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A sign to welcome all

Rabbi Janet Liss and Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke cut the ribbon for the North Country Reform Temple's newest sign. Story, Page 9.

Giving back at home and abroad

New local Argentine nonprofit sets ambitious goals

By RONNY REYES

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In 2015, Lia Di Angelo, of Glen Cove, decided to convert her birthday from a day about her into a celebration for other people. As her Dec. 18 birthday approached that year, she explained, her friends and family were asking her what she wanted, but she couldn't come up with any answers. So, rather than collect material goods for

herself, Di Angelo asked to be given children's toys so she could donate them.

"I was fortunate enough to find myself not needing anything," she said, "so I thought about helping others," Di Angelo said.

Four years later, Di Angelo, 48, a florist who is originally from Cordoba, Argentina, has transformed her birthday toy drive into an annual event that collects hundreds of toys and

thousands of dollars for charities. And this year's drive evolved even further, marking the inaugural gala for the Comite Civico Argentino, or Argentine Civic Committee, a nonprofit organization that Di Angelo founded in July to serve the less fortunate in both her local community and in countries in Latin America. The gala, the Evergreen School in Hemsptead, also CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

Will third time be the charm?

District prioritizes health, safety and education in bond proposal

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By RONNY REYES

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Although members of the Glen Cove City School District Board of Education were distraught after the district's second attempt to pass a bond failed in October, the board wasted no

time in preparing the next proposal. After holding several public workshop sessions and tours around the district, trustees presented a draft of their latest bond proposal at a meeting on Dec. 18.

The first measure, rejected in a public vote on March 11, totaled \$84.6 million. The second proposal was for \$78 million, and this one adds up to just under \$46 million. District offi-

cials said they hoped the 41 percent decrease would ease residents' worries about taxes while adequately funding the critical renovations needed at all six school buildings.

Superintendent Maria Rianna said the board had reviewed the previous proposals and pri-

oritized work that is crucial if the schools are to comply with state and federal building codes. "We're trying to take a step in the right direction to secure the safety and security of our students and staff," Rianna said.

The newest plan calls for the renovation of at least two rest-

rooms in each building in order to make them compliant with the American with Disabilities Act. There is also a need to replace several fire-escape windows, which are either too heavy to open or not large enough for people to escape through. Classrooms would be added at several schools to address overcrowding. Some classes are now taught in a base-

where, mobile desks are used to move classes to unoccupied

Architect Michael Mark, of Mark Design Studios, went over the proposed renovations at the meeting. He detailed the deterio-

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State eyes prohibiting plastic foam

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo has proposed legislation to ban the use of polystyrene foam in disposable food containers throughout New York state. The announcement has garnered the praise of state environmental officials.

State Assemblyman Charles La-vine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said that plastic foam presents a serious threat to the environment. "It cannot be recycled and it does not biodegrade on its own," he said, "so it's a constructive step in the right direction on the part of the governor, and I support it wholeheartedly.'

Plastic foam is often referred to generically, and inaccurately, as Styrofoam, which is a trademarked form of polystyrene used in insulation and boat construction. Plastic foam is reportedly one of the top 10 contributors to environmental litter. The Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that the U.S. produces roughly 3 million tons of polystyrene, which is non-biodegradable, every year. Containers made from it break down over time and enter waterways and wildlife areas as microplastic particles, polluting water and harming wildlife that ingest them.

Violators of the proposed ban would face a fine starting at \$250. Second, third



Christina Daly/Herald

GOV. CUOMO WANTS to ban the use of polystyrene in disposable food containers.

and fourth violations would be fined \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

"Styrofoam is one of the most common pollutants, and a public health hazard that impacts humans and the environment alike," Cuomo said in a statement. "From take-out containers to packing peanuts, this material is everywhere, and it will continue to pollute our waters and harm our wildlife for generations to come if we do not act."

Lavine said he was optimistic about the legislation's chances in Albany, adding that New York City's ban on plastic foam, which took effect in July, has been

State Sen. Jim Gaughran, a Democrat from Northport, said the ban would be a step in the right direction, although it would take time and effort to make sure it succeeded. He said it would be important for public officials to work with restaurants on ways to eliminate the use of plastic foam containers. Although Gaughran is waiting to make his final decision on the bill until he sees what amendments may be attached, he said he supports the concept of the legislation.

These materials that really can't be successfully recycled just end up in landfills or incinerators and add to our global environmental problems," Gaughran said. "I think what we can do as government is to reduce this type of waste.'

State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach who serves as chairman of the State Senate Environmental Conservation Committee. announced his support on Dec. 18 for the proposal. "I am confident the ban on Styrofoam would be welcomed by the Legislature, as we are all aware that we have a solid waste crisis and that Washington is doing very little to nothing about it," Kaminsky said in a statement. "Following on our plastic bag ban from last year, it is important that we continue to make progress and move from a disposable and easy convenient society to one that focuses on sustainability and protecting our planet for the next generation.'

Effects of plastic foam on human health

- Plastic foam is made using styrene, a monomer that is possibly cancerous or toxic to humans. Styrene can migrate from plastic foam containers into food or drink when heated or when the food is fatty or acidic.
- Styrene residue is found in virtually all samples of human fat tissue.
- The Food and Drug Administration has determined that the styrene concentration in bottled drinking water should not exceed 0.1 parts per million. The U.S. EPA drinking water standard is 1 ppm.
- Styrene can be found in air, water and soil after release from the manufacture, use and disposal of styrenebased products.
- Styrene exposure increases the risk of leukemia and lymphoma and is a neurotoxin.

Source: Clean Water Action

Effects of plastic foam on marine environment

- Like most plastics, plastic foam is lightweight and floats. In the form of litter, it is carried from streets and through storm drains to the ocean. It also photodegrades, breaking down into smaller and smaller pieces, easily
- Plastics make up roughly 90 percent of all floating marine debris.
- The lifetime of plastics in the marine environment is unknown, and some researchers believe they never truly disappear.

Source: Clean Water Action

mistaken for food by marine animals.

the distribution and use of plastic foam containers used by restaurants, caterers, food trucks, retail food stores, delis and grocery stores.

"At a time when our president is frustrating each and every meaningful effort to protect Mother Earth," Lavine said, "I am very pleased that Governor Cuomo will introduce legislation to ban singleuse Styrofoam containers."



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The proposed legislation would ban

New bond proposal undergoes major cuts

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rated state of district buildings' doors and heating and cooling systems. He explained that while the district could shop around for values on these replacements, the bulk of the cost would be the labor of installing them — rates that are set by the state and unions, and vary little among contractors. When some residents asked why the equipment couldn't be repaired, district officials said that replacing it would actually be more cost-effective.

"We don't get state aid for repairs," explained board Vice President Monica Alexandris-Miller. "We only get it for replacements. Whatever the cost is when we're renovating or replacing something, about 33 percent of that comes back to the district."

While the majority of the audience at the meeting appeared to support the new bond, many shared their concerns about the misinformation that was spread before the previous two bond votes. Carolyne Dilgard-Clark, a local parent, said the district needed to get into the community to present their ideas and take advantage of advertising opportunities around the city. Rick Smith, who said he had opposed the two previous bonds, contended that the district needed more public input on this one, saying that there had been only a handful of people at the public workshop session on Dec. 3.



Courtesy GCCSD

A RENDERING OF what the Glen Cove High School's cafeteria would look like after renovations.

State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, who attended the meeting, addressed the spread of misinformation. Lavine had previously helped the district secure a \$250,000 grant to renovate the high school's science labs, which have fallen into disrepair. When the last bond failed to pass, Lavine said, he heard rumors that residents hadn't voted for it because the district had yet to use the grant money to repair the labs, and they believed it had

gone elsewhere. Lavine said the plan was to combine the grant with the bond in order to complete a full renovation of the labs rather just "cosmetic changes."

"I wanted to set the record straight on this," Lavine said, "for those who would try to use this argument in bad faith."

The district will hold a public hearing to discuss the bond proposal at the next Board of Education meeting on Jan. 8. The district could officially propose this third bond at the end of that meeting, and it could be put to a public vote as early as March 19

But one parent, Maria Ruffin, said that because of the previous failures, she was losing hope that real change can come to the district. "When I see the schools, I see neglect," Ruffin said. "We need schools that look inviting, not like they're being foreclosed. We have to do this for our kids"

Parents call for school board president to resign

By RONNY REYES

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As she watched the Glen Cove City School District's proposed \$78 million bond fail on Oct. 22, Maria Venuto said, she decided she had had enough. Venuto, a former member of the district's Board of Education, expressed her frustration with the failure and said that changes needed to be made in order for the district to pass a significant bond that would help end the state of disrepair plaguing the school buildings. Among those changes, Venuto said, was for Board of Education President Gail Nedbor-Gross to resign.

"She doesn't support anything substantial," Venuto said. "We wouldn't be here if the bond wasn't put off for all these years."

A few days after the bond failed, Venuto started an online petition demanding Nedbor-Gross's resignation. At press time, the petition had more than 200 supporters, and was a few dozen shy of reaching its goal of 250 signatures.

Nedbor-Gross did not return the Herald Gazette's request for a response, and the district said it would not comment on this issue.

In her petition, Venuto said that while Nedbor-Gross has been with the board for years, she never felt that Nedbor-Gross worked proactively to secure the bond, unlike the other board members who



Courtesy GCCSD

GAIL NEDBOR-GROSS, CENTER, has served on the Glen Cove City School District's Board of Education for 11 years. She leads the meetings with Vice President Monica Alexandris-Miller, left, and Superintendent Maria Rianna.

were active during public tours and information sessions. Michelle Chalfoun, who signed the petition, remembers seeing Nedbor-Gross pass her by when Chalfoun was volunteering to spread awareness about the bond during the city's summer concert series. While she received help from other parents and board members, Chalfoun said she felt snubbed by Nedbor-Gross

"As president of the Board of Education, how can you just walk by when we're working there for the school," Chalfoun asked.

She and other district parents are increasingly worried over the state of disrepair in the schools. Throughout the district, stairwells lacked fire safety doors, while other doors have breakable glass within reach of the handles, and some exit doors have handles that could be chained together, a serious safety issue. Ceiling tiles also sag and fall. In 2018, nearly half of the library's ceiling tiles

collapsed. The tiles are so old that they are not even made anymore in the U.S. While the fallen library tiles were replaced with new ones, the old tiles are still up on the other half of the library, which houses the student's seating area. The school also has outdated central cooling and heating systems, along with cracking floors.

With all these issues ongoing in the district, Maureen Jimenez, another local parent who signed the petition, said the district needed a leader who could counter the spread of misinformation, which she said contributed to the bond's failure.

"I don't think someone who can't champion the bond should be leading the Board of Education," Jimenez said. "I don't feel it's personal against her, and a way for her to support it would be to step down."

While Nedbor-Gross showed no signs of wanting to resign, she will continue to work with fellow board members, school officials and parents to form the next bond proposal, which could be introduced as soon as Jan. 8.

Because the second bond proposal failed, the district cannot put a third proposal up for vote until a year after the first one, which means a new bond referendum will not be up until March 2020.



Courtesy GC350

THE MARKER ON Vinny's Island commemorates the history of Glen Cove's Liberty Pole.

Glen Cove's Liberty Pole

By DAVE NIERI

An historic marker set on a traffic island at the intersection of School Street, Cottage Row and Brewster Street describes a "Liberty Pole" that was erected there in the early days of the Civil War. According to the late Glen Cove City Historian, Dan Russell, "the tradition of erecting a Liberty Pole to show solidarity in a patriotic cause dates back to the earliest days of the American Revolution, when colonists erected tall flag poles to show their unity in protest against British taxation."

When on April 12, 1861, the South Carolina militia artillery batteries opened fire upon Fort Sumter, the four-year American Civil War began. Upon hearing this news, and to show their support for the Union, the residents of Glen Cove decided to erect a Liberty Pole at "Union Square," the corner of Cottage Row and Glen Street – the latter wouldn't be renamed School Street for another 30 years or so.

The 90-foot high Liberty Pole was raised on the evening of Tuesday, April 23, 1861, and as the U.S. flag broke out at the top, the pole was dedicated with much fanfare. The flag that was flown may have had 33 or 34 stars – Kansas (34) having been admitted to the Union just four months earlier in January. The event was marked by the firing of a cannon and followed by bands playing, community singing, and speeches from Glen Cove's most prominent citizens. The Glen Cove

Gazette proclaimed the raising of the Liberty Pole to be one of the largest assemblages of local residents in the community's history.

During America's Centennial commemoration in 1876, the Liberty Pole at Union Square was once again the center of a community celebration. And it has been recorded that the Liberty Pole at Union Square was referenced as a local landmark as late as 1916, but after that Union Square seemed to have lost its meaning and the Liberty Pole eventually disappeared.

This intersection has been widened and realigned substantially in the ensuing years, and "Vinny's Island" as the traffic island is now called, is a close approximation for the location of the former Union Square. A new maritime-style flagpole, albeit much smaller than the 90-foot Liberty Pole, was installed at Vinny's Island at about the time of the weeklong America's Sail celebration when tall ships visited Glen Cove in 1998.

Vinny's Island is named for Vincent Martinez, Sr., a local veteran and Glen Cove fireman, who has maintained the plantings and the historical marker on the traffic island for many years. The historical marker there is among the ten markers erected in 1967 that were recently refurbished by the Glen Cove 350 Committee.

Most of this story is attributed to an article written by the late Dan Russell.

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CRIME WATCH

Arrests

- A male, 18, of Westbury, was arrested on Dec. 12, on Crescent Beach Road, for graffiti.
- A male, 55, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Dec.22, on Brookdale Road, for criminal mischief.
- A male 35, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Dec. 22, on Sea Cliff Avenue, for assault and unlawful imprisonment.
- A male, 45, of Sea Cliff, was arrested

on Dec. 23, on Cedar Swamp Road, for assault and two counts of criminal mischief.

- A male, 25, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Dec. 23, on Valentine Street, for criminal mischief.
- A male, 35, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Dec. 23, on Sea Cliff Avenue, for criminal contempt.
- A male, 19, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Dec. 28, on Elm Avenue, for robbery and two counts of assault.



Courtesy GCPD

KATHLEEN O'LEARY GOT her lost wedding ring back thanks to Detective Brian Glennon.

G.C. detective returns lost ring

Glen Cove Police Detective Brian Glennon saved Kathleen O'Leary's day when he helped return her lost wedding ring on Dec. 27.

O'Leary, an Amazon shopper employee, was packing grocery orders when she inadvertently dropped her wedding band and two other rings in one of the bags. O'Leary said she had recently lost weight, which caused the rings on her fingers to become loose. She was shocked to find that her wedding ring of 39 years was lost, and prayed that it

would be returned to her somehow.

The order that she had filled when she lost her ring was that of Detective Glennon, whose wife noticed the rings at the bottom of the bag when he was about to throw it out. Shocked to find the rings, Glennon was determined to find the owner and return the rings. O'Leary was ecstatic when she got her rings back and offered Glennon a reward, which he declined, saying her joy was reward enough

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COMITE CIVICO ARGENTINO founder Lia Di Angelo, far left, and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran recognized County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews for their community leadership.

G.C. resident creates Comite Civico Argentino

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served as an opportunity for her to honor 10 people who have helped her succeed and given to her causes, including fellow Glen Cove residents Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a county legislator, and Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, a Glen Cove City Councilman.

The Comite Civico Argentino is the culmination of Di Angelo's philanthropic spirit, but she cited the local charities she has worked with in the past as the main inspiration for starting a charity of her own. She said she had learned the most from Gil Bernardino, president of Circulo de la Hispanidad, a Long Beach-based nonprofit that provides resources and educational programs to Long Island's Latino community. After helping the organization with its fundraisers, Di Angelo said, she felt confident to hold one of her own, which is why she was happy to turn her birthdays into toy drives.

During the initial one, in 2015, Di Angelo met DeRiggi-Whitton, who helped her connect with other community leaders and resources. DeRiggi-Whitton, who has helped support the Toys for Tots collection drive at Glen Cove's Martino Auto Concepts for years, said she was proud that another Glen Cove resident wanted to do more to help others.

Together, Di Angelo and DeRiggi-Whitton helped donate more than 100 toys to a drive hosted by County Legislator Siela Bynoe in 2015. This year, Di Angelo has collected more than 600 toys, and is planning to collect even more by Three Kings Day — which celebrates the trip of the Magi who witnessed the birth of Jesus — on Jan. 6. DeRiggi-Whitton said she was thankful for Di Angelo's commitment to the community, and added that Di Angelo always gives to her own fundraisers to combat diabetes.

"Lia's always working to support the community," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "She's a community-oriented person . . .

and I was grateful to be honored by her at the gala."

Along with the toy drives, Di Angelo also began collecting money, and she donated about \$1,000 to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital for cancer research in 2018. Through Comite Civico Argentino, she has raised nearly \$5,000 this year, which she is planning to use to build wells and donate farm animals to people living in northern Argentina. While \$5,000 may not seem like enough to do much, Di Angelo explained that it converts to more than \$300,000 Argentine pesos.

She is also working with a Salvadoran counterpart, Vivian Pereira — president of the Comite Civico Salvadoreno — to donate about \$3,000 worth of wheelchairs to disabled people in El Salvador. Di Angelo explained that she wanted to use her charity not only to help people in other nations, but also to acknowledge those who have supported her cause, like Pereira

Stevenson-Mathews, who has known Di Angelo for more than a decade, said he was honored to be recognized along with nine other community leaders at the Comite Civico Argentino gala. He was amazed, he said, to see more than 240 people there. "The fact that someone has so many people on board during their first official event speaks volumes," Stevenson-Mathews said.

Di Angelo hopes to continue to grow the organization this year. Along with her toy drive and charity work in Argentina and El Salvador, she hopes to hold back-to-school supply drives for local children, and to raise enough money to provide relief aid to other countries in the event of natural disasters like Hurricane Maria. She also wants to use her fundraisers to spread Argentine culture and unite communities.

"Ten years from now," Di Angelo said, "I want to say that we kept doing bigger and better things."

THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

Gardens of 'Downton Abbey'



Take a virtual tour of Highclere Castle where Downton Abbey was filmed at the Gold Coast Library on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. In addition, learn about the special gardens designed by legendary 18th-century British landscape architect Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8300.

New Year, New Vibes, New You

In this class at the Glen Cove Salt Cave, participants will learn to raise their vibes to create the life they want. Dr. Scott's Flash Healing and Psychic Surgery to clear out anything preventing one from realizing their best self included. Jan. 8 at 7:15 p.m. at 70 Forest Ave., suite 2B in Glen Cove. (516) 801-0665.

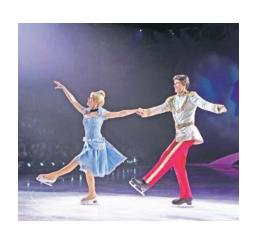


Zumba Jr.

This class at the Locust Valley Library combines movement, music, community and healthy lifestyle awareness for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. It's filled with rocking, specially choreographed, high-energy and kid-friendly routines featuring all types of music. The fun kicks off on at 4:15 p.m. on Jan. 9 at 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley. (516) 671-1837.

Happily ever after

Welcome the New Year with another Disney on Ice extravaganza. "Dream Big" shares the empowering tales of Disney's most courageous leading ladies at NYCB Live's Nassau Coliseum, opening Thursday, Jan. 9. Tinker Bell will guide everyone to a place where imaginations soar. Info: (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.disneyonice.com.



Seals along the shoreline



Check out some of the fascinating winter harbor seals that inhabit our waters on a guided walk along the Jones Beach shoreline, Saturday, Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join a park naturalist for a short talk about seals and then bundle up to walk along the shoreline to see these amazing marine mammals. Info: (516) 780-3295 or bookwhen.com/jonesbeachnaturecenter.

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Landing expresses gratitude



Fifth graders at Landing Elementary School wrote letter to the U.S. Military and collected leftover Halloween candy to donate to Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit that seeks to lift the spirits and meet the needs of active duty and veterans' communities through care packages.

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STUDENTS AT LANDING Elementary School wrote letters to those serving in the U.S. Military.



Courtesy GCCSD

LANDING ELEMENTARY'S ENL students enjoyed tamales.

Too many tamales

English as a New Language students at Landing Elementary School celebrated the holiday season through their book of the month, "Too Many Tamales." These third-, fourthand fifth-grade students worked to perform a reader's theater of the story, including cooking up tamales for their classmates. The students enjoyed the performance and the change to celebrate their Latin American culture together.

Gribbin's Polar Express

Gribbin Elementary School's first graders wore pajamas to school as they read the holiday classic, "The Polar Express" on Dec. 17. After reading the story, the students completed projects

themed after it. To close out the day, the students decorated their own Polar Express tickets and watched the film adaptation as they enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies.



Courtesy GCCSD

ALYSON RIVERA, LEFT, and Sophia Zavala completed writing activities for their Polar Express event.

Bail reforms underscore economic inequality

Subtle form of racism has roots in endemic poverty in communities of color

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Part seven in a series.

The Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is concise in the extreme on the subject of bail. "Excessive bail shall not be required," James Madison wrote with uncharacteristic brevity. The white gentlemen of property and wealth who

t's not responsible or equitable to keep people in jail just because they can't afford bail.

SERENA LIGUORI

Executive director, New House first debated the nation's most fundamental laws apparently believed that all that needed saying on the subject was encapsulated in that one phrase.

On its face, the amendment does not discriminate on the basis of race or gender, but it does discriminate on the basis of wealth. For most of the 230 years since the document was ratified, the rest of society has struggled to

catch up with those privileged men.

"The money bail system jails poor people because they are poor, not because they have been convicted of a crime and not because they are a danger to others," professors Chiraag Bains, Colin Doyle, Francis Chang and Brook Hopkins wrote in a study entitled "Bail Reform: A Guide for State and Local Policy Makers," released last February by Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Policy Program. "Meanwhile, that same system allows dangerous but wealthy people to post their bond and be released."

It is this inequity that the bail reforms taking effect in New York this week seek to redress.

The reform is expected to reduce jail populations dramatically. By eliminating pretrial detention for 90 percent of nonviolent misdemeanors and felonies, liberty will no longer depend on economic status.

Of the 930 people being held in pretrial detention at the Nassau County Correctional Institution, 619 — two of every three — are being held because of their inability to make bail of as little as \$250. The majority are African-American or Latino.

"The truth is, the system is broken even before jail becomes an issue," said Serena Liguori, the executive director of New House, a nonprofit organization that provides support for women returning home to Nassau and Suffolk counties following incarceration. "It's not responsible or equitable to keep people in jail just because they can't afford bail."

Left unsaid in this discussion is that because Nassau's communities of color



Nadya Nataly/Herald

PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS founder Barbara Allan, of Hempstead, spoke of the need for bail reform at a Dec. 10 rally in front of the Nassau County Executive and Legislative Building, saying families suffered under the old bail law. Bail reform, which does away with bail for nonviolent offenses, took effect Jan. 1. Critics had also argued that the old bail law disproportionately affected poor African-American and Hispanic defendants who could not afford to make bail.

and women of every ethnicity have fewer economic opportunities than white men, de facto discrimination on the basis of race and sex is inherent in the system.

"The practice of making the payment of a money bond a requirement for pretrial release discriminates based on wealth, exacerbates racial disparities, results in over-incarceration and imposes unnecessary costs on individuals and society at large," according to the Harvard study.

"The mass incarceration system is like the new Jim Crow, and it's a way to disenfranchise people from participation in society," said Ben Britton, of New York Communities for Change, in a conversation with the Herald earlier this year. "It's really being used in a way

that disadvantages black and brown folks."

Poverty and race in Nassau County

Economic disparities were borne out starkly in a report issued by Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman last February. According to the Schnirman report,

black men in Nassau earn roughly 30 percent less than whites for the same work; for black women, the figure is 40 percent; and Latinas earn least of all — just half of what white men are paid for the same or similar work.

Median income for black households is \$20,000 per year less than for whites; only 42 percent of blacks own their own homes versus 71 percent of whites — significant in cases where collateral is required for a bond. Of the more than 162,000 businesses in Nassau, only about 12,400 — 7.6 percent — are owned by blacks, out of a total of some 44,400 minority-owed businesses.

The impact of economic disparity was significant in the context of bail, and cash bail in particular. When people are arrested, they face three options. First, they may be released on their own recognizance — a simple promise to appear. (Data from various sources show that at least 95 percent do appear, according to the Harvard study.) Second, a judge may impose cash bail. Third, the judge may require a bond, where the accused may be required to pay a percentage of the bond's value, while providing collateral for the remainder. The cash portion of the bond is the fee charged by the bondsman for posting bail

Generally, the amount of cash bail is less — often considerably less — than the bond, so it favors well-heeled defen-

dants several times over. The bail is less, second, because defendants

do not require the services of bail bondsmen and do not pay the bondsmen's fee — often as high as 10 percent of the total. And finally, they spend less time behind bars. According to a 2018 New York Civil Liberties Union study, white New Yorkers were twice as likely as blacks under the

old bail system to be released on the same day that their bail was set. They were also likely to serve shorter periods in detention.

Finally, the algorithm on which flight risk is calculated is biased, since it includes factors such as defendants' arrest history. Blacks are five times more likely than whites to have arrest records, according to a 2019 study by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. And under the old discovery laws — also reformed, effective Jan. 1 — low-income defendants were more likely to plead in order to gain their freedom, because they could not afford the cost of bail or attorneys, according to the Harvard study.

The opposition

Despite nearly universal recognition that some form of bail reform is necessary, the plan implemented this week has drawn sharp, widespread criticism from public officials and law-enforcement professionals.

According to New York State Assemblyman Michael Montesano, a Republican of Glen Head, the changes raise concerns regarding community safety. "It's outrageous that so many legislators supported these overreaching criminal justice reforms [last] year," he said.

Montesano also noted that the changes would prevent judges from holding criminals after arrest. "People that do dangerous things are a threat," he said. "The fact that they can just walk in and out is a problem."

Long Beach Police Department Lt. Richard DePalma joined the chorus, saying, "The real losers when it comes to this bill are the victims. Ultimately it's the victims that live in the communities with the people that are going to be released — it's going to be troublesome for them to see these people out so quickly."

"My number one focus is keeping protecting our residents while enforcing the law," Nassau County Executive Laura Curran said. "I want to make sure all residents know that all Nassau County agencies have been extremely diligent in preparing for the successful and smooth transition to the new bail reform laws, with the safety of our residents and our law enforcement as the guidepost."

As widespread as these concerns may be, bail reforms enacted in 1971 prohibit judges in New York from detaining people due to concerns that they will pose a danger to the community if released, according to the Brennan Center for Justice. And the latest reforms apply only to nonviolent offenses. Some three dozen violent offenses are not subject to the new rules.

SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



NICOLE SCHNEIDER

North Shore Senior Cross-Country

A LONGTIME CONTRIBUTOR to North Shore's cross-country and track programs, Schneider continued to add to her strong resume this fall with a stand-out cross-country campaign. While helping the Lady Vikings to another county title, she was seventh in the Class II race on Nov. 2 and then produced a runner-up finish in the Nassau Class B state qualifier. As a junior, she was All-County for all three running seasons.

GAMES TO WATCH

Friday, Jan. 3

Wresting: Plainedge at North Shore4:30 p.m.
Wrestling: Glen Cove at Roslyn5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4
Wrestling: Glen Cove Tournament
Boys Basketball: Floral Park at North Shore11 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 6
B&G Bowling: Mineola at North Shore4:15 p.m.
Boys Swimming: North Shore at Hempstead4:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball: North Shore at Floral Park4:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball: Glen Cove at Jericho6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball: Jericho at Glen Cove6:45 p.m.
Gymnastics: Roslyn at North Shore 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7
Wrestling: North Shore at Roslyn5:30 p.m.
Wrestling: Bethpage at Glen Cove

Wednesday, Jan. 8

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B&G Bowling: North Shore at Herricks	4:15 p.m.
Wrestling: North Shore at Glen Cove	4:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball: North Shore at V.S. North	6:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball: South Side at Glen Cove	6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball: Glen Cove at South Side	6:30 p.m.
Gymnastics: North Shore at V.S. District	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball: V.S. North at North Shore	7 p.m.

HERALD SPORTS Senior group leads Glen Cove

By J.D. FREDA

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For the past few seasons, if one were to pay attention to the Glen Cove varsity wrestling program and it's successes, one would see many of the same names pop up over and over again. Starting with Isaiah Jackson, R.J. Alma, Phil Aguilar, Edson Murillo, Eder Leiva and Brandon Rivera-Varella, this core of the Big Red have been the foundation of multiple successful seasons over the past few years.

That veteran group is comprised of all seniors, with the exception of Aguilar. They have all been mainstays in coach Chris McDonald's wrestling room at Glen Cove High School.

"These kids have had some success in the past and they are all coming back to compete at the same weight class they have done well in," McDonald said. "They are still drilling really hard, and they are adding to their game a bit. They are confident at what they do and are trying to evolve their games everyday."

Jackson, Alma and Aguilar all placed at the county meet last season. Murillo, Leiva and Rivera-Varella were all in the top ten in Nassau County at their respective weight classes.

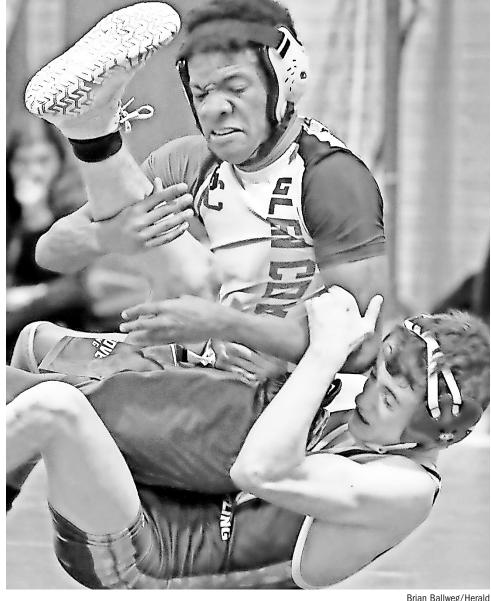
This year, the mostly-senior group will have one last opportunity to capture a county championship both as a team and individually — and McDonald believes 106-pound Jackson is a legitimate threat to take first in the county finals.

"Last year, he took third at the county meet," McDonald said. "He's ranked first in the county at his weight right now and he's got a good shot."

Jackson has been a standout at Glen Cove dating back to his freshmen year, where he qualified for the Nassau County meet at the conclusion of the regular season. Jackson's successful career at Glen Cove led to a commitment to wrestle at SUNY Brockport in 2020.

Jackson's teammate Alma has been a big part of the Big Red as well. Last year, Alma finished third in the county at 195 pounds. So far in the 2019-20 season, he has kept form. At the William Floyd dual meet tournament, Alma earned the most pins in the least amount of time. He accumulated five pins over the course of 5:18.

Although the senior group of wrestlers



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GLEN COVE'S ISAIAH Jackson, top, won a 14-2 decision over Division's Ryan Collier at 106 pounds on Dec. 20 but the Big Red came up a little short against the Dragons.

will undoubtedly be some of the more successful ones on the roster, McDonald has a group of underclassmen that will look to match the energy of their more experienced teammates in the wrestling

Rounding out the roster will be 99-pound Chris Gielbeta, 126-pound David Portillo, 138-pound, Victor Vaughan, 143-pound Sal Lorenti, 152-pound Genalie Prezeau and 160-pound Andrew Glaviano.

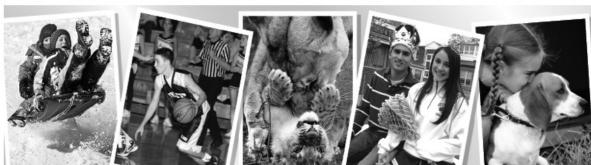
"The younger kids are picking up how

to drill correctly, and the seniors are showing them the right way," McDonald said.

McDonald has a certain trust in his upperclassmen to finish their wrestling careers out in strong fashion, but he understands the gravity of the situation.

"It is tough," McDonald said. "A lot of these guys are in the top ten in wins for Glen Cove. Some of these guys have over 50 wins; some are closer to 100 for us. They've been holding down spots and been leaders for us for years."

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HERALD NEIGHBORS



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LOCAL RESIDENTS GATHERED for the ribbon cutting ceremony at Glen Cove's North Country Reform Temple on Dec. 22.

City celebrates new sign at synagogue





RABBI JANET LISS, above attended the ceremony with her grand-niece, Anna Markert.

CONGREGANTS STAYED AFTER the ceremony, top-right, to celebrate the first day of Hanukkah.

RABBI JANET LISS, far-right, led local leaders, left, to the new sign.



Dozens gathered at the North Country Reform Temple on Dec. 22 to celebrate not only the first day of Hanukkah, but also to witness the ribbon cutting for the synagogues new sign. Along with the temple's name, the sign also reads, "All are welcome."

The NCRT serves as Glen Cove's only reform temple, offering its congregation a closer house of worship than the one in Roslyn located about 10 miles away. Rabbi Janet Liss has led the congregation since 1996 and has worked to connect the diverse communities in Glen Cove. She offered a prayer and, along with Mayor Timothy Tenke, cut the ribbon to officiate the temple's new sign.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, January 4

MAX Challenge free trial class

MAX Challenge of Glen Cove, 87 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, 9:30 a.m. Join the MAX Challenge for a free trial class to learn about the "Define Your Vision for 2020" 10-week challenge that begins on Jan. 6. With the brand new decade just over the horizon, the time to change one's life and become the best version of themselves has never been better. Experience a fun and exciting 45-minute class and see first hand how the MAX can make anyone's 2020 Vision a reality. (516) 261-6050.

Philippe Renoudin art display opening

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 10:45 a.m. This delightful exhibit of multimedia works by Phillippe Renoudin will be on display from through Feb. 28. (516) 671-1837.

Sea Cliff Indoor Winter Market

Creative Arts Studio, 256 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 p.m. Enjoy 10 local food purveyors and artisans each week. This week includes Table and Soul Kitchen Textiles, Barry's Tempeh of Brooklyn and Easy Beansy Spice Mixes. Additionally, the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor will be selling art cards by photographer Sebastian LI. (516) 318-5487.

'Bye-Bye Birdie'

Finley Middle School, 1 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, 5 p.m. Enjoy Jazz Hands Children's Theatre's annual performance by starting off 2020 with a kid-centric rendition of "Bye-Bye Birdie." (310) 490-4102.

Sunday, January 5

Princess Breakfast

Glen Cove Mansion, 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove. 9 a.m. Give the little ones a great New Year's gift by walking into the Mansion and enjoying a full breakfast buffet with Beauty and The Snow Queen. Activities include singing, storytelling, picture taking and crafts. Admission is \$40, children 2 through 6 are \$29. (516) 671-6400.

Sunday Supper Series

Private Chef Services Long Island, 2 Spring St., Oyster Bay, 5 p.m. Join Raynham Hall Museum in sharing food, wine and community at this new series. Admission is \$49, and 20 percent of all proceeds go to select local charities. (516) 922-6808.

Monday, January 6

New Orleans New Year

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. This program discusses what is traditionally eaten for breakfast in New Orleans the morning after New Year's Eve. Grits and shrimp are standard breakfast fare, but there other dishes that are enjoyed especially the yock, also known as "yock-a-mein," or "Old Sober" which is something of a traditional NOLA hangover cure. (516) 922-1212.

Tuesday, January 7

Original songwriter's workshop

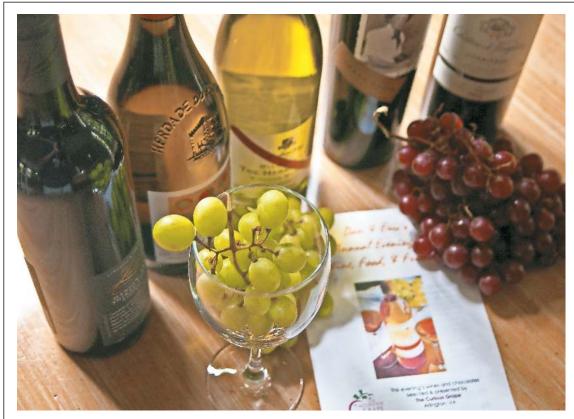


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Winter Wine Tasting with Slow Food North Shore

Join Slow Food North Shore for an evening of wine tasting and informed discussion at the Village Wine Merchant of Sea Cliff on Jan. 11 starting at 5 p.m. Co-owner and Wine Director Michael Amendola will take attendees on a tour of four different wines, including natural, organic and biodynamic selections. Learn about each wine's terrior, sustainable viticultural practices and the small, family producers that create them. Snacks and appetizers will be served, prepared by Slow Food North Shore members. Advance tickets are \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. If tickets are still available at the door, they will be \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. RSVP at info@slowfoodnorthshore.org by Jan. 9. 252 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. (516) 200-9370.

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. This workshop is open to songwriters of all levels who are interested in furthering their songwriting skills and who want to receive honest yet sensitive feedback. Attendees should bring 10 or so copies of their original song. Hosted by Huntington-based musician and songwriter Toby Tobias. (516) 922-1212.

Learning Spanish with Mayra

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 7 p.m. This is the first of a series of educational programs designed to help adults learn how to speak, read and write in Spanish, There will be 10 classes total. The first class is free and the following nine are \$50 total. (516) 671-1837.

Open Jam/Open Mic

Cafe Al Dente, 62 South St., Oyster Bay, 7:30 p.m. Musicians all of kinds are invited to an open mic to sing, play, eat, chat, watch and enjoy locally made tunes. (516) 922-2999.

Wednesday, January 8

Potionology Lab

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 5:30 p.m. Professor Potion has agreed to certify a new group of potionologists of children 6 and up. Before they are accepted, they must complete a series of tasks he has outlined for them, including making a rainbow of colors from one liquid, making raisins dance and creating an oozy explosion. (516) 922-1212.

Instant Pot cooking

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head 6:30 p.m. Many people grew up hearing about kitchen catastrophes, exploding pots and soup on the ceiling. Those days are long gone, as Instant Pot cooking is completely safe, quiet and pork, Instapot egg nites and french

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., turns calling their favorite songs, and

incredibly easy. Join Barbara Sheridan by bringing an Instant Pot to the library and learning to cook beef stroganoff, pulled onion soup. (516) 759-8300.

Music jam

Glen Head, 7 p.m. Musicians will take



Parent lecture: Vaping

Dr. Debora Riccardi DNP, Director of Community Health Nursing at Cohen Children's Medical Center, will present a lecture on vaping at the Glen Cove Library on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. Schools and families are struggling with the rise in student vaping. Riccardi will present the latest research, what students are using, and the impact on their brain chemistry and their health. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. (516) 676-2130.

others will try their best to play along. All skill levels and instruments welcome. The point is to bring together people from the community who enjoy playing and listening to music. It is helpful to chord charts or lyrics to share with the group. (516) 759-8300.

Organizing tips and tricks

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. Attendees will walk through the basics of organizing, the pros and cons of working with an organizer and the best practices for organizing. They will be able to "ask the expert" questions about specific concerns in your home or office. Participants encouraged to bring photos. This session is about learning and getting inspired to believe in the power of organizing. Presented by Stow and Behold. (516) 922-1212.

Thursday, January 9

Girls Who Code

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 4 p.m. Girls Who Code is a national, nonprofit organization founded with the mission of closing the gender gap in technology. This equips girls from third through fifth grade with computing skills, inspires interest in STEM and builds confidence while providing a meaningful learning experience. (516) 628-2765.

Seed Library Garden Group meeting

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Discuss successes, failures, tips and tricks for the season past and plans for the future. This is a great opportunity to share knowledge and chat about all things garden related. (516) 676-2130.

Friday, January 10

Tea Time

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head 11 a.m. Tea Time is a great way for parents to meet other parents and discuss the challenges they are facing, but it's also a wonderful way for children to meet other children, learn to play together and make friends. Tea and coffee will be served. (516) 759-8300.

Peppa Pig storytime and craft

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Children ages 2 through 5 will read a few Peppa books, make a winter hat for Peppa and celebrate her birthday in style. (516) 676-2130.

Yuto Kanazawa Ensemble

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. Enjoy an evening of acoustic jazz guitar, bass and drums played by the Yuto Kanazawa Trio offering a selection of music inspired by American, Asian and South American sounds. Wine, other beverages and a selection of special refreshments will be served. \$30 for members. \$45 for nonmembers. (516) 922-9210.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to Ilane@liherald.com.

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016

CHILDREN WERE SURPRISED with a visit from Santa at Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016.

Loggia G.C. celebrates Christmas

Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016 Inc., Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America held its annual Children's Christmas Party early last month. It was a wonderful day for the children, parents and grandparents. They had great entertain-

ment for the children with music, games, magic tricks, face painting and cotton candy. The children were treated to a delicious lunch, and they were all surprised when Santa stopped by with gifts for all.



Courtesy Nassau BOCES

BARRY TECH PRINCIPAL Peter Dalton and In-District Assistant Principal Maddy Hackett congratulated Glen Cove student Ariana Garcia.

Three G.C. teens honored by BOCES

Nassau BOCES named three Glen Cove City School District teens Students of the Quarter on Dec. 23. Diahana Cardenas, Ariana Garcia and Marlon Rivera Ortega were all honored for their grades and work ethic at the Nassau BOCES Barry Tech career and technical education high school. At Barry Tech, Cardenas studies cosmetology, Ariana studies barbering and Marlon studies compute game design and programming.



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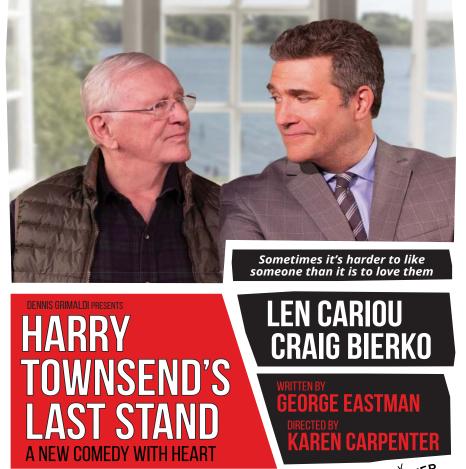
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Courtesy Tammy Lanham

DYLAN LANHAM, RIGHT, and his sister, Appolonya Lanham, studied their candles during the service at the Glen Cove Christian Church.

Christmas prayer in G.C.

Dozen of Glen Cove residents gathered at the Glen Cove Christian Church to celebrate the church's Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24. The mass, held by Pastors Tommy Lanham and Joe Cortale, celebrated the Christian communi-

ty's faith and the birth of Jesus. Residents held candles during services as they heard the pastors' sermons.

The Glen Cove Christian Church is located at 74 Walnut Road, in Glen Cove. Services are held on Sundays at 9 a.m.

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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Explore your culinary passion on a winter's weekend

The holidays have come and gone, now settle in for some winter nesting.

he kitchen beckons in January; tasty comforting foods are sure to warm the heart and soul — and help get everyone started on that New Year's resolution to eat healthier.

Experiment with new culinary creations — "Top Chef"-style — that incorporate bold flavors for delicious results. Nothing pleases the senses quite like a hearty meal on chilly evening.

Try adding these recipes to your



A satisfying plate of pasta is especially welcoming on a cold winter day.

Fettucine with Brussels Sprouts and Cranberries

4 slices bacon (approximately), cut into 1/2-inch pieces

2 cups (about 12 ounces) Brussels sprouts, trimmed and vertically halved 1 medium onion, sliced

1 cup chicken broth

1/4 cup dry vermouth

12 cup dried cranberries, coarsely

6 ounces fettuccine (or another long pasta like spaghetti)

2 ounces. Parmesan cheese, coarsely

Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to

Slowly cook bacon in a large, heavybottomed skillet over medium heat until fat is rendered and bacon is crisp, about 7 minutes. Remove bacon with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels; set bacon aside.

Increase heat to medium-high, arrange Brussels sprouts cut-side down in the rendered bacon fat and cook, without stirring, until sprouts begin to crisp and brown on the cut face, about 2 minutes. Add the onion and toss to combine with the sprouts; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, about 4-5 minutes. Add the broth, vermouth, and dried cranberries, scraping up any fond from the bottom of the skillet, and bring to a fast simmer. Cover, reduce heat to medium, and cook until the sprouts soften, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta until just al dente, reserving 1/4 cup of the cooking water. Transfer pasta to the skillet with the sprouts and liquid and toss continuously over medium-high heat for an additional 1-2 minutes, or until most of the liquid is absorbed. (If pasta is too dry, add reserved cooking water a tablespoon at a time.) Season with salt and pepper and serve garnished with Parmesan cheese and reserved bacon



A classic stick-to-your-ribs stew is a terrific warmer-upper, served with a hearty bread or corn bread.

Hearty Beef Stew with Roasted Vegetables

1 cup cubed butternut squash

1 cup cubed carrots

1 cup cubed parsnips

1 cup cubed sweet potatoes

1 cup cubed onion

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

11/2 pounds boneless beef sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes

3/4 cup chicken stock 3 bay leaves

1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, coarsely

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup dry red wine

Preheat oven to 425°F. Toss vegetables with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Arrange in single layer on large baking sheet. Roast 20 minutes or until vegetables are golden

Meanwhile, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Brown beef in batches. Return all beef to skillet. Add roasted vegetables, stock, wine, salt, pepper, thyme and bay leaves.

Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened. Remove bay leaves before serving.



A rustic, flavorful soup loaded with beans and kale can be flavorful centerpiece to healthy, satisfying meal. This filling soup has a hint of heat from the sausage, giving it a zesty, warm, spicy flavor.

Kale and Sausage Soup

2 teaspoons olive oil

4 links linguica, chorizo, or other spicy sausage, split along the length and

sliced 1/2-inch thick

1 onion, diced

3 small or 2 medium red-skinned

potatoes, skin left on and diced 3 cloves garlic, minced 1 bunch (about 1 pound) kale, halved

and chopped into thin ribbons

4 cups chicken broth

1 tablespoon dried thyme

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 bay leaf

1 rind Parmesan or Pecorino cheese (optional, but adds great flavor) 1 can white beans, like navy, cannellini, or Great Northern, drained and rinsed Salt and pepper to taste

Set a dutch oven or large soup pot over medium-high heat and add the oil. When the oil is hot, add the sausage and sauté until the sausage is golden brown on all sides. Remove the sausage and drain on a paper towel.

Reduce heat to medium and add the onion. Sauté until the onion is translucent and then add the potatoes, about five minutes. Sauté until the edges of the potatoes are starting to turn transparent, about five minutes. Add the garlic and sauté until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Add 1/4 cup of chicken broth and the kale to the pot. Stir to coat everything with chicken broth and then cover the pot with a lid. Stir the kale every three minutes until it is barely tender, adding more broth as needed if the pot becomes dry, about 12 minutes total.

Add the rest of the broth, thyme, oregano, bay leaf, cheese rind, and 2 teaspoons of salt. If the veggies aren't quite covered, add extra broth or water. Bring the soup to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium and simmer until the kale is completely tender and the potatoes are cooked through. Add the sausage and white beans. Remove bay leaf and cheese rind. Taste for seasonings and salt.

Serve in individual bowls with a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese on top and a crusty slice of bread to sop up the broth at the bottom of the bowl

Karen Bloom

IN CONCERT East End Trio

Join the East End Trio for their unique Pop Songbook program, an inspiring and engaging musical adventure through the 60s into the 2000s. Their concert is filled with popular songs, trivia and nostalgia all done with their signature style, grace and originality. The ensemble performs as part of Heckscher Museum of Art's First Friday series. Explore the museum's exhibitions and enjoy a concert inspired by the artwork on view. Prior to the performance, explore the current exhibition, "Locally Sourced," during extended



viewing hours. This exhibit, which kicks off the museum's year-long centennial celebration, underscores its commitment to preserving and presenting the stories of Long Island's art through the permanent collection. The museum-wide exhibition brings together painting, sculpture, photography, and works on paper by dozens

WEEKEND

Out and About

of artists to explore the themes of place, dialogue among artists, and landscape, with particular attention to the achievements of women artists. Spanning the 19th century to the present, the show invites consideration of varied approaches to land, sea, and sky in works by artists including Thomas Moran, Tv Stroudsbourg, and Max

Friday, Jan. 3, 5-8:30 p.m.; concert at 7 p.m. Free admission. Heckscher Museum of Art. 2 Prime Ave., Huntington, (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org

ADVENTURES IN ART Nassau Museum's Family Day

Converse, collaborate and create together when Nassau County Museum of Art welcomes families for artistic exploration. See the current exhibition, "The Mansion," along with supervised art activities. Take part in exhibit-based gallery conversations



and examine new art materials with the museum's educator. Start off the New Year by exploring your family's creative side, drawing inspiration from the exhibit. Favorite guest co-curators Franklin Hill Perrell and Debbie Wells return to the museum with a fresh look at visual art highlighted by an outstanding roster of artists. Paintings, sculpture, photography, fashion and design are on view, including works by Grandma Moses, Jasper Johns, Norman Rockwell, Marc Chagall and Jane Freilicher, plus a special showcase of glittering minaudières and fashion accessories by handbag designer Judith Leiber. From traditional landscapes to avant-garde works, this exhibition offers a fanciful experience through the eyes of artists across the past century. Sunday, Jan. 5, 1 p.m. family tour; art activi-

ties start at 1:30 p.m. Free with museum admission. \$15, \$10 seniors, \$5 12 and older. Nassau County Museum of Art, One Museum Dr. (off Northern Blvd.), Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage



Kevin James

The comic-actor on tour, Sunday, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Traditional Music Jam

Take part in some music making, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 759-8300 or www. goldcoastlibrary.org.

bluerace

The contemporary band in concert, with Molotov Cocktail, Thursday, Jan. 9, 9, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www. myfathersplace.com.

Motion City Soundtrack

The rock band in concert, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m. With special guests The Sidekicks and Pronoun. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

The Purple Xperience

The Prince tribute band in concert, Thursday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m. With special guest Funkin' A. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Teddy Smith and Greg Kritikos

The comedians join forces for 'Brother From Other Mothers," Friday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www. myfathersplace.com.

Unforgettable Fire and Fix You

The U2 and Coldplay tribute bands in concert, Friday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Yuto Kanazawa Jazz Trio

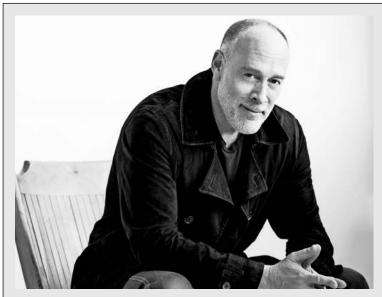
The Japanese guitarist-bassist and his ensemble in concert, Friday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. Program includes selections inspired by American, Asian and South American Sounds, Planting Fields Arboretum's Coe Hall 1395 Planting Field Rd., Oyster Bay. (516) 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.

The Simon and Garfunkel Story

A concert style theatrical tribute to the iconic duo, Saturday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Man in Black

A tribute to Johnny Cash, Sunday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



Marc Cohn

The singer-songwriter visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. After winning a Grammy for his soulful ballad "Walking in Memphis," Marc Cohn solidified his place as one of his generation's most compelling songwriters, combining the precision of a brilliant tunesmith with the passion of a great soul man. Rooted in the rich ground of American rhythm and blues, soul and gospel and possessed of a deft storyteller's pen, he weaves vivid, detailed, often drawn-from-life tales that evoke some of our most universal human feelings: love, hope, faith, joy, heartbreak.

Moving forward, he continues to do what he does best: infuse American music with both a fresh perspective and a reverence for its deep roots.

Tickets are \$58, \$52 and \$46; available at 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

Small Town Gig

The acoustic trio in concert, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m.Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 676-2130.

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The Irish bluegrass band in concert, Sunday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington (914) 361-9333 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.



Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

The orchestra in concert, with pianist Khatia Buniatishvili, Sunday, Jan. 12, 3 p.m. Program includes Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

Morrie Louden Duo

Bassist Morrie Louden and pianist Mike Eckroth in concert, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. Program includes jazz and Latin standards and more Jeanne Rimsky Theater 232 Main St., Port Washington (914) 361-9333 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Million Dollar Quartet

The musical about a recording of an impromptu iam session involving Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash in 1956, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 16-17, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 18, 3 and 8

p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

The country singer-songwriter in concert, Thursday, Jan. 16, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www. thespaceatwestbury.com.

For the Kids

Investigate color, shape, form and texture with art activities based on a story, Friday, Jan. 3. 10-11 a.m. Listen to stories while exploring various art materials and processes: followed by an art project. For ages 3-5. Registration required. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Studio Saturday

Drop into Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Center for hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibition, Saturday, Jan. 4,, 12-3 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Winter Scene

Celebrate the winter season. Saturday. Jan. 4, 1-3 p.m. Draw a winter scene adding sparkle with special decorations. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row. Garden City. 224-5800 or www. licm.org.

Polar Bear Pals

Create a friendly polar bear to keep company during the winter, Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 7-10, 2:30-4 p.m. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. 224-5800 or www. licm.org.

Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Jan. 10, 12 p.m. (for children entering Kindergarten in 2020) and 3 p.m. (Kindergarten and Grade 1). Registration required. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Disney on Ice "Dream Big"

The latest Disney on Ice spectacle on tour, Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 9-12. NYCB Live's Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.tickmaster.com or www.nycblive.com.



Peppa Pig Birthday

Read Peppa books and make a craft during the birthday celebration, Friday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. For ages 2-5. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

Rubber Ducky Party

Celebrate National Rubber Ducky Day, Saturday, Jan. 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. With scavenger hunt and ducky crafts. Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.

Dinosaur World Live

The Jurassic period comes alive in this interactive show, Frday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Meet impressive creatures, including a flesh-eating plant and a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

The Mixed-Up Fairy Tale

An interactive performance that ombines elements of classic stories into one original, hilarious, fractured Fairy Tale. Friday, Jan. 17, 12 p.m. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www. tillescenter.org.

Museums/Galleries and more

Locally Sourced: Collecting Long Island Artists

An exhibition that kicks off the Heckscher's year-long centennial celebration. which underscores the museum's commitment to preserving and presenting the stories of Long Island's art through ther permanent collection. It brings together painting, sculpture, photography, and works on paper by dozens of artists to explore the themes of place, dialogue among artists, and landscape, with particular attention to the achievements of women artists of Long Island. Through March 15 Heckscher Museum of Art Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org

100 Years of Children's Books

Welcome the new school year with an exhibit on popular child and young adult reading. Through Jan. 25. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.nshmgc.org.



Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, from the collection of Garvies Point Museum. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

Picture This! The Art of Children's Books

A celebration of children's book illustration guest curated by author/illustrators Tim Miller and Isabel Roxas. Works on view include illustrations by Sophie Blackall, Eric Carle, Catia Chien, Victoria Cossack, Mike Curato. C.G. Esperanza, Brian Floca, Gilbert Ford, Stephanie Graegin, Jen Hill, Ezra Jack Keats, Aram Kim, Colleen Kong-Savage, Leo Lionni, Tim Miller, Oge Mora, Il Sung Na, John Parra, Isabel Roxas, Cecilia Ruiz, Maurice Sendak, and more. Through Jan. 12. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harhor 484-9338 or www nassaumuseum org

Theodore Roosevelt: A Man for the Modern World

An exhibition that celebrates the presidency and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, who is often considered the first modern president. Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd, Oyster Bay. 922-4788 or nps.gov/sagamorehill.

Friday Flick

See "Blinded by the Light," the coming of age tale of a British-Pakistani teen and his love of Bruce Springsteen, Friday, Jan. 3, 2 p.m.Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

Movie Trivia Night

Challenge like-minded film fans in a battle of wits for cash and other prizes, hosted by Daniel French, Monday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Come alone and play solo, or join a team to answer 50 questions based around film, actors and actresses, awards, and everything else associated with film, Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

Film Time

See "Blinded by the Light," the coming of age tale of a British-Pakistani teen and his love of Bruce Springsteen, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

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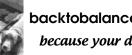
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OBITUARIES

Sybil Bernstein

Sybil Bernstein, 96, of Glen Cove, died peacefully at home.

Sybil was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Elliot Bernstein, her daughter, Eve, and son, Andrew.

She is survived by four sons, who she dearly loved, Alexander, Daniel, Steven and Adam; her daughters-in-law Donna, Dale, Alicia, her five grandchildren Rachel, Sarah, Anna Rose and her husband Patrick, Douglas and his wife Kristie. Drew and his wife Blakie, her three great-grandchildren Ellie, Hudson, Andie and her sister Claire Brenner and brother

Dr. Paul Brenner and his wife Debbie.

Sybil was born in Far Rockaway to Anna and Isadore Brenner, and grew up in Cedarhurst. She graduated from Lawrence High School, and studied at the Philadelphia School of Industrial Arts and University of Pennsylvania. She went on to study lighting and was a long time member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

She and her husband Elliot raised their children in Cedarhurst and Rockville Center. For the last 34 years Sybil lived in Glen Cove and Marsh Harbor, in the Bahamas

Sybil was a well-known and respected

Interior Designer for 67 years.

Her hundreds of clients refused to part with her, continuing to use her for redecorating current homes, new homes, weekend and vacation retreats, offices and for the homes of their children and grandchildren. Sybil designed for her neighbors, friends and businesses as far away as China and Hong Kong. Sybil retired at

She enjoyed staying abreast of and discussing current events and politics, cooking delicious food, reading biographies, raising beautiful flowers and vegetables in her garden and talking about philosophy with her women's group, who met at her home most Mondays.

All her life, Sybil was dedicated and supportive, both personally and philanthropically, of her humanitarian, environmental, educational and political beliefs.

arranged her funeral.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be favorite charities.

The Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home

made in her name to the: Andrew J. Bernstein Foundation, 1 Industrial Way West Bldg. A-P Eatontown, NJ 07724, or your local PBS station, or to one of your own

Carole Mancusi

Carole Mancusi, of Glen Cove, died on Dec. 19. She was the beloved wife of the late Daniel A, devoted mother of Maria (David), Jack (Cathy), Donna and the late Michael (Nicole) and loving grandmother of Rebecca, Daniel and John. Mass was held at St. Boniface Martyr Church. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery. McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Donations can be made in her name to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9958.

Angelo Stanco

Angelo Stanco, 90, of Glen Cove, died on Dec. 24. He was the husband of Antonetta, Father of Antonio (Maria), Theresa (Nunzio) and Maria (Joseph), grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of three. He was also survived by many nieces & nephews. Angelo loved to be outdoors, gardening & fishing.

Visitations were held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass was held at the Church of St. Rocco's. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery.

Obituary Notices

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1. UCC Financing Statement recorded on October 21, 2019 covering the Stock Certificate representing 358 shares of stock and shares of stock and Proprietary Lease for Unit No. 2F at 3 Edwards Street, Unit 2F, Roslyn Heights, NY

2. 358 shares of stock per the Stock Certificate and Power issued by Roslyn Gardens Tenants Corp. Gardens Tenants Corp. ("Corporation") represented by Certificate number 1869 including property all personal of the Debtor, affixed to or used in connection with Unit No. 2F, connection with Unit No. 2r, located at 3 Edwards Street, Unit 2F, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577, that are subject to the securing interest of the undersigned.

andersigned.

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Interested parties may contact the undersigned prior to the sale to obtain a

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By:Jennifer T. Abenhaim,

Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP

December 12, 2019

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ear Great Book Guru. We celebrated New Year's Eve in our traditional manner: a movie (this year it was the highly acclaimed "Little Women"), followed by dinner, dessert and the ringing of the bell on the Village Green. One of our New Year's resolutions was to read more in 2020. Do you have any recommendations to get us started?

Answers to today's puzzle

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ANN **DIPIETRO** Dear Reading Reveler,

That's a great idea. I have a list of 10 favorite Great Book Guru recommendations from 2019. My number one choice would be "Say Nothing," by Patrick Radden Keefe. This remarkable book chronicles the Troubles in Ireland, from 1972 until now. It is a mystery, a true crime tale, a study of Anglo-Irish history, a biography of three unforgettable characters but it is ultimately a

depiction of the horrors, futility and banality of war. The others are listed in no particular order but were all great favorites and highly recommended. For more information check out greatbookguru.blogspot.com

Great Book Guru's 10 Best for 2019

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OPINIONS

Send a message to Albany to fix bad criminal justice laws

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f all the columns I've written for the Heralds, none has generated more vigorous comment than my last one, "Criminals' early release threatens public safety," in the Dec. 12-18 issue. People have reached out to me to share their concern and outrage at the seriously flawed criminal justice legislation that was buried deep in

the 2018 state budget.



ALFONSE D'AMATO

This new law is so flawed that it demands correction in the upcoming legislative session. But the only thing that's going to move the politicians in Albany to fix this mistake is for the public to rise up, speak out, and demand it!

Elected officials, including mayors, judges, district attorneys and law enforcement authorities, are all legitimately worried about the effect the law will have on public safety, along with the enormous cost and administrative burdens it will impose on an already badly stretched criminal justice system. The changes include several objectionable provisions that will force judges to grant criminals early release by severely limiting judicial discretion in setting bail.

They also confer on criminal defendants broad new discovery power to potentially stymie investigations and intimidate both victims and witnesses.

Let's start with the coming earlyrelease fiasco. Communities across New

York state face the imminent release of thousands of defendants. Bail will still be required for all violent felonies and certain nonviolent felonies, but in Nassau and Suffolk counties, hundreds of prisoners will be let out of jail. In New York City, thousands more may be released. And in the future, fewer people who are arrested will face detention under new "bail reforms" that severely limit judges' discretion in setting

judges' discretion in setting bail to keep criminals off the street and assure they will show up for trial.

There's a groundswell of opposition to these poorly conceived "reforms." Legislators across the state are feeling the heat for passing such major criminal law changes in the dead of night at the hurried end of the last legislative session. You can be sure most weren't fully informed about what the changes meant, and didn't have a real opportunity to examine or challenge them. That's the way questionable legislation is deliberately passed in Albany, without giving

the public the opportunity to weigh in and express legitimate concerns.

But as the upcoming state legislative session approaches in Albany, there's something we can all do. A bipartisan bill (Senate Bill 6861) has been intro-

duced to fix this bad law "for defendants who pose a threat to public safety, to allow greater judicial discretion in setting a securing order with respect to a defendant's prior felony convictions, failure to make an appearance in court, or subsequent arrests while awaiting trial" (bit. ly/364FXHs). If that sounds as reasonable to you as it does to me, let your state legislators know you sup-

port the bill and want it considered — and passed — when the Legislature reconvenes this month.

Unfortunately, as bad as the ill-advised bail law changes are, there are equally worse provisions in the so-called criminal justice reforms that could paralyze justice for victims of crime and witnesses. These changes in the discoverybefore-trial procedures would allow defendants to demand detailed personal information on victims' and witnesses' identities, including photos, home addresses and electronic records. Imagine a victim of a burglary being forced to

turn over pictures of the inside of a home, cell phone numbers and data to a defendant while that defendant is likely out on the street under the drastically loosened new bail law. Or a witness to a crime who is forced to provide his or her identity and personal information even before a trial has begun. This is a dangerous prescription for terrorizing victims and witnesses, suppressing justice, and rewarding criminals.

But help may be on the way to fix this bad law. Local officials across the state are standing up and rallying in opposition to these pre-trial gifts to criminal defendants. The respected and influential New York Conference of Mayors — representing mayors of both parties around the state — has taken a strong stance against the new law, citing both the danger to the public and the enormous cost this law, essentially an unfunded mandate, would impose on localities.

Let's hope that even in this era of oneparty rule in Albany, where only the most vociferously anti-law enforcement powers seem to have sway, that voices of reason will prevail, and these bad laws will be fixed.

Al D'Amato, a former U.S. senator from New York, is the founder of Park Strategies LLC, a public policy and business development firm. Comments about this column? ADAmato@liherald.com

My resolution is not to become that person

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let the Trump effect

don't want to be the person who wakes up every morning hoping to hear that President Trump had a heart attack or a stroke. I don't want to wish for Mitch McConnell to have an unfortunate encounter with an 18-wheeler — or Kellyanne, or Lindsey, or the dude who switched parties last week, hoping for a Trump bump.



RANDI KREISS

I realized recently that an unintended consequence of resisting the Trump presidency is becoming someone you don't want to be. People of good heart and good will, who feel threatened by Trump's crimes and misdemeanors, have been

pushed to excesses in speech and thought that never would have surfaced before the ugly assaults on democracy by Team Trump.

The dissonance in D.C. is crazy-making. We see one thing with our own eyes and are told something else.

After being pounded for years by the tsunami of threats and falsehoods coming from the White House, those of us on the

other side have begun to fray. We witness offensive behavior, alarming decisions and indifference to suffering, and our anger metastasizes into contempt and hatred.

Trump's authoritarian behavior leaves

many people feeling intensely frustrated and helpless. People who hold themselves to a high standard of speech, behavior and even thought are showing the strain of three years of the Donald Trump Road Show.

Still, we can resist with class and dignity. Mark Galli, editor of Christianity Today, wrote, "The facts in this instance are unambiguous: The president of the United States attempted to

use his political power to coerce a foreign leader to harass and discredit one of the president's political opponents... That is not only a violation of the Constitution; more importantly, it is profoundly immoral."

In The New York Times, Steve Schmidt, George Conway III, Rick Wilson and John Weaver, all former Republicans and/or Conservatives, wrote, "Congressional Republicans have embraced and copied Mr. Trump's cruelty and defended and even adopted his corruption. Mr. Trump and his enablers have abandoned conservatism and longstanding Republican principles and replaced them with Trumpism, an empty faith led by a bogus prophet. In a recent survey, a majority of Republican voters reported that they con-

sider Mr. Trump a better president than Lincoln . . . "

Katrina Vanden Heuvel wrote in The Washington Post that Trump's greatest folly is "his disgraceful denial of the threat posed by catastrophic climate change. No matter who wins the Democratic presidential nomination, Trump's open hostility toward any action on climate will elevate it to a defining issue in the 2020 campaign."

USA Today recently wrote, "In his thuggish effort to trade American arms for foreign dirt on former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter, Trump resembles not so much Clinton as he does Richard Nixon, another corrupt president who tried to cheat his way to reelection."

This isn't partisan politics as usual. It is precisely the type of abuse the founders had in mind when they wrote impeachment into the Constitution. Alexander Hamilton supported a robust presidency, but worried about "a man unprincipled in

private life, desperate in his fortune, bold in his temper" coming to power. Impeachment, Hamilton wrote, was a mechanism to protect the nation "from the abuse or violation of some public trust."

The L.A. Times wrote, "All presidential elections are uniquely consequential, but a good case can be made that the next one is the most important of our lives. The time has come to undo the great mistake of 2016 and drive Trump out of office at the ballot box. It is time to pull our country out of the illiberal abyss into which it is sinking and put it on a path toward reason and fairness and empathy and constructive engagement with the world."

Let us keep faith with ourselves and not let the Trump effect drag us into the gutter with him.

For myself, I will not pass along meanspirited anti-Trump jokes. Our political crisis is too dire. I will not make fun of Melania or the other Trumpsters, although satire is tempting. I will not exaggerate, contort or misrepresent the facts to suit my political point of view.

What I will do is continue to have this forum for ideas and debate, continue to express my opinions and, most important, hold love in my heart, and let that trump

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HERALD EDITORIAL

There's nothing to fear in bail-reform law

ew York state's new, long-overdue bail reform law, which passed last April and took effect Jan. 1, is desperately needed. Changes to the law were last made in 1971.

Requiring anyone and everyone to make bail, regardless of the offense, led to large numbers of mostly poor African-American and Hispanic offenders being incarcerated for months while awaiting trial or a plea agreement.

The new law will allow most defendants who are charged with nonviolent crimes and misdemeanors to be released after their arraignment without having to make bail. Hardliners have argued against the new law, saying it will allow thousands of potential offenders onto our streets, where they could continue their criminal ways.

News flash: Any one of these offenders could have been on the streets in the past. if only they had had the cash to make bail,

but they didn't, so they stayed locked up. Meanwhile, if you were affluent enough to afford bail, you got out of jail, and were free to carry on with your life with your family — and potentially earn a living.

Because of economic inequities, the old bail system tended to favor white defendants over those of color. And a Harvard University study showed that punishment tended to be harsher for blacks and Latinos. Thus, racial bias was built into the system from the outset.

According to research by New Hour for Women and Children, of the 2,400 people in jail on Long Island before Jan. 1, roughly 70 percent were unable to make bail during the pre-trial period. On Jan. 1, 619 prisoners were eligible for release from the Nassau County jail, according to state records. Roughly one-third were expected to be released. And the county announced on Dec. 31 that it would let go 29.

The new law has obvious personal and

financial benefits for low-level defendants. Rather than languishing in jail, they could be working, which many would do if not for their incarceration. Beyond that, however, there are financial benefits for

The five most populous counties in New York state outside New York City, including Nassau, spend an average of \$114 million per year to incarcerate prisoners, or about \$115,000 per inmate, according to the Civil Liberties Union. Releasing low-level defendants who couldn't make bail on Jan. 1 could save the county hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars a year money that it desperately needs to help fill its coffers, or that could be used to fund youth and drug-prevention services to stop crime before it starts.

Will there be problems with bail reform? Questionable cases, quirks in the system? No doubt. On balance, though, bail reform is good for us all.

Hatred has no place on L.I. in 2020

ew York saw a spike in hate crimes directed at the Jewish community toward the end of 2019 — during Hanukkah, of all times. It was particularly disturbing given that the holidays are traditionally a time of good will, when crime rates tend to drop.

The trend was, perhaps, not surprising, given that hate crimes reached a 16-year high in 2019, according to an FBI report released in November. Hispanics have consistently been the targets of many of these crimes nationwide, but in New York, half of all hate crimes have been aimed at Jews.

Shortly before the holidays, the Holo-

caust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, in Glen Cove, was vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti that included swastikas. Imagine that: Someone actually had the audacity to deface an institution whose purpose is to remember the 6 million Jews killed during World War II, with the symbol of that evil.

The Hanukkah stabbing of five in Monsey, N.Y..; the December attack at a kosher market in Jersey City, N.J., in which a local veshiva and Catholic school were riddled by gunfire; and the mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh in October 2018 underscore the need to protect Jewish

institutions from violent extremism.

As part of New York's Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grant Program, funds were allocated to enhance security at local religious schools and cultural centers. Long Island will receive more than \$2 million in state funding for safety improvements, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office. This is a much-needed step that will no doubt protect people.

Still, we could all do more. In 2020, we must speak out against acts of bias, discrimination and racism, wherever and whenever we see them, in order to stamp out the hatred that is brewing in our nation.

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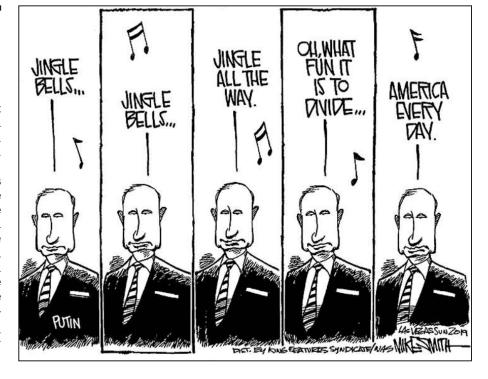
Thank you, Mrs. Sullivan

To the Editor:

I attended the Deasy School Holiday Concert on December 13 at the Wunsch Center in which my granddaughter participated with her kindergarten class, and I thought it was superb. The kids from the kindergarten, first and second grades were enthusiastic and sang well, read their lines, and above all, seemed to be having fun.

I want to commend the person whom I suspect was the genius behind such a great program, Joy Sullivan from the middle school, who is in charge of theater production. I can only imagine how much effort was involved in putting this show together with the three Deasy grades in a short period of time leading up to the holidays. It was probably as close as one can get to herding cats. but the results were spectacular. I perused the program over and over again and noted that, while everyone else involved with the schools was thanked, Sullivan did not receive any mention in the program. So, I mention her here in the hope that she gets the recognition she is due. Well done!

DAVE NIERI



OPINIONS

In 2020, let's resolve to save L.I.'s aquifers

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n January 2018, officials in Cape
Town, South Africa, issued a dire
warning: In three months, the city of
4 million people would run out of
water unless urgent conservation action
was taken. The city was fast counting
down to what officials called "Day Zero."
Action — and desperately needed rainfall
— staved off catastrophe.



SCOTT BRINTON

On Long Island, we should take what happened in Cape Town — 7,800 miles away, on the other end of the Earth — as an object lesson in what could occur here if do not value water, our most precious resource, as we should.

Seriously.
Long Islanders get their water from aquifers — underground stores hundreds of feet beneath the surface that were thousands of years in the making. An aquifer

is like a bank account. If you withdraw more money than you deposit, eventually you run out of cash. Same deal with an aquifer. Suck more water out of it than is recharged through rainfall and you run out of fresh water to drink.

In 2020, consider making this one resolution, if you're into that sort of thing: Conserve water. And not just this year. Every year for the rest of your life. The generations to follow will thank you someday.

We think of Long Island as this really big, really long island. It isn't an especially large space, however, given the number of people who live here — nearly 2.9 million in Nassau and Suffolk counties, to say

nothing of Queens and Brooklyn. We know we're overpopulated by the traffic jams on our parkways and expressways, and our population is only predicted to grow in the coming decades.

Increased population will, we hope and trust, bring greater economic output, and hence a stronger local economy. It will also, however, further strain our already strained resources

— in particular, our water supply, which is ironic, given that we are surrounded by water.

We are surrounded, however, by undrinkable saltwater. Desalinization is a future possibility, but it is prohibitively expensive at the moment, requiring massive amounts of energy. So, at least for now, scratch desalinization off the list of possible solutions to our impending water crisis

State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, recently proposed tapping into the New York City water system — at least in western Nassau. The proposal came after it was determined that much of Long Island's drinking water is tainted by minute amounts of potentially cancercausing chemicals.

That's because we take our water from underground stores. Every time we dump a chemical into the ground — purposely or inadvertently — it leeches down through the soil and into our groundwater and drinking water.

Groundwater is found at or near the surface, unlike the drinking water that we pull from aquifers deep in the earth. I live in south Merrick, where the water table is high because of its proximity to Merrick Bay. If I dig down in the ground three feet or so, water collects in a pool at the bottom of the hole. That's groundwater.

The so-called Bethpage plume, a slurry of highly toxic chemicals, has been flowing for decades in groundwater from Bethpage south toward Wantagh and the Great South Bay. Grumman and the Navy may have dumped the chemicals at a one-time airplane manufacturing plant in central Bethpage, or somehow the chemicals escaped on their own. Either way, they're in the groundwater, and the State Department of Environmental Conservation predicted recently that cleaning up the mess could take a century.

It seemingly takes a long time for water to seep down from the surface to the aquifers, but not really that long. Industrial activity didn't begin in earnest on Long Island until the middle of the 20th century. Until the 1930s, the Island was full of

farms — mostly organic farms. Then, World War II brought heavy industry — and chemical contamination. The chemicals that are now showing up in our drinking water were dumped — accidentally or otherwise — sometime in the past eight decades. That's a single human lifetime.

What will Long Island's water supply look like 80 years from now, in 2100? Will future Long Islanders still be able to draw water from our aquifers, or will they be at the mercy of New York City to supply them?

Now, not later, is the time to begin preserving our aquifers so we have an inheritance to give our children and their children. That means drastically reducing use.

Ask yourself, do I really need an automatic sprinkler system? If I have one, do I need to run it daily, including when it rains? Do I need my own pool that I hardly ever swim in? What's wrong with a public pool? Why do I let the water run while I'm shaving or brushing my teeth? Could I—heaven forbid—take shorter showers?

Such questions might be thought of as sacrilegious here, in the nation's first suburb, where consumption is king, but more of us must become heretics. Otherwise, future Long Islanders could very well face their own Day Zero.

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LETTERS

Singas's prosecution of Terry tepid

To the Editor:

I was thunderstruck by your editorial, "The voters have given Singas a mandate" (Dec. 19-25), proclaiming that the Nassau County voters delivered a mandate for District Attorney Singas and the suggestion that she earned that mandate, with her comprehensive prosecution of Gerard Terry, the former chairman of the Town of North Hempstead Democratic Party. Singas may be an above-average district attorney, but her office deserves no praise for its exceptionally tepid prosecution of Terry.

He failed to pay his taxes for more than 15 years before he was arrested by federal authorities. The Nassau County authorities arrested the man while he was already in custody. Local prosecutors did nothing but follow the lead of federal prosecutors.

Far more telling, however, is that Terry was caught practicing law without a license more than a year after he had been disbarred.

The Great Neck Record published photographs of Terry illegally practicing law in the local courthouse. The newspaper also

published court documents, confirming that Terry committed this crime on a minimum of three different occasions. Singas should have appointed a special prosecutor because she had a conflict of interest since Terry had been involved with her original campaign for district attorney. Instead, Singas did the complete opposite. She dropped the prosecution in its entirety. One of her assistant district attorneys told the judge that Singas decided to drop the case because the new crime "was an isolated incident."

This was an egregious decision. This crime should have been taken seriously and prosecuted. The Herald should have lambasted Singas for giving Terry special treatment.

Singas shellacked her opponent on Election Day. I don't believe the voters gave her a "mandate," but they did present her with the honor to serve as our district attorney. I hope and pray that she serves with distinction.

MICHAEL WEINSTOCK Former Brooklyn assistant district attornev

Weinstock is running for Congress in the 3rd District.

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A common scene in a city with more than 60 miles of canals — Amsterdam



