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GLEN COVE POLICE, firefighters and EMS responded to a house fire on Raymond Street last Friday morning, and rescued two men from inside.

Two rescued from G. C. house fire

BY JILL NOSSA

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Two Glen Cove men were rescued from their burning home last Friday morning after a housemate allegedly set the house on fire. The Glen Cove Fire Department, Police Department and EMS arrived at the scene, on Raymond Street, at around 9 a.m. and found the men trapped in the house. The quick response of the departments, as well as the actions of a neighbor, likely saved the men's lives, according to officials. first responders for their professionalism and their bravery on Friday," Mayor Tim Tenke said. "If it was not for their swift and heroic action, a devastating event such as this could have proved fatal for those involved."

Before officers arrived, neighbor Larry Pascucci had propped his own ladder against the burning home, and that, police said, enabled Glen Cove Police Sergeant Marco Telese, Detective Eddy Linares, Detective Lt. John Nagle and Officers Matthew Gillespie and Brian Genova to extricate a 70-year-

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"I want to commend our

Sea Cliff Farmers Market to change name, location

BY JENNIFER CORR jcorr@liherald.com

On Saturdays since the end of 2020, Village Square, in downtown Glen Cove, has been home to local people supporting local businesses.

Resident Amy Peters, who operates the Sea Cliff Farmers Market, greets guests at the door and takes their temperature to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Inside there are many smiling faces selling food, jewelry, fragrances, crystals, CBD oil and more.

John Hunter, the owner of Sea Cliff Hemp Company, who has taken part in the market for three years, said he was enjoying operating in Glen Cove. "I've been meeting a lot of new people, seeing a lot of fresh faces," he said. "Being in this promenade is nice."

Another Sea Cliff business owner, Catherine Epstein, who was selling crystals on the other side of the room, said she had also enjoyed coming on Saturdays. Her business, Living Lotus Group, operated in a storefront on Sea Cliff Avenue from 2004 to 2015. She specializes in meditation, healing work, healing crystal classes and workshops.

"It has been so wonderful,"

The response from the community has been very positive. We're growing it and we're doing the best we can.

AMY PETERS

Farmers Market operator

Epstein said of the Farmers Market. "Everybody has been amazing. The support from the community has been so uplifting and positive."

Last Saturday's market was

the final one of the season. In June it will relocate to the Beacon, at 100 Garvies Point Road in Glen Cove. It will have 30 to 35 weekly vendors, and will be called the Deep Roots Farmers Market.

Some may wonder how, exactly, the Sea Cliff Farmers Market ended up in Glen Cove. It was originally run by Donald Kavanaugh and Garry Tornberg, but was inactive for some time until Peters took it over in 2015. "I went to visit with Don and asked him how they worked it and how they did it," she said. "They had been going all the way out to the East End to purchase vegetables."

Peters said she wanted to buy CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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Adult Day Program supports its members

By JILL NOSSA

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Earlier this month, an important program reopened its doors in Glen Cove. Though the Glen Cove Senior Center's Social Model Adult Day Program, like many others, has been operating remotely since last spring, the in-person connection and support it provides to members is part of what makes it so valuable.

'On any weekday morning, when most of the world is moving about their business, older adults with cognitive impairment and/or physical challenges and their loved ones are often facing a day of mixed emotions," activities coordinator Melanie Raymundo said. "[The program] is the highlight of the Senior Center's continuum of care and a program that has been around as long as the Senior Center itself, extending support to hundreds of community residents over the years who are all adjusting to what it sometimes means to grow older - searching, despite the challenges, for a way to continue to thrive.'

The Adult Day Program serves community members with dementia by offering a variety of stimulating activities, including arts and crafts, music, games, discussion groups, and exercise, at levels suited to participants' abilities, and it has grown over the years. Initially, Raymundo said, the goal was to provide quality care, nourishment and enriching interaction, while also recognizing the need for caregivers to have a little break and access to support groups and resources

"The program flourished as activities focused on strengths rather than limitations of both the participant and their caregiver," Raymundo said.

Under the direction of Lisa Craig and Raymundo, the general understanding of dementia and other chronic conditions deepened and the staff's ability to best serve those with these conditions matured, Raymundo said. Programs became more diverse as exercise classes included tai chi to improve balance, focus and concentration and movement therapy that incorporated imagination and dancing to the music of local musicians. Groups like the Girl Scouts and students from nearby youth programs and schools who used to stop in and share an occasional intergenerational activity were now visiting regularly and forming real relationships with participants. Guest speakers in and around the area and experts in specialized fields were recruited to share their careers, their passions and their hobbies as they related to participants' interests. The program, which always sought to bring in specialists, now partnered with universities to provide art and physical therapy, and nursing programs and cooking experts to encourage good nutrition. Trips to local parks and restaurants now included excursions to museums and movies outside of the community specifically designed to meet the needs of their group.

"The Adult Day Program was no longer a silo, tucked away from the community, but a part of it," Raymundo said, "and exploring new neighborhoods and



MEMBERS OF THE Adult Day Program can now participate in-person or online.

Photos courtesy Melanie Raymundo

cultural experiences beyond it, experiences that focused on memory building and sensory stimulation."

Raymundo said that she and Craig would plan a theme for the day based on either current events or group discussions, and that they also encouraged their recreation leaders to be sensitive and flexible, adjusting to whatever circumstances brought to bear in an effort to make each day the best it could be for everyone.

The Adult Day Program is funded through federal, state, county, city and SAGE Foundation support, as well as participant contributions.

"For many who would otherwise be homebound, this program is a lifesaver, providing reasons to wake up and smile, adventures to look forward to, always a celebration of life and the chance to have something to share with family and friends at the end of each day," Raymundo said. "And if times should become difficult as is sometimes the case or decline, inevitable, there is always someone close by to help navigate the journey."

When the program was forced to close to in-person activities last March, its directors, like others, learned to pivot to a virtual program that has been beneficial to members. Raymundo called it "Enchanted Engagements" and said that families were "amazed" at the turnaround in their loved ones that the online program had provided.

For the first six weeks or so after the Senior Center closed, Executive Director Christine Rice said, "the decline was immense" in members with cognitive and physical frailties. Once Raymundo began to provide virtual programs on Zoom, "you could see the connections happening again."

"This program is so unbelievably important for the seniors in this commu-



nity who are battling this disease, and their caregivers who are traveling this journey with them, which is a 24/7 job," Rice said. Melanie has done a stellar job keeping these individuals connected, and not having them go to a nursing home or assisted living facility, which they did not want to have to go to during Covid. Were able to keep them at home and let their loved ones have some form of respite."

Rice said there are about 10 families currently utilizing the program, though it is able to take on more, both in-person and virtually.

Hosted by Raymundo and colleague Carlos De Cespedes and available to the community Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the virtual program has hosted "show and tells," poetry-writing, dramatic readings and lively discussions.

When the Glen Cove Adult Day Pro-

EDNA FREEMAN SHOWED off a drawing during a Zoom session. 3

gram re-opened its doors, Raymundo said she was not willing to abandon those that were only able to join online. As a result, she devised a way of broadcasting the "Enchanted Engagements" online program simultaneously with the in-person program.

Craig, the program's director, retired in January after 16 years, and Amanda Freeman was hired as director of the Adult Day Program, effective April 28. Her appointment was approved unanimously by the Glen Cove City Council on April 13.

"I think she's going to do a great job for our program," Rice said.

For more information on the Adult Day Program, contact Raymundo at mraymundo@glencoveny.gov or call 516 759 2345.

The next chapter for a beloved local gathering

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from farms in Nassau County, like Youngs Farm, in Glen Head, and Restoration Farm, in Old Bethpage. "I basically did the same thing," she said. "I would purchase from these farms and bring the produce out and put it out. And I went to the Village of Sea Cliff, and I was able to secure a permit to use Central Avenue."

At first it was just Peters with a table of produce under a tent. The following year, she was no longer able to use the street, so she began operating the market at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. "Again, it was just me, and I had a couple of tables set up there," she said. "I started to cultivate some other vendors who started to participate. One of the first vendors I had was Conscious Kitchen, a Sea Cliff business."

In 2017, Peters was diagnosed with breast cancer. "I started going through treatment — chemotherapy, radiation and surgeries — and I knew that I wasn't going to be able to do the market the way I had been doing it," she recounted. "I went to my friends at Restoration Farm, in Bethpage, and asked if maybe they might be interested to do the produce at the market that year. They said they would inquire with some of their volunteers if anybody might be interested in doing it."

Those volunteers manned the stand, but Peters remained in charge, working to find more vendors. "In 2018 we had more vendors, and by 2019 we had 17 vendors," she said. "It started to get pretty crowded in the courtyard of St. Luke's."

She asked St. Boniface Martyr Church if she could use their field near Sea Cliff Avenue, and got the OK. Then, as she was operating the indoor market at Creative Arts Studio in Sea Cliff during the winter of 2020, the pandemic hit.

"We shut down," Peters said. "From May I started making preparations to open the outdoor market at St. Boniface, and I started to do some messaging on social media about it, an email newsletter and such, but then the mayor of Sea Cliff reached out to me."

Then Mayor Edward Lieberman asked her how she could operate a farmers market during the pandemic. "I said, 'Well, New York state has deemed farmers markets as essential businesses, and they've issued guidance on how to operate safely," Peters said, sending the information to Lieberman so he could see for himself. "He said that the village had decided that, legally, I had to apply for a special-use permit."

Before she could appear before the Sea Cliff Planning Board, however, St. Boniface withdrew the application. The market had no home — until Horman's Family Pickles, of Glen Cove, a regular market vendor, offered its pickle factory parking lot on Garvies Point Road.

"We ended up opening June 20," Peters said. "We started with 10 vendors, and we were able to operate safely under Covid guidance. It ended up being a great expe-



JOHN HUNTER, OWNER of the Sea Cliff Hemp Company, said he looked forward to taking his stand to Garvies Point.

rience and a great location."

Then Ylisa Kunze, director of Glen Cove community engagement at RXR Realty, reached out to Peters, asking if she would be interested in holding the market on a new development in Glen Cove. That worked out perfectly last season, and Peters said she was looking forward to her next chapter with RXR as the Deep Roots Farmers Market.

"It had been the Sea Cliff Farmers Market for a long time, but because of Covid and subsequent events of not being able to get back to Sea Cliff, I thought it didn't make sense to keep the Sea Cliff name," Peters said. "I wasn't sure I wanted to say the Glen Cove Farmers Market, because nothing is ever permanent."

Peters wanted to think of a name she could take wherever the market operated it, and ultimately she was inspired by a graphic from the State of Washington Farmers Market Association that depicts carrots in the ground, representing the support of local farmers and cultivating communities. The graphic reads, "These Roots Run Deep."

"I've been an opponent of big-box shopping and online, Amazon-style shopping for a long time, and I've always felt like it's really important to shop local," Peters said. "That was my [inspiration] for starting the farmers market. It was to provide local businesses with a venue, upstart businesses."

Adam and Ian Siegal, of Glen Cove, founded a candle company, called Trubee Hill, last November. "We've been doing this farmers market since Dec. 1," Adam said. "It's been awesome. We've been getting a lot of support, and it's been growing a lot faster than we thought it was going to." And they are both looking forward to the market's next chapter, at Garvies Point.

"The market is rolling beyond my imagination," Peters said. "The response from the community has been very positive. We're growing it, and we're doing the best we can."



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THE BLOCK OF Forest Avenue, between Birch Hill Road and Birch Street, has been renamed "Sgt. Robert A. Hendriks Way."Sgt. Robert A. Hendriks on April 17.

Block of Forest Avenue renamed for fallen hero

The legacy and service of United States Marine Corps Sgt. Robert A. Hendriks, who was killed in Afghanistan on April 8, 2019 while serving his nation, has been enshrined in the streets of his boyhood hometown of Locust Valley.

Nassau County Legislator Joshua Lafazan joined Hendriks' family, friends and the Locust Valley community on Saturday, April 17, to ceremonially rename Forest Avenue between Birch Hill Road and Birch Street in Locust Valley "Sgt. Robert A. Hendriks Way."

At the heart of the ceremony were Hendriks' family and closest friends. Christopher Tasso, Hendriks' best friend from Locust Valley; Sgt. Valiant Bradley Cocchi, with whom Hendriks served in Afghanistan; and members of Hendriks' family shared poignant stories and memories that captured the "never give up, never quit" spirit that defined his life.

"The street renaming is an incredible way to honor Robby and assure his name will live on forever," Hendriks' mother, Felicia, said. "Although only Robby's name appears on the sign, remember he died that day with two other Marines: Staff Sgt. Christopher Slutman and Staff Sgt. Benjamin Hines. Never forget these heroes and the loss to their families – and never forget our Robby – our hero, my son, Sgt. Robert Andrew Hendriks."

More than a dozen elected officials, commanders of veterans' organizations, educational entities and leaders of the Locust Valley Fire Department reflected on Hendriks' life and paid tribute to his patriotism, valor and courageous service. Saturday morning's ceremony included a memorial rifle salute by American Legion Post 962; and a prayer led by Rev. Dom Elias Carr from the Church of Saint Rocco in Glen Cove. The Marine Color Guard was provided by the Garden City-

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Among the many lessons Hendriks imparted through his example, Lafazan said, is the importance of committing to the cause which we most believe in.

"I have a picture of Sgt. Hendriks on my desk from his time in the Marines. On it, his shirt reads 'All it takes is all you got.' Every time someone drives down this street, they'll be reminded of Sgt. Hendriks and those words," Lafazan said.

Born on March 4, 1994 at Booth Memorial Hospital in Queens, Hendriks lived in Glen Cove until his family moved to Locust Valley in 1996.

Soon after graduating Locust Valley High School in 2012, Hendriks enlisted in the U.S. Marines' 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines reserve Infantry battalion; younger brother Joseph followed his example and enlisted in the Marines as well in 2013. Robert also established his professional roots on Long Island as a member of the Local 731 Construction Laborers Union, where he quickly became a shop steward. In May 2018, Robert rose to the opportunity to serve overseas in Afghanistan, where the infantryman was a turret gunner perched atop an armored, mine-resistant vehicle.

On April 8, 2019, Hendriks, Hines and Slutman were killed in action near the Bagram airfield in Afghanistan. A car, filled with hundreds of pounds of explosives, drove out from behind a berm and ambushed their convoy as it returned from a mission outside of the base.

"The pain in my heart will always be the same, but the journey changes," Felicia said. "Part of my journey now has become to honor my son and all those who have given their lives for others - for we are their voice now."



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A NASSAU COUNTY Police Academy recruit made her way through a field of orange cones at the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course at Jones Beach last Thursday.

Driven to become N.C. police officers

By SCOTT BRINTON

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Part two in a photo series on the Nassau County Police Academy.

Sirens blared and tires squealed as a white Chevy Caprice banked hard into a curve at Jones Beach State Park after peeling down a straightaway at 50 miles per hour last Thursday. Meanwhile, a black Crown Victoria cruiser raced across to cut the vehicle off at a four-way intersection. The Caprice braked hard as it neared the stop sign.

Sirens continued to sound when a Nassau County police van appeared out of nowhere at the intersection, the driver also intending to cut off the Caprice. It was a semi-chaotic, seemingly confusing scene, but it was meant to be.

The action took place at the Field Five parking lot at Jones Beach, an expansive stretch of asphalt just west of the Northwell Health Theater, where Nassau County Police Academy recruits come to practice driving maneuvers that they might need while chasing crime suspects or hurrying to an accident.

It's called the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, and CONTINUED ON PAGE 8







A RECRUIT RECEIVED instructions before heading onto the course.

A POLICE VAN and a Crown Victoria moved to cut off a driver at an intersection.

OFFICER RICHARD FURNEAUX, far left, is the academy's senior driving instructor.

HERALD SCHOOLS





Photos courtesy Glen Cove School District **GLEN COVE HIGH** School students performed various talents to help raise money for their classmate Ryan Aguilar, grade 11.

DANCING AND SINGING were some of the talents performed by students.

Support for classmate with cancer



ABOVE, FROM LEFT, Ryan Aguilar's brother Jaden Aguilar, father Raul Aguilar and teacher Dana Spagholetti at the GCHS JV football game dedicated to Ryan.

RYAN AGUILAR, RIGHT is smiling and staying strong with his community's support.



Glen Cove High School recently held its charity talent show sponsored by the high school's National Honor Society and music department. This annual event raises funds for a local charity organization or family each year. Due to the pandemic, this year the talent show was live streamed on GCTV, the high school's student run television network, for all community members to view.

This year's fundraising efforts were dedicated to student Ryan Aguilar, grade 11, who has been battling a rare form of cancer, called Osteosarcoma. Through two fundraising efforts – the talent show and another fundraiser initiated by Dana Spagholetti, one of Ryan's teachers – Glen Cove High School was able to raise approximately \$4,000 for Ryan and his family.

A variety of acts were encouraged for the talent show, including singing, playing musical instruments, dancing, performing magic tricks, stand-up comedy, juggling and more. Additionally, the Glen Cove High School JV football team, of which Ryan's brother Jaden is a team member, dedicated one of their games to Ryan that took place on his 17th birthday and presented Ryan with multiple gifts to show him their support.

The Glen Cove City School District wishes Ryan a speedy recovery and is keeping him in their thoughts and prayers. If you would like to donate to Ryan and his family to help ease the financial burden of Ryan's medical treatment and other expenses, visit gofund.me/8e1f4707.

Ask The Expert: MOLLY DEEGAN

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When I made the decision to go into real estate, many people were surprised, given my years in corporate marketing. In a lot of ways, I surprised myself, too. The dreams we have when we're young drive our ambition in life, and reflecting back on what my dreams were, they didn't have much to do with showing houses. Belting out a solo behind a piano in a moody, late-night lounge, with a rapt audience in front of me? Sure. Real estate? Not so much.

But change happens. And in the last couple of decades, technology-driven change has been the constant that has transformed just about everything. What was once done with ledgers and handshakes can now be taken care of via e-signature and algorithm. Disruption at this scale might seem scary. But it has also introduced amazing innovations for buyers, sellers and agents alike.

Here's a little lay of the land currently:

Online listings -Websites are your window to viewing inventory and seeing what's available. Along with photos and in-depth details of properties, you can find tax and purchase history, school ratings and other neighborhood info.

Mobile apps - Those real estate sites you are browsing have apps too — You'll get notifications about new listings that fit your search criteria. Apps can also target your budget and provide quick access to agents and property managers.

3-D virtual tours - The latest tool in the age of Covid. This software allows buyers and sellers to take a virtual tour of a property, almost as if they were walking through the space in person.

E-signing services - New platforms enable multi-party real estate transactions, that save time while keeping every deal organized, secure and efficient.

And there's so much more coming down the pike. Look for Blockchain transactions, property management driven by Artificial Intelligence and more start-ups built around proprietary real estate software taking the place of the traditional agency model. This may sound ominous, but it's not. Not only can we co-exist with these massive evolutions, we can use them to benefit everyone on all sides of the deal. Less zero-sum competition – and more winners all around.



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Hit one orange cone and you fail the test

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orange cones are used to create streets and intersections. Recruits must master 12 specialized maneuvers to pass the police driving test — think of your own driver's test at high speed through a field of cones. Hit one cone and you fail.

speed through a field of cones. Hit one cone and you fail. "We try to teach the recruits to have good judgment," said Officer Richard Furneaux, the senior driving instructor.

To drive as a police officer does, you must learn to drown out all the noise in your head and focus solely on the road ahead and behind you, while watching your sides. Officers must know when to pursue a suspect — and when to call off a pursuit, which is often necessary in order to protect public safety. A high-speed chase through suburban streets can be a recipe for disaster, Furneaux said, noting that police often call in a helicopter to provide air support and follow a suspect until the vehicle is caught.

Lt. Eileen Carsten, who is in charge of physical fitness, defensive tactics and EVOC at the academy, said that driving is, in fact, the most dangerous part of being a police officer. More officers are killed or injured while driving than in any other part of the job.



A RECRUIT SPED down the straightaway at the EVOC course, sirens blaring and lights flashing.

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Head of the Class Awards to honor teachers

"Been homeschooling a 6-year old and 8-year old for one hour and 11 minutes. Teachers deserve to make a billion dollars a year. Or a week."—Shonda Rhimes (@shondarhimes), March 16, 2020

Teacher Appreciation Week arrives this coming week, from May 3 (Teacher Appreciation Day) through May 7, as the end of the first full school year of the Covid-19 era in our sights sparks a mix of bittersweet memories, sighs of relief and the joy of impending celebrations. Cheers will go up for graduates. Accolades will be awarded to student-athletes. Some parents will simply be raising a glass to the fact that nights spent trying to relearn third-grade math will be a thing of the past. And we will all celebrate our teachers.

Long Island's top teachers inspire our students and communities, and they are the inspiration for the inaugural Herald Head of the Class Awards, presented by Bank of America and produced by RichnerLIVE, a division of Richner Communications Inc., publishers of Herald Community Newspapers.

The Herald Head of the Class Awards

program was created this year to honor outstanding K–12 education leaders in public, private and charter schools throughout Nassau County,

based on nominations received from the publicstudents, teachers, families, administrators and community members-at Head-OfTheClassAwards.com through May 15. Once the polls close, the 2021 Herald Head of the Class Advisory Committee, made up of multiple stakeholders from across the Long Island education landscape, will review all nominations, and a winner and 10 finalists will be honored in each of three categories—Top Elementary School Teacher, Top Middle School Teacher, Top High School Teacherat a live virtual event on June 16.

"Teachers play a critical role in the development and advancement of our students and deserve recognition for their incredible contributions," said Bob Isaksen, Bank of America Long Island president. "That's why Bank of America

> is pleased to support the Long Island Herald in recognizing Long Island's top educators with the inaugural Herald Head of the Class Awards. Bank of America has long supported programs that advance students to and through school, as well as up-skilling for their careers post-education."

> Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, we've witnessed firsthand how teachers have met countless new challenges—while helping students and parents do the same and the nominations already submitted for the Herald Head of the Class Awards are a testament to their

impact. As part of each nomination, people are asked to share reasons why they believe a particular teacher is deserving. It could be an honor bestowed upon them or their students, a new program they brought to their school or a unique way in which they reached out during remote learning. Whether it is a classroom teacher or a physical education teacher, the arts or Advanced Placement Physics, a peek at some of the nominations reveals just how much innovation and inspiration is out there among our educators:

One nominee "builds an atmosphere in which all of the students are accepted and encouraged to not only become more educated, but better people in the process." Another "started a lunch group to have the remote students socialize so they felt more connected to the classroom and experienced a more normal school year." Still one more became "a go-to person for troubleshooting issues when families had difficulty logging on or connecting to district programs.

"Long Island's top educators motivate students in countless ways and create atmospheres of understanding, compassion and curiosity," said Richner Communications President Stuart Richner. "The most influential teachers go above and beyond."

eachers play a critical role in the development and advancement of our students.

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

FROM LEFT. **DEPUTY** Chief

Chris Ortiz, Mayor Tim Tenke, Detective Christopher Paolillo, Chief William Whitton and Det. Lt. John Nagle



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

Glen Cove police officer makes detective

Glen Cove Police Officer Christopher Paolillo has been promoted to detective. In a surprise ceremony on April 22, Chief William Whitton said that Paolillo is an "outstanding" officer and he earned the promotion to detective based on his work.

"My police department is loaded with a rich pool of talented, intelligent and caring men and women," Whitton said, "so as such, making a decision to transition someone from the patrol force to the Detective Division is not an easy one. I have the utmost confidence in Chris and I know he will serve our community well, keeping in mind his obligation to bring relief to persons that were victimized by crime. I wish Detective Paolillo happiness and much success in his new role.'

"I would just like to express my sincere congratulations to Detective Paolillo,"

Mayor Tim Tenke said. "He exhibits outstanding qualities and professional skills that will contribute to the continued success of our award-winning police department in keeping our residents safe."

Paolillo has been an officer in the Glen Cove Police Department since December of 2013. He was a New York Police Department officer for three years prior to joining the GCPD. He and his wife are expecting their first child this year.

"I want to thank the support of my brothers and sisters in blue, and the support of my community," Paolillo said.

'He was selected because of the work he has done as a patrolman," Det. Lt. John Nagle said. "It was not an easy decision, but he definitely has the motivation and the tools required to serve the Glen Cove community in an exemplary manner."

NEWS BRIEF

Funds available for Residential Rehab Program

The Glen Cove Community Development Agency is accepting pre-screening applications for the Residential Rehabilitation Program. Resident seniors and disabled homeowners can apply for home improvement funds made available through the Residential Rehabilitation Program coordinated by the Glen Cove CDA on behalf of Nassau County Office of Community Development. Income eligible seniors ages 60-plus and disabled persons are encouraged to apply for the program, which provides funding for home repairs including energy conservation, code violation remediation, and handicap accommodations.

"Since the reinstatement of this program in 2014, the CDA has been able to fund 11 projects totaling approximately \$150,000," Glen Cove Mayor and CDA Chairman Tim Tenke said. "Those projects have included roof/siding replacement, boiler/hot water installation, window/door replacement, ramp and chair lifts, and handicap accommodations."

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in need, funding from this program can make a substantial improvement to the quality of their home life and we appreciate the support of Nassau County to make this funding available to our Glen Cove residents," added Ann Fangmann, CDA Executive Director. Applicants must be Glen Cove resi-

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dents who have resided in their current home for more than one year, meet income guidelines, and be up to date in payment of their school and property taxes. A pre-screening application is available in English and Spanish on the agency's website, www.glencovecda. org and click on the Programs tab, and then click on Residential Rehabilitation Application. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis, and funding is limited. For further information on the program or to request a pre-screening application by phone, call Camille Byrne, Executive Assistant of the Glen Cove CDA, at (516) 676-1625, extension 101 or email cbyrne@glencovecda. org. All inquiries are confidential.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Thursday, April 29

Lecture: Benjamin Tallmadge A virtual presentation through the North Shore Historical Museum, 7 p.m. Spurred by the cry for freedom and the blood spilled at the battles of Lexington and Concord, young teacher Benjamin Tallmadge sacrifices his career and his dreams to enlist in George Washington's army in Revolutionary America. Presented by author Selene Castrovilla. Cost is \$15. Register at www.nshm.org or email director@nshm.org.

Friday, April 30

Movie at the Library

Watch "Showboat" through the Gold Coast Library, 2 p.m. Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical spans four decades and three generations as it follows the fortunes of the stage-struck Magnolia (Irene Dunne), an aspiring actress whose journey takes her from her family's floating playhouse in the 1880s South to the height of fame in the 1930s North. The cast of show business legends includes Helen Morgan, Hattie McDaniel and Paul Robeson, whose rendition of 'Ol Man River' is one of the glories of the American screen. (113 Minutes). Register at goldcoastlibrary.org.

Saturday, May 1

Yoga in the Garden

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, 8 a.m. Enjoy spring at Planting Fields by taking an outdoor, 60-minute, all levels yoga and meditation class in the Cloister Garden. Partnering with Oyster Bay/Glen Cove Yoga, spend your morning at Planting Fields to continue your practice and connect mindfully with the natural landscape. Admission is \$12 for members and \$20 for non-members. (516) 922-9210.

Plant Sale

St. Luke's, Sea Cliff, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Sea Cliff Beautification offers a selection of locally grown vegetables and eggs, along with fresh baked bread and sweets, honey, maple syrup and



Courtesy Planting Fields Arboretum

Family Yoga in the Park

On Saturday, May 1, at 11 a.m., Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay. Bring your kids and enjoy spring at Planting Fields by taking an outdoor, 60-minute, family yoga class in the Cloister Garden. Partnering with Yogi Beans, spend your morning at Planting Fields and introduce your children aged 3-10 to yoga through an enriching and fun practice that all will enjoy. Fee for members: \$12 (adult and child); non-members \$20.

other local goods. All products are grown or produced on Long Island or by Long Islanders. Market is operating safely under state guidelines.

Butterfly Chrysalis Kit

A take and make craft through the Glen Cove Library, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Observe the caterpillar/butterfly life cycle. You will receive a cup with food for your caterpillars, and a box for the chrysalis habitat. All supplies and directions provided. Please share pictures of your butterfly's life cycle on Instagram and Facebook. One kit per family, while supplies last.

Sunday, May 2

Mini photo sessions at T.R. Park Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, 25 West End Ave., Oyster Bay. Starting at 9 a.m., participants can capture themselves and their loved ones, including pets, with a free 30-minute photoshoot at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park with one local photographers. For more information, call (973) 281-4503.

Monday, May 3

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Suitable for all ages, join Chef Rob Scott via Facebook Live. Cook along, or just watch and enjoy. Dishes will include: Spaghetti Squash Burrito Bowl, Shrimp Fajitas Sheet-Pan Style, Holy Guacamole, Strawberry-Basil Agua Fresca. Please register at bayvillefreelibrary.org to receive the recipes prior to the class. Free.

Tuesday, May 4

Virtual Art Tour

A virtual program through the Glen Cove Library, from 2 to 3 p.m. Join Mike Norris of Armchair Art Tours and wander vicariously through fabulous private gardens, from ancient to medieval, brought to you by the art and plants of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and its branch museum, The Cloisters. Go to glencovelibrary.org to register.

Virtual Book Discussion

Join local author Bill Bleyer for a talk on his newest book about the true story of the Culper Spy Ring and how it supplied critical information to General George Washington to help him win the American Revolution. It analyzes previous accounts and debunks myths while also exploring sites from the war on Long Island. One lucky attendee will win an autographed copy of the book. Register at bayvillefreelibrary.org for the Zoom link.Talk

begins at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

Virtual Program: Dance Fitness

Through the Glen Cove Library, 6 p.m. Join Stefanie Perretta for a dance fitness class! Dance fitness is an hour of highintensity, entertaining and fun cardio that incorporates easy to follow repetitive movements that combine different genres of music. This class is for those who love to dance. All levels are welcome and encouraged to move at their own pace. Register at glencovelibrary.org.

Thursday, May 6

Preventing Headaches

Understanding your headaches can be the first step in learning how to handle them. Tension headaches, cluster headaches, hormonal headaches, migraines, and much more will be covered. Join Northwell Health and learn the causes and most effective treatments available. Presented virtually at 6 p.m. by the Office of Assemblyman Michael Montesano. Register at locustvalleylibrary.org. The deadline to register is May 6 at 11 a.m.

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 Summer Camp registration is now open.
- Glen Cove's Shed Your Meds Day will be on May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Glen Cove Planning Board meets on May 4 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Glen Cove City Council will hold a pre-council meeting on May 4 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Zoning Board of Trustees is meeting is on May 3 at 6 p.m.

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First responders, Good Samaritan praised

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old resident from a second-story window and guide him down the ladder to safety.

ives were saved because of the collective quick thinking and selflessness that was on display at the scene of the fire.

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Chief, Glen Cove

Police Department

"This was a great example of a tragedy being avoided due to the seamless work [of] all of our emergency services, doing what they do best," Police Police Chief William Whitton said. "Lives were saved because of the collective quick thinking and selflessness that was on display at the

scene of the fire." The second resident, a 51-year-old man who was unconscious, was rescued by firefighters from another second-floor bed-

room. Fire Chief Marvin Tate said that five firefighters in particular were crucial in the rescue: former Capt. Donnie Schneider Sr., Billy Neice Jr., Peter Michaelas, Mike Mienko and Javier Valentin of the Freeport Fire Department. "Those five individuals were key in getting the critical victim out of the house," Tate said. "If it was not for their efforts,

The sald. If it was not for their enorts, that gentleman would not be where he is today." The 51-year-old victim was treated by Glen Cove EMS at the scene and airlifted to Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow for treatment of his severe

East Meadow for treatment of his severe burns. He remained in critical condition as the Herald went to press. The 70-yearold victim suffered smoke inhalation, but has been released from the hospital. EMS Chief Robert Picoli commended

EMS Chief Robert Picoli commended EMS responders Chris Demetropolis, Jason Heller and Matthew Shanhai for their "excellent patient care skills," and said their fast response and joint effort were critical to the outcome.

"If it wasn't for the police and Fire



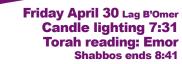
OFFICIALS PRAISED THE city departments' quick actions.

Department's immediate actions on Friday, both of the residents could have died," Picoli said. "If the three agencies hadn't all worked together, there would have been a different outcome."

Later that morning, Glen Cove police arrested Alex Kirton, 47, the third resident of the home, and charged him with first-degree arson and two counts of firstdegree attempted murder. He was being held without bail at the Nassau County Correctional Center in East Meadow, Nagle said.

Glen Cove police, the Nassau County Police Department Homicide Unit and Arson/Bomb Squad, the State Police and the Nassau County fire marshal's office were continuing an investigation. A citation ceremony for the first responders was planned for Friday in Glen Cove.

Good Shabbos, Long Island!



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ZACK BARRETT GLEN COVE Volunteer social media manager, NOSH

I 'm an airline pilot, but have been home since last March. I found about NOSH while I was looking for volunteer opportunities, just trying to get out of the house and contribute to society again in my own way. As the Thursday Day Manager, I manage a crew of about 13 volunteers. We build NOSH bags, we organize, we take in donations, we organize deliveries going out to the families, and then also have walk-in customers who receive food from us each week.

Glen Cove is unique in that we have a lot of people here that are very fortunate, and then we have some people here that need our help. The pandemic exacerbated issues of inequalities and food insecurity. NOSH, addressing that by bringing a small helping of food to people in need, is incredible. If those



who are fortunate enough in this community can help us do that, and spread that wealth around, that love around, it is just a beautiful thing.

I was used to going all over the country all the time, and I went from being so on all the time to not having anything to do; to have something where you're putting a little bit of good out into the world can help your mind be OK, can keep you going until life can get back to normal. It's been fantastic. I love being involved, I love seeing people and getting to work with incredible people. Volunteers in general have such passion within themselves for just life in general – it's the greatest group you can be around.

MEREDITH MAUS PATCHOGUE

Executive director, Oyster Bay Main Street Association

Least year when the pandemic hit, I was completely overwhelmed and felt completely helpless. Everything I do to provide support to businesses as an executive director wasn't useful anymore. And our existing programs weren't useful anymore either. We encourage people to go into our restaurants and businesses, host events, provide signage and assist with permits. That all came to a halt.

I had to rethink how to tackle things. We shut down the office, worked from home and compiled resources to inform our businesses of federal, state and local opportunities like the PPP loans. Then I began outreach to see how people were doing and see what support was needed. I helped some businesses pivot. Brick-and-mortar stores often don't have a social media presence. I tried to help them



by sending links for sites that had a good presence. Then when Phase One began, we worked to encourage people to shop local.

We did campaigns for those that weren't comfortable going in person, encouraging the purchase of gift cards. My work is always to connect people to the downtown. I'm thankful to have worked through the entire pandemic. It was a hard time. One of my co-workers lost a parent to Covid. I think the pandemic put things into perspective for me.

I'm thankful to be able to put my time and energy into something that was for something other than for myself. I've learned that it is important to be flexible and find creative solutions. It has shown me on a personal and profession level resiliency, something that I didn't realize I had.

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participate, and we have rides for the children. I don't know how it's going to work this year.

Believe it or not, in East Meadow Kiwanis, we've stepped up to the challenge of Covid. We've come up with a lot of out-of-the-box ideas to get fundraising done. We have our 200 Club and Reverse Raffle. Those are moving forward. And we're doing little things, like Pampered Chef parties, Bingo and other events.

During the pandemic, we've handed out a lot of gift cards. We did our regular food basket for Thanksgiving, and we did our food drive at ShopRite in Uniondale, along with other incentives.

It's just a great satisfaction to be able to help the people in the community. The smiles that we get from people make me really happy.

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have been with the East Meadow Kiwanis Nassau County Legislature, inspired me to join.

we hold the Holiday Luncheon at Borrelli's, where we provide a meal and gifts for children in the East Meadow School District. It was on Christmas Day up until Covid-19 hit. My next favorite event is East Meadow Community Pride Day. With Covid we're on hold. It's going to be challenging to see what we can come up with this year, if we can, because it's a community event where we invite all the community businesses and organizations to

LIZ FRIES **EAST MEADOW** Lt. governor-elect, East Meadow Kiwanis

for 21 years. My boss back then, Norma Gonsalves, then the presiding officer of the This opportunity really gave me the incentive to help children, help families and help my community.

What I enjoy the most is at holiday time,

LISA LARSEN HILL **GLEN COVE**

N.S. Kiwanis Member Seeds of Faith Founder and President

t was North Shore Kiwanis Klothes for Kids that really hooked me on becoming a member of the Kiwanis. We bring 20 plus children to Sears and buy them back-to-school clothing. I was so inspired by the experience that I later co-chaired the event for several years.

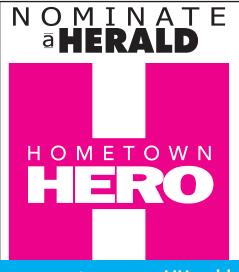
I co-chair the October Sea Cliff Mini Mart for Kiwanis, which last year had to be cancelled. We had to email the vendors. We got back emails that said, 'You were my last hope.' I did a lot of praying for those people. I kept hoping they could find a way to do things on the net but a lot don't have a website. The Mini Mart is always such a joyous event. I was sad that we had to cancel it, but knew it was the right thing to do.

I got a lot closer to my granddaughter, who is 5 1/2 and lives in California. Five times



where we used videos of storybooks being read online for two hours. We would turn the narration off and read the closed captions. We also dressed up to go with the theme of the book

I also started Seeds of Faith for women two and half years ago. It's a non-profit that brings women together from Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. We talk about our personal faith journey. People talk from their hearts and everyone comes away with such hope. It is a way for people to understand and appreciate each other.



Throughout the pandemic, healthcare workers, first responders, grocery and pharmacy personnel, and so many others, have been dedicated to supporting and assisting our community. They are true heroes who deserve our respect, praise and recognition.

As many remain on the front lines in 2021, we invite you to nominate a Hometown Hero to be featured in Herald newspaper editions throughout the year.

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From Easy to Extravagant, **5 Mouth-Watering Margarita Recipes for Cinco de Mayo**

There's really only one way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo - and that's with ice-cold margaritas. Whether you're a fan of the simple, traditional recipe or like to mix things up with fun, fruity flavors, there's a margarita to satisfy any palate.

We've put together a list of delicious margaritas that will make Cinco de Mayo the party of the year. From classic recipes with simple ingredients to decadent creations with exciting flavors, these refreshing drinks are a fiesta in a glass!

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Classic Margarita

While the margarita's origin is heavily disputed, there's a consensus on what makes a drink a margarita. You'll only need three ingredients, and you can serve it multiple ways.

Combine two ounces of tequila, one ounce of lime juice, and one ounce of Cointreau into a cocktail shaker. Cointreau is an orange-flavored liqueur, and it's the main reason margaritas are served with a salted rim. The salt helps cut down on the sweetness of the Cointreau. Triple sec is a widespread substitution for Cointreau if you don't have any on hand.

After mixing, pour over ice ("on the rocks") into your glass, garnish with a lime wedge and enjoy! This recipe can also be served without ice or blended up, making it a go-to margarita recipe.

Watermelon Margarita

Cinco de Mayo usually means warmer weather, and this is the perfect recipe to beat the heat. With four simple ingredients, you don't need to be a mixologist to create this cocktail.

First, you'll muddle mint leaves in a cocktail shaker. Second, add two ounces of tequila, two ounces of watermelon juice, and half an ounce of lime juice into the shaker and mix. Finally, strain into a glass with ice and garnish with mint leaves. This is a delicious and refreshing twist on the classic recipe and will be a hit all summer long!

Strawberry Mango Frozen Margarita

While you can serve the classic margarita recipe as a frozen drink, you can't go wrong adding fruit into the mix. You'll need one mango and ten strawberries for this recipe, but a surprising number of fruits sub in just as well. Do your own experimenting to discover which fruits you like best!

Combine your mango, two ounces of tequila, half an ounce of lime juice, one ounce of triple sec, and one cup of ice into a blender. Blend the ingredients thoroughly and split into two glasses.

Then, you'll blend the strawberries with tequila, lime juice, triple sec, and ice. Pour this blend on top of the mango, garnish with strawberries, and enjoy!

Jalapeño Margarita

If you want to go all-in on authentic Mexican flavors for your Cinco de Mayo party, mix up a jalapeño margarita for the perfect mix of heat and sweet.

Start by combining a half part of orange liqueur, a half part of agave nectar, one part lime juice, one slice of jalapeño, and one and a half parts of tequila in a shaker. Cazadores Blanco is a perfect tequila for this margarita, adding subtle floral and citrus notes to the drink.

After the ingredients are combined, give them a shake, strain into a glass, and garnish with a lime. Adding freshly squeezed juice will boost flavors without added sugars.

Vanilla Pear Margarita

If summer hasn't entirely made an appearance by the time Cinco de Mayo rolls around, these classic winter flavors will keep you cozy on a cool spring day. And while it may seem like a curious mix, this margarita just works.

Put ice, two ounces of tequila, four ounces of pear juice, half an ounce of simple syrup and lemon juice, and a quarter teaspoon of vanilla into a shaker. Shake until chilled, strain, and serve in a glass rimmed with cinnamon and sugar instead of salt. Garnished with a pear slice, and you've got a flavorful and warm margarita to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Whether you're a traditionalist who likes to keep margaritas simple or a fruit fanatic who wants frozen, flavorful drinks, there's a mix out there to make you and your guests happy. This Cinco de Mayo, try a new margarita recipe and let Minibar Delivery (MinibarDelivery.com) bring the ingredients directly to your door. With liquor, mixers, and other party favors delivered directly from local businesses, it's the easiest way to keep the party going.



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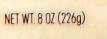
MELT butter in large skillet over medium-low heat. TOP four bread slices with cheese and bacon. Press remaining bread slices on top. TRANSFER to skillet and cook slowly until golden on underside, reducing heat if needed. Turn and cook until sandwiches are golden on second side and cheese is melted. Cut diagonally and serve.

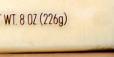
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ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN Takeout foods' guide to life

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Other than picking up meals to go, I love staying home. As the world reopens, I'll be the last one out the door. However, during the pandemic, foods have been able to "behave" differently. Spaghetti and meatballs have had no reason to social distance. Takeout meals have been partying in containers without a problem. Having said this, I've found some new, extraordinary meals to go. Here's the way they're hanging out.

■ Isouvlaki (190 Glen St., Glen Cove; http://isouvlaki.com/contact/) In this new Greek café, simple, elegant ingredients have been gathering in small groups. I'm obsessed with the Marouli salad.

scallions, feta and dill are woven together giving the dill a chance to shine. The silky yogurt with sour cher-

ries and walnuts is a delicate dessert. Traditional dips sit right beside the meat, poultry and vegetable platters, skewers and pitas. There's a light freshness in every bite.

■ Wendy's (Greenvale, Glen Cove; wendys.com) The ingredients in the new Jalapeno Popper Salad have been

partying in a large group. Jalapeno cheddar croutons sit atop jalapeno ranch dressing. Below, there's a diverse crowd.

Equal portions of thinly sliced lettuce, Lettuce, crispy yet moist spicy chicken, diced tomatoes, shredded

pepper jack cheese, jalapenos and applewood bacon create wild flavors. They'll also gather on a sandwich. There will be a great after party in vour mouth.

Maldon & Mignonette (243 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff; https://www.maldonmignonette.com/) After a brief break, the café has reopened! Chef Robert Occhipinti is excited about his new, spring,

artisanal menu. Each dish is a work of art. My burrata salad looked like a painting. The white mound of velvety burrata cheese reminded me of snow stepping aside for the spring. The fennel slices, grilled asparagus spears and salad greens were shrubs beginning to blossom. The almonds were seeds and the hints of apricot were the promise of colorful flowers. Best of all, the salad tasted like springtime.

■ **Rising Tide** (42 Forest Ave., Glen Cove; https://risingtidemarket.com/) The foods in this store are having a Zoom family reunion. Every item in the shop is now online, each with its own photo. In the real world, that means we can shop for everything directly from the Rising Tide website. In May, foods will be picnicking as part of the new, store-made, pre-packaged Snack Packs. Grilled chicken, jalapeno slaw and Mexican street corn will picnic in one box. Pan seared tuna and Asian slaw will picnic in another. All will be joined by new juices and smoothies.

■ Conscious Kitchen (https://www.consciouskitchenli.com/) All dishes offered on this healthy, Glen Cove-based website are like actors in a play. Some dishes start out as weekly specials. If the ingredients perform brilliantly, they become regulars. Congratulations to the Triple Fusion Taco for making the transition this month. Curry roasted cauliflower and smashed smokey black beans star in leading roles. Avocados, Pico de Gallo, greens and House Vegan Ranch dressing are an amazing supporting cast. New, inventive specials evolve in the kitchen every week and are delivered throughout Nassau County and Western Suffolk.

■ Carvel (Oyster Bay, Glen Cove; https://www.carvel.com/) The famous chocolate crunchies have come out of isolation on Carvel cakes. This month, they're also in a shake and on a Carvel sundae.

So, that's what foods are doing these days. I know, I have to get out more. See vou next month!

The Takeout Queen is now on Facebook. Search for Oyster Bay Herald Guardian, Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette or Glen Cove Herald Gazette.

OBITUARY

Christopher Neefus

Christopher Neefus passed away peacefully on April 9, 2021, surrounded by close family. A lifetime Long Islander, he was born to committed parents Vincent and Margaret, both deceased, who instilled in him his Catholic faith, commitment to family and an honest days' work. Christopher graduated from Holy Trinity High School and earned a football scholarship to Hofstra University where he received his bachelor's degree. His passion for sailing and ownership of successful taverns made him a consummate celebrator for family and friends' achievements and a comforting ear when they entered troubled waters. Outside of the corporate world, he could be found tending to the landscape, getting involved with his local parish, collecting coins, devouring books of every genre, listening to the music of his youth, and catching the New York Mets. He celebrated retirement from executive leadership with a long-earned trip to Italy where he fulfilled his wish of being blessed by Pope Francis. He is survived by loving wife Teresa (64); sons Christopher (34) and Matthew (31); siblings Vincent (67) and Elizabeth (63); and nieces Maureen (46), Jenna (32) and Alexandra (30). Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, www.whitting.com. Mass held at St. Gertrude's Church, Bayville. Interment to follow at Locust Valley Cemetery, Locust Valley. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift on Christopher's behalf to Catholic Charities USA or St. Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church in Bayville.

Obituary Notices

Obituary notices, with or without photographs can be submitted by individuals as well as local funeral establishments. They should be typed and double spaced. The name of the individual or funeral establishment submitting the obituary should be included. A contact phone number must be included. There is no charge for obituaries.

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circuit television systems, access control entry systems, barriers/bollards and enhanced bullet resistant glass.

Next steps/specifications and requisite documentation can be obtained by contacting us by phone at (516)766-6809 ext. 101 or via email at (516)766-6809 ext. 101 or via email at security@avodah.org with your company name and point of contact.

Responses will be accepted and next steps provided until May 15, 2021. Work is to commence by July 1, 2021 and completed by September 1, 2021. All information will remain confidentia

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Glen Cove man charged in \$436,000 fraud scheme

BY JILL NOSSA

A barred investment broker from Glen Cove and his business partner were arraigned Tuesday on charges alleging that they stole \$436,000 from four investors who believed they were investing in pre-initial public offering stock for several high-profile companies, according to Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas. The defendants allegedly spent those funds on personal luxury items and travel.

Peter Quartararo, 56, of Glen Cove, is charged with five counts of seconddegree grand larceny (a C felony), one count of third-degree grand larceny, one count of fourth-degree conspiracy (an E felony), and one count of scheme to defraud in the first degree (an E felony). If convicted on the top count, the maximum sentence is five to 15 years in prison.

Paul Casella, 54, of East Meadow, is charged with two counts of seconddegree grand larceny and one count of fourth-degree conspiracy. If convicted on the top count, the maximum sentence is five to 15 years in prison.

The defendants were arraigned before Judge Karen Moroney. The case

was referred to NCDA by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission earlier this year.

"These defendants allegedly conned investors to give them hundreds of thousands of dollars promising high returns from prominent companies, but instead they pocketed the funds to support their lavish lifestyles," Singas said. "Investment frauds cost innocent Americans billions of dollars each year and I encourage every investor to verify the credentials and licenses of any financial professional they work with and to report any suspicious activity to

my office.' According to Singas, beginning in July 2019, Quartararo met with four victims and told them that he had access to "pre-IPO" or pre-initial pub-

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Nassau County District Attorney

> ed on the victims' behalf and instead, Singas said, the victims' checks were deposited into accounts controlled by Leonard Quartararo, Peter Quartararo's father, and

lic offering stock in

the companies Pelo-

ton, WeWork, and/or

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\$2 a share. Quartararo

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went public, he would

sell the shares and

give the profits to the

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Quartararo between

\$72,000 and \$200,000 in

checks with the under-

standing that the

funds would be used to

purchase the pre-IPO

shares, Singas said.

The investigation

revealed that the

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Casella, Peter Quartararo's business partner. These funds were then allegedly used by the defendants to purchase food, travel, and vehicles, including a 2020 Mercedes Benz SUV and as the down payment on Peter Quartararo's Maserati automobile. Several large cash withdrawals were also made by Leonard Quartararo, according to Singas.

The SEC has confirmed that no shares of IPO stock in Peloton, WeWork, and Airbnb were ever purchased by the defendants.

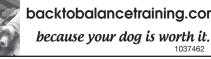
Peter Quartararo was previously barred from operating as a stock broker in March 2013 by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FinRA).

Five court-ordered search warrants have been executed in connection with this investigation.

"My client maintains his innocence," Joseph Murray, Esq., Casella's attorney, said. "We look forward to litigating this case."

Quartararo's attorney could not be reached for comment by press time.





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OPINIONS Say goodbye to those old party gangs

nce upon a time, partisan politics was a simple business. There were two major parties, and they both had simple strategies for staying in power. The voters were attracted to either the Democrats or the Republicans based on their philosophy and the vision of their party leaders. Elec-



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tions were won or lost based on the strength of the party machines and their loyal sol-

diers. But the politics of yesterday have disappeared, and the parties will never look the same again. Both are currently split into two factions. If you're a Repub-

lican at the national level, you're either pro-Donald Trump or anti-Trump. And if you're a Democrat, you're either a traditional middle-of-theroad true believer or a so-called progressive. And regrettably, neither of the factions in either party is prepared to work with the other side.

The next important election will take place in 2022. The final tallies will determine which party will control the House and the Senate. President Biden needs a Democratic Party victory to help him get his programs through Congress. The Republicans want to regain power so they can be better positioned to retake the White House in 2024. But the GOP pro-Trump wing and the Demo-

cratic progressives are not on the same playing field as the parties' two traditional wings. The pro-Trump Republi-

cans are prepared to take on the favored party candidates because the former president is looking to punish any candidates who voted to impeach him. The progressive Democrats are anxious to gain power and influence and have no loyalty to the party. A case in point illustrating the

Republicans' challenge is Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, a loyal party member who occasionally casts a vote with the Democrats on an issue of conscience. She gets a 98 percent rating on voting with her fellow Republicans, but her vote to impeach President Trump put her in the Trump doghouse, and she is now threatened with a primary challenge.

Led by Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Republicans have pledged to support Murkowski and provide funds for her contest if she decides to run for reelection. She will not be easy to beat under any circumstances. She is the second-most-senior woman in the Senate. She won one of her elections as a write-in candidate after losing the party nomina-

tion. Her father was governor of Alaska. But despite her strong credentials, the former president has vowed to challenge her.

Incumbent Democrats aren't having any easier time with their progressive wing. Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York has been a well-respected member of Congress since 1993. She has been the sponsor of numerous bills that have advanced women's causes,

and chairs the House Oversight and Reform Committee. Members on both sides of the aisle describe her as fair and progressive.

But that isn't enough for the group known as the Justice Democrats. They have selected a candidate to oppose her, claiming that she must be defeated because she is part of the "establishment." For the past 50-plus years, it has been very rare for any Democrat from New York to have enough seniority to hold a key House chairmanship, but Maloney's status doesn't dissuade the progressive Democrats.

In recent years, they have won a number of contests, starting with the election of Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez. She has become nationally known because of her constant media presence, and was able to defeat incumbent Democratic Rep. Joe Crowley in the primary for the 2018 midterm election, primarily because Crowley treated the contest lightly. Even though he spent over \$3 million in his effort to get reelected, his failure to campaign actively cost him his seat in the House.

Last year, the progressive group managed to unseat Rep. Eliot Engel, mostly because Engel failed to pay attention to his district, especially during the coronavirus crisis.

In the months ahead, the Republican pro-Trump faction and the Democratic progressives will give the two party establishments plenty of heartaches. It will be a test of whether there is any life left in the traditional party structure, but the odds aren't very good.

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

College of hard knocks: the pandemic of 2020-21

id we graduate yet? This was the college we neither applied to nor wanted to attend. This was the education we could have lived without. This was the schooling that killed a half-million of us. This was the time, 14 months and count-



RANDI KREISS

This was the time, 14 months and counting, that we learned more than we could have imagined about our own

> strengths and weaknesses. You never wish for tragedy as a character-building exercise, but when human beings confront extraordinary challenge, they often grow in unexpected ways.

Have you thought

about what you've

learned since last spring, when we realized we would all be long haulers in some way?

After a time of intense anxiety, I learned that I needed to devote myself to activities that were all-consuming and demanding of my attention. That was both good and difficult, since concentrating was hard when I kept drifting into "what-if" scenarios. I spent some of my time in Florida and I drove inland, past the coastal towns to orchid farms and nurseries in the boondocks. I discovered that wandering through the orchid houses was safe. The orchids bobbed in the breeze, and the kaleidoscope of colors and shapes became my fascination for the day.

I learned, too, that what I read or watched on TV mattered during difficult times. I needed to read historical fiction that brought me out of my own place and time. On television. I tuned out the news after the presidential election, and tuned in to documentaries, mostly nature (See "Chasing Coral"). I was having Covid nightmares at the time that I could not have had before the pandemic. In the dreams I would walk into a crowded

room and suddenly realize that everyone was sick, and I would get sick, too. Shutting out the news helped.

For a long time, I measured my days in a completely different way from the "before times." While two years ago I might have been running around all day, the pandemic day was pared down to the basics. I might take a walk in the morning, then conduct all work and pastimes online. cook a meal, and go to bed.

I learned how brave and plucky and smart my grown kids and niece and

nephew are while raising teens and toddlers and infants in the worst of times. They all worked and kept house and nursed babies and didn't go mad. The grandkids toughed out constant disappointments and cancellations. Learning how unpre-

 pared the country was for Covid-19 was a shocking lesson. I always assumed we were better than that, that if any country in the world could deal effectively with a global pandemic, it would be us. Yet the messaging from the federal government and from our scientists was distressingly inadequate. We were distinctly unexceptional.

Post-pandemic, we need to educate, fund and support science and scientists and never again let politics trump scientific evidence.

But I learned that, even coming from behind, America can do the right stuff, develop vaccines and get them into people, millions of whom are still skeptical about the shots. And haven't we all been schooled in the anti-science thinking that abounds? We need to push the education pedal to the floor and raise a new generation of critical thinkers.

I asked my kids and grandkids to tell me what they learned over the pandemic

year. One said he learned that so many joyful family times together have nothing to do with paid events. Another said, "There is no better place to be than out in nature." Another said, "I learned not to worry about things I can't control ... I'm very happy being surrounded with a fraction of the people I previously interacted with."

One of the grandkids, 15, said, "I learned that physical interaction with others is essential for your mind." The preteen said, "Humans are very resourceful although most people struggle with change." A 14-year-old said, "I thought it was cool that people just adapted super quickly to living in a whole new way," and the 18-year-old said, "Online does not always mean more efficient."

I learned that the little things that irritate an individual in isolation with a longtime partner, as in a 53-year marriage, are like grains of sand in an oyster. Sometimes you get a pearl, an appreciation for the love and support that endures.

The most important lesson of Pandemic 2020-21: We're still in school. It's not over. We may have to dig deeper and find more strength and forbearance, and I believe we will.

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HERALD EDITORIAL The heartache of gun violence continues

49-year-old father of seven and grandfather of one, Ray Wishropp, was killed April 20 by a lone gunman in the manager's office of the West Hempstead Stop & Shop over what Nassau County police say was an employee dispute.

We at the Herald offer our deepest sympathies to the Wishropp family. We also want to express our appreciation to the officers of the Nassau County and Hempstead village police departments, who quickly tracked down the alleged shooter and apprehended him without further violence. Their professionalism was on full display that terrible day.

The gunman, who was reportedly overly flirtatious with another employee, had met with a manager and requested a transfer to another supermarket. When he didn't get what he wanted, he left the store, but returned 40 minutes later and started firing, police said. In addition to Wishropp, two other employees were injured in the attack.

It was an all-too-familiar scenario in America, particularly these days — another life extinguished all too easily, all too quickly, all too early, leaving another family in a state of our mourning and shock.

We are, seemingly, in a perpetual state of mourning and shock in the United States. Since the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut in 2012, when we pledged to never allow another mass shooting like this to happen again after 26 were killed, there have been hundreds of these shootings across the country.

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Few rise to the level of Sandy Hook or the Route 91 Harvest music festival mass shooting in Las Vegas in 2017, in which 61 were killed and 411 injured. Most are smaller shootings, with a half-dozen or fewer victims. In fact, the Stop & Shop shooting would not be registered as a mass shooting on FBI statistics lists. For that, four people or more must be killed, according to the Congressional Research Service.

When looking at mass shootings more expansively, factoring in the number killed *and* injured, there have been 2,654 mass shootings since Sandy Hook — nearly 300 a year, or close to one a day, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Astoundingly, though, mass shootings account for only 2 percent of all murders in the U.S. In 2017, more than 11,000 people were murdered by gun; in 2018, 10,440; and in 2019, 10,258 — an average of 30 people a day. Think about that for a moment. Let the numbers sink in. At some point, we must wake up and own up to our reality: America is a murderous nation.

That fact does not comport with our image as a shining city on a hill, a beacon of freedom and democracy for all the world to emulate. Gun violence is our national psychosis, and we must act to reverse course. Instead we seem to thrust ever forward to new and unspeakable levels of violence.

Over the past year, when so much of the nation was on lockdown because of the coronavirus pandemic, we saw a merciful respite from mass shootings. All seemed relatively quiet. Then, as the country started to open up again this spring, they began anew, as if, during the past year, a temporary truce had been drawn up and the fighting had stopped, only to be reignited by a single violent act that triggered a cascade of more and more shootings.

As a nation, we must commit to ending the killings through a science-based approach to violence reduction. Long Islanders can be thankful that Northwell Health committed \$1 million to establish a Center for Gun Violence Prevention in 2019. That December, the health system, one of the largest in the country, held its first Gun Violence Prevention Forum in December, followed by its second last December.

Our elected leaders and community activists need to become more vocal on this issue — seeking studies, as Northwell has done, to understand more fully the stranglehold that gun violence has on the nation, while at the same time calling for common-sense legislation to reduce the number of killings.

In New York, it's easy to ignore the issue. The state has some of the nation's toughest gun laws — and one of the country's lowest death-by-gun rates. We will never, however, feel truly safe across this land until all states realize the importance of more stringent gun regulations in promoting public safety.

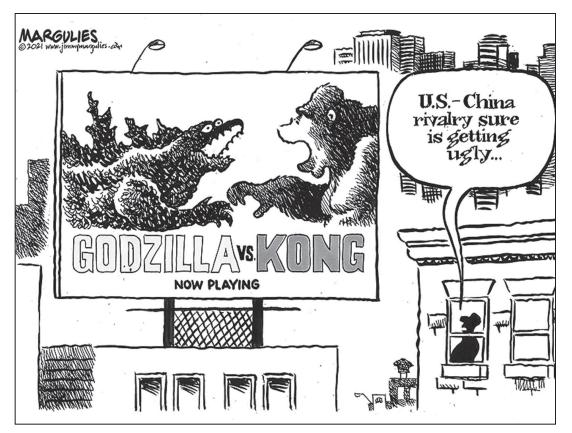
The Stop & Shop shooting reminded us, in no uncertain terms, that gun violence can erupt anywhere, at any moment, in America.

'Another day older and deeper in debt'

To the Editor:

It was with incredulity that I read of the mayor and City Council plunging Glen Cove yet further into debt by adopting a nearly \$9 million bond issue last week ("City adopts bond totaling \$8.9 million"). As if their capbusting 2021 budget of \$64.3 million, with a 7.32 percent property tax increase, wasn't enough, they now propose to add additional debt service for five years! And for what? Rehabilitation of well water, which should have been closed years ago? Shoring up a decrepit pier? Paving city streets? Many roads such as Shore Road are owned by the county, which has promised repaving for a decade, to no avail.

How will five years of interest on this massive loan be paid for? Mayor Tenke's Alice-in-Wonderland answer is that the \$1.4 million in electricity savings from the LED



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or 19 years I have called the United States my home, my safe place and a country that I dearly love. Yet it continues to deny me recognition as one of its own as a result of my immigration status. I have lived here longer than in the country of my birth, and I have learned to love every little



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thing that makes America America, from its language to its seasons, its food and its noise, even its fast-paced lifestyle. I was born in

Ecuador and came to the U.S. when I was 14. As a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, recipient, I

have been able to finish college and buy a home — but my life has been measured in two-year increments.

Soon after I arrived in this country, I realized that many of my dreams would not come true because I was missing one piece of the puzzle — "legal status." I have never let my immigration status define who I am or what I can achieve, but the reality is that it has presented a series of obstacles that have been hard to overcome. In June 2012. President Barack Obama

announced that he would sign an executive order called DACA to protect young people who came to the U.S. as children from deportation. That took

my life and dreams on a completely different, and revolutionary, path. The DACA program has been my safeguard, even if I must renew my status every two years. The program has also allowed me to become vocal and get involved in the immigrant rights movement, through which I witnessed some of the worst of this country's tendencies during the Trump administration.

Many undocumented immigrants like me became easy prey for President Donald Trump, who constantly forced us to fight back against all of the anti-immigrant sentiment and policies that were unleashed during his presidency. Defending DACA on the streets, and in the courts, where I served as one of the plaintiffs against Trump for unlawfully ending the program, has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.

Our resistance and collective power as

a movement delivered a DACA victory at the U.S. Supreme Court last June, and then in January, when President Biden was sworn in. Many promises were made on the campaign trail last year that led me to believe that a legislative solution

would finally be introduced to protect people like me and the rest of the 11 million undocumented people in this country.

Then, on March 18, HR6, also known as the Dream and Promise Act, was passed by the House of Representatives, promising a pathway to legalization for an estimated 3.1 million people, including DACA and Temporary Protective Status, or TPS, recipients.

Passage of the bill can be credited to the immigrant youth and community that for years has led the fight to build a movement to provide our people with respect, dignity and the pathway to citizenship that we deserve. The bill's success in the House brings the promise of long-overdue relief to millions of undocumented youth and TPS holders who have organized, rallied in the streets, shared their stories and flooded the halls of Congress.

The vote brought me one step closer to

ensuring that I will be able to have permanent protections in this country and remain together with my children and family.

Nonetheless, as our immigrant community celebrates the bill's passage, it is crucial to recognize that the legislation has problems that must be fixed. It includes harmful measures that rely on our unjust, discriminatory criminal legal system. It leaves out community members who should be eligible for a pathway to citizenship, but would not be simply because they might have been caught up in the legal system.

I know we face an uphill battle to pass this legislation in the Senate, but we urge senators to take up the bill quickly, and call on Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to immediately remove the harmful provisions, reject any additions that would further criminalize members of our community and move swiftly to pass this measure.

Eliana Fernández, of Patchogue, is lead organizer at the Brooklyn-based nonprofit Make the Road New York, an immigrant rights organization, and a plaintiff in Wolf v. Batalla Vidal, one of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals cases decided by the Supreme Court, which ruled that President Trump's efforts to end DACA were unlawful.

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lighting conversion project will offset the \$8.9 million borrowed. If Mr. Tenke truly believes that, I have a bridge to sell him in Brooklyn.

After spending 18 months castigating the prior administration's debt service, which brought income-producing development to Glen Cove, the mayor and council members such as John Perrone (see his letter, "The city's looking to the future") can only gush about how "this five-year plan is another first in the city's history, and ... a step toward sound financial discipline."

Perhaps the shoveling out of trillions of dollars by the administration in Washington is catching hold in Glen Cove as well. If so, I am reminded of the old hit song "Sixteen Tons," with the lyrics, "Another day older and deeper in debt." Unfortunately, with the future tax increases necessitated by this huge debt, it rings true for Glen Cove residents as well.

> KENNETH GUTWEIN Glen Cove

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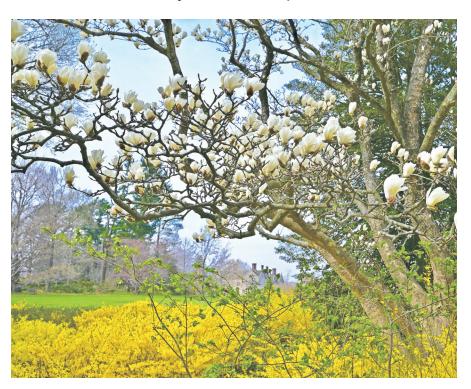
On April 20, our community was confronted with the horrific news of another mass shooting, this time close to home. One person was killed and two others injured when a gunman opened fire inside the West Hempstead Stop & Shop. My heart goes out to the victims and their families.

I want to thank the first responders, police officers and detectives who apprehended the suspect without incident following a brief search. Their quick response provided critical aid to those injured in the shooting and brought a measure of calm to an otherwise chaotic scene.

This doesn't happen by accident; it is the result of diligent training and coordination with other law enforcement agencies. Within minutes, our schools were secured thanks to the protocols enacted in response to the many shootings we have seen across the country over the past several years. Students across Nassau County spent the day in lockdown as parents worried about their safety, in scenes that have become all too common in our society.

All of this, though, could have been much worse if it were not for the brave men and women of the Nassau County Police Department, led by Commissioner Patrick Ryder, and those from the cooperating agencies. They did their jobs with professionalism, stepped up when we needed them most and, most important, worked with the community to apprehend a dangerous suspect.

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Last year, Nassau County was ranked the safest community in America by U.S. News & World Report, and yet even we are not immune to this epidemic plaguing our nation. This is beyond politics, and it's up to all of us — Democrats and Republicans — to fight for a future free of senseless gun violence. I stand ready to do my part.

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