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Here, a pickle isn't just a pickle

Founding one Pickle Island in Bayville wasn't enough for Nick Horman Jr. He has opened an additional store in Glen Cove. Story, Page 3.

Covid testing site opens at city stadium

BY LETISHA DASS
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The City of Glen Cove is partnering with Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics, of Great Neck, to offer drive-through Covid-19 testing at John Macca Stadium. Residents of Sea Cliff and Glen Cove began receiving PCR, rapid and antibody tests on Jan. 11 in the stadium parking lot, in their vehicles. Tests will be offered seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. by appointment. Times can be booked on the city website.

Visitors can expect rapid test results within 10 to 15 minutes, and antibody and PCR results within four or five days by email. All health insurance is accepted. Those without health coverage can access state-provided insurance with a photo identification showing New York state residence.

"Nobody is going to get a bill," Roseanne Frankel, Advanced Cardiovascular Diag-

nostics' field supervisor, said. "It's open to all. Nobody is turned away."

Glen Cove Hospital has also been offering PCR testing seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"To meet the urgent need for Covid-19 testing, Glen Cove Hospital responded on Dec. 26 to offer free PCR testing at the hospital," Kerri Anne Scanlon, RN, the hospital's executive director, said. "To date, we have provided over 2,000 tests to community members to help ensure the health of residents and their loved ones."

The opening of the stadium testing site was on the agenda at the Jan. 11 City Council meeting, but it was expedited, at no cost to the city, because residents have had difficulty finding accessible testing locations.

"It all kind of fell into my lap in my first week, and I took advantage of the opportunity," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said. "We did not want to wait. We did

This is what we signed up for when we became health professionals.

ROSEANNE FRANKEL
Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics

Glen Cove City crossing guards receive a wage increase

BY LETISHA DASS
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Early in the morning and again in the afternoon on school days, otherwise quiet blocks surrounding schools are transformed into a rush of children, parents, cars and buses. Making their way across busy intersections can be daunting for pedestrians, and especially for children. Yellow-vested crossing

guards control the chaos, directing traffic and making sure the streets are safe for students.

To show its gratitude for Glen Cove's crossing guards and to boost recruitment, the City Council voted on Jan. 11 to increase their starting pay by \$10 a day, to \$65.

"If we do not pay them properly, we [will] lose them to other neighborhoods," Mayor Pamela

Panzenbeck said. "We really need to pay attention to our crossing guards, value them and be able to hire new ones."

Sometimes-hazardous conditions created by careless drivers, buses arriving and departing for pickups and drop-offs, and parents rushing to get their children in and out of school have made crossing guards essential. The

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If you are in a pickle, head to Pickle Island

BY LETISHA DASS

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Pickle Island is more than your typical grab-and-go local food spot. Arcade games, manga, comic books, and deep-fried pickles can all be found within its doors. Entrepreneurs, Nick Horman Jr., 38, and Matthew Roren, 43, opened its first store in April 2021 in Bayville, that they filled with their passions — pickles and vintage media. In December 2021, a new location with a kitchen was opened in Glen Cove across from Robert M. Finley Middle School at 18 Forest Avenue.

“Glen Cove is nice because there is more traffic, especially being across from the school,” said Roren. “It is hard for the children not to notice.”

Customers have been happy about the new addition to the city. “I love that they orthoped up here in Glen Cove and also love the comic books and arcade in the store because it will attract our young kids to go there and not be out in the street,” Jessica Pajares, a Glen Cove said.

Horman, founder of Horman’s Best and a resident of Glen Cove, came from a third-generation pickle business. Established in 1898, his grandfather, Joe Horman, started the business in Brooklyn. Since then, the family’s organic pickles have been sold at farmer’s markets across Manhattan and Long Island. The businesses main office and facilities, Allen Pickle Works, Inc. is located in Garvies Point, Glen Cove.

The unique quality of their pickles comes from the Horman family approach of meticulously sorting each pickle and storing them immediately from the vine

in frigid temperatures to brine.

The idea for Pickle Island started with a simple conversation. After losing his job in March 2020 at Huntington’s Cinema Art Center, Roren, who lives in Huntington, teamed up with Horman to work at farmer’s markets. Their collaboration during the pandemic led to the creation of Pickle Island. “It was just a thing that was said,” said Roren. “A couple of months later he was like, hey I found a spot.”

Pickle Island
18 Forest Ave.
Glen Cove
(516) 444-1280
Sunday to Friday, noon
to 6 p.m.

“I have been doing farmers markets for like 20 years so I always wanted to open a shop,” Horman Jr., said. “Now the next chapter, making cool

fun stores with pinball machines and some place to hang out and get good food.”

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the Glen Cove establishment has an assortment of specialty items such as eight-ounce jars of olives, stuffed peppers, a variety of dips, deep fried green tomatoes, fried pickle pops, pickle poppers and tuna pickle boats. Their breakfast sandwiches are served with pickles on the side. All pickles are in collaboration with the family business and Horman originals are sold at the Glen Cove store too. Customers can buy 32 oz. jars of pickled asparagus, fermented pickled salsa, and classic, spicy, or chip pickles.

Horman has partnered with Snap-O-Razzo, a sausage brand, to serve smoked hot dogs to his customers. He is looking to collaborate with other vendors to help expand business.

“Now I am working with a really good cook. He has shown me the way of the kitchen,” Horman said. “I think we got some good momentum.”

Local comic book and candy stores have been a rare find on Long Island,



Letisha Dass/Herald

PICKLE ISLAND IS open Sunday to Friday, noon to 6 p.m. at 18 Forest Ave., Glen Cove.

especially with the pandemic causing businesses to close. Horman and Roren have been hoping to bring back the reminiscences of their childhood with Pickle Island to Glen Cove.

“I think that there is a need for it. People love small local spots to hangout because that is something we used to have when I was growing up,” said Horman. “That kind of went away for a while but now that everyone is working from home, I feel like there is a new set market for that.”

Roren has been collecting and selling vintage media for years at conventions and expos. At the Bayville location, he has boxes filled with CD albums and movies on VHS tapes waiting to be stocked on the

shelves in Glen Cove. Now, with the new store, he has a chance to share his love for media culture with the community.

“The place is very new and they are still setting up, so not so much in there yet, but I found it to be a little gem in the community,” Phil Kitevski, a resident of Glen Cove said.

As business continues to increase, more arcade games may be added to the stores. “We are always looking to give youth something to do,” said Roren.

Along with free stickers, Pickle Island has a hoodie with a pickle design. The apparel is currently sold in stores.

Patriots Trail to promote veteran monuments

BY LETISHA DASS

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Across Glen Clove veteran monuments can be found. But the historical and community significance of each landmark is not known by everyone. Rion Weber, a 17-year-old Port Washington student from Paul D. Schreiber Senior High School and Eagle Scout of Troop 7, has sought to shine an original spotlight on the issue with his Eagle Scout project, the Patriots Trail.

“When I stood in front of these monuments, I saw countless veterans, fallen veterans, being honored on them,” Weber said. “I was clueless to what purpose they had and why they were there in the first place. I wondered if others felt the same way.”

Weber recently pitched Patriots Trail to the Glen Cove City Council for funding during the pre-council meeting on Jan. 18.

To maintain the website, pamphlet, and patches for the project, Weber needs \$2,000 in donations by Feb. 5. Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck and members of the council have offered their support.

The Patriots Trail is a virtual guide to six Glen Cove monuments: the Landing Veteran Monument, the Doughboy, the Civil War Monument, WWI Monument, the Dan Daly Monument and the Service Rolls of Veterans of St. Rocco’s.

“Living in Glen Cove my whole life, I know where all of those monuments are, but they are kind of in these little residential areas. Unless you live there, you really would not have a reason to walk by,” Glen Cove Councilman Kevin Maccarone said. “What he came up with was an excellent idea.”

By scanning QR codes on Weber’s pamphlets, visitors and fellow Eagle Scouts would be sent to the project’s website stating the location, date of origination, his-

torical or community significance and fun facts for each landmark.

“The restaurants, since quarantine, have no more menus or most of them do not have any menus. They have QR codes on the desk or the table,” Weber said. “So, I thought, why not implement that idea to monuments and have people learn about the history and importance about all of them.”

“You can now spread this information to people that may not have another reason to walk by but love history,” Maccarone said.

All information on the website was from Weber’s research at the Glen Cove Public Library’s history room archives. As an educational exercise, Eagle Scouts would be able to earn a patch, designed by Richard Maccarone, by visiting the monuments and using Weber’s website. The activity would be coordinated by the Glenwood American Landing Legion at \$12 a

scout to participate.

Residents and visitors of Glen Cove can access the Patriots Trail. And the City Council has planned to upload the link to spread awareness of Weber’s project.

“We have always gone out of our way, and we are planning to go out of our way for Rion, as far as doing whatever we can to spread the word and helping him get the funding that he needs,” Maccarone said,

Weber aspired to receive enough funds to finish the platform by his 18th birthday on Feb. 5, when his time with the Eagle Scouts as a youth member would be over, so it would continue after him. His aim was to promote visitation to Glen Cove veteran monuments and educate the community about the importance of history.

“My main goal for this project is to help bring back history to life,” Weber said. “I started this kind of late, but I am trying to get this done the best I can.”

CRIME WATCH

Catalytic converters stolen

At least three individuals in a small four-door sedan have stolen the catalytic converters from six vehicles throughout Glen Cove on Jan. 12. The individuals have been using car jacks or are crawling under the vehicle to gain access and cut out the converters with a battery powered saw. All the vehicles were either Honda Accords or Honda CRV's. Japanese manufactured vehicles like Honda, Toyota, and Lexus have been targeted because their converters contain a high concentration of metals such as platinum, palladium and rhodium. These types of thefts have been increasing throughout Nassau County.

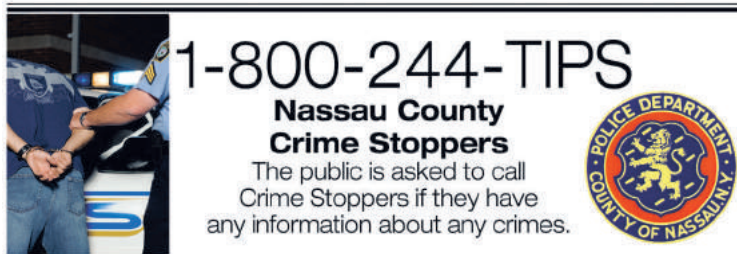
"Glen Cove residents are encouraged to park their vehicles in a garage or a brightly lit area. Residential surveillance cameras that alert to motion and motion detection lights can also be

used to deter these types of thefts. If you observe a suspicious person(s) in your neighborhood, notify the Glen Cove Police at 516-676-1000."

■ On Jan. 5, a 28-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for second degree menacing, third degree assault, fourth degree criminal possession of a weapon, and endangering the welfare of a child on Bryce Avenue.

■ On Jan. 14, a 27-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for three counts of aggravated family offense and first-degree criminal contempt on Pearsall Avenue.

■ On Jan. 15, a 47-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for third degree rape, third degree incest, and endangering the welfare of a child.



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Suozzi questions whether Hochul is governing

BY LAURA LANE

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Democratic candidate for governor, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, wants Kathy Hochul to come clean. The governor should share her schedule, the Glen Cove resident said during a news conference on Tuesday. The schedule is only available for Hochul's first 45 days in office, during which time the governor held 64 private campaign events, Suozzi said.

"That's an average of one and a half events a day. The question is, is she really governing?" he asked. "We have to look at what she said about ethics reform and transparency, which she promised would be the hallmark of her administration."

If she shared her entire schedule, Suozzi said, Hochul would be making good on her promise of open, ethical governing.

He's also saying that Hochul is not using state aircraft, including helicopters, for government purposes, an ethics violation. Suozzi cited one instance where the governor took a flight from Albany to Manhattan to attend a bill signing, which he said could have taken place anywhere. Then she attended three private events in Manhattan and Long Island, flying back to Albany from McArthur Airport.

In 2007, when Andrew Cuomo was attorney general, he investigated former Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno's use of state aircraft, which led to changing the ethics laws governing the use of taxpayer funded state aircraft for non-official business.

When Hochul was lieutenant governor, she was denied use of state aircraft to

attend a political fundraiser in Buffalo, Suozzi said. A few weeks later as governor she used the aircraft repeatedly.

Hochul's staff have said that all of her requests to use the aircraft were reviewed by counsel. Suozzi wants the requests to be available to the public. He'd like to see if there were any denials. And he wants to know who she met with during her private events.

"What were these private events and how many were actually fundraisers?" he asked. "Let's see the invitations to these fundraisers that have not been publicized, and who the hosts are of these events."

The state should be reimbursed by the governor for use of the aircraft, Suozzi added, and the attorney general should do an investigation to determine if any state ethics

laws were violated.

As governor, Suozzi said he would ban use of state aircraft for any non-government events and he is calling on the governor to do so now.

He blames what he perceives as the governor's lack of a Covid plan during the holidays on executive inexperience. As a former county executive, he has this experience, Suozzi said.

"I won't pander to the left and I will fight against the right," he said. "I'll work with anybody to get the job done."

His platform remains to fight crime, lower taxes, protect the environment and provide help to troubled schools.

"The governor has been in office 140 days and I'm not clear as to what her agenda is," Suozzi said. "She doesn't have executive experience and her approach to governing is not commonsensical. I feel like she is pandering."



Tom Suozzi

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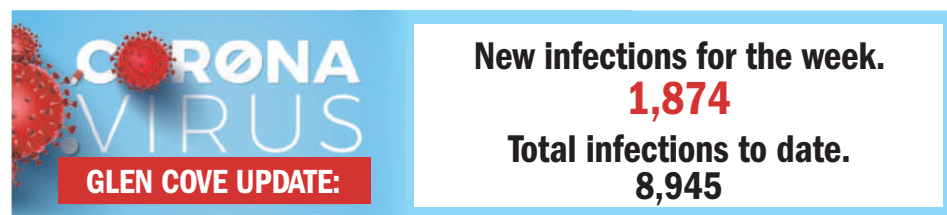
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Septic system grants improving water quality

Is your septic system or cesspool failing? And even if it's not, do you want to help improve water quality on Long Island?

You might be eligible for Nassau County grant for up to \$20,000 if you replace your conventional septic system or cesspool with a new clean water septic system.

In November, the county successfully installed its first nitrogen-removing clean water septic system. After Hurricane Ida flooded a Sea Cliff home's basement and collapsed the cesspool, the homeowner began research on how to upgrade to a clean-water septic system. This resident was able to take advantage of the county and New York state funding and paid significantly less for a clean water septic system compared to a conventional cesspool and septic tank. It was a win-win for the homeowner's wallet and Nassau's water quality. Since November, the county has been able to help homeowners install three more systems with many more coming up in the next few months.

For decades, the North Shore has been plagued by harmful algal blooms, dense invasive seaweed, fish kills and beach closures. All these ailments are the result of excess nitrogen from untreated wastewater in septic tanks and cesspools. To meet water quality targets, more than 32,000 septic systems on the North Shore need to be upgraded with clean water technology.



Courtesy Nassau County

RESIDENTS MAY BE eligible for a grant to get a new water septic system.

In addition to reducing nitrogen in our bays and harbors, it is critical that we treat septic wastewater before it contaminates our drinking water. Parts of the county sit directly above a major Special Groundwater Protection Area where freshwater replenishes into a deep-recharge aquifer. Any untreated wastewater that flows into the aquifer will eventu-

ally make its way into our drinking water.

Clean water septic systems can remove up to 90 percent of nitrogen from wastewater. Clean water septic systems convert harmful nitrogen in wastewater into a harmless gas by harnessing natural processes.

"It is imperative that we upgrade our septic tanks and cesspools now," said

Katherine Coughlin, the North Shore Land Alliance and the Nature Conservancy's water quality improvement coordinator. "The longer we wait the longer it will take and the more expensive it will be to fix water quality."

Since last May, Nassau County homeowners and small businesses owners have been eligible for grants through the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District's S.E.P.T.I.C. Program for up to \$20,000 for the installation and, in some cases, design of clean water septic systems.

The county has funding for 200 available grants, and to date more than 140 applications have been received and 20 clean water septic tanks are on their way to being installed. With support from the North Shore Land Alliance's Water Quality Improvement Program, the Nassau S.E.P.T.I.C. Program successfully secured an additional \$2 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan, bringing the total S.E.P.T.I.C. grant to up to \$20,000 per applicant.

If interested in applying for a clean water septic grant go to www.nassaucountyny.gov/septicreplace or reach out to the North Shore Land Alliance at www.UpgradeYourSeptic.org for free assistance through all steps of the grant application and installation process.



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Friday, Jan. 21

Movie at the Library: "The Eyes of Tammy Faye"

Televangelist Tammy Faye Bakker (Jessica Chastain) was legendary for her indelible eyelashes, her idiosyncratic singing, and her eagerness to embrace people from all walks of life. Eventually, financial improprieties, scheming rivals, and scandal toppled her carefully constructed empire. The movie will begin at 2 p.m. at the Gold Coast Library.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Food Drive at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Church is collecting boxed pasta, sauce, rice and beans from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 28 Highland Road, Glen Cove. People who donate do not have to leave their car. Volunteers will come to the car.

Deep Roots Winter Market

Offering locally grown produce, eggs, meats and dairy, fresh baked bread and sweets, honey, maple syrup, grab-and-go as well as bake-at-home prepared foods and other locally made goods, the Deep Roots Winter Market will take place on Saturdays through April, at 100 Village Square, on Bridge Street, in Downtown Glen Cove from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"Pirate's Gold:" A Virtual Presentation

This program looks beneath the headlines to uncover the roots of these stories: the struggles over money and love, and the difficulties of living up to one's famous family name. "Pirate's Gold" is story of a great American fortune and heirs who inherited more money than was good for them. Andrew Coe gives the inside story of the rise and fall of the Coe family who built Oyster Bay's Planting Fields. Registration is \$15 and can be completed online at northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.



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Master the College Application Process

The Bayville Free Library is offering a Zoom presentation to help families understand how COVID has changed the college admissions landscape, and how it affects high school students preparing for college. The presentation will be led by Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper, partners at Stand Out For College, LLC, and will begin at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26. Register online for the Zoom link at bayvillefreelibrary.org.

Sunday, Jan. 23

Sunday with Survivors: Rosalie Simon

The next program in this series of presentations by Holocaust Survivors presented by the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove will be held at 6 p.m. via Zoom. In this program, Survivor Rosalie Simon will share information about her life in Teresva, Czechoslovakia (now Ukraine) before the war, her deportation to Auschwitz, her "selection" by Dr. Mengele, and her various escapes from death thanks to the kindness of strangers. Register online at hmtcli.org.

Monday, Jan. 24

The Schuyler Sisters and the Hamilton Musical

In collaboration with the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, this program features music from Broadway's "Hamilton," including "The Schuyler Sisters," "Helpless," "Satisfied" and "It's Quiet Uptown." Beginning at 7 p.m., enjoy the music of

Hamilton while learning the history of the Schuyler Sisters. During this event you will read the love letters Hamilton sent to Eliza Schuyler during their courtship then meet two other women—Angelica Schuyler Church and Maria Reynolds—who were after Hamilton. Register at bayvillefreelibrary.org for the zoom link.

Community tax grievance workshop

During this virtual workshop beginning at 7 p.m., taxpayers who disagree with the assessed value of their property can learn how to navigate the online grievance process and submit questions via chat to ARC representatives. Questions will be answered after the presentations or the representatives will contact you directly.

Food Drive at St. Paul

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Tuesday, Jan. 25

Trip Report: Southeast Arizona

This month's North Shore Audubon Society meeting will feature a presentation by Trevor Ambrico on "Trip Report: Southeast Arizona - A Relatively New Birder's First Venture out of New York." This virtual presentation, beginning at 7 p.m., will consist of a trip report of Ambrico's two week solo birding trip across southeast Arizona in April to May of 2021. Register online at northshore-audubon.org.

Glen Cove IDA/LEAC Annual Meeting

The Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency and Local Economic Assistance corp annual meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at Glen Cove City Hall Main Chambers.

Author Talk: Optimize Your Immune System

Starting at 7 p.m., learn about science-based ways to protect yourself from unnecessary illness, in this virtual presentation from the Bayville Library. Now is the time to

stock your kitchen pharmacy to combat the common cold, flu, other viruses, and the dreaded A, B, Cs of aging – arthritis, brain drain, and cancer. Register at bayvillefreelibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Stuff-a-Bear

Starting at 4 p.m. head to the Bayville Library and create your very own teddy bear. Stuff it, fill out their birth certificate and take it home to love. Intended for children ages 3 to 7. Register online at bayvillefreelibrary.org.

Thursday, Jan. 27

From Awareness to Action: Confronting Antisemitism at Home and Abroad

In commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Robert Williams, Deputy Director for International Affairs at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will discuss how current conspiracy theories and tropes fuel antisemitism, both domestically and internationally, and why Holocaust education is such an important tool in combatting this problem. Begins at 6 p.m. Register online at hmtcli.org for the Zoom link.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages are listed for free. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to adurkin@iherald.com

5 things to know about your town

- Sea Cliff Baseball and Northshore Softball registration is now open. Register Pre-K to 7th grade children at scbaseballsoftball.com
- The next Oyster Bay East Norwich Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- The City of Glen Cove will hold a City Council meeting on Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.
- The North Shore Board of Education's budget presentation will be on Feb. 3 at 7:45 p.m. at NSHS Library
- The Oyster Bay Town Board's next meeting will be Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.



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Personal Training Institute of Rockville Centre
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Band's first album is more than just a dream

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BY ANNEMARIE DURKIN

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Members of the rock band Konkussion — Noa and Ella Pourmoradi, 15-year-old twins from Great Neck, and Sea Cliff's Ava and Wes Petersen, 15 and 13, respectively — who might be mistaken, given their talent, for much older musicians, released their debut album on Dec 11.

The band worked on the album, "Just a Dream," in their free time during the coronavirus pandemic, playing each song for hours to perfect them.

"We had so much fun making and recording the new album, we really bonded through the recording process," Ava said. "Recording was such an amazing experience because we all took our [individual] creative ideas and merged them into the final product."

When writing most of the songs for "Just a Dream," one of the teens would come to a rehearsal with an idea, and the others would build on it until the idea became a complete song. "It is so fun to be together and write for hours straight," Ella said. "Writing brings out something inside of us that we never knew was there."

Denise Petersen, Ava and Wes's mother, said that their father, Wes, has played in rock bands much of his life, and the tradition of music on that side of the

family goes back generations. From the time they were young children, the Petersens were brought along to the concerts their parents attended, including metal bands like Iron Maiden and punk bands like Rancid.

While their parents are not musicians, the Pourmoradi twins, sophomores at Great Neck North High School, were also raised around music, having taken classes since they were 6 months old. Their mother, Melody — no kidding — brought them to a local Jewish Community Center, where they played in the program's rock band. There, they met Eitan Prouser, a band coach from the Bach to Rock music school in Port Washington. He encouraged them to enroll at the school, and three years after doing so, they met their bandmates, who had begun attending the school shortly before.

Since then, Konkussion has been rocking North Shore venues and Battle of the Bands competitions, with Ella on vocals and synthesizers, Noa on guitar,

Ava on bass and Wes on percussion. Wes came up with the name as they were throwing ideas around, noting that it would be cool to have the two K's face each other in the official logo.

"We like our music to be our own style, and each song represents us in a different way," Noa said. "When we're writing, we try to make different styles of songs. All of the songs on "Just a dream" are unique — there are some slow songs, and some fast."

In their five years together, they have performed in front of audiences reaching over 500 people.

Wes, a seventh-grader at North Shore Middle School, said

he had long known he wanted to play drums, since he had heard his father play them in their basement so many times. Denise said it took Ava a little while to settle on an instrument, but after picking up the bass a few years ago, she fell in love with it. Ava, a sophomore at North Shore High School, said it blows her mind that she gets to do something she loves with her brother

and her best friends.

"I feel like for their age, to be so passionate and dedicated to something, and the fact that they have been together for years now, I'm extremely proud," Denise said. "Even through the hardest part of Covid, they still Zoom-called and they still wrote — they still tried to rehearse and still crafted what they love. The fact that I have my kids doing something together, having the music to bring them together, is just so great."

Konkussion had plans to hold a record release party this month at Still Partners in Sea Cliff, but had to postpone it because of the coronavirus pandemic. They hope to reschedule in the coming weeks or months, depending on whether the virus continues to spread.

Now that they released their debut album, these four band mates would like to keep writing original music and building their repertoire and open local shows for some national recording acts.

"Most of all, we just want to keep getting together to rehearse, hang out and have fun," Wes said.

Konkussion is scheduled to play its first show of the new year in Island Park Feb. 26 at the Barnum Ballroom as the opening act for Streetlight Circus. Konkussion's Instagram is @konkussion_theband.

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Celebrating art and autos
Artist Dean Adams spent last Saturday afternoon painting some of the cars on display at the Art and Automobiles event in downtown Glen Cove. Story, more photos, Page 3.

'She has an eye for it'

Teen creates music video for local songwriter

BY JILL NOSSA

With the prevalence of iPhones, editing software and platforms such as YouTube and TikTok, anyone with a digital camera can create and share videos. Having the tools doesn't necessarily mean a person has talent, but for 16-year-old Ava Solange of Glen Cove, an amateur interest in videography led to a paid opportunity.

The high school junior already has a portfolio of completed video projects, including a professional music video. Initially she said, her interest was in photography. But, she added, "As I started working with my camera more, I realized I could film videos."

Like many teens, Ava taught herself how to use the camera by making TikTok videos, and expanded the scope of her projects. This summer, after hearing a song by singer-songwriter Chris Armata of Oyster Bay, she decided to

feel like it really captures the vibe and the feeling that the music gives you.

AVA SOLANGE

bigger: shoot and edit a music video. She created a video for Armata's song "Gratitude" while vacationing in Southern California, visiting her mother and her aunt as subjects.

"I knew that I'd have some nice shots for scenery, and I go well with the song," Ava said. "I was just picturing a lot of fun dancing and a good time, because that's what the song is about — appreciating the happy moments."

After four days of filming with her iPhone and a drone, she spent two days editing down about 30 minutes of footage for the three-minute song. "I had to look for the best parts of the videos and see what went well with the song and the rhythm of the song," she explained.

Using the drone footage in

A new school year, more Covid challenges

BY JILL NOSSA

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Luckman new president of Turnaround

Glen Cove resident Gerard R. Luckman, a partner and chair of t Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP's bankruptcy and corporate restructuring practice group, was elected president of the Turnaround

Management Association's Long Island chapter. His one-year term was effective Jan. 1. Luckman is also a member of the chapter's Board of Directors and Executive Committee.



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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATOR Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and her husband, Richard Valicenti, during the county legislature's swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 10 in the legislative chambers.

DeRiggi-Whitton sworn in for 6th term

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, was sworn in by U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer as Nassau County Legislator for the 11th District on Jan. 10. Her district covers Glen Cove, Glenwood Landing, Port Washington and the Villages of Baxter Estates, Flower Hill, Manorhaven, Port Washington North and Sands Point, Roslyn, Roslyn Harbor and Sea Cliff.

"It is a great honor to be able to continue to serve the residents and businesses of Nassau County," DiRiggi-Whitton said. "I am looking forward to my next two-year term, where I will continue to work in a bipartisan way with all of my fellow legislators."

NEWS BRIEF

Adelphi N.Y. Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline is seeking volunteers

The Adelphi NY Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program is seeking women and men who have had breast cancer to become hotline volunteers. There will be four sessions of training, which includes presentations by nurse navigators and social workers on basic breast cancer education, active listening skills and tips on engaging the community. Training dates are Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 22 and March 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Zoom. Attendance at all four sessions is required.

Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline & Support Program has been helping women and men who are diagnosed with breast cancer. The hotline is staffed with trained volunteers who have survived breast cancer and now help others.

For further information and to arrange an interview, contact social worker Nina Foley at (516) 877-4315 or email nfoley@adelphi.edu. For help on breast cancer information, services, support, and referrals call the hotline at 800-877-8077.

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Crossing guards needed in Glen Cove

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Glen Cove Police Department has 14 crossing guards with posts around Deasy Elementary, Finley Middle School and Landing Elementary. Two guards are posted in the morning at each school, and two to four are posted in the afternoon, for a total of three hours. Vigilant and devoted, they work in weather of all kinds, protecting the community.

"The biggest issue is safety," said Trisha Lebowitz, PTA treasurer for Robert M. Finley Middle School. I know it's such a short period of time each day, but I think for that 30 minutes, it's just super important. God forbid they weren't there and something happened . . . somebody standing there for 30 minutes could have prevented a tragedy."

Similar to many other service professions, the coronavirus pandemic has had a major impact on the availability of crossing guards — and shined a spotlight on their low wages. Many have called out sick, while others have retired. The absence of "floaters" — guards who go from post to post when needed — has forced members of the GCPD and the Auxiliary Police to fill in the gaps. On Dosoris Lane, by Deasy Elementary, police officers have taken on the role of helping students and parents as they cross the street.

"It's not just a Glen Cove issue, it is Island-wide right now," said Lt. Patrick Wright of the GCPD.

An initiative to increase part-time pay for crossing guards and other underpaid city workers was proposed during former Mayor Timothy Tenke's administration as it planned the city's 2022 budget last fall. "It has been in discussion for a couple years," City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said. "In the long run, providing this increase would actually save the city money, because we've been shorthanded, and we've had to put in police



Letisha Dass/Herald

A CROSSING GUARD at Landing Elementary School directed traffic after school last Friday.

officers, who do get a higher pay."

Veteran crossing guards, many of whom have worked the streets for 10 years or more, make \$75 or more per day. For posts in busier and more dangerous areas, such as Deasy and Finley Middle School, on Forest Avenue, there has been extra pay.

The pay increase has brought Glen Cove crossing guards' wages closer to those of crossing guards who work for the Nassau County Police Department, which has a starting wage of \$25 per hour. "We needed to be

closer to where they were," said Wright.

"It is very, very difficult to get crossing guards," Panzenbeck said.

For the past six months, the city has been actively recruiting them. New hires must have a high school diploma, and are required to complete at least two weeks of training, depending on their experience. Applications are available in the personnel office in Glen Cove City Hall, on the second floor.

City offers drive-through Covid testing

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it as quickly as we could. We got it up and running several days earlier than we expected to."

Panzenbeck is working on her next initiative to combat the spread of the virus: She hopes to open a Covid vaccine site in the city. "We're doing everything we can," she said.

The Nassau County Department of Health reported 1,424 new Covid-19 cases in Glen Cove on Jan. 11 for the week before. "If you're getting symptoms, [you] need to get tested, because people are showing up positive when they don't think they have anything," Frankel said. "They just think it's a headache or upper respiratory, or just allergies. If we can catch it at that point, we could prevent it from traveling to their household and into the schools and communities. It is early detection."

Long waits for appointments or walk-in tests have been reported at nearby locations. Some Glen Cove residents said they were grateful that the testing site is closer to home and that it's easier to schedule a test.

After receiving her negative results at the stadium, resident Kerri O'Neill bought the entire Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics staff working the site breakfast to thank them. "This is great," O'Neill said. "You don't have to get out of your car. It was quick, easy . . . and was convenient. This was an asset to our community."

The first wave of the coronavirus, in March 2020, pushed Frankel's husband, Dr. Perry Frankel, founder of Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics, to transform his cardiac screening buses into the first line of defense against the virus. His medical team became a triage unit for hospitals that were overloaded with cases.

"We have these buses that we could bring to sites where there's not access to care," Frankel said. "People are still having heart attacks. It's still one of the leading causes of death in America . . . This is what we signed up



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STEPHANIE TIMMES, FAR left, Leshanda Coles, Linda Lee-Chang, Peter Lam, Semone Perez, Roseanne Frankel, Thomas Moore, Althea Davey, Lina Morales, Josephine Troia and Katherine Rojas, from Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics, at the testing site.

for when we became health professionals."

While Frankel's team has not been using his transportable cardiac screens on the buses since their effort to battle Covid began, they have provided testing to 94

schools and communities in New York state and Florida. Frankel said he would continue to offer the service in Glen Cove as long as it is needed.

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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Best books of 2021

Dear Great Book Guru,
I was wondering if you had a list of your favorite books for 2021? It was a strange year and I wonder if I missed out on some good books. Do you have some you would particularly recommend?
—Looking Back on 2021

Dear Looking Back on 2021,

Yes, I make up a list every year. It's great fun to look back on all the books I have read and choose 10 favorites. My number one choice by far was a work of non-fiction that reads like a novel: "The Empire of Pain," by Patrick Radden Keefe. He was also the author of "Say Nothing," our number one choice for 2019. The others are listed here in no particular order:

- "The Empire of Pain" by Patrick Radden Keefe

- "Ten Minutes and 38 Seconds in This Strange World," by Elif Shafak

- "A Good Mother," by Lara Bazelon

- "The Damage," by Caitlin Wampler

- "The Vanishing Half," by Bennett Brit

- "Brother, Sister, Mother, Explorer," by Jamie Figueroa

- "Tower of Babel," by Michael Sears

- "Intimacies," by Katie Kitamura

- "Before the Ever After," by Jacqueline Woodson

- "Leave the World Behind," by Ruman Alam

More information can be found about these books on greatbookguru.blogspot.com

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Precrastination

BY LAUREN LEV

When a mentor once told me, "... if you want a job to get done, give it to the busiest person you know..." his logic was highly relatable for a commuter college student carrying a full-time schedule of classes and a part-time job while competing on the school's team in a national student ad competition.

So I've been pretty hardwired to get a job done quickly -- way before necessary -- for most of my life -- long before sites like Scientificamerican.com described the opposite of procrastination as "precrastination": "the inclination to complete tasks quickly just for the sake of getting things done sooner rather than later."

You could argue that this is a compulsion driven by anxiety, or an all-controlling nature. But I would defend that the reward for doing something early was to feel less pressure as the due date loomed. Time after time, I finished early, strengthening my resolve to keep precrastinating like a nasty habit. No all-nighters to study, no late bill paying if I had the cash, food in the refrigerator at least 12 to 24 hours before the impending snowstorm.

In fact, this seemingly reliable approach was unfairly imposed on my (then) school-age children. I had them complete daily homework before late afternoon religious school or the midweek baseball practices so they could return home to dinner, some television and bed. Yet in later years I ended up remorseful for having them "at least start" the

school project on the day it was assigned discovering that when they were done, their peers were unavailable for playdates, having waited until the last weekend to complete the job the day before it was expected.

Yet, that was then. Way before Covid-19.

The pandemic that keeps on giving has provided more than its share of immediate disruptions, "... out of an abundance of caution" that changes any procrastinator plan.

For me, Covid's latest impact was the change in my employer's spring calendar, with all college classes starting a week later than originally scheduled. Reasonable, except I prepared course requirements way before they were due using the original calendar dates. Because of this understandable change, everything I created had to be revisited, rescheduled and revised. So much for getting ahead only to get way behind.

New precrastinator temptations happen all the time. Answering emails and texts the moment they arrive. Washing dishes immediately. Making decisions prematurely. Writing this article many days before it is due. The invisible list goes on and on. And if you are #teamprecrastinator like me, the more you list, the more likely you itch to cross them off for good.

A contributing writer since 2012, Lev is an East Meadow resident and a direct marketing/advertising executive who teaches marketing communications courses at FIT.

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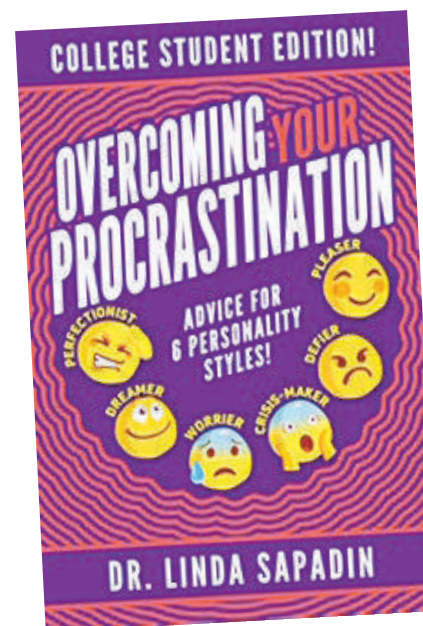
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Should the Treasurer determine that an in-person auction shall be held, same will commence on the 15th day of February 2022 at the Office of The County Treasurer 1 West Street, Mineola or at some other location to be determined by the Treasurer.

A list of all real estate in Nassau County on which tax liens are to be sold is available at the website of the Nassau County Treasurer at:

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A list of local properties upon which tax liens are

to be sold will be advertised in this publication on or before February 03rd, 2022.

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

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Hidden gems to go

By CATHI TUROW

Sometimes I pretend I'm back in the early 60s. Everything seemed simpler then. I hop in my car and find foods around town that remind me of those days. Other times, I'm excited about 2022 and look for new dining trends. Putting the two together, this month I've found everything from retro to up-and-coming dining adventures. They're not always easy to spot, so I call them hidden gems. Check out these wonderful January bites.

■ **Four** (4 Spring St., Oyster Bay) After weeks of holiday hustle, if you can't imagine serving one more guest, help is on the way. It's your turn to be served — 15 times. In this new eatery, your meal will be a series of 12 to 15 small courses, each a hidden gem. Chef Jesse Schenker, Four's owner, is the genius behind this intimate, upscale restaurant. As he puts it, "The rules, boundaries, and norms of typical dining do not apply. You'll have a transformative dining experience. It's not about eating; it's more about being part of that transformation and witnessing the creative process." Dishes range from Blue Fin Toro bone marrow to Bomboloni chocolate, black pepper ice cream. The dining area seats 10, so come with your crew or just a few.

■ **Pickle Island** (18 Forest Ave., Glen Cove) Nick Horman, who owns a longtime family pickle factory in Garvies Point, has just opened a retro shop that brings pickles to the next level. The pickles are sumptuous, but their mmmm factor goes way up when they're deep fried in beer batter and served kebab style. "Pickle poppers" are Nick's specialty, made with cream cheese, jalapenos and panko breadcrumbs. You'll also find pickle boats (pickles filled with tuna), pickle toppings and pickle hummus. The beet horseradish dip (with a hint of pickle dancing in the back-

ground), is to die for. Nick says it's all about celebrating pickles.

■ **Restaurant X** (170 Main St., Port Washington) For dinner, you'll be served 8-10 ultra-gourmet mini courses, each filled with incredibly creative combinations of ingredients. I'm obsessed with the honey nut squash soup with crispy garbanzo and pomegranate seeds. Here's the coolest part: Restaurant X menus are often created by different, top-of-the-line gourmet chefs on Long Island and Manhattan, and they rotate every two weeks. Sometimes the Restaurant X culinary team will follow recipes created by guest chefs, other times guest chefs will stop by and prepare the meals themselves. Restaurant X also has amazing lunch and brunch menus.

■ **Taby's Burger House** (28 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay) Order a burger 18 different ways, plus one more that isn't on the menu: the veggie burger. My chicken burger was perfectly prepared but not overpowering. The mushrooms and avocado on top joyfully had a chance to speak. Another hidden gem: chicken ranchero (chicken, barbeque sauce, grilled tomatoes, melted mozzarella and cheddar on toasted pita). It's not on the menu, but the chef will happily prepare it. There are comfort food-ish entrees galore. My favorite is the cream cheese and jelly sandwich. I never see it on menus. Why why why? It's so delicious. Kudos to Taby's for dignifying this classic sandwich. Wash it down with an egg cream.

Cheers to the best foods from the past, and those setting trends for the future. See you next month!

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

Mary Brennan INN hosting food drive

The Mary Brennan INN, at 100 Madison Ave. in Hempstead, will hold a food and toiletries drive Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the soup kitchen.

This is a no-contact drive. Donors will place their items on a table with masked volunteers standing at a distance.

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How progressives might be left in the lurch

When U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi announced his Democratic primary run against Gov. Kathy Hochul, it may have seemed like a D'Amato moment.

Alfonse D'Amato, then the Town of Hempstead supervisor, saw a glimmer of political daylight in 1980, when he decided to reach for the political gold ring of U.S. senator from New York. Defeating the legendary three-term incumbent Jacob Javits was deemed impossible by every political pundit and commentator, and you would've assumed that not even the bookies would take your bet.



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Yet D'Amato successfully navigated every political rapid to secure victory, a win that stands to this day as testimony to astute political analysis, hard work and an indomitable belief in oneself.

When Suozzi first announced his intention to run against Hochul, he rightly assumed that state Attorney General Letitia James would remain a Democratic primary candidate for governor. Given her left-wing credentials, combined with the progressive candidate for that office, Jumaane Williams, Suozzi reasoned that moderate Democrats would look for a "safe

house" from which to escape the Democrats' lurch to the left. He certainly has the credentials to be that moderate.

But with James backing out of the race, the political threat from the left that Suozzi had expected to help rally centrist Democrats evaporated. Williams doesn't have the recognition, sufficient base or fundraising capabilities for a credible statewide race. That leaves Hochul in a powerful place, because she has the means to outflank Suozzi on any number of fronts.

She's reportedly playing hardball: Word has it she has already told potential donors, "Either you're with me or I'm against you." This tactic has obviously worked, because the entire Long Island Democratic State Senate and Assembly delegation has thrown its support to the Buffalo-based Hochul rather than Suozzi.

She is also dominating the New York City political news cycle. Her recent effort used the power of her office to dangle support for infrastructure projects that would make the lives of people who likely would have voted for Williams far easier. Her proposal to create an interborough express line from Brooklyn to Queens would allow an underutilized 14-mile freight line to potentially connect some 900,000 residents to mass transit. The concept has been discussed by others over the years, but a gubernatorial news conference in the dead

of winter makes news. The proposal quickly won the endorsement of Queens Borough President Donovan Richards.

That leaves Suozzi holding virtual town hall meetings with potential primary voters while firing off verbal sniper rounds at Hochul's handling of Covid-19. He must hope she will be pushed to the left on any number of issues, which could motivate the Democratic middle to take to the primary polls. And the left may just do that.

The insanity of bail "reform" has effectively jeopardized every Democrat in office — just ask Laura Curran and Todd Kaminsky. The new Manhattan district attorney, Alvin Bragg, said he would not prosecute shoplifters or those who don't use a gun in the commission of a robbery, and if a gun were used, they would only be charged with a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor for armed robbery? Completely insane.

New York City has also signed into law a bill that allows an estimated 800,000 non-citizens to vote in municipal elections (which Republicans have sued to overturn as being unconstitutional). Say what? Welcome to the new New York City, which may be even worse than the New York City under recent Mayor Bill de Blasio, who can only be compared to a communist.

Is Hochul prepared to endorse the actions of fellow Democrats that are at

odds with the fundamental ethics of law-abiding citizens? What tightrope will she walk because of the actions of the progressive wing of her party that would make moderate Democrats flee to anyone willing to stand against that tide?

There is another massive political force out there — Andrew Cuomo. He has sent out emails to everyone who has ever breathed politics to say "stay tuned" now that criminal charges against him have been dismissed. He need not actually run for office to be a force. He has millions of unspent campaign dollars that could be quietly directed to any statewide race, even to someone for whom he has previously expressed antipathy, like Tom Suozzi. It would be in Cuomo's character to act as a spoiler.

Suozzi may, or may not, be able to replicate the political roadmap that allowed D'Amato to seize victory after victory during the autumn of 1980, resulting in a statewide win on election night. However, today's political environment is more combustible, more unpredictable and more unforgiving than ever before. By their actions, progressive ideologues could very well determine a surprising outcome in this year's Democratic primary for governor — one they won't like.

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Tom Suozzi no doubt thought he had the perfect opportunity to run for governor.

Can your stove talk to you?

I really needed to get on the Smart HQ website to get my new G.E. Café Series kitchen appliances online. Oh, you didn't know? You must have internet-friendly ovens and cooktops these days. That way, you can put a meatloaf in the oven, go into the city for the day, use your phone to remotely turn on the oven



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and then turn it off remotely when the meatloaf is done. Think of it. You can put a stew in your new microwave, which can nuke, bake, air fry or mow the lawn, cook it while you're out and return to a prepared meal. Or a wildfire, but let's not go there. My old gas stove was dumb as an ox. Turn the knob, light the flame and simmer the soup. Could it tell time? Could it get automatic updates from the Wizard of Oz behind some screen at G.E.? Could it beep maniacally when the food was done? No, no and no. And get this: All my old refrigerator could do was keep food cold. My new one can make ice cubes of a par-

ticular shape, and make coffee in a gizmo set right into the front door.

Back to the Smart HQ app. You can do nothing without the app, so I downloaded it onto my phone, entered a username and a password. Then — I admit, with much trepidation — I approached my wall oven. I hit "WiFi enable," as instructed, and everything went pretty much downhill from there.

My phone said it couldn't connect to my oven, that I had to enter a new password. So I did. Then my phone said it had to verify my identity on another device, so it sent a code to my iPad, which was upstairs. I ran upstairs and right into my husband, who was running downstairs to verify his identity on his iPhone for a bank transaction.

I got my code, dashed back to the oven and signed on again to the app. This time it asked for "further verification." Pictures appeared. It asked me to check off all the photos in the boxes containing traffic lights. The photos were tiny. And my reading glasses were in the car, so I ran outside, got the glasses, searched the photos on my phone for traffic lights, won-

dered what I did to deserve this and somehow got it right. Then I was asked to verify the obvious: that I am not a robot.

After three hours and 20 minutes, with a break for a cold salad, since I didn't feel like cooking anything, I got the Smart HQ

What if my fridge, microwave and wall oven team up and take over?

app downloaded onto my phone, and I got all my new appliances online. Instantly, the clocks on the stove, the wall oven, the microwave and refrigerator synchronized. Clearly, I was in some kind of technological G-spot.

When I eventually got the ovens and cooktop online, there was an authorization request asking that I give the G.E. Wizard of Oz the ability to turn my appliances off and on, update them remotely or fix a problem.

I signed.

I have a creepy feeling now that in our ongoing relationship, my microwave has the upper hand. It is, apparently, the hoo-ha upscale version of the plain vanilla microwave. This one can sense what food you have inside, determine the right time and temp and serve up your ribs just right. It doesn't just zap. It can convection bake

and air fry as well. It can proof your bread dough.

My dad always told me, "Don't have machines that are smarter than you are," but that was a moot point when I bought my first pencil sharpener.

What if my microwave goes rogue? I mean, I could be out for the day and the microwave could talk to the refrigerator and they could recruit the wall oven and I could come home to a full-blown coup d'état.

The wall oven, whom I call Hal, wants to know if I prefer to roast, bake, convection bake, convection roast or air fry? What it can't do is cook a hamburger, which is what I happen to want to eat much of the time.

To give credit: These ovens will clean themselves with super-high heat or steam with the press of a few buttons. That's impressive. My gas stove couldn't do that. But then again, the big old ox was reliable as the day is long, all iron and heat and natural gas.

These new-fangled thingies answer to different gods, all digital and remote and dead on arrival without the right passwords.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Bail reform law needs still more tweaking

Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder convened a news conference on Jan. 13 to make a point: The state's bail reform law, enacted in January 2020, needs further reform — specifically, he seemed to suggest, for charges of illegal gun possession.

Right now, an offender who is in possession of an illegal firearm can be released without bail. That wasn't the case before January 2020, when judges had the discretion to hold such suspects on bail.

The 2020 bail reform law, however, essentially states that these offenders can get out of jail free while waiting to make a plea or go to trial, provided they haven't shot anyone. (Violent crimes are eligible for bail.)

At the new Nassau County Police Department Academy, a shiny white building that rises out of a back field at Nassau Community College in Garden City, Ryder displayed eight illegal handguns last Thursday, all seized by police during car stops since the start of the year. He noted that Nassau had already had eight gun arrests this year, compared with only two in the same time frame in 2021.

Whether there were more illegal guns in circulation in the county at the start of the year, or police were out looking for them more ardently, was unclear.

Asked by the Herald, Ryder did not say whether he believed the bail reform law should be nixed, and the news conference ended abruptly shortly afterward. "Bail reform," Ryder said, "is important . . . It needs to be fixed."

We agree that judges should have the discretion to assign bail in cases of illegal gun possession. Ryder ticked off a list of eight defendants, all of whom face possession charges and all of whom were released without bail.

We can't say what, if anything, any of these defendants might have done or not done with these weapons if police hadn't discovered them. We can say, however, that any illegal gun represents the potential for violence.

Most crimes are not committed with guns, according to the FBI. Most gun crimes (more than 65 percent in New York), however, are committed with illegal handguns. Judges should have the discretion to set bail in cases of illegal gun possession, particularly cases when a defendant has a long record of arrest and prosecution.

This is not to suggest that bail reform must be overturned, as so many conservatives suggest. It simply requires further adjustment.

Clearly, there is, in Nassau County at least, a high degree of electoral support for doing away with bail reform. New District Attorney Anne Donnelly, a Republican, made it a cornerstone of her campaign last fall, running numerous TV commercials suggesting that violent criminals are being released from jail onto our streets. That, in large part, explains her defeat of State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, the Democratic candidate for the post, who was, at one point, considered the favorite.

New County Executive Bruce Blake-man, also a Republican, wants bail reform repealed as well. He said so in his inaugu-

ral speech, arguing, "Criminals have more rights than victims. Enough is enough."

That was hyperbole, but there is a definite public perception among many that criminals have been prioritized over victims. Further tweaking the law to ensure that judges can assign bail to those caught with illegal guns would go a long way toward changing people's minds.

That's important. Bail reform remains a critical piece of legislation in the State Legislature's recent efforts to ensure social justice for all, including in the criminal justice system.

Here's what we wrote in a December 2019 editorial:

"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."

The previous system favored wealthy over poor offenders, who were, according to statistics, most often Black or Latino. We thus urge our legislators to continue tweaking the bail-reform law, without doing away with it.

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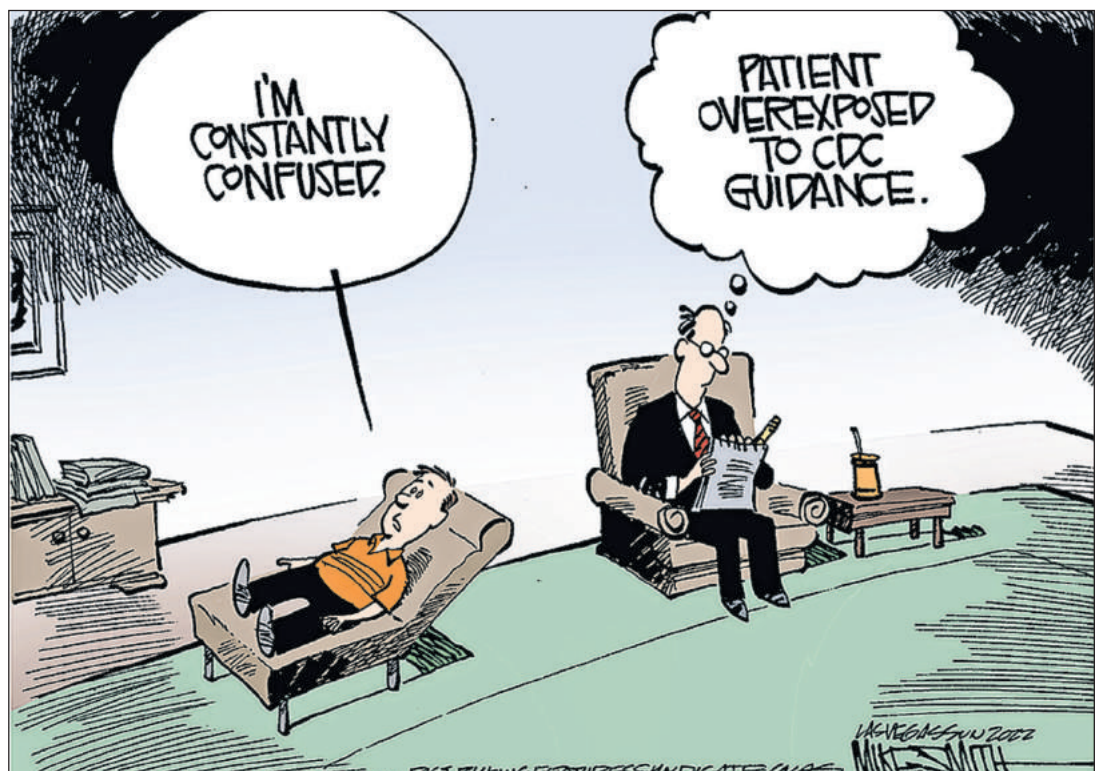
Thanks for Brinton's column

To the Editor:

Re Scott Brinton's column "Biking Borders' brings out the best of humanity" (Jan. 6-12): After reading it, I had to watch the documentary. Thank you so much for bringing awareness to this delightful and important film.

I come from a family of avid bicyclists, and will tell them all to watch. And I will be donating to the ultra-worthy cause, Pencils of Promise, highlighted in the film and in Brinton's column.

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An inauguration like no other

I have been blessed to raise my hand and pledge to serve my community as an elected official many times over the past 16 years. However, last Monday was the first — and hopefully, last — time that I will take the oath of office in my living room.

I had looked forward to joining my colleagues on Jan. 10 for inaugural ceremonies marking the start of the 14th session of the Nassau County Legislature and my third term as a legislator. However, on Sunday, the 9th, I felt congested, unusually tired and was coughing, sneezing and had a runny nose.

Initially, I figured it was probably the cold that I seem to get every winter, but I am loathe to assume anything — especially as the Omicron variant continues to spread so

rapidly. So I took a Covid-19 home test, and it came back positive.

Physically, I felt all right. My booster shot did its job, and my symptoms were like those of a common cold. The discomfort I was experiencing didn't inhibit my ability to work full-time for the residents of the 5th Legislative District. And, through the marvels of modern technology, I was "in the room" virtually to be administered the oath of office by U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer with my minority caucus colleagues.

No matter how busy you may be, though, being hunkered down for a few days leads to contemplation and reflection.

My experience illustrates how vaccines and boosters are key to preventing severe illness from the coronavirus. Since the emergence of Omicron, data from the state Department of Health continues to show that fully vaccinated people are

much less likely to get Covid-19 and much less likely to be hospitalized with breakthrough cases. If you want to get vaccinated or boosted, go to <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5126/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information-to-find-a-site-near-you>.

My breakthrough case didn't shake my belief in masks as one of the key tools to slow the spread of Covid-19 and other airborne illnesses. In a recent Newsday report, Jack Caravanos, clinical professor of environmental public health sciences at the NYU School of Global Public Health in Manhattan, stated clearly that while N95 and KN95 masks are most effective, cloth and surgical masks are still beneficial — especially if everyone in a room is wearing them.

That, perhaps, is the biggest point of all of this: By protecting yourself, you are protecting all of us. Why not err on the side of caution if there is a potential benefit to others? In all honesty, I don't like to

wear a mask — I suspect no one does. I do it to protect myself, those I love and people I don't know.

Over the past several years, I have grown disheartened by how deceit, division and political ambition have been amplified to undermine our faith in our institutions and drive wedges between us. It is profoundly unhealthy.

Especially now, caring for one another is essential to repairing the fabric of our society. We need to protect the most vulnerable among us — those who are too young to get the vaccine, the immunocompromised and those who have other underlying conditions that would make Covid-19 especially perilous.

As we embark on this new year — a time for healing and growth — it is my fervent prayer for us to work together to end this public health crisis once and for all, and renew our belief in the pursuit of the common good.

Debra Mulé, of Freeport, was first elected to the Nassau County Legislature in 2017. She represents the 5th Legislative District.



**DEBRA
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The day before I was sworn into the Legislature, I felt lousy, and guess what?

LETTERS

Who's paying for the relief?

To the Editor:

There is more to U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer's announcement that the Federal Transit Administration released a \$6 billion grant to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for CARE Covid-19 relief. This grant brings the total amount of CARE funding from Washington for the MTA to \$14 billion.

What Schumer neglected to say was how much of this funding has been paid for, rather than how much has been borrowed, adding to our national debt of \$29 trillion and growing. "It is a public service," he said, "and the higher percentage we get from city, state and federal help, the better."

Funding for the MTA has long been a four-way partnership among what riders pay at the farebox along with city, state and federal funding.

Commuters and Washington always ante up. Will Schumer hold one of his news conferences to ask Gov. Kathy Hochul, state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Steward Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie to increase Albany's contribution? Will he also ask New York City Mayor Eric Adams, Comptroller Brad Lerner and Council Speaker Adrienne Adams to increase City Hall's contribution?

Schumer never explained why many other transit agencies around the nation already received their second and third rounds of funding ahead of the MTA.

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