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## The Year in Review: 2010

By Karen Gellender

Continuing with tradition, here are the *Plainview-Old Bethpage Herald's* top stories of 2010, as selected by the editor. They are listed here in no particular order. Due to space constraints, not all information can be included in this list. We encourage residents to write or e-mail in their top stories of the year. E-mail [kgellender@antonnews.com](mailto:kgellender@antonnews.com) or send comments to 132 East Second Street, Mineola, NY 11501.

### Nassau, MTA Battle Over Bus Service

Cuts in bus service were a big topic in Nassau this year. First, in June, the MTA made service cuts to Able Ride, a program that provides bus service to the disabled. A few months later, the MTA threatened to discontinue Long Island Bus service entirely, leaving the county in the position of negotiating with the MTA or privatizing the system. It is still unclear at this time what steps, if any, the county will take to maintain bus service for residents.

With the MTA payroll tax also a very popular target of criticism locally during the past election season this fall, it appears that the MTA and Long Island officials have been increasingly at odds; residents who depend on the buses to get to work, school and play can only hope for a thaw in the icy relations between the two in 2011.

### Mangano Ends County Guarantee

County Executive Edward P. Mangano's 2011 budget included many controversial items, including a new sewer fee for tax-exempt entities. However, the item that really concerned many Nassau residents was the removal of Nassau's "guarantee" on tax certioraris, or the refunds given back to taxpayers after they win a grievance determining that their property was assessed incorrectly. While the Mangano administration contends that the county guarantee was bankrupting Nassau, and is no longer feasible given the county's precarious financial shape, critics, including members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School Board, see the issue differently.

While school board trustees and school district personnel, both from Plainview-Old Bethpage and throughout Nassau County, contend that giving schools the assessment responsibility is unfair,



LISA MATASSA

## Plainview Mom Launches 'Long Island Country Rock' Sound With New Album

By Karen Gellender

"Lysa Lynn" was once an 80's dance-pop princess; her records, *I've Got the Hots for You* and *Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood*,

Matassa. She became Lisa Matassa, mother of Alexa and Frankie, a typical Plainview mom- or so it seemed.

phone back up for a second shot at a recording career- and this time, she's backed by some top-tier producers.

*Ma Time*, Matassa's first full