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P.S. I Love You Day

JOSEPH CALIGIURI

P.S. I Love You Day was celebrated by many local Long Island communities on Feb. 13 by dressing up in purple.

The day comes annually on the second Friday of February, and is dedicated to uplifting others and highlighting mental health awareness, as many individuals struggle silently today with mental health.

**The theme for this year was
"Be the Light"**

P.S. I Love You Day is a nonprofit organization founded by sisters Brooke Dipalma and Jaimie Dipalma after they lost their father due to mental health struggles. The name of the organization stems from his last day before he took his life.

"It was based upon the last three words that he said to me, 'I love you,' when he dropped me off at eighth-grade middle school that the inspiration behind P.S. I Love You came," Brooke shared. "We wanted to create something good out of something so bad that happened to us."

Turning such a tragedy into such a

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Valentine's Day concert at the Islip United Methodist Church

JOSEPH CALIGIURI

Love was in the air at the Islip United Methodist Church Valentine's Day Classical Concert last Saturday. The Hoffman Chamber Ensemble played a variety of pieces for the night, including "Be My Love" by Nichola Brodzsky, "A Blackbird Singing" by Michael Head, and "Because" by Guy d'Hardelot, to name a few.

A large number of the Islip Methodist community came to worship and listen on this day of love. The church was delighted by the huge showing of churchgoers, as Valentine's Day is a

meaningful time for the church. "Valentine's Day is a day of love, and for the church, we're celebrating Christ's love for us," lead volunteer Karlyn Grasso shared. "And then also Valentine's Day is fun—a day to spend time with the people that you love, but also celebrate the love for our Lord Jesus."

The church also had a suggested offering of \$20 for churchgoers attending the concert. Proceeds from the night went towards helping the church sending children to Quinipet Summer Camp. "We want to raise money for women and children so we can send kids to summer

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Students Create Birdfeeders

Second-grade students from Mary G. Clarkson School worked with members of the Bay Shore Garden Club to create birdfeeders that were hung in the school's garden.

Author visits students virtually

Fifth Avenue School students had the opportunity to meet author Grace Lin during a virtual visit. She spoke about what inspired her to write her books.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Photo courtesy of the Central Islip School District

Sheriff Toulon delivers Proclamation to Central Islip Concert Choir

Dr. Errol D. Toulon Jr., Suffolk County sheriff, visited Central Islip High School to deliver a Proclamation to the CIHS Concert Choir on Feb. 10. The choir, led by Mr. John Anthony, was invited to perform at Sheriff Toulon's third inauguration on Jan. 16. The morning ceremony concluded with a memorable performance from the highly esteemed choir and Sheriff Toulon wanted to visit to offer remarks to those who attended. "You all gave such a wonderful performance that I've had people come up to me countless times since then to compliment you," he said. After giving the Proclamation and the Sheriff Toulon Community Leadership Award, Sheriff Toulon treated the students to snacks and pizza.



East Islip varsity cheer makes history with fifth-place finish at UCA Nationals

East Islip High School's High School's varsity cheer team had an incredible recent showing at the Universal Cheerleaders Association's National High School Cheerleading Championship, earning fifth place in the Small Coed Game Day Division out of 32 teams from across the country. This marked the first time East Islip had ever competed in a coed division and the highest national placement in program history. The team's diligence, resilience and commitment to excellence were on full display on the national stage. "Congratulations to our team on an outstanding national finish," coach Ariel Scharfschwerdt said. "We are extremely proud of these athletes for representing our school with heart, energy and determination." "We are so proud of our varsity cheer team's amazing season," superintendent Paul Manzo said. "We thank them for their hard work, dedication and for representing East Islip so well."

Photos courtesy of East Islip School District

Central Islip High School names top 30 for Class of 2026

Leticia Kim and Kamila Sarmiento Romero were officially named the Central Islip High School Class of 2026 valedictorian and salutatorian on Feb. 11. Mr. Darren Ehrhardt and Mrs. Claris Villatoro, senior class advisors, held an assembly in the auditorium for all seniors to share important upcoming dates, deadlines, and prom information. The assembly concluded with Mrs. Villatoro and Mr. Eric Haruthunian, high school principal, announcing the top 30 students in the class. The top 30 students are: Heisel Fuentes Delgado, Kirah Swift, Thomas Santangelo, Lauren Parada, Kevin Rosa, Lesly Vega, Leah Bharat, Christopher Castillo, Ebaad Mabood, LehilaCriebe, Bryan Urrutia, Daphne Vaisman, Taylor Burrell Ford, Anthony Fuentes, Sabrina



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Reyes, Genry Salvador Sorto, Luis Blanco Baires, Andrea Funez, Isabella Donahue, and Tiffany Chuquilin.

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Board recognizes fall athletes



The Bay Shore Board of Education recognized five varsity athletes for their accomplishments during the fall 2025 season. Congratulations goes out to Haven Mills (Girls Volleyball), Kelsie Kennedy (girls volleyball), Hichem Abbab (boys soccer), Ager Agirregomezkorta (boys soccer), James Huber (boys volleyball), Niall Haughney (boys volleyball), and Zareb Gonzalez (boys volleyball) on successful seasons and postseason recognition.

Photo courtesy of Bay Shore school District



Cordello collects hundreds of items for 'Soup-er Bowl'

Cordello Elementary School held its third annual "Soup-er Bowl" in honor of the NFL's Super Bowl and helped collect 693 food items for the district's food pantry. Mrs. Logan's fifth-grade class collected 137 cans, which earned them the top prize and a board game party during the school day. Dr. Nathaniel Marner and Mrs. Yenifer Mercado, principal and assistant principal, visited the students to commend them for their hard work and for helping take care of the Central Islip community.

Photo courtesy of the Central Islip School District

Local artist's landscape paintings displayed at Bohlsen Gallery

JOSEPH CALIGIURI

The Bohlsen Gallery at the East Islip Public Library is featuring the paintings of Long Island native Meghan Goparaju for the month of February.

Goparaju is a landscape artist, often travelling across the world to find inspiration for her works.

"All of these scenes are locations I have traveled to and walked upon; they are incredibly special to me. I am honored to share my travels with you," she writes in her gallery bio.

Her motivation for her work is a worship of the natural world that sur-

rounds us.

"My motivation for these pieces is to honor the Earth and the beautiful landscapes which I've experienced and stepped foot upon throughout my travels around the world," Goparaju shared. "It's a reminder to keep living outside of my comfort zone, because there is so much wonder to be experienced beyond my comfortable daily routines." By exploring these various landscapes, her paintings tell the stories of lands that many may never see otherwise. For instance, the stillness of Kennebunk, Me. The reflection of its river, and the trees that accompany it, are pockets of

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East Islip director debuts documentary

'Hello, My Name Is Blotto: The Movie!'

JOSEPH CALIGIURI

Long Island Music & Entertainment Center Hall of Fame hosted a screening of East Islip resident Richard Lichter's debut documentary "Hello, My Name Is Blotto: The Movie!" on Feb 13.

Following the documentary, there was a Q&A with Lichter, a.k.a. Bert Blotto, as well as one of the band's key members, Bill Polchinski, a.k.a. Broadway Blotto.

The documentary charted the rise and legacy of Blotto, a humorous rock band from the early '80s that, in their own words, was "so close" to making it big, but didn't quite get there. After MTV played the band on their first day of broadcasting, Blotto had thought that they made it. Unfortunately, none of the record companies were snatching them up for a record deal.

"I think you were too funny to be a musical act, and you were too musical to be a comedy act, which is a big difference. Because it's not that you weren't funny, and it's not that you weren't musical enough," Lichter explained. Despite this lack of a record deal, the band is still remembered fondly by many fans.

Many of these fans are well-known figures from that era.

"I ended up getting in touch with Buck Dharma for Blue Öyster Cult, and Jackie 'The Joke Man' Martling, and Martha Quinn and all these other people, which was a lot of fun," Lichter



shared.

All of these figures fondly remember the glory days of the band and the era that was the early '80s.

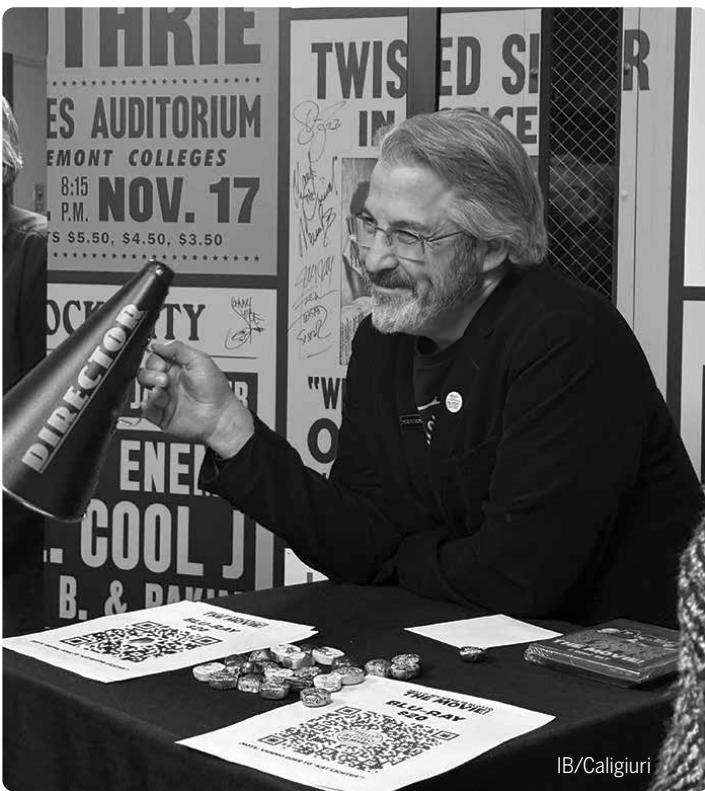
Remembering those glory days himself, Broadway Blotto recalled touring with Blue Öyster Cult.

"When we were on the road with Blue Öyster Cult, there were 600 miles between each one-nighter. So, we would get offstage, drive 300 miles, find a hotel, nap for a couple of hours, drive another

300 miles to the gig, get there in time for deli platter and sound check, do our show, get off the stage, get on the road for 300 miles."

Such a pace was brutal for the band, but Broadway summed up this experience with a phrase: "Showbiz, it's so glamorous!"

There is a particularly strong following in the band's hometown of Albany. Throughout the film, there were many different Albany landmarks that were



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intertwined with the band's journey.

"I think if I watched it with a group who had no idea, they would say, 'Why are we talking about this club, you know, in Albany, called The Chance, whatever,'" Lichter emphasized. "But when I played this upstate, when The Chance came up, the place went nuts."

The debut of the film was particularly striking to everyone involved.

"We had the world premiere back in

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'Newsies' invites you to 'Seize the Day!'

BY MONICA MUSETTI CARLIN

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Argyle Theatre's production of "Newsies," brought to you by artistic director Evan Pappas and father-son executive producers, Mark and Dylan Perlman, is a riotous hit!

The play is based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White adapted from the book by Harvey Fierstein creatively chronicling the actual Newsboy's Strike of 1899 that began in Long Island City, N.Y., and spread in just two weeks' time to the entire city of New York, challenging publishers Joseph Pulitzer's New York World and William Randolph Hearst's Evening Journal to fairly compensate the young news delivery boys whose cry, "One for all! All for one!" helped change the course of child labor laws.

When deliverymen from the printing houses started selling papers to the newsboys—"newsies" who sold their newspapers "papes" on streetcorners—the newsies discovered they were cheated by being sold shorted bundles by the truckers, and the determined boys bravely fought back by refusing to sell the papers at all and called for a strike and an eventual union.

After suffering bitter battles that brutalized the street urchins just needing to keep food on their tables by earning fair compensation for their work the publishers, they ultimately had to give in as their newspapers' circulations dropped drastically during the strike.



Courtesy photo

This is a heavily dance-driven show where thunderous dance numbers move along the plot, powerfully portraying the strong convictions of the young newsies.

Commanding the stage with elaborately choreographed routines complete with cartwheels, flips, tap dancing and unbelievable synchronized moves where they're flying straight up into the air several feet, the audience is wowed as each scene is better than the last! My seatmate and I at one point during the show shared we were so moved we literally felt compelled to stand up and join the protest!

Choreographer Trent Soyster and director, Tommy Ranieri tag themselves

artistic brothers as they bring to life this vibrant, David and Goliath-like piece of history.

Their choices of the much coveted triple-threat cast members, those who sing, dance and act, brings unmatched excitement to this show. Mason Ballard who plays Jack Kelly, Keyon Pickett playing Davey, and Nathaniel Dickson as his little brother Les, along with Jeremy Der-Movsesian as Crutchie, are the innovators behind the strike in an atmosphere of fair working conditions much touted by then-Governor of New York, Teddy Roosevelt.

The four of them bring strong dra-

matic skills to the story, keeping the audience hanging on every word. Cara Rose DiPietro clearly depicts the lovely, serious young journalist Katherine, who provides motivational support through her newspaper stories helping to promote the strike.

Costumer Amanda Scanze once again nails the period, dressing Katherine in the classic "Gibson Girl" style. Where most of the cast are vibrant young men dressed in much worn, sometimes tattered outfits, there are several other women playing the roles of dance hall girls, notably Medda Larkin, portrayed by Arielle "Faye" Beane, who belts out the song "That's Rich," offering a brief respite to the serious nature of the play.

When entering the theater, the overwhelming, massive depiction of the docks and waterfront, where much of the action takes place, forewarns of the intense heaviness of the story to come, thanks to the combined genius of scenic designer Christian Fleming and lighting designer Cameron Filepas.

Having the full orchestra, under the direction of Jonathon Brenner, further invites one into the world of the newsies and rounds off the full theater experience. Though the story is heavy, the feel of the show is light-hearted and flows beautifully, taking the audience with it.

This is a must-see show with as much relevance today as the period it was written in. "Newsies" runs through March 22 at the Argyle Theatre in downtown Babylon at 34 W. Main Street. Call today for tickets, 631-230-3500, or visit their website argyletheatre.com. ■

'Spamalot' is a royal romp

CMPAC's production of King Arthur entertains the court

BY SAM DESMOND

Coconut hooves and cockney accents are abound in CM Performing Arts Center's production of "Monty Python's Spamalot," which opened on Saturday, Feb. 14.

A fitting Valentine's Day treat for patrons, "Spamalot" had audiences roaring (and wheezing) with laughter from the British classic based on a "retelling" of the Arthurian legend.

Fans of the original 1975 movie, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," can rest assured that all quotable elements are intact in this musical version, including the Knights who say Ni, "A shrubbery!" "Tis a scratch," "I fart in your general direction," "Why else would I have this outrageous accent," and "I'm not dead yet!" to name a few.

Director Jordan Hue developed a beautifully timed production that really leaned in on the actors' comedic timing ability as well as strong voices.

Music director Matthew Surico and conductor Kevin Merkel provided a rich and enveloping orchestration that complemented and lifted the characters' performances, especially Amanda Mac's as Lady of the Lake, who belted out some of the most memorable (and sarcastic) numbers in the production.

Choreographer Kevin Burns excelled in the wide variety of dancing styles in the script and managed to make each irreverent scene (one



Andrew Lenahan as Sir Galahad with Amanda Mac as The Lady of the Lake had a glorious duet in "Monty Python's Spamalot," currently playing at CM Performing Arts Center in Oakdale.

Janette Pellegrini

includes gameday cheerleading from the "Laker Girls") funnier than it was intended to be.

Costume designer Chakira-Iliana Doherty's clear inspiration from the original movie succeeded in standing on its own as a creative expression of the text.

Don Dowdell as King Arthur, known for the gravitas and wild-eyed humor he brings to characters, portrayed the

regal patriarch of an eventual 1,000-year dynasty with satirical sauciness and irreverent ire. Dowdell's accent work was impressive as his over-the-top aristocratic voice had lovely dips in intonation to illustrate the comic nature of the quest and his court.

As previously mentioned, Amanda Mac as the Lady of the Lake stole the show with her embodiment of a Broadway diva in "The Song That Goes

Like This" and its reprise. When out onstage donning lingerie and a silk robe, Mac channeled Patti Lupone's demanding aura and rallied for her part to play a bigger role.

Joe Kassner as Patsy was the consummate foil for Dowdell's Arthur and his big, loving eyes were a draw to the audience the entire run of the show. The physicality of Patsy could be a play on its own with Kassner's rendition.

Kevin Callaghan as the closeted Sir Lancelot was stupendous in the role and just the right amount of cheeky. In "His Name is Lancelot," we get a megashow of Callaghan's comedic chops.

Matthew W. Surico as Sir Robin, with deadpan facial expressions in the face of fear, were hilarious and invited the audience to feel the lapsed bravery of the character. In "You Won't Succeed On Broadway," Surico's exquisitely calm but strong voice carried lyrics brushing up against a racial slur into a hokey and sweet anthem.

Andrew Lenahan as Sir Galahad was a crowd favorite with his constant movement of his luscious, Fabio-locks and general vanity. In "The Song That Goes Like This," Lenahan's scintillations in his voice held their own against the Mac powerhouse.

Will Brennan as the Historian and Prince Herbert was the standout of the show with a near-angelic balcony scene. The shift from his high-pitched speaking voice as Prince Herbert to his encompassing alto singing voice in "Where Are You?" and "Here Are You" is the basis of all comedy.

Winter has been a long grey, day of freezing temperatures and "Monty Python's Spamalot" is a great way to warm up with laughs. ■

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Family fights for Sarah's Law

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Sarah's Law was recently proposed by New York State Sen. Dean Murray and Sarah Goode's family as legislation to prevent a convicted killer's conviction from being erased if they die before an appeal is resolved.

NEW YORK STATE

"Passing Sarah's Law would right a wrong and return a sense of justice for Sarah and her loved ones," said Murray, eager to get it passed.

Sarah Goode, 21, was a mother, sister, and daughter from this hamlet, who was murdered on June 7, 2014. Goode's car was discovered on Fire Avenue in Medford, just a short distance from where her body was found on Camden Court four days later. Her family searched day and night for her for four days.

In 2015, police arrested Dante Taylor, 20, from Mastic, on July 14, 2014, for Goode's murder. Taylor, 19 at the time, pled not guilty to an indictment charge of murder in the first degree.

In 2016, Taylor was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murder/rape of Goode, ending a two-year court drama with testimony chronicling a heinous, violent crime that shocked two communities and devastated a family. He stabbed her over 40 times.

In 2017, after a year in prison, Taylor, 22, died in an upstate New York hospital. His death was ruled a suicide.

Goode's family hopes the law will prevent others like Taylor's whose conviction was voided upon his death. Currently, under New York State Law, a conviction is vacated if a defendant dies while an appeal is pending. According to the family, the void essentially erases the legal finding of guilt.

According to Murray, the law was originally intended for tax evasion criminals where as part of their conviction, they would be required to still make retribution even after their death, causing the burden to fall on their family, who did not commit the crime.

"If that person died, it would not go away until it was fulfilled, and that was not fair for family members. So, I get the original intent. But it was not intended for cases like Taylor's," Murray said, explaining that at some point, some



Sen. Dean Murray fights for Sarah's Law.

Courtesy photos

"smart" defense attorney used the loophole and it worked.

The law, he added, has already been overturned in Massachusetts, no longer allowing convicted murderers' records to be wiped clean upon their death.

"If a liberal state like Massachusetts did it, I am sure we can, too," he added, stating that the law is currently in committee and he is working to get it to the floor by bringing the details to his colleagues in the Senate.

As of today, Taylor's records have been wiped and the NYS court system does not show he was convicted of murder and rape. If Sarah's law is passed, all future convicted criminal records will be viewable even after their death and Taylor's record will be reinstated.

"This legislation goes to the heart of justice and accountability," said assemblyman Joseph DeStefano, a co-sponsor of Sarah's Law. "When a jury has weighed the evidence and delivered a guilty verdict, that decision should matter. Allowing that verdict to simply disappear undermines confidence in our justice system and sends a devastating message to victims and their families."

Goode's family remembers her as hap-



py, full of life, and working hard to provide for her daughter by graduating high school and becoming a medical technician, working two jobs towards the end of her life. ■

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OBITUARIES

Anne Joinnides

Anne Joinnides, 77, of Bay Shore, died on Feb. 12.

She is survived by her daughters, Gabrielle and Alexandra Joinnides; her son, David Joinnides; and her five grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Joinnides.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Overton Funeral Home Inc., Islip.

Barbara J. Keach

Barbara Jean Keach, 78, of Bay Shore, died on Feb. 2.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Keach; her sons, Matthew Keach and spouse Kristen, Christopher Keach and spouse Dorene, and Terence Keach and spouse Heather; and her 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Overton Funeral Home Inc., Islip. A

funeral service was held at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, followed by interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Bay Shore.

Joy Klein

Joy Klein, 68, of Islip Terrace, died on Feb. 6.

She is survived by her son, Keith Klein; her daughters, Kaylee and Kiersten Klein; her sister, Christine Roth; and her mother, Gail Williams.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Overton Funeral Home Inc., Islip.

Joan H. Kline

Joan Harriet Kline, 81, of Brentwood, died on Jan. 11.

She is survived by her sister, Alberta (Bobbi) Philipps.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Overton Funeral Home Inc., Islip.

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Suffolk County Republicans nominate candidates for office



Suffolk County Legis. Anthony Piccirillo talks about the Suffolk GOP's strength heading into the midterms.



Suffolk County and Brookhaven Republican Committee chair Jesse Garcia opens the GOP convention.



Town of Islip councilwoman DawnMarie Kuhn (left) accepts her nomination for the seventh State Assembly district.



U.S. Rep Andrew Garbarino during his nomination speech at the Suffolk GOP convention. IB/Patton

Leaders recognize midterm battle ahead

BY CONNOR PATTON

The Suffolk County GOP nominated its candidates for state and federal offices during a packed-out convention at its Medford headquarters on Feb. 13.

Members of the Suffolk County GOP committee formally nominated candidates for State Assembly, Senate, Congress, county comptroller, and judicial positions, with candidates for soon-to-bevacant seats drawn from lower ranks of Republican politics.

Jesse Garcia, Suffolk Republican Committee chair, led the convention and opened the night, commending committee members for a large turnout that rivaled the state Republican convention in Garden City, which nominated Nassau County executive Bruce Blakeman for governor, earlier that week.

Legislator and presiding officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, Anthony Piccirillo, then spoke.

“By selecting our nominees for federal and state office, we put forward not just names on the ballot, but people of unwavering dedication to the principles of individual liberty, limited government and the solemn promise to leave government better than we found it,” said Legis. Piccirillo.

During his address, Piccirillo also said that the Republican slate is among the youngest in Suffolk GOP history and that he was looking forward to putting young

people who speak to this generation into office.

For local offices, the Suffolk GOP nominated Jarett Gandolfo, assemblymember from the seventh district, which covers Brightwaters through Patchogue, for the open eighth State Senate race.

Incumbent State Sen. Alexis Weik announced in January that she wouldn’t seek re-election in November for personal reasons. The eighth district covers communities along the South Shore from Massapequa to Bayport, and up to Ronkonkoma.

With the seventh assembly district seat now open, the Suffolk GOP nominated newly elected Town of Islip councilwoman DawnMarie Kuhn for the assembly race.

Kuhn took office on the Town of Islip Council one month ago after winning her first-ever election for public office in November 2025. Before taking office, Kuhn served as the vice chair of the Town of Islip Republican Committee, and the Town of Islip board decided not to amend the Town Code to allow elected officials to serve on major political party committees.

It’s not publicly known if anyone now holds the vice chair position of the Islip Town Republican Committee as of publication, since the executive leadership positions listed on the committee’s website were removed around the New Year, according to archived data. The Islip Town Republican Committee did not respond to a request for comment on the slate of candidates or the vice chair position.

For the fourth State Senate district, the Republicans nominated Brianne Wakefield, who will attempt to flip the seat currently held by Democrat Monica Martinez.

The Republicans nominated Dan Losquadro, the current Town of Brookhaven Highway superintendent and former state assemblyman from the first, then second district, for Suffolk County Comptroller.

For Congress, the Suffolk GOP nominated incumbent U.S. Reps. Nick LaLota and Andrew Garbarino for the first and second districts, respectively, and former state assemblyman Mike LiPetri for the

third district.

In accepting his nomination, Garbarino said that, despite running in a midterm election year with a Republican-held presidency, which typically favors Democrats, the Suffolk GOP’s strength would get him and his colleagues into office in November.

“The Democrats, they brought up... they have enthusiasm now, they think they’re going to win. They feel great,” Garbarino said. “You know what? They don’t have two things. They don’t have the issues—we own the issues. And they don’t have the Suffolk County Republican Committee.” ■

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Minnesota Calling

BY JAMES BERTSCH

“I’m not mad at you, dude,” were Renee Good’s last words before she was killed by an ICE agent in Minneapolis. “F*** you, B****” were his. He fired three shots—point blank—after she backed her car up and tried to drive around the agent blocking her. She was still alive when ICE agents blocked a doctor trying to save her life.

Alex Pretti was an intensive care nurse who kept veterans alive during COVID. As part of the final rites when a veteran he cared for died, Pretti thanked him for our freedom. Pretti stepped between a woman and masked ICE agents after the group violently threw her to the ground. Pretti was piled on by a large group of agents and shot 10 times in the back, after they disarmed him.

Yes. Pretti had a gun at a protest. It was registered. It was not brandished. He didn’t even reach for it while he was piled on and pistol-whipped in the face. Pretti was immediately labeled a domestic terrorist by the federal government. Never mind that the Constitution grants citizens “the right of the people to be secure in their persons,” as noted in the Fourth Amendment.

In both shootings, millions of Amer-

icans were told not to believe what we witnessed with our own eyes. The federal government branded both Good and Pretti “domestic terrorists.” They are not investigating either shooting. They are blocking state and local authorities from conducting their own investigations.

The U.S. Attorney General finds the organized nature of Minnesota’s resistance suspicious. How could soccer moms, priests and postal workers self-organize to rid their city of ICE? The other blue cities (and it is only blue cities) the federal government targeted did not rise up in this way.

I’m unsurprised by Minnesota’s fight for freedom. I’m a jack of some trades, but a master of only one... Minnesota. I came to love its people when I attended college there. I was so taken, in fact, that I wrote my master’s thesis on Minnesota’s cultural and political history.

Disorderly, riotous and scheming are the last words I’d use to describe Minnesotans. They’re the most orderly people on Earth. I’ll never forget the horrified faces of my study-abroad classmates from Minnesota when it was time for communion at a church in Ireland; they simply could not understand the every-man-for-himself scattering of the Irish during communion at Sunday Mass. It’s my fondest memory of two people I love.

Minnesotans are also the most politically independent people in the nation. Theirs is a unique political culture. They have long rejected the red/blue and Democrat/Republican binaries we are told define political life. No state has voted for as many third-party candidates in American history, for example, from mayor to governor to Congress, and even President.

Minnesotans detest braggarts. They don’t suffer fools. And they will not tolerate liars. Personal humility isn’t an expectation in Minnesota. It’s a demand. Anonymous charitable giving isn’t an exception. It’s a cultural norm. Minnesotans loved the quiet baseball all-star Kirby Puckett. They couldn’t stand loudmouth Super Bowl winner Jim McMahon.

Anyone who’s attended a big game at a Minnesota stadium has seen Minnesota nice in action. No one fights their way out of a crowded parking lot. All follow a clear rule: You go, I go, You go, I go. Before you know it, the lot is empty and everyone is driving home with smiles on their faces. They merge the same way on highways. It’s a ballet of civility.

Minnesota’s residents are stepping up to look out for each other, collectively saying, “I got you”—whoever you are and wherever you’re from. Journalists call it neighborism. It’s an antidote to the ugly birtherism that’s long charac-

terized Trump’s thinking. Consider how long Donald Trump has accused Barack Obama—who Trump recently depicted as a monkey—of being born on foreign soil. Neighborism also stands in contrast to nativism, which is what undergirds ICE’s illegal detentions of immigrants and their construction of concentration camps on American soil.

This is our coldest winter in 50 years. In it, I feel the hand of Providence. Twenty governors have declared national emergencies. It snowed in Florida. Students were sent home from Ole Miss because the whole town is encased in ice.

“The ice age is comin’, the sun’s zoom-in’ in. Meltdown expected, the wheat is growing in,” the Clash write in “London Calling.” Even down to wheat, the Clash’s call is what we’re also seeing in Minnesota. The Clash issued a call to action: unify and overcome chaos. Their call also harkens back to World War II, when the world rose up to defeat fascism.

Minnesota is calling through this brutal winter. We see it in the snow. We see it in ice. We feel it in the cold wind howling across America.

Do we have it in us to come together and dream big dreams again? Are we really going to let this be the end of the world’s oldest Constitutional democracy?

Minnesota is calling. How will America answer? How will you answer?

Having a healthy heart

A Q&A with NYU Langone doctors and their suggested tips

BY NICOLE FUENTES

In honor of the month of love, NYU Langone Dr. Emmanuel N. Moustakakis, MD, director of Inpatient Cardiology at NYU Langone Hospital-Suffolk, and Dr. Jonathan Weinstein, DO, FACC, director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at NYU Langone Health and NYU Langone Hospital-Suffolk, shared heart health tips and information.

According to Weinstein, heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, but the encouraging news is that most heart disease is modifiable.

“Studies suggest that cardiovascular disease can be delayed or avoided with lifestyle changes and appropriate medical care,” he said. “The key message is that it’s never too early or too late to start taking care of your heart.”

Q: What are the biggest causes of issues for heart health?

Dr. Emmanuel Moustakakis: While there is no one single issue that causes heart disease, the biggest risk factors include smoking and diabetes. Obesity and sedentary lifestyle contribute significantly to the risk of developing diabetes and other risk factors for heart disease.

Dr. Jonathan Weinstein: The biggest drivers of heart disease are still the fundamentals: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, obesity, and a sedentary lifestyle. On top of that, chronic stress and poor sleep are increasingly important contributors. Most heart disease is not sudden; it develops quietly over years.

Q: What are ways we can manage our diet to help?

EM: Heart-healthy diets tend to include a lot of fiber, whole grains,

fruits and vegetables, and lean proteins, and minimize processed foods, complex carbs, and refined sugars.

JW: I tell patients to think less about “diets” and more about patterns. A heart-healthy pattern emphasizes vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean proteins like fish and poultry, legumes, and healthy fats such as olive oil and nuts. Reducing processed foods, excess salt, added sugars, and refined carbohydrates makes a huge difference. Even small, consistent changes can meaningfully lower blood pressure and cholesterol.

Q: Exercise?

EM: The American Heart Association recommends 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity exercise. That’s 30 minutes, five days a week. Examples include brisk walking, dancing, water aerobics, bicycling, or doubles tennis.

JW: Regular physical activity is one of the most powerful tools we have. The goal is about 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise — brisk walking absolutely counts. Strength training a couple of days a week is also important.

Q: Anything else we can do to help prevent heart issues?



(L-R) NYU Langone’s Dr. Emmanuel N. Moustakakis, MD, director of Inpatient Cardiology, and Dr. Jonathan Weinstein, DO, FACC, director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory.

Courtesy photos

EM: All adults should see a primary care doctor at least once a year. Screening for, and understanding your risk factors for heart disease, and treating risk factors for heart disease when appropriate, is far and away the best way to prevent heart disease.

JW: Know your numbers — blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar — and address problems early. Don’t underestimate sleep, stress management, and mental health. And if you smoke, quitting is one of the single most impactful things you can do for your heart, regardless of age.

Q: What are the age groups and concerns?

EM: Heart disease can affect adults of all ages. But risk of coronary artery disease increases in men above 55, and in women post-menopause.

JW: In younger adults, we’re increasingly seeing obesity, high blood pressure, and early diabetes, often driven by diet and inactivity. In middle age, plaque buildup, cholesterol issues, and lifestyle stress really come into play. In older adults, heart rhythm problems, heart failure, and the cumulative effects of

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Thursday, February 19

Life Drawing: Open Figure Night – Join Islip Arts Council at the gallery in the South Shore Mall to practice your drawing skills with a live model present, 6-8 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. Fee: \$20. Easels provided upon request. Register online at www.isliparts.org.

Friday, February 20

National Caregivers Day – Across the nation dedicated health care professionals serve those who require long-term or hospice care. National Caregivers Day honors those men and women dedicated to providing these vital services. National Caregivers Day recognizes caregivers providing quality, compassionate care every day.

Macrame Wall Hanging Workshop – Join Islip Arts Council at the gallery in the South Shore Mall for a relaxing 2-hour workshop to create your own handmade 6"x6" wall hanging, 6-8 p.m. \$35 includes materials. Register online at www.isliparts.org.

Village of Saltaire Public Hearing – The village's Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on a proposed local law of 2026 amending Section 48-23 Tax Cap Waiver at 32 Old Slip, 10th floor, New York, NY, 6 p.m. Virtual viewing also available. Call 631-583-5566 for details.

Tuesday, February 24

Laugh With Patty – Join certified Laughter Yoga leader, Patty at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library for a unique experience where laughter is simulated through full-body laughter exercises and playfulness, 6:30 p.m. Boost heart health, energy, and mood. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Wednesday, February 25

Paint It Forward Self Care Jar – Program at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library sponsored by YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support, will explore practical tools for building healthy habits, 7 p.m. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

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 purchased online at www.isliparts.org. Call 631-888-3525.

Winter Art Classes & Workshops – Islip Arts Council is offering an assortment of cultural art classes, from watercolor, oils & acrylics painting and stained-glass classes

to "Paint 'n Sip" evening events, figure drawing and cartooning for kids and teens. To see class offerings and register, visit www.isliparts.org/index.php/classes. Classes held at IAC Gallery at Westfield South Shore Mall, 1701 Sunrise Highway, Bay Shore 11706, located next door to Dick's Sporting Goods. Call 631-888-3525.

Women Who Love to Sing – The Heart of Long Island Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is extending an invitation for all women who love to sing to fall in love with BARBERSHOP. This fun-loving, friendly group of women meet to rehearse on Mondays in Bohemia at 7 p.m. Don't worry if you don't know how to sing Barbershop, they'll be HAPPY to teach you. Bring your love of singing and your desire to learn a new, different, interesting and exciting musical genre. As an added bonus, you'll make wonderful new friends. Find Heart of Long Island Chorus on Facebook and Instagram or email heartoflongislandchorus@gmail.com.

Retired Firefighters – NYCRA and the First Responders Cancer Awareness group are volunteer, self-funded advocacy organizations whose members are dedicated to the sharing of free-access information, educational materials about cancer, videos, group presentations and a catalog of all cancer resources. For information, visit www.HealthScanNYC.org.

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

Gamblers Anonymous – Are you or someone you know living with a gambling problem? Call 631-297-6166 Sunday to Friday for help. GA covers all areas of Long Island.

Soccer Referees Wanted – The Eastern NY Youth Soccer Association seeks referees and assistant referees, ages 14 years and up. Certification classes are taking place throughout Eastern New York. For information, visit www.ensoccer.com.

Project Warmth – Assistance for eligible families and individuals with heating emergencies. For more information or to apply for the program, dial 2-1-1 (or 1-888-774-7633) or visit www.unitedwayli.org.

Kayak & Canoeing Sites – Heckscher State Park, Heckscher State Parkway, East Islip. Phone 631-581-2100; Captree State Park, Babylon. Phone 631-669-0449; Jones Beach State Park, Ocean Parkway, Wantagh. Phone 516-785-1600.

ISLIP BULLETIN YEARS AGO

62 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 1964

The Heart Sunday Volunteer Army began its march this week in Islip Town to give every resident an opportunity to join the fight against heart-related diseases, under the chairmanship of **Arthur Chiappe**, of West Islip.

Mrs. Albert Herr of Miller Avenue, Central Islip, received the 1964 Jenkins Award of the Wheeler Road PTA, Central Islip, for her outstanding work with children.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the John F. Kennedy Elementary School, East Islip, with attendees including **Dr. Edwin R. Tolle**, president of the board of education; board members **James Windling**, **Richard McKay** and **Erwin K. Bloom**; and superintendent of schools Lawrence H. Gallagher.

Sunrise Lodge 2056 and Sunrise Chapter 948 of B'nai B'rith, Bay Shore, sponsored an informative panel discussion on the subject of integration. Among the speakers was **Bernard Troy** of Bay Shore, who is Suffolk County co-chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Guy Lumia, a violinist from West Islip, made his debut on the concert stage when he performed at Town Hall in New York City, where he performed pieces by Beethoven, Ravel and Shostakovich.

Second Lt. **Frank W. Langman**, of Islip, completed an officer orientation course at the Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

Cadets who were promoted to seaman apprentice status at the monthly award night of the Islip Terrace Battalion of the American Cadet Alliance were **Robert Horan**, **Donald Horan**, **James Doyle**, and **Mrs. Joseph Shasgus**, who was promoted to chief warrant officer.

Chess Club participants at the West Islip Library included **Alan Rosenfeld**, **Francine Rosenfeld**, **Harry Bass**, **Warren Rosenfeld**, **Mike Keith**, **Gary Taylor** and **Sharon Bass**.

Islip Terrace Attorney **Theodore Joanni Jr.** and his daughter, **Barbara**, who is a stu-

dent at the New York University School of Law, attended the annual luncheon of the Fordham Law Alumni Association held in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The Central Islip Romanettes took home many prizes at a competition held in Bay Shore, including **Vicki Romand**, first place in strutting; **Betsy Bieringer**, fifth place in open solo; and **Verna Kelly**, fourth place in military strutting.

Tony Nappi of Central Islip is directing "A Thurber Carnival" to be presented at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The Bay Shore High School String Quartet was selected to perform in a contemporary music festival in New York City. Members are **Barbara Benary**, first violin; **Patricia Scott**, second violin; **Sandra Robbins**, viola; and **Alan Christiansen**, cello.

Playing this week at **The Central Islip Theatre**: Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn in "Charade."

25 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 2001

The East Islip High School cafeteria was all decked out for the Esteemed Elders' Ball for East Islip's senior citizens. Among the attendees **Catherine Wanser**, **Mary Floyd** and **Regina Primm**.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Alexander Salcedo**, of Islip graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Allison Feren, of Bay Shore, was promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of technical sergeant.

Army Pvt. **Teresa Jeri**, of Bay Shore, graduated from the traffic management coordinator advanced individual training course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

Midshipman **Douglas Greaker**, of Bay Shore, was one of 213 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy students who marched in the inaugural parade for President **George W. Bush** in Washington, D.C.

The Gardiner Manor School in Bay Shore held their sixth annual celebration for Black History Month. Among the guest speakers were Bay Shore resident **Virginia Bull**, a



February 1964: Meta Fayden, a senior in the Central Islip Public Schools, receives a certificate of merit in recognition of her high performance in the National Merit Scholarship Program, from high school principal P.H. Marquette.

retired editor of the *City Record*, and **Shawyn Jackson** of Bay Shore, who pursued careers in nursing and publishing.

Islip's Chamber of Commerce inducted its new slate of officers, with **Tom Cilmi**, proprietor of CTL Printing, now at the helm as president.

Rohan Murphy of East Islip, a double-amputee wrestler with a 20-2 season record, received a standing ovation at the county wrestling championships in Stony Brook with his second-place finish. Also at the championship, East Islip wrestler **Rob Vaccaro** repeated as champion of the 103-pound class, and **Mike Patrovich**, of Islip, handily won the 152-pound flight.

The Islip High School Buccaneers girls basketball team rallied back from a 28-17 halftime deficit to defeat the Sayville Golden Flashes, 46-38. Islip's top point scorers

included **Kari Dugan**, **Katie Ferry** and **Ali Pepe**, all with 7, and point leader **Shannon Oberg**, with 17.

Bay Shore claimed two county championships in track, with standout performances from **Ryann Hoffman**, who took first place in the 3,000 meters; **Caitlin Moreira**, who took first place in shot put; and the first-place finishes for the relay teams of 4x400 runners **Danica Dupuy**, **Christine Williams**, **Katie Green** and **Kelly Castro**, and 4x800 runners **Kaitlyn Taggart**, **Mary Liz McCurdy**, **Katie Maltigli** and **Kelly Castro**.

Bay Shore High School track athletes who qualified for the state championships included **Shayna Staton** in the 300 meters; **Diane Heiser** in the 1000 meters; **Keldon Walker** in the 600 meters; and **Ed Palermo** in the 1000 meters.

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

P.S. I LOVE YOU: A day dedicated to mental health awareness

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pillar of hope took a lot of help. With the help of Brooke's high school classmates, they brought their vision to life. P.S. I Love You Day currently has a team of members dedicated to continuing the organization's goal of uplifting mental health.

Word of P.S. I Love You Day continues to spread, thanks to the local Long Island communities that participate.

"Whether it's the coffee sleeves at local coffee shops that local schools create, or hosting yoga classes for P.S. I Love You Day or Pilates classes, it's really just about any activity that helps get the conversation going," Brooke shared.

Even if you're just wearing a small purple pin, sending a caring message to those around you is what the organization wishes for. That simple recognition of someone wearing purple can really send a message to someone in the middle of their own difficulties.

For Brooke, P.S. I Love You Day is about this sense of togetherness through hardship.

"It really is about knowing that there is a beacon in all the darkness and you could be that light for yourself. You could find the light within you, but you could also shine the light for others," she said. ■



CHURCH: A Valentine's Day concert at United Methodist

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camp, especially if their mom's incarcerated. It must be difficult for these kids, so if they can get a week of fun out in Shelter Island, boating and being on the water, it would be great," pastor Doug Madlon highlighted. For many, it's charitable causes like this that make holidays like Valentine's Day all the more important. The church's goal is to ultimately send at least five to 10 kids to

the summer camp. The Hoffman Chamber Ensemble received a standing ovation after their performance. James Kendall was on piano, Richard Gotlib played cello, Robert Leibholz was on violin, and George Formes provided vocal accompaniment. Following the performance, the church provided a full dinner for their guests to enjoy with their families. ■

THE ISLIP BULLETIN SPORTS

East Islip rallies to top Islip

BY TONY BELLISSIMO

Forced to win four of its last five Suffolk League III games just to qualify for the Class AA girls basketball playoffs proved beneficial for youthful East Islip when it faced a double-digit deficit in the second quarter of its first-round matchup with neighboring Islip on Feb. 11.

"I told the girls even though they haven't been in a playoff atmosphere before, they've essentially been playing playoff games for weeks because of what it took for us to get in," head coach Michael Petre said. "They really brought it in the second half."

Junior Anna Kohlhoff scored 19 of her career-high 24 points after half-time, and No. 8-seed East Islip rallied for a thrilling 64-58 victory over No. 9 Islip before a packed home crowd. Kohlhoff drained five 3-pointers, giving her 50 on the season, and got plenty of offensive support from senior Cai-lyn Tait (11 points), eighth-grader Pia Smaldone (10) and seventh-grader Hadley Madden (8.)

"It was a great game by both teams," Petre said. "Every kid stepped up. To not score for the first six minutes of the game and to finish with 64 was insane. We had our best quarter of the season to get back into it."

Led by Kohlhoff, East Islip (13-8) exploded for 26 points in the third quarter to erase a 29-17 halftime deficit.

"Their body language at halftime was surprisingly good, considering we were down eight," Petre said. "We got a basket just before halftime that gave



East Islip's 48-34 win at Deer Park Feb. 5 not only clinched it a playoff spot, but it was also head coach Michael Petre's 300th career victory.

Photo courtesy Michael Petre

us some momentum. We switched the defense a bit and went to a 1-3-1 and got stops of eight of their first nine possessions in the third quarter."

East Islip, which advanced to face top-seeded Northport in the quarter-finals, led 45-43 entering the fourth, but the Buccaneers (12-8) scored the first seven points of the quarter to jump back ahead, 50-45. Islip was led by senior Rylee Moran's game-high 26 points and senior Abbey Dieumegard's 11.

East Islip closed the game on a 19-8 run.

"It was a memorable atmosphere for all the kids," Islip head coach Collin Smith said. "It was an exciting game with runs by both teams. Unfortunately for us, Anna Kohlhoff put a shooting clinic on. Our kids played their hearts out all year and I'm eternally grateful and proud of them."

It was career victory No. 301 for Petre, who reached the 300 milestone in ideal fashion on Feb. 5 when East Islip

punched its playoff ticket with a 48-34 triumph at Deer Park in a must-win regular-season finale. Smaldone led the way with 14 points.

"It's personally rewarding, but I couldn't do it without great kids and families, and the support of my own family and communities I've coached in," said Petre, who guided East Islip to the 2000-01 Long Island championship and also coached North Babylon to a pair of L.I. titles, getting both programs to the state final. ■

GALLERY: Landscape paintings displayed

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the world captured for interpretation. Such stillness contrasts with the lava found in "Eruption."

Choosing one particular landscape as her favorite proved to be rather difficult.

"They are all powerful and alive, which is beautiful in and of itself. Every landscape has its own feature that draws you in, and sometimes the way the sun or moon shines down changes the whole feel of the scene," she emphasized. One particular setting did come to mind,

though.

"The landscapes of Iceland were the most one-of-a-kind and otherworldly, especially in the remote highlands in the middle of the country, where there are expansive rainbow mountains with mossy peaks, bright teal lakes nestled in jagged black rock formations, and unaltered hot-spring rivers."

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April, upstate, and it was a 450-seat theater and it was packed, and the audience was just like the best audience there ever could have been,” Lichter highlighted. “You know, I always say that if that was it, and the movie got destroyed after that, but I had that one night—that’s all I needed.”

Showing the film has been truly rewarding for Lichter and the band. The event was packed out at the Music & Entertainment Center, with chairs



stretching all the way to the back of the room. Homemade shirts with their single “I Wanna Be A Lifeguard” and various other band paraphernalia truly spoke to how much this band meant to local Long Islanders. Seeing the passion their fans still have for Blotto is something special. ■

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HEART HEALTH TIPS

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long-standing risk factors become more common. Prevention matters at every stage.

Q: What can a loved one know about the signs of a heart attack to help?

EM: Heart attacks do not always present as crushing chest pain like what you see in the movies. It can be sudden chest pain, sometimes moving down the left arm or up to the throat and jaw, sudden chest heaviness or shortness of breath, or even sudden pain in the upper part of the abdomen. The best advice I can give is if you feel like something is wrong, do not ignore it. And if you think you or a loved one is having a heart attack, do not drive yourself to the hospital. Call 911 and go by ambulance. Paramedics and ambulances are equipped with lifesaving equipment that can sometimes be necessary before reaching the hospi-

tal. They can also call ahead and transmit information to the hospital, which leads to much faster, more efficient treatment.

JW: Classic symptoms include chest pressure or tightness, pain radiating to the arm, neck, jaw, or back, shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness, or cold sweats. Women and people with diabetes may have more subtle symptoms like fatigue or shortness of breath without severe chest pain. If something feels wrong, don’t wait. Every second counts.

“Heart disease kills more Americans every year than all forms of cancer combined,” said Moustakakis of the importance of managing your heart health. “While it is a common misconception that it primarily affects men, it is also the No. 1 cause of death in women.” ■

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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
[* Islip Bulletin*]
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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 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.]
P-5 (10/96)

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.

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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 11795

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

Deceased.
X

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.

NYSCEF is designed for the electronic filing of documents with the court and for the electronic service of those documents, court documents, and court notices upon counsel and unrepresented litigants who have consented to electronic filing.

Electronic filing offers significant benefits for attorneys and litigants,

permitting papers to be filed with the court and served on other parties simply, conveniently, and quickly. NYSCEF case documents are filed with the court by filing on the NYSCEF Website, which can be done at any time of the day or night on any day of the week. The documents are served automatically on all consenting e-filers as soon as the document is uploaded to the website, which sends out an immediate email notification of the filing.

The NYSCEF System charges no fees for filing, serving, or viewing the electronic case record, nor does it charge any fees to print any filed documents. Normal filing fees must be paid, but this can be done on-line.

Parties represented by an attorney: Counsel for parties served with this notice must either: 1) immediately record their representation within the e-filed proceeding on the NYSCEF site; or 2) file the Notice of Opt-Out form with the clerk of the court where this proceeding is pending. Exemptions from mandatory e-filing are limited to attorneys who certify in good faith that they lack the computer hardware and/or scanner and/or internet connection or that they lack (along with all employees subject to their direction) the operational knowledge to comply with e-filing requirements. [Section 207.4-aa(e)]

Parties not represented by an attorney: Unrepresented litigants are exempt from e-filing. They can serve and file documents in paper form and must be served with documents in paper form. However, an unrepresented litigant may participate in e-filing.

For information on how to participate in e-filing, unrepresented litigants should contact the appropriate clerk in the court where the proceeding was filed or visit www.nycourts.gov/efileunrepresented. Unrepresented litigants also are encouraged to visit www.nycourthelp.gov or contact the Help Center in the court where the proceeding was filed. An unrepresented litigant who consents to e-filing may cease participation at any time. However, the other parties may continue to e-file their court documents in the proceeding.

For additional information about electronic filing and to create a NYSCEF account, visit the NYSCEF website at www.nycourts.gov/efile or contact the NYSCEF Resource Center (phone: 646-386-3033; e-mail: efile@nycourts.gov).

Dated: January 21, 2026

Signature
JACK N. POSNER, ESQ.
Name
JACK N. POSNER, ESQ.
Firm Name
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E-Mail

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.

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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.]

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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.
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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 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

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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

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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 I**

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 I**

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 I**

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 I**

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 I**

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.storage-treasures.com on 3/4/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Galo Morales unit #131; Kyrake Austin unit #420; Roldan Lagos Gutierrez unit #510; Neftaly Fransisco Nunez unit #596. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details. **IB, 20264060, 2/12, 19 I**

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.storage-treasures.com on 3/4/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Duane M Volpe unit #1052; James Bellamy unit #1123; David Jonathan Hernandez Flores unit #1162; Kimberly Strumpolis unit #1189; Kate Bychkov unit #1213; Steven Ellies unit #2024; Shelove Tilus unit #2058; Thomas Linz unit #2101; Shawn Howard unit #2155; Shala Davis unit #2314. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details. **IB, 20264061, 2/12, 19 I**

Notice of Sale NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN FERNANDEZ A/K/A JOHN J. FERNANDEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 19, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on March 19, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1 Pia Court, Hauppauge, NY 11778 a/k/a 11788. 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 018.00, Block 01.00 and Lot 004.001. Approximate amount of judgment is \$692,655.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 208077/2022. Billie Jean Miller, Esq., Referee Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.:230058-1 **IB, 20264062, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5 I**

Notice of Sale NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK The Bank of New York Mellon FKA

The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-12, Plaintiff AGAINST Curlin Miller; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered April 20, 2018, amended September 18, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Town Hall of the Town of Islip, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on March 16,2026, at 9:30AM, premises known as 902 Broadway, 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, State of New York, District 0500 section 248.00 Block 01.00 Lot 030.000. Approximate amount of judgment is \$254,111.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 610885/2015. Richard Lavorata Jr., Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: January 23, 2026 For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2831 **IB, 20264063, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5 I**

Notice of Sale NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Cheryl Crawford a/k/a Cheryl E. Crawford; Steven Crawford a/k/a Steven E. Crawford; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 24, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on March 16,2026 at 2:00PM, premises known as 194 Gainsborough Road, Holbrook, NY 11741. 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, State of New York, District 0500 Section 089.00 Block 03.00 Lot 022.000. Approximate amount of judgment \$404,250.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 630319/2023. Joseph M. Puzo, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: January 21, 2026 **IB, 20264064, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5 I**

"Notice is hereby given that a license, number "Pending", for beer, cider, liquor and wine, has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, cider, liquor and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 315 West Main Street a/k/a 319 Montauk Highway, Bay Shore NY 11706, for on premise consumption. Hercules Churrasqueria Restaurant 2 Corporation" **IB, 20264065, 2/12, 19 I**

Notice of Sale NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the GSAMP Trust 2006-HE6 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE6, Plaintiff AGAINST Ralph Wilson; Gillian McKenzie; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 23, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on March 20, 2026, at 10:00AM, premises known as 47 Elm Street, Central Islip, NY 11722. 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: 164.00 Block: 02.00 Lot:

072.008. Approximate amount of judgment \$314,864.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 602438/2024. Matthew K. Mady, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: January 21, 2026 For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2831 **IB, 20264066, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 12 I**

Notice of Sale SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4, -against- YULISA M. CASTILLO, ET AL. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk on August 8, 2024, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4 is the Plaintiff and YULISA M. CASTILLO, 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 20, 2026 at 1:00PM, premises known as 7 NAPLES AVENUE, CENTRAL ISLIP, NY 11722; and the following tax map identification, 0500-079.00-02.00-016.000. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, 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.: 624558/2018. Michael T. Clancy, Esq. - Referee. The Referee does not accept cash and only accepts bank checks or certified checks made payable to Michael T. Clancy, as 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, 20264067, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 12 I**

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY to consider the adoption of local law #1-2026 to create Chapter 2, Article I, sections 2-1 through 2-5 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c. All interested persons are welcome and will be given an opportunity to be heard. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES INC. VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS Nicole Rhodes, Village Clerk Dated: February 10, 2026 **IB, 20264068, 2/19 I**

Notice of Sale SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK - ISLIP. MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff -against- JACQUELINE E. JACKSON; EVERTON M. JACKSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale

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dated July 2, 2024 and entered on July 11, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, located at 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on March 26, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York; known and designated as DSB# 0500-291.00-01.00-014.007. Said premises known as 83 BELDON LANE, TOWN OF ISLIP, NY 11706 a/k/a 83 BELDON LANE, BAY SHORE, NY 11706
Approximate amount of lien \$466,914.86 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.
Index Number 615879/2023.
ROBERT A. MACEDONIO, ESQ., Referee
Pincus & Tarab
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556
[* Islip Bulletin*]
IB, 20264069, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 12 |

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Bear Stearns ARM Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-10, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee
Plaintiff,
Against
Gail A. Ruden, as executor of the estate of Sol Ruden, 103 Colony Dr LLC, The Colony at Holbrook Home Owners Association, Inc., The Board Of Directors Of The Colony At Holbrook Home Owners Association, Inc. "John Doe"
Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 05/18/2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751, on 3/24/2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 103 Colony Drive, Holbrook, New York 11741, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in Holbrook, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York.
District 0500 Section 089.00 Block 02.00 Lot 001.043
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$543,877.03 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 609080/2016
For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.
John Doyle, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 1/16/2026 File Number: 26846 CA
IB, 20264070, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 12 |

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT
SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT
Plaintiff,
Against
RONALD THOMAS A/K/A RONALD S. THOMAS, JR., ALVIERA THOMAS, et al.
Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 03/08/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751, on 3/24/2026 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1068 Martinstein Avenue, Bay Shore, New York 11706, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of

Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York.
District 0500 Section 264.00 Block 03.00 Lot 018.002
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$580,709.65 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 066924/2014
Justin N. Lite, Esq., Referee.
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573
Dated: 1/16/2026 File Number: 17-302624 CA
IB, 20264071, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 12 |

Legal Notice
FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, In the Matter of an Article 6 Custody Proceeding Docket No. V-18977-25, Rosa Moran, Petitioner v. Santos Zavala, Respondent, Child, Ariana Sorto, d/o/b 7/7/2024; To: Santos Zavala, 23 Lehigh Avenue, Centereach, N.Y. 11720; A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act has been filed with this Court. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear IN PERSON before this Court on: March 10, 2026 at 9:30 AM in Part 1 Central Islip, for Return of Process, before the Hon. Mary E. Porter at Suffolk County Family Court, 400 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y. 11722-9076, Second Floor, Room F 24 to answer the Petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act. Please bring this notice with you and check in with the Court Officer in the Part. DATED: February 5, 2026
Dawn Kettle, Chief Clerk
File#: 198312 (V-18977-25)
GF-2 (08/2002)
FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
File #: 198312
Docket #: V-18977-25
SUMMONS - GENERAL
(IN PERSON)
Service shall be made by Publication

In the Matter of an Article 6 Custody/Visitation Proceeding
Rosa Moran (Petitioner)
Santos Zavala (Respondent)
Ariana Sorto (DOB: 07/07/2024)

To: Santos Zavala
23 Lehigh Ave
Centereach, NY 11720
A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act has been filed with this Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear IN PERSON before this Court on:
Date/Time/Part: March 10, 2026 at 09:30 AM in Part 1 Central Islip
Purpose: Return of Process
Presiding: Hon. Mary E. Porter
Location: Suffolk County Family Court, 400 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, NY 11722-9076
Floor: 2
Room: F24

to answer the attached petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.
Please bring this notice with you and check in with the Court Officer in the Part.
Dated: January 13, 2026
Dawn Kettle, Chief Clerk
NOTICE: FAMILY COURT ACT §154(C) PROVIDES THAT PETITIONS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 4, 5, 6, 8 AND 10 OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, IN WHICH AN ORDER OF PROTECTION IS SOUGHT OR IN WHICH A VIOLATION OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION IS ALLEGED, MAY BE SERVED OUTSIDE THE STATE OF NEW YORK UPON A RESPONDENT WHO IS NOT A RESIDENT OR DOMICILIARY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. IF NO OTHER GROUNDS FOR OBTAINING PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE RESPONDENT EXIST ASIDE FROM THE APPLICATION OF THIS

PROVISION, THE EXERCISE OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE RESPONDENT IS LIMITED TO THE ISSUE OF THE REQUEST FOR, OR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF, THE ORDER OF PROTECTION. WHERE THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS AND PETITION AND DOES NOT APPEAR, THE FAMILY COURT MAY PROCEED TO A HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ISSUANCE OR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER OF PROTECTION.
FCA §§ 487, 549, 651, 652, 654; DRL §§75-1, 240¹
General Form 17 (7/2025)
(Petition - Custody, Visitation)
FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
Family File No. 198312
Docket No.
PETITION FOR
[x] CUSTODY
[] VISITATION
.....2025 DEC 16 PM 12:47
In The Matter of a Proceeding for
[] Custody [] Visitation under Article [] 4 [] 5
of the Family Court Act or Section 240
of the Domestic Relations Law
Petitioner: ROSA MORAN
Relationship to child: GRANDMOTHER.
-against-
Respondent: S A N T O S ZAVALA
Relationship to child: FATHER
.....
TO THE FAMILY COURT:
The Petitioner respectfully allèges upon information and belief that:
1. The name, gender, current address, and date of birth of each child who is the subject of this proceeding are as follows [specify address or indicate if ordered to be kept confidential pursuant to Family Court Act §154-b(2) or Domestic Relations Law §254]:
Name ARIANA SORTO
Gender F
Date of Birth 7-7-24
Current Address 186 N. COLEMAN RD. CENTEREACH, NY 11720
Name of Person with Whom Child Resides ROSA MORAN
2. a. Petitioner, ROSA MORAN [check applicable box]: [x] resides [] is located at [specify address or indicate if ordered to be kept confidential pursuant to Family Court Act §154- b(2) or Domestic Relations Law §254]: 166 MAGNOLIA DR. SELDEN, NY 11784
b. Petitioner is [specify relationship to child; if foster parent, agency, institution or other relationship, so state]: - GRAND MOTHER (ROSA MORAN)
3. a. Respondent, SANTOS ZAVALA [check applicable box]: [] resides [] is located at [specify address or indicate if ordered to be confidential, pursuant to Family Court Act §154-b(2) or Domestic Relations Law §254]:
b. Respondent is [specify relationship to child; if foster parent, agency, institution or other relationship, so state]: FATHER
¹Note: If a custody or visitation proceeding is pending in, or an order of custody or visitation has been issued by, a court outside of the State of New York, including a Native-American tribunal, the custody/visitation petition for proceedings under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, Form UCCJEA-1 should be utilized instead of this form. If a prior order of custody or visitation had been entered by a Court of this State, the petition for modification or enforcement, General Forms 40 or 41, should be used instead of this form.
IB, 20264072, 2/19 |

Family File No. 198312
Docket No.
PETITION FOR
[x] CUSTODY
[] VISITATION
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In The Matter of a Proceeding for
[] Custody [] Visitation under Article [] 4 [] 5
of the Family Court Act or Section 240
of the Domestic Relations Law
Petitioner: ROSA MORAN
Relationship to child: GRANDMOTHER.
-against-
Respondent: S A N T O S ZAVALA
Relationship to child: FATHER
.....
TO THE FAMILY COURT:
The Petitioner respectfully allèges upon information and belief that:
1. The name, gender, current address, and date of birth of each child who is the subject of this proceeding are as follows [specify address or indicate if ordered to be kept confidential pursuant to Family Court Act §154-b(2) or Domestic Relations Law §254]:
Name ARIANA SORTO
Gender F
Date of Birth 7-7-24
Current Address 186 N. COLEMAN RD. CENTEREACH, NY 11720
Name of Person with Whom Child Resides ROSA MORAN
2. a. Petitioner, ROSA MORAN [check applicable box]: [x] resides [] is located at [specify address or indicate if ordered to be kept confidential pursuant to Family Court Act §154- b(2) or Domestic Relations Law §254]: 166 MAGNOLIA DR. SELDEN, NY 11784
b. Petitioner is [specify relationship to child; if foster parent, agency, institution or other relationship, so state]: - GRAND MOTHER (ROSA MORAN)
3. a. Respondent, SANTOS ZAVALA [check applicable box]: [] resides [] is located at [specify address or indicate if ordered to be confidential, pursuant to Family Court Act §154-b(2) or Domestic Relations Law §254]:
b. Respondent is [specify relationship to child; if foster parent, agency, institution or other relationship, so state]: FATHER
¹Note: If a custody or visitation proceeding is pending in, or an order of custody or visitation has been issued by, a court outside of the State of New York, including a Native-American tribunal, the custody/visitation petition for proceedings under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, Form UCCJEA-1 should be utilized instead of this form. If a prior order of custody or visitation had been entered by a Court of this State, the petition for modification or enforcement, General Forms 40 or 41, should be used instead of this form.
IB, 20264072, 2/19 |

ISLIP FIRE DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT-
ING
FOR YEAR ENDING 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Request for Proposals will be received by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Islip Fire District at 28 Monell Avenue, Islip, New York, until 12:00 p.m., time then in effect, on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at which place and time they will be publicly opened and read by the said Board of Fire Commissioners, for annual external auditing of the financial services of the Islip Fire District commencing with the annual audit covering the year ending 2025, the agreement to be renewable at the option of the Board of Fire Commissioners annually for up to four (4) additional years at rates, if any, set forth in the Proposal. A description of services to be included in the Proposal may be obtained from Kyle Markott, District Secretary, Islip Fire District.
The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, or to waive informalities, as the interests of the Fire District may require.
Dated: Islip, New York
February 11, 2026
By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Islip Fire District
Kyle Markott, District Secretary
IB, 20264073, 2/19 |

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Aviso de adopción de resolución sujeta a referéndum permisivo: Se notifica que, en la reunión ordinaria celebrada el lunes 9 de febrero de 2026, la Junta de Comisionados de Bomberos del Distrito de Bomberos de Central Islip, Central Islip, Nueva York, Municipio de Islip, Condado de Suffolk, acordó destinar una cantidad máxima de \$75,000.00 del Fondo de Reserva para Aparatos y Equipos contra Incendios a la compra de EPI (Equipo de Protección Individual), que consiste en cascos, tirantes, guantes, botas, capuchas, chaquetas y pantalones de protección, chalecos de seguridad, protectores de casco, mascarillas de respiración autónoma y cualquier otro EPI necesario. Todas las compras se realizarán a los diversos proveedores que utiliza el Distrito de Bomberos. Asimismo, se resolvió que este gasto se someta a referéndum permisivo. Junta de Comisionados de Bomberos
Distrito de bomberos de Central Islip
Edward M. Freudenberg
Gerente del Distrito de Bomberos
IB, 20264074, 2/19 |

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of adoption of resolution subject to permissive referendum: Notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting held on Monday, February 9, 2026, of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Central Islip Fire District, Central Islip, New York, Town of Islip, Suffolk County, it was resolved that the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 be expended from the Fire Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) consisting of firefighter helmets, suspenders, gloves, boots, hoods, bunker coats and pants, safety vests, helmet shields, SCBA face masks and any other PPE that may be needed. All purchases will be made from various vendors that the Fire District utilizes. It was further resolved that this expenditure be made subject to a permissive referendum.
Board of Fire Commissioners Central Islip Fire District
Edward M. Freudenberg
Fire District Manager
IB, 20264075, 2/19 |

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the East Brentwood Fire District; at a public meeting held on the 12th day of February 2026, at Fire Headquarters; 26 Fulton Street, Brentwood, New York; adopted a resolution to approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$25,000.00 from the

Buildings & Grounds Reserve Fund for the following:
Fire Station Plumbing, Security and Water Filtration Repairs/Upgrades
This Resolution is published as a result of the motion made on the 12th day of February, by Commissioner Valentin, 2nd by Commissioner Giraldo and unanimously approved for the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$25,000.00 from the Buildings & Grounds Reserve Fund for fire station plumbing, security and water filtration repairs/upgrades and that if the voters of the East Brentwood Fire District submit sufficient names on a proper petition to the Fire District Secretary within 30 days of the date of this publication, this Resolution shall be put to a referendum of the taxpayers of the East Brentwood Fire District. Should there be no petition, this Permissive Referendum will become final upon the compliance of the Laws of the State of New York.
By Order of
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Robert M. Kuehn, Secretary
IB, 20264076, 2/19 |

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