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GLEN COVE FITNESS owner Alvin Batista, center, was congratulated by Mayor Tim Tenke, members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Improvement District for 20 years in business.

G.C. Fitness turns 20

By **JILL NOSSA**
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Gyms have struggled throughout the pandemic, but for Glen Cove Fitness, things are finally looking brighter. After a challenging year, the gym marked its 20th anniversary with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday. Members of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Improvement District and local elected officials congratulated the gym's owner, Alvin Batista, for hitting this milestone, especially after a particularly difficult year.

"It's very exciting to

see that a business can endure in Glen Cove and make it through," Mayor Tim Tenke said, "especially after a tough year and one that was hit hard by Covid."

Tenke presented Batista with a certificate of congratulations on behalf of the city, saying, "You survived the pandemic and seem to be heading in the right direction."

Batista was also given citations by State Sen. Jim Gaughran, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and representatives from the offices of U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi and County Exec-

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Suozzi witnesses 'broken' system on border trip

By **LAURA LANE**
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U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi was among a bipartisan group of members of Congress who spent two days touring the Mexican border this week. Six Democrats and three Republicans, all members of the Problem Solvers Caucus, are working to find a bipartisan solution to immigration issues.

Overcrowding at "soft-sided centers" — temporary holding areas with tent-like structures for unaccompanied minors and families hoping to enter the U.S. — is an issue of particular con-

cern. Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove and the caucus's vice chair, described what he saw at the center in Donna, Texas, as "inhuman," and added that the "system is broken, and it has been broken for decades."

The lawmakers also visited an outdoor processing area, and met with humanitarian organizations and members of law enforcement. They toured the border by truck and boat, led by border patrol officers and Texas state troopers. At a news conference on Monday, Suozzi said that the U.S. needs a more secure border, which will require more than a wall.

There is so much human misery that comes along with this — so many people being exploited by the coyotes.

U.S. REP. TOM SUOZZI

"The Rio Grande is not that far across," he said. "The brush in that area makes it very easy to go undetected. More ports of entry and technology with sensors is needed — a modern solu-

tion to a modern problem."

Suozzi recalled his days as mayor of Glen Cove, when, in 1994, people from Central and South America sat on corners waiting for work. He arranged for an indoor facility, he said, so they could gather safely, and provided opportunities for those who found jobs to learn English.

"That was 27 years ago, and there is still a problem," he said, referring to issues at the border. "Everyone wants to make this about Trump . . . and Biden. It's a very complicated problem that requires us to make dramatic changes here in the U.S. and requires the assistance from

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Ask The Expert: John Breen



Spring has sprung!

It's that time of year again...the tulips are in bloom, the days are longer, and the season is fresh with new beginnings. Now is the perfect opportunity for homeowners who have considered selling to list their property with a qualified professional real estate salesperson. (I can personally recommend a few!)

With so many house hunters coming out of winter hibernation, the time has come to make some big decisions. Sellers should expect top dollar for their respective homes—especially if they take care of a few Spring cleaning tasks. Top things to consider that will bring a great return on your investment include landscaping, a fresh coat of paint or power washing, and a good cleaning and decluttering. Max out that curb appeal for the best first impression!

Spring is also an important time of year for buyers with young children. Families looking to re-locate will need to be settled in time to meet enrollment deadlines for their children in the upcoming school year.

Perhaps the best incentive to list now is that the strong real estate market means the highest profit for you. The average sale price of a home on Long Island was \$540,000 last month. That is an increase of 18.7% since last year! In December, the median price of homes sold in Suffolk County rose to \$356,000—up 9% from December 2019, and in Nassau County there was a 6.4% rise to \$499,000. All signs point to these growth trends continuing throughout the season.

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U.S. REP. TOM SUOZZI met with members of local law enforcement at the border in Donna, Texas.

Suozzi sees border overcrowding

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Mexico, who have changed some of their policies recently.”

Mexico no longer allows children younger than 7 to re-enter the country at the border. So-called “coyotes” — those who smuggle immigrants across the border for a high price — and drug cartels are using children to get people across the border, Suozzi said.

“You see an explosion of young children here, and families with young children as well as unaccompanied minors at the soft-sided centers,” Suozzi said. “It’s terrible. I don’t blame anyone but the United States federal government, including Congress. We have failed to address this issue.”

He said he understood why people try to enter the U.S. illegally. The ports of entry can process only 40 to 50 people a day, with hundreds of people waiting. The U.S. needs to help Mexico, Suozzi said, and work with the governments of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador so their citizens will want to stay there.

“It’s costing us a lot more to not help them,” he reasoned. “There is so much human misery that comes along with this — so many people being exploited by the coyotes.”

Suozzi suggested what he calls an “Ellis Island solution.” He would like to see a large processing facility on the American side of the southern border where migrants could have medical exams, be processed and have access to immigration judges who would hear their cases “right then and there.” Suozzi said he was seeking a humane environment.

“Eighty to 85 percent of people who apply for asylum are rejected,” he said. “We need cooperation between different agencies and foreign countries. And people in Congress need to have some courage and address this.”

He was hopeful, he said, that the Problem Solvers Caucus would develop a report and propose a plan. If 75 percent of caucus members agree — and at least 50 percent of the members from each party, Suozzi said, the plan could be presented to Congress.

The story closer to home

Paolo Diaz, 52, of Locust Valley, an immigrant from Chile, came to the U.S. in 1991 with the assistance of a “coyote” — an immigrant smuggler. Although now a citizen and working as a clerk and an English as a Second Language instructor at the Locust Valley Library, she said she would never forget how she came to the U.S.

Diaz began her odyssey in a Honduran jail cell. It didn’t matter to Honduran border officials that she had a visa. They didn’t believe that the 20-year-old was from Chile, suspecting instead that she was from communist Cuba.

She spent 24 hours in the jail with others trying to make their way to the U.S. before a coyote paid off the Hondurans with electric razors. Continuing her three-week journey with the others, she paid a Honduran teenager \$50 to lead them through the mountains on the Honduras-Guatemala border. When the group finally arrived at a hotel in Guatemala, they met with the coyote once again, and he made arrangements for their passage to the Guatemala-Mexico border. Diaz’s sister had paid the coyote \$4,000 to get her to the U.S.

“I know someone who came from Honduras recently with help from a coyote,” Diaz said. “Everything is the same except the price. He had to pay \$10,000.” When she asked the man’s aunt how he managed to come up with so much money, she said that family members put in \$2,000 each from their savings.

“Sometimes you don’t make it to the other side, and get sent back,” Diaz said, shaking her head. “Then you have to pay the coyote again.”

She said she would never forget her elation as she crossed the bridge from Tijuana to San Diego on foot. “Every step, I thought I would be stopped and someone would say, ‘You have to go back,’” she recalled. “I wanted to run, but we weren’t allowed. That bridge was a golden gate bridge for me.”

Diaz said she supported Rep. Tom Suozzi’s plan for an “Ellis Island solution,” and hoped it would stop coyotes from continuing to take advantage of desperate people.

“Ellis Island is my favorite place, because it is magical,” she said. “The people who went there were given a future.”

—Laura Lane



Photos by Jill Nossa/Herald

ALVIN BATISTA CUT the ribbon at Glen Cove Fitness's 20th anniversary celebration on Tuesday.

After a tough year, G.C. gym pulls through

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utive Laura Curran. “Thank you for bringing 20 years of good health to the Glen Cove community,” DeRiggi-Whitton said.

Patricia Holman, executive director of the Downtown BID, said that Batista, the organization’s president, was an asset to her while businesses were shut down last year, helping advocate for them. “While I’m certainly thrilled that Glen Cove Fitness made it through the pandemic,” Holman said, “with Alvin’s business sense, I was always confident he would survive.”

Batista, 60, bought the building at 44 School St., then an electronics warehouse, in the fall of 2000. It took about five months to renovate the space, he said, before he could move in. He had previously owned a private training facility down the street, and was initially looking to buy a condo before learning that the larger space was for sale. When he bought the building, he was able to expand his business, creating Glen Cove Health and Fitness, which opened on April 5, 2001.

The gym had a sales office, an aerobics room, a juice bar and a child care room. Then, in July 2005, Batista decided to become a Planet Fitness franchisee — the first one on Long Island — and was required to reconfigure the gym and its offerings, scaling down to focus strictly on weight training and cardiovascular workouts. Ultimately, he said, that didn’t work out, and he left Planet Fitness in December 2017, rebranding as Glen Cove Fitness.

“I learned a lot from them,” he said of Planet Fitness, adding that he simply had a different vision for his business.

The gym now operates much as it has since 2005, with free weights, strength-



THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION featured an array of treats from downtown businesses, including chocolate-covered fruit from Edible Arrangements and cider from Noble Savage Brewing Company.

training machines and cardiovascular equipment.

Everything changed, however, last March. “It was kind of surprising when we found out about the shutdown when everybody else did,” Batista recalled. “We had no advanced notice. In the beginning, we thought it would just be a few weeks, and then it went on for months and months, and there was no end in sight.”

The gym was closed from mid-March

until last Aug. 24. Batista said that he and other members of the New York Fitness Coalition spent a lot of that time lobbying Gov. Andrew Cuomo to reopen. He said he also spent the time preparing the gym for its members’ return and improving safety — painting, upgrading the HVAC system, retrofitting light fixtures and adding ceiling fans.

Now, masks and social distancing are required, and extra precautions ensure

members’ safety. Half of the cardio equipment is taken out of service every day, alternating days to maintain space and to prevent too much wear and tear on the machines. The gym purchased two electrostatic sprayers, and the entire facility is sprayed down every two hours.

“I think it makes people feel better,” Batista said.

While it has been great to have members back, the gym is still operating at only 33 percent capacity, which means that only 42 people can work out at a time. It has about 2,800 members, and on the busiest days, Batista said, about 500 people come in. Because of the limited capacity, members are checked in and out so employees know how many are there at a time, and how long they’ve been there. Generally, he said, they expect people to stay for about an hour. “It’s difficult at busy times of the day,” he said.

As of April 5, the gym was allowed to be open 24 hours a day again. “It’s been a rough year, but it looks like there’s an end,” Batista said.

At around 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon, about a dozen people were working out, including Glen Cove resident Roni Jenkins, who said she had been a member several years ago, and rejoined last December. “When it was safe to come back in, I felt that this place, in particular, does a great job with the social distancing and cleaning of machines,” Jenkins said. “I feel very, very safe here.”

Glen Cove Fitness will kick off the Downtown BID’s free Fitness in Village Square this weekend, offering a class at 10 a.m. on Saturday at 100 Village Square. Mats, masks and social distancing are required.

U.S. to NYS: The tests must go on

By JILL NOSSA

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Despite its attempt to have the annual state assessments for grades 3-8 waived this year, the Glen Cove City School District was informed last week that the tests must go on. On April 7, the New York State Education Department received word from the U.S. Department of Education that its request for a waiver was denied.

"Our waiver requests were not accepted by the federal government, so the grades 3 to 8 tests are still scheduled," Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said, "with the understanding and common agreement that this was not a good year to even think about the assessments."

The decision was made late Wednesday afternoon, and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Dr. Michael Israel called parents that evening to let them know the English Language Arts, math and science assessments will take place this year, and are set to begin next week. The issue was discussed later that evening at the board of education meeting, held on Zoom.

"The U.S. Department of Education left us in the position where we still have to give standardized tests," Israel said. "However, the state, in understanding the position the schools are in, has shortened the test."

He said the district will only administer one session for each subject discipline.

Providing the tests to students, Israel said, is "a logistical nightmare," but luckily the district will have a longer timeframe to administer each test.

"It's difficult this year, because in addition to the fact that we're trying to provide adequate space between students, while at the same time trying to bring kids back, we're using all spaces in our buildings and it makes it very difficult," Israel said. "That being said, the state stretched out the period of time to give each assessment."

He explained that different classes might take the tests on different days, whereas in the past, the state required all students to take the same test on the same day. This year, because of spacing issues, he said, for example, one third-grade class might take the ELA exam one day, and



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THE DISTRICT MUST administer the state assessments for grades 3-8 this spring, though parents can choose to "opt out" their children.

another third-grade class will take it the next day. The district will have from April 19 to April 29 to administer the ELA test; May 3 to May 14 for the math test; and June 7 to 11 for the science exam, which is given to fourth- to eighth-graders. Students who are currently learning remotely are not required to take the assessments.

"The flexibility of the 10-day period is going to help us a lot," Israel said. "The state is trying to understand that school districts are having to bend over backwards in all sorts of ways to make arrangements to assess the students and give them the modifications where needed."

Rianna noted that, because of the nature of the past school year, the data gleaned from these tests "is going to be insignificant" and "it cannot even be a baseline. We are just meeting a mandate that has the federal government has not waived for us," she said.

Parents have the option to "opt-out" their children. Israel noted that there is a link on the district's website to the opt-out form that parents can complete if they do not wish to have their child take the tests, however, the district has requested the forms to be returned by April 14, after press time.

"A child's refusal to take these tests, or 'opt-out' is a parent's decision," Israel said, adding that they would like the completed

forms returned as soon as possible so they can prepare the space adequately.

"Parents should understand that there's no ramifications for opting out," Trustee Maria Venuto clarified.

The New York State Education Department released a statement from Chancellor Lester W. Young Jr. and Commissioner Betty A. Rosa after the decision was made.

"In the face of a worldwide pandemic, we believe cancelling state assessments

would be the most appropriate and fair thing to do in the best interest of our students and we are deeply disappointed in USDE's decision," the statement read, noting appreciation for not requiring remote learners to participate. "The idea that state assessments could be 'standardized' is unrealistic given the varying formats of instruction and not including whole segments of our state's children who will not participate."

According to the statement, "data collected by NYSED indicates that parents of students of color were more likely to select remote instruction for their children compared to white parents, and students of color are four times more likely to continue in remote learning once in-person options are made available. As a result, New York students who are most impacted by the pandemic are among the least likely to participate in any statewide assessments. Again, this will have a disturbing impact on the assessment results and render their interpretation meaningless."

"It's nice to know the New York State Education Department does not feel it is an appropriate thing to do this year, based on all that has occurred with the pandemic," Rianna said. "They must meet that requirement, and they're meeting it with as much flexibility as humanly possible."

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On April 4, a 56-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested for second-degree menacing and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon on Alex Lane.

■ On April 5, a 30-year-old Union City, NJ, male was arrested for third-degree assault and fourth-degree criminal mischief on Phillips Road.

■ On April 6, a 19-year-old Oyster Bay

male was arrested for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, along with a 19-year-old Locust Valley male who was arrested on two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on Gervais Street.

■ On April 6, a 43-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for second-degree assault on Glen Street.

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

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Friday, April 16

Pop-Up Shop in Sea Cliff

Salt House, an online boutique run by a Sea Cliff resident specializing in beach-inspired apparel and handcrafted home decor, is hosting a pop-up shop at 208 Sea Cliff Ave. from 11 a.m. until dark. www.salthousecompany.com or email Lauren at salthousecompany@gmail.com.

Virtual Sunday Concert

Accomplished entertainer and singer Ron Dester will perform a virtual concert through the Gold Coast Library at 2 p.m. With his wide-ranging list of songs, he can easily field requests from the audience. Participants will enjoy his covers of Billy Joel, the Beatles, Roy Orbison and anywhere in between. The concert will be held via Zoom. Visit www.goldcoastlibrary.org to register. (516) 759-8300.

Sunday, April 18

Sundays with Survivors

Join the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County for the next program in this series of virtual presentations by Holocaust Survivors at 1 p.m. In this virtual program, survivor Werner Reich will share information about his pre-war life in Berlin and Yugoslavia, his survival in Auschwitz and his liberation from the camp at Mauthausen. (516) 571-8040.

Monday, April 19

Savvy Sightseer: New Orleans

Enigmatic and electrifying are two words that best describe New Orleans. Stroll through one of the many famous above ground cemeteries, learn about the French Quarter and its enigmatic connec-



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Reopening of the Sea Cliff Village Museum

The Sea Cliff Village Museum will be reopening on April 17 with the "Blooms: The Photography of Eric Kamp" exhibit. The exhibit showcases the flower photographs of the former Sea Cliff photographer, who passed away in 2006. His widow, Ellen Kamp, who died in March 2020, left Kamp's archive to her niece, Deb Wachtler, who donated the archive to the village. Proceeds from the print sales will benefit St. Luke's Church, the Sea Cliff Arts Council and the museum, which will be open through June 18 on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. (516) 801-3401.

tion to the dark arts and much more during this virtual program through the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library at 10 a.m. Presented by the Savvy Sightseer, Jeanne Schnupp. Register at www.oysterbaylibrary.org for the YouTube link. (516) 922-1212.

Stitches and Stories program

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 p.m. This program offers library patrons the opportunity to learn to crochet or knit in a warm, friendly environment. Participants can enjoy the camaraderie while learning a new skill or improving on the skills they already have. They can work on their own or on a group project. (516) 759-8300.

Tuesday, April 20

Schmidlapp Humes Estate

Nina Muller of the North Shore Land Alliance will present an overview of the Schmidlapp Humes Estate (a.k.a. the Japanese Stroll Garden) from 1924 through the NSLA's acquisition from the Humes heirs in 2015 during this virtual lecture through the North Shore Historical Museum at 7 p.m. She will discuss the background of the early landowners and land use as it relates to the history of Oyster Bay and Mill Neck. A \$15 payable by check, Venmo (@nshmgc) or Paypal (paypal.me/nshmgc). (516) 801-1191.

2021 North Shore Reads

Join the Glen Cove Library at 7 p.m. for the 2021 North Shore Reads, a local celebration of Long Island Reads and National Library Week. This year's selec-

tion is "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. Enjoy an evening of lively book discussion and exciting raffle prizes. This entertaining evening has become a popular, annual event for book lovers from eight public libraries, including Bayville, Bryant (Roslyn), Glen Cove, Gold Coast, Locust Valley, Manhasset, Oyster Bay-East Norwich and Sea Cliff. (516) 676-2130.

Woman Who Dressed Hollywood

An incredibly successful costume designer with eight Oscars to prove it, Edith Head's dazzling career continues to inspire new generations of designers. Join educational entertainer Martina Mathisen to discover why Head was the most influential costume designer in Hollywood history during this virtual program through the Bayville Free Library at 7 p.m. Register at www.bayvillefreelibrary.org for the Zoom link. (516) 628-2765.

Thursday, April 22

Community Service Share

Teens grades 6 and up can play some ice breaker games with friends, spin the wheel to win prizes and exchange ideas about other ways to earn two hours of community service credit through the Glen Cove Library at 7 p.m. Cameras must be turned on in order to share projects. Register at www.glencovelibrary.org. (516) 676-2130.

Saturday, April 24

The Great Bird Blind Debate

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, 10 a.m. This drawing class offers participants an opportunity to combine field ecology and art as they investigate the Great Bird Blind Debate exhibition through guided observation and notational instruction. Instructor Hara Woltz is an artist and scientist who addresses the destruction and conservation of ecological systems through a variety of visual media. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Admission is \$42 for members and \$55 for non-members. Participants should bring a drawing pad, blue or black pen and colored pencils. (516) 922-9210.

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 jnossa@liherald.com

5 things to know about your town

- The City of Glen Cove is seeking applications for lifeguards for the summer.
- Oyster Bay Harbor spring clean-up will be in TR Park on April 17 at 8 a.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will hold a meeting on April 20 at 10 a.m.
- The Glen Cove City Council will hold a pre-council meeting on April 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Zoning Board of Appeals is meeting is on April 20 at 7 p.m.

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HERALD FOOTBALL NEWS

North Shore rolls to another win

BY TONY BELLISSIMO

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North Shore reached the end zone four times in the first quarter last Saturday on the way to remaining undefeated on the season with a convincing 42-20 victory over Lawrence on Homecoming.

Senior running back Philip La Rosa did a wealth of damage on only nine carries with 133 yards and five touchdowns, giving him 15 scores in five games. Junior quarterback Dan Quigley opened the scoring with a 63-yard touchdown run and also cracked the century mark in the win, totaling 117 yards on six attempts, as the Vikings (5-0) stayed atop Nassau Conference IV. The Golden Tornadoes, who scored all of their points in the second half, slipped to 1-4.

"We've had our share of adversity, but how the kids have handled it says a lot about where we're at as a team," North Shore head coach Dan Agovino said. "We're playing physical football and we're balanced. We know there's still a lot of work to do. I'm not sure how the playoffs will shake out, but the four teams in will all be tough."

The Vikings would go a long way to securing the top seed if they can complete a perfect regular season by knocking off Locust Valley this Saturday. Defending county champion Seaford, perennial con-

tender Wantagh and Cold Spring Harbor are also in the mix. North Shore's last county championship came in 1977.

Anyone the Vikings face will have to contain La Rosa, who is putting up All-County offensive numbers while also leading a stellar group of linebackers which includes fellow seniors Lorenzo Recine and Oliver Palone, and junior Andrew Noak. La Rosa's two fourth-quarter touchdowns lifted North Shore to a come-from-behind 26-14 win at Cold Spring Harbor on April 3.

Quigley, a southpaw who's a big piece of the ground attack, has juniors David Berlin and William Feldmann and senior Aiden Mandell as passing targets. Agovino is hopeful Mandell, also a starting defensive end, can return from injury in time for the playoffs.

The offensive line returned only one starter — Recine at right tackle. The unit has jelled nicely, Agovino said, with sophomore Reece Ramos at right guard, junior Nick Capranella at center, senior Daniel Romano at left guard, and sophomore Pat Godfrey at left tackle. Ramos and Romano also start on the defensive front along with senior Tayler Smith.

"Talking about winning a championship isn't taboo," Agovino said. "We've brought it up as a long-term goal while staying focused on our weekly goals."



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SENIOR PHILIP LA ROSA has been a touchdown machine for the Vikings with 15, including five in last Saturday's 42-20 victory over Lawrence.

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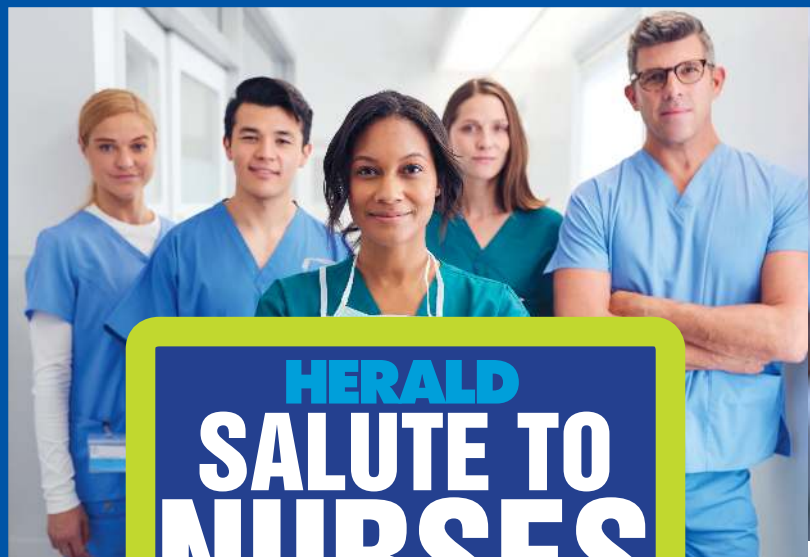
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Heralds take home top press honors

April 15, 2021 — GLEN COVE HERALD

Herald Staff Report

The Herald Community Newspapers took home 26 honors in the annual New York Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest, which attracted more than 2,400 of entries from 151 newspapers across the state this year. The Herald's sister paper, The Riverdale Press, earned eight accolades, bringing the total for Richner Communications Inc. publications to 34, a record showing.

The contest includes both weekly and daily newspapers. Awards were announced virtually on Zoom Friday. The Herald earned a variety of awards, including both editorial and advertising honors.

"In a year when trusted local news proved to be more important than ever," said Stuart Richner, publisher of Herald Community Newspapers, "our team once again rose to the occasion, providing Long Island communities with the information they most needed. Congratulations to all of our editors, reporters, designers, account representatives, pressroom staff and business leaders."

Heralds Executive Editor Scott Brinton said, "2020 was, no doubt, one heck of a difficult year, but the Herald team showed incredible grit in putting out top-quality newspapers, week after week under the most difficult of circumstances."

Michael Bologna, vice president of operations, added, "When our peers recognize excellence in all aspects our organization, it really means a lot. I'm proud of our entire team."

Here's a rundown of how the Herald did:

First Place

Advertising Excellence

The Long Beach Herald was recognized in this very competitive category for a variety of newspapers and special sections that were submitted for the contest. Rhonda Glickman and Karen Bloom coordinate advertising and special sections, respectively. Several advertising account executives contributed to the win in this category.

"Winning first place for Advertising Excellence takes an awesome sales, administration, art and production team," Rhonda Glickman, the Herald's vice president for advertising sales, said. "We won this award together, and I couldn't be prouder."

Judges wrote, "This publication does a great job of coordinating the advertising with the editorial; the two complemented each other both in layout and design. There are also many unique forms of advertising happening in this publication, including premium placements, advertorials that are designed with strong copy

writing and special sections."

Special Sections/Niche Publication — Newsprint

The East Meadow Herald was honored for the Herald's K-Kids special section, a kindergarten yearbook, with photos of each class from within the East Meadow School District.

Honorees included Karen Bloom, Photo Editor Christina Daly, Rhonda Glickman and Creative Director Jeff Negrin.

Judges wrote, "It is visually overwhelming, but given the subject matter, that seems appropriate."

Best Online Static Ad

The Herald was recognized for an online multiple-ad page called Make Your House a Home. Jeff Negrin designed the ad, and Sales Director Lori Berger developed the concept.

Judges wrote, "This is one terrific ad — somebody deserves special recognition for a great idea extremely well executed."

Spot News Photography

The Merrick Herald was recognized for Scott Brinton's two-page photo spread of the Black Lives Matter protests in Merrick and Bellmore last June.

Judges wrote, "These photos of a Black Lives Matter march capture the determination, fervor and peaceful

camaraderie of protesters. Unlike many photographers, [Brinton] got into the crowds, allowing the faces of participants to tell their story."

Best Obituaries

The Sea Cliff-Glen Head Herald was honored for Associate Editor Mike Conn's obituaries on teacher Ed Smith and artist Tom Malloy.

Judges wrote, "These obituaries immediately transport you to a day in the life of a person who has, sadly, died . . . This work was real journalism: interviews, research and carving out the story with aplomb. Excellent job."

Feature Photo

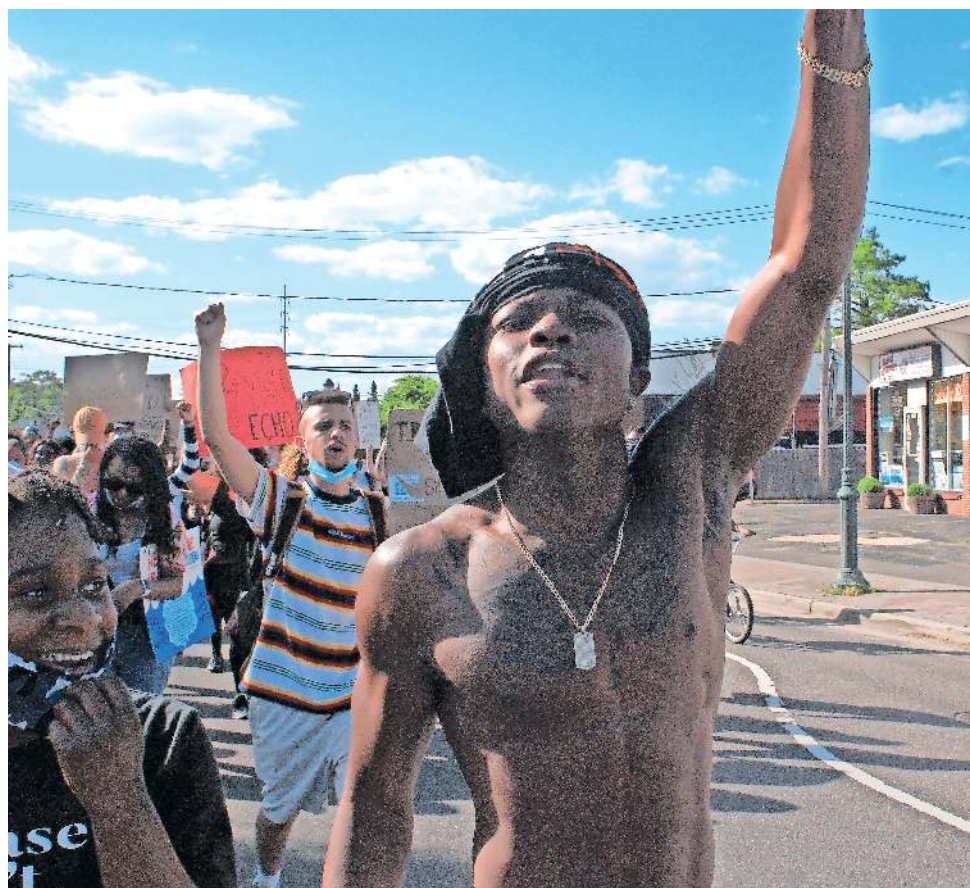
The East Meadow Herald was honored for a front-page photo taken by Brian Stieglitz last March of 3-year-old Ropper Thompson dueling with balloon swords with cook Steve LaSala at an East Meadow Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast. Stieglitz was then the East Meadow editor, and is now the editor of the Wantagh and Seaford Herald.

Judges wrote, "Runaway winner for the division. Great moment found at an event. Love the face reaction."



Brian Stieglitz/Herald

EDITOR BRIAN STIEGLITZ received a first-place honor for Feature Photo for this endearing image.



Scott Brinton/Herald

HERALDS EXECUTIVE EDITOR Scott Brinton earned first place for Spot News Photography for his photo essay on the Black Lives Matter protests in Merrick last June.

Second Place

Feature Story:

Nakeem Grant, Malverne-West Hempstead Herald

Best House Ad: Jeff Negrin, Wantagh Herald

Best Headlines: Alyssa Seidman, Bellmore Herald

News Story: Mike Smollins, Lynbrook-East Rockaway Herald

Best Large Space Ad: Mona Waitzman, Sea Cliff/Glen Cove Herald

Best Online Static Ad: Craig White, Glen Cove Herald

Third Place

Sports Action Photo: Brian Ballweg, Glen Cove Herald

Best Column: Scott Brinton, Merrick Herald

Best Editorials: Scott Brinton, Merrick Herald

Spot News Coverage: Scott Brinton, Bridget Downes Andrew Garcia, Ronny Reyes, Alyssa Seidman, Darwin Yanes, Merrick Herald

Feature Photo: Christina Daly, Long Beach Herald

Graphic Illustration: Christina Daly, Oyster Bay Herald

Best Online Static Ad: Craig White, Oceanside-Island Park Herald

Honorable Mention

Rookie Reporter of the Year: Jennifer Corr, Glen Cove Herald

Sports Feature Photo: Anthony Hughes, Oyster Bay Herald

Sports Action Photo: Anthony Hughes, Rockville Centre Herald

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Best Large Space Ad: Jeff Negrin, Seaford Herald

Sports Action Photo: Jeff Wilson, Baldwin Herald

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HERALD Covid-19 LIBRARIANS

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ANN DIPIETRO

SEA CLIFF

Head of Children's Library, Stenson Memorial Library



In many ways, it's changed, and in some ways, interestingly, parts of it have been better. We have not been able to do many of the projects that we used to do inside the library, but because of the pandemic, we've almost stumbled upon our outdoor space. So our story hours, which we have had inside the building for decades, we've been having totally outside. We've had 10 story hours a week so we can keep them small, all outside, whatever the weather, as long as it's not snowing or raining.

It opened up a whole new world for us because we had the children experience nature. It's such a strange thing to say, but we would talk about the weather, about things growing outside that would change, how the seasons change, and we would take that as part of our story time.

The other piece is that we discovered Zoom. After everything shut down on March 16, we began a virtual story hour every day, seven days a week, and we're continuing it even though we're doing our outdoor story time as well.

One of the head of the libraries in Nassau's children's services, Renee McGrath, said at one point that if you have anything you've been saving or you've been planning for a rainy day, that day has arrived. If there is anything you can do to make the lives of children and parents sweeter, this is the moment. I feel that we were able to provide and we continue to provide something that made the lives of the children and the adults in Sea Cliff a little better than they might have been if we weren't here.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

KATHIE FLYNN

OYSTER BAY

Library Director, Glen Cove Public Library



The past year has been a tremendous challenge. The library was closed for three months, and then we reopened with curbside service and offered as many services as we could without allowing people into the building: copying, faxing, printing, putting books on hold, ordering books from other libraries, putting crafts together for the kids so they could pick them up and make the crafts on Zoom the next day.

We started a YouTube channel so we could record story times and other programs. We had a lot of classes here that we were able to continue online, including courses on learning English, how to get jobs, and becoming a U.S. citizen, and we've had another five or six people become U.S. citizens during the pandemic. The number of patrons using

e-books and audiobooks has just gone through the roof, which is nice to see. People are still reading and listening to books. We opened the building on Sept. 1. We used to have every table and chair filled in this place in the afternoon with students, teachers and kids, and unfortunately we can't have that anymore.

For me, it's just a little bit weird having it so quiet in the library. The only thing we really don't have now is live programming, but we've gotten tremendous turnout for some of our programs. We recently had an author from Australia do a presentation on Zoom, so it opened up a few other things for us, which is nice. It's not quite the same as in-person, but it's what we can do for now.

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KATHY SMITH

DIX HILLS

Library Director,
Locust Valley Library
Locust Valley



We always keep safety in mind, so a sneeze guard was put up to protect the staff, and we continue to sanitize materials by quarantining them for a few days. This probably is not necessary at this point, but we are continuing to quarantine. We have been doing this for a year.

It was surprising when we had to close, and I thought at the time that in a couple of weeks we would be fine, but that was not the case. We shifted gears immediately, starting programs on Zoom and chat references. We focused on how we could extend services if you can't be there.

I was trying to keep up with the governor's executive orders, which were coming out fast and furious. And we didn't know as libraries where we fell in the categories. We

are like a grocery store in a sense, but people bring things back. Nassau Library Systems coordinated everything.

We offered curbside pickup, which we still do. When the weather was nice, we had socially distanced music programs on the lawn, which were well attended because people were stir crazy. Our virtual programs were well attended too.

After this is over, we will continue to do curbside pickup and have some programs stay virtual because it might be more convenient. Also, it will help with a scheduling issue. We could have a virtual event at the same time as an in person event. So Covid has opened up some possibilities for us.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

KELLY RECHSTEINER

SEA CLIFF

Community Relations
Librarian, North Merrick
Public Library



I've been here for 17 years. It has definitely been an experience to work through this past year. We've been lucky because our hours have remained the same. Some libraries have shortened hours, but we're able to keep ours open for the public, and that allows us to do the regular programming. But mostly everything has been virtual.

We've been able to offer our exercise programs for seniors, which are really popular. Throughout the entire pandemic they have been on Zoom in those classes every week, and 30 to 40 people show up. For the teens, we've been doing a lot of take-and-make crafts; right now we have a Hobbit craft. I like to do crafty stuff, so it's been fun.

We've also been teaming up with the Bellmore, North Bellmore and Merrick libraries

to have our LIT nights, which stands for Libraries Ignite Teens. We've always done that, but we continued and expanded on the program. They'll do things like virtual trivia nights, and they rotate who hosts them.

It's been very challenging for the teens. So many teens are in need of community service for Honor Society and religious programming, so we've been trying to maintain that virtually. They're dying to come back here, because everything has been virtual.

I really feel we've been lucky at this library. All the patrons that come have been very respectful of the mask-wearing and the social distancing. People are definitely using the library. I believe our circulation is up in all departments. When you're in a pandemic, you might as well read a book.

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HERALD NEIGHBORS

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Jill Nossa/Herald

THE OPENING DAY for Glen Cove Baseball and Softball took place on Saturday, April 10, at Glen Cove's City Stadium.

Time to play ball

Several hundred children and their families gathered at City Stadium on Saturday for Opening Day of the Glen Cove Baseball and Softball Association's spring season. Prior to the opening pitch, children were entertained by All

Star Party Long Island, which got them dancing and playing games to music. Richie Cannata performed the National Anthem on saxophone, and the opening pitches were thrown by Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Mayor Tim Tenke.



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MAYOR TIM TENKE threw the opening pitch.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

TEAM GLEN KEY Realty gets ready to play ball.



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NATALIE WEIGAND, ISABELLA Damiano, Aubrey Mercado, Siena Scagliola and Alyssa Weigand were excited to begin the softball season.



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THE CHILDREN ENJOYED the music and games at the Opening Day celebration.

OBITUARY

Retired police officer, Glen Cove resident, remembered

By JILL NOSSA

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Thomas V. MacDonald, a retired officer with the Nassau County Police Department and former resident of Glen Cove, died on Dec. 28, 2020, at age 69. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday in Glen Cove.

The oldest of six children, MacDonald was a quiet man, devoted to his faith and to his family. Born and raised in Glen Cove, he attended St. Patrick's Grammar School, and graduated in 1965. After St. Patrick's, MacDonald attended Glen Cove High School, graduating in 1969. From there, he attended Nassau Community College, receiving his associate's degree in the spring of 1971. He then decided to follow in his father's footsteps to become a police officer, and applied for the Nassau County Police Department. He was accepted, and was mainly assigned to the Communication Bureau. He retired in 2004 after 32 years of service.

His father, Thomas MacDonald Sr., was sergeant of the Glen Cove Police Department from 1955 until his death in 1981, after suffering a heart attack at age 50. While Tom chose to go to Nassau County, his brother Robert MacDonald joined the Glen Cove Police Department, which he

retired from in 2015 and his brother-in-law, Angelo Telese, married to his sister, Patty Ann, retired from the GCPD in 2016 – the same year their son, Kevin, joined the force.

According to MacDonald's wife, Diane MacDonald, Tom Jr. stayed at home to take care of his mother and younger siblings after his father's death. He lived the quiet life of a hard-working bachelor, who enjoyed golf and skiing, though rarely dated until he met Diane in January 1997, at age 45.

"He became an extrovert after meeting me," she said, adding, "he was quiet, but could sometimes be the life of the party."

It was her love of the theater that initially brought them together, she said. Diane's childhood friend was married to Tom's cousin, and the three of them frequently went to the theater and then out to dinner afterwards. Diane, a mother of two who had been divorced for several years, was tired of feeling like a third wheel: not because she wanted a date, but because she wanted a chance to catch up with her friend, she said. So, she asked if they could invite someone else along. It

turned out to be Tom, and they hit it off.

She remembers the date they met, Jan. 9, 1997, because it was in between the birthdays of her two favorite singers, Elvis Presley on Jan. 8 and Rod Stewart on Jan. 10. Their first date was on Feb. 1.

"He was such a gentleman," she recalled.

They met for a drink a few days later, and were engaged by the end of the year, on Christmas Eve.

According to Diane, Tom was shy man who did not get out much, then "all of sudden, we were part of the scene" in Manhattan, attending Broadway shows, having dinner and drinks in the (high class) hotels and restaurants Tom had read about.

"He was just a charming, wonderful man," Diane said. "He had waited all of his life for this, and had almost given up on finding love."

The couple married on Sept. 18, 1998, and spent the next two decades taking adventures together, and soon became avid cruisers. They cruised throughout almost all the Caribbean Islands, to and from Europe, and the Mediterranean. Their last big cruise was to Alaska, and

they actually got to see the top of Mount McKinley.

After getting married, they lived in West Hills, with Diane's children, Dawn and Billy Bush, who were 15 and 11 at the time. They moved to Port St. Lucie, FL, upon retirement, where the couple lived with their dogs Roscoe and Cagney.

According to Diane, Tom began showing signs of dementia in 2019, and it progressed in the latter half of last year. He fell four times between August and November, when entered hospice care.

"He knew what was happening to him, and I think he kind of decided he didn't want to live that kind of life," she said. "He died on his own terms."

She took care of him day and night throughout his final months. "He was a wonderful man, a good stepdad," she said. "I miss him every day."

In addition to his wife, stepchildren, sister and brother, Thomas V. MacDonald is survived by his siblings Rosemary, Richard, Elizabeth and Maureen, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister, Kathleen, and his parents, Thomas and Rosalie. A Celebration of Life will be held at Dodge Thomas Funeral Home, 26 Franklin Ave., Glen Cove, on Saturday, April 17, from 1 to 4 p.m.



Tom MacDonald



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BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 13, 2021, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE CITY, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$8,980,677,

APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,980,677 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The objects or purposes for which the bonds are authorized consist of various capital improvements in and for the City of Glen Cove, as further described in the City's 2021 Capital Improvement Plan, at the estimated total cost of \$8,980,677.

The amount of obligations authorized to be issued is not to exceed \$8,980,677.

The periods of usefulness are various periods from 3 to 40 years.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, City of Glen Cove, City Hall, Glen Cove, New York.

Dated: April 13, 2021
Glen Cove, New York
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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE OF NASSAU COUNTY TREASURER'S SALE OF TAX LIENS ON REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that commencing on May 5, 2021, will sell at public on-line auction the tax liens on certain real estate, unless the owner, mortgagee, occupant of or any other party in interest in such real estate shall have paid to the County Treasurer by May 3rd, 2021 the total amount of such unpaid

taxes or assessments with the interest, penalties and other expenses and charges against the property.

Such tax liens will be sold at the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 10 percent per six-month period, for which any person or persons shall offer to take the total amount of such unpaid taxes as defined in Section 5-37.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code.

Effective with the February 2019 lien sale Ordinance No. 175-2015 requires a \$175.00 per day registration fee for each person who intends to bid at the tax lien sale. Ordinance No. 175-2015 also requires that upon the issuance of the Lien Certificate there is due from the lien buyer a Tax Certificate Issue Fee of \$20.00 per lien purchased. Pursuant to the provisions of the Nassau County Administrative Code at the discretion of the Nassau County Treasurer the auction will be conducted online. Further information concerning the procedures for the auction is available at the website of the Nassau County Treasurer at: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/526/County-Treasurer>

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A list of all real estate in Nassau County on which tax liens are to be sold is available at the website of the Nassau County Treasurer at: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32293>

A list of local properties upon which tax liens are to be sold will be advertised in this publication on or before April 22, 2021.

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TERMS OF SALE

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However, such tax liens shall have priority over the County's Differential Interest Lien, representing the excess, if any, of the interest and penalty borne at the maximum rate over the interest and penalty borne at the rate at which the lien is purchased.

The Purchaser acknowledges that the tax lien(s) sold pursuant to these Terms of Sale may be subject to pending bankruptcy proceedings and/or may become subject to such proceedings which may be commenced during the period in which a tax lien is held by a successful bidder or the assignee of same, which may modify a Purchaser's rights with respect to the lien(s) and the property securing same. Such bankruptcy proceedings shall not affect the validity of the tax lien. In addition to being subject to pending bankruptcy proceedings and/or the Federal and State Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Acts, said purchaser's right of foreclosure may be affected by the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA), 12 U.S.C. ss 1811 et seq., with regard to real property under a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) receivership.

The County Treasurer reserves the right, without further notice and at any time, to withdraw from sale any of the parcels of land or premises herein listed. The Nassau County Treasurer reserves the right to intervene in any bankruptcy case/litigation where the property affected by the tax liens sold by the Treasurer is part of the bankruptcy estate. However, it is the sole responsibility of all tax lien purchasers to protect their legal interests in any bankruptcy case affecting their purchased tax lien, including but not limited to the filing of a proof of claim on their behalf, covering their investment in said tax lien. The Nassau County Treasurer and Nassau County and its agencies, assumes no responsibility for any legal representation of any tax lien purchaser in any legal proceeding including but not limited to a bankruptcy case where the purchased tax lien is at risk.

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Furthermore, as to the bidding, 1. The bidder(s) agree that they will not work with any other bidder(s) to increase, maintain or stabilize interest rates or collaborate with any other bidder(s) to gain an unfair competitive advantage in the random number generator in the event of a tie bid(s) on a tax certificate. Bidder(s) further agree not to employ any bidding strategy designed to create an unfair competitive advantage in the tiebreaking process in the upcoming tax sale nor work with any other bidder(s) to engage in any bidding strategy that will result in a rotational award of tax certificates.

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Dear Great Book Guru,
Sea Cliff is looking particularly beautiful these last few days with the flowering trees and bushes bursting forth with blossoms and all things fresh. It makes me want to try a new book genre. Any recommendations?
—Open to Change



**ANN
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Dear Open to Change,

I recently read "Mexican Gothic," by Silvia Moreno-Garcia, a gothic horror novel that was definitely unlike any of the books I usually read and recommend. The narrator is Noemi, a young woman from a wealthy Mexico City family. Her cousin Catalina has recently married Virgil Doyle, an Englishman whose family lives in a small town in the mountains. Catalina fears her husband is trying to kill her and begs her relatives to save her. Noemi offers to investigate and what she discovers is horrifying. Obviously, something is very wrong with the young bride, and Noemi soon finds herself in great danger also.

Decades ago, the Doyle family had migrated from England to set up a mushroom plantation in this remote area; bizarre events immediately began to unfold. Workers died in large numbers, grisly murders occurred and a strange "gloom" shrouded the mansion. Francis, a Doyle cousin, reveals that the patriarch is actually hundreds of years old and spores from the mushrooms have prolonged his life over the centuries, but there is a need for replenishment with compatible genetic sources of which Noemi is one. When she tries to escape, horrific events

occur. The storyline is in many ways like the American horror movie "Get Out." Definitely a book you cannot put down and one that you will remember for a very long time. Recommended!

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



Our nurses — our heroes

Herald Community Newspapers will shine a spotlight on the incredible nurses (registered nurses, nurse practitioners, LPNs, and others) who devote their lives to helping others in an upcoming special section that celebrates Nurses Week in May. This impactful supplement will highlight these selfless individuals who give of themselves, day in, day out, especially throughout the pandemic.

Through heartwarming stories, these nurse heroes will be recognized for the

work they do every day, in times of crisis, and always. We invite you, our readers, to share your story about a nurse who has touched your life. Your "thank you," along with a photo of the nurse being honored, will be published in this important tribute section. Submit your message of 150 words by Tuesday, April 20, to Karen Bloom, Special Sections Editor, at kbloom@liherald.com or Scott Brinton, Executive Editor, at sbrinton@liherald.com.

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Inside LI hosts local colleges webinar

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When the pandemic first hit, colleges had to change how they taught — they had to do so remotely or not at all — which resulted in emotional and even physical changes in many current and prospective students.

For many Long Islanders already enrolled in local colleges, as time has passed, the changes that were new transitions only a year ago have become the new normal—with many students, faculty and staff having found new and innovative ways to adapt.

Many Long Island high-schoolers who are considering college in the near future have been left with unanswered questions about university studies during the pandemic. To shed light on the many questions that they may be pondering, Herald Inside LI held a live Zoom webinar, “Staying Local for College,” on April 8.

Panelists from local colleges and universities discussed accommodating students during a pandemic. Many panelists also reflected on what it was like when the pandemic first hit versus now.

“When the pandemic first happened, it was harder to have the same type of interactions without in-person meetings, and I think eventually students and staff got sick of virtual meetings,” said Marguerite Lane, assistant vice president of enrollment management at Molloy College. “However, now I can happily say that we are having more personal contact, and the majority of our courses will be in-person in the fall.”

Lane, who has worked at Molloy College for 33 years, said the school has adapted to the pandemic by bringing about many new changes to help students. Molloy recently completed renovations to new residence halls. Despite having mostly commuter students, the school does have a certain number of students who live on campus.



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“We have had more than double the number of our students taking advantage of mental health counseling than usual, and I think it’s a great opportunity for students to use that campus resource during this pandemic time,” Lane said.

St. Francis College has also had to offer more counseling services for students. Robert Oliva, St. Francis’s assistant vice president for enrollment management, said, “A lot of institutions have not been able to invest in mental health services for students during this tough time, but we were able to hire one new full-time counselor and 10 graduate student interns to help.”

“The past year has shown us how flexible we can be

and persistent,” said Christine Murphy, vice president for enrollment management at St. Joseph’s College in Brooklyn. “There was so much uncertainty before, but now we are able to do more advanced virtual events, we will have fall sports for this 2021 year, and we hope to give students more human interaction and experiences in the classroom or on the field or anywhere on campus.”

“We have entered into the new normal ... We are not the same institution, and we are all going to see even more flexibility in the coming fall months for students,” said Joseph Posillico, vice president for enrollment management at the New York Institute of Technology.

All the college enrollment officials present said their schools do not yet require a Covid-19 vaccine to take classes or take part in activities. The officials said receiving a vaccine will remain optional for students, unless state law changes or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests otherwise.

“So many things have changed, but vaccines will remain optional for now,” concluded Stephanie Espina, Adelphi University’s director of undergraduate admissions.

Hofstra University shifted its admissions process almost entirely to digital last year. Recruitment has been more personalized, explained Claire Fitzgibbon, director of undergraduate admissions at Hofstra University. By the coming fall, Hofstra aims to be back to in-person instruction exclusively. In coming weeks, clubs will be offering in-person meeting opportunities.

“Everything is different, and it’s going to continue to look different,” Fitzgibbon said. “None of us know what the “new normal” will look like, but we’re going to build it together.”

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OPINIONS

Racial inequities and the Biden infrastructure plan

President Biden's proposed \$2 trillion infrastructure plan is remarkable for its ambition and breadth and for taking significant steps to address historic racial inequities. The president deserves great credit for recognizing, confronting and trying to tackle those inequities. As the plan evolves, it

should focus further on how it will reduce racial segregation, the foundation of the inequities, and not just fix up the segregated communities that are so prominent in our nation's landscape.

The Biden plan includes \$20 billion for a new program to reconnect neighborhoods cut off by

historic transportation investment inequities. That will rightly undo past harm.

The plan recognizes that people of color and low-income people are more likely to live in areas most vulnerable to flooding and other climate-change-related weather events, and it targets investments to support infrastructure there. It invests \$100 billion to upgrade and build new public schools, noting that "we can't close the opportunity gap if low-income kids go to school in buildings that undermine health and safety."

In both cases, assisting people living in

segregated communities is a worthy priority, and much should be done in the short term. But the core problem that requires addressing is the historic and structural discrimination and segregation that fuel inequity. Should these populations have to remain in the flood areas?

Shouldn't they have access to other communities, too?

In some instances, fixing up segregated schools is long overdue. But what else is happening to encourage integrated schools? New school buildings can provide important incentives to encourage crossing of neighborhood borders.

The infrastructure plan highlights the severe shortage of affordable housing in America, and invests \$213 billion to produce, preserve and retrofit more than two million affordable and sustainable places to live. It pairs this investment with an innovative new approach to eliminate state and local exclusionary zoning laws, which play a vital role in housing discrimination and thus residential and school segregation.

"For decades," the plan states, "exclusionary zoning laws — like minimum lot sizes, mandatory parking requirements and prohibitions on multifamily housing — have inflated housing and construction costs and locked families out of areas with more opportunities. President Biden is calling on Congress to enact an innovative, new

competitive grant program that awards flexible and attractive funding to jurisdictions that take concrete steps to eliminate such needless barriers to producing affordable housing."

Exclusionary zoning often seems superficially innocuous. "It's about density, not racism," goes the argument. But its impact is to reduce options for more affordable housing and, therefore, a more diverse population. In some cases, it is specifically designed to give preference to those who already live in largely white communities.

Two examples in New York highlight the problem. In 2014, the federal government sued the Town of Oyster Bay over two housing programs created to develop below-market-rate housing for first-time homeowners and older adults. The programs discriminated against African-Americans, because the initiatives gave preference to residents of the predominantly white town. Very few African-Americans (3 percent of residents) lived in the town at the time, and fewer than 1 percent of Black families living there were eligible for the program. Income-eligible Black residents nearby were blocked from participating. That is exclusionary zoning — and it is, in effect, racist.

In a separate case in Westchester County, a False Claims Act lawsuit by the Anti-Discrimination Center targeted exclusionary zoning. It resulted in Westchester settling the case and entering into a 2009 consent decree. As the center describes the outcome, "Westchester was prohibited from ignoring either the residential racial segregation that continues to plague it, or the municipal resistance to affordable housing development that stymies the possibility of changing those patterns."

The impact of exclusionary zoning is amplified by the fact that it does not exist in a vacuum. It is one aspect of a broader pattern of local control that derives from home rule — specific powers delegated by states to local municipalities. Those powers transfer to localities control of land use, public services and community benefits. In the context of predominantly white communities, local control provides the power to exclude. I have explored that further in a separate essay on "Housing Discrimination and Local Control."

Biden is right to address racial inequities with his infrastructure plan. He deserves praise for taking an innovative approach to tackling exclusionary zoning. What is needed now is a closer look at whether the plan overall does enough to dismantle racial segregation and the disparities it produces. It is a difficult balance. Keep what we have and make it better, or implement real transformation.

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ELAINE GROSS

Pandemic of 1918 pushed off the front pages

My husband's father was 14 and living in New York during the pandemic of 1918, sometimes known as the Spanish flu. He must have had memories of the time; surely he knew people who died in Brooklyn, where he lived. Yet according to my husband, his parents never mentioned the epidemic, which killed upward of 60 million people worldwide. My grandparents never talked about it, either. In 1918 they were in their 20s, and also lived in Brooklyn.



RANDI KREISS

On a personal level and in the press, there was a kind of collective amnesia about the pandemic, some say

because the horror was overwhelming. In 2005, when I read "Wickett's Remedy," a novel about the pandemic by Myla Goldberg, I was amazed that a catastrophic epidemic had swept through this country so recently. Goldberg's historical fiction told the tale not in the cold numbers of the body count, but in the arresting details of a community under siege — a study of how people behave in the grip of unyielding suffering. It

seems especially relevant now.

The Spanish flu was a novel virus, like Covid-19. No one had immunity, and it surged through the city tenements, wiping out entire families. Hospitals had to set up tents outdoors, because they were filled beyond capacity. Bodies piled up on the streets of Philadelphia. There was no known cause and no cure. The virus traveled around the world on troop ships carrying soldiers to World War I battlegrounds.

Like today, there was plenty of fake news about miracle cures and remedies. In Brooklyn, a group of chiropractors took out an ad in the Brooklyn Eagle newspaper, touting spinal adjustments as a cure for the disease. Their ad read in part, "If you catch cold easily and throw it off slowly, it indicates a lowered nervous vigor that must be corrected. ... The cause lies in the derangement of that sensitive part of the anatomy, the spine. Spinal adjustments by a chiropractor, trained and skillful, will correct this condition." Hydroxychloroquine, anyone?

The same paper reported on Oct. 4, 1918, that 135 men appeared in court after being caught spitting in the street. The magistrate "imposed a fine of \$1 on each of the defen-

dants and told them that with an influenza epidemic on hand they ought to be more careful."

On Oct. 15, the Eagle reported that there had been some 500,000 cases of Spanish flu in New York City. Low-cost meals were being prepared and distributed from an empty storefront in downtown Brooklyn. Then, as now, reckless behavior sometimes led to a spike in cases.

In Eastport, Long Island, folks thought the worst was over, so they planned a celebration. The paper reported, "Flu was at party, epidemic follows." Apparently there were only 15 glasses for more than 500 guests at the shindig, and it became a "superspreader" event.

Eventually, even without a vaccine, without the medical interventions we have now, the cases of flu just started to drop, and the disease disappeared, with very little press coverage.

It has been suggested that one reason people buried the memories with the bodies was that an even bigger tragedy was strutting on the world stage and grabbing the headlines: World War I. President Woodrow Wilson never made a public comment about the pandemic. There was no federal

The 'deadliest event in all of human history' brought about a collective amnesia.

response to the disease, no Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So it played out quietly in towns and cities across the country.

Yet "The 1918 influenza pandemic was the deadliest event in all of human history," David M. Morens, an epidemiologist at the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said in 2006. "It killed more people than any war, any pandemic, the Black Death, AIDS, you can pick your terrible event."

The 1918 flu killed some 675,000 Americans, according to the CDC. It is estimated that one-third of the world's population became infected with the virus.

I want to know more about how people got through the worst of it. How did they cope with the loss of life on such an epic scale? The Covid-19 death toll in America stands at 560,000 and counting, gaining on the 1918 death toll.

Now we are the witnesses. Our duty is to keep the records of this time, the data and the eyewitness accounts, our personal stories. Contemporaneous newspaper accounts, the first drafts of history, along with the remarkable scientific advances we have seen, will help us prepare for the next pandemic when it strikes.

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Support the Mother Nature Bond Act

At the turn of the 20th century, environmental protection meant preserving wilderness so future generations might know nature as the great environmentalists Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir knew it — bountiful and largely pristine.

Some 120 years later, saving wild tracts of land remains a central focus of the burgeoning environmental movement, but there's an added mission: preparing for the eventuality of climate change, the slow heating of the earth over time.

New York state took a major step forward recently when Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the Legislature included a \$3 billion proposal, called the Restore Mother Nature Bond Act, in the state budget. Bravo to State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, and Assemblyman Steve Englebright, a Democrat from Setauket, for working to push through this measure as chairmen of the Environmental Conservation committees in their respective chambers.

State residents will vote on the bond act in the November general election. We're throwing our hat in the ring early on this one: We encourage people to approve this measure.

In addition to protecting forested lands, particularly those that help preserve our drinking water supply, the bond act would allocate at least \$1 billion for projects to help protect Long Island and New York City from future flooding caused by global warming.

More than half-century's worth of scientific data, accumulated by federal agen-

cies like the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA, point to a disturbing, and increasingly undeniable, trend: The earth is heating up, causing massive ice shelves in the Antarctic and Greenland to melt into the oceans, raising sea levels across the world.

That spells potential disaster for Long Island. We are, after all, an island surrounded by oceanic waters. We might be able to cope with a one-foot rise in sea level. If the oceans were to rise three or more feet — as many leading scientists predict — that could put whole swaths of our shoreline underwater, if we don't act now to bolster our shoreline defenses.

We can't afford to stick our heads in the sand of our pristine white beaches and hope for the best. Those beaches may not exist in the future if we do.

Beyond undertaking flood-mitigation projects, the bond act would allot up to \$700 million for green-energy projects intended to slow the rate of global warming. Traditional power plants that burn coal, oil and natural gas emit massive amounts of carbon dioxide — the main driver of climate change — into the atmosphere. Green-energy sources — wind, solar and geothermal — emit nothing. That is, they are carbon-free.

Green energy represents our future. Now, not later, is the time to begin transitioning to a carbon-free energy grid. There are sound reasons beyond fighting climate change to do so. Coal and oil were once plentiful resources in the United States, but not anymore. They may not have dried up yet, but every day that we

burn through our supply of fossil fuels brings us one day closer to the point of no return, when they will be used up for good. If we're extracting an oil called bitumen from open-pit tar-sand mines in Canada — an extraordinarily labor-intensive, costly and environmentally damaging process — then we know we're reaching the end of the fossil-fuel-as-king era.

Our only alternative path, for now at least, is green energy.

Finally, the bond act would allocate \$550 million to improve drinking-water quality across the state. For decades, Long Island has struggled to maintain the quality of its drinking water. Our water is piped up from aquifers, pockets of fresh water hundreds of feet below ground. Most chemicals that we apply to or dump into the ground eventually make their way into the aquifers, from industrial degreasers and lawn herbicides to gasoline that spills from filling stations.

Water is our most precious resource, yet so often in the past we have treated it as if it mattered not at all. In recent years, however, we have begun to focus on protecting our water resources, and the bond act would only further efforts to preserve our aquifers.

We can look around the world and see example after example of environmental disaster. We know this: Once we have made a mess of the natural world, it's really hard to clean it up. Working proactively to preserve the environment is always best, and the Restore Mother Nature Bond Act, if passed, would do exactly that.

LETTERS

The joke was on my clients – and staff

To the Editor:

Re Randi Kreiss's April Fools column "Dogs on Long Island get a leg up on Covid" (April 1-7): Obviously, Randi is a very persuasive and skilled writer. Also obviously, some people don't read her columns to the end — or even very carefully.

I've been practicing veterinary medicine for 27 years. Two Mondays ago — my regular day off — two of my staff members texted me, all upset. Two pet owners had called our office, *insisting* that they be able to pick up the new Covid vaccine for their dogs. My two young staff members were totally caught off guard by this demand, and told the owners that they had not heard of such a vaccine.

The clients were irate, and yelled at them! They "deserved" and demanded the vaccine! The girls told them that they'd have to look into it, and in a panic, they looked it up on the internet — and found Randi's column, which *they* didn't read carefully or to the end, either. They forwarded it to me:



OPINIONS

Nassau's budget surplus isn't good news

Nassau County recently announced that it finished 2020 with a surplus of \$75 million (subject to some adjustment, but it's a reasonable number to work with). Sounds like good news, right? Not so fast. Let's look behind this news.

The surplus came about because \$99 million of a \$103 million federal grant to the county was used for salaries instead of increased Covid-19 testing, aid to schools affected and other such pandemic-related expenses, for which the money was intended. How many people might have been saved had that



HOWARD KOPEL

been done?

The county administration recently forced, with the help of the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, a refinancing of Nassau's debt, claiming, against evidence, that the county would soon be insolvent without such action, with a projected year-end deficit of \$385 million. The administration and NIFA insisted as late as last November that the refinancing and additional borrowing were critical, because sales taxes were

projected to decline 20 percent for the year.

I pointed out at the time that such a decline was virtually impossible, given that, up until then, we had experienced a decline of about 8 percent, the economy was improving, and a virtual collapse of the entire economy would be required for us to drop 20 percent.

I was right, and even conservative. The final number was about 5 percent. Besides the \$75 million 2020 surplus, 2019 finished with a \$112 million unrestricted/available surplus. However, NIFA said that unless the Legislature agreed to a refinance, it would reject our budget and initiate draconian service cuts.

But wait, there's more! The resulting refinance provides about \$435 million in cash for the county. Understand that this isn't a savings, but rather represents new borrowing and deferment of some payments into the future. In fact, in a record-low-interest environment, we actually borrowed at a higher rate than the original borrowed-money portion of the financing. That was irresponsible on the part of the administration, not to mention on the part of NIFA, which, ironically, was created to force financial

responsibility on the county.

Finally, the federal government recently passed a new coronavirus pandemic relief bill, scheduled to provide Nassau County with an additional \$397 million. I, and others in the Legislature's

Republican majority, pointed to the likelihood of this relief to NIFA at the time, but NIFA officials refused to account for this possibility, insisting on the refinance.

The bottom line of all of this is that the county will soon, at least in the short term, be virtually swimming in new money available to spend — more than \$1 billion, by my calculations. I will insist that this spending be done responsibly, and not simply be used to support the administration's re-election campaign this fall. But what would "responsibly" look like?

I don't have to point out to anyone living or working in Nassau County that real estate taxes are out of control, and in fact are the highest in the country for equivalently valued properties. The recent reassessment conducted by the administration has resulted in tax increases for about 65 percent of homeowners, which will keep growing over the next few years as they are phased in. Finally, Nassau County has a huge over-

hang of refund payments due to homeowners and business property owners — full disclosure, this includes me and other family members, along with many thousands of others — going back many years, resulting from previous overassessments. These cannot be put off indefinitely. They are obligations of the county, bear much higher interest than county bonds and must eventually be paid, with interest.

I propose that we use a major portion of the newly available money to finally clear the decks, to the extent possible, of refunds to property owners. This would have several tremendous benefits. First, during a period of depressed business and lower earnings because of Covid-19, it would provide a welcome source of funds for many people and small businesses that desperately need it. At the same time, it would use the newly borrowed, relatively cheap, funds to clear up other high-interest-bearing obligations of the county, and improve its finances going forward. That would result in lower costs in the future and, we would hope, help to slow or stop the growth of real estate taxes that are increasingly a burden that many cannot afford.

Howard J. Kopel, a Republican from Lawrence who represents Nassau County's 7th Legislative District, is deputy presiding officer of the Legislature.

The county will soon be swimming in money, at least in the short term.

LETTERS

"Read this!" Panic!

So I read it — and I laughed. "Project Woof Speed" — Ha! Free trip to Buffalo — Ha! And so many other funny things as well!

I screen-shot the last paragraph, used an app to circle it in red and texted it back to my girls. They felt so silly!

What was worse was that they regretted not knowing about the column first so they could have been weaponized against those crazy calls and getting yelled at for not knowing anything about this vaccine that was the clients' "right" to have! How they would've loved to calmly respond, "Please read the article to the end."

As the kids say, "SMH. Shaking My Head." Randi's a funny lady.

DR. KAREN LISS
Merrick

Brinton uses familiar talking points on guns

To the Editor:

Re Scott Brinton's April 1-7 column, "Dear politicians: Get your act together on gun control": Brinton repeats

the threadbare rhetoric of the Democratic Party in its efforts to disarm honest American citizens. Telling the big lie over and over again doesn't make it a fact. In 2017, according to FBI statistics, more homicides were committed with hammers and blunt instruments than rifles. That would be all kinds of rifles. Brinton did not mention this.

I also wonder if Brinton consulted the National Rifle Association or the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association before writing his piece. Perhaps he would have gotten a more balanced view. I fear that he did not.

JAMES G. COLLINS
Floral Park

Collins is Long Island director of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association.

In 2017, homicides by blunt instruments exceeded homicides by rifle in the United States, 467 to 403, according to the FBI. That same year, homicides by all forms of gun (handguns, rifles, shotguns and other firearms) numbered 10,982. A full accounting can be found on the FBI's website at bit.ly/3taPkkC.

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Ready for the rain — Island Park

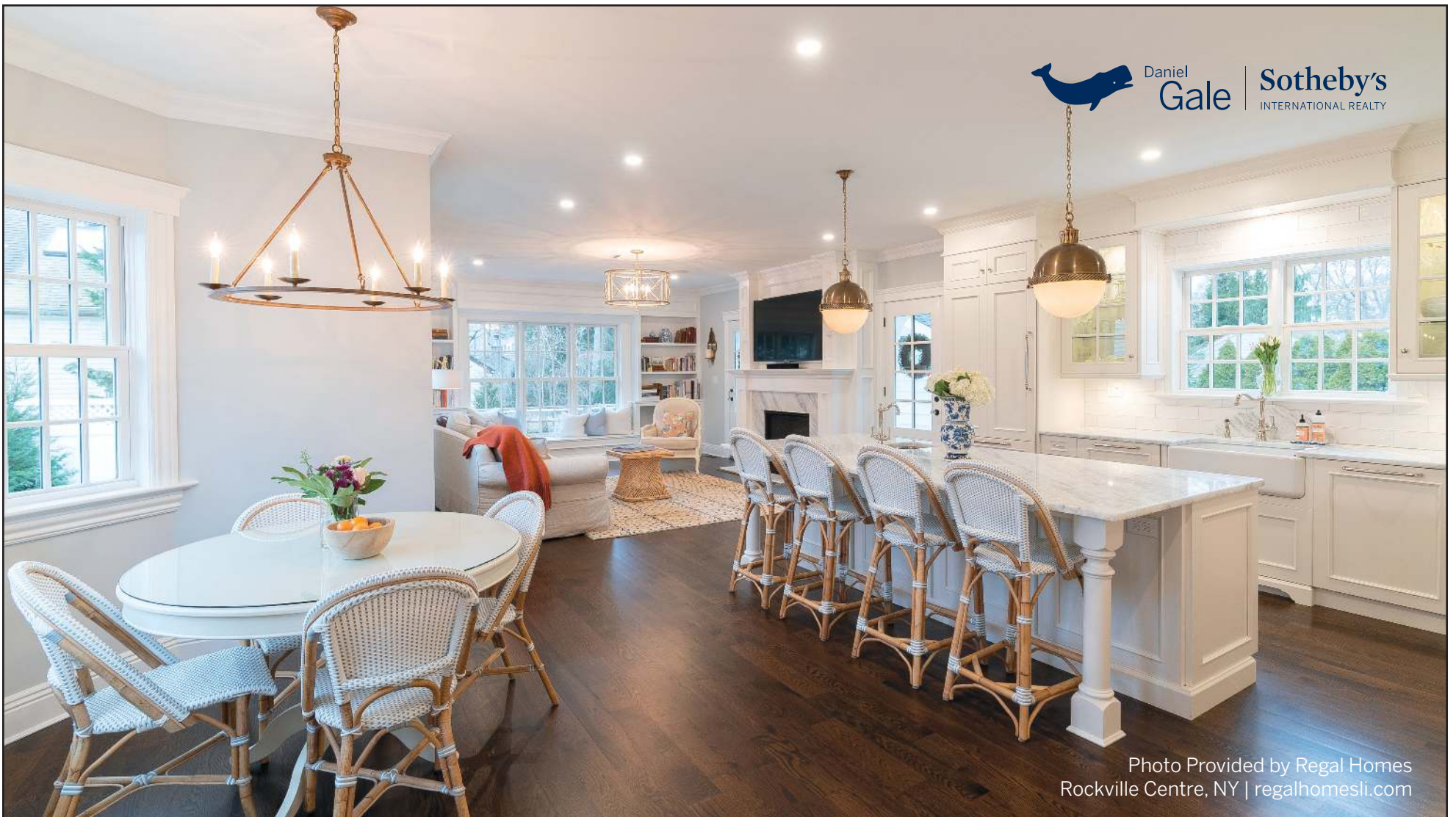


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6 Important Steps To Freshen Your Home with Diane Stigliano

- 1 ENTRYWAY**
Front door should be freshly painted and cleaned, entrance way.
- 2 ORGANIZE**
Declutter - Organizing closets and drawers, clean up cluttered areas.
- 3 PAINT**
Refresh your home with new paint, it makes everything look brand new.
- 4 LIGHTING**
Light features give a new look. Important areas are foyer entry, kitchen & baths.
- 5 CARPETS & FLOORS**
New carpets can update any home and make it look cleaner. Re-sanding or polishing wood floors
- 6 CURB APPEAL**
Cut overgrown bushes, plant flowers, power wash house, clean windows and plant flowers.



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