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Courtesy Christine Brown

A trudge uphill for a slide downhill

While adults spent a good part of Sunday digging out from the nor'easter that walloped Glen Cove, kids like Ryan Rieger enjoyed a day of sledding at Deasy School. More photos, Page 12.

At G.C. library, club members find ancestors

BY LETISHA DASS

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Have you ever wondered about your ancestry, or the history of your home? Sometimes oral stories aren't reliable, and not every household can keep records, photos and documents. To help residents take a deeper dive into their history, the Glen Cove Public Library's Genealogy Club held its first meeting on Jan. 24.

"It's really just like a place where people come to bring their work, talk amongst each other, encourage each other," archivist and librarian Lydia Wen Rodgers said. "It's a community."

One component of the club is the Genealogy Collective, a collaboration of North Shore libraries that will meet on Zoom. The collective's librarians, genealogists, historians and authors plan to give virtual lectures on the resources and history available to residents to help them explore their roots. Topics included Latin American, Italian and African American genealogy,

reflecting the diverse population of Glen Cove and the rest of the North Shore.

The collective will have its first virtual meeting on Feb. 10. The libraries working to host the events are in Glen Cove, Bay-

The idea is that people will come and kind of share with each other.

LYDIA WEN RODGERS

Glen Cove Public Library librarian

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Ancestry.com and similar websites have helped many people trace their family trees. The Glen Cove library's Ancestry.com membership was canceled two years ago due to budget cuts, but Rodgers said she hoped that renewing the subscription to

the website with the help of a grant would encourage community members to visit and use it.

Genealogy Club meetings are limited to five participants, and are held in the library's history room. On Jan. 24, attendees were eager to share their stories, and offered one another tips for deepening their research.

Mercedes Morales, a library

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VFW hosts Covid test giveaway near post still in need of repairs

BY LETISHA DASS

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The James E. Donohue Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347 headquarters in Glen Cove has been closed since August 2021, when a fire destroyed the second floor of the building on Hill Street. The facility was also a base of operations for the North Shore Soup Kitchen. Over five

months later, the veterans remain in desperate need of donations to help rebuild.

"The main floor, upstairs, where NOSH was, that was pretty well burnt up," Howard Stillwagon, a Vietnam veteran and a VFW member, said, referring to a soup kitchen program that was initiated during the coronavirus pandemic. "They pretty much lost everything. That whole part

has got to be rebuilt."

The downstairs area of the century-old building, where the post held meetings and displayed its memorabilia, sustained water and smoke damage. Neither the heat nor the building's plumbing has been operational since the fire.

"A lot of people in Glen Cove probably don't know the situa-

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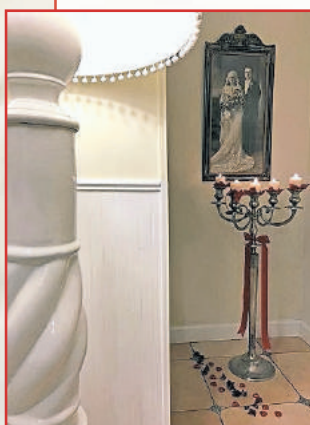
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Knitting blankets for children with cancer

By LAURA LANE

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Louise Bernstein, 91, learned to knit as a young child. But it was when she turned 7 that it became a passion, spurred on by an ulterior motive. After years of experiencing poor eyesight, a doctor recommended glasses, but he told her to only wear them while doing close, detailed work.

"I'm not sure why the doctor only wanted me to wear the glasses then," said Bernstein, her fingers grasping a set of knitting needles as she methodically knit a grey blanket. "I'll never forget the feeling when I could see leaves, which had always been a blur. From then on I either had a book under my arm or was knitting to justify my wearing the glasses."

Eventually she was able to make knitted suits, jackets, mittens and sweaters. "Knitting became my friend," Bernstein said. "It was always productive because I got something in the end."

She married Bernard Salerno in 1948 and they had two sons, Darryl and Mitchell. After they divorced in 1964, Bernstein married Stanley Bernstein a year later. He died in 1991.

Mitchell always considered his mother to be the head of the family and said his mother has always been his mentor. He has many memories of his childhood but one thing stands out. "Mom was always knitting," said Mitchell, who lives in East Norwich. "I remember when she knitted one of my sweaters with my initials, MPS. The kids in school teased me because when it wrinkled the letters looked like MRS. So, I wouldn't wear it. But she made me plenty of other sweaters."

Originally from the Bronx, Bernstein moved often, settling in Farmingdale in 2005, where she led a knitting group at the library. A chance meeting with Tamara Baker there changed Bernstein's life.

Massapequa resident, Baker founded the nonprofit, We care blankets, in 2001. Volunteers knit blankets that are given to children undergoing cancer treatments. Bernstein became one of the volunteers and has been knitting blankets for the past 18 years for the children.

A registered psychiatric nurse until she was 79, Bernstein only retired because, unable to kneel on the ground, she could not pass the CPR test. She worked at many hospitals, she said, including South Oaks in Amityville.

"I always wanted to work in a psych ward because I wondered why the [patient's] minds were twisted and couldn't see reality," she said. "I made blankets for them too. As a nurse I was always busy but after I retired, I had nothing to do but clean the house."

She made even more blankets than for We care. When Mitchell would visit his mother in Harrison, N.Y., where she moved to be near Darryl, he never went home empty handed. Mitchell would bring several boxes of blankets back to Long Island for We care, dropping them off at the Levittown home of one of the volunteers.

The idea of We care came about as a result of Baker's own experience of hav-



Photos Laura Lane/Herald

LOUISE BERNSTEIN HAS been knitting blankets for the non profit We care blankets for the past 18 years. The blankets are given to children undergoing treatment for cancer.

ing a mysterious blood disease that eventually went away. While waiting to see her oncology doctor at Cornell Weill she saw children go in and out of an area where they received chemotherapy. "I decided to make blankets to give them security and warmth," Baker said. "So, I created help wanted flyers for knitters to make the blankets. But people wanted supplies and I had no money."

Her oncologist gave her \$2,000, which got her started. The doctor continued to give her money for the supplies and mailing for another two years.

Baker's effort has grown, with blankets donated all over the country as well as in Israel, which she hand delivers. And the blankets are sent to others in need as well. Baker mailed blankets to the homeless in Kentucky in December after the tornado and to victims of the Jan. 9 apartment fire in the Bronx.

Sometimes the size of the donated blankets isn't appropriate for children, because they are too large, Baker said. She sends those blankets to hospices and to first responders that have cancer.

"We get money for the shipping from grants, from when we sell blankets at street fairs and from donations," Baker said. "Somehow we manage by the skin of our teeth but we survive."

When asked about Bernstein, Baker said she only met her the one time in the Farmingdale Library but she appreciates all that she does.

"She is a very precious person," Baker said. "She makes beautiful blankets and is valuable to us."

Bernstein who moved so many times in her lifetime settled in Glen Cove in



IN HER ROOM at Atria Glen Cove, Bernstein has a box of different colored yarn that has been donated for use to make the blankets.

October, when she moved into the Atria. She likes it there, she said, because she can socialize with others while knitting.

A grandmother of 10 grandchildren and great grandchildren, Bernstein said the worst experience for a child would be to have a disease. She's happy to provide them with homemade blankets.

"I couldn't take my rotation in the children's ward when I was a nurse," she said. "I'd always be crying."

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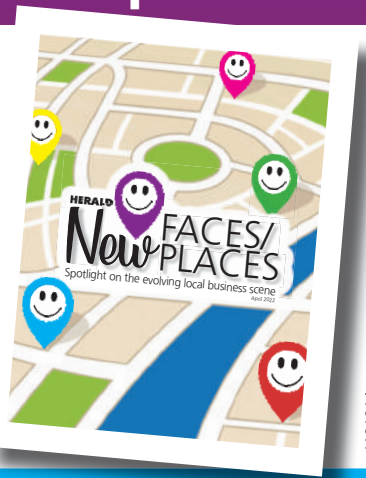
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■ On Jan. 25, a 28-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle on Roosevelt Street, and third degree assault, third degree robbery, third degree criminal mischief, third degree menacing, and second degree unlawful imprisonment on School Street.

■ On Jan. 27, a 21-year-old female from Glen Cove was arrested for third degree criminal mischief, third degree assault, third degree robbery, and second degree unlawful imprisonment on Robinson Avenue.

■ On Jan. 28, an 18-year-old female and a 19-year-old male from College Point were arrested on one count each of petit larceny, along with a 19-year-old male from East Elmhurst, who was arrested for petit larceny and trespass on Duke Place.

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Chuck Lavine shares masks and Covid tests

Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, has been sharing Covid-19 test kits and KN95 masks at various locations throughout the 13th Assembly District to help prevent the coronavirus spread. The locations have included: Glen Cove Senior Center; Long Island University, St Paul's Episcopal Church, Westbury Senior Citizens Center, the Yes We Can Community Center, and additional organizations such as the Economic Opportunity Commission and North Shore Soup Kitchen and St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Individual requests can be accommodated as long as supplies

last.

Although he is encouraged by the latest statistics showing a significant decrease in the spread of Covid-19, Lavine is still urging everyone to remain vigilant when it comes to following state health guidelines.



Charles Lavine

"Due to the uncertainty of this virus, it's crucial that we keep our guard up and do all we can as individuals to prevent the spread of Covid," Lavine said. "This means in addition to wearing masks and maintaining safe distances when indoor public places and in large crowds, getting vaccinated and boosted as well."



GLEN COVE UPDATE:

New infections for the week.

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VFW hosts drive-through Covid home test pickup

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tion there," Stillwagon said, "how dire it is right now to get it back up."

Despite the lack of access to the building, the post has continued to help the community. On Jan. 22, members partnered with the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to hand out home Covid tests to residents.

"We distributed the kits in three different segments," said Ever Padilla, president of the chamber. "We first reached out to members of the Hispanic chamber, then held a drive-through event early Saturday morning for members of VFW Post 347, and lastly held a pop-up event for the public in the VFW parking lot late Saturday morning."

The pop-up drive-through test distribution was announced early Saturday morning. There was uncertainty about whether there would be enough tests for community members after they were given out to chamber and VFW members, but the organizations distributed 180 test kits to residents.

The cause of the fire has still not been determined. Most of the interior renovations are on hold until the details of an insurance settlement are worked out. IBEW Local 25, an electrical union, donated its service to help set up temporary lighting.

"The whole thing is a fiasco," said Joseph Moores, a post trustee and a Viet-



Courtesy Dana Glidden

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and VFW Post 347 joined forces on Jan. 22 to distribute Covid test kits. From left were Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Connie Pinilla, Ever Padilla, Joseph Moores and David Whitting.

nam veteran. "There's nothing but frustration. Nothing's been done since August. You can't use it. It's colder inside than it is outside."

Post Commander Henryk Nowicki, another Vietnam veteran, has been told by the insurance company that the post would receive roughly \$100,000, but when he hired an adjuster, Nowicki was told that it would cost over \$400,000 to reno-

vate the building. So far, the post has been able to raise about \$44,000 in donations.

In the meantime, the Glenwood Landing American Legion has lent itself out for Post 347's monthly meetings. "It's not home," Stillwagon said, "but they're nice enough to let us use it."

Like the headquarters renovations, post celebrations have been put on hold. "We don't have a place," Stillwagon said.

He and Nowicki are hoping that the post will have enough money by May to renovate the downstairs facilities for the annual Memorial Day barbecue and picnic, an event it planned to open to first responders as well as fellow veterans.

"We do a lot for the community," he said. "I mean, every month at our meetings, we donate. We sponsor Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League."

The building was constructed in 1920 by VFW members who were World War I veterans. It was named after James Erwin Donohue, who was the first casualty to return from the war, according to Glen Cove Library records.

"It is very sentimental to a lot of families here in Glen Cove," Stillwagon said. "Their grandparents built it. We are trying to save it."

The Glen Cove community has been working to help raise funds. Kiwanis Club Vice President Ron Beiber, former President Phyllis O. Burnett and Tony Jimenez, a Kiwanis board member and the city's director of veterans affairs presented a check to the post on Jan. 10.

The Long Island Bagel Café, in Glen Cove, had a jug on the counter for customers' donations in December.

To donate, checks can be made payable to VFW Post 347 and mailed to James E. Donahue VFW Post 347, 15 Hill St., Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542.

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Saturday, Feb. 5

Cross stitch Valentine bookmarks

From 2 to 3 p.m. at the Locust Valley Library, make a sweet bookmark to gift to a special reader in your life. This will be a simple pattern for beginners that includes hearts, bees and letters. Grades 3 and up. Register online at locustvalleylibrary.org.

Artisan Jules "Cash Mob"

Join North Shore Biz Network at Artisan Jules Gifts & Goodness, 215 Glen Cove Ave. in Sea Cliff, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a "Cash Mob." Cash Mobs are events where people agree to patronize a specific local business on an appointed day and time. They not only have a positive impact on the business, but also spread public awareness about local businesses and their positive impacts in the community.

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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.

Sunday, Feb. 6

Sundays with Shakespeare

Sundays with Shakespeare presented by the Sea Cliff Library continues to meet virtually weekly to discuss one of the Bard's plays for five weeks, Sundays at 5 p.m. Register online at seaclifflibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Monday, Feb. 7

Book Discussion: Oh William!

Join the Oyster Bay East Norwich Library at The Homestead Restaurant where they will discuss the book "Oh William!" by Elizabeth

Strout. Registration is required, and can be done via email at mdodson@oysterbaylibrary.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

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The Oyster Bay East Norwich School Board will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the OBHS auditorium.

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Wednesday, Feb. 9

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Thursday, Feb. 10

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- The City of Glen Cove will hold a City Council meeting on Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.
- The Locust Valley Board of Education is meeting on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the MS/HS auditorium
- The Oyster Bay Town Board's next meeting will be Feb 8 at 10 a.m.
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Library holds first Genealogy Club meeting

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trustee, is a first-generation Puerto Rican whose family members are lifelong residents of Glen Cove. She was looking to find more information on her family before they immigrated to the U.S., which she hopes to someday share them with her grandson.

Steven Boerner, an archivist from Locust Valley, came to the meeting because he will be the presenter at a meeting of the collective in October. He shared the results of his efforts to track his lin-

eage. Ancestors on his mother's side, Boerner said, helped found the city of Hartford, Conn., and he discovered that a Capt. Jacob Prickett, who fought in the Revolutionary War, was a distant relative. "There's a lot out there," Boerner said. "We only just scratched the surface."

During the coronavirus pandemic, Boerner created a Facebook group to connect with lost family members. The library's new club, he said, will help him continue his search and share his findings. "I think it's great," he said, adding



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HERB SCHIERHORST, FAR left, Peggy Nieri (partially obscured), Steven Boerner, David Nieri, Michael Rodgers and librarian Lydia Wen Rodgers shared tips and ancestral findings at the Glen Cove Library's Genealogy Club meeting on Jan. 24.

Birthday extravaganza to benefit VFW

Plans are underway for a "Birthday Extravaganza," which will raise funds for Glen Cove VFW Post 347's Phoenix Rising Campaign. The committee was created after three local Glen Cove residents, Jeanine DiMenna, Noah Stone and Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews who share a common birthday — Feb. 19, decided to celebrate by turning it into a way to benefit the VFW. They invited three other community leaders, Mary Suddell, Angelina Stone and Dana Glidden to join the effort and, with the blessing of VFW Post 347, created the Phoenix Rising Committee.

The goal is to help the VFW, which

has lost its home after a fire, to highlight the gifts of VFW members, pay tribute to the post's contribution to Glen Cove, and to establish a website and payment system so contributions to the VFW post can be made online.

The Birthday Extravaganza, which includes a full meal and raffle opportunities, will be held at 3 p.m. on Feb. 19, at The View Grill, 111 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove. Those interested in sponsoring the event, making a donation or purchasing a ticket are urged to visit the VFW Post's new website at www.VFWPOST347.com.

of the information it will help him uncover, "They made it very accessible."

Peggy Nieri, of Glen Cove, has been trying to learn more about her mother's genealogy. Her family didn't keep many records, so she was excited to discover some of its history at the library.

"I can't wait to get on the computer to start looking at my ancestors and find out where they came from," Nieri said. "People don't know where they come from. I

never thought about it when my family was alive, and now it's interesting to me."

"People can bring in [research] they've already done, whether they did it themselves or somebody else has done it," Rodgers said. "Or they can bring in nothing and they can be completely a beginner. The idea is that people will come and kind of share with each other."

The next meeting of the club will be on Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., at the library.



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Bill curtails Assembly debate to 15 minutes

BY LAURA LANE

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Republicans in the Assembly were blindsided by the Democrats in January when the majority introduced a resolution to limit the time that a bill could be discussed, Assemblyman Michael Montesano said. A bill was passed to limit the amount of time an assembly member can debate to 15 minutes, which is not enough time, he said.

In the past a debate could last for a half hour for some bills, especially controversial bills, Montesano, a Republican from Glen Head, said, or even up to five hours. Often assembly members see the bill the day it is considered on the floor.

"The new bill creates an issue of us not being able to flesh out the bills being presented," Montesano said. "Some people on the majority side get a little stunned when some of the bills are fleshed out. We didn't know this was even being considered until we walked in."

Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said the change is necessary because some members slow things down, speaking for long periods on a bill. This will be more efficient, he said. There is much work to be done and the Assembly cannot be held hostage.

"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was little more than two minutes," Lavine said. "It boggles the mind to believe any [assembly] member needs five times what Lincoln took to talk about bills in the Assembly. Mike Montesano has rarely used anywhere near 15 minutes."

The new bill mandates that members

speak 15 minutes or less. But they can get additional time to speak later if they receive the consent of their political party.

Montesano said the reason the bill was passed by the Democratic majority is because, anticipating a tough year ahead with many Democratic senior members

of the Assembly facing a primary, [Democrats] want to "stifle [Republican] criticism."

"They don't need our vote to pass anything," he said. "We dissect the bills and sometimes they change their minds. Sometimes it does get a little annoying when a debate is long but that's our job. The average person pays no attention to this stuff. They look to us."

Lavine said no one's voice is being shut down. There are four times as many Democrats as there are Republicans in the Assembly. "If we were to adopt a system where they got a quarter time to speak that would be problematic," he said. "There is no merit to his point. This is for both parties."

Montesano went as far as to say that the majority should be ashamed of themselves for the "great injustice to New Yorkers everywhere."

"By depriving us the appropriate time to discuss and debate bills, we are denying the people of New York from getting the representation they deserve," Montesano said. "This is just another way to silence us further and prevent us from doing our jobs in representing the good people of New York."

The bill was passed 101 to 43 with one Republican voting for it and one Democrat against it.

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Courtesy Zulma Cruz

JEFFERSON, NELITO, AND Hellem Cruz went sledding at Deasy Elementary School.



Courtesy Lia Di Angelo-Allan

WITH ONLOOKERS, CAMERON Allan skillfully snowboarded at Morgan Park after the snow storm.

After storm it's time to play

The nor'easter that hit Glen Cove began on the evening of Jan. 28. Powerful wind gusts and heavy snowfall led Mayor Pam Panzenbeck to declare a snow emergency. Plows could be heard late Friday and continued throughout Saturday.

As the storm settled on Sunday, residents escaped their sanctuaries to have a fun snow day with their families sledding at Deasy School and Morgan Park. And children built forts too.



Courtesy Lia Di Angelo-Allan

GORDON ALLAN TOOK his daughter, Kate Allan, sledding down a hill at Morgan Park.



Courtesy Francesco Vincenza Leotta

VALENTINA LEOTTA DIDN'T have to go anywhere but her backyard to have fun.



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Helix filters to clean up Crescent Beach

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By LETISHA DASS

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Steps have been taken to reopen Crescent Beach for Glen Cove residents. The city has begun the installation of two Helix water filtration systems on private properties near Hempstead Harbor. One filter has already been fully installed with the installation of a second to be completed the week of Jan. 31.

After years of searching for the cause of contamination at Crescent Beach, it was found that out of the 18 pipes draining into the stream near Hempstead Harbor, two of the pipes, found on private properties, had high levels of bacteria due to animal waste. The Helix systems placed at the two pipes will help prevent further pollution by using filters spinning at high velocities to separate heavier particles from the water. The cost of the filter installation was covered by the property owners, as it was their responsibility, not the city's, to maintain the sewage line.

"They have been extremely cooperative," Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, said.

"These pipes were not hooked up to a septic system or anything. They are runoff pipes which are deemed legal. It happened to be that there was a lot of bacteria, animal bacteria, going into the stream because of it."

Sarah Meyland, associate professor, and overseer of Center for Water Resources



Photos courtesy Glen Cove DPW

HELIX WATER FILTRATION systems were installed at one of the pipes located on private property near Hempstead Harbor on Jan. 17 and 18.

Management at NYIT, said that if a contaminant runs through the filter the water quality will improve quickly. "The goal was to run the water coming down the creek there through the filters so anything up upstream that was contributing to the bacteria and the other problems would be removed," she explained.

The New York State Department of Conservation approved a remediation plan for Crescent Beach last year. In addition to installing the Helix systems, pipes and culverts will be cleared, which drain into the stream, and sea grass and other wetland

plants will be planted to help lower bacterial levels. Glen Cove Department of Public Works has been waiting on permits from Nassau County to move forward.

"The next step will be a culvert repair that's got to be done, which carries water through the culvert into the stream, and then we're going to bring in specialized beach sand approved by the New York State DEC right at the beach," Lou Saulino, director of Glen Cove City Department of Public Works said. "After all that is completed, we will ask them for testing, and hopefully the test results will be such that we brought down the contamination where we could open the beach."

Since becoming a Nassau County legislator in 2012, DeRiggi-Whitton has worked tirelessly to improve the beach's environmental health. "I know people are tired of hearing about it, but I am still plugging away at this," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I am not going to stop until its open."

Last year, she was able to secure funding from the county for an intermunicipal agreement with the city to aid in the project. She received about \$12 million in funding, with \$10 million to be designated to help with the sewage lines. So far, roughly \$20,000 have been used for studies and the environmental planting at the wetlands. Because the pollution was not caused by human waste, but the bacteria left by animal droppings, the sewage line funding has been relatively untouched. Overall, no tax-



TWO PIPES FOUND on private property had elevated bacterial levels due to animal waste.

payer money has gone toward the installation of the Helix systems.

"The whole purpose of the initiative here is to bring those levels down," Saulino added.

Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton has worked with researchers like Sarah Meyland, Nassau County Department of Environmental Conservation, H2M architects and engineers and former Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke to determine the cause of the contamination and devise a strategy to improve the harbor's health.

Glen Cove has three beaches: Prybil Beach and Fishing Pier, Morgan Memorial Park, and Crescent Beach. For at least 10 years, out of the three, Crescent has been closed to bathers.

"The reason it's closed is because the bacteria level in the stream that runs right next to the beach was really high," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "It was 1,000 times higher than it was supposed to be at one point. Now it's a little bit lower."

As plans to clean the water and the beach continues to move forward, the city aims to have the beach reopened for the summer. "We're hoping Crescent will be open to the public on Memorial Day," Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck said.

"I spent my childhood at Crescent beach," she recalled. "It's just a beautiful, calm, quiet, relaxing place to sit. Let's hope this is the solution."

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Glen Cove schools present its budget for next year

BY LETISHA DASS

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Glen Cove City School District is proposing a roughly \$102 million budget for the 2022-2023 school year, which they presented at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Board of Education, an increase from last year's budget, which was \$96 million. There will be an estimated 20 percent increase from the previous year's state foundation aid.

"Foundation aid is something we have been working with the state on for a number of years.

Glen Cove is perceived and categorized as high wealth high poverty," Dr. Maria Rianna, superintendent of Glen Cove City School District, said. "As a result, we were only getting 44 percent of what we should have received in our foundation aid figures each year."

"That is a two-year increase in state aid," Victoria Galante, superintendent of business said. "We were getting about three and a half million per year and with the promise of one more year, approximately the same amount. That will bring the district to 100 percent in its Foundation Aid."

Rianna and superintendents across New York have been pushing to have the formula reevaluated so it could reflect the full total of state Foundation Aid each district would need by the 2023-2024 school year.

"We don't believe that 100 percent is based on a correct base number," Rianna said. "The formula that is used to distribute this money is still not meeting the needs or correct profile of a school district. We are looking to ensure that that formula is changed."

The district is estimating it will receive roughly \$22 million in state aid, approximately an \$8 million increase, for the upcoming school year.

Introduced in the budget was a nine-period day at Finley Middle School at an expense of \$550,000. This would cover the cost of necessary staffing and supplies to pay for the renewed expenditure. "They used to have it up until 2011 or 2012 and

they cut it because of funding and now we'd like to enhance the instructional program to give students more education," Rianna said. "We can't necessarily do that all in an eight-period day. We first offered a nine-period day at the high school, and we now are working towards a nine-period day at the middle school."

There would be an increase in special education funding of roughly \$3 million in the next year because of the rise in student registration. "This year ... we don't have enough money in our special ed. lines to cover that," Galante said, "so we will have to be addressing that as the months go on."

The cost of health insurance would be roughly \$1 million for the new year, an increase of three percent from last year. Inflation, the cost of supplies, transportation and similar services might require more funds in the bud-

get.

The Consumer Price Index, which measures the costs of goods and services over a period, has been raised to two percent for the 2022-2023 school year. "A lot of our budget lines, you haven't seen them increased like for supplies and things like that in quite a few years," Galante said. "I think it's coming to the time where we have to look at those lines a little bit and add some more money."

Along with the budget plan, the district presented their new website with the help of Daniel Cava, coordinator of instructional technology, and Gayle Tullo, the student management systems administrator. Now parents, students and members of the district can have access to a translated version of the website.

During the meeting, Rianna announced that the district will continue to wear masks.

The appropriation budget will be presented at the next board meeting on Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The formula that is used to distribute this money is still not meeting the needs or correct profile of a school district.

DR. MARIA RIANNA
Glen Cove City School
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BENITEZ ROGER 22012 00820		980.30
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AFSB REALTY LLC 23 E 04570		797.96
AFSB REALTY LLC 23 E 05120	512	5,291.90
OH H SONG & CHUNG 23 E 05250		1,359.48
DEAN THOMPSON & CAROLINE 23 F 17050		6,516.68
CASALE FRANK J & KATHRYN L 23 H 05300		2,083.28
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BARRY D DOBLER & C 23003 00110		1,975.32
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TELEMED HOLDINGS LLC 23054 00420		2,938.34
TODESCO PETER 23055 00610		1,179.19
RIZZO GLEN & MARION A 23055 01550		1,418.02
KOWALENKO VALENTINA & WLADIMIR 23055 03970		917.96
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KHAN SHAHIDA 30038 01380		3,148.74
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CAREY MARTIN & MILLICENT 30042 05880		17,596.62
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BRONSTEIN SUSAN & HARVEY 30060 00930	93	1,052.69
PARALIKAS REGINA 30063 00130		1,906.09
KC & LC LLC 30064 00840		431.55
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MORGAN COURT OF GLEN COVE LLC 31 E 03700		1,885.32
CASTRONOVO GRAIG 31 F 00060		1,030.37
TIRADO CATALINA LIFE ESTATE 31 F 00180		1,224.18
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LAMARCUS LLC 31011 00450		845.59
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CASCADE FUNDING 2017-1 ALTERNATIVE HOLDI 31023 04360		338.07
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LADERER WILLIAM G 31027 00250		1,076.29
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•The tax certificate(s) the Bidder will bid upon, and the interest rate(s) bid, will be arrived at independently and without direct or indirect consultation, communication or agreement with any other bidder and that the tax certificate(s) the Bidder will bid upon, and the interest rate(s) to be bid, have not been disclosed, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder, and will not be disclosed, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder prior to the close of bidding. No attempt has been made or will be made to, directly or indirectly, induce any other bidder to refrain from bidding on any tax certificate, to submit complementary bids, or to submit bids at specific interest rates.

•The bids to be placed by the Bidder will be made in good faith and not pursuant to any direct or indirect, agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any other bidder to submit a complementary or other non-competitive bid.

•If it is determined that the bidder(s) have violated any of these bid requirements then their bid shall be voided and if they were the successful bidder the lien and any deposits made, in connection with, said bid shall be forfeited.

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District 1003		EAST MEADOW BEACON EAST MEADOW HERALD NASSAU COUNTY WEBSITE NEIGHBOR NEWSPAPERS NEWSDAY
District 1004		BELLMORE HERALD MERRICK/BELLMORE TRIBUNE NASSAU COUNTY WEBSITE NEIGHBOR NEWSPAPERS NEWSDAY
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VALLEY STREAM/MALVERNE
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**Contract 1: Interior &
Exterior Renovation,
Security Entrance
Addition and Science
Research Addition Add
Alternate No. 1 at the
North Shore High School,
450 Glen Cove Avenue,
Glen Head, NY 11545**

**Contract 2: Interior &
Exterior Renovation of the
NSHS Press Box, 450 Glen
Cove Avenue, Glen Head,
NY 1145**

**Contract 3: Interior &
Exterior Renovation at the
Glen Head Elementary
School, 7 School Street,
Glen Head, NY 11545**

**Contract 4: Interior &
Exterior Renovation at the
Glenwood Landing
Elementary School, 60
Cody Avenue, Glen Head,
NY 11545**

**Contract 5: Interior &
Exterior Renovation at the
Sea Cliff School, 280
Carpenter Avenue, Sea
Cliff, NY 11579**

**Contract 6: Interior &
Exterior Renovation at the
Administration Building,
112 Franklin Ave, Glen
Head, NY 11545**

**Contract 7: Combined Bid
Elementary Schools.**

The Scope of Work
described in the
documents consists of the
following:

**2019 Capital Project,
Phase 2**

Contract 1

**"North Shore High School
Contract 1 GC: General
Construction**

**"North Shore High School
Contract 1 MC:
Mechanical**

**"North Shore High School
Contract 1 PC: Plumbing**

**"North Shore High School
Contract 1 EC: Electrical**

**2019 Capital Project,
Phase 2**

Contract 2

**"NSHS Press Box Contract
2 GC: General
Construction and
associated MEP (Single
Prime Contract)**

**2019 Capital Project,
Phase 2**

Contract 3

**"Glen Head ES Contract 3
GC: General Construction**

**"Glen Head ES Contract 3
MC: Mechanical**

**"Glen Head ES Contract 3
PC: Plumbing**

**"Glen Head ES Contract 3
EC: Electrical**

2019 Capital Project,

Phase 2

Contract 4

**"Glenwood Landing ES
Contract 4 GC: General
Construction**

**"Glenwood Landing ES
Contract 4 MC:
Mechanical**

**"Glenwood Landing ES
Contract 4 PC: Plumbing**

**"Glenwood Landing ES
Contract 4 EC: Electrical**

**2019 Capital Project,
Phase 2**

Contract 5

**"Sea Cliff ES Contract 5
GC: General Construction**

**"Sea Cliff ES Contract 5
MC: Mechanical**

**"Sea Cliff ES Contract 5
PC: Plumbing**

**"Sea Cliff ES Contract 5
EC: Electrical**

**2019 Capital Project,
Phase 2**

Contract 6

**"Administration Building
Contract 6 GC: General
Construction and
associated MEP (Single
Prime)**

**2019 Capital Project,
Phase 2**

Contract 7

**"Combined ES Schools 7
GC: General Construction**

**"Combined ES Schools 7
MC: Mechanical**

**"Combined ES Schools 7
PC: Plumbing**

**"Combined ES Schools 7
EC: Electrical**

The bids shall be in
accordance with the
Specifications, Drawings,
and Terms of this
Contract. Bids will be
received by Olivia Buatsi,
Assistant Superintendent
for Business, until 2:30
p.m. prevailing time on
Tuesday, February 15,
2022 at which time they
will be publicly opened
and read aloud. The bid
opening will take place at
the North Shore Central
School District's Office at
112 Franklin Avenue, Sea
Cliff, NY 11579. The
North Shore Central
School District will make
the bid opening available
via video conference/live
stream arrangements for
participation in which will
be available on the
District Website Note: In
the event closure of the
business office makes
such video conference
impossible on the bid
opening date, video
conference or live bid
opening will be
conducted on the next
day the office is
accessible as will be
indicated at least 24
hours prior on the district
website.

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depositing one hundred
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documents. Checks or
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deposit shall be made
payable to "North Shore
Central School District".
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if the bid documents are
returned in good
condition within 30 days
after the bid date. All bid
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rfirneis@savinengineers.c
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BID SUBMISSIONS
Each bid must be
accompanied by a bid
bond, in the amount of
not less than five percent
(5%) of the bid, made
payable to North Shore
Central School District in
the form and subject to
the conditions stipulated
in the Instructions to
Bidders. No Bidders shall
withdraw his/her bid
within sixty days (60)
after the formal opening
thereof.

The Owner reserves the
right to waive any
informalities in any
proposals, or to reject any
or all proposals and to
advertise for new
proposals. The accepted
low bidder(s) will be
required to furnish a one
hundred percent (100%)
Performance Bond, Labor
and Material Payment
Bond, and produce all
insurance in amounts not
less than specified under
the General Conditions

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Site Inspection: An
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and pre-bid walkthrough
with the bidders will be
held as outlined in the
Information for Bidders.
The pre-bid walkthrough
is not mandatory;
however, it is strongly
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held at the main entrance
of each site as follows:

a. Projects: North Shore HS
Additions & Renovations
and HS Field Press Box

b. Date: Tuesday, January
18, 2022

c. Local Prevailing Time:
3:30 p.m.

d. Location: starting at
High School

e. Projects: Administration
Building Renovations, Sea
Cliff ES Renovations, Glen
Head ES Renovations and
Glenwood Landing ES
Renovations

f. Date: Wednesday,
January 19, 2022

g. Local Prevailing Time:
3:30 p.m. meet at
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h. Location: starting at
Sea Cliff Elementary
School and
Administration Building

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THAN

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Engineers:
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The North Shore Central
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Olivia Buatsi
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AT A PRESS conference Tuesday, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman called on Governor Kathy Hochul to release the metrics she will use to lift the mask mandate.

Blakeman says will keep fighting mask mandate

BY KATE NALEPINSKI

knalepinski@lherald.com

A crowd of over a hundred unmasked residents, parents and children gathered outside of the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola Tuesday joining Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman in his demand that the temporary school mask mandate be overturned.

Masks will remain in schools across the state for now, after the New York Appellate Court granted a stay on the in-school mask requirement for businesses, stores and schools on Monday. The order will remain in place until the appeal is decided, and the state has until March 2 to file court papers.

On Jan. 24, New York State Supreme Court Judge Thomas Rademaker lifted the state's mask order following legal action. But the state appealed, and a stay was issued a day later. Arguments in the Appellate Court began again on Jan. 28.

"I commend the Appellate Division, Second Department for granting a full stay to keep our masking regulations in place for the duration of our appeal," Governor Kathy Hochul said in a press release on Monday.

During the press conference in Mineola on Tuesday, Blakeman provided an update on the Appellate Court's decision.

"Unfortunately, we just heard from the Appellate Division," he said. "...But we're not going to take another month of our kids being masked against the choice of their parents. We're going to

make our voices heard so that they hear us up in Albany."

Blakeman called on Hochul to release the metrics she will use to lift the mask mandate. "Time and time again, we've asked the governor, 'What are the metrics for ending the mask mandate?' And we still haven't gotten an answer because there is no metric," he said. "There is no science. This is all about control and it's about parents not having the right to decide what is best for their children."

Michael Demetriou of Bellmore, a plaintiff in the case, also spoke at the conference. He claimed that a legal decision had already been made. "The children won in court," he said. "They did not burn down any buildings, they did not close down any businesses. They took the fight to court legally and they won."

According to a study released by the Centers for Disease and Control, multi-layer cloth masks can block 50 to 70 percent of the release of respiratory particles into the environment. If worn properly, a surgical mask, such as a KN-95, or a KF94 can further prevent transmission.

The county executive last month signed three mask-related executive orders, including one that directed local school boards to vote on whether their districts should mandate mask use. However, shortly after the order was rolled out, New York State Education Department Commissioner Betty Rosa said that counties do not have the legal authority to require boards of education to vote on specific issues.

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OPINIONS

Can we rewind time for the sake of humanity?

The strangest clock in the world isn't a clock. Rather, it's a simple drawing of one, composed solely of black lines and dots against a white background. The hour hand is pointed straight up, in the 12 o'clock position, and the minute hand is only seconds away from meeting it at midnight.



SCOTT BRINTON

If the two hands merge as one, the world ends in a "civilization-ending apocalypse." As I write this, the clock is at 1 minute, 40 seconds to midnight.

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, started by Albert Einstein and the University of Chicago scientists who helped build the first atomic bomb during World War II, came up with the Doomsday Clock as an urgent warning to humanity that we must reverse course and move away from nuclear proliferation before we blow ourselves to smithereens, taking the rest of life on Earth with us.

The clock is reassessed and reset each January. It marked its 75th anniversary on Jan. 20. With only 100 seconds to midnight, we have never been closer to annihilation than we are now — not even during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, according to the distinguished panel of scientists, which

includes 11 Nobel Prize laureates, who have recalibrated the clock this year.

The Doomsday Clock has become something of a cultural icon, referenced in novels by Stephen King and Piers Anthony, songs by the Who and the Clash, and comics such as "Watchmen" and "Stormwatch." It should not be taken lightly, however, and it certainly shouldn't be seen as the fictional imaginings of mad scientists. It is intended to give us a realistic assessment of our chances of survival as a species.

What the clock tells us — screams at us, really — is that we must get it together before it's too late. We must unite behind a common mission of saving ourselves from extinction. That means dispensing with wild conspiracy theories, ancient superstitions and internecine feuds and seeking science-based solutions to some of the most urgent questions and problems that our species faces, including the continuing nuclear arms race, the climate crisis and out-of-control viral invaders, a.k.a. Covid-19 and all of its many variants.

Here's what the scientists wrote in the news release announcing this year's Doomsday Clock: "U.S. relations with Russia and China remain tense, with all three countries engaged in an array of nuclear modernization and expansion efforts — including China's apparent large-scale program to increase its deployment of silo-

based long-range nuclear missiles; the push by Russia, China and the United States to develop hypersonic missiles; and the continued testing of anti-satellite weapons by many nations. If not restrained, these efforts could mark the start of a dangerous new nuclear arms race."

Yes, while the coronavirus pandemic has been roiling the world, the planet's three nuclear superpowers have been steadily ratcheting up their arsenals with new, ever more deadly technologies. The military industrial complex lives, even as people around the globe are falling ill and dying of disease by the millions.

You would have thought a global pandemic would bring people together behind a common cause — survival. Instead, we are more divided than ever, and rich nations continue to play a dangerous game of geopolitics. Witness what's happening in Ukraine these days, with Russia amassing tens of thousands of troops and armaments on the Eastern European nation's borders, appearing ready to invade for no good reason other than, it seems, Russian President Vladimir Putin wanting to assert his power and regain a modicum of the glory his nation lost with the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Interestingly, 1991 was the year that we were furthest from annihilation over the past three-quarters of a century, when the

Doomsday Clock was at 17 minutes from midnight after President George H.W. Bush and his Soviet counterpart, Mikhail Gorbachev, signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty to significantly reduce the number of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles in their stockpiles.

As I write this, 8,500 American troops are reportedly headed to Eastern Europe, possibly to Bulgaria, where I served in the Peace Corps, Romania, Hungary and Poland, presumably as a signal to these NATO allies that the U.S. has their back. Ukraine is not a NATO member, so the U.S. is not obligated by treaty to defend its borders if it is attacked.

I find it mind-boggling that Putin would bring Europe to the brink of yet another war at any time, let alone amid a worldwide pandemic. His posturing is the very definition of craven.

In the U.S., we really must work to eradicate the coronavirus so we can move on to the other pressing issues of survival. We have all the tools that we need to beat Covid-19 except the political will. The clock, though, continues to tick. Now, not later, is the time to put aside our differences for the sake of humanity — for the survival of our species.

Science tells us so.

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While a well-known clock nears midnight, we ratchet up nuclear arsenals.

Babies or bulldogs: What's a couple to do?

I hate to even appear to disagree with the pope, but not everyone wants to have children these days.

Early last month, according to America magazine, a Jesuit publication, Pope Francis made a casual comment about people wanting to have pets rather than children. Boom! He unleashed a dogfight in the public square.



RANDI KREISS

The press went wild. The New York Times said, "Pope Scolds Couples Who Choose Pets Over Kids." CNN blared, "Opting for pets over children is selfish and 'takes away our humanity,' says Pope Francis."

According to the Jesuit review, the press sensationalized the pope's remarks that day. It assured readers that he appreciates the grace of loving a pet, but like most religious leaders, he encourages people to be fruitful and multiply.

The puppy issue is a kind of red herring, pardon the cross-species metaphor. There's the decision whether to have kids, and there's the cultural sideshow of replac-

ing babies with puppies.

Apparently, American women are choosing not to have children in increasing numbers, having nothing to do with pets. Raising a child to age 18 can cost upward of \$250,000 (pre-inflation). More women want to move along unimpeded in their professions, and rise in the business world without other responsibilities. Many couples are worried about bringing children into a world fraught with conflict.

The other factor playing out in our society is the humanizing of our pets. It seems to follow that if you decide not to have kids but want an outlet for your nurturing genes, a dog is a great idea. But it gets crazy, with dog strollers and individualized diets and dogs welcomed at restaurants and shops and on airplanes.

Young dog owners devote the same time and attention to their animals that, in another time and place, they might have dedicated to children. Thus the papal comment on pets.

With the new dogs-as-kids paradigm, many 20- and 30-somethings travel with their pets, staying at a growing selection of dog-friendly properties. The W Hotel in

New York, like other high-end places, isn't just pet-friendly, but downright pet-obsessed. Bring Luke the Lab to the W and he'll get his own bed, food, water bowl, leash, birthday cake and poop bags.

I don't have to enumerate the ways in

which kids are way more trouble than dogs, do I? From teething to toilet training to teaching them to walk and talk, to braces and curfews and weed and sex: what a bother. This is not to mention tutors and religious school and the preteen years, followed by the teen years, followed by the pre-adult years, which last until age 45 or so.

I speak from long experience.

My dog always listens when I talk. She has never caused me a sleepless night. When I give her a haircut, she doesn't slam the door and say she hates her life. When I give her chicken for the 60th time, it's all good.

My kids are 47 and 50. My dog is 4. As I curl into my chair at night, who's right there, snuggled into my lap? Not my kids, for sure. My girl Lillybee never considers "moving on." She has spurned numerous suitors, threatening to bite any hound that comes too close. The Virgin Queen, as we

fondly refer to her, has made us her life's work. Her devotion is undiluted by conflicting loyalties or hobbies or obsessions with travel or exercise. Can't say the same for the kids.

In the puppy-vs.-tiny human debate, in this time and place of pandemic and peril, going with a pet seems reasonable for all the reasons I mention. But the pope takes a longer and broader view, and at the end of the day, which may come at any moment, he's right. The future of humanity doesn't depend so much on a new litter as on a new generation. And according to the Jesuit magazine, it's part of the pope's job description to urge his flock to have more babies.

The magazine suggests, "There is more to the Pope's comments than what you read in the headline. It was an offhand comment (about pets), but it also reflects something he believes. And whether you like it or not, the church is probably always going to have an opinion about your personal life and your family. It's kind of how we do things. And it's O.K. to wrestle with that and engage with that. That's all part of the fun."

Between the lines are the epic debates of our time. Still, I appreciate the magazine's nonconfrontational approach to one of life's most consequential decisions.

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Congress should support maternal health grants

U.S. Sen Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat from New York, last week called on Congress to provide \$7 million to fund evidence-based training programs to reduce implicit bias in maternal health, and \$25 million to establish a program to deliver integrated health care services to pregnant women and new mothers that will reduce the inordinately large number of maternal deaths among Black non-Hispanic women.

It is an urgent issue, including here in Nassau County, one that the Herald first called on government officials to address in 2019. We are pleased to see that Gillibrand has taken up the cause.

Three years ago, the Herald undertook a year-long series examining racism in Nassau. We led with an exposé on issues of maternal health faced by Black women throughout the county. In particular, we looked at the group Birth Justice Warriors, founded by Hofstra University Professor Dr. Martine Hackett and the Rev. Dr. Nellie Taylor-Walthrust, a pastor and the director of outreach services for the North Shore Child Family Guidance Center, a nonprofit mental health agency with offices in Roslyn Heights, Manhasset and Westbury.

Among the central issues that Birth Justice Warriors is working to address is infant mortality, which is a leading indicator of a community's well-being, according to the Nassau County Department of Health's 2016-18 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. When children are dying in high numbers at birth — the start of life — there are probably myriad

other health concerns in a community.

In the majority of white communities across Nassau, the infant mortality rate ranged from 0 to 3 in 1,000 births in 2014-16, according to the state Department of Health. Meanwhile, in most communities of color, the infant mortality rate was three to nine times that.

In its annual rankings of healthiest counties in New York, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, working with data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ranked Nassau the second-healthiest of the state's 62 counties this year. When that data is broken down into individual ZIP codes, however, a disturbing pattern is made clear in communities of color, Hackett said: Babies there are significantly more likely to die during or shortly after birth than in predominantly white communities.

County officials identified nine communities of color and communities with large minority populations — Elmont, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Inwood, Long Beach, Roosevelt, Uniondale and Westbury — with measurably greater health concerns than nearby white communities.

Nassau is the 13th-wealthiest county in the U.S., with an average annual household income of around \$93,000, according to census data. "The affluence of the county as a whole masks the needs of these severely underserved selected communities," the county's report states.

Taken as a whole, the infant mortality rate in these communities is "nearly double that of the rest of the county," the report continues.

The knee-jerk reaction is to blame the

discrepancy on a discrete factor like income level, according to Hackett:

Women with fewer financial resources are unable to afford the same level of care that women of greater means can. But statistics tell a more complicated story.

How, for example, does one explain Elmont, a solidly middle-class community of color with an annual average household income of \$94,353, above the county average? It has the second-highest infant mortality rate in Nassau.

Access to health care alone "is not sufficient" to explain the disparities in health outcomes, Hackett said. Bias and systemic racism also play their parts, she believes.

Clearly, issues of implicit bias, and at times outright racism, come into play, even in the medical field. It's time that the federal government study and address them so all of us can better understand the psycho-social complexities of the doctor-patient relationship that can determine maternal health outcomes.

February is Black History Month. Historically, there is a great deal of mistrust in Black communities of the medical field because of past wrongs, not the least of which was the infamous "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male" from 1932 to 1972, when Black sharecroppers with the venereal disease were left untreated to see what would happen, even after penicillin, a cure for syphilis, was widely available after 1945.

The only way to build trust in Black communities is to address their issues head-on, with science-based studies and programs, as Gillibrand has proposed. Congress thus should appropriate the funds that the senator seeks.

LETTERS

Bail-reform misperceptions

To the Editor:

Re the editorial "Bail reform law still needs more tweaking" (Jan. 20-26): The Herald perpetuated a false narrative created by opponents of the law. Contrary to statements designed to sway the public, judges are not prohibited from setting cash bail for someone arrested for gun possession. The repetition of this misperception, common among candidates and police officials, contributes, if not causes, the "high degree of electoral support" for reforming the law.

As made clear by the new law, Criminal Procedure Law 510.10(4), cash bail can be set for any qualifying felony enumerated in Penal Law Section 70.02. That section includes the felony offense of possession of a loaded firearm, a Class C violent felony. While it is true that cash bail is not mandatory for such a charge, it is also true that it never was.



OPINIONS

We must back the blue to take back our streets

Most New Yorkers want the same thing: a safe, affordable place to raise a family, one where our children can play outside without worry. Many of us commute to New York City, and felt safe for a period in “America’s safest big city,” thanks to the hard work of the New York



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City Police Department and the “broken windows” model of policing.

The broken windows theory holds that visible signs of crime and civil disorder encourage further crime and disorder, including serious crimes. The theory suggests that policing

methods that target minor crimes such as graffiti, public drinking, trespassing and fare evasion bring an atmosphere of order and lawfulness.

This model took New York City from the murder capital of the country in 1970s to record low crime rates in the early '90s, creating a renaissance and a booming metropolitan area. New York was back, and home prices skyrocketed in Nassau County. The county’s crime

rates plummeted, and our close proximity to the city made Nassau *the* place to raise a family. The media at the time praised our law enforcement, our elected officials had their backs, and if you wanted to be elected district attorney, you had to be tough on crime.

But something changed, and the media, and some elected officials, turned. We had grown used to our safe neighborhoods, and many forgot, or were too young to remember, the high crime of yesterday. A new movement was on its way to change our system. The first step was not enforcing low-level crimes. Some elected officials ran successfully on the platform of less enforcement.

Next up were changes in Albany in criminal justice reform, often referred to as “bail reform.” This law took away judicial discretion in setting bail for misdemeanors and “non-violent” felonies, including stalking, assault without serious injury, burglary, many drug offenses, and even some kinds of arson and robbery.

Stripping judicial discretion was a major shift. Judges could no longer set bail for these charges, nor could they

determine the suspects’ risk to the public or the likelihood that they would repeat the crimes. Albany passed this legislation without input from law enforcement professionals, judges or district attorneys.

Lawmakers went even further, passing changes that many consider witness intimidation. What’s more, with changes in discovery laws, prosecutors must now provide to the defense the names and contact information of victims and witnesses. The defense is free to contact them, including victims of sexual assault and witnesses to gang violence. Do you doubt this causes victims and witnesses to no longer want to cooperate out of

fear or intimidation?

Soon the movement demonized the brave men and women of our law enforcement. Calls to “defund the police” began. It became reality when Mayor Bill de Blasio passed a budget that gutted the NYPD budget by \$1 billion and disbanded the department’s plainclothes anti-crime units. The result was virtually instantaneous: Violent crime skyrocketed. Shootings, carjackings and homicides rose fast.

Now we are faced with a national crime wave that has also affected New York City, not long ago that safest big city

in America, but where many no longer feel safe. It feels like the Gotham of old. Many are concerned that the crime wave could move east, to our backyard.

So how can we fix this? We start by electing tough-on-crime district attorneys like we did last election cycle. We must send elected officials to Albany who will demand the repeal of “bail reform,” return judicial discretion and allow victims of crime to feel protected again.

We also must send representatives to Washington who will stand up for our law enforcement and change the national narrative. We must all stand up for our police officers. The anti-law enforcement, pro-criminal agenda must end. We must fund and defend our police, not defund them. We must provide the tools, funding and public support to the police to help them do the job of protecting us.

It takes someone special to place him or herself in harm’s way for the benefit of others. We must defend those who protect us. The time is now, and together we can turn this around.

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LETTERS

It is also inappropriate to refer to those arrested but not convicted as “offenders.” Though it may not be popular, there is still a presumption of innocence when bail is first set.

While there may be legitimate reasons to revisit the bail statute, it is irresponsible to repeat the lies that are used to gin up public outrage.

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Goldberg, a criminal defense lawyer in New York, was previously a first deputy bureau chief in the Kings County district attorney’s office.

Read on, Randi!

To the Editor:

I really enjoy Randi Kreiss’s column when I can get my hands on the Herald, and I especially loved “Greatest hits from this month’s read-a-thon” last week. I moderate a book club and belong to many others, and Randi touched on something we who love to read are going through as well. I am

trying to shy away from choosing/reading books that touch on the pandemic or remind us of something similar. I find my attention span wanes or my brain gets cluttered, for whatever reason. Between Covid and turning 55 next week, I guess I’m starting a “new phase” in life.

I find that picking shorter books, or books that move quickly, is helpful. Not so much of a commitment on our part, and we can move on to the next thing. An author named Marie Benedict writes historical fiction, focusing on the women behind famous men. We read “The Mystery of Mrs. Christie,” a novel about the days Agatha Christie went missing in 1926. It was a shorter book with chapters that weren’t too long. I also find short stories are good for when we can’t stand anything too complicated.

I would love to know what Randi and her group are reading, and I look forward to her next column.

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