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Senator recognizes Suffolk County businesses with Empire Awards



Wilber Gomez (center), owner of Izalco Deli, receives an Empire Award from State Sen. Monica R. Martinez.

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Mabel Perfecto, owner of Dulce de Leche Bakery, receives an Empire Award from State Sen. Monica R. Martinez.



State Sen. Monica R. Martinez presents an Empire Award to Danielle Moloney of Moloney Family Funeral Homes.

Three Suffolk County businesses have received Empire Awards from New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez. The businesses, all located within the Fourth Senatorial District, are: Dulce de Leche Bakery, located at 346 N. Windsor Avenue, Brightwaters; Izalco Deli, located at 1558 Brentwood Road, Bay Shore; and Moloney Family Funeral Homes, which has seven locations, including Central Islip and Hauppauge.

"These honorees represent the very best of New York's small businesses, driving local economic growth while giving back to the neighborhoods they serve," said Sen. Martinez. "We thank them for their commitment to our community and for the care, quality, and dedication they provide to their customers and neighbors every day."

The New York State Senate Empire Award recognizes local businesses for their dedication to customers, employees and the communities they serve. The award highlights businesses that contribute to local growth and community well-being across New York State.

"Entrepreneurship is never easy. It means staking your future on an idea, pushing forward through uncertainty, and believing what you build can last. In New York, we honor those who follow their ambitions and do so in a way that betters our state," Sen. Martinez concluded. ■



Democratic candidate Jessica Murphy.

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Democratic congressional candidates introduce themselves to voters

Three-person race underway for June primary

BY CONNOR PATTON

With five months to go until primary day in late June, three Democratic congressional candidates introduced themselves and outlined their stances on pressing issues to a packed house

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Breakfast for Champions



All the recognized students holding their awards for their leadership.
Photo Courtesy of the Bay Shore School District

Bay Shore High School held its second Breakfast for Champions of the 2025-2026 school year. Four times a year, students are recognized for outstanding performance and leadership.

Thank you to speaker Melina Mazzie (BSHS '17) for sharing her story and advice with the students.

Congratulations to all of the honorees!

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Tyler Abraham	Technical	Mr. Schiro
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Climaco Guerrier	ENL	Ms. Marmolejo
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Kaitlyn Brewer	Female Athlete	Coach Smith
Benjamin Marino	Male Athlete	Coach Porcelli
Valen Dominguez	Community Service	Dr. Kelly/Ms. Calderon-Espinal
Kayaani Borrero	Interact	Ms. Shea
Navaeh Maxwell	Most Improved	Mr. Ferro
Aliyah Rodriguez	Library	Ms. Southworth

Honoring local veterans

Members of the National Junior Honor Society at Bay Shore Middle School partnered with Amvets Post 76 to host a community service event. The event honored and supported the veterans who reside at Beacon House. Students ate pizza and played card games with the veterans, recognizing their service and reinforcing their support for veterans.



Students of Bay Shore Middle School with Amvets Post 76 at Beacon House.
Photo Courtesy of the Bay Shore School District

West Islip musicians selected for Mid-Island Band Festival

Nineteen West Islip High School musicians were selected for the 67th annual Mid-Island Band Festival. These accomplished musicians recently performed in Port Jefferson along with the top band students from Suffolk County! Congratulations to the following student-musicians: Ellie Connors, Delilah D'Amico,



William DeWitt, Leah DiBernardo, Alyssa Dilan, Colin German, Sydney Krowles, Jensen Langhorn, Avery Mauchan, Zachary McGrath, Adrianna Nelson, Owen Okurowski, Luna Pankratz, Owen Pellati, Chloe Srubar, Mikayla Stabenau, Colin Stueber, Lilybeth Tarantino and Willow Vaughan.
Photo courtesy of West Islip Union Free School District

Two Udall students honored in essay contest

Two students from Udall Road Middle School in the West Islip Union Free School District recently participated in the New York State Association for Bilingual Education Student Essay Contest.

Seventh-grader Alisson Loja Chillogallo earned first place for her essay, "¿Por qué es importante ser bilingüe/plurilingüe y alfabetizado?," and sixth-grader student Brielle Florendo received third place for her essay, "A Bilingual World."

Both essays, written in English and Spanish, and English and Tagalog, focused on the importance of being bilingual and highlighted how it strengthens communication, deepens cultural appreciation and opens doors to academic and career opportunities.

Chillogallo explained the importance of being bilingual by writing, "We would be able to cultivate our knowledge in infinite ways." Florendo also said, "It's a skill that builds understanding in an increasingly global world." The students will be recognized at an awards luncheon on March 21. They received a $150 award for first place and a $50 award for third place, along with certificates honoring their achievements.



Seventh-grader Alisson Loja Chillogallo and sixth-grader student Brielle Florendo from Udall Middle School in the West Islip Union Free School District were recently honored for their essays. They are pictured with Director of Secondary ELA, ENL and LMC Lauren Lay, teacher Sophia Mastrangelo and Udall Road Middle School Principal Dr. Daniel Marquardt.
Photo courtesy of West Islip Union Free School District

Bayview second graders bring snowmen to life

Second graders in Mrs. Burkart and Mrs. Novak's classes at Bayview Elementary School in the West Islip Union Free School District stepped into the imaginative world of the book "Snowmen at Night" by Caralyn Buehner during a recent literacy activity. After reading the story together, students worked in small groups to brainstorm ideas and collaborate on creative murals depicting what they believe snowmen do after dark. Through teamwork, discussion and artistic expression, they transformed their ideas into vibrant scenes filled with personality and humor. Each mural reflected the students' creativity while reinforcing important skills such as communication, cooperation and critical thinking. The finished artwork now brightens the hallway and showcases the second graders' wonderful imaginations and collaborative spirit.



Photo courtesy of West Islip Union Free School District

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Citizen begs Islip Town Board to end ICE contract

BY JOSEPH CALIGIURI

During the Islip Town Board meeting, the only public speaker gave a three-minute speech to the town board. This was William Marquardt's third time speaking to the town. It was on an issue he felt strongly about: Islip's continued contract with ICE.

Due to the contract, ICE agents are allowed to make use of Islip's rifle range to train their agents, funded by citizens' tax dollars.

When the public raised questions about the contract, the board released a statement, titled "Islip Officials Counter 'Misinformation' about ICE Training at Town Range." In this statement, the board highlighted how the range, also utilized by local law enforcement beyond ICE, ensured the safety and protection of Islip town citizens.

"These partnerships help to ensure the safe use of firearms and proper training. Those attempting to politicize this matter are unnecessarily causing more distrust of our law enforcement agencies, especially in communities that are already vulnerable and underreporting crimes. The safety and protection of all of our residents despite race, religion, or country of origin remains our utmost concern," the statement concludes.

Citizens like Marquardt have found issues with this statement of protection.



William Marquardt's third time speaking to the town. Courtesy photo

As more and more immigrant families are torn apart by abductions by ICE agents, it has become difficult for many citizens to believe in this "protection of all of our residents despite race religion or country of origin."

"None of these respected police agencies listed are sending masked men, dressed in military garb, using tear gas, non-lethal projectiles, lethal projectiles, pepper balls, rubber bullets, and more onto our American streets," Marquardt emphasized. "They terrorize, kidnap, assault, and kill both immigrants and U.S. citizens."

The deaths mentioned by Marquardt are the recent three murders of U.S. citizens by ICE agents: Renee Good, a mother and wife, shot by an ICE agent five times on Jan. 7 on the way to pick up her child; an off-duty ICE agent shot Keith Porter, a father of two, outside of his apartment complex on New Year's Eve. Most recently was Alex Pretti, an intensive-care nurse. An ICE agent shot him multiple times after wrestling him to the ground because he had stepped between an ICE agent and a woman they had pushed to the ground.

"There is no need for the taxpayers of Islip to be forced to contribute to these un-American rogue police force terrorizing our communities," he said. "Perhaps the action of one township canceling a contract with ICE appears to be a minor issue in the overall scheme of things. But it is one way for the Islip community to stand up against this growing injustice in our nation."

The town had previously introduced a resolution to terminate this contract. Councilman Guadrón was the one to initially propose it last year.

Guadrón was once an immigrant himself. He fled El Salvador in 1980 as a teenager, fearing political violence. He officially became a citizen in 1996.

"ICE agents are empowered and encouraged to detain, assault, arrest, and transport to federal concentration camps, and deport all immigrants and their children, regardless of the status of their immigration proceedings and lack of criminal charges or convictions," Marquardt stated. The board rejected Guadrón's resolution last August. Guadrón wished to keep the resolution on record by reading it aloud. Afterwards, a rejection rung out from town supervisor Angie Carpenter. The remainder of the meeting was filled with a single chant, "Shame on you," which repeatedly came from the disappointed public attendees of the meeting.

Marquardt finished with one last plea to the board.

"This is not the America I know and love, and I, for one, cannot sit idly by and accept this assault on our democracy and its values," he added. "Please vote to cancel this contract."

The board made no comment. ■

CANDIDATES: Three Democratic congressional hopefuls introduce themselves

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of voters at a forum hosted by Together Long Island at the Sayville Congregational Church on Jan. 31.

In the NY-02 Congressional District, three candidates are running: deputy chair of the Islip Democrats Garrett Petersen, real estate professional Jessica Murphy, and former Suffolk County executive Pat Halpin. The winner of the Democratic primary will likely face incumbent Republican congressman Andrew Garbarino in November.

Heading into February, each campaign is preparing to bolster volunteer, financial, and organizing support as petitioning season starts.

And with the recent deaths of protestors in Minneapolis following increased U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity across the country, the candidates, event organizers, and attendees all said they were energized to publicly and safely advocate for their beliefs.

"People are engaged, people are angry," Petersen said at the event.

A native of Islip Town, Petersen said he's running for office because he isn't sure if his two children can afford to live on Long Island given the current cost-of-living crisis.

"I don't think I could buy my house now- and that's now," Petersen said. "So let's extrapolate that 10 to 15 years from now, when my son's out on his own working a job, how is he going to be able to afford to live here?"

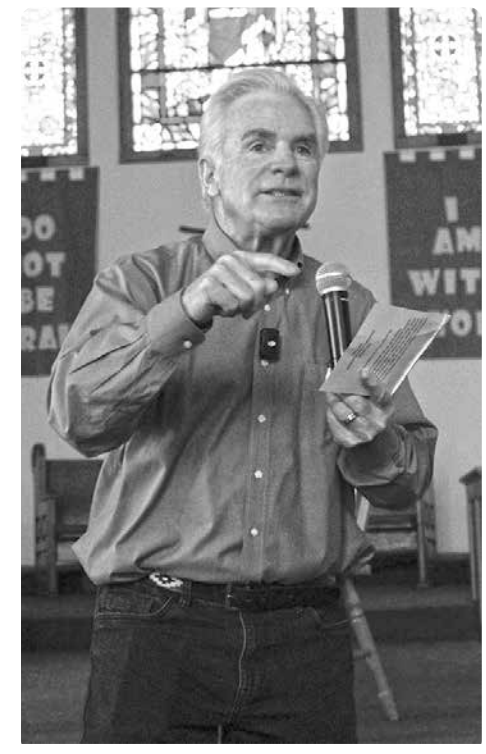
Petersen describes himself as "unapologetically progressive" and says he wants to see policy issues such as universal health care, Medicare for all, and universal childcare placed under the umbrella of a 21st-century "New Deal."



Democratic candidate Garrett Petersen.

Petersen added that if these goals don't materialize if he's elected to Congress, he would at least want to bring back the Affordable Care Act's public option.

Regarding potential ICE reforms and immigration issues, Petersen said that the Department of Homeland Security is not needed, and that sections of the department "that are useful," like the Coast Guard, should stay and that there should be a new "civilian-run" immigration service.



Democratic candidate Pat Halpin.

All photos IB/Patton

"We need to take an objective look at how complicated, how Byzantine our immigration system is, and clear out the dead weight," Petersen said. "If you want to be an American citizen, we should make that happen. We should run a cursory background check, make sure you're up to date on your vaccinations, and then give you a green card. And then if you're still here, and you're still doing all the things you're supposed to do, after a year or two, all right, you want to become a permanent resident, excellent."

"A year or two after that, you're still doing everything you're supposed to do, here's your citizenship. Congratulations," Petersen added.

Petersen's loudly and quickly worded responses prompted applause from many in the crowd throughout his remarks.

Murphy, a real estate professional from Amityville, recently launched her congressional campaign, and said she is running because "we need to get Andrew Garbarino out, and we need a strong candidate who's going to be able to win in November."

Professionally, Murphy is a portfolio manager for a New York-based real estate and management firm, which specializes in "acquiring, developing, and managing multifamily assets."

Pitching herself to the crowd, Murphy said voters have three options of candidates: the organizer in Petersen, the traditional candidate in Halpin, or herself, their third option that isn't either of those.

"I am your fellow neighbor, I'm your friend, I'm your sister, I'm your daughter, and I'm a hardworking New Yorker, just like all of you," Murphy said. "And I'm ready to put in the work that you all really deserve."

Regarding immigration enforcement, Murphy said she supports abolishing ICE because "it has gone too far," and there are no checks and balances for managing the agency, leaving commu-

Budget increases incoming to Suffolk County schools

BY JOE CALIGIURI

The 2026-27 estimated aids for Suffolk County have been released, and with it are several increases to district budgets. They will be compared to the current 2025-2026 budget as to see the increase in spending.

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The Islip School District will attain an increase of $696,351 in their budget, transitioning from $30,600,375 to $31,296,726. Once again, a majority of this spending is going towards universal pre-K, moving from $790,186 to $1,350,000, an increase of $559,814.

East Islip School District will be increasing in budget by $1,173,688, from a budget of $42,454,649 to $43,628,317. Pre-K will see an increase in budget by $826,100, from a total of $963,900 to $1,790,000. BOCES will receive an increase in budget of $207,592, from $2,473,761 to a total of $2,266,169.

Bay Shore School District's budget will rise by $5,218,151, from $81,047,681 to $86,265,832. The high cost excess cost will see a decrease of $918,747, from $1,406,835 to an amount of $488,088. The increase in budget can largely be attributed to the increase in foundational budget.

West Islip School District will see an increase of $1,945,100, transitioning from $36,397,828 to $38,342,928 for the 2026-27 budget. The universal pre-K budget will see an increase of $1,279,800, from $1,150,200 to $2,430,000. BOCES will rise by $279,260, from $1,250,949 to $1,530,209. The Building and Building Reorganization Incentive will decrease by $295,584, from $3,379,093 to a total of $3,083,509.

Central Islip School District will have their budget increased by $4,044,043, from a total of $210,278,470 to $214,322,513. Universal pre-K will have an increase of $1,031,774, from $4,511,501 to a total of $5,543,275. BOCES will also see an increase of $697,063, from $4,299,970 to $4,997,033. High cost excess cost will drop by $562,818, from $6,376,456 to $5,813,638. The increased Foundational Budget reflects the additional rise in budget. ■

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Alfano Elementary School students celebrated for perfect attendance

The entire student body of Alfano Elementary School gathered in the gymnasium on Feb. 3 to celebrate perfect attendance achievements of several students.

Mrs. Carmen Vazquez and Mrs. Jasmin Dengeles, principal and assistant principal, spoke about the importance of coming to school and making sure students are always ready to learn.

Each student who achieved perfect attendance in the first trimester were given a certificate and special pencil to commemorate the recognition.

Mrs. Jasmin Dengeles and Mrs. Carmen Vazquez pose with a student during the perfect attendance assembly.

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East Islip High School wrestling team captures second at county championship



East Islip High School's league champion varsity boys wrestling team finished second overall at the Suffolk County Dual Meet Championship Tournament.

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East Islip High School's varsity boys wrestling team—undefeated League IV champions during the regular season—finished second overall at the Suffolk County Dual Meet Championship Tournament, held Jan. 24 at Bay Shore High School.

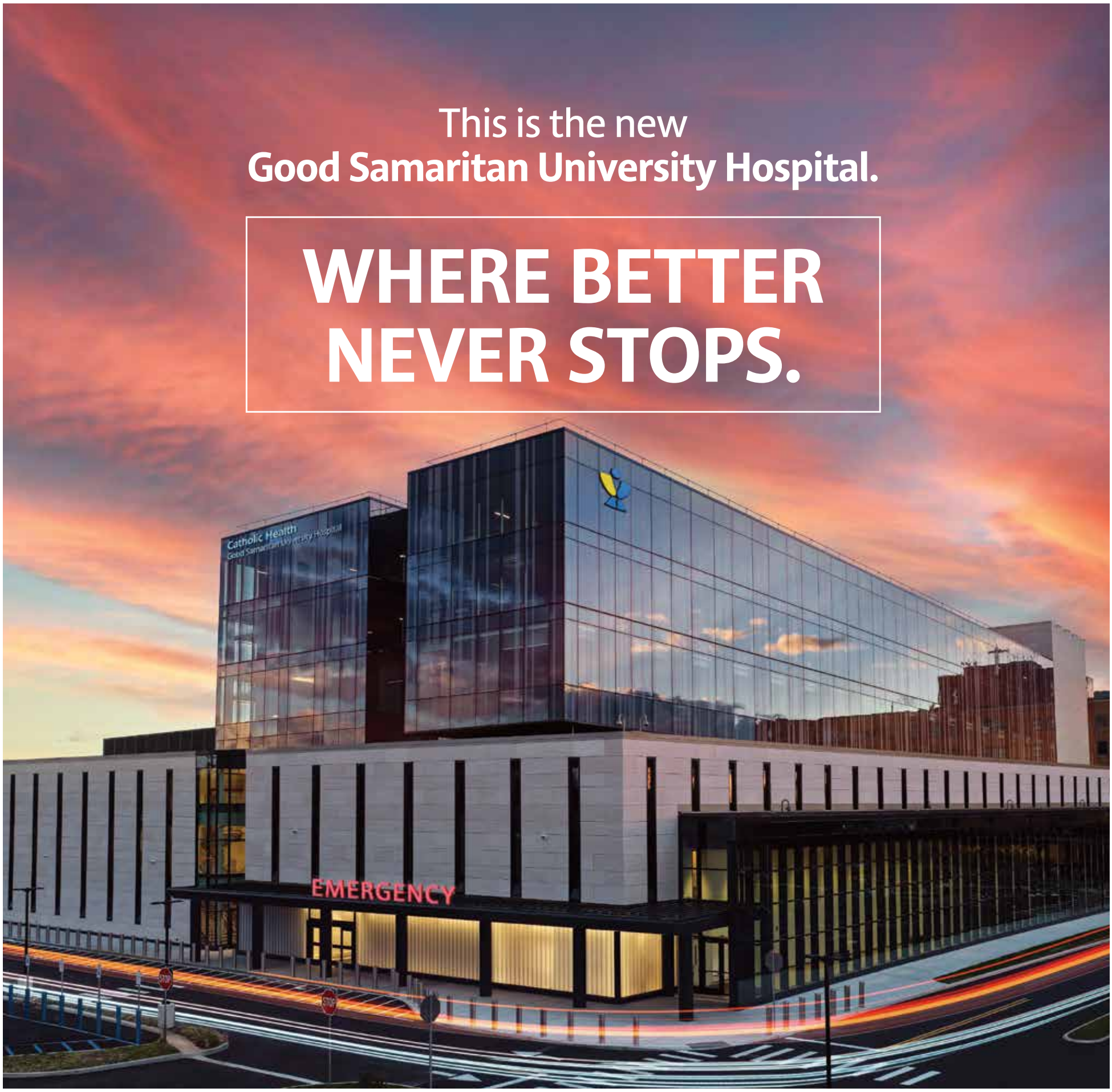
East Islip entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed, and hosted the first two rounds. The team opened with an impressive quarterfinal victory over a tough Rocky Point squad, followed by a huge semifinal win against third-seeded Bellport. In the finals, East Islip went head-to-head with No. 1 seed Sachem North in an intense, hard-fought battle, ultimately falling 34–29 in a match that came down to the final bout.

In team highlights, seniors Matt D'Amico, Rocco Destefano and Christian Horeis, junior Ty Strychalsky and eighth grader Jace Rooney all went undefeated. Seniors Brian Csoban and Noah Hodge, junior Gryffin Alfalla, sophomore Rayan Shehu and eighth grader Jake Kiernan all contributed pivotal wins that played a key role in the team's success.

"It was an incredible run, tremendous effort and a season the program can be extremely proud of," coach Mike Longobardi said.

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THE ISLIP BULLETIN SPORTS

Islip secures eighth-straight playoff berth

BY TONY BELLISSIMO

Islip won't be entering its eighth consecutive appearance in the Suffolk girls basketball playoffs with each of the five starters it returned from last season, but head coach Collin Smith believes the Buccaneers can be plenty dangerous in the Class AA bracket.

Senior forward Rylee Moran scored 20 points and senior point guard Abbey Dieumegard added 18 as Islip clinched a playoff berth last Saturday with a 54-38 home victory over Comsewogue.

"It's always nice to clinch a playoff spot," Smith said. "We had a little letdown against West Islip, but we bounced back. Those games happen and you've got to move on."

Junior Grace Ryan added 6 points and senior Reese Wallace 5 as Smith's squad improved to 8-5 in League IV and 11-5 overall. Wallace, as usual, Smith said, was instrumental in the defensive effort as well, holding Comsewogue standout Jayla Callendar to single digits (7) for the second time this season. She averages 17 points per game.

"Reese takes pride in defense and what she does defensively for us sparks what we do offensively," Smith said of Wallace, who held Callendar to 9 points in the first meeting—a 51-37 win that changed the course of Islip's season as senior Teagen Rao suffered an injury that will sideline her for the duration of the campaign.

"Teagen finished that game, but we found out a few days later she's going to miss the rest of the season," Smith said. "It's devastating. She's such a great kid."



Senior Reese Wallace, center, is a shutdown defender for the Buccaneers, who enter the final week of the regular season 11-5. IB/Bellissimo

Ryan moved into the starting lineup and has played well, the coach noted. The Buccaneers were also without junior center Cali Addeo for a few weeks. She returned to play a handful of minutes last Saturday.

"We've taken on much more of a defensive mindset," Smith said. "Rylee and Abbey have stepped up big time offensively. They've been scoring consistently."

Moran is averaging 15.5 ppg and has hit 40 threes. Dieumegard is averaging 12.5 ppg and has 29 threes.

Contributing off the bench are seniors Tessa Smith and Danna Montano-Zhuno, and juniors Jane Tierney and Hailey Alvarez. Smith had 8 points, Montano-Zhuno 6 and Tierney 5 in a 57-37 win over Amityville on Jan. 27.

The Buccaneers are new to Class AA, where Westhampton is aiming for a third-straight county championship. Westhampton edged Islip, 55-50, on Jan. 14, thanks in large part to a big first quarter.

"Playing Westhampton and Hauppauge as tough as we did were some huge confidence builders," Smith said. "The girls are seeing they can compete with these top AA teams."

Last season, the Buccaneers reached the Class A title game, falling to Mount Sinai.

Smith believes Islip can finish anywhere between the No. 6 and No. 9 seed, based on results over the final week of the regular season. Westhampton and Northport are the likeliest top two. ■

Local cheerleader to perform at the Super Bowl

Haley Schmich is in her third season with the New England Patriots

BY JORDAN STANKOVICH

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Haley Schmich, Eastport native and 2017 Eastport-South Manor alumnus, is in her third season as a New England Patriots cheerleader—her first season as a captain—and will be cheering in Super Bowl LX.

IB: What has it felt like to hold the honor representing the Patriots cheer team as a captain?

HS: Being selected as captain, it is not something that I took lightly. The way our team selects captains for the season is, the season prior you write a letter to our coach and explain your qualifications, the meaning of it to you, how you feel you would do in the role, and how you might be a good choice. I wrote a letter both years I was on the team because I knew leadership was something I one day wanted to work towards, but receiving the news this year that it actually happened was exciting and mind-blowing and really a dream come true. As a captain, we are able to help teach routines and get guidance to the rookies and anyone else on the team who may need it and for myself, my rookie season the captains were people who I so heavily relied on to improve and be better, and feel like I belonged on this team, so to think that I get to do that and step into those shoes this year was something that I could not wait for and of course, the season just keeps going and even more time with them!



Photos by Dwight Darian

IB: Talk about your third season with the Patriots.

HS: This season has been unlike the first two I experienced. The word that our team keeps using has kind of been iconic for so many reasons. The team's energy and the way all of us support each other has always been there, but this year, especially with the Patriots having their amazing record and things like that. We've really kind of gone with their energy and sort of hyped each other up throughout the season with that same exact, like, go get them attitude. In my third season, so much has happened. I was given the role of captain, we traveled to Cancun for a calendar shoot, and I found out I was on the cover this year. So, there's been so many things that I

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CHEERLEADER: Haley Schmich to perform at Super Bowl

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never could have imagined could be happening, and of course, in the gameday atmosphere, having new coaching staff and Mike Vrabel doing what he's doing in his first year coaching, it's completely changed the gameday atmosphere, too. Everyone keeps saying it feels like 10 years ago, but it isn't even 10 years ago, it's just today—that's just the energy in Gillette Stadium. Our fans have always been, in my opinion, the best fanbase in the NFL; there's just nothing like Boston sports, but you can really feel it now. It's so electric when you're in there and you know the guys are going to go on the road and they're going to do what they have to do and come home and keep pushing.

IB: So, the Patriots were 4-13 for two straight seasons and now they're on their way to the Super Bowl. How would you say the organization, the fan base, and everyone reacted to this automatic return to glory? It certainly blindsided a lot of people.

HS: Yeah! A lot of people thought it would take the Patriots a little longer to work on this rebuild and I think everyone has promptly been proven wrong. They are really doing things I don't know people expected them to do and it has been so exciting to watch. We're very thankful to be a part of it, and interacting with Patriots fans has always been one of my favorite parts of the job, and now it's just even better because they are just so excited. You can't help but feed into their energy, and that goes both internally and externally, from fans to internal coaching staff and everyone who we get to work with and interact with on a gameday or at events is just so beyond excited for the team.

IB: The entire day of the Super Bowl, talk about your preparation.

HS: So, it'll be 3:30 our time in California. From what our understanding is, we don't have much of an outline as far as the game or where we'll be preparing and practice, but normally before a gameday we run through our routine and get it full out ,so we're hoping to do that, but not definite. We usually run the routine as a full squad, walk through our player intros, things like that, take time to get ready together, visualize everything that's going to happen that day and take time together as a team, get grounded. We have also this unity circle that we do before every single game and that will definitely be happening, regardless of where we are or what practice space is available.

IB: Next Sunday, it's the most important sporting event in the world. How happy and excited are you? This will be the experience of a lifetime that very few get to partake in.

HS: It is absolutely the experience of a lifetime. I've really been trying to take this week and prepare mentally and physically as best I can because emotionally, it is the most I have felt probably in my life. You just never can imagine that something of this caliber can happen to you and once it does and you're in it and it's just go, go, go, I'm trying to really take the moments to slow down and be very thankful for it. And then a season like this happens and it just keeps getting better. This team continually gives me more than I feel I can give to it; it's so rewarding and it has been probably one of the happiest weeks of my life. ■



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EDITORIAL

We need real traffic solutions for the tri-hamlet area

Traffic in the tri-hamlet—Mastic, Shirley, and Mastic Beach continues to be one of the biggest quality of life issues facing the area.

The reality is traffic conditions have only worsened, the population dynamics have changed, and infrastructure projects need to be implemented.

Currently, between the exit for William Floyd Parkway and Moriches-Middle Island Road, there is a three-mile gap. There was a plan for a new exit, 58A, at (Barnes Road). The project would have brought the distance to 1.5 miles, which is more common for Long Island. The project was entirely state funded under then- Assemblyman Fred Thiele. Unfortunately, it was shelved after vocal opposition from nearby residents—classic NIMBYism—despite clear regional benefits. The funding was reallocated, and the project quietly died.

Since then, the need for it has only increased.

According to local Legislator Jim Mazzarella, the most significant change is not a marked increase in development, but rather household density. Many single-family homes now house eight or more people, with four, five, even six vehicles parked at one address at any given time. This is not speculation; it is visible regularly on local most local streets.

Much of the traffic congestion can be related to the overcrowded conditions and the volume of cars that local roads were never designed to handle. It is simple, a neighborhood planned for a family of four cannot absorb the traffic impact of two or three families living under one roof.

To its credit, the Town of Brookhaven along with Suffolk County has begun addressing part of the root problem. New county legislation now requires homes receiving DSS funding to allow municipal inspections. If a property is found to be overcrowded or in violation of local code, funding can be cut off. This is about safety of our residents, not punishment. As a result, reducing overcrowding improves quality of life and, yes, helps reduce traffic pressure.

Still, enforcement alone will not solve a transportation crisis.

Anyone who drives through the area during rush hour knows the bottleneck: vehicles exiting Sunrise Highway at Exit 58 back up onto the highway itself, creating dangerous and chronic congestion. The area between Sunrise Highway, the rail crossing, and Surrey Circle is especially severe.

We commend the county's newly funded $600,000 feasibility study that promises to focus on improving capacity, safety, and traffic flow along William Floyd Parkway. One promising concept of the plan would create an alternate exit route off Sunrise Highway near the Gala Fresh site, utilizing existing service roads behind the shopping center and connecting to Camp Upton Road. This would allow traffic to disperse in multiple directions on Montauk Highway, rather than funneling everyone into the same overloaded intersection.

Recently, Legis. Jim Mazzarella, working with Suffolk County Department of Public Works, has implemented minor traffic calming changes to help in the meantime. We are already seeing some success with the reconfigured turn lanes, improved signal timing, and restricted movements that keep traffic flowing at Montauk Highway and Mastic Boulevard near the Dunkin.

The changes were not massive but made a measurable difference.

He has also begun working with the county transit to expand student discounts for students commuting to and from Suffolk County Community College and Stony Brook University to enhance services and routes. Also, it would incentivize public transportation, further helping traffic.

According to Mazzarella, locals have argued for a full overpass or underpass at the rail crossing. But the reality is that such a project would exceed $100 million, require shutting down a major crossing for a year, and face serious engineering challenges due to the area's high-water table.

What is feasible is continuing to pursue incremental solutions: new exits, better traffic distribution, smarter signal management, and most importantly, renewed pressure on the State to reconsider additional at-grade rail crossings.

Traffic in the tri-hamlet area is not going away on its own. It will require cooperation between the town, county, and state as well as the residents' support in doing so.

It is our hope that the feasibility study will be completed within the year, and we will be seeing real solutions within two. We appreciate the efforts of Legislator Mazzarella and are looking forward to the work he continues to do. However, it is clear that New York State and our state officials need to step up.

LETTERS

Peaceful protesters murdered in Minneapolis

With the rule of law being ignored by the Justice Department, masked paramilitary goons free to knock down doors without a judicial warrant, and "complete" immunity for these murdering goons, we are now living in an authoritarian state. The fuel for this autocratic takeover was all of the silence and inaction when elected officials and citizens refused to speak up or quietly take action to protect their country, community, neighbor, and friend.

Do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is being shed. From Leviticus 19:16.

-Phyllis Hartmann
Bellport

CANDIDATES: Voters make first impression

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nities in danger.

Regarding the economy and affordability crisis, Murphy said she would draw on her housing experience if elected to Congress, noting that her company has created "large developments" with mixed-use, affordable, and workforce housing.

Murphy also said she'd work to bring federal funding to improve infrastructure, such as sewer and water systems, alongside building these developments. She also added that she would like to cap utility rates and look into regulations for overcharging.

The final candidate to speak was former Suffolk County executive Halpin, who hasn't been in elected office since 1991. After leaving the executive position, Halpin has worked on the Suffolk County Water Authority board, serving as its chair in the late 2010s.

Getting onstage, Halpin denounced the shooting of Renee Nicole Good in Minneapolis, the passage of the "Big Beautiful Bill," which Halpin called "That big, ugly, nasty, horrific bill," and called congressman Garbarino the "biggest do-nothing, say-nothing."

Halpin also said Garbarino should have held an emergency hearing in his position as the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee regarding immigration enforcement, but that the shooting of Good "would not happen here in Suffolk County or Nassau County or the NYPD, because our cops are well trained."

Halpin added that police on Long Island and New York City "weren't being hired off the streets, including a $50,000 bonus."

Halpin also denounced the shooting of Alex Pretti in Minneapolis, saying that he was exercising his First and Second Amendment rights.

"And he was licensed to carry that gun. Instead, two people put 10 bullets in him," Halpin said.

An audience member then shouted from the back, "What does this have to do with you running for [Congress?]"

Halpin responded, saying he wants to hold Donald Trump accountable, "get rid of the cruelty," and "fix the damage" from the Big, Beautiful, Bill. On health care, Halpin said he supports Medicare for all and protecting access to abortion.

"We spend more on health care here in America than any industrialized nation in the world, and we're getting ripped off," Halpin said.

When asked his thoughts on gender-affirming care, Halpin asked, "What does that mean?"

Gender-affirming care is a patient-centered approach to health care for transgender and nonbinary people.

"There's only one sex that can have a baby; I'm kind of a traditionalist," Halpin said. "But you know what, I'm all about love… I've always loved and respected everybody."

Among members of the standing-room-only crowd were voters who often volunteer, some of whom were eager to learn about each candidate before potentially working with them.

Robert Banks, an attendee from Amityville, said he felt younger candidates might be able to drive traditionally low-turnout youth vote to swing the race.

"I'm impressed with all three of them," Banks said. "I think the younger candidates probably are going to be more electable in November in this district… It's all about getting our voice out there, being heard, and us getting the vote out." ■

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Valentine Aromatherapy – Create a heart-warming and healthy scent roller and essential oil spray at East Islip Library, 5 p.m. OR 7 p.m. Register online or call 631-581-9200.

Hometown Histories – This month's Hometown Histories at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library features "Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution or Remember Liss: The Remarkable True Story of One Woman's Enslavement and Freedom in New York" by Claire Bellerjeau and Tiffany Yecke Brooks, 6 p.m. Author Claire Bellerjeau will be present to discuss Liss. Group meets monthly to read and discuss fiction and non-fiction books written by local Long Island authors. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Exploring African-American Ancestry – Get a glimpse into the nuances of African-American genealogy research and the impact slavery had on the creation of historical records at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, 6:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Monday, February 9

Cooking Demo – Join Chef Rob at East Islip Library to learn how to make Extra Sharp Cheddar & Broccoli Soup and for dessert, a brownie in a mug, 6:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-581-9200.

Tuesday, February 10

Bring Your Own Teen – Parent and teen class at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library will start off with gentle movement and then get creative by designing gemstone yoga and chakra bracelets, 6-7:30 p.m. Register both teen and parent online or call 631-665-4350.

Refresher Computer Course – Both old and new computer users can revisit the fundamentals of modern computer usage at East Islip Library, including essential functions and shortcuts, and get any questions answered, 3 p.m. Register online or call 631-581-9200.

Fireside Book Discussion – The Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library book group will meet to talk about "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray, 2 p.m. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Fire Island UFSD – The Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the lunchroom of the Woodhull School. Call 631-583-5626 for more information.

Wednesday, February 11

Galentine's Craft Party – Get crafty with your gal pals at Islip Arts Council, South Shore Mall (next to Dick's Sporting Goods), 6-8 p.m. Decorate a vintage-inspired heart-shaped box while sipping on wine and enjoying treats. Fee: $30 includes all supplies and wine. To register, visit www.isliparts.org or call 631-888-3525.

Cooking Demo – Join Chef Brian Adwar at East Islip Library for a demonstration on how to make Mediterranean Chicken, 6:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-581-9200.

Valentine's Day Boutique – Shop vendors at Islip Arts Council's holiday shopping event, South Shore Mall, Bay Shore (next to Dick's Sporting Goods), 4-8 p.m. Visit www.isliparts.org or call 631-888-3525.

Thursday, February 12

Islip Library – The library's Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting in the Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. Call 631-581-5933.

Of Note ...

Speakeasy Soiree – Islip Arts Council's fundraiser on Feb. 27 is a one-night peek show at "Tastefully Risque: The Art of Suggestion," at the gallery, 1701 Sunrise Hwy., Bay Shore, 7 p.m. Dress in 1920s attire and enjoy signature beverages, live performances, and auction of exclusive art. Tickets are $75 and can be purchase online at www.isliparts.org. Call 631-888-3525.

Music Lovers Club – Enjoy a FREE musical performance on the last Monday of every month, September through April, in the Meeting Room of the United Methodist Church, 350 Main Street, Islip, 1 p.m. Performances are followed by a social gathering and refreshments. The club sponsors scholarships for musically talented high school seniors. For more details, call Donald Warner at 516-993-9032.

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62 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 1964

The Central Islip Jewish Center announced their installation of officers as follows: Hyman Kaplan, president; **Irving Levine**, vice president; **Leo Levine**, treasurer; **Shirley Kaplan**, financial secretary; **Yolanda Bobish**, corresponding secretary; and **Irene Feinman**, recording secretary.

Walter Antiou, of East Islip, was appointed a sales representative of All-State Insurance Companies assigned to the Bay Shore office.

The East Islip Anglers and Boating Association held its annual dinner-dance at Robbins Hall, where a plaque was presented to **Joseph Bubla** for "outstanding and faithful service to many, many years" as recording secretary.

East Islip High School's **Deirdre Schupack** was accepted by the University of Buffalo Eastman School of Music for the special Summer Semester for her talents as a harpist.

East Islip High School students **Ned Levine, Bill James** and **Alan Rogoff** competed against Brooklyn Prep in the NBC academic competition "Its Academic."

Villa Contento, in Central Islip, is the originator of the Dagwood Pizza, an oversized specialty pizza pie that is a favorite among locals.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connell, of Central Islip, announced the engagement of their daughter, **Patricia Marie**, to **Ronald Clarke Lathrope**, of New Milford. Conn. Ms. O'Connell is a junior at Harlem Valley State Hospital School of Nursing and Mr. Lathrope is employed at Data Control Systems.

Al Rothwell flew home to Manhattan Boulevard, Islip Terrace, from the Pacific Islands, where he is stationed with AEC, for a two-week visit with his family.

Newly elected officers of the Ladies' Harmony Singing Society of Islip Terrace are **Mrs. Emil Lemp**, president; **Mrs. Karl Herlemann**, vice president; **Mrs. Jack Romeyk**, treasurer; **Mrs. Alfred Wolf**, financial secretary; and **Ms. RoseMarie Cerkaski**, corresponding secretary.

Islip Town's campaign on behalf of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is being led by **Mrs. Robert Gregory** of East Islip and **Mrs. Gene Feuerstein** of Bay Shore.

The Board of Trustees of the Bay Shore Public Library announced that **Mrs. Eva Marie Sanders**, of Bay Shore, and **Vincent Rowan**, of Brightwaters, are new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Souhrada, of Islip Terrace, announced the engagement of their daughter, **Diane**, to **Paul Tuma**, also of East Islip. Ms. Souhrada and Mr. Tuma are both graduates of East Islip High School.

The two Catholic Charities' psychiatric clinics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre added two consulting psychiatrists to their staff. They are **Dr. Michael R. Wilkins** of Central Islip and **Dr. Dorothy Loynes** of Islip.

West Islip residents Airman **William J. McGarvey III** and Airman **Neal R. Sargent** were both selected to attend technical training courses at Amarillo AFB, Texas.

Airman **Harold J. Traxis**, of Bay Shore, was reassigned to Duluth Municipal Airport, Minn., following his graduation from the technical training course for United States Air Force personnel specialists at Greenville AFBE, Miss.

Playing this week at **The Central Islip Theatre**: Ian Hendry and Alan Badel in "Children of the Damned."

25 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 2001

Tyana Chang of Bay Shore, **Kelly Hughes** and **Jennifer Scharft** of Brightwaters, **Lauren Gallo** of Islip, **Heather Ball**, **Jennifer Ball** and **Roy Gilchrist Jr.**, of West Islip, were named to the dean's list at the University of Hartford.

Amy King and **Kimberly Lanigan** of East Islip, and **William Parker** of Brightwaters were named to the dean's list at the University of Scranton.

Rosalia Sansone of Bay Shore, **Stephanie Bologna** of Islip, **Joseph DeBatt** and Traci Pastoressa of West Islip are all recent graduates of SUNY Oneonta.

Workers were able to extinguish the blaze when a fire broke out at Entenmanns's Bakery on 5th Avenue, Bay Shore, according to company spokesperson Steve Milton. The fire occurred in one of the 120-foot industrial ovens in the factory while it was baking pies.



February 1964: The Central Islip Board of Education signaled the start of construction of the new Franics J. O'Neill Elementary School with a ground-breaking at the site. Pictured left to right are C. White of the architectural firm handling the project; Charles A. Mulligan, president of the board of education; and Fred W. Shertenlieb, supervising principal of the Central Islip schools.

Among the officials who attended Bay Shore School District's annual Summit were chamber of commerce president Donna Periconi. Residents included Glenn and Marge Fricano of Islip and Rebecka Russo of Brightwaters.

Wake Forest College student and Islip resident Joshua Munz spent his Christmas volunteering in Calcutta, India, as part of the City of Joy Scholars Program. Among the places Munz visited were Prem Dram, a home for the disabled run by the Sisters of Charity, and Kalighat, a refuge for the poor.

Suffolk County Legis. Angie Carpenter (West Islip) was named chairperson of the Suffolk County Legislature's Public Safety Committee.

West Islip lawyer Paul Aniboli is pursuing his dream of becoming a builder by constructing an upscale senior housing facility through his new company based in West Bay Shore, Ramco Development.

East Islip junior bowler Jess Figueroa shot an 822 series, the highest ever recorded on Long Island for a female in a high school match in a tournament in Middle Country.

Islip High School's matmen defeated Sayville with an impressive 8-1 victory under the leadership of coaches Joe Patrovich and Gary Pesko.

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

Emily Finn Foundation launches with local fundraisers

Organization to raise mental health and youth violence awareness

BY CONNOR PATTON

Two months after the death of 18-year-old Emily Finn, friends and family of the West Sayville teen have their eyes and hearts set toward action and awareness in their fallen "angel's" memory.

Suffolk County police said Finn was shot and killed on Nov. 26 by her former boyfriend at his home.

Family members recently formed the Emily Finn Foundation to raise awareness for issues impacting young people, including mental health, along with gun and domestic violence.

"It really was born on its own every because of all the outpouring [of support from] the community," said Cliantha Miller-Finn, Emily Finn's mother.

Miller-Finn added that local organizations and concerned residents have been reaching out to her family over the past two months, offering any support they can, which has helped the Finn family create the Emily Finn Foundation.

Still in its planning stages, the Finn family and friends have already hosted two local fundraisers to help raise money to launch the foundation in the young West Sayville dancer's name, with the most recent being a karaoke benefit at the restaurant, Metros on Main.

Restaurant manager Teri Vaughan came up with the fundraiser idea after Miller-Finn attended karaoke night at Metros on Main Street the week prior, the first time since her daughter's death last November.

A year ago, Finn hosted a karaoke fundraiser of her own with her dance studio, the American Ballet Studio in Bayport, after seeing her mom perform at karaoke nights.



Emily Finn Foundation to support young people's needs.

Courtesy photo

"She was the MC and her and her friends and all the kids from 6 years old on were just totally into it," Miller-Finn recalled. "It was a successful fundraiser… [and] when they offered to do this at Metros, I thought, 'Oh, perfect! That's Emily talking to me.'"

Family and friends, including brother Kyle and father Ryan, packed Metros on Main Friday night to celebrate Finn's life through music and camaraderie, just as Finn lived her life, her family said.

Amid the smiles, laughter, and singing filling the air, a portrait of Finn taped to the front window smiled down on all the guests, as taking part in the festivities herself, and a reminder that her spirit hasn't left those closest to her.

Money raised at the karaoke night, and a previous event organized by close friend and dance partner, Maya Truglio, at Courtside Sport & Social in Babylon, are going toward the Emily Finn Foundation's first initiative: multiple scholarships to students pursuing Finn's interests, from dance to early childhood education.

Miller-Finn said her family is working to create scholarships for her dance school in Bayport and for students across different grade levels in the Sayville School District, BOCES, Girl Scouts, and SUNY Oneonta, where she attended

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The Gateway's 'The Rat Pack is Back'



"The Rat Pack is Back" stars (left to right) Kyle Diamond as Sammy Davis Jr., Chris Jason as Sinatra and Johnny Edwards as Dean Martin. The show is playing at The Gateway to Feb. 15.

Photo by Jeff Bellante

BY LINDA LEUZZI

When Chris Jason as Sinatra steps out on the Gateway stage singing "Luck Be a Lady," snapping fingers, thrusting out the song like a happy gambler on a roll, you know you're in for a good time.

Jason as Sinatra was one of three men expressing the brio, confidence, humor and talent of the original iconic performers in the 1960s Friday night in "The Rat Pack is Back," along with Johnny Edwards as Dean Martin and Kyle Diamond as Sammy Davis Jr. Their performances brought back the vibrant, fun Las Vegas shows they were known for. With an awesome seven-piece band onstage paying homage to many Nelson Riddle and Don Costa-arranged songs, they charmed and energized an almost full-house attendance on a frigid night, a real tribute to The Gateway and the show.

Projections of Vegas hotels, show girls, blackjack tables and notables of the era, like Judy Garland and Marilyn Monroe at the onset, gave the show a glam feel. After his opening song, Jason continued with "Fly Me to the Moon." Jason, who has studied Sinatra's music for over 20 years, gets his meticulous phrasing and passionate delivery. Sinatra was also known to praise his musicians; Jason did that, too.

Then, Johnny Edwards as Dino comes out. The charm of this production, besides the singing, dancing and music, is the bantering; Edwards gets Martin's relaxed, rakish humor, holding a fake drink (Martin's implied drinking was a

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college.

The Youth Peace and Justice Foundation, formerly The Uvalde Foundation For Kids, is also launching the Emily Finn National Scholarship Fund, a three-year $24,000 scholarship for aspiring dancers.

Once off the ground, the Emily Finn Foundation aims to raise awareness for youth mental health and domestic and gun violence by directly reaching out to teenagers and their families, Miller-Finn said.

"Emily was going to be a teacher. And I'm telling you, she is just guiding me and teaching me every step of the way," Miller-Finn said. "This all landed in our lap. We didn't go out looking for anything. And that is what is so evident to me, that she's saying, 'You need to do something about this.'"

Some goals Miller-Finn hopes to focus on include learning the signs of unhealthy or toxic situations and having a place for young people in crisis to go and express their discomfort before situations escalate, without having to get the police involved. The Emily Finn Foundation will also work with the Gabby Petito Foundation in Blue Point to speak directly with kids in schools about these issues.

Along with providing direct support for those in mental health or domestic violence crises, Miller-Finn also wants to raise awareness for youth gun violence, such as making sure those who are showing signs of mental health breakdowns don't have easy access to a gun.

"I know she's going to make a difference in this world, in a very large way," Miller-Finn said. ■





Teen accused of killing Emily Finn committed to mental health facility

Austin Lynch was deemed 'incapacitated,' not fit to stand trial

BY CONNOR PATTON

The Nesconset teen, who police allege murdered former girlfriend, West Sayville 18-year-old Emily Finn, was committed to a state mental health facility during a court appearance on Jan. 30.

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Austin Lynch, the Nesconset teen who turned 18 the day after Suffolk County police allege he shot and killed Finn before shooting himself, was ordered by Suffolk County Court to be committed to a state mental health facility due to being deemed an "incapacitated" person who does not stand fit to face trial and does not fully understand the charges against him.

Now committed to a mental health facility, Judge Anthony Senft said Lynch's status will be reviewed in one year. Prosecutors say Lynch can return sooner if he is no longer deemed incapacitated.

Lynch is charged with second-degree murder for the alleged killing of Finn inside his home on Nov. 26 and faces up to life in prison if found guilty.

"It's just frustrating for everybody," said Cliantha Miller-Finn, Emily Finn's mother, after the court appearance.

Miller-Finn said the Suffolk County District Attorney's office informed her that following mental health evaluations, Lynch showed signs of amnesia and did not appear to remember who Finn was.

"The issue is whether or not he can be fit for trial and participate in his own defense, because he's not right now remembering or understanding anything from the point of the incident on," Miller-Finn said.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office was unable to comment on whether Lynch showed signs of amnesia.

Miller-Finn joined with family and friends, including Ryan Finn, Emily Finn's father, in the courtroom on Jan. 30. The Finn family held portraits of Emily as Lynch entered the courtroom, in an attempt to jog his memory of her, but he looked away during his few-minute-long appearance.

According to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, Lynch allegedly shot and killed Finn before turning the gun on himself inside his Nesconset home the morning before Thanksgiving. The DA's office said Lynch's parents were in their backyard, with his father calling 911 for help.

Bleeding profusely from his face, Lynch received medical treatment at Stony Brook University Hospital before being arraigned on murder charges on Dec. 4, the DA's office said.

During a Dec. 10 court appearance under Judge Senft, Lynch was ordered to receive mental health evaluations, with later conferences rescheduled ahead of the Jan. 30 appearance and commitment announcement.



Austin Lynch, 18, of Nesconset, who Suffolk County police allege killed Emily Finn, of West Sayville, was committed to a mental health facility. Photo courtesy of Dennis A. Clark

The DA's office said Finn broke up with Lynch two weeks before last Thanksgiving after dating for three years, with Lynch becoming "obsessive" and "calling and texting Finn non-stop," despite Finn attending her freshman year of college at SUNY Oneonta, and Lynch staying at home.

Finn then allegedly ignored Lynch's calls and blocked his phone number. After this, the DA's office said Lynch called Finn from a family member's phone and "barraged her with social media messages," and that witnesses allege that Lynch was angry and upset, and voiced "multiple times a desire to kill himself."

Defense attorney William Wexler did not respond to a request for comment.

"This is a tragic case," said district attorney Ray Tierney shortly after the alleged killing. "Emily Finn should still be alive and back at college. Instead, the defendant allegedly robbed her of that experience and her future." ■

RAT PACK: Baby, it's cold but smokin' at Gateway's 'The Rat Pack is Back'

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schtick) wielding the microphone as a blessing at times. "Hey, let's go back and get a pizza," he throws out as a lead in, then gets the audience to sing "That's Amore." (As in, "When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie…")

Edwards lets it rip with one of my favorite songs, "Ain't That a Kick in the Head," a swing number arrangement with a crescendo big-band sound about a guy who's happy he's getting married. (Imagine that!)

Diamond as Sammy Davis Jr. enters the trio in a gorgeous electric-blue jacket. Davis was a sharp dresser, and Diamond's costumes are wowwee. But his energy and phrasing personifies Davis's. Also, his flexible, limber footwork. "Mr. Bojangles," about a traveling homeless man who relates the story in jail about a sad episode, then lightens the mood with a tap dance, is beautiful and poignant. "The Candy Man," Davis's massive 1972 No. 1 hit song, is joyous, and Diamond got the audience to clap along. He popped into the aisles and shook some hands. The band really smoked with Diamond's "I've Got a Lot of Living to Do."

Long-married couples were celebrated, dialogue with front-row seat patrons went back and forth, a playful passing out of "The Rat Pack is Back" T-shirts and caps—this was no boring night.

These three stars have impressive backgrounds. Among other appearances, Jason's includes singing with acclaimed conductor Boris Brott and the National Academy Orchestra of Canada. Diamond comes from a musical family and co-founded a Cleveland-area band, The Pacesetters, as a teen, and has been a Rat Pack principal star for over 20 years. Edwards has portrayed Elvis, Roy Orbison, and Sir Elton John in Vegas for years and played Dean Martin in The Gateway's "The Rat Pack is Back," in 2012.

Calli Jack as Barbie is a beautiful New York City-based dancer, included in this version. She's performed in Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel & Casino in "Motown Forever" and Vegas shows.

There are over 20 wonderful songs here, including Sinatra's "My Way," which Jason sings reflectively and emotionally; the fabulous "Come Fly With Me," and "You Make Me Feel So Young." The trio ended with "Bellport is My Kind of Town," a takeoff of "Chicago (My Kind of Town)."The original act emerged in the 1960s when Sinatra, Martin and Davis Jr. were filming "Ocean's Eleven" and decided to moonlight in a nightclub act at the famous Sands Hotel. Dick Feeney started this production in Vegas in 1999; it's still going strong.

Now for holy mackerel, the sit-up-and-take-notice band. Gateway executive artistic director Paul Allan said the seven musicians, led by conductor, composer, pianist and musical director Brian Sweeney, are "all Long Island musicians, the best of the best. Lon Bronson, their musical director, came out and stayed with the show the first week. He really turned these guys into an amazing band." Mitch Kamen plays woodwinds, Ron Fox and Steve Henry each play trumpet, Elias Assimakopoulos plays trombone, Frank Hansen is on bass, and Ellis Holmes plays drums.

Good music spans generations. The audience was a mix of ages; young and mature crowded around the stars after in the lobby for selfies. And everyone got a warm "thank you for coming," for the ride home.

"The Rat Pack is Back" is playing through Feb. 15.

For tickets, click on www.thegateway.org, or call Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at 631-286-1133. ■

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NOTICE OF SALE
Supreme Court County of Suffolk
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff
AGAINST
Matthew Lamberti a/k/a Matthew A. Lamberti a/k/a Matthew Anthony Lamberti, et al, Defendant
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 21, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on February 12, 2026 at 3:00 PM premises known as 24 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, NY 11769. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Suffolk, State of New York, SECTION: 379.00, BLOCK: 01.00, LOT: 008.000; District 0500. Approximate amount of judgment is $446,205.63 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 626858/2023. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.
Robert Fuchs, Referee
FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP
53 Gibson Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706
IB, 20264010, 1/15, 22, 29 - 2/5 I

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR4,
-against-
CARMEN MORALES, 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 January 30, 2019, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR4 is the Plaintiff and CARMEN MORALES, 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 13, 2026 at 4:00PM, premises known as 23 JUNIPER STREET, CENTRAL ISLIP, NY 11722; and the following tax map identification: 0500-142.00-02.00-083.000.
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OR PARCEL OF LAND, 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.: 604716/2015. Thomas A. Montiglio, Jr., 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.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff

AGAINST

Eddina Leonard; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered September 17, 2024, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Town Hall of the Town of Islip, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 17, 2026, at 9:00AM, premises known as 5A Hemlock Drive, Unit 95, Bay Shore, NY 11706. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500 Section 223.00 Block 03.00 Lot 095.000. Approximate amount of judgment $135,309.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 609147/2022.

Sabita Hajaree-Ramsaran, Esq., Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP

Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff

175 Mile Crossing Boulevard

Rochester, New York 14624

(877) 430-4792

Dated: December 12, 2025

For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2831

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR VELOCITY COMMERCIAL CAPITAL LOAN TRUST 2022-04, Plaintiff against

BRUCE POLI, 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 July 18, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on February 19, 2026 at 10:30 AM. Premises known as 362 Middle Road, Bayport, NY 11705. District 0500 Sec 384.00 Block 04.00 Lot 014.000. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being at Bayport, in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is $486,482.67 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 607076/2024.

During the COVID-19 health emergency, Bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of the sale including but not limited to wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Should a bidder fail to comply, the Referee may refuse to accept any bid, cancel the closing and hold the bidder in default. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

Susan L. McWalters, Esq., Referee File # NY202300000070-1

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK - ISLIP.

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff -against- THOMAS WILLETT A/K/A THOMAS M. WILLETT; KATRINA M. FAFARD, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated September 26, 2023 and entered on October 3, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, located at 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on February 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in Holbrook, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Bradford Street with the easterly side of St. Charles Street; being a plot 120 feet by 100 feet by 120 feet by 100 feet. Section: 107.00 Block: 01.00 Lot: 053.000

Said premises known as 124 BRADFORD AVENUE, HOLBROOK, NY 11741

Approximate amount of lien $470,042.05 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 611185/2022.

DANIELLE COYSH, ESQ., Referee

Kosterich & Skeete, LLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

707 Westchester Ave, Suite 302, White Plains, NY 10604

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SUSAN E. ADESSO, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA E. ADESSO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 8, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 26, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., premises known as 791 Sylvan Avenue, Bayport, NY 11705. 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 285.00, Block 01.00 and Lot 003.001. Approximate amount of judgment is $1,092,885.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #625115/2018.

Robert A. Macedonio, Esq., Referee

Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against

JHONNY A. MARTINEZ, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 5, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on February 23, 2026 at 10:30 AM. Premises known as 22 Henderson Place, Brentwood, NY 11717. District 0500 Sec 114.00 Block 02.00 Lot 021.000. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is $392,298.07 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 615369/2018.

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.

Thomas Zawyrucha, Esq., Referee File # XCARN031

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WL2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WL2, Plaintiff, vs. CAROL MARTINEZ A/K/A CAROL L. MARTINEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 1, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 26, 2026 at 12:30 p.m., premises known as 59 Beecher Avenue, East Islip, NY 11730. 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 322.00, Block 01.00 and Lot 012.000. Approximate amount of judgment is $706,416.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 601308/2015.

Danielle Coysh, Esq., Referee

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, 10 Bank Street, Suite 700, White Plains, New York 10606, Attorneys for Plaintiff

IB, 20264025, 1/22, 29 - 2/5, 12 I

Probate Citation

File No. 2024-2566

SURROGATE'S COURT - SUFFOLK COUNTY

SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: DIANE MARIE LATHAM, BEVERLY TERESA LATHAM, CAROL ANN LATHAM, PHILIP JOHN LATHAM, and LESTER ROBERT NEWELL and DEBRA ANN NEWELL if living, being first-cousins, once removed of decedent, and if dead having predeceased decedent, their issue, if any; or if dead having survived decedent, their distributees, heirs at law, next of kin, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns and any other persons who might have an interest in the estate of BARBARA ANN GLUCK, deceased, as distributees or otherwise all of whose names, whereabouts and addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained with due diligence.

A petition having been duly filed by Matthew Jason Gluck, who is domiciled at 1425 Butterfield Road, San Anselmo, California 94960.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Suffolk County, at 320 Center Dr. S, Riverhead, New York, on March 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Barbara Ann Gluck, lately domiciled at 1515 Veterans Memorial Highway, Apt.347, Islandia Village, NY 11749, United States, admitting to probate a Will dated November 2, 2022 as the Will of Barbara Ann Gluck, deceased, relating to real and personal property and directing that

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to: Matthew Jason Gluck

[X] Letters of Trusteeship issue to: David Lawrence Gluck

FBO Violet Theadora Gluck

[ ] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to:

(State any further relief requested)

Dated, Attested and Sealed

January 13, 2026

HON VINCENT J. MESSINA, JR.

Surrogate

Doreen A. Quinn

Chief Clerk

Yana Feldman, Esq.

Attorney for Petitioner

Yana Feldman and Associates, PLLC

Firm Name

(718) 713-8080

Telephone

132 32nd Street, Suite 301, Brooklyn, New York 11232

Address

yana@yanafeldmanlaw.com

Email (optional)

[NOTE: This citation is served upon you are required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

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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 2/18/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Quon Williams unit #1077; Mark Ellis unit #1097; Angel Soto unit #1159. 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 - 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 2/18/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Ramon Cortez unit #473; Jose Santos unit #521; Fransisco Julio Cartegena unit #592. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT. SUFFOLK COUNTY. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST, Pltf. vs JOHNNY A CASTELLANOS, et al, Defts. Index #617814/2023. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered December 4, 2025, I will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on March 3, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. premises k/a 63 Ferris Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717 a/k/a District 500, Section 205, Block 2, Lot 9. Said property being at Brentwood, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of NY, known and designated as Lot 50 on a certain map entitled, "Map of Freeman Park Estates Section 2" and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk on August 15, 1962 as Map No. 3630. Approximate amount of judgment is $338,435.31 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANIELLE COYSH, Referee. HILL WALLACK LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 261 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, Ste. 940-941, New York, NY. File No. 022746-00113- . #102728

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY

SIGNATURE BANK, A NEW YORK CHARTERED COMMERCIAL BANK, Plaintiff against

CELIA ROSA FIGUEIREDO, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, NY 10170.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered May 19, 2016, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on March 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 29 First Place, Central Islip, NY 11722. District 0500 Sec 100.00 Block 01.00 Lot 026.003. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being at Central Islip in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is $178,836.56 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 062921/2014.

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.

For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome.com or call (844)400-9633. Maria Gasparis, Esq., Referee File # 21-04141NY

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-OPT1, Plaintiff AGAINST

Manuel Rodriguez; Elva Rodriguez; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 10, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on March 3, 2026, at 9:00AM, premises known as 60 Sycamore 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 20500 Block 0300 Lot 020000. Approximate amount of judgment $349,236.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 624577/2024.

Sabita Hajaree-Ramsaran, Esq., Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP

Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff

175 Mile Crossing Boulevard

Rochester, New York 14624

(877) 430-4792

Dated: January 5, 2026

For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2831

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK - ISLIP

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CMALT REMIC 2006-A7-REMIC PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-A7, Plaintiff -against- BARBARA SLONECKI A/K/A BARBARA J. SLONECKI, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated November 27, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on March 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Mariner Circle, distant 179.61 feet southerly from the extreme southerly end of the arc connecting the southerly side of Driftwood Drive with the westerly side of Mariner Circle; said point of beginning also being at the division line between lots 31 and 32 as shown on a map above mentioned; being a plot 75 feet by 185.67 feet by 78.70 feet by 161.82 feet.

District: 0500 Section: 478.00 Block: 03.00 Lot: 061.000

Said premises known as 10 MARINER CIRCLE, WEST ISLIP, NY 11795

Approximate amount of lien $1,146,469.76 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

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 or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 601603/2015.

THERESA A. MARI, ESQ., Referee

David A. Gallo & Associates LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, NY 11030

File# 5025.2803

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PROBATE CITATION

File No. 2025-2529/A

SURROGATE'S COURT - SUFFOLK COUNTY

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: New York State Attorney General; and

The distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of Evelyn Joan Nester aka Evelyn J. Nester, deceased, if any be living; and if any be dead, their respective distributees, heirs at law, next of kin, legatees, devisees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest, all of whose names, whereabouts and

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addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained with due diligence, being the persons interested in the estate of Evelyn Joan Nester aka Evelyn J. Nester, deceased as distributees or otherwise.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, SUFFOLK County, at 320 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York, on March 17, 2026 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of EVELYN JOAN NESTER a/k/a EVELYN J. NESTER lately domiciled at 207 Blake Ave.. Bohemia, NY 11716 admitting to probate a Will dated March 19, 2025 (a Codicil dated Not Applicable) (a Codicil dated Not Applicable), a copy of which is attached, as the Will of EVELYN JOAN NESTER a/k/a EVELYN J. NESTER, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to JOSEPH VALLONE

[ ] Letters of Trusteeship issue to

[ ] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to

(State any further relief requested)

For such other and further relief as to the Court deems just and proper.

Dated, Attested and Sealed

January 20, 2026

Hon. Vincent J. Messina. Jr.
Surrogate

Chief Clerk Doreen A. Quinn

JACK N. POSNER, ESQ.
Attorney for Petitioner

516-248-1033
Telephone Number

1100 Franklin Ave., Suite 305, Garden City, NY 11530
Address of Attorney

[NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
EVELYN JOAN NESTER
Dated: March 19th, 2025

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
EVELYN JOAN NESTER

I, Evelyn Joan Nester, a resident of and domiciled in the State of New York, make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, revoking all wills and codicils at any time heretofore made by me.

FIRST: I direct that the expenses of my last illness and funeral, the expenses of the administration of my estate, and all estate, inheritance and similar taxes payable with respect to property included in my estate, whether or not passing under this will, and any interest or penalties thereon, shall be paid out of my residuary estate, without apportionment and with no right of reimbursement from any recipient of any such property.

SECOND: It is my desire that, upon my death, my body be cremated. I have not contracted for or paid for any funeral arrangements.

THIRD: I give the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) to Danny's Shelter, for its charitable purposes.

FOURTH: I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my property and estate, both real and personal, of whatever kind and wherever located, that I own or to which I shall be in any manner entitled at the time of my death (collectively referred to as my "residuary estate"), as follows:

(a) If Teresa Vallone and Joseph Vallone or either of them shall survive me, to those of Teresa Vallone and Joseph Vallone who survive me, in equal shares.

(b) If none of the beneficiaries under clause (a) above shall survive me, I give my residuary estate to those who would take from me as if I were then to die without a will, unmarried and the absolute owner of my residuary estate, and a resident of the State of New York.

FIFTH: If any property of my estate vests in absolute ownership in a minor or incompetent, my Executor, at any time and without court authorization, may: distribute the whole or any part of such property to the beneficiary; or use the whole or any part for the health, education, maintenance and support of the beneficiary; or distribute the whole or any part to a guardian, committee or other legal representative of the beneficiary, or to a custodian for the beneficiary under any gifts to minors or transfers to minors act, or to the person or persons with whom the beneficiary resides. Evidence of any such distribution or the receipt therefor executed by the person to whom the distribution is made shall be a full discharge of my Executor from any liability with respect thereto, even though my Executor may be such person. If such beneficiary is a minor, my Executor may defer the distribution of the whole or any part of such property until the beneficiary attains the age of eighteen (18) years, and may hold the same as a separate fund for the beneficiary with all of the powers described in Article SEVENTH hereof. If the beneficiary dies before attaining said age, any balance shall be paid and distributed to the estate of the beneficiary.

SIXTH: I appoint Joseph Vallone to be my Executor. If Joseph Vallone shall fail to qualify for any reason as my Executor, or having qualified shall die, resign or cease to act for any reason as my Executor, I appoint Teresa Vallone as my Executor. I direct that no Executor shall be required to file or furnish any bond, surety or other security in any jurisdiction.

SEVENTH: I grant to my Executor all powers conferred on executors under the New York Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, as amended, or any successor thereto, and all powers conferred upon executors wherever my Executor may act. I also grant to my Executor power to retain, sell at public or private sale, exchange, grant options on, invest and reinvest, and otherwise deal with any kind of property, real or personal, for cash or on credit; to borrow money and encumber or pledge any property to secure loans; to exercise all powers of an absolute owner of property; to compromise and release claims with or without consideration; and to employ attorneys, accountants and other persons for services or advice. I recommend that all of my charitable gifts, bequests and devises be made, to the extent possible, from "income in respect of a decedent" as that term is defined under U.S. income tax law. The term "Executor" wherever used herein shall mean the executors, executor, executrix or administrator in office from time to time.

EIGHTH: If any beneficiary under this will and I die in a common accident or under circumstances in which it is difficult or impractical to determine who survived the other, such beneficiary shall be deemed to have predeceased me.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Evelyn Joan Nester, sign, seal, publish and declare this instrument as my last will and testament this 19th day of March, 2025.

_____
Evelyn Joan Nester

The foregoing instrument was signed, sealed, published and declared by Evelyn Joan Nester, the above-named Testatrix, to be her last will and testament in our presence, all being present at the same time, and we, at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses on the date above written.

JoAnne Delatoned
residing at
37 Rodinck Rd
W. Islip NY 1795

Dan Zofa
residing at
1088 Courtland Dr.
Bay Shore, NY, 11706

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, ss.

Each of the undersigned,

JoAnne Debutonia residing at 37 Rodrick Rd W Islip NY 11795

and

Dan Zofa residing at 1058 Courtland Dr. Bay Shore NY, 11706

respectively, being individually and severally duly sworn, did depose and say that: The foregoing last will and testament was subscribed in our presence and sight by Evelyn Joan Nester, the Testatrix named therein. The undersigned witnessed the execution of said will of Evelyn Joan Nester on the 19th day of March, 2025, at 301 E. Main Street Bayshore NY 11706

At the time the instrument was so subscribed, the Testatrix declared said instrument to be her last will and testament. The undersigned thereupon signed their names as witnesses at the end of said will at the request of the Testatrix, in the presence of the Testatrix and each other. At the time of so executing said will, in our respective opinions, the Testatrix was at least eighteen years of age, and was of sound mind, memory and understanding, under no constraint, duress, fraud or undue influence, and in no respect incompetent to make a valid will. In our respective opinions, the Testatrix was able to read, write and converse in the English language, and was not suffering from any defect of sight, hearing or speech, or from any other physical or mental impairment which would affect her capacity to make a valid will. Each of us was acquainted with the Testatrix, and we make this affidavit at her request. Said will was shown to us at the time this affidavit was made, and we examined it as to the signature of the Testatrix and our signatures. Said will was executed as a single, original instrument, and not in counterparts.

JoAnne Debutonia
Witness

Dan Zofa
Witness

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March, 2025.

Notary Public
MICHELLE DEEHAN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01DE6431837
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires 04/18/2026

SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
File No. 2025-2529/A

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PROBATE PROCEEDING, WILL OF EVELYN JOAN NESTER,
a/k/a EVELYN J. NESTER,
Deceased.

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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the proceeding captioned above has been commenced as an electronically filed proceeding in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System ("NYSCEF") as required by CPLR § 2111 and Uniform Rule § 207.4-aa (mandatory electronic filing). This notice is being served as required by that rule.

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Dated: January 21, 2026

_____
Signature

JACK N. POSNER, ESQ.
Name

JACK N. POSNER, ESQ.
Firm Name

1100 Franklin Ave., Suite 305
Address

Garden City, NY 11530

516-248-1033
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To: New York State Attorney General and

The distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of Evelyn Joan Nester aka Evelyn J. Nester, deceased, if any be living; and if any be dead, their respective distributees, heirs at law, next of kin, legatees, devisees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest, all of whose names, whereabouts and addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained with due diligence, being persons interested in the Estate of Evelyn Joan Nester aka Evelyn J. Nester, deceased, as distributees or otherwise.

IB, 20264045, 1/29 - 2/5, 12, 19 I

Probate Citation
File No. 2024-1498/A

SURROGATE'S COURT - SUFFOLK COUNTY
CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: ROBERT DAVID STARK JR.
ELIZABETH ANN REITHMILLER
MOLLY LEE BROWN
TERENCE BAILEY STARK
HOWARD RICHARD STARK SR.
The distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of Jacqueline L. Stark, aka Jacqueline Stark, deceased, if any be living, and if any be dead, their respective distributees, heirs at law, next of kin, legatees, devisees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest, all of whose names, whereabouts and addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained with due diligence, being the persons interested in the estate of Jacqueline L. Stark, aka Jacqueline Stark, deceased, as distributees or otherwise

A petition having been duly filed by JUNE CARDENAS, who is domiciled at 34 Aron Drive, Bohemia, NY 11716.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Suffolk County, at 320 Center Dr. S, Riverhead, New York, on March 17, 2026, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of JACQUELINE L. STARK, AKA JACQUELINE STARK, lately domiciled at 320 Patchogue Holbrook Rd, Holbrook, NY 11741 admitting to probate a Will dated 2-26, 2014

(a Codicil dated NONE) (a Codicil dated_____)

a copy of which is attached, as the Will of JACQUELINE L. STARK, AKA JACQUELINE STARK, deceased, relating to real and personal property and directing that

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to: JUNE CARDENAS

[ ] Letters of Trusteeship issue to:

_____

[ ] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to: _____

(State any further relief requested)

WITHOUT BOND

Dated, Attested and Sealed

January 22, 2026

HON VINCENT J. MESSINA, JR.
Surrogate

Doreen A. Quinn
Chief Clerk Doreen A. Quinn

EILEEN COEN CACIOPPO, ESQ. PC
1353 STONY BROOK RD., STONY BROOK, NY 11790
ECCESQ@GMAIL.COM
631-751-8946

[NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

IB, 20264046, 1/29 - 2/5, 12, 19 I

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CVI LCF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I,

-against-

KHAMATTIE MAHASE, 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 April 25, 2025, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CVI LCF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I is the Plaintiff and KHAMATTIE MAHASE, 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 March 11, 2026 at 3:00PM, premises known as 149 ACORN AVENUE, CENTRAL ISLIP, NY 11722; and the following tax map identification: 0500-140.00-02.00-047.000.

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 603739/2020. Robert Fuchs, 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, 20264049, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-5, Plaintiff

against

NANCY PEREZ, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered June 6, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on March 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Premises known as 64 Doolittle Street, Brentwood, NY 11717. District 0500 Sec 135.00 Block 03.00 Lot 059.000. All that certain plot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying, and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is $434,411.54 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No

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609997/2024.
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.
Steven Paul Bertolino, Esq., Referee
File # SPSNY962
IB, 20264050, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 |

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
The Bank of New York Mellon, successor to The Bank of New York, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee on behalf of the holders of the CIT Mortgage Loan Trust, 2007-1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1, Plaintiff
AGAINST
Robert M. George, a/k/a Robert George; Jodi Casares-George; et al., Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 4, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on March 12, 2026, at 1:30PM, premises known as 574 Smithtown Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being North of Oakdale and in Bohemia, in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500 Section 279.00 Block 02.00 Lot 044.000. Approximate amount of judgment $582,321.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 611061/2022.
Arthur J. Burdette, Esq., Referee
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 430-4792
Dated: January 9, 2026
For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2831
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK
BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION
APRIL 14, 2026
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Hauppauge Public Library Special District, Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York will be held in the Hauppauge Public Library, 1373 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York (the "Library"), on April 14, 2026, from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm, for the purpose of voting, by paper ballot, upon the following items:

(1) To elect one (1) Library Trustee to a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2031, as the result of the expiration of the term of office currently held by Nayana Mehta; and
(2) To elect one (1) Library Trustee to a three year (3) term commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029, to fill a vacancy, such vacancy having been temporarily filled by the appointment of Barbara Leventhal through June 30, 2026; and
(3) To adopt the Annual Library District Budget for the fiscal year 2026/2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the Library District, and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Library Trustee shall be filed in the Library (address above), between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and not later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2026. Each candidate must be a qualified voter, and must reside in the area served by the Library. Each petition must be directed to the "Clerk of the Vote" and must be signed by at least twenty five (25) qualified voters of the Library District. Such petition must state the name and the residence of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate; and
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Library Board of Trustees will hold a special budget hearing for the purpose of discussion of the proposed 2026 – 27 Library budget on March 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm, in the Library (address above). All residents of the Library District are invited to attend; and
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that copies of the annual estimated expenditures for the 2026 – 27 Library budget to be voted upon, together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters, shall be available in the Library, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. commencing March 20, 2026 and each weekday thereafter through April 14, 2026; and
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Education Law § 2014 or Election Law Article 5. If a voter has previously registered to vote pursuant to Education Law § 2014, and has voted at any annual or special Library District meeting within the past four (4) years, such voter is eligible to vote and not required to re-register. In addition, all those who registered to vote with the Board of Elections of Suffolk County prior to April 1, 2026 shall be entitled to vote at this Special Library District meeting, notwithstanding their failure to previously register with the Library District. All other persons who wish to vote must register. A person who will have resided in the Library District for a period of at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of the vote, is a citizen of the United States and at least eighteen (18) years of age, shall be qualified to register to vote; and
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the members of the Board of Registration will meet at the Library (address above) on April 7, 2026 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to prepare the Register of the Special Library District, and any person shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such Register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the members of the Board of Registration to be entitled to vote at the April 14, 2026 meeting. The Register will thereafter be filed in the Library where it will be open for inspection on each of the five (5) days prior to April 14, 2026, excluding Sundays and holidays, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the provisions of Education Law § 2018-a, absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library during regular business hours. Such applications must be received by the Clerk of the Vote no later than seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is mailed to the voter, or no later than the day prior to the vote if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed, unless it shall have been received in the Library no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the day of the election. A list of all persons who were issued absentee ballots will be available in the Library each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the vote, except Sundays and holidays; and
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a qualified voter whose ability to appear personally at the polling place is substantially impaired by reasons of permanent illness or physical disability and whose registration record has been marked "permanently disabled" by the Board of Elections shall be entitled to receive an absentee ballot without making separate application for such absentee ballot.
Dated: Hauppauge, New York
January 21, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE
HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Matthew Bollerman, Secretary
IB, 20264052, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 |

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
SANTANDER BANK, N.A., Plaintiff - against - NANCY G. FLORES, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 21, 2020. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on the 11th day of March, 2026 at 3:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Central Islip, in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, and State of New York.
Premises known as 39 Cornell Street, Islip, NY 11751.
(District: 0500, Section: 294.00, Block: 02.00, Lot: 131.000)
Approximate amount of lien $243,054.05 (Premises sold subject and subordinate to a first mortgage in the approximate amount of $271,901.81) plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 603658/2019. Robert T. Fuchs, Esq., Referee.
Stein, Wiener & Roth LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
1400 Old Country Road, Suite 315
Westbury, NY 11590
Tel. 516/742-1212
Dated: January 15, 2026
During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. Auction Locations are subject to change.
IB, 20264053, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST KWANI O'PHARROW A/K/A KWANI B. O'PHARROW, STACY O'PHARROW A/K/A STACEY O'PHARROW, ET AL., Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 24, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip NY 11751 on March 10, 2026 at 1:00 PM, premises known as 486 Washington 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: 051.00 Block: 01.00 Lot: 015.000.
Approximate amount of judgment $338,498.68 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #609555/2015. Francesco Tini, Esq., Referee Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 39 Broadway, Suite 1250 New York, NY 10006 25-000637 88518
IB, 20264054, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 |

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff - against - DAVID K. HOWE A/K/A DAVID HOWE, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 12, 2025. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on the 5th day of March, 2026 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being at West Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York.
Premises known as 121 Kingsland Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795.
(District: 0500, Section: 336.00, Block: 03.00, Lot: 020.000)
Approximate amount of lien $470,738.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Only bank checks or certified checks made out to the referee will be accepted as deposit at time of sale.
Index No. 600098/2025. Robert T. Samson, Esq., Referee.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840
New York, NY 10170
Tel. 347/286-7409
Dated: January 5, 2026
During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. Auction Locations are subject to change.
IB, 20264055, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 |

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, 2026 and ending May 31, 2027 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 2nd, 2026 between 9:00AM and 4:00PM until the third Tuesday of February 17th, 2026 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, 2026
IB, 20264056, 2/5 |

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
INC. VILLAGE OF SALTAIRE
Notice is hereby given that Proposals are requested by the Village Administrator of the Village of Saltaire in his office located at Village Hall at 103 Broadway, Saltaire, Fire Island, and will be received until February 19, 2026 for PROPANE SERVICE AND STORAGE.
The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents may be obtained at the Village Hall starting February 5, 2026, or by requesting it via email at bids@saltaire.org. Proposals may be submitted in a sealed enveloped marked as " PROPANE SERVICE AND STORAGE.", and may be mailed to the Village of Saltaire, PO Box 5551, Bay Shore, NY 11706, or may be emailed to bids@saltaire.org. Proposals must be received by 1:00 p.m. on February 19, 2026, at which time all proposals will be opened and evaluated by the Village Administrator and Board of Trustees.
The Village reserves the right to reject and declare invalid any or all Proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Proposals received, all in the best interest of the Village.
The Village of Saltaire welcomes and encourages minorities and women-owned businesses to participate in the RFP process.
Mario Posillico
Village Clerk, Saltaire
Date: January 29, 2026
IB, 20264057, 2/5 |

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SULFFOLK
CITIZENS BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
-against-
DANIEL V. GERARDI;
CLERK OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY;
EAST BAY ASSOCIATES;
NATALIE GERARDI;
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, a Subsidiary of First National Bank of Nebraska, Inc.; and
DELLEIA GERARDI,
Defendants.
SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
Index No. 615776/2025
TO: NATALIE GERARDI : YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the summons is not personally served upon you within the State of New York. The United States, if designated a defendant on this action, may appear or answer within sixty (60) days of service. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. The basis of the venue designated is that the mortgaged property is located in Suffolk County.
TO: NATALIE GERARDI :
The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. S. Betsy Heckman Torres, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 27 th day of January, 2026, and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of Suffolk County.
This is an action for foreclosure of a mortgage made by Daniel Gerardi to Citizens Bank, N.A., in the original amount of $87,000.00 with interest, dated May 3, 2019, recorded May 23, 2019 in the Suffolk County Clerk's Office in Book 23030, page 136. The relief sought is the foreclosure of the mortgage lien and the public sale of the mortgaged premises and in case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you extinguishing any interest or judgment lien you may have in the mortgaged premises. The premises indexed in this action are described and commonly known as 218 Islip Boulevard, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York 11752 (SBL#: 296.00-02.00-116.000). A copy of the full legal description can be obtained by contacting counsel below.
Dated: January 30, 2026
COOPER ERVING & SAVAGE LLP
Albany, New York
BY: Matthew E. Minniefield, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Suite 501
Albany, New York 12211
(518) 449-3900
mminniefield@coopererving.com
IB, 20264058, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 |

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
The Board of Education, East Islip Union Free School District, Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York invites the submission of SEALED PROPOSALS for:
RFP: 2026-2027 Legal Services of Bond Counsel
Sealed proposals will be received on or prior to 11:00 a.m. on February 26, 2026, at the Business Office, East Islip Union Free School District, 1 Craig B. Gariepy Avenue, Islip Terrace, New York. Proposals will be opened and evaluated in private. Proposals received after the stated date and time will be returned to the sender, unopened.
All proposals must be submitted on or before the date and time of opening in sealed envelopes, bearing on the outside the name and address of the proposer and the title RFP 2026-2027 Legal Services of Bond Counsel.
Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from the district's website www.eischools.org/departments/business-finance/bids, Empire State Purchasing Group's website www.bidnetdirect.com, or at the above office, on weekdays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Proposals shall be irrevocable for a minimum period of forty-five (45) days from the date of proposal opening. The Board of Education of the East Islip Union Free School District intends to award a contract as in its best interest and reserves the right to reject any or all proposals it receives as a result of this RFP.
Dated: February 5, 2026
By Order of
Board of Education
East Islip Union Free School District
Town of Islip, New York
County of Suffolk
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
Jenny Bejarano
School Purchasing Agent
(631) 224-2031
IB, 20264059, 2/5 |

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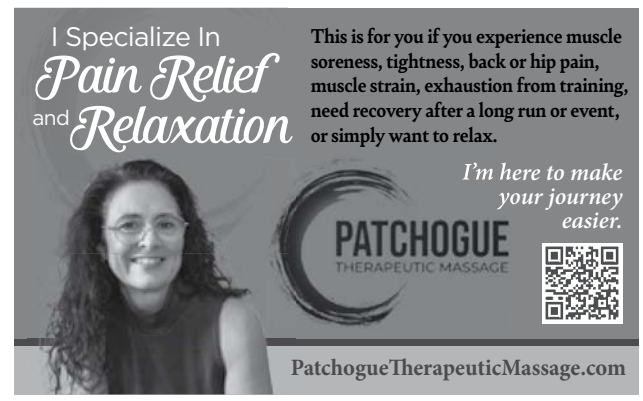
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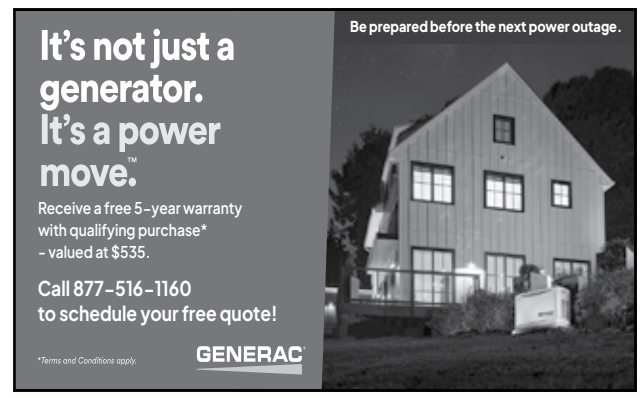
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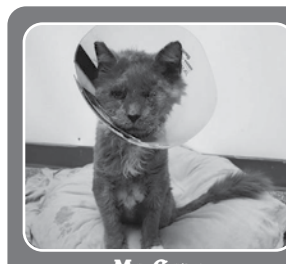
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