products, such as cashews for mozzarella or tofu for ricotta. And as a meat substitute, seitan, a versatile vegan product made by rinsing the starch from wheat dough, is often used.

Jaime Tech of Sea Cliff, who has a gluten-free, vegetarian diet, said she is excited that 3 Brothers has come to Glen Cove. "It allows for North Shore residents who either have an alternative diet or those who wish to explore plant-based options with an opportunity," she said, "to experience traditional Italian dishes without having to compromise taste, needs and travel."

There are currently five 3 Brothers locations on Long Island, including restaurants in Rockville Centre, Farmingdale, Copiague, an all vegan pizza café in Lynbrook, and the newest eatery in Glen Cove.

The original restaurant, 3 Brothers of Rockville Centre, opened in 2007 operating as an ordinary family-owned pizzeria owned by the Astafa family. But in 2009, the oldest of three brothers, Jay Astafa, created a vegan menu for the restaurant. His brothers were then inspired, according to the 3 Brothers website, to do their part in the hospitality industry and the vegan movement.

Tech said she used to drive 30 minutes to be able to have the gluten free and vegan baked ziti and pizza. She's happy now to have the restaurant in her neck of the woods.

Glen Cove's restaurant is operated by managers who go by the names "Tank" and "Capone." They asked that their names remain private. The restaurant is currently open but has not had a live opening night yet.

So far, Tank said, the local community has been very welcoming. A lot of the staff at 3 Brothers are vegan and Tank is a vegetarian because he loves animals. While the restaurant does offer meat and dairy options so that there is something for everyone, its focus and that of the chain is primarily to provide a vegan menu.

The ingredients for 3 Brother's appetizers, entrees, and pizzas and pastas are made on site from natural, fresh and often organic products. Tank said he's seen non-vegans try the plant-based options and enjoy it.

Tank has been working in the restaurant industry since he was 13. Born and raised in Brooklyn, he worked at an Italian restaurant where he was a dishwasher for two years, then a salad maker for another two. He was promoted to be a baker, a saucier and eventually a chef. This allowed him to see how each part of the kitchen works.

"You know how that dishwasher is feeling if they get backed up and you don't have the plates," Tank said. "When I can feel compassion for the salad guy when he's behind, I am working as a team. I can help him. I've been in his shoes."

Another important aspect to 3 Brothers, Tank said, is the atmosphere. "I picked the building out specifically [that] looks like a house," he said. "It's warm, it's welcoming even before you step in."

Once someone does step in, he said, they will find a tightknit staff that works well together. The staff always acknowledges customers when they enter, Tank said, even before they order.

"We want the people to feel that they're going in a living room," he said. "You're coming home, you're meeting your uncles, aunts, friends, loved ones. You're having a dining experience that you can feel at home."

Glen Cove resident Lauren Goglia said her daughter is a vegetarian and was a fan of the vegan oyster mush-



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room calamari, the seitan cutlet roll and the vegan buffalo "chicken" pizza. They've ordered from the restaurant multiple times.

"I think their vegan menu sets them apart from the other pizzerias in the area," Goglia said. "We are very happy they are here."

# A change, but I'm still at the helm

By LAURA LANE  
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There will be a few changes at some of the Herald newspapers beginning next week, in an effort to make our award-winning publications even more local. Some of us will be working on our hometown newspaper, which includes me. I will be the editor of the East Meadow Herald, a place where I have lived for decades, and I will have other responsibilities, too.

I founded the Glen Cove and Sea Cliff/Glen Head Heralds in March 2017. It was the best experience of my professional life. I had never even been to Glen Cove, Sea Cliff or Glen Head and immediately took a drive. What I found was a fascinating city, a quaint village and a bustling hamlet. I couldn't wait to meet everyone. What struck me most was how passionate the residents appeared to be about where

they lived. I will miss you all.

Although I am moving on to East Meadow and will no longer be your editor, I will remain the senior editor of the North Shore newspapers. So, I will be able to keep an eye on my "babies." And I will remain the editor of the Oyster Bay Herald, an area that is not too far away from all of you.

Jill Nossa will be the new editor for the Glen Cove Herald. I'm sure many of you already know her since she lives in the city and once worked for the Record Pilot. Although it saddens me to leave you, I do so with confidence that the paper will only improve with Jill in charge. She is an excellent journalist and a true professional.

I want to thank you all for being so welcoming three years ago, for guiding me when needed in uncovering the story of the day and for just being you.

## Glen Cove reporter says goodbye

By JENNIFER CORR  
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For the past year, it has been an amazing experience covering your city as a reporter for the Glen Cove Herald.

Beginning next week, I will instead cover Wantagh, Seaford and East Meadow for the Herald Community papers. I am looking forward to this experience but I will surely miss you all.

From covering stories about city government, the Glen Cove City School District, beautiful parks, the many houses of faith and the overall tight-knit community, it has taught me so much, even outside the field of journalism.

Through what may have been the most difficult period of all our lives, I saw your

city come together in a way that has brought a smile to my face and tears to my eyes. The car parades, the countless events over Zoom, the selfless acts of making sure no one goes hungry, ensuring that everyone has enough masks and the endless support for local business — all I can say is that Glen Cove is a really great place.

Thank you for sharing your stories with me. I will always remember them. And thank you for making my first year in this career a special one.

Jill Nossa, who lives in Glen Cove, will become the editor of the Glen Cove Herald. To share local happenings or concerns about the city with her, email [jnossa@liherald.com](mailto:jnossa@liherald.com).

## THE GREAT BOOK GURU

### A hard life

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
I watched *Nomadland* this weekend and really enjoyed it. I'm sure it will win all sorts of awards for its storyline and acting. Do you have a book that deals with a similar theme — of a woman facing life's hardships here in America and showing great courage?  
—In Search of a Hero



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Dear In Search of a Hero,  
I too loved the movie *Nomadland* and this weekend I read the book "Zorrie," by Laird Hunt, which reminded me very much of the movie's heroine. When Zorrie's parents die from diphtheria within weeks of one another, she goes to live with a bitter, unloving aunt. The young Zorrie is an enthusiastic student and a hard worker but she is forced to leave school when she is 15. Then the aunt dies and Zorrie is once again

orphaned. She leaves her beloved home in Indiana.

In Chicago, she finds dear friends with whom she will remain close throughout her life. She also secures employment in a factory manufacturing radium faced clocks. Zorrie and her friends become known as the "ghost girls" because they glow from radium-induced radioactivity. Health problems will plague these young women for the rest of their lives. Working incredibly hard, she faces cruel obstacles all along the way. Zorrie's life story underscores the plight of so many in this land of great wealth and beauty. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at [annmdipietro@gmail.com](mailto:annmdipietro@gmail.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Maria M. Izzo

Maria M. Izzo, 86, of Glen Cove, died on Feb. 16. Beloved wife of the late Michele; loving mother of Nunzio (Theresa), Maria Stanco (Michele), Valerie Izzo and Joe (Kitty); dear sister of Alvira and Gerardo; proud grandmother of Michael, Angelo, Maria, Laura and Michael; cherished great-grandmother of Gabriella; also survived by nieces and nephews. Izzo loved to crochet, paint and was an avid Bingo player. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Edward Agoglia

Edward Agoglia, 93, of Glen Cove, died

on Feb. 16. Beloved husband of the late Mary DiCarlo Agoglia ("Marie"); loving father of Janet (Christopher) and proud and adoring grandfather of Isabel and Charles. Agoglia was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and had a distinguished career as a civil engineer. He was an avid and long-suffering Mets and Jets fan. Agoglia's acerbic wit and ability to give practical advice will be missed. The family will receive visitors at Whitting Funeral Home in Glen Head on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., immediately followed by a funeral mass at the Church of St. Rocco in Glen Cove. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the American Heart Association, the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind Inc. or any other charity of choice in honor of Agoglia.

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## OPINIONS

# Voting is an act of choice and an exercise of voice

**M**any people seem to confuse democracy and capitalism. Some seem to think that capitalism defines our system of government. However, our governance is based on democratic principles, including the importance of voting. Capitalism is about economics, not governing.



**ROBERT  
SCOTT**

Two central characteristics of capitalism are competition in the marketplace and the availability of information. Competition supports choice, and freely available information supports informed choice. Wander supermarkets aisles and look at the shelves.

There are abundant choices of toothpaste, laundry soaps and paper products, with descriptions of ingredients and safety labels. Nevertheless, we as consumers must be aware; we must determine the truth in advertising.

Democracy as a governing system also has informed choice as a foundational

characteristic. We can choose which political party to support, which candidate to back and which policy proposals meet our criteria. However, we must seek the truth and become informed with facts.

Given such choices, why do so many fail to vote?

The 2020 presidential election campaigns spent almost \$14 billion, and turnout, as a percentage of the voting-age public, was higher than any other in 120 years — yet one-third of eligible voters stayed away. Some lacked access or were afraid of the unofficial “marshals” monitoring voting sites, and others were dissuaded from voting by disinformation spread through social media.

We need to do more to control disinformation efforts, reduce limitations to voting, help voters learn the truth and ensure the integrity of elections. We can choose to do more to ensure informed choices at the ballot box. But not choosing to do so is itself a choice, one that can lead to the demise of democracy.

The historian Robert Artigiani wrote

that we should “choose to act so the act of choosing remains possible.” By failing to exercise our right to vote and failing to ensure the integrity of information promoted by campaigns, we have not only lost our chance to choose, but also have

chosen to act in a way that can lead to losing our *right* to choose.

**E**ven in November’s momentous election, one-third of eligible voters sat out.

That’s what happens in authoritarian regimes, even though they may not start that way. Hitler was chosen democratically in 1932 before consolidating power. Putin was first elected by popular vote in 2000, and instituted constitutional changes in 2018 that allowed him to remain in power. In both cases, the people made

choices that resulted in the loss of future choices because they didn’t stay informed or act on their concerns in time to avoid the consequences.

The insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 was the result of a disinformation campaign of falsehoods that persists to this day. For democracy to survive, for there to be “a more perfect union,” we need an informed citizenry that under-

stands and appreciates critical thinking, information literacy and the instruments of democracy. We need objective journalism as the source of news.

We also need more flexibility in voting to meet the needs of our modern world. Voting by mail and early voting are steps forward, but not the only steps that we can take. Why is general-election voting limited to the first Tuesday in November? Wouldn’t it make sense to allow voting over several days, as in some other countries? What about holding elections on weekends, when fewer people would have to take time off from work in order to vote? In some countries, voting is mandatory, and fines can be imposed on those who do not vote.

Our vote is our voice. Voting is an act of choice and the exercise of our voice in expressing our values and priorities. We should make it easier to learn about candidates and issues, and vote. After all, our choice of leaders and policies is much more important than our brand of toothpaste.

*Robert Scott is president emeritus of Adelphi University and the author of “How University Boards Work.”*

## Fighting the other epidemic: QAnon (Part 1)

**O**ddly, the most offensive remark made by a politician lately (and there are a lot to choose from) came from Marjorie Taylor Greene last month, as she was desperately trying to hold on to her seat in the House of Representatives. Standing before a microphone on Feb. 4, Greene was back-



**RANDI  
KREISS**

pedaling as fast as she could to put distance between herself and QAnon, the conspiracy group she supported. She had been elected to the House in Georgia’s 14th District on a wave of racist and anti-Semitic vitriol and innuendo.

In numerous speeches and tweets over the course of her campaign, Greene had allied herself with QAnon and its conspiracy tropes targeting numerous people in public life. By Feb. 4, she had been stripped of her committee assignments in the House because of her public remarks, and she feared being booted out of office altogether. So she stood before a microphone and announced to the world, “9-11 definitely happened.”

Thank you, Marjorie.

She proclaimed, “School shootings

happened.”

In what fractured reality, I wondered, do we find someone like her validating the epic public tragedies we have witnessed with our own eyes? We heard the cries of children with our own ears. We saw the bodies falling from the high floors of the towers.

Look around and take note: We are in a surreal place now, where the liars like Greene assume the roles of validating self-evident public truths.

In her Feb. 4 appearance, she tried to distance herself from QAnon, but it was a transparent, self-serving show. She kept her seat. This is a woman who promoted violence against Q’s perceived enemies, at one point signaling support for the assassination of Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Greene was duly elected by 74 percent of the voters in her district. That raises the questions, how and why.

My initial reaction was not to write about QAnon, to avoid shining a light on its dark activities and let it die a slow death. But it isn’t dying. A better tactic, I think, is to let in the air and light until the issues that gave rise to such a disturbing belief system are addressed.

Briefly, QAnon is an internet-based

group of people who believe that there exists in public life a secret society of devil worshipers who kidnap and cannibalize children and engage in pedophilia. Preposterous? The ideology metastasized across the web, pulling people into an

alternative world where they followed hidden “clues” and “codes” signaling belief that former President Trump would create a “storm” on inauguration day, ushering himself back into power and bringing down President Biden. And of course, destroying Black Lives Matter and Jewish influencers and basically nonwhites of any variety.

How does a belief system like QAnon take hold? The problem isn’t politics, which just offers a stage. People are susceptible to theories that claim to explain the inexplicable uncertainties in all our lives.

According to a story by Kevin Roose in The New York Times on Feb. 4, QAnon operates in a different way, and on a different scale, than anything we’ve seen before. For starters, it is uniquely participatory. Followers congregate online to decode the latest QAnon posts and to discuss their theories about the news of the day, creating a communal bond with their fellow believers. Apparently, hundreds of thousands of people think, with complete

**I**t satisfies needs we all have to feel significant and part of something big.

sincerity, that the leaders of the Democratic Party may be killing innocent children. Combine those fantasies with a willingness to commit violent crimes in the name of the group, and there is a real threat.

Although there is plenty of ignorance to go around among Q followers, Roose wrote that they can’t be dismissed as stupid. The group satisfies needs we all have to feel significant and part of something big. When you don’t get that in other aspects of your life, the group becomes that much more important. Social media adds accelerant.

We have to address the psychological triggers and motivations if we want to mitigate the influence and potential dangers of this kind of thinking. Conspiracy theories will always thrive when people feel like they’re not in control of their lives and when political, religious and social groups offer shelter. According to NPR, although QAnon has been kicked off Twitter and Facebook, it thrives on various fringe platforms.

I don’t think anyone has a solution for eradicating groups like QAnon. But a good step forward is to better educate our children, creating a generation of more critical thinkers.

I’ll address that in Part 2 next week.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## We need more women elected leaders

It's been over 27 years since Colin Ferguson stepped onto a Long Island Rail Road train in Mineola and started indiscriminately firing a 9mm pistol at passengers. Six were killed, including Dennis McCarthy, of Mineola, and 19 were wounded. Dennis's son, Kevin, then 26 and a broker with Prudential Securities in New York City, took a bullet to the head, but survived. His left arm remains partially paralyzed.

That attack propelled Carolyn McCarthy, Dennis's wife and Kevin's mother, to run for Congress. McCarthy, then a nurse, was assailed as a political neophyte and a single-issue candidate, with her laser focus on gun control. Despite the odds against her, she won, and served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2015, retiring because of a cancer diagnosis.

Throughout her time in Congress, McCarthy ably represented her district, becoming a respected member of the House and a strong-willed politician. She was frustrated often by the lack of movement on common-sense gun-control legislation, such as an assault weapons ban, because of big-money special-interest groups like the National Rifle Association. Still, she endured.

It boggles the mind, but in the 243-year history of this nation, only two women have represented Long Island in the House of Representatives. McCarthy, who was elected in the 4th Congressional District, on Nassau's South Shore, was the first, according to the Congressional Archives.

The second is her successor, Kathleen Rice, who was previously the Nassau County district attorney, and whom

McCarthy strongly endorsed in the 2014 election against Republican Bruce Blakeman, the County Legislature's former presiding officer and a current Town of Hempstead councilman.

There has never been a woman from Long Island elected to the U.S. Senate. In fact, only two New York women — Hillary Clinton and Kirsten Gillibrand — have ever served in the Senate since the election of the state's first two senators, Philip Schuyler and Rufus King, in 1789.

Yes, only two. All other New York senators have been white men. That is a sad statement, given that women comprise more than half of our population, and that New York is a racially diverse state. In March, Women's History Month, we should take a moment to reflect on these facts — and understand that we really could use more women representing us in Washington, and at all levels of government.

There is no doubt that women often see the world differently than men. They understand, with far greater depth, the travails that they have faced in this country because of their gender — the implicit bias and outright discrimination.

Most often, women are the primary caretakers of our children, so they better understand the lack of government resources available to young mothers with babies and school-age children. They can see how frayed our social safety net is, particularly when compared with Western European nations and Canada.

Women elected leaders more often focus on domestic social issues — education, the environment, social equity — compared with their male counterparts in

Congress, many of whom are often more concerned with international monetary policy and U.S. military intervention than funding school lunch programs and drug-treatment centers.

In fact, in the long history of the House of Representatives, only one woman, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, has chaired the Foreign Affairs Committee, and for only two years, from 2011 to 2013, according to the Congressional Archives. The Foreign Affairs Committee is considered among the premier assignments in the House, a center of international power and prestige.

Yes, we need our representatives to keep a watchful eye on global affairs — and a number of women in Congress do. Of the 48 current members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, 12 are women — eight Democrats and four Republicans. None are from New York.

At the same time, we need to balance international and domestic affairs, and women elected leaders play a key role in ensuring that we do. A record 144 women now hold seats in the House and Senate — but Congress remains a male-dominated institution, with men holding 73 percent of the seats.

That statistic needs to change, on both of the Democratic and Republican sides of the aisle. We need greater balance in order to work toward a more perfect union, one in which our daughters, and their daughters, are given the respect they deserve.

This month, though, we can reflect on pioneering women elected leaders like Carolyn McCarthy, Kathleen Rice, Hillary Clinton, Kirsten Gillibrand, and now Vice President Kamala Harris.

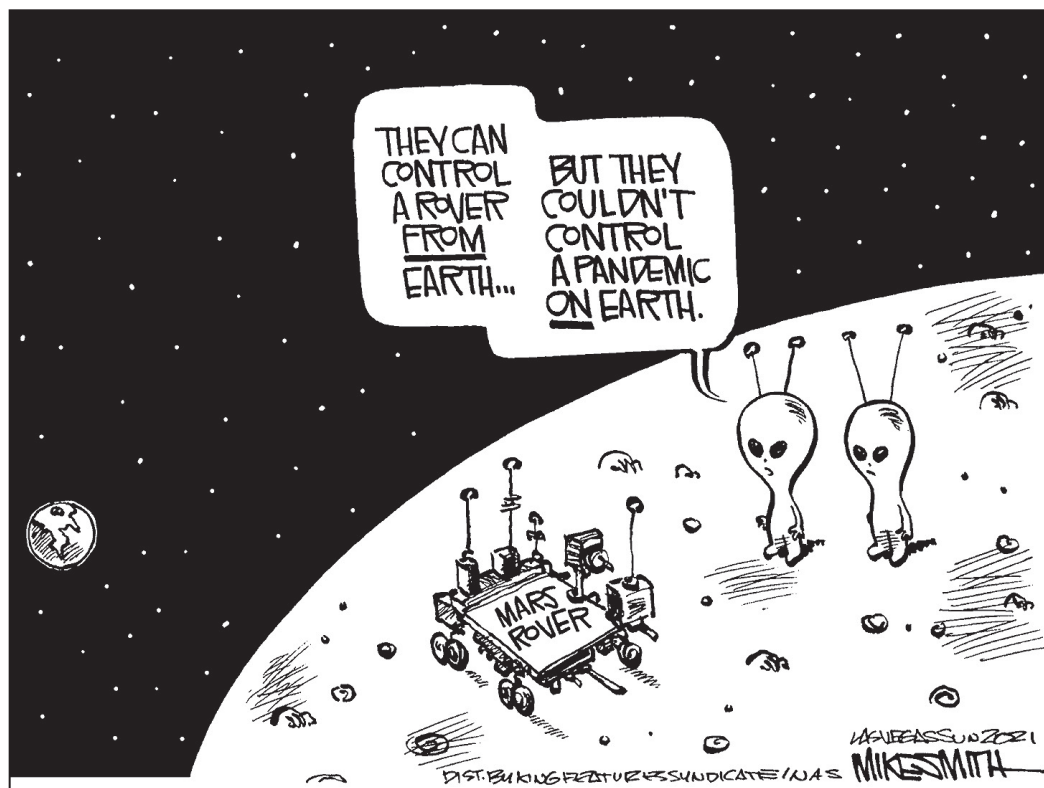
## LETTERS

### We are now approaching a crossroad

To the Editor:

I have been involved in our community for almost 30 years and have had many roles, from participation in our youth programs, 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 in 2020 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 into office the world shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. All members of the council



## OPINIONS

# Looking past the pandemic and toward the future

**T**he coronavirus pandemic has tipped over the world as we know it, harming most New Yorkers in profound ways while laying bare societal inequities that have plagued New Yorkers for generations, like the disparities in access to child care. It has also strained government budgets to the

breaking point, at a time when we rely on the government for help.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we are inching our way to recovery. On our way there, we can — and should — focus on specific issues that Covid-19 magnified. That's why I'm pushing to



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pass two major initiatives over the next few months.

My first initiative for Long Islanders is Universal Pre-K. UPK would provide 4-year-old children throughout Nassau County with free public preschool education. This would be a game-changer. New York City already has a robust universal

pre-K program. It's about time Long Island children — and parents — received the same support. The science is clear: Investing in children before they start kindergarten has profound effects on their pre-literacy and pre-math skills.

Children in Tennessee's state-funded pre-K program, for example, saw a 75 percent improvement in letter-word identification, a 152 percent improvement in oral comprehension, a 176 percent improvement in picture vocabulary and a 63 percent improvement in quantitative concepts, compared to children who were not in pre-K. Simply put, pre-K sets children up to succeed.

Universal pre-K would also be critical for parents and the economy. The pandemic highlighted how challenging — and stressful — full-time parenting with full-time work can be for families. UPK would speed up New York's recovery by letting parents get back to work.

I am pushing hard for UPK to be done in this year's budget, which is due April 1.

Second, I want to revolutionize how

we deal with our trash.

We have a waste problem in America. Trash is literally piling up; and it will drown our kids. According to a recent study, the U.S. produced more plastic waste than any other country in the

world in 2016, about 92.6 billion pounds. If we don't act soon, we will run out of places to put it. That's why I have introduced legislation that would shift the responsibility, and the cost, of recycling from taxpayers to big companies.

Extended Producer Responsibility (also known as EPR) would boost recycling, curb waste and save tax dollars by shifting the end-of-life responsibility for

packaging and paper products from local governments and taxpayers to corporate brand owners and producers. Right now, many products you put in the recycling bin aren't actually recycled; there's no market for them. This costs our municipalities millions of dollars, and keeps them on an unsustainable course. Under EPR, producers, like big companies, would cover the cost of recycling paper products and packages. This would moti-

vate them to produce fewer and more eco-friendly materials, all while funding our municipal governments.

So what would happen to the packaging from all those deliveries you've ordered while you've been stuck at home? My bill would require companies to pay our cities for their recycling while also incentivizing them to use less packaging.

And the best part? EPR would create thousands of new jobs on Long Island while saving taxpayers money. As we head toward recovery, it is crucial that we provide economic relief for local governments while generating good, well-paying jobs. The bill, if passed, would be a win-win.

We are on the cusp of recovery from the pandemic. More of us are getting vaccinated every day. Now is the time for lawmakers to look beyond Covid-19, learn from what we have gone through, be bold and enact policies that not only help Long Islanders get back to work, but also secure a better future for our children. Why just get back to normal when we can get back to better?

*State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, of Long Beach, represents the 9th District.*

**F**ocusing on universal pre-K, and on making big companies fund recycling.

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not only had to get up to speed with regular city business, but had to figure out a way to deal with the continual punches thrown by Covid-19.

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 remotely held our City Council meetings, which has been challenging because we cannot speak with our community face to face.

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

When a resident engages 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 an opinion in any of our City Council meetings or public hearings. And I always hope when residents stand up to speak, they are 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 given 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 voice — that of the people of Glen Cove.

Times are tougher now than ever before. This pandemic has caused the loss of loved ones and financial strain on all of us. I must say, however, I am grateful 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 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 councilman*

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