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East Islip football is the 2023 Long Island champion!



East Islip High School claimed its second-ever Long Island Football championship with a score of 19-14, Friday, November 24.

(Right) Matt McIntee, Sebastian Regis, and Andrew Cooper smile alongside their championship trophy.

Photos courtesy of Jake Piacenti

East Islip vs. South Side

BY JORDAN STANKOVICH

The 2023 Class III Long Island Championship was last Friday at James M. Shuart Stadium, at Hofstra University, and featured East Islip and South Side.

The Nassau champs, South Side, came into the title game with a 10-1 record, and the Suffolk champs, East Islip, headed into the championship bout at 9-2. East Islip beat Harborfields 35-12 and Westhampton Beach 17-0 in the first two rounds of the playoffs, then defeated Sayville 17-7 at Stony Brook to win the Suffolk County championship en route to their trip to the winner-take-all Nassau-Suffolk contest to determine the Long Island crown at Hofstra.

East Islip drew first blood to take a 7-0 lead. They scored only 11 seconds into

the game on their first play from scrimmage when Thomas Costarelli threw an 80-yard touchdown toss. Costarelli completed it to Matt Ferrara, who hustled his way all the way to the end zone, ensued by an extra point by Anthony Mariani.

Just a couple minutes later, East Islip recovered a South Side onside kick at their opponent's 44-yard line. After driving the ball well on the possession, just a few yards from the goal line Thomas Costarelli threw a three-yard score to Matt McIntee. East Islip's lead was 13-0 in the first quarter.

Towards the end of the opening period, South Side made it a one-possession game after they scored on a rushing touchdown from running back Justin Singh. The score was 13-7 with 2:31 remaining in the opening quarter.

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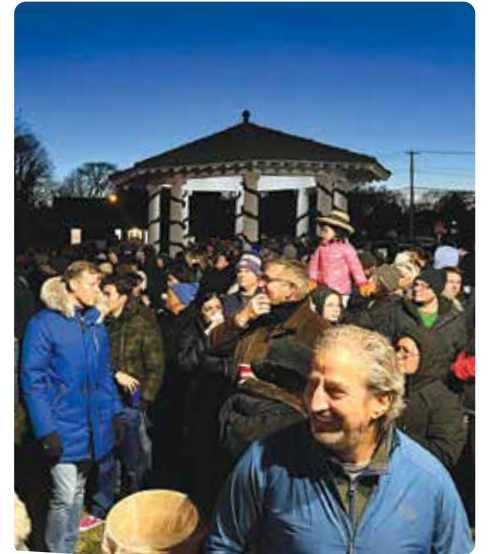
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Top of the Canal tree lighting



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Last weekend, the Village of Brightwaters held their annual Christmas Tree Lighting with the largest crowd to date. The village gave a special thanks to the Bay Shore Fire Department, Bay Shore



High School Show Stoppers for the beautiful music, the Brightwaters Deli for providing the hot chocolate, Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association for the cookies, Marykate and Matt Moley and

Steven and Kat Andrich for giving out the hot chocolate and cookies, Brightwaters Department of Public Works Department, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus! ■



PRESENTS

Sounds of the Season

Advent & Christmas music by Praetorius, Poulenc, Darmon Meader, John Rutter & more

Wednesday, December 6th at 7:45pm

Saint John's Lutheran Church
 48 Greene Avenue
 Sayville, NY 11782

Suggested donation \$15 adults / \$10 students & seniors

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Wednesday's in Advent
 Services at noon and 7pm
 12/6: 7pm Service precedes the SoLI Concert
 12/13: Hanging of the Greens at 7pm
 12/20: Longest Night at 7pm

Sunday, December 24th:
 9am: Lessons & Carols on *The Twelve Days of Christmas* with Holy Communion
 4pm & 7:30pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25th:
 10am: Christmas Day Service

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What the coaches have to say about the win

BY GRACE MERCURIO

Assistant coach Ryan Pearsall, who had been coached by head coach Ciampi himself, shared that the goal of winning the Long Island Championship was the team's ultimate motivator throughout this season.

“We had a really great group of kids that we were confident in, and they worked really hard throughout the off-season and all throughout this season to be locked in and prepared to succeed in this game,” explained Pearsall. “This is something they anticipated.”

Going into the fourth quarter, the Redmen were down 14-13. Junior quarterback Thomas Costarelli delivered the winning 22-yard throw to senior Matt McIntee with only 5:49 left for the final touchdown of the game.

“It was a great play call by Coach Ciampi. He wanted to get the football in our best player's hands,” shared assistant coach Joe Taromina, who has served in the position for a total of 18 years. “McIntee was catching everything thrown by Costarelli, and we had excellent pass protection. It was the hardest throw I have seen Costarelli make the whole year.”

“Having followed in my father's footsteps gives me a unique perspective as a coach. While it adds a ton of pressure because it's difficult following a legend, it also makes moments like this past weekend much more gratifying,” added Ciampi. “And having my son Alex on the team this year made it the highlight of my coaching career.” ■



El pride filled the air as the Redmen accepted their trophy following their monumental win, securing their title of Long Island High School Football Division III Champions.

Photo courtesy of Jake Piacenti

EI FOOTBALL: Second LIC victory in school history

FROM PAGE 1



Junior quarterback Thomas Costarelli led the Redmen to victory, completing 9 of 19 passes for 244 yards. Photos courtesy of Jake Piacenti



Talented senior Matt McIntee caught seven catches for 156 yards during the Long Island Championship.



The Redmen and Cyclones battled for the champion title during a nail-biting game at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium.



Coached by Sal Ciampi, the East Islip Redmen beat the South Side Cyclones from Rockville Centre at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium.

Late in the second quarter, four East Islip defensemen combined to sack quarterback Owen West, pushing Southside out of field goal range. The quartet of Charlie Heffernan, Jaden Schmidt, Sebastian Regis, and Niko Meyers combined to make it fourth down and 26, and South Side punted to give East Islip the ball at their own 34-yard line with 2:47 to go in the second.

Looking for some insurance points

prior to halftime, Anthony Mariani attempted a 29-yard field goal mere seconds prior to the clock expiring, but missed, and the score held at 13-7 after 24 minutes. South Side received the ball in the second half and after a long drive that they took deep into their own territory, they scored on a rushing touchdown on their opening possession of the third and took the lead for the first time of the evening.

South Side led 14-13. In the fourth quarter, with 5:49 to go, East Islip took the lead and never relinquished it. Costarelli hit McIntee with a 22-yard pass that his receiver took into the end zone for 6 points, giving his team 19, and the score was upheld.

The final score was East Islip 19, South Side 14. East Islip football is the 2023 Long Island champion, and it's the second LIC victory in school history! ■

Northwell opens new building for neurosurgery practice in Bay Shore

BY GRACE MERCURIO

On Nov. 14, Northwell Health announced the opening of a new building in Bay Shore for South Shore University Hospital's (SSUH) neurosciences team. The \$1.4 million center is 4,600 square feet with eight exam rooms and located at 1963 Union Boulevard, directly across the street from the hospital. The practice moved from 270 East Main Street in Bay Shore.

"Northwell is extremely excited to open this beautiful building," said Daniel Scubba, MD, senior vice president, neurosurgery, Northwell Health, and acting chair of neurosurgery at SSUH. "This location is another demonstration of Northwell's commitment to specialized

care within the communities we serve."

Neurosurgery at Bay Shore includes a team of renowned physicians who treat a wide variety of both common disorders and rare diseases, including spinal conditions, brain tumors, and cerebrovascular conditions such as brain aneurysms, stroke and mini stroke (TIA), carotid stenosis, arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) and traumatic brain injury.

Doctors moving to the new facility include:

- Justin Thomas, MD, vice chairman of neurosurgery, SSUH
- Yike Jin, MD, director, Complex Spine Surgery of Neurosurgery, SSUH
- Kevin Shah, MD, neurosurgeon and interventional neuroradiologist

- Ann Liu, MD, neurosurgeon and director, ACP Fellowship Program

"This new ambulatory site in Bay Shore allows Northwell Health to expand neurosurgery close to the South Shore University Hospital campus," said Joseph Baglio, senior vice president of Northwell's Eastern region ambulatory services. "The facility is a state-of-the-art center which provides accessibility and convenience to our patients in the Eastern region community."

The new center builds upon investments made to bolster SSUH services. In February 2022, SSUH opened the Linda and John Bohlsen Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit (ICU), a 6,300-square-foot space dedicated to treating the most crit-

ically ill neurology patients. The ICU offers 24/7 treatment of neurosurgical and critically ill neurology patients and will be staffed by neuro intensive care attending physicians and advanced care providers who are specially trained to support neuroscience patients.

Additionally, in the last year, SSUH's neurosciences team has earned two significant certifications. The first is the Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification, the highest level of stroke certification available by the Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, and the second is the Joint Commission's Gold Seal for Advanced Certification in Spine Surgery in collaboration with the Orthopedic surgery team.

SSUH is the only hospital in Suffolk County to earn the spine surgery certification. ■



The new Northwell Health center for South Shore University Hospital's neurosciences team is located at 1963 Union Boulevard in Bay Shore, directly across the street from the hospital. Photos courtesy of Northwell Studios Photography



The new state-of-the-art center will provide accessibility, convenience, and relief to patients.



Town of Islip Community Development Agency

Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program

Mortgage Assistance for Eligible Applicants residing in the Town of Islip impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic

This program is for homeowners who live within the Town of Islip and have been financially impacted by the pandemic. Grant funds are available for Mortgage arrears. If eligible, funds will be paid directly to the Mortgage/Lender company.

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Annual Snowflake Sale

Bay Shore Historical Society open house

BY MICHAELA MEDECK

The Bay Shore Historical Society celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with an open house at their headquarters in Bay Shore. It was also the start of their Snowflake Sale, just in time for Small Business Saturday. Members of the historical society and the public gathered throughout the house, talking, looking at holiday goods, and touring the house's museum exhibits.

The Gibson-Mack-Holt House was decorated with holiday decor from both the

past and present. Mixed in with the decorations were various different items for sale, including small Christmas-themed statues, small picture frames, historical note cards, ornaments, glassware, and more. Also on display was their 2024 monthly calendar, which had photos of local establishments then and now. The calendar fundraiser helps fund the society's work to preserve local history.

In one of the rooms was a small black TV playing a picture slideshow of old Bay Shore. In the main living room was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and sitting beside it was Santa Claus. People were invited to take photos with him.

The Snowflake Shop will be open throughout December on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. ■



Members of the Bay Shore Historical Society.



A small decorated Christmas tree in the window of the Gibson-Mack-Holt House.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

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EDITORIAL

2023 Inspiration Awards

Each year, *The Suffolk County News* and *Islip Bulletin* recognizes the volunteer work of outstanding local residents and organizations.

These are the folks who work diligently and passionately on community and charity work without fanfare.

We're asking our readers to nominate these unsung heroes for our annual Inspiration Awards.

Those nominated could be from a local group, a neighbor, someone from your house of worship, or someone who just stands out with their consistent, worthy commitment to acts of kindness.

Please send in your nomination with a brief outline of what the nominee has done and how they can be reached to: Islip Bulletin at 20 Medford Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772.

Email nominations should be sent to the editor at nicoleallegrezza@gmail.com.

We will notify this year's winners and our readers in the New Year.

Due date this year is Thursday, Dec. 21!



WORD OF THE WEEK

BY SAVE THE GREAT SOUTH BAY

The variety of life within an area, including all the different plants, animals, and tiny organisms, that live together in harmony. The more different species that inhabit an area, the greater the biodiversity.

High biodiversity is a key indicator of a healthy Great South Bay. Every species in the bay, directly or indirectly contributes to the survival of the others. When one of them suffers, the others do as well.

Among humans, diversity helps us thrive.

If you look at many of the greatest cities of the past and present, they are often so successful as a result of diverse cultures blending together to create something unique and beautiful. The ecosystems of the Great South Bay are no different.

A diverse grouping of different species makes an ecosystem more stable and resilient to pressures. Each species plays its own role in the success of the ecosystem as a whole. If one dies out, the effects will be felt by all of the other species, too.

Biodiversity is also what makes the bay so beautiful and beneficial to the community. Imagine our shores being devoid of seashells, and no fresh local seafood! Or not being able to spend days out fishing with loved ones.

Save The Great South Bay volunteers work hard to keep the bay plentiful with the wildlife that makes our home so special. Meanwhile, we continue to fight for nitrogen reduction in our waters to protect the biodiversity and water quality right in our own backyards.

National Park Service weighing updated driving rules

Fire Island National Seashore informational sessions

BY GARY HABER

The National Park Service held two information sessions last week to hear from the public about proposals to update the rules for off-road vehicle access to Fire Island National Seashore. The rules have been in place since 1987.

Among the changes the Park Service is considering is increasing the number of driving permits issued to eligible year-round residents from the current 145 (one per household) to 200 under one proposal or allowing all eligible year-round residents to obtain a permit. Towns and villages on the island could still set their own cap.

No new permits would be issued for part-time residents under either of the two proposals.

The Park Service is also considering increasing the number of permits issued to construction and business vehicles and eliminating the cap for public utilities and essential services vehicles.



Public safety vehicles including police, fire and EMS, would continue to have unlimited access.

The rules apply only to land controlled by the Park Service. Towns and villages on Fire Island set their own limits within their control.

If the public wants to submit written comments to the National Park Service, people have until Dec. 4 to do so.

The Park Service held a virtual information session on Nov. 14 and an in-person session on Nov. 15. It expects to finalize the rules by fall 2024. ■



Courtesy photos

PEOPLE

On Nov. 14, the Historical Society of Islip Hamlet hosted author Bill Bleyer and his discussion of his book, "The Sinking of the Steamboat Lexington on Long Island Sound." He went into detail on the construction of the boat to its demise. He also discussed the life of the four survivors and showed photos of the wreck that was rediscovered by a team of divers. For more info on the society, to become a member or to check out future events, www.isliphamlethistory.com, 631-559-2915.

Bleyer with members of the Historical Society (l-r): Christine Scibelli, Edda Labzda, Bleyer, Matt Claren.



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Holiday Wreath Making – Make a traditional outdoor wreath at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$15. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

TV Trivia – West Islip Library will test your knowledge on sitcoms, dramas, cartoons and more, 7 p.m. Prizes awarded to top winning teams. West Islip residents only. Register online or call 631-661-7080, ext. 274.

Friday, December 1

Bayard Holiday Festivities – The Bayard Cutting Arboretum Main Gate opens at 5 p.m. Santa arrives for the holiday tree lighting and photos at 6 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies. The DiNatale Sisters, three talented sisters, will perform a magical holiday concert at the Carriage House, 6:30 p.m. Visit isliparts.org.

Saturday, December 2

Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon – Annual event at St. Mark's Church, 754 Montauk Hwy., Islip, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop holiday crafts, ornaments, baked goods, wreaths, vintage items, gifts and more. Homemade soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, and desserts served. Call 631-581-4950.

Holiday House at Sagtikos – "Once Upon a Christmas" holiday house tours at Sagtikos Manor in West Bay Shore, run Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with tours leaving every 15 minutes. Reserve online. For information, visit www.sagtikosmanor.org or call 516-885-4797.

Holiday Market & Events – Holiday shopping and food trucks at Islip Town Hall, 655

Main St., noon to 8 p.m. Holiday parade at 4:30 p.m. Tree lighting at 5 p.m. followed by drive-thru holiday lights at Brookwood Hall, 5-8 p.m. Free admission. Call 631-224-5430 or visit www.islipny.gov.

Holiday Charcuterie Board – Program at West Islip Library will show participants how to build your own charcuterie board with cheese, seasonal accessories, utensils and more, 7 p.m. WI residents only. Register online or call 631-661-7080, ext. 274.

Make Your Own Candle – Join Curiously Creative Candles at West Islip Library to learn the history of candle making and where wax comes from and make your own candle using layers of scented and colorful recycled candle wax, 7 p.m. Fee: \$5. WI residents only. Register online or call 631-661-7080, ext. 274.

Sunday, December 3

Joyful Holiday Concert – Join the West Islip Symphony Orchestra at West Islip Library for a magical event featuring some favorite melodies, joyful carols and heart-warming performances that will bring the excitement of the season to life, 1-2:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-665-4350.

Photos with Santa – Santa is coming to Matted Memories 4538 Sunrise Hwy., Oakdale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free photo for every family and a gift for every child. Call 631-908-9019.

Wednesday, December 6

Afternoon Movie – The 1940 film "Remember the Night" will be shown at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, 2:30 p.m. No registration necessary. 631-665-4350.

Thursday, December 7

Art Exhibit – Islip Arts Council's "A Moment in Time," features artwork inspired by the turbulent beauty of the human experience, and will be on display at the gallery, 1701 Sunrise Hwy., Bay Shore, through Jan. 6. Opening reception on Saturday, Dec. 9, 5-7 p.m. Call 631-888-3525.

Of Note ...

Islip Arts Kids Classes – Registration is now open for Islip Arts programs for children ages 10+: Kids Acrylic Pouring, Dec. 19; \$30. Origami & Zentangle with Missy Longo-Lewis, Session 1: Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30, 3-4 p.m. Fee: \$100. The gallery is located at South Shore Mall, 1701 Sunrise Hwy., Suite N1, Bay Shore. Call 631-888-3525 or visit www.isliparts.org.

Mitten Tree – Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library will be collecting gloves, mittens, and scarves for members of the community in need. Donations can be hung on the tree in the Children's Department through Dec. 30. Call 631-665-4350.

Winter Concert – The Babylon Chorale will ring in the winter season with a concert of holiday music on Sunday, Dec. 10 at St. Peter's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church, 500 S. Country Rd., Bay Shore, 4 p.m. Advance sales: Adults, \$20; students and seniors, \$14. Tickets at the door: Adults, \$10; students and seniors, \$19. Children, \$10. To purchase tickets, visit www.babylonchorale.org or email info@babylonchorale.org.

Fundraiser: Breakfast With Santa – Join the Islip-based Dance Fundraising Committee on Sunday, Dec. 17 at Applebees, 2550

Sunrise Hwy., East Islip, 8-10 a.m. Advance tickets \$20. At the door, \$25. Includes full breakfast, beverages, photos with Santa, storytime and face painting. Bring an unwrapped gift to donate to Toys for Tots. To buy tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/Breakfast-WithSantaDFC>. Call 516-300-3569.

Holiday Food Drive – Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library will be collecting food through Dec. 15 for members of the community in need. A donation box will be in the lobby of the library. For donation suggestions, call 631-665-4350 or visit www.bsbwlibrary.org.

Holiday Toy Drive – Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library is partnering with Family Service League to collect new, unwrapped toys for children birth through 18 years for local families in need. They request toys be priced between \$5-\$10 and dropped off at the Children's Reference Desk by Dec. 15. Call 631-665-4350.

Walking Trails – The Bay Shore Wellness Alliance wants you to enjoy local trails in the area such as the Shoppers Trail, Historical Trail and the Nautical Trail. For information about these trails, visit bayshorewellnessalliance.org.

Downloadable Music – The Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library is offering access to music downloads for registered patrons. For more information, visit the library's website at www.bsbwlibrary.org.

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ISLIP BULLETIN YEARS AGO**50 Years Ago**

NOVEMBER 1973

Two Brightwaters "funsters"—**Carol Sos** and **Gene Larkin**—gained nationwide attention as the Long Island chickens who joined the Macy Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, marching arm in arm, feathers dancing, and shaking hands with delighted children along the way. They were hustled out of the parade at 34th Street, where officials learned that they were not part of the proceedings.

Mrs. Eileen Scudio, West Islip resident and gardening enthusiast, demonstrated how to deck the halls with boughs in the community room at the West Islip Library, where she discussed wreath-making, centerpieces, garlands, and care of holiday plants.

Harry Cantor, president of Cantor Brothers Glass Corporation of Bay Shore, was elected to the Board of Directors at Southside Hospital.

Patrick P. Garofalo, former assistant postmaster of Brightwaters, was promoted to postmaster of Blue Point. Mr. Garofalo became the first letter carrier to deliver mail in Brightwaters in 1948.

Santa will be conserving energy this year by using a pedal-powered cart as he makes his way through Islip Town, thanks to **Don Yurcak**, Pedal Power president.

Mrs. Pierre T. Ackerson, one of the earliest residents of Brightwaters and the last surviving member of the family that started the Brightwaters development in 1908, celebrated her 99th birthday.

For the fourth consecutive year, **Dr. David J. Wexler** of Islip presented a one-man welded sculpture art show and sale for the benefit of Southside Hospital in the hospital board room. His art ranges



November 1973: Suzanne Wolstein's fourth-grade class at the Andrew T. Morrow School in Central Islip displays a scale model of their town. Pictured (left to right) are Christine Ritz, Marianne Koenig, Kirk Reyes, Gaetano Pintabona, Ardeen Flanagan, Albert Tudisco, Christina Gargan, Kenneth Bertsen, Joseph Luning, Suzanne Castellano, Kristin Ravi, Keith Knoop; (second row) Mrs. Suzanne Wolstein, Ronnie Williams, John Laselva, Kenneth Young, Michael Tripoldi, Lori Schel, Ricardo Woodard, Craig Anderson, Geneva McClinton, Scott Woods, John Blas, Rickey Harrison, David Richardson and Vilma Hidalgo.

from tabletop pieces to large wall ensembles and jewelry.

Gregory Kimmel, of East Islip, is engaged to **Susan Jean Stanley Gald**, of Rockville Centre. A September wedding is planned.

Dr. John G. Egner of West Islip was elected second vice president of the Suffolk County Medical Society.

Dr. and Mrs. William Hitzig, of Bay

Shore-Brightwaters, returned from Paris, where they visited their daughter, **Caroline**, over the Thanksgiving holiday. Caroline has taken time off from Vassar College to attend the Cordon Bleu.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Finley, of Brightwaters, honored Mrs. Finley's father, **Lucian H. Slater**, at a dinner party in celebration of his 90th birthday.

Diane M. Graybosch, of Bay Shore, received commendation for her academic achievement during Honors Convocation at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.

The physical education staff of Islip High School selected **Greg Petty** and **Angela Liuzzi** as honorees for the Suffolk Zone of the New York State Association of

Oakdale's Jane Monheit coming to Stony Brook's Staller Center

Event to be held on Dec. 9

BY GARY HABER

Two days before Thanksgiving, singer Jane Monheit was back on Long Island for a visit with family before jetting off to India to perform at a jazz festival.

After Mumbai, her upcoming tour schedule includes Washington, D.C.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Palm Springs and Hollywood.

And that's just through the end of December.

When you're one of the jazz world's top singers and interpreters of the Great American Songbook, you're in demand, and Monheit, who grew up in Oakdale, is surely one of the best.

The Grammy-nominated singer—who lives in Los Angeles with her husband, drummer and music producer Rick Montalbano and their teenage son—will be back on Long Island on Dec. 9, when Monheit brings her holiday show to Stony Brook University's Staller Center.

It will be Monheit's first Long Island appearance in five years.

"I'll definitely have friends and family in the audience," she said.

Staller Center isn't far from Oakdale, where Monheit grew up in "an incredibly musical family."

Her dad played bluegrass banjo and her mom introduced her to singers like Judy Garland and Ella Fitzgerald, who became early musical influences. (As Monheit grew up, her list of musical muses would come to include singers as varied as Bernadette Peters, Bonnie Raitt, and Whitney Houston.)

Her parents also loved theater and took her to tons of Broadway shows.

"I saw everything great on Broadway in the '90s and '80s," she said.



Jazz singer Jane Monheit, who grew up in Oakdale, performs her holiday show "Home for the Holidays," at Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University on Dec. 9.

Courtesy photo

At Connetquot High School, Monheit gravitated to the theater department, which became a second home.

"I found the theater department and learned to fit in," she said.

She performed in high school musicals and at CM Productions in Oakdale, where some of her favorite roles were in "Pippin," "42nd Street" and "West Side Story."

At 17, Monheit headed to New York to study at Manhattan School of Music. At 20, her career took off after she came in

second in the Thelonious Monk Competition. Her velvety voice caught the attention of a record label, which signed her, and she was soon singing in jazz clubs.

When Monheit performs at Staller Center, she will be playing songs from her second Christmas CD, "The Merriest."

The CD features holiday favorites like "Christmas Time is Here," "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," with a samba beat, and a less obvious choice—a Christmas version of "Stay with Me,"

from the Broadway musical "City of Angels."

Monheit selects all the songs for her CDs, and how that particular tune came to be on the CD sounds like pure showbiz, she acknowledges.

It was after a show in Palm Springs and Monheit was hanging out with friends, including pianist Billy Stritch and David Zippel, who wrote the lyrics for "City of Angels."

Zippel mentioned how he'd written an alternative Christmas version of "Stay with Me" for Liza Minelli.

"You've got to record this," he told her. And she did.

So, what's in store for Monheit in 2024? She'll be back in the studio recording a new CD, which will be her 14th.

There's no title yet, but it will be "a really energetic record," with some "classic swingers" and songs from an eclectic mix of songwriters from Stephen Sondheim to Jimmy Webb.

You can find a list of Monheit's upcoming tour dates and purchase autographed copies of her CDs on her website, janemonheitonline.com. ■

IF YOU GO:

WHAT: Jazz singer Jane Monheit performs her holiday show, "Home for the Holidays"

WHERE: Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.
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REVIEW

'The Crown,' Season 6, Part 1

When coming into your own comes too late

BY SAM DESMOND

The death of Princess Diana began my lifelong fascination and genuflection of all things blonde and British because of the coverage of Prince William at Balmoral that was splashed onto midnight media reports of his mother's fatal crash in Paris.

While the first five seasons of "The Crown" have focused on the major events of the royal family before my lifetime, or at least coherence about them, the first part of Season 6 started when my lifelong obsession began: the summer of 1997.

When we moved to the United States in 1989, my mom actually sported the short Princess Diana haircut and now, after years of studying WASP-dom, I actually think of my mother as a type of Filipina "Sloane Ranger," like the young Diana Spencer, who married into a family of old wealth and even older sentiments.

For the final season, producers broke up the release of "The Crown" into two parts, with the first four episodes being streamed on Nov. 16 (nicely on the day of the week *The Suffolk County News* is published, and thus allowing me to enjoy an uninterrupted viewing of all four episodes) and focusing on the ill-fated relationship between Princess Diana and Dodi al-Fayed.

The parallel of Diana possibly marrying yet another man because of his family's wishes to possess her and what she stood for is heartbreaking, but triumphant in her clear-eyed wisdom and strong womanhood at this fated proposal from Dodi compared to her innocent, doe-eyed acceptance of a reluctant Charles's marriage suggestion nearly two decades earlier.

The writers of "The Crown" have always been keen to stress that this is a fictionalized portrayal of the royal family, but the character arc of Princess Diana seems to match her public persona's growth so well.

In the sixth season, we are introduced to a Diana, who exhibits some control over her much-consumed public persona and tries to harness it to do some good. We learn more of her work with landmines (including the tens of millions of dollars she raised) and tragically, how her beauty and personal life eclipse the unbound humanitarian work she put in to that cause, which culminates in an embarrassing press conference scene that reminded me of the type of media I work desperately hard not to be.

When she confidently approaches the paparazzi on a motorboat during a vacation in the South of France to strike a deal with them so her sons can enjoy their holiday, gone is the insecure posture of Emma Corrin's Diana of seasons past, and in place is the confidence of a 1980s glamazon model, who trades barbs with the seasoned and crass photogra-



phers.

William, played by Rufus Campa for the first part of the season, is portrayed as a shy teenager more interested in withdrawing to video games or being in dreary Balmoral than the lively Riviera, is the perfect combination of "The Crown"'s sensitive young Charles and the everyday person of Diana, who enjoys pop culture.

Given the name of the series, the central character of Queen Elizabeth (Imelda Staunton) takes a bit of a backseat in the first part of this season, which mirrors the eclipse of Diana upon her death.

In a poignant scene, Charles tells his mother, as a sort of apology for his major role in Diana's unhappiness, that the world loved what his ex-wife stood for—an example of how hurt and pain do not discriminate, and affects even the "privileged."

This line encapsulates what the whole series is really all about—that the royal family, despite their billions, despite their titles, despite every enviable advantage, are a family at the core that is forced under the weight of its own importance to do what must be done and not what is desired. ■

Small Business Saturday in Bay Shore



Inside Living, located at 4 E. Main Street in Bay Shore.

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BY MICHAELA MEDECK

Small Business Saturday 2023 was this past Saturday, Nov. 25. Businesses all over the nation participate in this 13-year post-Thanksgiving tradition. The town of Bay Shore was no different.

People walked down Main Street in Bay Shore on a sunny but chilly afternoon, stopping at one of the many eateries along Main Street or stopping at stores to browse.

One of those stores was Lost Planet Comics and Collectibles, located at 65 E. Main Street. Along the wall were books such as manga and comics. Behind the counter were "Pokémon" cards and card-collecting essentials. Funko Pops,

toys, and other figures were displayed throughout the middle of the store, along with boxes full of more comics. The small shop has been open for over seven years. Two years ago, they received The Best of Long Island bookstore award for best book store on Long Island. Owner Kevin Dempsey talked about how his experience in the business and his family's support encouraged him to open a store of his own. According to Dempsey, comics are their most sold items, specifically "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle" comics. "Spiderman" and "Batman" comics are a close second and third.

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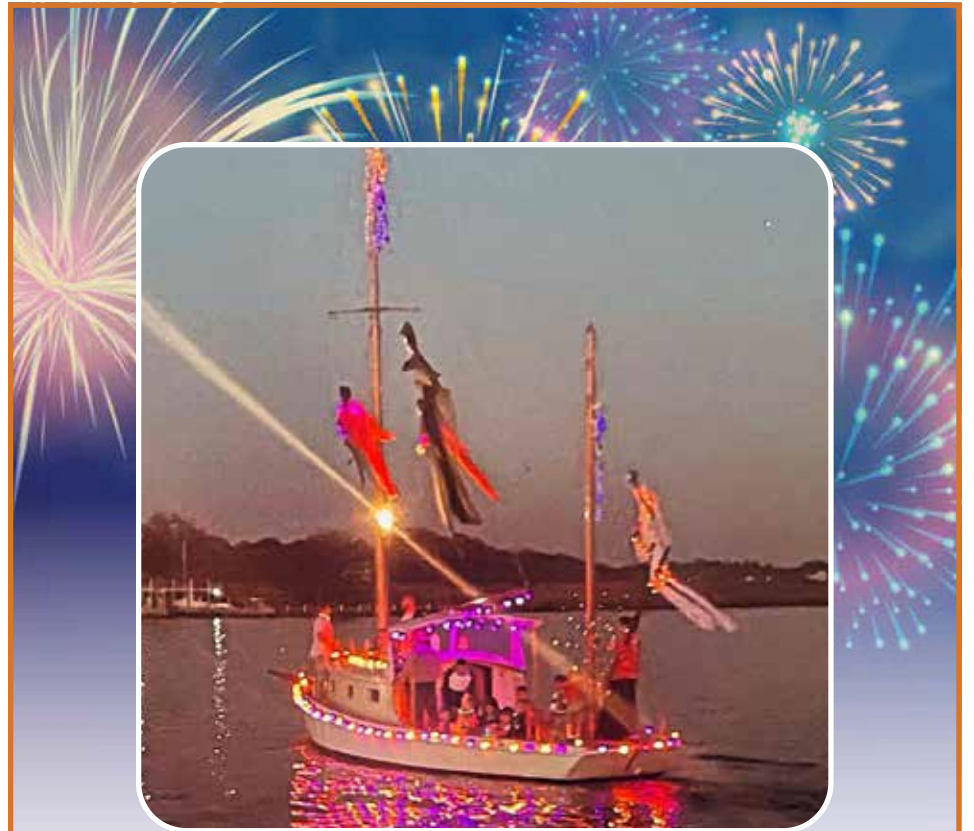
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SCHOOL NEWS

Islip student execs participate in Virtual Enterprise Leadership Conference at Long Island University



Members of FlexFuel and WaveSync, Islip High School's two Virtual Enterprise International teams, were selected to participate in the annual Long Island Regional Leadership Conference. Photos courtesy of Islip School District

Islip High School's two Virtual Enterprise International teams, FlexFuel and WaveSync, recently participated in the annual Long Island Regional Leadership Conference at Long Island University. Student executives from high schools all over Long Island gathered to learn and explore key leadership characteristics alongside industry professionals and mentors. Students worked in small groups based on

the positions they hold in their respective firms. In these groups, students worked together to use critical thinking and leadership skills to address case studies and workplace challenge scenarios. Winning presentations from each breakout room advanced to the main stage of LIU's Tilles Center for the Performing Arts. WaveSync CMO Erica De Lapi was one of the students chosen to

present to the larger audience due to her innovative ideas and public speaking abilities. "This event was an invaluable opportunity for our business students to network with their peers, mentors and industry professionals," VE teacher Danielle McMullan said. "It was a great kickoff to the 2023-2024 Virtual Enterprise school year." ■



WaveSync CMO Erica De Lapi of Islip High School was chosen to present at the Virtual Enterprise International Long Island Regional Leadership Conference at Long Island University.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

FROM PAGE 9



Inside Lost Planet Comics and Collectibles, located at 65 E. Main Street in Bay Shore.

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decor boutique. The bright, chic, and cozy shop had racks and tables full of beautiful clothing and accessories, perfect for the quickly approaching winter season. The shop was full of people trying on clothing and looking at all the items Living offers.

Interior designer and store owner Susan Tamberino said she is so appreciative of the people shopping small. On Black Friday and Small Business Saturday, the local boutique offered 20 percent off an entire purchase. ■

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SCHOOL NEWS

East Islip Board of Education honors high school academic and musical accomplishments

East Islip High School students' academic and musical accomplishments were recognized at the East Islip School District Board of Education's Nov. 13 meeting.

Senior Patrick Vasquez was lauded for double honors, being named both an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student. AP Scholar with Distinction designation is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Vasquez is among approximately 34,000 Commended Students recognized nationwide for their exceptional academic achievement, whose high scores place them among the top 50,000 of over 1.5 million students who took the 2022 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Five East Islip High School student-musicians—trumpeter Ryan Flad, violinist Kevin Huang, violinist Richard LaSpina, tuba player Samuel Martinez and alto vocalist Lorelai Mucciolo—were also recognized for being accepted in the New York State School Music Association's All-State program. ■



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Photo courtesy of East Islip School District



East Islip's Isabel Nash wins Veterans Day art contest

Isabel Nash, a student at East Islip's Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School, recently won the These Colors Don't Run Veterans Day drawing and coloring contest. Nash was invited to the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook last weekend, where she showed her artwork to more than 50 attending veterans, participated in singing, and received an award and a gift card.

Photo courtesy of East Islip School District

East Islip senior soccer stars Kelly and Veltman play in All-Star Game

East Islip High School senior soccer stars Jared Kelly and Gavin Veltman represented East Islip in the Suffolk vs. Suffolk Senior All-Star Game, held on Nov. 15 at the SUSA Sports Complex in Central Islip.

"Gavin and Jared played really well against the other top senior soccer players from around the county," coach Raymond Lang said. "They represented East Islip with class and performed at the highest level."

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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
INDEX NO: 621474/2017
D/O/F: 11/07/2017, 09/15/2020 & 09/12/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Premises Address: 1052 Bayshore Avenue, Bay Shore, New York 11706
Plaintiff designates Suffolk County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon County in which the property is situated

WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC5, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff,

-against-

Unknown heirs at law of GEORGE J. LESMES A/K/A GEORGE J. LESMES TORRES, his next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; NORELA LESMES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SOLE HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF GEORGE J. LESMES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

Defendant(s).

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Betsy Heckman Torres, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, entered Oct. 27, 2023 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Suffolk County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Suffolk County Clerk's Office on Oct. 13, 2006 in Liber M00021400, Page 495, covering premises k/a 1052 Bayshore Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706 a/k/a District 0500, Section 312.00, Block 02.00, Lot 032.000.

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Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

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- Public or private pensions;
- Veterans' benefits;
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- Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated:

Sandy J. Stolar, Esq.
Margolin, Weinreb & Nierer, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
165 Eileen Way, Suite 101
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
JDRM LLC DBPP, SM, SKP & JD LLC; Plaintiff v. LESLIE SEECHARAN; et al.; Defendants. Attorney for Plaintiff: Hasbani & Light, P.C., 450 7th Ave, Suite 1408, NY, NY 10123; (212) 643-6677

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on 1/30/2020, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Islip Town Hall, located at 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on December 7, 2023, at 1:30 PM

Premises known as 439 Prospect Avenue, Central Islip, NY 11722
District: 0500 Section: 076.00 Block: 04.00 Lot: 047.004

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Suffolk, State of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.
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Index Number: 606641/2017
Robert A. Macedonio, Esq.
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff
AGAINST

Wellington Chica a/k/a Wellington J. Chica, Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 26, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip NY 11751 on December 11, 2023 at 10:00AM, premises known as 478 Mayflower Avenue, Brent-

wood, 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, State of New York, District 0500 Section 205.00 Block 02.00 Lot 041.000. Approximate amount of judgment \$306,709.67 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 603441/2017. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Tenth Judicial District.
William Garbarino, Esq., Referee
LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
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Dated: October 5, 2023

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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 Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-RP5, Plaintiff

AGAINST

Nancy Lawrence, et al, Defendant
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 21, 2023 and entered on September 6, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on December 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM premises known as 116 Feller Drive, Central Islip, NY 11722.

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Suffolk, State of New York, SECTION: 055.00, BLOCK: 05.00, LOT: 008.000; District 0500. Approximate amount of judgment is \$19,595.98 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 207161/2022. NO CASH ACCEPTED FOR DEPOSIT AT SALE

The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the District and Suffolk County Auction Plan in effect at this time.

Jonathan Baum, Referee
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Bay Shore, NY 11706

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

NJCC - NYS COMMUNITY RESTORATION FUND LLC, Plaintiff
AGAINST VERENISSE GUZMAN PASCUAL; CARLOS D. PASCUAL; IVAN PASCUAL; JOSE ALBERTO PASCUAL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT

JOSE F. PASCUAL, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN ANT TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; ET AL., Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 2, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip NY 11751 on December 12, 2023 at 11:00AM, premises known as 212 Grand Boulevard, 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 162.00 Block 04.00 Lot 061.000. Approximate amount of judgment \$530,556.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #610766/2017. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the District and SUFFOLK County Auction Plan in effect at this time. Pamela J. Greene, Esq., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001887 78221

IB, 8112, 11/9, 16, 23, 30 |

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R8,

Plaintiff,

Against

STEPHEN LOPINTO, ET AL.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 04/12/2023, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751, on 12/14/2023 at 10:00AM, premises known as 12 Westminster Lane, West Islip, New York 11795, 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 West Islip, Town Of Islip, County Of Suffolk And State Of New York.

District 0500 Section 388.00 Block 03.00 Lot 033.000

The approximate amount of the current judgment lien is \$468,268.69 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 604709/2016

Pallvi Babbar, Esq., Referee.
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573

Dated: 10/24/23 File Number: 19-300724 SH

IB, 8113, 11/9, 16, 23, 30 |

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

V.

GINA VALENTE, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 4, 2022, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk, wherein

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and GINA VALENTE, 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 December 20, 2023 at 3:00PM, premises known as 26 ROSLYN STREET, ISLIP TERRACE, NY 11752: District 0500, Section 296.00, Block 03.00, Lot 120.001 & 120.002 F/K/A District 0500, Section 296.00, Block 03.00, Lot 120.000:

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 611606/2016. David F. Sappe, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.
IB, 8119, 11/16, 23, 30 - 12/7 |

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC,

V.

ROBERT WILLIAMS A/K/A ROBERT B. WILLIAMS, IF LIVING, AND IF SHE/HE BE DEAD, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 20, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk, wherein MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and ROBERT WILLIAMS A/K/A ROBERT B. WILLIAMS, IF LIVING, AND IF SHE/HE BE DEAD, 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 December 14, 2023

at 10:30AM, premises known as 31 ROSSMORE AVENUE, CENTRAL ISLIP, NY 11722: District 0500, Section 120.00, Block 02.00, Lot 057.000:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 602900/2019. Steven P. Bertolino, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.
IB, 8120, 11/16, 23, 30 - 12/7 |

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF WIND-BROOKE HOMES CONDOMINIUM, Plaintiff, against PAUL C. FINLAY; MARGARET MANZO; and "JOHN DOE", and "JANE DOE", Defendants.

LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and sale entered herein and dated August 24, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, New York, on December 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. premises being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, being known as Building R, Unit No. 220, as shown on Condominium Plan entitled, "Windbrooke Homes Condominium", February 1971, Weisenbacher & Schnepf, Land Surveyor and Land Planners, filed in the Suffolk County Clerk's Office on 3/13/72 as Map No. 12 (Tax Map filed on 3/14/1972), together with a .2667% interest as Tenant in Common in the common elements of the Condominium described in the Declaration of Condominium entitled Windbrooke Homes Condominium recorded in the Suffolk County Clerk's Office in Liber 7121 at page 492 on 03/13/72, as amended by Liber 7462 cp 571, Liber 7601 cp 14, Liber 8509 cp 106, and Liber 11242 cp 001. Said premises being known as 135 Feller Drive, Central Islip, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York (District 0500, Section 056.00, Block 03.00, Lot 006.000). Said premises will be sold subject to zoning restrictions, covenants, easements, conditions, reservations and agreements, if any; subject to any state of facts as may appear from an accurate survey; subject to facts as to possession and occupancy and subject to whatever physical condition of the premises may be; subject to any violations of the zoning and other municipal ordinances and regulations, if any, and if the United States of America should file a tax lien, or other lien, subject to the equity of redemption of the United States of America; subject to the rights of any lienors of record whose liens have not been foreclosed herein, if any; subject to the rights of holders of security in fixtures as defined by the Uniform Commercial Code; subject to taxes, assessments and water rates which are liens on the premises at the time of sale, with accrued interest or penalties thereon; and a first mortgage held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Concord Mortgage Corp., mortgagee, given to PAUL C. FINLAY and MARGARET MANZO, mortgagors, in the original amount of \$170,000.00 dated 9/28/2005 and recorded 10/26/2005 in Liber 21159 at page 222. Said mortgage having been assigned to Bank of America, NA by merger to BAC Home Loans & Servicing LP f/k/a Country Wide Home Loan Servicing LP by Assignment recorded in Liber 22177 at page 437. Said mortgage having been further assigned to Nation Star Mortgage LLC by Assignment recorded in Liber 22402 at page 346. Said mortgage having been further assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registra-

YEARS AGO

FROM PAGE 7

Health, Physical Education and Recreation, as students who exemplify outstanding physical fitness, scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

Through the courtesy of the Bell Telephone System, Andrew T. Morrow School students **Joseph Hughey** and **Richard Vasquez** were among the many pupils in **Mrs. Proferes's** and **Mrs. Moore's** classes to practice dialing, speaking clearly, and using the telephone in an emergency situation.

Clyde Payne, chairman of the Mathematics Department at East Islip High School, was one of the speakers at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference held in Springfield, Mass.

Cathy Crawford, Bernadette Butler and Donna Carney, of Central Islip High School, were several students engrossed in viewing a reel of microfilm at the library's DuKane microfilm reader, which was recently added to the library's new media center.

Playing this week at **The East Islip Theatre**: "The Legend of Hell House."

25 Years Ago

NOVEMBER 1998

A miniature cardboard version of Islip's Main Street, complete with holiday lights and cotton snow, is on display in the lobby of Islip's Sherwood Element-

tary School. The accurate model was built by the school's four second-grade classes. Among the students who participated in the fun and educational assignment were **Callie Arroyo**, who was in charge of creating Islip Beauty Supply Store; **Brian Papszycki**, who enjoyed building his model of P.J.'s Video Store; and **Ryan Brodarick**, who recreated the Seascape Restaurant.

Joseph G. Sargent and **Tony Montalbano** were both honored for their dedicated service to the Heckscher Summer Youth Program in Islip, which provides teens with a safe, drug-free location to congregate during the summer months.

Islip High School student **Pamela Munson** attended the National Young Leaders

Conference in Washington, D.C. Among the activities she attended included a panel discussion with five renowned journalists at the National Press Club, as well as participating in a number of skill-building activities.

This will be the last season that **John Morrison** will be coaching the Bay Shore boys bowling team, as he plans to retire at the end of the school year.

The eight starters who will be heading up the East Islip High School varsity wrestling team this season are **Rob Vaccaro, Michael Synan, Mike Albano, Chris Barrett, Steve Scalese, Angel Riviera, Mark Brunza** and **Joe Aquivita**.

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

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tion Systems, Inc., as nominee for Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company by Assignment recorded in Liber 23069 at page 938. Said mortgage having been further assigned to US Bank Trust NA, Not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2019-GS6 by Assignment recorded in Liber 23309 at page 98. THIS SALE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M. THE SALE IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 15, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY BANK OR CERTIFIED CHECKS PAYABLE TO ROBERT SAMSON, ESQ., AS REFEREE.

Index No. 616828/2022

Dated: November 8, 2023
Robert Samson, Esq., Referee
Cohen, Warren, Meyer & Gitter, P.C.,
Attorneys for Plaintiff, 98 Maple
Avenue, Smithtown, NY 11787.

IB, 8121, 11/16, 23, 30 - 12/7 |

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK

INDEX NO. 600141/2023
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

Plaintiff designates SUFFOLK as
the place of trial situs of the real
property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
330 OCEANSIDE STREET, ISLIP
TERRACE, NY 11752
District: 0500, Section: 231.00,
Block: 02.00, Lot: 005.001

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPO-
RATION

Plaintiff,

vs.
SHAUN T. CUNNINGHAM, if living,
and if she/he be dead, any and all
persons unknown to plaintiff, claim-
ing, or who may claim to have an
interest in, or general or specific lien
upon the real property described in
this action; such unknown persons
being herein generally described
and intended to be included in the
following designation, namely: the
wife, widow, husband, widower,
heirs at law, next of kin, descend-
ants, executors, administrators,
devises, legatees, creditors, trust-
ees, committees, lienors, and assign-
ees of such deceased, any and all
persons deriving interest in or lien
upon, or title to said real property
by, through or under them, or either
of them, and their respective wives,
widows, husbands, widowers, heirs
at law, next of kin, descendants,
executors, administrators, devisees,
legatees, creditors, trustees, com-
mittees, lienors and assigns, all of
whom and whose names, except
as stated, are unknown to plain-
tiff; LINDSAY N. CUNNINGHAM;
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW
YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMER-
ICA; "JOHN DOE" AS "JOHN DOE
#1"; "JANE DOE" AS "JOHN DOE
#2";

"JOHN DOE #3" through "JOHN
DOE #12," the last ten names being
fictitious and unknown to plaintiff,
the persons or parties intended
being the tenants, occupants, per-
sons or corporations, if any, having
or claiming an interest in or lien
upon the premises, described in the
complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED
to answer the Complaint in the above
entitled action and to serve a copy
of your Answer on the plaintiff's
attorney within twenty (20) days
of the service of this Summons,
exclusive of the day of service, or
within thirty (30) days after service
of the same is complete where
service is made in any manner other
than by personal delivery within the
State. The United States of America,
if designated as a defendant in this
action, may answer or appear within
sixty (60) days of service. Your
failure to appear or to answer will
result in a judgment against you by
default for the relief demanded in
the Complaint. In the event that a
deficiency balance remains from the
sale proceeds, a judgment may be
entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION
AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above
caption action is to foreclose
a Mortgage to secure the sum
of \$407,483.00 and interest,
recorded on April 21, 2017, in Liber
M00022810 at Page 875, of the Public
Records of SUFFOLK County, New
York., covering premises known as
330 OCEANSIDE STREET, ISLIP
TERRACE, NY 11752.

The relief sought in the within
action is a final judgment directing
the sale of the premises described
above to satisfy the debt secured by
the Mortgage described above.

SUFFOLK County is designated
as the place of trial because the real
property affected by this action is
located in said county.

NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING
YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this sum-
mons and complaint by serving a
copy of the answer on the attorney
for the mortgage company who filed
this foreclosure proceeding against
you and filing the answer with the
court, a default judgment may be
entered and you can lose your home.
Speak to an attorney or go to the
court where your case is pending
for further information on how to
answer the summons and protect
your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage
company will not stop the foreclo-
sure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING
A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF
(MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND
FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE
COURT.

Dated: November 6, 2023
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ,
SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS,
PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite
310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

IB, 8122, 11/16, 23, 30 - 12/7 |

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING

LLC,
V.

JOSEPH SWAN AKA JOE SWAN AS
HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE
ESTATE OF HENRIETTA SWAN,
ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to a Final Judgment of
Foreclosure dated October 6, 2022,
and entered in the Office of the
Clerk of the County of Suffolk,
wherein REVERSE MORTGAGE
FUNDING LLC is the Plaintiff and
JOSEPH SWAN AKA JOE SWAN AS
HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE
ESTATE OF HENRIETTA SWAN,
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 December 20, 2023 at
12:00PM, premises known as 194
SHERMAN ST, BRENTWOOD, NY
11717: District 0500, Section 093.00,
Block 02.00, Lot 015.000:

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

Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index
618699/2017. Brooke Breen, Esq.
- Referee. Robertson, Anschutz,
Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310,
Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys
for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales
will be conducted in accordance
with Covid-19 guidelines including,
but not limited to, social distancing
and mask wearing. *LOCATION
OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH
COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.
IB, 8124, 11/16, 23, 30 - 12/7 |

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-
TION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CER-
TIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE LXS
2005-7N TRUST FUND,
V.

LOUIS AURICCHIO, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to a Final Judgment of
Foreclosure dated October 27,
2020, and entered in the Office of
the Clerk of the County of Suffolk,
wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR
THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF
THE LXS 2005-7N TRUST FUND is
the Plaintiff and LOUIS AURICCHIO,
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 December 22, 2023
at 11:00AM, premises known as
111 BOULEVARD AVENUE, WEST
ISLIP, NY 11795: District 0500,
Section 336.00, Block 02.00, Lot
036.000:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE
OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS
THERON ERECTED, SITUATE,
LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN
OF WEST ISLIP, TOWN OF ISLIP,
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE
OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to

provisions of filed Judgment Index
614651/2017. Thomas Zawyrucha,
Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz,
Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310,
Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys
for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales
will be conducted in accordance
with Covid-19 guidelines including,
but not limited to, social distancing
and mask wearing. *LOCATION
OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH
COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.
IB, 8127, 11/23, 30 - 12/7, 14 |

REFEREE'S LEGAL NOTICE OF
POSTPONEMENT OF SALE IN
FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
SUFFOLK
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY, Plaintiff - against - ROBERT
F. KELLY A/K/A ROBERT KEL-
LY, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Fore-
closure and Sale entered on July
17, 2023. I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Islip
Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY
11751 on the 15th day of November,
2023 at 12:00 PM. 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.
Premises known as 1908 Julia Gold-
bach Avenue, Ronkonkoma, NY
11779.
(Section: 126.00, Block: 02.00, Lot:
032.000)

Approximate amount of lien
\$407,687.78 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed judgment and
terms of sale.

Index No. 609284/2017. Pamela
Greene, Esq., Referee.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840
New York, NY 10170
Tel. 347/286-7409

For sale information, please visit
Xome.com

Dated: September 12, 2023

During the COVID-19 health emer-
gency, bidders are required to com-
ply 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 auc-
tion, 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.
The above sale, originally scheduled
for 11/15/2023 at 12:00 p.m. has been
postponed. The new sale date is
December 05, 2023 at 1:30 pm. at the
same place. Pamela Greene, Esq.,
Referee.

Dated: November 14, 2023

IB, 8135, 11/30 |

BID # 2401
WEST ISLIP UNION FREE
SCHOOLS DISTRICT
West Islip, New York
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
sealed bids will be received and
publicly read by the Board of
Education, West Islip Union Free
School District, Town of Islip, West
Islip, Suffolk County, New York, on
Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 1:00
PM for the following bid:

Purchase of a New CNC Milling
Machine with Industry Standard
Controls

Sealed bids should be addressed
to the attention of Robert Nocella,
Purchasing Agent, West Islip Union
Free School District, Business
Office, 100 Sherman Avenue, West
Islip, NY 11795.

All bids must be submitted to the
Office of the Purchasing Agent on or
before the date of opening in sealed
envelopes, bearing on the outside
the name and address of the bidder
and the title of the bid in the lower
left hand corner.

Detailed specifications may be
obtained at the above address.

The Board of Education reserves
the right to reject any and all bids,
or to award contracts which, in its'
judgement, are best for the school
district.

Dated: November 30, 2023

By Order of
BOARD OF EDUCATION
West Islip Union Free
School District
Town of Islip
West Islip, NY 11795
Robert Nocella, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
IB, 8136, 11/30 |

NOTICE OF SALE
Supreme Court County of Suffolk
U.S. Bank National Association, as
trustee for Structured Adjustable
Rate Mortgage Loan Trust Mortgage
Pass Through Certificates, Series
2006-7, Plaintiff
AGAINST

Amy Smith; Pierre Calixte; et al,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclo-
sure and Sale duly dated April 9,
2019 and entered on April 17, 2019, I,
the undersigned Referee, will sell at
public auction at the Islip Town Hall,
655 Main Street, Islip, NY on January
3, 2024 at 10:30 AM premises known
as 68 San Rafael Avenue, Holbrook,
NY 11741. All that certain plot piece
or parcel of land, with the buildings
and improvements erected, situate,
lying and being in the County of
Suffolk, State of New York, SEC-
TION: 110.00, BLOCK: 05.00, LOT:
040.000 District 0500. Approximate
amount of judgment is \$552,037.96
plus interests and costs. Premises
will be sold subject to provisions of
filed Judgment Index # 005487/2008.
The aforementioned auction will be
conducted in accordance with the
District and Suffolk County Auction
Plan in effect at this time.

For sale information, please visit
XOME at www.xome.com or call
(844) 400-9633.

Michelle Pfeifferberger, Referee
FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEIS-
MAN & GORDON LLP
53 Gibson Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706

IB, 8137, 11/30 - 12/7, 14, 21 |

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Thanksgiving with their second family

Long Island group homes celebrate the holidays

BY GRACE MERCURIO

There really is no place like home for the holidays—and the residents and staff of Life’s WORC Islip Terrace House agree. This Thanksgiving, residents and staff at this group home came together to prepare, cook, and share a Thanksgiving feast, proving that family is not only what you are born into, but what you build yourself.

Life’s WORC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports over 2,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism through an array of services, including Residential and Community Services, Day Habilitation, Supported Employment Services, and more. Founded in 1971, Life’s WORC has provided care throughout Queens, Manhattan, and Long Island for over 50 years. Life’s WORC’s tenacious staff assist those with varying abilities to discover their aspirations and work toward achieving their goals, to live as full of a



Kyle Telford, who lives at the Life’s WORC group home in Islip Terrace, lends a helping hand with the Thanksgiving turkey that the residents will share with staffers.



Gerald Asaro, a resident at Life’s WORC Islip Terrace group home, enjoyed a homemade Thanksgiving dinner that was prepared by staff with help from the residents.

together Wednesday, Nov. 22.

“The staff and the residents cook the meal together,” shared assistant manager Shannel Nottingham. “The residents help prep the food the day before, season it, make sure it’s well marinated, and help out cooking.”

As some residents work to develop their life skills and eventually move into an apartment, tasks such as buying groceries, preparing the food, setting the table, or cleaning up afterwards allow them to grow necessary skills in a supportive environment.

Since most full-time Life’s WORC residents stay for the holidays, Life’s WORC ensures that every holiday that the residents are interested in are included in the house plan. This Thanksgiving feast, the meal featured everyone’s favorite Thanksgiving food, including turkey, Brussel sprouts, cranberry sauce, candied yams, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, and string beans. As the holiday season rolls on, Life’s WORC funds any Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa celebrations that the residents desire, allowing all residents to feel supported and loved with their second family during the holiday season. ■

Courtesy photos

life as possible.

The chairwoman of the Board of Directors, Lynn Koufakis, has served as chairwoman for the past five, and has been a member of the board for 13 years. Koufakis has a lifelong passion for volunteering and has raised two adult sons with autism, leading her to understand firsthand the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and family within life’s WORC full-time residences.

“The reality is once they enter our homes, it is their home now,” shared

Koufakis. “We want them to feel loved, secure, safe, healthy, happy, and hopefully have a productive life. We want them to feel like it is their home, because it is. And we try to do whatever we can to make sure it is as comfortable as we can for them.”

Life’s WORC Homes continue to foster this caring, familial relationship between residents and staff throughout the holiday season. At the Islip Terrace House, residents and staff worked together to cook and share a Thanksgiving meal

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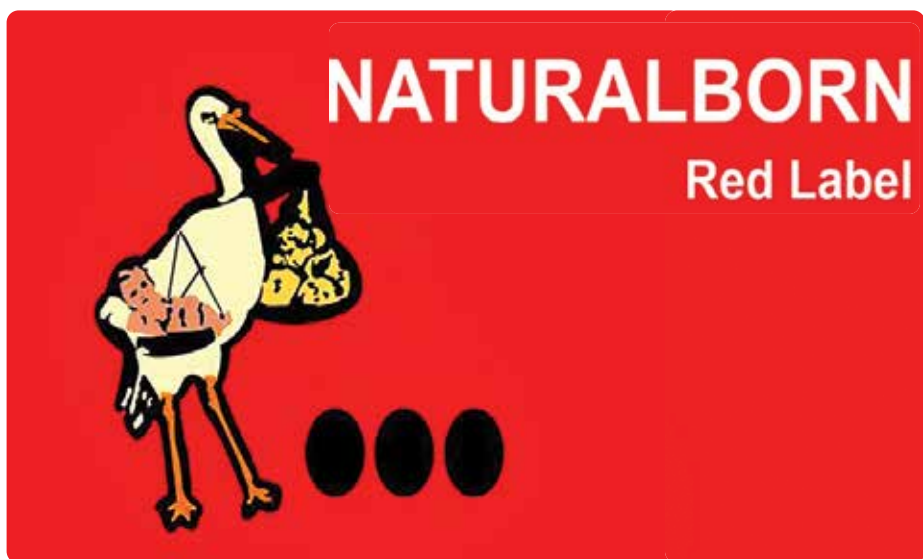
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