

## LI People ON THE MOVE



SID JACOBSON, JCC

**Michelle Gibson**, of Port Washington, has been hired as director, Jack Nadel Services Center, at **Sid Jacobson JCC** in East Hills. Gibson was program director of care coordination at the Mental Health Association of Nassau County in Hempstead.



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**Nathalia Melo**, of Babylon, has been hired as community needs bank coordinator at **Sid Jacobson JCC** in East Hills. Melo was in business development group in Competition Auto Cooper in Smithtown.



EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOLS

**Lauren Berg**, of Wantagh, has been hired as world language chairperson for **East Rockaway Junior/Senior High School** in East Rockaway. Berg was Spanish teacher for grades 7-12 in three of four schools in the Valley Stream Central High School District.

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# AMAZON SUPERMARKETS TO OPEN ON LI

## East Setauket, Plainview stores launch Oct. 24

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Two Amazon Fresh supermarkets will open on Long Island this month, after the grocery chain's expansion paused early last year.

Amazon announced that its East Setauket and Plainview stores will open on Oct. 24.

The stores will offer a wide assortment of national brands, high-quality produce, meat and seafood, and produce, a spokesperson said. It also will have a range of prepared foods made fresh in house, such as sandwiches, salads, wraps, burritos and pizzas.

Both locations will use Dash Carts, or "smart" shopping carts with screens that show running cost totals.

Customers can scan the bar codes of products using cameras on the carts, and then exit the stores through Dash Cart lanes that charge them using the payment method linked to their accounts.

The stores also have traditional checkout and self-checkout lanes.



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Amazon is resuming opening new Amazon Fresh supermarkets, including two on Long Island.

Located at 4054 Nesconset Hwy. in Suffolk Plaza, the 42,908-square-foot store in East Setauket occupies most of the space that a Waldbaum's supermarket vacated in 2015. That store will donate surplus food to Long Island Cares, Amazon said.

The 33,342-square-foot Amazon Fresh in Plainview, located at 50 Manetto Hill Rd. in Manetto Hill Plaza, is in the majority of the space that a Fairway Market vacated in 2020. It will donate surplus food to Is-

land Harvest Food Bank.

Both stores will be open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week.

More than 100 regional brands, including Boylan Bottling Soda, Hu Kitchen and Taylor Provisions, will be available, a spokesperson said.

Prime members also will receive special discounts from up to 50% off on eight to 15 grocery items on a weekly rotation.

The first Amazon Fresh store opened in Woodland Hills, California, in 2020. By

early 2023, there were 44 Amazon Fresh stores in eight states and Washington, D.C.

In February 2023, the company announced it would pause the opening of new Amazon Fresh stores while it experimented to try to find a format that resonated with customers.

Since June of this year, Amazon opened 10 of its 51 U.S. stores including in California, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

With Tory N. Parrish

# TD Bank to settle with DOJ for \$3B

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — TD Bank will pay about \$3 billion in a historic settlement with U.S. authorities who said Thursday the financial institution's lax practices allowed significant money laundering over multiple years.

Canada-based TD Bank pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering, the largest bank in U.S. history to do so, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said.

"TD Bank created an environment that allowed financial crime to flourish," he said. "By making its services convenient for criminals, it became one."

High-level executives were alerted to serious problems with the bank's anti-money laundering program, but failed to correct them as employees openly



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**U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Thursday.**

joked about how easy it seemed to be for criminals to launder money there, Garland said.

The bank is the 10th-largest in the United States, and its CEO said the company takes full responsibility and has

been cooperating with the investigation. It's been taking steps to fix its U.S. anti-money laundering program, including appointing new leadership and adding hundreds of new specialists, said TD Bank Group CEO Bharat Masrani. "We know what the issues are, we are fixing them. As we move forward, we're ensuring that this never happens again," Masrani said. "And I'm 100% confident that we get to the other side and emerge even stronger."

The Justice Department said the bank allowed at least three different money laundering networks to move a total of \$670 million through TD Bank accounts over a period of several years. TD Bank became the bank of choice for multiple criminals and money laundering organizations, authorities said.

"From fentanyl and narcotics trafficking, to terrorist financing and human trafficking, TD Bank's chronic failures provided fertile ground for a host of illicit activity to penetrate our financial system," said Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo.

In one case, a man moved more than \$470 million in drug proceeds and other illicit funds through TD Bank branches, bribing employees with more than \$57,000 in gift cards.

He chose TD Bank because it had the "most permissive policies," more than once depositing more than \$1 million in cash in a single day and then moving the funds out of the bank with checks or wire transfers, Garland said. It continued despite employees expressing concern about what he was doing.