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Annual student showcase

BY MICHAELA MEDECK

One of the most memorable aspects of art, whether it's painting, sketching, singing, dancing, or anything in between, is its ability to bring people together, and that certainly held true this past

BAY SHORE

Sunday at the Islip Arts Council Gallery in Bay Shore.

Everyone was invited to celebrate the many talented artists participating in the annual Student Showcase from 1 to 3 p.m. Students from the Watercolors For All class, Open Studio class, Stained Glass class, Colored Pencils/Pastels class, and Drawing & Sketching class have their works on display until Feb. 1.

Gallery manager Katrina Kuan shared that the annual Student Showcase started in 2022. In the past, they would only showcase art from one class at a time. Still, this year, they decided to combine the artwork from each class into one exhibit, which Kuan plans to continue in the upcoming years.

No piece of artwork was alike. Each artist told beautiful stories through their use of watercolor, pastels, or pencils. One of these stories involved a beagle named Sonny. Artist Suzie Araujo, a student in the Drawing & Sketching class, did a sketch of the side profile of her beloved dog, Sonny. Araujo used meticulous shading technique to emphasize the soft texture of his fur and the delicate contour of his features. The dark background makes the lighter tones of the dog pop and bring him into focus, with Sonny's expressive eye being the focal point.

The sketch is based on a photo of Sonny taken the year before he died. Although he was blind, they would often visit the beach, where he would sit and rest. During one of their visits, Araujo saw the sun shining in Sonny's eyes as he looked towards the sky, and that was when she took the photo that served as her inspiration.

"He was so happy all the time, and he could be sassy, but he was just always so happy," Araujo said as she described

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"Seville-Spain" by Norma Malinverno

All photos IB/Michaela Medeck



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SCHOOL NEWS

Reed's Vlahakis excelling at bowling varsity level

It is not often that you look through a varsity sports roster and see a middle schooler as one of the featured athletes. That is the case for Luke Vlahakis, an eighth grader at Reed Middle School who finished second at the Suffolk County Singles/Doubles Tournament.

"To accomplish this as an eighth grader is an amazing achievement," head coach Frank DeModna said. "It's unprecedented."

Luke is no stranger to success. Last year, his average was 164.72 with 14 wins for the season. This year, his average has improved to 185.72 with 23 wins, and he still has four matches remaining. He has earned points this year against some of the top bowlers in the league, including competitors from East Islip, Islip, and Commack.

During his run at the tournament, he defeated the #1 bowler from the match play portion in the semi-finals. Additionally, his performance at the tourna-



ment marked the first time he bowled five consecutive games over 200.

"Luke helps all of the new bowlers with style and technique pointers," DeModna said. "He truly is a leader, even at such a young age. He is definitely the leader for the future of this team and gives us promise of a successful bowling program moving forward."

Photo courtesy of the Central Islip School District



Planetarium lesson comes to Bayview

West Islip High School science teacher Thomas Vitti made a special trip to Bayview Elementary School for an interactive science lesson with the fifth-grade students on Jan. 21. As part of the in-house field trip, students gathered in the cafeteria to learn about the earth's rotation, solar and lunar eclipses and the seasonal equinoxes.

Mr. Vitti - who works in the high school's planetarium - set up different zodiac constellations around the cafeteria. Students learned about the summer solstice and the role of the sun and the moon in the changing seasons. The fifth graders rotated through the different seasons and learned about their zodiac signs.

Photo courtesy of West Islip Union Free School District

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Islip's Sherwood Elementary hosts third National Circus Project visit



The National Circus Project came to Islip's Maud S. Sherwood Elementary School in January for a weeklong program of circus training with professional circus performers and educators. The visit was made possible by the school's PTA and generous contributions from families during Sherwood's 2024 Boost-erthon fundraiser.

All Sherwood students in grades 2-5 participated during physical education classes, learning circus tricks and skills

in acrobatics and balance.

Each child completed at least 80 minutes of training in activities such as balancing feathers and brooms, walking on stilts, juggling, spinning plates, manipulating flower sticks, twirling hula hoops and creating clown comedy acts.

Fifth graders practiced every day, and on some days more than once, creating great memories while preparing for a performance in front of their friends and families. Photos courtesy of Islip School District

A stellar senior season for East Islip bowling captain Andrew Jacobsen

East Islip High School senior and varsity bowling team co-captain Andrew Jacobsen is having a stellar season. His numerous accomplishments include a 223 average through 12 matches, ranking him fourth in Suffolk County; shooting five consecutive 700+ series in matches this season; placing fourth in the Jan. 15 singles and doubles tournament held on Jan. 15 in Sayville; and being listed as one of the top 20 bowlers in the county by Newsday. Last year, Jacobsen was a member of the New York State champion Section XI All-Star team.

Photo courtesy of East Islip School District



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Most districts in Suffolk to get increases in aid next school year

Governor's school aid plan to prioritize modernizing poverty calculations and giving more schools more money

BY CONNOR PATTON

Days after addressing her priorities for the state in her State of the State Address, Gov. Kathy Hochul released the 2025-2026 Executive Budget, which recommends a 4.75 percent increase in school aid—but not every district will see large funding increases.

One of the major changes in the school aid budget is a reform of how one of the main funding drivers, foundation aid, is calculated. Foundation aid supports lower-income districts by giving aid based on the local ability to pay along with student needs and how much spending already goes into a certain district. Hochul's proposed changes would estimate a district's needs by using more updated poverty data rather than the current 2000 Census poverty rate.

"We're replacing a 20-year-old poverty metrics data with current census data to more accurately determine student need. This will ensure that state dollars go to the students who need them the most," Hochul said.

Across the South Shore, schools vary in how much aid the state plans to provide for the upcoming school year. Some of the categories state aid helps fund include BOCES, universal pre-K programs, technology, software, library, and textbook assistance, along with building



and transportation funding.

South Country School District is one of the few districts in Suffolk County that will face a decrease in its school aid allocation, with a decrease of around 1.13 percent. The roughly \$650,000 decrease in school aid mostly comes from a decrease in building aid, which will be halved from \$3,308,677 to \$1,499,197 next school year. Transportation aid will also decrease from \$6,081,369 to \$5,775,887.

However, other aid categories including BOCES, library and textbook services, and universal pre-K, will increase

in the district. Officials from South Country School District didn't respond for comment on decreases in aid.

School aid to Bay Shore School District will increase by 45 percent, from \$79,635,001 to \$79,993,314. In Islip School District, aid will be slightly higher with a 2.3 percent increase from \$29,687,356 to \$30,371,240. And at East Islip School District, school aid will increase 1.99 percent from \$41,328,457 to \$42,149,192.

Connetquot School District will have one of Suffolk's highest school aid increases with a 4.83 percent proposed aid

increase from \$56,857,739 to \$59,602,726. Sayville School District will increase school aid 2.21 percent from \$28,640,638 to \$29,274,349. And Bayport-Blue Point School District will increase school aid by 3.9 percent from \$17,648,732 to \$18,337,763.

Patchogue-Medford School District will see a .23 percent increase in its school aid from \$99,353,022 to \$99,581,709. William Floyd will increase its school aid budget by 2.91 percent from \$226,697,993 to \$233,305,157, with a nearly \$3 million raise in transportation funding. ■

Town of Islip holds first meeting of 2025

BY MARIANA OLIVA

The Town of Islip held its first official meeting of the year on Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Islip Town Hall. The board held an organizational meeting on Jan. 6; however, this was the first meeting where residents spoke to Town of Islip supervisor Angie Carpenter and members of the board.

"Happy New Year and welcome to our January town board meeting; it is the first official meeting of the year," Carpenter said.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was recognized at the meeting, which was on Jan. 20, as well as Holocaust Remembrance Day, which occurred on Jan. 27, just one day before the town meeting.

Carpenter reminded members of the public to keep vehicles off the streets to provide an accessible area for all snowplows passing by during the snowy weather. Additionally, all residents are urged to give their feedback by filling out a survey for Town of Islip 360. TOI 360 is a comprehensive plan aimed at maintaining the Town of Islip growth and development for the next two decades and further

Residents have until Feb. 15 to fill out the survey. Those interested can head to www.toi360.com.

Prior to opening the meeting for the public to engage with the town board, Islip Town attorney, William Garbarino, brother of congressman Andrew Garbarino, who serves New York's 2nd District, covering the Islip area, read aloud the new rule that was implemented by the town board at the Jan. 6 meeting.

Under Rule 6,



"The use of profane, vulgar, inflammatory, threatening, abusive or disparaging language or racial or ethnic slurs directed at the supervisor, members of the town board, town officials or employees and members of the general public or statements by a person attending the meeting which were made during public participation segment of the agenda or during a public hearing shall not be tolerated," Garbarino said.

New York State Town Law allows a town board to enact its own rules and regulations. The New York State Committee on Open Government allows a public body to implement reasonable rules they believe will treat members of the public equally. This includes rules to prevent interruptions that would interfere with the meeting.

Individuals who violate these rules can be removed from meetings.

Additionally, the town board gave authorization for the supervisor to accept a State and Municipal Facilities grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. The grant will go toward the installation of Americans with Disability Act-compliant ramps at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in West Islip.

There will also be rectangular rapid flashing beacons installed on Gibson Street between South Park Avenue and Ocean Avenue in Bay Shore. The beacons provide a flashing light to notify drivers of potential pedestrians at the crosswalk.

The Town of Islip also accepted about 600 single lunches from Catholic Health Good Samaritan University Hospital. The meals will be given out during a fall prevention education series provided at various senior centers in the Town of Islip.

The town clerk will advertise for a public hearing to consider one-year contracts with the Central Islip-Hauppauge Volunteer, Brentwood Legion, Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulances, and the Exchange Ambulance Corporation of the Islips for providing emergency ambulance services.

Carpenter recognized the Brentwood Legion Ambulance for taking the most calls than any other fire department and town ambulance.

"Just to know, Brentwood Ambulance provides more calls than any other ambulance company, fire department, anywhere," Carpenter said. "They are quite busy and do a fine job, as they all do."

The next town board meeting will be held on Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. It will recognize Black History Month, which is celebrated from Feb. 1 to March 1. ■

Island Symphony Orchestra Bach Festival performance

BY MARIANA OLIVA

The St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, in Bay Shore, was filled with the sounds of the Island Symphony Orchestra as the group

BAY SHORE performed at the J.S. Bach Festival on Jan. 26. The orchestra was conducted by Eric R. Stewart, the music director for the Island Symphony Orchestra, and featured internationally acclaimed French violinist, Emmanuel Coppey. The performance began at 2 p.m., with a variety of pieces from J.S. Bach, before closing with Johannes Brahms.

Stewart is a conductor and composer based out of New York City. He has previously collaborated with a variety of artists, including the New York Philharmonic and the Cambridge Modern Orchestra. Additionally, Stewart has performed at renowned venues such as Carnegie Hall and the Canadian Opera Company.

To start, the Island Symphony Orchestra performed selections from "St. Matthew's Passion" (BWV 244) by Bach. Bach was an influential German composer and organist from the 1700s who had a significant impact on the Baroque era of music. His work continues to be performed to this day, as Bach is known as the "father of music."

The performance before the intermission was "Sonata No. 2 in A minor" (BWV 1003) by Bach, performed by Coppey. Coppey took the stage as a violin soloist and swayed as he performed the work of Bach.

Coppey has been playing the violin since he was 4 years old. He was born and raised in Paris, France, and began studying at the Paris Conservatory at the age of 14. He performs with a 1735 Guarnerius violin from the Guttman Collection.

Coppey has established himself as a musician not only in France, but in the United States as well. He is the winner of the 2023 Lillian and Maurice Barbash J.S. Bach Competition. As of July 2024, Coppey is an artist-in-residence at the Singer-Polignac Foundation, located in his hometown of Paris, France.

After the intermission, the orchestra shifted away from Bach and led the audience out with the work of Brahms,



The Island Symphony Orchestra was conducted by music director Eric R. Stewart.

All photos IB/Oliva

"Symphony No. 3 in F major, Opus 90, Allegro con brio, Andante, Poco allegretto and Allegro - Un poco sostenuto."

Brahms was a German composer and pianist from the Romantic period during the mid-1800s. His music features a variety of expressions and is still studied by composers and musicians all around the world.

"Bach, in his compositions, was such an incredible teacher, and the way he was able to use counterpoint and many layers of music happening at the same time is something that is still studied to this day by modern composers like myself, and especially by composers like Brahms," Stewart said. "Brahms was truly a 19th-century master of counterpoint, and so much of that came through the study of Brahms, so we hope that you will enjoy this celebration of Brahms and our guest artists, of course; we hope you enjoy this concert."

Counterpoint in music refers to the

use of two or more musical lines in a musical composition. They are simultaneous and each dependent on each other harmonically, but are independent in rhythm.

By the end of the performance, the Island Symphony Orchestra received a standing ovation from the audience.

Tickets were sold at the door for \$15 and students received free admission.

The Island Symphony Orchestra's 2025 concert season is made possible by Long Island Grants for the Arts by funds made available by the office of the Governor and NYS Legislature, administered by the Huntington Arts Council. ■



Emmanuel Coppey performed the work of Bach as a violin soloist.



The orchestra prepares for a final performance of Johannes Brahms.

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STUDENT ART: Islip Arts Council Gallery hosts annual showcase

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"Sonny" by Suzie Araujo

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"Into the Woods" by Norma Malinverno

Sonny.
Brazil native Norma Malinverno has been a student since 2017 and attends both the Colored Pencils & Pastels and the Watercolor for All classes. She had two works on display, which were also inspired by photos. The first is called "Into the Woods." The piece displays a peaceful tree-lined pathway, where tall tree trunks and vibrant greenery create depth and perspective. Sunlight filters through the canopy, casting soft shadows along the dirt path. The repetition of the trees guides the viewer's gaze toward

the vanishing point, creating an almost immersive experience.
The photo that served as Malinverno's muse was taken at a park in New Jersey. While she was looking at the sculptures, she happened to come across a beautiful path, and she took a picture. Although Malinverno worked from the photograph, the painting is not exactly the same.
Malinverno's second piece is nothing like her first. Her watercolor painting named "Seville-Spain" depicts a charming exterior scene featuring a turquoise arched door surrounded by bright

pink-purple flowering vines and lush greenery. With its glass panes and lace curtain detail, the door opens into a warmly lit interior with a wooden floor, adding depth. A tiled-roof overhang with cascading ivy contrasts with the cool-toned walls. Malinverno utilizes fine, delicate lines to capture the intricate detailing of the vines and leaves, while the use of soft colors and shadows bring dimension to the building's features.
As the name suggests, her watercolor painting was inspired by a photo she took while traveling in Spain with her hus-

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 - Jody Banaszak
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 - Louise Blake
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 - Maureen O'Brien
 - Norma Malinverno
 - Pat DeNapoli
 - Peggy Gartenbaum
 - Roberta Sciera
 - Susan Rus-Loyd
 - Suzie Araujo
 - Victoria Spedale
 - Zannat Sultana

band. The piece took about three months to complete.
All are welcome to visit the gallery Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to see the unique works by the very talented students. Visit Islip Arts Council on Facebook or @isliparts on Instagram to find out more information about the classes that are offered. ■

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Could Amtrak service be in Ronkonkoma's future?

BY GARY HABER

Amtrak is studying possibly bringing service to the Long Island Rail Road station in Ronkonkoma, something both county executive Ed Romaine and Islip Town supervisor Angie Carpenter are pushing for.

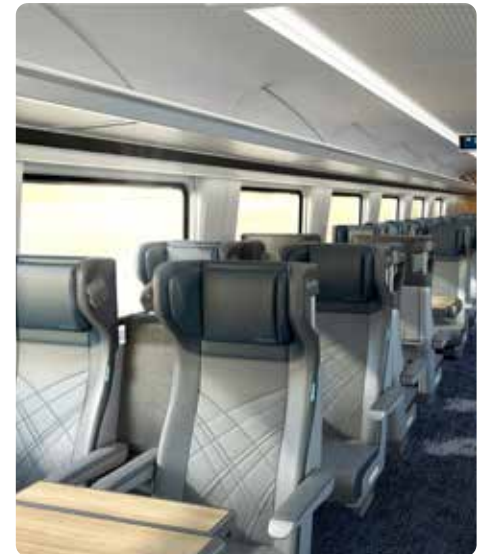
Any service would be years away, but if it happens, Amtrak passengers would be able to board the train in Ronkonkoma and travel as far south as Washington, D.C., without having to transfer at New York's Penn Station. Other stations served would be at LIRR stations in Hicksville and Jamaica, an Amtrak spokesman said.

"Amtrak is working in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration and MTA Long Island Rail Road to study the extension of Amtrak's Northeast Regional service to Ronkonkoma," Amtrak said in a statement. "The first step of this multi-step process, the Service Development Plan (SDP), will begin this year. Once the SDP is complete, we will have a better understanding of the feasibility, costs and timeline for potential implementation."

"It is too soon to set a service start date, but expansion of Northeast Regional service is dependent on delivery of Amtrak's new Airo trainsets, which



Amtrak is studying the possibility of bringing service to Ronkonkoma. Any service would depend on delivery of the new Airo trains, which will be available toward the end of the decade, the railroad said. Courtesy renderings



will be available towards the end of this decade," Amtrak said.

Amtrak has ordered 83 Airo trains for use on several of its routes, including its Northeast Region.

If Amtrak comes to Ronkonkoma, it would dovetail with county and town officials' plans to make the area a regional transportation hub with rail service

and a growing number of flights from nearby Long Island MacArthur Airport.

"Ronkonkoma is going to become a transportation hub," Romaine said at a Jan. 17 meeting of the HIA-LI, a Hauptauge-based business advocacy group.

Carpenter would like to see MacArthur's terminal moved closer to the LIRR station, but the Islip Town Board last

month voted against allocating \$872,000 toward the project, *Newsday* reported.

JetBlue announced recently it will launch daily nonstop service from MacArthur to Boston on April 30. That follows Breeze Airways' announcement in November that it was starting twice-weekly service to Sarasota-Bradenton. ■

Winter concert series returns to Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Priceless talent; free admission

BY GRACE MERCURIO

This cold winter, the Islip Arts Council (IAC) warmly welcomes you to enjoy six musical afternoons at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum during the annual winter concert series.

Workers once cared for the Cutting family's horses and carriages in the turn-of-the-century Carriage House. Now, the multifunctional building on the beautiful 700 acre State Park hosts educational programming and events, such as the anticipated IAC winter concert series.

Each concert will feature talented new musicians and a few returning fan-favorites. Parking will be limited and on a first-come, first-served basis, so attendees are asked to arrive early and plan accordingly. All concerts in the series are free admission and will begin at 1 p.m.

The concert series is funded by the NYS Natural Heritage Trust as part of their mission to further public programs for parks and recreation in the State of New York.

"Bayard Cutting Arboretum Carriage House is a great venue for the winter series," noted Executive Director of the Islip Arts Council, Lynda Moran. "The staff and music committee are thrilled with this series and thank Natural Heritage Trust for the continued support."

Serenade Duo - February 2

Gerry Saulter (guitar) and Michella La Porte (flute)

With their warm stage presence and performances of culturally diverse repertoire, Serenade Duo shares music of the world. Serenade Duo has toured extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Canada as performers, educators, and "Global Chamber Music" advocates. As five-time Artists International Distinguished Chamber Music Award Recipients, the Duo has



The Islip Art Council's Winter Concert Series is funded by the NYS Natural Heritage Trust and will be hosted at the serene Bayard Cutting Arboretum. File photo

performed at Carnegie Hall and Merkin Concert Hall.

Extra Chi - February 9

Terrence Purtell (piano) and Michelle Lisi (flute)

Terrence Purtell is an exemplary pia-

nist, organist, vocalist, composer/arranger, conductor, musical director, and music curator. With the ability to master several woodwind instruments across multiple musical genres, Michelle Lisi has traveled the East Coast performing and competing as both a soloist and

member of numerous ensembles.

Queensound - February 16

Linda Teixeira (soprano) and Helena Kim (piano)

Helena Kim has been an active performer as a pianist, organist and conductor. Kim participated in various productions of New York Grand Opera under the direction of late Maestro Vincent La Selva, and studied orchestral conducting under his tutelage. In 2019, she was the music director of Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island, and conducted the opera "The Gondoliers" with great success.

Linda Teixeira is a Long Island-based soprano, music educator, and co-founder of Queens Sound, a music group that has performed classical and contemporary works around the country at concert series and festivals.

Quintessence - March 2

Laura Mole (violin), Jody Ratner (viola), Susan Lehr (cello), Karen Gellert (double bass), Elinor Zayas (piano), and Hiroko Nakahara (guest violinist)

As a freelance performer, Karen Hansen Gellert plays with the Long Island **CONCERT SERIES** on page 10

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Broadway on a Budget – Program at Bay Shore-Brightwaters will discuss all things Broadway and share money-saving tips on how to see shows for under \$60 a ticket, 6-7:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Long Island Movies – Film scout and author Monica Randall will be at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library to share her experiences from behind the scenes to explore classic films, 2 p.m. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Friday, January 31

Children's Owl Program – Winter Wonders with Little Owl at West Islip Library for ages 3 years to Pre-K, includes a story, and then meet some real owl friends courtesy of Sweetbriar Nature Center, 10:30 a.m. Register online or call 631-661-7080.

Saturday, February 1

Annual Taste for Sight – Bay Shore Lions Club's annual charity event at Captain Bill's, Bay Shore, features samples and tastings from over 30 South Shore Restaurants, Long Island Wineries & Micro Breweries, 3-6 p.m. Visit www.bayshorelions.org/taste-for-sight.

Sunday, February 2

Groundhog Day – Are we in for an early spring or will winter continue for another six weeks?



Free Winter Concert Series – The Serenade Duo, an award-winning ensemble, featuring flutist Michelle LaPorte and guitarist Gerry Saulter, will perform as part of the Islip Arts weekly winter concert series in the Carriage House at Bayard Cutting Arboretum, 1 p.m. Limited parking. Visit isliparts.org.

Bedazzle A Book Cover – Bring a favorite hardcover book to West Islip Library and use rhinestones to make it shine, 7-8 p.m. Listen to music and talk about upcoming 2025 titles. Supplies provided. Register online or call 631-661-7080.

Wednesday, February 5

Lithium Ion Battery Safety – Fire prevention class at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, 7 p.m. President of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Association will share important safety tips for handling and uses of lithium ion batteries. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Brightwaters Historical – The society will

host author Claire Bellerjeau at Wohseepee Park Cabin, 7 p.m. Coinciding with Black History Month, Bellerjeau will discuss the woman behind her book "Remember Liss," whose life sheds light on the experiences of people of color in New York from the colonial period into the early republic, as well as her complex struggle for freedom. Visit www.brightwatershistory.org.

Thursday, February 6

Hometown Histories: A Local Book Club – The Bay Shore-Brightwaters book group which reads and discusses written by local authors, will meet to talk about "African Americans of Eastern Long Island," by Jerry Komia Domatob, 6 p.m. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Of Note ...

Vendors Wanted – Spring Boutique at Sayville United Methodist Church, Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Marion at 631-767-6580.

Saint Angela Hall Academy Reunion – The Academy's Class of 1975 will celebrate a 50th reunion on April 26, at Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, Franklin Square, 1-5 p.m. Contact Marian Phelan Owens at mowens57@iCloud.com or Ellen Schilling

Acconcia at esacconcia@gmail.com.

Art Classes & Workshops – Choose from an assortment of cultural art classes, from painting classes and "Paint 'n Sip" evening events. To see more class offerings and register, visit www.isliparts.org/index.php/classes. Classes held at Islip Arts Council Gallery at Westfield South Shore Mall, 1701 Sunrise Highway, Bay Shore 11706, located next door to Dick's Sporting Goods. Call 631-888-3525.

Bottles For the Brave – Organizations, churches, schools and gyms are invited to participate in collecting and contributing redeemable plastic water bottles to create a better life for our military and their families on Long Island. Help clean up the earth as well as support our troops. For information, call Pam at 631-394-6267.

Extreme Weather Safety – Be prepared for extreme weather. Save PSEG's 24-hour electric service number: 1-800-490-0075; follow PSEG Long Island on Facebook and Twitter for updates before and after storms; and make sure everyone in the family knows what to do in the case of an emergency. Visit www.psegliny.com/page.cfm/Home/Safety for video tips from YouTube, Sesame Street and more.

ISLIP BULLETIN YEARS AGO**50 Years Ago**

JANUARY 1975

The Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association presented the comedy "Teahouse of the August Moon" in the Bay Shore High School auditorium, directed by **Ronald O'Neill** and produced by **Mrs. Florence Coogan**. Cast members include Bay Shore High School principal **Dr. Walter Baden**, social studies teacher **David Long**, and language department chairman **John Martin**. Proceeds from tickets will be donated to the Student Aid Fund.

Bay Shore postmaster **Daniel J. Healy** presented a citation certificate to **John J. Sinnott**, supervisor of window services, on his retirement after 42 years of service.

Rudolph A. Konnerth of Cedar Avenue, Islip, is among the students at Muskingum College, Ohio, who is spending the month of January at Eustis, Fla., for an interim term course on medical and paramedical experiences.

Anthony Santaro, of Islip, is participating in Educational Explorations at the high-school level, where he observes physical education classes as part of the teacher education program at Ottawa University, Kan., where he is a sophomore.

Gordon Schwarzer, firefighter of the Islip Fire Department, successfully completed the Training Officer Workshop conducted by the New York State Office for Local Government at the State Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls.

The U.S. Air Force promoted **Roger T. Moeller**, of Islip, to the rank of technical sergeant while serving at Torrejon A.B., Spain as a television equipment technician.

Students in **Mrs. Emily Grippo's** class at Mary G. Clarkson Primary School, Bay Shore, who hand-carved and modeled clay work depicting the lives of Long Island Native Americans were **Kenny Schultz**, **John Ramsden**, **Eddi Chiofalo**, **Charles Maltman**, **Stephan Kamrass** and **Brian Riedener**.

Dr. Glenn S. Seeley was honored at a testimonial banquet at La Grange Inn for his more than 36 years with the Bay Shore Public School District, including his most recent serving as assistant superintendent of schools for personnel.

Japanese Brush Painting workshops will be conducted at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library by **Mrs. Gail Opp** of Brightwaters during the month of January through April.

The Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library will be holding bridge classes taught by **Mrs. Abe Wiener** and **Mrs. Terry Becker** of Brightwaters, both experienced bridge teachers.

Sherri Ann Rosenthal, a student at Islip High School, was selected as one of 45 honorable mention winners in the 12th annual Nancy Thorp Memorial Poetry Contest sponsored by Hollins College for her poem titled "Briny Foam Dance."

Mrs. William L. Dempsey, of Brightwaters, announced the engagement of her daughter, **Sharon Kathleen**, to **Dr. J. Michael Pepek** of Westfield, Mass. A June wedding is planned.

Marine Lance Cpl. **Hugh J. Spence** of N. Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore, returned to Okinawa with the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, after a deployment as part of the Amphibious Ready Force in the Western Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Terry announced the engagement of their daughter, **Cornelia**, to **Robert Barrie Ferguson**, of Brightwaters.

Ruth Bouton, of Bay Shore, a second-year student at Oneonta State College, achieved an average of 4.0 the past semester.

Barry Andres, Islip's commissioner of environmental control, was the guest speaker at a public information meeting sponsored by Citizens For A Clean Environment.

An organ concert of sacred music was held at the United Methodist Church, Bay Shore, by the church's choir director and organist, **Paul Mosteller**.

Playing this week at **The East Islip Theatre**: Alan Vint and Cheryl Waters in "Macon County Line."



January 1975: Southside Hospital lamaze instructor Pat McAuley, R.N., gives pointers to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Caputo, of West Islip, at a natural childbirth class session at the hospital in Bay Shore.

25 Years Ago

JANUARY 2000

West Islip resident **Joseph E. Scott Jr.**, a member of the Grumman Radio Club, which uses ham radios to speak to Grumman retirees around the world, was briefed on the progress of the Cradle of Aviation Museum at Mitchel Field, which will keep alive the legacy of Long Island's aviation history when it opens in the spring.

Michelle Benati of East Islip was named to the dean's list at the University of Scranton.

Marine Cpl. **Charles Nagy** of West Islip returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, homeported at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Army Pvt. **Victor Rodriguez** of Bay Shore graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Every Saturday, teenage members of Youth Ministry of St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Bay Shore volunteer their time to prepare lunches for the less fortunate citizens of the surrounding area as part of the Sandwich Ministry. Members include **Christina Holly** and **Meagan Dein**, freshmen at Bay Shore High School. **Rita and Sean Mackey**, of Islip, were among the bevy of local children who took advantage of the freezing temperatures to ice skate on Brookwood Hall's Knap Lake in East Islip.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Menechino Sr. of Islip announced the engagement of their daughter, **Alicia Mary**, to **Michael Gryn**, of Bay Shore. Alicia and Michael are both graduates of Islip High School, Class of 1992.

East Islip's Lady Redmen basketball squad defeated the Bellport Clippers 45-40, with standout performances from **Patti Cronin** with 13 points and **Jen McLoughlin** with 14 points.

Compiled by *Vanessa Graniello*

22 Degree Run & Plunge... literally

BY MICHAELA MEDECK

When one thinks of activities on a cold winter morning, running into the Great South Bay is not often at the top of the list. However, this past Saturday morning, when temperatures were hovering around 22 degrees, families from all over Long Island gathered at Walker Park in Brightwaters, where Operation VEST held its fourth annual 22 Degree Run & Plunge.

The festivities started with a 2.2-mile run/walk through Brightwaters, followed by a polar plunge at Walker Beach. Before the run commenced, co-founder Stefan Hespeler shared a few words. Hespeler was astounded to learn that over 20 veterans and one active-duty military member are lost to suicide daily. In 2016, a close friend and Marine Corps veteran challenged him to participate in the "22 Pushup Challenge," which involved completing 22 pushups per day for 22 days. Those 22 days came and went, but Hespeler never stopped, not even nine years later.

This challenge was a catalyst for the creation of Operation VEST, a Brightwaters-based nonprofit organization founded by Stefan Hespeler and Jenny Mortenson Hespeler. The organization promotes awareness and informs the public of staggering statistics impacting veterans. Additionally, it provides vet-



Chris Porcelli was the first runner to cross the finish line at 14:18.

erans with the resources they need and works to remove the stigma surrounding mental health.

Since the organization was founded in March 2020, Operation VEST (Veterans Ending Suicide Together) has continued to address the different needs of our veteran population, working alongside other local organizations such as the Warrior Ranch Foundation, General

Needs, Paws of War, and Pal-O-Mine.

The opening ceremony ended after participants of all ages dropped to the ground and did 22 pushups plus one, a nod to the challenge Stefan once took on himself. Afterward, those taking part in the run made their way to the starting line.

Almost 15 minutes later, Chris Porcelli could be seen running through

the arch of American flags. Porcelli was the first male runner to cross the finish line with a time of 14:18. Barry Post followed, being the second male runner to return to Walker Park with a time of 14:57. In third place for the male runners was Michael Bubolo with a time of 15:05. Sarah Bachman was the first of the female runners to cross the finish line with a time of 14:36, followed by Nancy Tantone with a time of 14:46. Brittany Colasanto was third with a time of 15:14.

The resilient athletes were prepared to enjoy nature's ice bath. However, there was a minor setback—ice, and lots of it. One attendee shared that he hadn't seen the bay this icy since the '70s. The water was so frozen over that the kids could create an impromptu ice rink. Before the event began, organizers evaluated the state of the bay. They determined the ice was too far out to hold the plunge portion. Fortunately, Bay Shore Fire Department Marine Division Ice Rescue Team members saved the day. While conducting their subject recovery drill, they broke up a small area of ice, allowing participants to take the freezing plunge in small groups at a time.

If you are interested in donating to Operation VEST, signing up to volunteer, or updates on organization happenings, visit www.operationvest.org, @operationvest on Instagram, and Operation VEST on Facebook. ■



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Bay Shore Fire Department Marine Division Ice Rescue Team members break up the ice at Walker Beach.



Small groups were able to take the plunge and join the mascot, Yeti Mercury, in the ice-cold bay.



Runners take on the 2.2-mile trek through Brightwaters.

All photos IB/Meddeck

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Broadway on a budget!



Photo courtesy of Brian Stoll

BY MICHAELA MEDECK

Whether you spend a day in the Big Apple or a week seeing a Broadway show, it should definitely be on your to-do list. If a Broadway show outing isn't quite within your budget, **BAY SHORE** self-proclaimed theatre enthusiast Brian Stoll has you covered!

From 6 to 7:30 p.m., Stoll will present at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library his program called "Broadway on a Budget!" During his presentation, Stoll will discuss all things Broadway, starting with the history and importance of the signature Broadway Playbill. He will

also provide a variety of money-saving ways to see Broadway shows for under \$60 a ticket.

Stoll is from West Islip and works as a library assistant at Touro University. Since graduating from Binghamton University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in human development, he has attended over 300 Broadway performances, rarely paying over \$60 a ticket! In 2017, he started delivering interactive presentations, mainly at libraries across the tri-state area, both in-person and virtually, with the goal of encouraging patrons to support the arts and take advantage of their proximity to Broadway and beyond. ■

Paradoxical Lucidity in Severe Dementia: A Mixed Method Prospective Study

NYU Langone Health is recruiting participants for an exciting new study exploring why and how some people with dementia experience a return of mental clarity as they approach the end of life.

These episodes are known as paradoxical lucidity. If you have a loved one suffering from advanced dementia, they may be eligible for this study.

If interested, please contact the Parnia Lab research team at 917-227-0932 or pl@nyulangone.org.



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Choral Society and Mineola Choral Society, among others.

Hiroko Nakahara has performed in recitals and chamber music ensembles across the world and has appeared as a soloist with the Japan Philharmonic, Munich Philharmonic and Tanglewood Festival Orchestra.

Jody Ratner enjoyed a career as a public school orchestra teacher and enjoys judging at NYSSMA festivals throughout New York State and playing chamber music with colleagues.

Laura Mole is a member of both Queens Symphony and Orchestra of Long Island. Mole is currently a violin professor at Long Island University Post Campus and Adjunct Professor at CUNY Queens College.

Pianist Elinor Abrams Zayas is well-known to Long Islanders as a piano soloist, chamber musician, collaborative artist and educator. She studied at

both Juilliard's Pre-College Program and Manhattan School of Music.

Piano Duo - March 9

Elinor Zayas and Karen Baer

Pianist and educator Elinor Abrams Zayas co-founded the cello-piano duo Cross Island with cellist Suzanne Mueller and also formed the chamber ensemble Nepenthe in 1984, which performed widely across Long Island.

Karen Faust Baer enjoys a multifaceted career in solo piano performance, chamber music, choral conducting, accompanying and pedagogy. A scholarship student from the age of six, she received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Piano Performance at Juilliard.

Cambiata Cello Duo - March 16

Paul Finkelstein and Suzanne Mueller

Cellist Suzanne Mueller has been Summer Sunday Concerts Artist-in-Residence



The Islip Arts Council is well-known for hosting talented performances in New York State parks, including the annual Concert in the Park in Heckscher.

File photo

at Old Westbury Gardens since 2003. In addition to Cross Island, she currently performs as a founding member of Trio Ardiente with pianist/tanguera Claudine Robins and performs and records with folk duo Hungrytown and as a member of the McCarron Brothers (and Sister) jazz quintet.

Cellist Paul Lawrence Finkelstein studied at Indiana University with Professor Fritz Magg where he received his Bachelor's and Masters Degrees. Finkelstein performed in Masterclasses given by the Beaux Arts Trio, Midwest Cello Forum and a Masterclass given by renowned cellist Janos Starker. ■

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A, Plaintiff, vs. JAMAAL COOPER, ET AL., Defendant (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 9, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Town of Islip, Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 11, 2025, at 1:30 PM, premises known as 4030 EXPRESS DRIVE S., RONKONKOMA, NY 11779. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District: 0500, Section: 045.00, Block: 03.00, Lot: 002.001. Approximate amount of judgment is \$500,089.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 201557/2022.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee.

ROBERT MACEDONIO, Esq., Referee
Roach & Lin, P.C., 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff
IB, 8820, 1/9, 16, 23, 30 |

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QS9,

-against-
RUSSELL PETERMAN A/K/A RUSSELL J. PETERMAN, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk on March 27, 2024, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QS9 is the Plaintiff and RUSSELL PETERMAN A/K/A RUSSELL J. PETERMAN, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the ISLIP TOWN HALL, 655 MAIN STREET, ISLIP, NY 11751, on February 11, 2025 at 11:00AM, premises known as 780 WISCONSIN AVENUE, BAY SHORE, NY 11706; and the following tax map identification: 0500-225.00-01.00-003.010.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE,

LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 204726/2022. Lisa Perillo, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.
IB, 8821, 1/9, 16, 23, 30 |

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF TREEHOUSE SERIES V TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICIA V. GARAY, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 7, 2024 and an Order Extending the Sale Deadline duly entered on November 27, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 13, 2025 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 54 O'Neill Avenue, Bay Shore a/k/a Bayshore, NY 11706. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Bay Shore, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500, Section 341.00, Block 03.00 and Lot 044.000. Approximate amount of judgment is \$520,989.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #608508/2023.

Billie Jean Miller, Esq., Referee
Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Firm File No. 230077-1
IB, 8825, 1/9, 16, 23, 30 |

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC,

-against-
JOHN A. SCHWANOF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN S. SCHWANOF A/K/A JOHN SCHWANOF, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk on November 26, 2024, wherein MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and JOHN A. SCHWANOF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN S. SCHWANOF A/K/A JOHN SCHWANOF, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the ISLIP TOWN

HALL, 655 MAIN STREET, ISLIP, NY 11751, on February 18, 2025 at 1:30PM, premises known as 2114 JUILA GOLDBACH AVENUE, RONKONKOMA, NY 11779; and the following tax map identification: 0500-104.00-02.00-088.000.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE VILLAGE OF RONKONKOMA, TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 608530/2019. Steven P. Bertolino, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.
IB, 8837, 1/16, 23, 30 - 2/6 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK SIGNATURE BANK, A NEW YORK CHARTERED COMMERCIAL BANK, Plaintiff AGAINST CELIA ROSA FIGUEIREDO; JOHN FIGUEIREDO; ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered May 19, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip NY 11751 on February 18, 2025 at 9:30AM, premises known as 29 First Place, Central Islip, NY 11722. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District: 0500 Section: 100.00 Block: 01.00 Lot: 026.003. Approximate amount of judgment \$178,836.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #062921/2014. Maria Gasparis, Esq., Referee McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue-Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 21-04141NY 83975
IB, 8841, 1/16, 23, 30 - 2/6 |

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, U.S. BANK TRUST N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSRMF MH MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST II, Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTOPHER PAULSEN A/K/A CHRISTOPHER M. PAULSEN, ET AL., Defendant (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 24, 2023, and Order Appointing Substitute Referee entered on July 27, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Town of Islip, Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM, premises known as 481 KEITH LANE, WEST

ISLIP, NY 11795. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District: 0500, Section: 474.00, Block: 01.00, Lot: 027.000. Approximate amount of judgment is \$455,093.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 606683/2019. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee.
FRANK M. MAFFEI, Esq., Referee
Roach & Lin, P.C., 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Bay Shore Pine Aire Dr located at 99 Pine Aire Dr Bay Shore NY 11706 intends to hold a sale of the property stored in the below listed Storage Spaces. The public sale shall occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 2/12/25 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Michael Campusano unit #120; Sebastian Gonzalez unit #25; Sandra L Pettersen unit #272; Marquis Bonds unit #285; Joffre R Alvarez Lopez unit #342; Frey-ki Francisco unit #371B; Noemi P Paulino Paulino unit #372; Jermaine Bruce unit #392; Marilyn Ramos unit #436; Sylvia Locicero unit #444; Adonis Sowah unit #481; Mateusz Weglicki unit #499; Jeffrey Robinson unit #507; Kevin Josue Redondo Martinez unit #510; Mark Bredkamp unit #551B; Karen Acosta unit #559B. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Central Islip located at 625 Eastview Dr Central Islip NY 11722 intends to hold a sale of the property stored in the below listed Storage Spaces. The public sale shall occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 2/12/25 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Jose N Turcios Cuz unit #1320; Yma-Nounedy Bosquet unit #2028; Pablo Delgado unit #2128; Nicholas Gabbidon unit #3019. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
IB, 8846, 1/23, 30 |

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK - ISLIP
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MEL- LON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT,

INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-18CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-18CB, Plaintiff -against- FREDERICK WILLIAM JOHN EGGERS III AKA FREDERICK EGGERS, DENISE A. EGGERS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated December 2, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the Front Steps of the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on February 26, 2025

at 1:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in Bay Shore, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, known and designated as District: 0500 Section: 366.00 Block: 03.00 Lot: 119.000

Said premises known as 25 HOWELLS ROAD, BAYSHORE, NY 11706 a/k/a 25 HOWELLS ROAD, TOWN OF ISLIP, NY 11706

Approximate amount of lien \$907,568.30 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 062289/2013.
SUSAN A. DENATALE, ESQ., Referee
DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
242 Drexel Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF BUNGALOW SERIES III TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. AIMEE LEACH, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 21, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., premises known as 9 Stuyvesant Street, Brentwood, NY 11717. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500, Section 051.00, Block 02.00 and Lot 029.000. Approximate amount of judgment is \$193,544.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #609166/2023. Cash will not be accepted, only bank or certified checks payable to Michael T. Clancy, Esq. as Referee. Michael T. Clancy, Esq., Referee Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Firm File No. 220179-1
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY
 US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff against JOSEPH HARVELL, et al Defendant(s)
 Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite 1, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 2, 2024, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on February 27, 2025 at 1:00 PM. Premises known as 50 Highland Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. District 0500 Sec 455.00 Block 02.00 Lot 076.000. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in at West Islip, in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$241,299.32 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 601497/2023. For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 10th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.
 Danielle Coysh, Esq., Referee File # NY202200000527-1
IB, 8852, 1/23, 30 - 2/6, 13 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY
 STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ARM TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-10, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
 Plaintiff,
 Against
 Gail A. Ruden, as executor of the estate of Sol Ruden, 103 Colony Dr LLC, The Colony at Holbrook Home Owners Association, Inc., The Board Of Directors Of The Colony At Holbrook Home Owners Association, Inc. "John Doe"
 Defendant(s)
 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 05/18/2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751, on 2/25/2025 at 9:30AM, premises known as 103 Colony Drive, Holbrook, New York 11741, And Described As Follows:
 ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Holbrook, Town Of Islip, County Of Suffolk And State Of New York.
 District 0500 Section 089.00 Block 02.00 Lot 001.043
 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$543,877.03 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 609080/2016
 For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.
 John Doyle, Esq., Referee.
 SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
 Dated: 1/9/2025
 File Number: 26846 CA
IB, 8853, 1/23, 30 - 2/6, 13 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY
 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for JPMAC 2007 - J.P. Morgan Chase Bank National Association,
 Plaintiff,
 Against
 Barbara Messina, Robert Lafeir, Deborah Lafeir,
 Defendant(s)
 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 10/22/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction,

at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751, on 2/26/2025 at 2:00PM, premises known as 138 Meroke LN, East Islip, NY 11730, And Described As Follows:
 ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being East Islip, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, and State of New York.
 District 0500 Section 400.00 Block 01.00 Lot 014.001
 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$424,559.71 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 31124/07
 Robert T. Samson, Esq., Referee.
 SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
 Dated: 1/3/2025
 File Number: 32760 MB
IB, 8854, 1/23, 30 - 2/6, 13 |

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ROOFTOP HVAC REPLACEMENT & UPGRADE PROJECT EAST ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY EAST ISLIP, NEW YORK
 The East Islip Public Library will receive separate, sealed bids for the construction contract for the Rooftop HVAC Replacement & Upgrade Project to the East Islip Public Library building located at 381 East Main Street, East Islip, New York 11730.
 Bids must be sealed with "Rooftop HVAC Replacement & Upgrade Project" written on the outside of the envelope. Bids must be received no later than 2:00pm on February 27, 2025 at the Administration Office of the East Islip Public Library, located at 381 East Main Street, East Islip, New York 11730, at which time all bids will be opened and read publicly aloud.
 Plans and specifications may be obtained beginning on January 30, 2025 at 12:00pm, as follows:
 Upon request, an electronic copy of the bid documents will be emailed to the requesting bidder. Contact the following person (via email) to obtain a Bid Package:
 John Tanzi, Project Architect
 John Tanzi Architects
 email: jtanzi@jtarchitects.net
 The request must specify the name of the person requesting the bid package and provide a US mailing address, an email address, and a telephone number for such requestor. Bid packages will be emailed to the requestor, within two (2) business days of the receipt of the written request. No telephone requests for bid packages will be accepted, as all requests must be in writing.
 Bid security in the form of a certified check or money order payable to the East Islip Public Library or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder in an amount equal to 5% (five percent) of the total amount of the bid shall be submitted with each bid. The surety issuing the bid bond shall have a minimum policyholder rating of "A-" as listed in AM Best's Insurance Guide and be licensed to conduct business in the State of New York.
 A pre-bid conference/walk through to review the scope of work and visit the project site will be held at the East Islip Public Library building, located at 381 East Main Street, East Islip, New York 11730 at 10:00am on February 11, 2025. Participants will meet outside the building's main entrance. The project site visit is recommended for all bidders. All questions and requests for clarifications must be submitted in writing via e-mail and received no later than 5:00pm on February 14, 2025 to:
 John Tanzi, Project Architect
 John Tanzi Architects
 email: jtanzi@jtarchitects.net

The contract will contain a provision that every laborer and workman employed on or about the work contemplated by the contract shall be paid not less than the rate of wages which are set forth in the prevailing wage rate schedule from the New York State Department of Labor.
 Each bid must be submitted on the official forms furnished in the bid package. All bids shall include non-collusive bidding certification or statement required by Section

103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and shall also contain a non-segregated facilities certificate which shall provide that the bidder does not maintain or provide for their employees facilities which are segregated on a basis of race, creed, color or national origin, whether such facilities are segregated by directive or on a de facto basis.
 The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, or the proposals will be rejected within 45 (forty-five) days of the date of opening proposals. Each bid shall be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date set for submission of bids. The Board of Trustees of the East Islip Public Library reserves the right to waive any informalities/irregularities in any or all bids, except with respect to the time limitation for submission of bids, reject any or all proposals, accept any bid in whole or in part, or to advertise for new proposals, if, in the opinion of this Board of Trustees, the best interest of the East Islip Public Library will thereby be promoted. This invitation is an offer to receive proposals for a contract and not an offer of a contract.
 Failure or refusal to execute a contract and deliver the required bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the date of notice of acceptance of the bid shall constitute a breach of the agreement and the Library, at its option, may proceed against the bid bond and take such other action as may be deemed in its best interest.
 Board of Trustees
 East Islip Public Library
 January 30, 2025
IB, 8855, 1/30 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
 MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC., Plaintiff, vs. MICHELLE PEREZ, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF WILFRED PEREZ, IF SHE BE LIVING AND IF SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, ET AL., Defendant(s).
 Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 21, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on March 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 14 Willoughby Street, Brentwood, NY 11717. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500, Section 117.00, Block 02.00 and Lot 068.00. Approximate amount of judgment is \$420,084.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #206664/2022.
 Steven Bertolino, Esq., Referee
 Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff
IB, 8856, 1/30 - 2/6, 13, 20 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
 Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Freddy Payano, Alexander Martinez, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered September 28, 2021, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip NY 11751 on March 5, 2025 at 10:30AM, premises known as 28 Chanel Drive, Brentwood, NY 11717. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, With the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500, Section 073.00, Block 04.00, Lot 011.000. Approximate amount of judgment \$285,150.11 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #624366/2017. Daniel J. Panico, Esq., Referee
 Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 17-006744 83802
IB, 8857, 1/30 - 2/6, 13, 20 |

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING
 CENTRAL ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
 7:00 p.m.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 466-a, the Board of Education of the Central Islip Union Free School District will conduct a Public Hearing at the Anthony Alfano Building, 50 Wheeler Road, Central Islip, New York on February 10, 2025 at (7:00 p.m.) to hear all interested parties regarding the following:
 A proposed resolution adopting under the terms of RPTL § 466-a an expansion of the eligibility for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to receive a partial real property tax exemption (for school district taxation purposes) on property owned by eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers within the District.
 Denise Ridgeway
 District Clerk
 Dated: January 13, 2025
IB, 8860, 1/30 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
 US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST MARLEN N. MALDONADO AKA MARLEN MALDONADO; ROSENDO MARTINEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 25, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip NY 11751 on March 4, 2025 at 1:30PM, premises known as 239 Ocean Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500 Section 096.00 Block 01.00 Lot 100.000. Approximate amount of judgment \$633,782.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #614713/2023. Robert A. Macedonio, Esq, Referee
 Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 23-001204 84118
IB, 8858, 1/30 - 2/6, 13, 20 |

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Please take notice and be informed that the Fair Harbor Fire District of the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York will hold its regular monthly meetings for the year 2025 on the following dates at 12:00pm: Feb 9th and Mar 16th, and on the following dates at 10:30am: Apr 13th, May 18th, Jun 22nd, Jul 01st, Aug 17th, Sept 21st, and Oct 10th, Nov 16th and on the following date at 12:00pm: Dec 21st, at the firehouse Headquarters of said District located at 68 Bay Walk, Fair Harbor, New York.
 This notification is being given to the public pursuant to the provision of section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.
 By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fair Harbor Fire District
 Chantal Gregoire
 District Secretary
IB, 8859, 1/30 |

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 CENTRAL ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
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 A proposed resolution adopting under the terms of RPTL § 466-a an expansion of the eligibility for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to receive a partial real property tax exemption (for school district taxation purposes) on property owned by eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers within the District.
 Denise Ridgeway
 District Clerk
 Dated: January 13, 2025
IB, 8860, 1/30 |

Notice to Bidders
 The Board of Education of Islip UFSD of the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, New York (in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law) hereby invites the submission of proposals for the following: RFP #2025-02 External Auditing Services. Printed proposals will be received until 11:00am on March 13, 2025 at the Administration Office located at 215 Main Street, Islip, New York at which time and place all proposals will be reviewed. No discussion of submissions will be made at the time of review. Specifications and RFP forms may be obtained at the Administration Office(631-650-8253). The Board of Education reserves the right to reject all RFPs. Any RFP submitted will be binding for 45 days subsequent to the date of submission.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, 215 MAIN STREET, ISLIP NEW YORK 11751.
 By: KARI-ANN CARR, DISTRICT CLERK.
IB, 8861, 1/30 |

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters is rescheduling the February 3rd regular meeting at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, N.Y. to be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
 By Order of the Board of Trustees Inc. Village of Brightwaters
 Nicole Rhodes, Village Clerk
 Dated: January 16, 2025
IB, 8862, 1/30 |

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS
NOTICE OF VILLAGE ELECTION
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 15-104(3)(a) of the Election Law, notice is hereby given that the Village of Brightwaters shall hold the Annual Village Election for the designated Village offices on Election Day, Tuesday, June 17, 2025 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, New York 11718.

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 NICOLE RHODES
 Village Clerk-Treasurer
 Dated: Brightwaters, New York
 January 22, 2025
IB, 8863, 1/30 |

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Clerk of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters has prepared the tentative assessment roll for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2026 and that same has been filed with the Village Clerk where it may be seen and examined by any person during business hours beginning February 1st, 2025 between 9:00AM and 4:00PM until the third Tuesday of February 18th, 2025 at the Village Office, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY & on that day any complaints in relation to assessments must be in writing & under oath on the proper forms which are available in the Village Clerk's Office.
 Nicole Rhodes
 Village Clerk
 Brightwaters, New York
 Dated: January 17, 2025
IB, 8864, 1/30 |

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the East Brentwood Fire District; at a public meeting held on the 14th day of January 2025, at Fire Headquarters; 26 Fulton Street, Brentwood, New York; adopted a resolution to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the following:
 Repair and replacement of firefighter protective gear
 This Resolution is published as a result of the motion made on the 14th day of January, by Commissioner Reilly, 2nd by Commissioner Johnson and unanimously approved for the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for repair and replacement of firefighter protective gear and that if the voters of the East Brentwood Fire District submit sufficient names on a proper petition to the Fire District Secretary within 30 days of the date of this publication, this Resolution shall be put to a referendum of the taxpayers of the East Brentwood Fire District. Should there be no petition, this Permissive Referendum will become final upon the compliance of the Laws of the State of New York.
 By Order of
 Board of Fire Commissioners
 East Brentwood Fire District
 Robert M. Kuehn, Secretary
IB, 8865, 1/30 |


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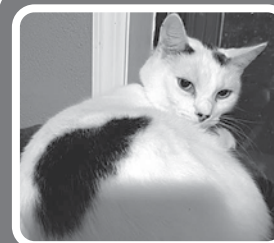
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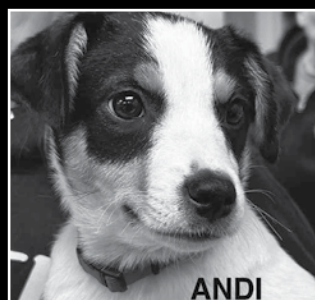
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