

Queens' South Asians saluted at Town Hall

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Walcott visits Eagle Academy on opening day

BY RICH BOCKMANN

City Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott made a stop at a unique school in southeast Queens last week as he toured the five boroughs for the first day of school.

The school's big-wig was greeted by a class of uniformed students at the Eagle Academy for Young Men, at 171-10 Linden Blvd. in St. Albans, Sept. 6 when they moved into their new home, the former Allen Christian School on Linden Boulevard.

The academy is a public school with the mission of closing the achievement gap for young men of color. It was founded by the Eagle Academy Foundation, which also established schools in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Newark and also acts as a fund-raising partner.

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Lorna Francis (r.), the mother of Walwyn Jackson, is comforted by her friend, Valerie Spencer in Jackson's home. Photo by Christina Santucci

Springfield Gdns. man with knife killed by police

Walwyn Jackson had 2-week-old son

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

Relatives of a 27-year-old man, who the NYPD said had held a knife to his own neck before he was fatally shot by police, were still planning funeral arrangements Tuesday for the new father.

Walwyn Jackson's mother Lorna Francis said she hoped to hold a service in the coming weeks.

Jackson, who often went by his middle name Dujon or his

nickname Smiley, died Friday afternoon after he was shot once by a police officer in his Springfield Gardens home, the city Police Department and the man's family said.

Relatives said Jackson was depressed that he could not find employment to help support his 2-week-old son.

"He just had the baby and didn't have a job," Jackson's grief-stricken mother Lorna Francis said, while sitting on the floor of

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Shooting suspect surrenders

Thomas charged in attack that wounded officer in South Jamaica

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The man accused of shooting a plainclothes police officer not far from the South Jamaica Houses last month was hit with an additional, unrelated attempted murder charge Monday after he turned himself in to authorities the night before.

After successfully evading law enforcement officials and a \$22,000 reward since mid-August, 24-year-old John Thomas, accompanied by his lawyer, surrendered to NYPD detectives in the Pep Boys parking lot, at Liberty Avenue and Merrick Boulevard, around 7 p.m. Sunday night, police said.

The NYPD said Thomas had 17 prior arrests, including weapon and drug charges.

Thomas had been named as the suspect wanted in the Aug. 8 shooting of Sgt. Craig Bier, a 15-year veteran with 65 medals, 14 of which were for meritorious police duty. Bier and his partner had been patrolling near the South Jamaica Houses as part of a borough anti-gang unit around 10:30 p.m., police said, when they attempted to stop Thomas as he was riding his bicycle.

Bier took off on foot after Thomas and a gun fight broke out. Both men opened fire at each other, police said, and when the dust settled Bier had been hit in both legs and Thomas was nowhere to be found.

Police did recover a Ruger 9 mm pistol at the scene and Bier was taken to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, where he was treated for his wounds. The officer was released a few days later.

In the meantime, the NYPD had already named Thomas as their suspect and stepped up their presence in the neighborhood as they searched for him.

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-



Suspected cop-shooter John Thomas (r.) is led out of the 103rd Precinct after surrendering to detectives in a South Jamaica parking lot. Photo by Ellis Kaplan

Jamaica) had said relations between the community and police had been stressed as cops searched for Thomas, and just a week earlier he held a news conference where he called on the suspect to turn himself in.

The day after Thomas turned himself in, the Queens district attorney's office charged him with attempted murder, aggravated assault upon a police officer and criminal possession of a weapon in the shooting of Bier.

He was also charged with at-

tempted murder, criminal possession of a weapon and assault in a June 6 incident in which he allegedly fired 17 times at a male acquaintance just after 6 p.m. at the corner of 111th Avenue and 167th Street in South Jamaica.

The victim was hit in the buttocks and grazed by a bullet on his right leg, according to the district attorney.

Brown said that if convicted in both cases, Thomas would face up to 50 years to life in prison.

Senior week turns ten in SE Queens

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Senior Appreciation Week is getting old.

Now in its 10th year, the annual celebration of southeast Queens elders kicked off this week as elected officials planned events for the young at heart.

"This has become a tradition and a legacy in the community and something we can be proud of," state Assemblyman William Scarborough (D-St. Albans) said at the Roy Wilkins Family Center in St. Albans last week to announce the schedule. "We celebrate senior week for a simple reason — to let our seniors know we appreciate what they have done and what they continue to do for this community."

Every year, elected officials come together and plan a week full of events — such as state Sen. Malcolm Smith's (D-St. Albans) senior-appreciation lunch

or Sen. Shirley Huntley's (D-Jamaica) "Oldies but Goodies" luncheon — to show the older generations a good time.

The tradition was started, Scarborough said, by Smith and U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica), who this year scheduled an afternoon of movies at the Jamaica Multiplex Sept. 12. All of the elected officials who participate usually gather to announce the schedule, though a number were serving as delegates to the Democratic National Convention last week and were unable to attend.

In their absences, office staffers — the people who did the grunt work of actually putting the events together — took just a bit of the spotlight normally reserved for their bosses as they announced each event.

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica) scheduled a karaoke and

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Due to the fact that a number of southeast Queens elected officials were at the Democratic National Convention, their staffers gather to announce the schedule for Senior Appreciation Week.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

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City plans to add to Cambria Heights elementary school

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Walcott says building extension will provide room for about 370 students when finished in 2016

BY RICH BOCKMANN

For more than a decade now the pair of red, double-wide trailers perched alongside PS 176 in Cambria Heights has served as a sign of the school's growth.

In the past 10 year's, the school's population has grown more than 30 percent. The building, however, has stayed the same size and that is why educators and elected officials gathered outside the school Monday to announce the city would be investing about \$40 million to build a new extension.

"This school building is at 140 percent utilization," city Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott said. "It has grown and it's just over capacity."

The school, Walcott said, is a victim of its own successes. In addition to housing District 29's gifted-and-talented program, PS 176 provides popular basketball and performing arts and music programs.



State Assemblywoman Barbara Clark (c.) helps southeast Queens elected officials and educators announce a planned extension to the PS 176 building.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

The chancellor also praised the Parent-Teacher Association for giving the school a reputation for strong parent engagement.

The school, at 120-45 235th St., is home to about 830 students, about 100 of whom receive in-

struction in the trailers next to the main building.

The extension, which is scheduled to be completed in 2016, will have room to house about 370 students.

"By the time these third-

graders are in the seventh- or eighth-grade, they will be able to participate and be a part of that new extension," Walcott said.

Although Walcott grew up in Cambria Heights and heads the city Department of Education, he recognized that in state Assembly District 33 he was but a guest.

The chancellor was joined by U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) and state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-St. Albans) in praising Assemblywoman Barbara Clark (D-Queens Village) for her advocacy of schools in her district and in particular PS 176, from which three of her children had graduated.

Clark said that when the trailers originally went up, she promised they would come down in two years.

"They're still here and they've been here a long time," she said. "This has been a long struggle."

The assemblywoman praised Principal Arlene Bartlett for

"how she manages to keep these children at the level she keeps them with the population as high as it is."

The mood was one of celebration and Smith took the opportunity to salute his colleague in the Assembly and at the same time have a little bit of fun with Walcott.

"No one could accuse the chancellor of not being smart," Smith said. "He lives here in Queens. He grew up in this area, and he knows that in order to come home every night and to be able to go back to work every morning he'd have to go past Barbara Clark's house. Now I'm not talking about her house down the block. I'm talking about this school right here."

Smith, who has been rumored to be considering a run for mayor as a Republican, said the planned extension represented the "obligation and commitment" by Mayor Michael Bloomberg "that many questioned."

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US Open caps unofficial end of summer

Pricey food, tornadoes and late night volleys highlighted another year at Flushing tennis center

BY JOE ANUTA

Monday's finals at the 2012 US Open concluded two weeks of tennis, although fans found enjoyment on and off the court throughout the event.

Tennis enthusiasts sought out plenty of good food to compliment the intense matches going on at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, with concession stands providing choices above and beyond many other sporting events.

In the evening couples could be seen strolling through the crowd with champagne flutes — at \$24 per glass — or swilling mojitos.

Ken Cui, of Woodhaven, brought his son Ryan, 9, to his first Open, and early in the tourna-

ment hoped to watch Russian Maria Sharapova, who eventually lost in the semi-finals.

"We like the sport and the food is great," said Cui, who has been to three Opens himself.

Cui recommended a lobster roll, available at both the Fulton Seafood booth and at the South Plaza Cafe near Arthur Ashe Stadium for \$17.50.

Other offerings at the multiple concessions included Indian dishes, organic hamburgers, crepes or barbecue, among others.

Jon Weiss and his family were munching on burgers and fries after the women's final Sunday.

"We always like the food at the Open," he said, but called the prices "ridiculous."

"They gave us an extra



Jon Weiss (l.-r.), Michael Gabrellian and Ben and Barbara Weiss spare no expense for their meal at the US Open.
Photo by Christina Santucci

fry, I think because they felt bad for us," he said, gesturing to a cup of waffle-cut, deep-fried potatoes on the table. "When the store feels sorry for you, you know the prices are too high."

While not watching tennis, other Open-goers played interactive tennis video games at a booth sponsored by Emirates Airline, where flight attendants demonstrated how to

complete a virtual serve.

At one point on Saturday the center was evacuated after a tornado touched down in Queens far from the courts.

On Sunday night,

Serena Williams came from behind to defeat No. 1-ranked Belorussian Victoria Azarenka in a match that fomented the crowd into a frenzy as the American began narrowing the gap between them.

"Come on, Serena!" one fan yelled in the quiet between the action, receiving several scowls from nearby spectators.

The 31-year-old eventually vanquished Azarenka, nearly 10 years her junior in a 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 match that was the first women's singles final in 17 years to go to three sets.

And rain delays pushed the men's singles finals into Monday evening, when Scotsman Andy Murray defeated Serbian Novak Djokovic 7-6, 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2 in a match nearly five hours long, tying the record.

Indian Jewish Council salutes South Asian residents in boro

BY REBECCA HENELY

The South Asian Queens community, especially Sikhs, have been targeted because of prejudice and struggle to find a political voice.

A "Salute to South Asia" event, hosted by the recently formed Indian Jewish Council at Flushing Town Hall Sunday, encouraged one of Queens' newest communities to vote, take part in local government and build partnerships with their neighbors of other faiths and creeds. More than 100 people attended.

"If we stand together, we'll be seen. If we speak as one, we shall be heard," said Richie Lipkowitz, who created the council with Ashook Ramsaran, president of the Global Organi-

zation of People of Indian Origin.

Lipkowitz said he and Ramsaran began creating the Indian Jewish Council about a year ago after speaking about it two years ago with former Forest Hills U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner. Lipkowitz said the council was meant to forge interfaith relationships beyond the occasional one-year event.

"We decided to take the next step to friendship," Lipkowitz said.

The event featured music and dance by South Asian artists as well as speeches urging the community to work together and with their neighbors. The group also honored City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria), as well as his brothers Paul

and Perry, for pulling two young girls caught in the ocean in Long Beach, N.J., earlier this summer.

"It takes a lot of time and courage to put an event like this together," said Harpreet Toor, of the Sikh Cultural Society of Richmond Hill.

Toor and others began the event by talking about the shooting at a Sikh Temple this August in Oak Creek, Wis., in which white supremacist Wade Michael Page killed six people before shooting himself.

"Unfortunately, Sikhs have too often been victims of senseless violence all around the United States simply for how they look," said Harbachan Singh, of Community Board 8.

He said that to fight
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USTA's ball people worked hard to keep players happy

BY JOE ANUTA

Champions have come and gone at the US Open, but a Forest Hills man has spent nearly half of his life returning to the court as a ball boy.

Throughout most of the year Sal Chan, 30, is a Manhattan paralegal, but when the dog days of summer set upon Flushing Meadows Corona Park, he exchanges his suits for sweat bands and has done so for 14 of the last 15 years.

"When you have a view from the court, you notice subtle things," said Chan, who has come as close to a professional tournament as a non-tennis player could. "Every time I watch Federer, I notice something new."

From the mutterings



Dayana Agasiava holds an American flag during the closing ceremony of the women's singles final.
Photo by Christina Santucci

of the pros to the thump of the ball bouncing off the racket strings, the minute details not accessible from the stands are what keep Chan coming back each year.

But the job is hardly all fun and games.

Each year about 250 ball people keep the matches running smoothly at the

Billie Jean King National Stadium by ensuring players are hydrated and well-stocked with tennis balls and have instant access to towels for brow-mopping. Their job, which consists of much sprinting and throwing, more closely resembles that of a baseball player than the tennis pros they
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Group seeks to register Asian voters in Queens

BY JOE ANUTA

Asian-American residents of Queens are a sleeping political force, and a group of civic and nonprofit groups announced a plan last week to tap into that power for upcoming state and federal elections.

In response to historically tepid voter turnout in Asian-American communities, the MinKwon Center for Community action announced a citywide campaign last Thursday called Vote 2012: One Voice, One Vote at its office, at 136-19 41st Ave in Flushing.

"The idea is not just to get Asian-American candidates elected," said Steven Choi, executive director of the nonprofit, which acts as an advocacy group for new immigrants, especially from Korea. "We want to ensure whoever is elected is accountable to our community."

Across the five boroughs, the campaign will use voter guides in several languages, door knocking and mass phone calls to try and reach 25,000 voters in the primary and general elections this fall. The coalition consists of eight groups from across the city, including Jackson Heights-based Chhaya CDC, a South Asian advocacy group, and the Queens YWCA in Flushing. They also hope to register 10,000 new voters.

And those efforts could have a real effect in Asian-American enclaves

in Queens.

Just over 5,500 people voted in the recent congressional primary to elect state Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) as the Democratic candidate in the November general election. In 2008, the state Assembly primary on the Democratic side was decided by less than 1,000 votes.

Many members of these communities face language barriers, along with a process that is drastically different from other countries. In South Korea, for instance, every citizen is automatically registered to vote. In some voters' home countries, voters do not need to register for a political party, whereas in New York City many elections are decided in a primary.

But the number of voting-aged Asian Americans is growing in Queens.

Between 2000 and 2010, the population growth of the borough was 0.1 percent, while the growth in the Asian community over the same period was about 30 percent, according to statistics from the U.S. census. At 509,428 people, Asian Americans currently make up about 23 percent of the borough's population.

But they do not vote in the same numbers as other population groups.

In the Assembly district based in Flushing, Asian Americans make up

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Representatives from a coalition promoting more robust voter turnout in Asian communities hold up voter guides.

Photo by Joe Anuta

Council districts redrawn

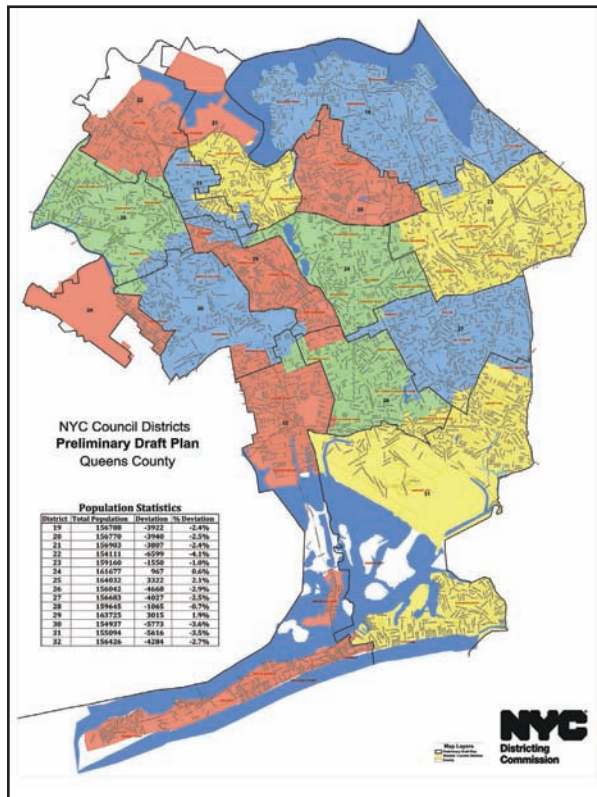
Commission releases first draft with minor changes for county

BY PHIL CORSO

The city Districting Commission released its preliminary draft of the redrawn 51 City Council districts last week, setting the stage for a battle over representation from some minority groups in Queens that want new lines to encompass their ethnic communities.

The redrawn lines very much resemble already-existing districts in Queens, but include slight adjustments in areas like the 24th District, where parts of Jamaica and Fresh Meadows were cut out, and in Springfield Gardens, which was split from one lone district into three. Even though there were minor changes made to districts within the borough, some argued the new lines did not properly address ethnic demographics.

Member organizations of the Asian American Community Coalition on Redistricting and Democracy came out against the preliminary draft, saying in a statement that public input



Preliminary City Council district lines largely resemble those of the past in Queens, with some exceptions in the central and southern parts of the borough.

Map courtesy city Districting Commission

was not reflected in the redrawn lines. In particular, Accord organizations said key neighborhoods in the

Asian-American community, including Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park, would suffer from poor rep-

resentation.

"Nothing has changed," said Richard David, executive director of the Indo-Caribbean Alliance. "These draft lines in Richmond Hill and the surrounding areas ignore the drastic ethnic, economic and social changes we have seen over the last decade. We are now wondering whether this process will empower our residents or move our community forward."

Accord has promoted the Unity Map, which includes suggested district lines that would bring together Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park into the same jurisdiction.

The new lines, released Sept. 4, come on the heels of several public hearings and will continue to evolve through a second round of meetings beginning Oct. 2. The districts are redrawn every 10 years to best reflect census data throughout the city, the commission said.

"There are many more views that need to be shared with the commission."

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Bengali ballots not ready for primary

BY JOE ANUTA

The city violated the federal Voting Rights Act by acting too slowly on a 2011 requirement to provide ballots in a South Asian language and delaying them until 2013, according to a complaint filed by a nonprofit this week.

The federal government determined in October that the city Board of Elections was required to provide a South Asian language on ballots in certain areas in Queens and around the city, yet the city dragged its feet for months before settling on Bengali as the chosen tongue and hiring a contractor to update the software on the electronic ballot readers, according to the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, which filed the complaint with the board.



State Sen. Toby Stavisky (second from l.-r.) and state Assemblyman David Weprin call on the city to go above and beyond federal Voting Rights Act requirements at a June news conference.

The city has chalked up the delay to technical difficulties and has offered to provide other Bengali language assistance at the polls this fall to compensate for the delay, a Board of Elections spokeswoman said.

Queens has a significant popu-

lation of Bengali speakers concentrated in neighborhoods like Flushing and Richmond Hill, where about 62 percent of voting age residents are not English proficient, the nonprofit said. The delays mean those potential voters could miss state, federal and presidential elections this week and in November.

"We believe this is illegal, period," said Glenn Magpantay, a director at the fund, which advocates for Asian-American civil rights. "Why was the Board of Elections asleep at the wheel?"

A spokesman for the state Board of Elections said the city still has options to provide Bengali ballots for the fall elections and be in compliance with the law. Poll sites could issue ballots in Bengali which could be counted by hand, circumventing the

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Breezy Point tornado damages 16 cabanas



James Brady describes a 15-to-20-second tornado that hit the Breezy Point Surf Club while he was

**BY STEVE MOSCO AND
CHRISTINA SANTUCCI**

The tornado that tore through Breezy Point Saturday with winds of up to 70 miles per hour left behind a wake of damage that is still being cleaned up at a seaside beach club.

Bob Ordan, general manager of the Breezy Point Surf Club, said the twister could have been worse and he expects the club to be fully functional again.

"There was some heavy damage, so we're still busy cleaning and fixing," said Ordan, who was getting estimates on the bill for the weather's rampage. "It wasn't the end of the world, but there is a decent amount of work to do."

David Stark, a meteorologist with National Weather Service, said the tornado touched down in the westernmost tip of the Rockaway Peninsula for a stretch of about 200 yards and with a width of about 50 yards.

With a maximum estimated wind speed of 70 mph, the twister scored an EF rating of 0 in the Enhanced Fujita scale, Stark said, explaining that this rank was for tornados with speeds ranging from 65 to 85 miles per hour.

"It was pretty quick," he said.

For the Surf Club patrons, Saturday was the best possible time for severe weather to hit.

"If it would have been last weekend, Labor Day weekend, there would have been thousands of people down here and somebody would have definitely got hurt," said Steve Fallon, who rents one of about 16 cabanas at the Surf Club that were damaged.

Cabana owners and workers said no one had been injured at the club, at 1 Beach 227th St. In total, the seaside beach club has about 600 cabanas, employees said.

The National Weather Service had issued a tornado warning for Queens at about 10:30 a.m.

At the US Open, thousands of tennis fans were evacuated, and one of the men's semifinal matches was suspended until the following day, USTA officials said.

At about 11 a.m., rain was coming down in Breezy Point Surf Club and only a handful of people were there, patrons said.

James Brady, who has spent the summer at the club for all 47 years of his life, happened to be in the shower, disconnecting

pipes for the winter season.

"All of a sudden you just heard the noise," said Brady. "I heard the electrical pole that is right behind us here, snap and fall down. I heard the cracking of the electricity. The wind, it was in a wind tunnel with things crashing all around. I just put my head down and rode it out."

The tornado lasted about 15 to 20 seconds, Brady said. When it was finished, he went outside and surveyed the damage.

Several roofs from cabanas were missing, dozens of barbecues were toppled and a part of a wall surrounding the pool had caved in.

In a stretch of sand between the cabanas and a baseball field, debris, including barbecues, chairs and picnic tables, lay in a pile.

Janet Ryan, Brady's sister, picked through the items, righting a small wagon and returning it to her cabana.

"I think I am most upset because my brother almost got hurt," she said.

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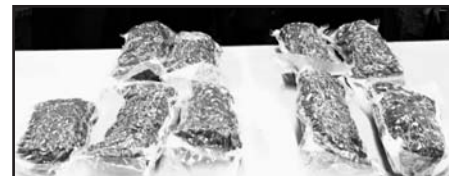
POLICE Blotter

Employee at Kaufman caught with pot: Police

ASTORIA — An electrician for Kaufman Astoria Studios was arrested last Thursday after he allegedly had about 10 pounds of marijuana shipped to his workplace, police said.

Authorities said the building security for the studio, at 34-37 36th Ave., intercepted two cardboard packages filled with nine sealed plastic pouches of pot and called police to come at about 2:30 p.m.

Lowell Schulman, 53, of Berry Street in Brooklyn, told officers he had expected to get the marijuana but believed it would be a smaller amount sent with cologne and books, police said. Schulman was searched and officers also allegedly found five plastic, dime-bags of crack cocaine in his left



pants pocket, police said.

These nine bags of pot were shipped to Astoria Kaufman Studios.
Courtesy NYPD

The electrician had an open warrant, police said, and was arrested on 10 counts of criminal possession of marijuana, criminal possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Missing boy, 15, from Hollis found: Police



HOLLIS — A 15-year-old boy who had gone missing in Hollis has been found, police said.

Raheem Rose disappeared near 104th Avenue and 189th Street Saturday at around 4:30 p.m., police said.

Officers said they found the teen in good condition Monday night.

Missing teen Raheem Rose has been found.

Photo courtesy NYPD

Father assaulted by son with meat cleaver: Report

JAMAICA — A Jamaica man who allegedly tried to hurt his father with a meat cleaver in their home at Guy R. Brewer Boulevard near Liberty Avenue was arrested, the New York Post reported.

Anthony Mohammed, 28, allegedly tried to attack his father Sunday at 11 a.m., the Post reported.

Mohammed was charged with possession of a deadly weapon, criminal mischief and resisting arrest, the Post reported.

Police escort a man in handcuffs from the home.
Photo by Ellis Kaplan



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Zadroga Act altered to cover cancer cost

BY STEVE MOSCO

Many Queens residents had loved ones who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and some know people who continue to die from the complications of that fateful day.

Eleven years after tragedy shook the city on 9/11, the federal government has expanded health coverage to assist more first responders who emerged as heroes during the clean-up at Ground Zero in the weeks and months that followed the attacks.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health added 50 types of cancer to the list of World Trade Center-related illnesses covered by the Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act Monday in a move that netted compensation for thousands of sick rescue and recovery workers.

City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) knows all too well about the health problems faced by heroic first responders. Her cousin, Stephen Johnson of Maspeth, was a firefighter involved in the rescue operations at the World Trade Center.

He died from black lung disease in August 2006.

"This week we remember first responders who

made the ultimate sacrifice, but we must also remember those who spent countless hours in rescue and recovery efforts that came home and suffered from serious health problems because of it," said Crowley. "Covering the cancers caused from 9/11 in the Zadroga Act ensures our heroes get the health-care coverage they deserve after they gave so much for our city and nation."

The ruling adopts the Science/Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations to add 14 categories of cancer, including those affecting the respiratory and digestive systems. The committee is a government agency charged with reviewing scientific and medical evidence linking cancer to the recovery effort.

U.S. Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) released a joint statement lauding the decision.

"We fought long and hard to make sure that our 9/11 heroes suffering from cancers obtained from their work at Ground Zero get the help they deserve," Gillibrand and Schumer said. "We will press on — with advocates, the community and our partners in government — to ensure that all those who suffered

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The Zadroga Act is named after Joseph Zadroga's (c.) son James, an NYPD detective who worked hundreds of hours at Ground Zero.
AP Photo mayor's office

Quiet ceremony marks 9/11

Queens residents visit Ground Zero as it changes through the years



Amanda (l.) and Emily Ortiz hold a poster with photos of their father, who was killed on 9/11.

Photo by Christina Santucci

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Twin sisters Amanda and Emily Ortiz smiled as they posed for photos with family friends at the 9/11 memorial at Ground Zero Tuesday morning. The young girls from Whitestone were just 5 months old when their father, Emilio, perished in the attack on the World Trade Center 11 years ago.

They were a year old on the first anniversary, 10 years old on the 10th. Their ages will always eerily coincide with the numbered anniversary the entire nation observes as it moves another year further from 2001, but if the coincidence seems uncanny, it was lost on the girls.

"Scary, but exciting," Amanda said with a smile, describing how she felt when she completed the list of victims' names she read at the podium in the center of the memorial, ending with her father's.

With a surname in the latter half of the alphabet, the Ortiz family had plenty of time to spare before Amanda took to the small stage where family members softly read the names of their loved ones.

The girls' mother, Wanda, said they spent the better part of the morning wandering around the grounds of the new memorial and visiting the large reflecting pools where they etched their father's name on a piece of paper.

"We've gotten to know families throughout the years," she said. "In a way it's comforting to see the same families year after year."

If the families and friends provide a sense of consistency, the place itself is rapidly changing. Last year's ceremony was situated in what resembled a construction site more than anything else. This year the grounds were lush with trees, grass and fledg-

ling ivy patches.

Looking up, one noticed that the steel skeletons of 1 World Trade Center and 4 World Trade Center were almost completely sheathed in their glass skins. The cranes that protruded from their tops and the elevators that rode up their exteriors would someday be gone, as would the construction workers, equipment and barriers that have been a constant reminder that the site was still in the process of being rebuilt, that more than a decade later it was still not completed.

In fact, the Sept. 11 Museum had originally been scheduled to be open by now, and it was only on the eve of the 11th anniversary that Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. Andrew Cuomo reached an agreement that will allow construction to begin this fall.

Whereas last year politicians vied for space on the stage and time to speak,

this year only family members participated during the reading of their loved one's names.

Woodside resident Edwin Morales carried around a framed photo of his cousin Ruben "Dave" Correa dressed in his FDNY uniform.

"I try to come every year," he said. "This is his burial site."

Many visitors to the memorial were asked if the 10th anniversary gave them a sense of closure, if a milestone had been passed that made the 11th easier.

"No, not easier," said Eugeneia Bogado.

A mother from Flushing said her 29-year-old son, Carlos Alberto Samaniego, worked for Cantor Fitzgerald, the financial firm that lost 658 employees in the World Trade Center, and she missed him every day.

"That is forever," she said.

Huntley supporter says case racially motivated

BY STEVE MOSCO

The primary election got a jolt Tuesday after a supporter of state Sen. Shirley Huntley (D-Jamaica) distributed leaflets claiming the indicted senator is the victim of racially motivated actions by the state attorney general.

Huntley supporter and Rochdale Village Vice President Joe Evans accused Attorney General Eric Schneiderman of a "political lynching" in the indictment of Huntley, who is accused of interfering in a state probe into an alleged scam to bilk taxpayers out of close to \$30,000.

Evans distributed the leaflets throughout Rochdale Village and also posted the message as "A Call to Action" on the area's website, The Rochdale Advocate. In the message, Evans said Schneiderman purposely waited until just be-

fore the Democratic Party primary to bring charges against Huntley.

Huntley is facing City Councilman James Sanders Jr. (D-Laurelton) in this week's primary.

"Not only did the political lynch mob led by Eric T. Schneiderman, a Democrat, wait just days before the election to bring charges, he planned weeks ago to arrest Sen. Huntley at her home where news outlets could take pictures of her in handcuffs," Evans wrote. "They planned to parade the 72-year-old southeast Queens elected official in front of the media to try and convince her supporters (black folks) into thinking she is guilty before the trial, more importantly before the election."

Evans' racially charged statement went on to say that "we as black folks should immediately be able to identify this



A supporter for state Sen. Shirley Huntley charges her indictment is politically motivated.

method of political lynching. Sen. Huntley is not the first black elected official to be unfairly targeted."

Huntley pleaded not guilty in Nassau County in August to two felony charges and one misdemeanor charge in what Schneiderman and state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli called an attempt to cover up "a scheme to steal taxpayer dollars using a sham not-for-profit that did not provide services to the public."

In December, Schneiderman's office indicted Patricia Savage, a Huntley aide, and Lynn Smith, the senator's niece, on charges of submitting false documents to the state in order to misappropriate about \$29,950 in state legislative member items that Huntley had steered to Parent Workshop Inc., her Nassau-based nonprofit.

Neither Evans, the Rochdale Village board of directors nor Huntley's office returned requests for comment.

Sanders, who is challenging Huntley in the 10th Senate District, denounced the written attack on Schneiderman.

"In America everyone is innocent until proven guilty. Sen. Huntley deserves her day in court. However, we strongly condemn the at-

tack that Sen. Huntley and her supporters have made on the attorney general of New York state," he said.

"There is a culture of corruption in Albany and we applaud the attorney general's effort to restore the public's confidence in their leaders. It is time that we hold our elected officials accountable and make character a qualification for holding public office."



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– Deborah DeGregorio

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STOP THE UNION
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It could be dismissed as the kind of meaningless rhetoric that surfaces every four years at the Republican National Convention. Speaker after speaker came to the podium in Tampa to take pot shots at the nation's labor unions.

This is due in part to the fact that unions contribute heavily to the Democratic Party. Union members in cities all across the nation man Democratic phone banks to get out the vote. Rarely do the unions support a Republican candidate, but it does happen.

Although this is to some degree politics as usual, the remarks made by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie in his keynote address deserve attention.

To thunderous applause, Christie said. "They [the Democrats] ... believe in pitting unions against teachers, educators against parents and lobbyists against children. They believe in teachers' unions. We believe in teachers."

In response, American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten wrote, "Christie evidently believes teachers should be seen but not heard — they may be important, but not their views about what they need to help kids."

In New Jersey and Queens, teachers unions play an important role in the educational system. They have fought to reduce class sizes and make certain that teachers have the books and equipment they need and earn a decent wage.

In a week that we honor the heroes of 9/11, we remind Christie that of the 415 police officers and firefighters killed at the World Trade Center, most were union members. And we assume that of the hundreds who searched through the rubble in the days after the attack, a great many were union members. Some came from Queens and other parts of the city and some came from New Jersey.

We don't always agree with the unions, but we value the role they have played.

We note that Christie made his anti-union speech five days before Labor Day. It makes one wonder if he understands what this day is all about.

The unions must not be made scapegoats for the nation's economic crisis. Whoever will be the next president must be prepared to treat the unions with respect and work with them to create jobs and get the nation moving in a positive direction.



OTHER VOICES

Reader grateful to former York president

I had taught as an adjunct lecturer of human physiology at York College from 1983-84. Surprisingly, last year — 28 years later from having written on the chalkboard at York — I received an e-mail from the York College Library informing me that the college was honoring me in its 40 Years of Faculty Scholarship display for my 2000

book "Mathematical Logic and the Philosophy of God and Man," from 1st Books Library.

I never knew President Emeritus Milton Bassin all these years until I read the obituary of this remarkable professor and administrator who built York in downtown Jamaica from 1971-91 and gave me the opportunity to teach in

my early academic years. I had wonderful and talented occupational therapy students, most of whom were female and minority.

I wish to express my heartfelt sympathies and thanks to Bassin and his family for his academic accomplishments, which made it possible for me to teach at York. I also wish to thank York for its surprise

honorarium last year.

The comedian Milton Berle once joked about himself saying, "We saw his star at its rising," but he was wrong. The star was neither Berle nor an astral phenomenon but Jamaica's own Bassin. May he rest in peace.

Joseph N. Manago
Briarwood

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Recycling, renewables important to protecting the planet

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In Bayside, I find the chore of separating garbage relatively pleasurable — relatively, compared to out east. In Amagansett, on the east end of Long Island, we pay \$50 each year for the privilege of separating our garbage, glass, plastics and paper.

This exercise is called recycling: hate the effort, love the goal. The benefits of recycling are minimizing as much garbage as possible, which would other-

wise contaminate the soil and oceans of our planet as opposed to reusing it in various forms.

And I think it is great even if it does require holding your breath for an extended period while running from one bin to the next on a humid day. I like to think it is the smell of patriotism, but I am certain any patriot would be offended.

I am puzzled as to why it is that most have accepted the benefits of recycling

garbage, a never-ending supply, believing in its benefits while nevertheless still managing to accept the raping our planet for its limited supply of prehistoric fossil and mineral fuels. This is done by the leveling of mountains for dirty coal, polluting our oceans as well as our soil with the brainless mantra “Drill, baby, drill,” fouling our drinking water with fracking, having oil pipelines that threaten to rupture at any time carry filthy sand

oil across our country and contaminating our air with their by-products.

The profiteers of this Neanderthal approach to creating energy have spent fortunes conning the gullible public into thinking any alternative to this primitive source is robbing our country of its greatness. We subsidize these destroyers while they rape and reap the greatest profit in history.

There are intelligent alternatives and, though

it is impossible to immediately convert completely to such sources, having had their growth stifled by lobbyists paid by dirty energy source suppliers and buying the allegiance of our representatives, the sooner we shed their power and the seats of their political benefactors, the sooner we can take a deep, clean breath of satisfaction.

Wind, sun, geothermal, tidal and other sources are reusable, sustainable and do not change the phys-

ical nature of the world in which we live. At the same time, we must keep developing greater efficiency for vehicles and equipment that had in the past consumed energy produced at a behemoth's appetite.

It is an all-of-the-above solution which will draw us out of our caveman mentality and deliver us from the dark ages to a future enlightened America.

*Nicholas Zizelis
Amagansett, L.I.*

Cable firm must get its act together

Time Warner Cable customers who experience a loss of Internet, television or phone service will now have to wait 10 days for a technician to visit their homes. Subscribers who attempt to replace defective equipment at the Time Warner Cable walk-in center, in the Queens Center Mall, are required to take a number and in some instances have been forced to endure a four-hour wait before seeing a customer service representative.

Dropped Internet connections, phone outages and pixilated and frozen TV screens have become a

common occurrence with the unreliable product provided by Time Warner Cable. This is outrageous and unacceptable.

Cable services are no longer a luxury — they are necessities of modern society. First responders, businesses, students, educators, medical providers and families, to name but a few, depend on Internet access for everything from saving lives to staying in touch with relatives and friends. Telephones remain an important safety net and television brings the world to many senior citizens and people who may be homebound.

Elected officials have been conspicuous by their silence when it comes to the issue of dependable cable service for city residents. I hope constituent concerns are not taking a back seat to the interests of big business.

I call upon the City Council, state Senate and state Assembly to hold public hearings concerning Time Warner Cable operations. There can be no more excuses. Time Warner Cable must either get its act together or get out of the city.

*Warren Schreiber
Bayside*

Keep good teachers, pay them well

As the new school year begins, thousands of teachers will be returning to classrooms, gearing up for another busy school year.

Education in this country needs to be given the highest priority. There should not be any fiscal cuts to school budgets. Teachers need to be treated with the utmost respect and professionalism because they all work hard to help their students reach their highest potential in the classroom, which is not an easy task,

given that students learn at different levels.

Classroom instruction must be tailored to meet each student's learning abilities. Teachers have a difficult job and should be properly compensated for their endeavors. Their salaries need to be increased. Those teachers who are consistently not performing up to educational standards need to be given assistance to improve their teaching skills. If that is not successful within a certain span of time, then they

should be asked to leave the classroom.

But those teachers who are doing well need to be recognized by their principals and school districts for their hard work. Teachers are shaping our nation's students for their future as responsible adults, who will hopefully make positive marks on society.

We need to recognize all of their accomplishments in the classroom.

*John Amato
Fresh Meadows*

CLARIFICATION

A previous version of the story on the campaign finances in the Ulrich-Reyes primary, which ran in the Sept. 6-12 edition of TimesLedger Newspapers, did not clarify the time periods for which campaign records were reviewed. It also misstated the total amount the Rubin family donated to Ulrich's campaign.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 6-12 issue, the story about state Sen. Tony Avella calling for term limits contained a typo due to an editing error. The sentence should have said, “following two high-profile ethics scandals in Albany,” the senator renewed his push for tougher laws.

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Ulrich seeks to beat Reyes and unseat Addabbo for Senate



William Lewis
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Political Action

The 15th state Senate District, in western Queens, was represented by Republican Sen. Serf Maltese for more than 20 years during his 10 terms in office up to 2008, when City Councilman Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) won the seat.

It is interesting to note that during the same 20-year period, the 11th Senate District, in northeast Queens, was represented by Republican Frank Padavan, who held the office for 38 years before former Councilman Tony Avella

(D-Bayside) won the office in 2010. In some political quarters, these two elections were considered upsets.

Since the Democratic Party controls the state Assembly by a large margin, the Republicans every two years make a determined effort to gain and maintain control of the Senate. This year, an almost unique situation is developing with a Republican primary election in the 30th Senate District between attorney Juan Reyes and City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park).

The official Republican county organization has endorsed Reyes over Ulrich, since Ulrich has refused to appear before its screening committee to obtain its support, in addition to his continued criticism

of the county organization. Ulrich does, however, seem to have the support of most of the Republican Senate leadership at this time.

Besides the Republican primary, Ulrich is also involved in an Independence Party primary for the Senate. He is campaigning in two primaries, but it is the Republican primary that seems to be getting the most interest in the news media.

Reyes, who in 1996 worked on the Robert Dole campaign for the U.S. presidency, also served in the Giuliani administration. He has pointed out political differences between himself and Ulrich by bringing attention to his opponent's voting record in the Council.

Reyes has charged that Ulrich has a voting

record similar to Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan). For example, in 2009 Ulrich voted to increase taxes on unincorporated businesses (SLR 0013); to increase fines on drivers from \$5 to \$250 (Intro. 947); and for online sales taxes for hotel reservations (Intro 1012).

Reyes also indicated that Ulrich voted to increase costs for parking garages (Intro 780) in 2009, and that Ulrich voted for racial quotas in state contracts (RES 1773).

In terms of voting for city funds, Reyes indicated that Ulrich voted to spend more than \$18 million on funding liberal groups, including Exodus Service for Newly Released Felons — more than \$153,000 — and \$205,000 for the Queens Gay Pride Committee.

This is an important primary from the viewpoint that the Queens Republican Party had, over a little more than 30 years ago, six Assembly members and now it has none. This is a year that at the national level will determine the direction of our national government. It is a year that shows much discontent with our nation's economic situation, especially the scarcity of jobs.

Here in Queens, we have examples of the national trend in all areas, including education, jobs, social issues and foreign policy.

Returning to the 15th Senate race, in terms of ideals and issues, it will give us a good example as to which direction the Republican Party is going.

Will both major par-

ties lead us in different directions or will they advocate similar paths for our nation?

It seems the Democratic Party is somewhat united in purpose, but there is conflict in the Republican Party as to what direction it should follow.

There are those Republican in Congress and in state and city government who believe they should compromise with their adversaries. There are also those, however, including Tea Party members, who believe our country was formed on a set of principles and should work to continue these principles and our way of life that has made our nation great, especially during the 20th century.

O.J. Simpson 'dream team' lawyer a native of Queens

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Defense attorney Barry Scheck was a member of O.J. Simpson's "dream team" of lawyers in his 1995 murder trial and is also a founder of The Innocence Project, which exonerates falsely accused criminals using DNA evidence.

In his more than 30 years of trial experience, he has served as counsel or consultant in numerous high-profile cases, ranging from Hedda Nussbaum, the Duke University lacrosse case and the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation. The renowned attorney is also a professor at

the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in Manhattan and has made numerous television appearances as a legal expert.

The 2010 film "Conviction" is based upon his efforts to vacate the conviction of Kenneth Waters, who was wrongfully imprisoned for a 1980 Massachusetts murder.

Scheck was born in Queens Sept. 19, 1949. After graduating from the Horace Mann School in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale, the future lawyer went on to Yale, where he became active in the protest movement against the Vietnam

War. He advocated for abolition of all student draft deferments, believing the war would end only when enough middle-class parents saw their sons die in a far-off conflict.

After completing his undergraduate studies in 1971, he went on to earn a law degree at UC-Berkeley three years later.

After serving as a staff attorney with the Bronx Legal Aid Society early in his career, Scheck went on to establish a name for himself as a defense attorney and consultant in some notable cases. He was the focus of national attention for his work on the O.J. Simpson defense team, helping to earn the former Buffalo Bills star an acquittal with his animated questioning of LAPD criminologist Dennis Fung.

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Barry Scheck is the co-founder of the Innocence Project.

ing, "Where is it, Mr. Fung?" his flailing arms and devastating cross-examination style rendered the term "to Scheck" a byword for witness bullying or self-righteous or melodramatic behavior in the legal lexicon.

Since the O.J. courtroom drama, the Queens native has continued to distinguish himself on a national level in noteworthy suits and criminal cases. In 1999, The Innocence Project helped clear Dennis Fritz and Ron Williamson

of wrongful murder convictions. Fritz had been sentenced to life and Williamson to death for their alleged roles in a 1982 Oklahoma murder.

He also proved the innocence of several men wrongfully imprisoned for 18 years for the 1985 murder of Theresa Fusco, a 16-year-old Long Island girl. More recently, Scheck represented former Duke University lacrosse player Reade Seligmann in a 2007 civil suit filed against the city of Durham, N.C., and the former district attorney Mike Nifong.

In addition to his trial work, Barry Scheck has taught law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in Brooklyn for more than 30 years. In addition to his teaching duties, the advocate also finds time to serve as a commissioner of

the state Forensic Science Review Board and as an advisory board member to the Celera Genetic project to identify 9/11 World Trade Center victims.

It was back in 1992, however, that he first discovered, perhaps, his true calling when he and partner Peter Neufeld launched The Innocence Project after handling a case where prosecutors carelessly used DNA evidence against a suspect. Since then, the two law partners and their students have used genetic evidence to free more than 200 people convicted of heinous crimes including rape and murder. At least 12 of those freed were on death row.

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City needs to reduce population of mosquitoes in Queens: Civics

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Bellerose resident Angela Augugliaro says mosquitoes are so bad in her neighborhood she can barely go outside.

"The mosquito population this summer has really been terrible," she said. "I can't even sit out in my yard. Actually, I can't even go out and take the garbage out and not come back in the house with one or two bites."

Augugliaro, president of the Queens Colony Civic Association, said in all the years she has lived in her neighborhood, the mosquito problem has never been as bad as it is now.

Augugliaro and other civic leaders along the Queens-Nassau County border joined state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) at a rally in Hyde Park last

Thursday in calling on the city Department of Health to dramatically up its efforts to control mosquitoes and reduce the spread the West Nile Virus in eastern Queens.

"You would think the city would be much more proactive," Avella said.

Avella and the civic leaders said the mosquito population has grown substantially in recent years and some have tested positive for the West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne disease that can cause flu-like symptoms and rarely death.

He said Nassau County, just a few blocks away from where the rally was held, has taken an aggressive approach against mosquitoes, with multiple larvicides and ground treatments, and he questioned why the city government has not

done the same.

"The city of New York has to adopt a similar policy to Nassau and be much more proactive in spraying," he said.

Avella said the city not only needs to spray more often and be better at alerting residents when spraying occurs, but also target areas that have tested positive for West Nile Virus.

"Even when the city finds a specific pool or pond where the mosquitoes have West Nile Virus, it doesn't mean they're going to spray," he said, saying that needs to change.

The Department of Health responded that it regularly conducts field surveillance, tests mosquitoes for West Nile Virus and uses the results of the tests to determine whether or not to spray specific areas of the city.

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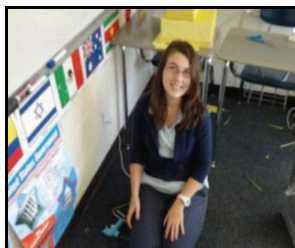
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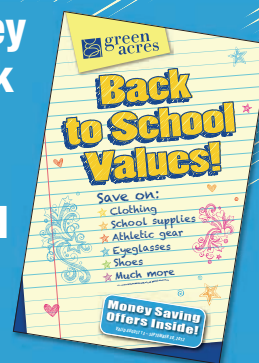
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"A lot of people think that if you're a young man of color, you aren't capable of academic achievement," he added. "We're disproving that."

When the foundation opened its Queens school with 85 sixth-grade students in 2010, it was located in the same building with IS 59 in Springfield Gardens.

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The school had been looking for a new home last year when the city Department of Education struck a



City Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott (r.) speaks to students at the Eagle Academy for Young Men on the first day of class.
Photo by Nat Valentine

deal with the Allen school, which was closing due to financial difficulties.

The city School Construction Authority renovated the building's gymnasium/auditorium and 15

classrooms in preparation for the start of the school year, and it plans to complete a second phase of 15 additional classrooms, a science laboratory, band music room and new locker

rooms for the 2013 school year.

Walcott said Eagle represented one of the "many choices" the DOE offers to parents as he toured the newly renovated building.

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The tour went through a science lab and an art room with a peek into the classrooms that would be ready next year before ending in the auditorium.

Anthony Lang, an eighth-grader from South Jamaica, said the new building was "way more high-tech and cleaner" than the last one.

"We had to share a building with another school, so we didn't have a lot of space," he said. "We have more opportunities than we had before."

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Seniors

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Zumba Fitness event from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rochdale Village community center Sept. 12.

Because Sept. 11 fell on a Tuesday, thus pushing the state primary back to Thursday, no events were planned for either day.

The schedule for Friday featured a senior-informational series hosted by Councilman James Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows) at the Queens Community House in Forest Hills from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a jazz concert at York College from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. hosted by Councilman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans).

Scarborough planned a bowling day for Sept. 17 at JIB Lanes in Flushing.

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her son's home.

According to the NYPD, police were called to the house at about 4:45 p.m. to respond to a report of a man holding a knife to his neck.

Jackson's grandmother Gloria Cameron said the family had noticed a knife missing from the kitchen and went to check on Jackson upstairs. A spokesman for the NYPD said the knife was 7 inches long.

"When I saw him, he had it at his throat," Cameron said.

Relatives went to get a male cousin who they hoped could convince Jackson to hand over the knife and later the family called for an ambulance.

Cameron said she opened the front door to two police officers, who started walking up the stairs and gesturing for Cameron and another family member to stay on the main level.

"I see him [one officer]

go for his gun. I say, 'No, he's sick,'" Cameron said.

Police said the officers ordered Jackson to drop the knife repeatedly, but he refused and began to walk towards them with it in the air. Then an officer fired one shot, which hit Jackson in the shoulder, according to the NYPD.

"I was standing here when I heard the shot," Cameron said, while in the kitchen of the home on 144th Terrace.

After the gunshot, she ran outside, and the next time she saw her grandson, he was being taken away on a stretcher.

"They never uncuffed him," Cameron said.

A spokesman for the NYPD could not confirm if Jackson was in handcuffs and said, "If he is still alive and poses a threat, that would be standard procedure."

Police said the officer was taken to North Manhasset Medical Center to be treated for tinnitus and later released, and an investigation into the incident was continuing as of Monday,

police said.

Francis said she spoke to her son on the phone shortly before he died.

"I told him to put the knife down because when the ambulance comes, the cops come, and when the cops come, they are going to shoot you," she said.

Jackson, who had attended Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village, had recently become a father to a son named Landon.

According to his mother, he had worked as a medical technician but was currently out of a job.

Francis flew up from Atlanta after she got the news. On Saturday evening, a stream of friends poured into the house to console her.

"How are you calling the ambulance for help and your child ends up dead?" she asked.

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Sex offenders residing at shelter near PS 124

BY KAREN FRANTZ

More than 20 sex offenders are living in a South Ozone Park shelter that is 1,000 feet away from PS 124, according to the New York state sex offender registry.

The Skyway Shelter, at 132-10 South Conduit Ave., is a men-only homeless shelter that used to be a family facility until last year. According to the registry, 24 sex offenders currently live there, many of whom have records of violent offenses and offenses against minors.

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica) charged in a phone interview that the city Department of Homeless Services did not live up to its assurances to the community that it would try to keep sex offenders out of the facility.

"You're basically using our children as cheese

on a mousetrap," he said.

A staff member from Wills' office attended a Community Board 10 meeting Sept. 6 to alert attendees to the issue and to an upcoming town hall meeting addressing it.

Wills said DHS made the promise to the school and the PTA after the Skyway Shelter was converted from a family shelter to a men-only facility, and it was discovered a handful of sex offenders were housed there.

A spokeswoman for DHS said it is obligated under law to provide housing for people who qualify.

"Pursuant to court orders, Homeless Services is under legal mandate to provide shelter to all homeless individuals or eligible families regardless of their criminal background, including sex offender status," said Heather Janik, DHS press secretary.



Skyway Shelter in South Ozone Park, where more than 20 sexual offenders reside, according to the state registry.
Photo by Karen Frantz

DHS does not perform background checks on shelter applicants and relies on self-reports or reports from the state Division of Parole or other government agencies for information about

whether a person has sex offender status.

The Division of Parole is required to provide notice when the most serious offenders are coming to a social service district and

DHS takes that under consideration when placing offenders in a shelter, but an official with the DHS said it rarely, if ever, receives notices from Parole.

Wills said, however,

that the Skyway Shelter is employment-based and it should be asking background questions about things like sexual offender status that may bar a person from certain jobs.

He said that in October there will be a town hall held in conjunction with the school and efforts were underway to teach children how to remain safe and to set up corridors and other basic security measures around the school to make sure the area is well-patrolled.

He said that although he understands DHS has an obligation to place people who need housing and he does not want to alarm the community, he questions placing such a large concentration of sex offenders in southern Queens.

He said he is pushing for the Council to have a meeting to see why this is happening and if it is oc-





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Jamaica teacher admits to sex act with student

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A former eighth-grade teacher at Jamaica's Susan B. Anthony School is facing a six-month prison sentence after he pleaded guilty last Thursday to having inappropriate sexual contact with a 13-year-old female student, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown announced.

Charles Oross, 45, entered a guilty plea Sept. 6 to one count of committing a sexual act in the second degree, which is a sexual act other than intercourse with a person under the age of 15.

A spokeswoman for the city Department of Education said Oross was suspended without pay after his arrest.

The maximum sentence for a Class D felony such as this is seven years, but according to the district attorney's office, State Supreme Court Justice Richard Buchter indicated he would sentence Oross, who lives in East Islip, L.I., to up to six months in jail and 10 years' probation Oct. 8.

Oross will also have to register as a sex offender, participate in a sex-offender treatment program and pay a \$1,000 supplemental sex-offender fee, according to the DA's office.

He also surrendered his teacher's license and resigned as part of his plea agreement with the DA's office, according to the DOE.

A representative for the DA's office said Oross was given the opportunity to plead guilty in order to spare his young victim the ordeal of testifying at trial.



Charles Oross pleads guilty to performing an inappropriate sex act with a young student while a teacher at Jamaica's Susan B. Anthony School.
Photo by Ellis Kaplan

"The plea and proposed sentence were discussed with the victim and her family prior to today's court appearance and they were in total agreement with the proposed outcome of this case," the representative said. "The defendant is now a convicted felon and will be sentenced to six months of incarceration and 10 years of probation at his next court appearance. He will also have to register with the state as a sex offender for the next 20 years and must successfully complete a sex offender treatment program. Under

the circumstances, the proposed sentence is appropriate."

Brown said Oross admitted to engaging in one sexual act with his young victim in 2009.

When he was arrested in December, Oross was arraigned on charges of second-degree rape — or intercourse with someone under 15 — and accused of engaging in sexual activity with the young girl on multiple occasions between January 2009 and April 2010.

A grand jury indicted him only on the lesser sexual-act charge.



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Man stabbed to death in S. Jamaica home: Police

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A South Jamaica home with a history of domestic discord was the site of a bloody murder last week when a woman allegedly stabbed her boyfriend to death in the house they shared with two young children, police and neighbors said.

Police said they arrived at 145th Street near 133rd Avenue the morning of Sept. 5 and found 46-year-old Jeffrey Perkins dead with a stab wound in his neck. Anna Adams, whom neighbors identified as Perkins' girlfriend, was arrested and charged with murder and criminal possession of a weapon, according to the police.

Neighbors said Perkins moved to the home from Staten Island about six months ago with his girlfriend, her 12-year-old son and the 2-year-old son the couple had together.

Perkins was said to



Police tow the Range Rover Anna Adams drove after she allegedly stabbed her boyfriend to death.

Photo by Christina Santucci

be a loving and attentive father who spent a lot of his time making improvements to the house, such as the pink marble fence he erected around the yard.

It was not long after the family moved in, however, that neighbors noticed Perkins and Adams were getting into frequent arguments.

Several neighbors recalled an incident over the summer when the couple had a party and the cops were called to the house several times throughout the day.

One neighbor, who asked not to be identified, said Adams broke the fence around the home and was screaming and making a scene.

"She was crazy. He threw her out at one point. The mom was screaming out in front of the house," said the neighbor, who described Perkins as a "great father."

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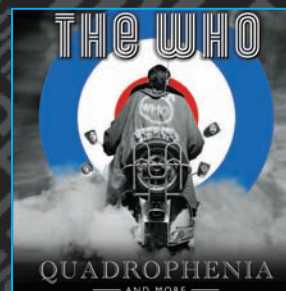
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Boro pols slam FAA over noisy flight plans

BY JOE ANUTA

Queens officials gave the Federal Aviation Administration an earful Monday night after the agency failed to inform the borough about a change in flight patterns, which have generated a litany of noise complaints from Bayside and Whitestone.

"I am very concerned about how this came about without any notice at all to the affected communities or their representatives, and how these changes might affect our quality of life in the long term," Borough President Helen Marshall said at the outset of a meeting in Borough Hall, at 120-55 Queens Blvd.

The FAA had been testing out a new satellite navigation system on a departure path that runs over the neighborhoods of Whitestone and Bayside, according to administration spokeswoman Arlene Salac, who attended Monday's meeting. The system allows planes to adhere more tightly to the prescribed path, whereas before the pilot had more leeway. If the path was like a multi-lane highway, by using the satellite navigation system, it is more like a single-lane road.

The path, called the Tnnis (pronounced "tennis") Climb, is one of sev-



Queens officials are concerned after the FAA failed to notify them about a six-month test of flight paths at LaGuardia Airport.

eral departure paths that planes use to ascend into the air over Queens. Others, like the Flushing Climb, are used depending on the wind conditions.

Certain residents might have noticed increased noise because the path was being used more often during the six-month test that ran from February to August. In addition, that path was more tightly adhered to, meaning the planes repeatedly flew over the exact locations instead of over a wider area, Salac said.

Either way, officials were not happy the borough was kept in the dark.

"In the future, the FAA and the Port Authority must reach out and inform the surrounding communities of these changes," said City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), who attended the meeting.

The FAA said that after an environmental analysis, the agency foresaw no adverse effects from the test and did not anticipate com-

plaints from the community, which is why no one was informed, Salac said.

But another vocal critic of the flight pattern shake-up, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), questioned how that decision was made.

"Who makes that decision? Is it done by an independent consultant or the FAA," Avella asked. "It is easy for them to come to that conclusion so they never have to tell the public."

The senator first received word of the flight pattern test in June after relaying complaints to the FAA. Avella questioned the motivation for instituting the new navigation system, saying he believes the FAA is trying to further increase capacity by more tightly regulating how much space planes can use on takeoff and landing.

The FAA has committed to sharing the results of the test at a yet unscheduled meeting with Marshall and has pledged to be more communicative in the future.

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Liu has been wiretapped by government since '09

BY JOE ANUTA

Lawyers for two people charged with funneling illegal campaign contributions to City Comptroller John Liu's war chest revealed Monday the government has been investigating Liu and his advisers since 2009 and contend "desperate" government agents have been targeting the campaign without producing any proof of wrongdoing.

Court briefs filed by lawyers for 26-year-old Jia "Jenny" Hou, former campaign treasurer for Liu, and campaign contributor Xingwu "Oliver" Pan, criticize the FBI's investigation methods, which included wiretapping phones belonging to Liu and his advisers starting in 2010.

"The government's investigation has used many tactics in the obsessive pursuit of John Liu. As each tactic failed to find evidence of criminal conduct, rather than abandon the quest, the government simply came up with a new tactic," according to a memo filed by lawyer Gerald Lefcourt, Hou's lawyer.

The memo was filed in an attempt to separate the two defendants' cases, since they are being tried together. Hou's lawyer is also seeking to have evidence collected from her e-mail account thrown out.

The FBI declined to comment on the case.

Liu has not been connected to any wrongdoing, but both Hou and Pan are accused of facilitating \$10,000 in illegal contribu-

tions to Liu's campaign. Prosecutors allege the two joined forces to use fake donors to funnel the money to Liu's campaign, knowing the money came from a single person, who happened to be an undercover FBI agent.

In the memo, Pan's lawyer alleges his innocence, saying the agent, known to him as Richard Kong, was the one who suggested using fake donors.

"Richard suggested that instead of trying to get 20 real donors, we use 'nominees' who would appear to be making \$800 contributions in order to conceal that it was Richard who would be making a single large contribution in an amount I have learned was illegal," Pan said through his lawyer in the memo.

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Ismael Garnica Hillcrest High School South Jamaica, NY

Ismael, as President of the ARISTA Committee, serves as spokesman for ARISTA when visitors wish to learn about the 9 Small Learning Communities (SLCs) into which Hillcrest has been divided.

He was in charge of fundraising for Penny Harvest, sold bracelets for charity, and arranged the ARISTA installation. Ismael also supervised the Toy Drive for Toys for Tots. At last year's HOSA convention, Ismael won second place in the Epidemiology Competition and third place in the Job Seeking Skills Competition. He and several other Hillcrest HS students were part of the Career Pathway program at Queensborough Community College (QCC). They used a PCR machine and, with Gel Electrophoresis, created a genetic marker.



Josephine O'Malley St. Agnes Academic High School College Point, NY

Josephine is a junior at St. Agnes Academic High School. Dedication to her studies has led to her membership in the National Honors Society, the New York State Science Honors Society, and Mu Alpha Theta, a Math Honors Society. Josephine has received both the St. John's Women in Math Award and the St. John's Women in Science Award.

She is a member of Chorus, TV Studio, Relay for Life, and the track team. She contributes to the St. Agnes newspaper, Veritas, is a student ambassador, and is active in speech and debate. On the athletic front, Josephine is captain and assistant coach of the school's bowling team.



Henry Oyo Mathematics, Science Research & Technology High School Cambria Heights, NY



Henry Oyo Henry is on the MAST HS Honor Roll and a member of ARISTA. Among his many activities, he is a group leader for the Young Men's Alliance Mentoring Program, on Yearbook Committee, in Cultural Club, on the Campus Magnet Track/Field team, and a writer and actor in the Shakespeare Festival.

Henry volunteered at Theodore Jackson Senior Citizens Center, and Ruby S. Couche Big Sister Education Action and Service Center, and Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Citizen Center. He distributed free meals at a food pantry and assembled emergency relief kits as part of the Haiti Relief Service.

He placed second in the NAACP Essay Contest, and received the Laurelton Women's Club Scholarship. Henry also was a member of a school's delegation to the Black and Hispanic Caucus in Albany.



Aysha Rana Martin Van Buren High School Queens Village, NY

Aysha Rana is this year's ARISTA President at Martin Van Buren High School. Among the many extra-curriculum activities Aysha is involved in are the Scholar's Book Club, Tennis Team, and Yearbook Committee. Additionally, she participated in the Breast Cancer Walk on Queens Boulevard for the past two years and helped collect food for the Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park. During the last three summers, Aysha has volunteered at the Queens Village Library.

She has taken AP US History and English and a College Now Business class at Queensborough Community College. She plans to become a dentist and is considering Adelphi and Stony Brook Universities.

Bradley Stevens Scholars Institute Queens Village, NY

Bradley Stevens is the Student Organization Budget Director. He is also a member of the Robotics Club, the ARISTA Honors Society, and the National Society of High School Scholars. His interests have placed him in the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Bradley plays the piano and is an active member of the Art club.

Included among his volunteer activities are the International Festival, the Winter Festival, and Canned Food Drive for New York Harvest.

Bradley Stevens' philosophy is, "Discipline and hard work are essential to productivity; thought without compassion and cooperation in a society cannot exist." Bradley's future looks very bright. He has a GPA of 94 and will pursue either engineering or computer programming. He is applying to Cooper Union School of Engineering, Harvard, Macaulay Honors College of CUNY and Hartwick College.



Lila Katz MS 67 Little Neck, NY

Lila Klatz is an 8th grade Honor Roll student at MS67. In addition to academic success, Lila continues to grow through her interest in the performing arts. She began dancing when she was three, and continues to study dance, including, ballet, hip hop, and jazz at Dance Creations in Flushing. Lila enjoys theater as well as dance. She was in the Drama Club productions of Cinderella and Bye Bye Birdie. As a singer, Lila performed at the Candenza Music School and as a Chorus member in MS 67's Talent program.

Recently, she was offered a partial scholarship to St. Francis Preparatory School, and was accepted by both the Bronx High School of Science and Bard early College.



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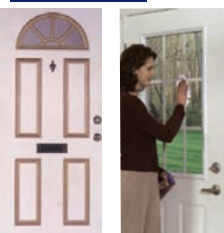
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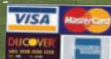
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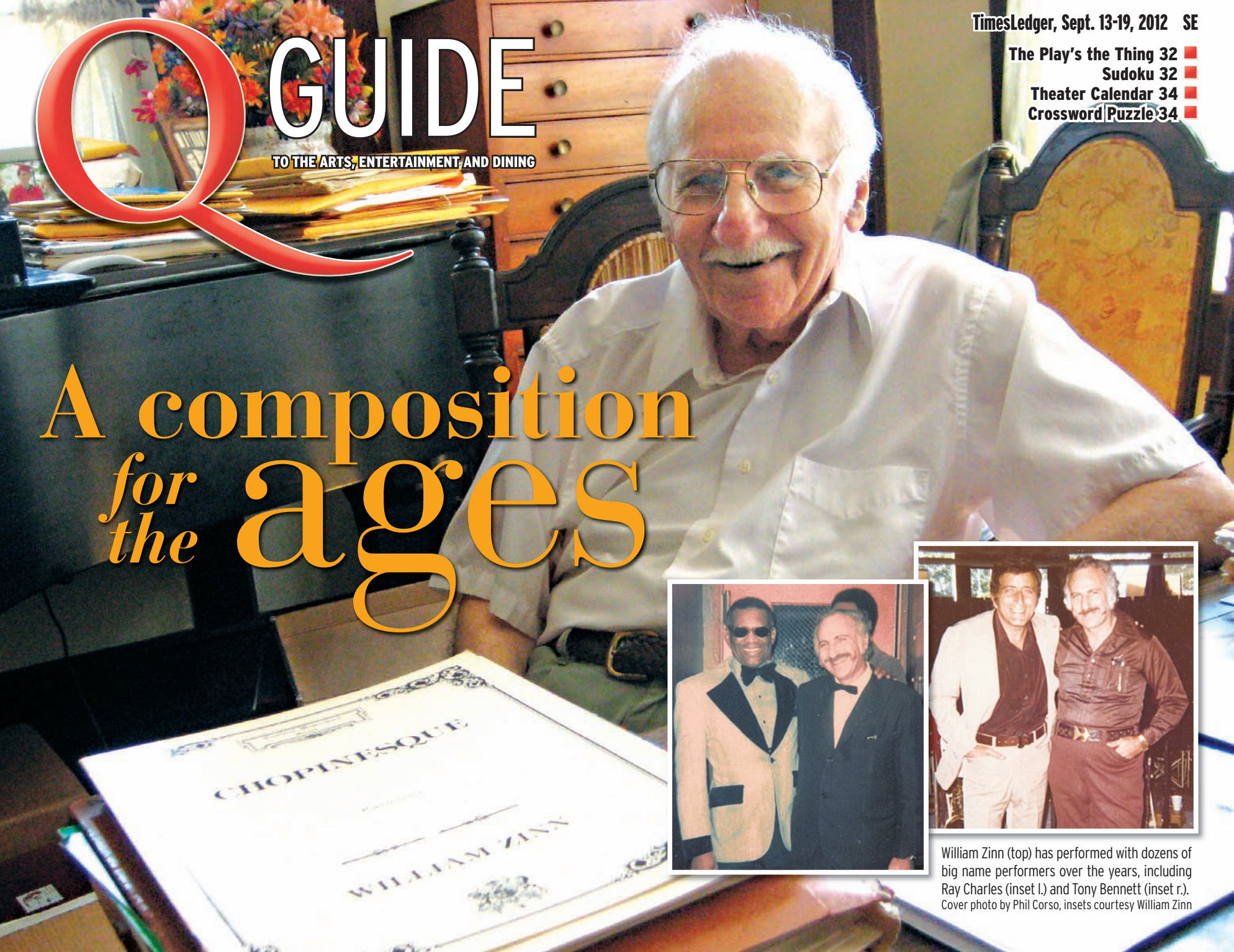
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William Zinn (top) has performed with dozens of big name performers over the years, including Ray Charles (inset l.) and Tony Bennett (inset r.). Cover photo by Phil Corso, insets courtesy William Zinn

Bayside musician envisions historic collaboration to show appreciation for seven Jewish holidays

BY PHIL CORSO

Boxes upon boxes of music and memories line the inside of William Zinn's Bayside home. With a history like his, the longtime composer and performer has become well-versed in the language of music.

And for the last seven years, Zinn has used that language with hopes of accomplishing a project unlike any other he has done in his more than 88 years of life.

With help from Czech

performers, the Wihan String Quartet, Zinn has worked to prepare a piece of music he would like to see packaged together with a book about the seven major Jewish holidays titled "The Seven Seasons."

And for that book, Zinn said he knows exactly who has the kind of writing prowess and background to create something exceptional: Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel.

To get the author's attention, Zinn composed "Elie Wiesel, A Portrait"

with help from the Wihan String Quartet and plans on adding his own string quartet to fill an entire CD of music.

"It would be so very fitting," Zinn said. "The book would be sold worldwide at holiday concerts and could become a tradition during the holidays."

Zinn said his vision of the book would explain the meaning and history of each Jewish holiday, including traditional foods and practices to keep the religious stories alive. Though

he said it could be anyone who joins him in writing the book, Zinn decided on Wiesel because he had already written extensively about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor and inspirational figure.

"With Elie Wiesel's talent as an inspirational author, it would be a natural for him to write this book," Zinn said, next to a stack of Wiesel books on his dining room table. "We are looking forward to the release of 'Elie Wiesel, A Portrait' and the future recording of

"The Seven Seasons."

As part of his vision, Zinn said some of the proceeds from such a collaboration would be donated to the Israel Philharmonic because it is not the money he is after.

Zinn has more than 500 works to his credit, both original and arrangements. He has also composed countless pieces in Hebraic style, showing his pride for his roots.

Born in Harlem and raised mostly in the Bronx, Zinn said he started in mu-

sic at a young age. He heard violin for the first time when he was 13 and said he was floored by the beauty of the sound.

"I was so moved when I first heard it," Zinn said. "I started composing almost immediately after that."

From that point on, Zinn was physically attached to his music. A photo album inside his home prominently shows some of the countless celebrities and musical legends

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Queens deserves another dedicated theater space



Ronald B. Hellman
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The Play's The Thing

Does Queens have the theater it deserves? Considering that our borough is more than one-third the area of New York City with a population, if the last census really counted everyone, of about 2.25 million, are we a major player? Not that we don't have a lot of theater companies — **Roger Gonzalez** on his new and improved site **LocalTheatreNY.com** lists almost 30 — but how do we stack up against the competition?

The main competition in this case is Manhat-

tan and Brooklyn. (I don't count The Bronx since it's the only part of New York City on the mainland, or Staten Island because, well, it's Staten Island.) Manhattan, of course, is the country's theater center, with Broadway bringing in the tourists, Off Broadway attracting a more discerning audience, and lots of other venues for the adventurous. The point being that there is a tremendous variety of stage activity taking place there, most in real honest-to-goodness theaters.

This summer Manhattan was home to **The New York International Fringe Festival**, founded in 1997, with shows on more than 20 stages in several downtown neighborhoods, and **The Midtown International Theatre Festi-**

val, featuring more than 30 plays, musicals and special events. As I mentioned in a prior column, Lincoln Center has the brand new **Claire Tow**, a 112-seat theater for work by emerging playwrights, directors and designers, hoping to attract a younger and more diverse audience at a ticket price of only \$20. Also for the budget-conscious, the established **Signature Theatre**, now at Pershing Square on West 42nd Street, charges just \$25 a ticket.

In an area designated as the **Downtown Brooklyn Cultural District**, the **Brooklyn Academy of Music** recently opened its **Richard B. Fisher Building**, home to, among other facilities, a 250-seat theater and a rehearsal studio. And next year **Theatre For A**

New Audience plans the Brooklyn opening of a new space with configurations from 99 to 299 seats.

Meanwhile, Queens lags far behind. In the entire borough there is just one venue, **Queens Theatre** in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, that is dedicated to theater. Sure we have theater companies in churches and synagogues, and tucked away in buildings and restaurants, but no real theaters. The colleges and schools have their performing spaces but they're seldom open to outsiders. Nassau and Suffolk have many theater groups, too, some in theater-only spaces, including the expansive **Broadhollow Theatre** in nearby Elmont.

The theater scene consists of professionals and

non-professionals, the biggest difference being money — the pros have it, the nons don't. Another difference are the actors: the pros are members of the **Actors' Equity Association** and are generally more experienced, the nons are amateurs who do it for love and make their living elsewhere. However, it will come as no surprise to you theatergoers, many of our local actors are quite talented and more than worthy, even if they're not getting paid.

Perhaps the leading group in Queens is the **Astoria Performing Arts Center**, recipient of the 2012 Caffè Cino Fellowship Award from the **Innovative Theatre Foundation** for its consistently outstanding work. But APAC makes do with a gym space

— although you would never know it — at the **Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**. Another local gem is the bilingual **Thalia Spanish Theatre**, going into its 35th season — they're in a former Greenpoint supermarket.

So to upgrade our theater in Queens, to give it more exposure and to make it more visible and attractive, we need some real theater spaces. Lots of hands are out for the shrinking dollar, but it's been proven that theater and the arts are good for business and employment. One untapped area is Fort Totten with many buildings there going to waste. Perhaps some local politician or community leader will take an interest.

Contact Ron Hellman at rbh24@columbia.edu.

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Flushing dance show driven by Korean rhythms

BY DIANA R. CABRAL

A nuanced flicker of raised hands flew high above a graceful dancer's head as instrumental Korean Sanjo music built the tempo in the theater of Flushing Town Hall. The Saturday evening performance of Yusun and Hosun Kang's Traditional Dance and Beyond by the Korean Traditional Music and Dance Institute had begun and would proceed to spellbind the audience.

"Dancing is my life," said Hosun Kang, 32, who was dancing with her sister Yusun Kang for the first time in their joint U.S. premiere.

The music, according to Karen Kriegel, who works at KTMDI in educational outreach, is based on a tonal system not found in Western music. Gongs, drums, fans and a scarf were strongly featured.

"It has a different rhythmic pattern," she said, adding that it's comparable to Charlie Parker's method — he had a theme on which he based his improvisation. "Traditional Korean music uses melody and improvisation."



Hosun Kang performs during the Korean Traditional Music and Dance Institute event at Flushing Town Hall Saturday.
Photo by Diana R. Cabral

The evening began with both Yusun and Hosun dancing Hwa Sun Mu with white floral fans inspired by a famous Korean painting "PungRyuDo" from the 17th century Chosun period. Much of the dance was quite physical — a lot of use of their core muscles and it looked very ceremonial in

its presentation.

The sisters and their mother — the director of KTMDI, Yoon-Sook Park — feel strongly about spreading Korean culture in New York City and beyond.

"I feel very responsible to preserve the root of traditional Korean dance and music for ev-

eryone," said Yusun, 33. She has traveled back and forth to Korea, studying with many of the great Korean masters since she was 10 years old.

"I want to learn those dances," said Adeedeyon Adesin, a student at Democracy Prep Charter High School in Harlem and one of the ushers for the evening. The school is based on the Korean educational system and part of the curriculum is to learn Korean.

A graduate of Queens College with a degree in theatre and dance, Yusun, a mother of three young children, studied at the Manhattan School of Music and received a Queens Council on the Arts artist grant in 2011. She is vice president and art director at KTMDI.

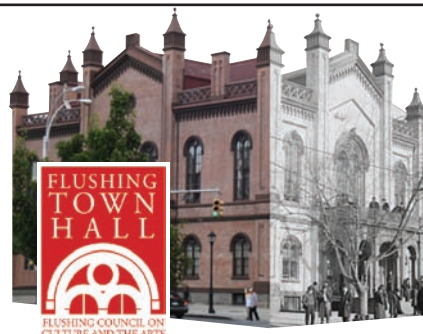
Not to be outdone, Hosun, who is five months pregnant, also traveled periodically to Korea to study dance. She has a business degree from Baruch College and has won many awards including a first place award at the 2008 Korean Performing Art Competition in New York. She has also performed in the 2010-2011

"Jacob's Pillow Dance" Inside/Out Festival in Massachusetts, as well as performing "Salp'uri" (Scarf Dance) at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center.

Each sister had a solo during the evening. Yusun danced Salp'uri Ch'um, a dance that, according to the sisters, brings the dancer and audience through several emotional and psychological states of being. Hosun danced Jinju Gyobang Gutguhri, from a region in Korea called Jinju of Gyung Sang Namado province. It dates back 900 years to the Goryeo period of Korea. Its signature feature is small drum dance movements.

The evening ended with an ensemble piece called "The Heart Beat for World Peace." It filled the historic Flushing Town Hall theater with full rhythmic drum beats, gongs and a Sangmu (Ribbon Hat Dance) danced by Jihwan Choi, a 16-year-old dance student. His costume a Pungmulnori hanbok was full of color and his hat was swirling with ribbon.

Yusun summed up the evening succinctly: "I'm here, but my blood is in Korea."



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Zinn

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with whom he had shared a stage, including Tony Bennett, Ray Charles, Robert Goulet and Sammy Davis Jr. — to name a few. When he was younger, his original string quartet once performed with Albert Einstein, who played violin, at Princeton University, where the historic figure was teaching.

"Einstein invited us over to his house for pie and milk. We became very friendly," Zinn said. "He was a good amateur player."

After moving to Bay-side in 1953, Zinn garnered an extensive history of musical experience throughout the world. He composed the International Anthem for World Peace, which is still sung at the United Nations today.

In 1980, Zinn said he founded a cultural exchange with China through the now-defunct International Symphony for World Peace, which he said exist-



A classical string quartet, in which William Zinn (l.) played violin, once sat and performed with Albert Einstein, who also played violin.

Photo courtesy William Zinn

ed to act like a musical Red Cross for the world, raising money for programs in poor countries. Zinn was also the founder of the Queens Festival Orchestra in Bay-side in 1965.

"It is such a great privilege to be heard," Zinn said, "so that experience was one-of-a-kind."

Throughout his lifetime of musical experience as both a violinist and composer, Zinn became internationally known for being part of several symphony orchestras all over

the world, and even served as concertmaster for the Queens Symphony Orchestra from 1969-71.

So before he calls it a career, the Bayside musician said he hoped to see his latest seven-year endeavor come to fruition by honoring the seven Jewish holidays through a combination of two enduring arts: literature and music.

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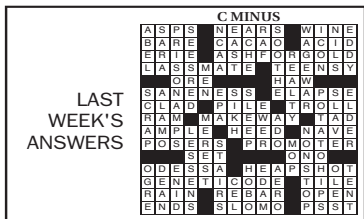
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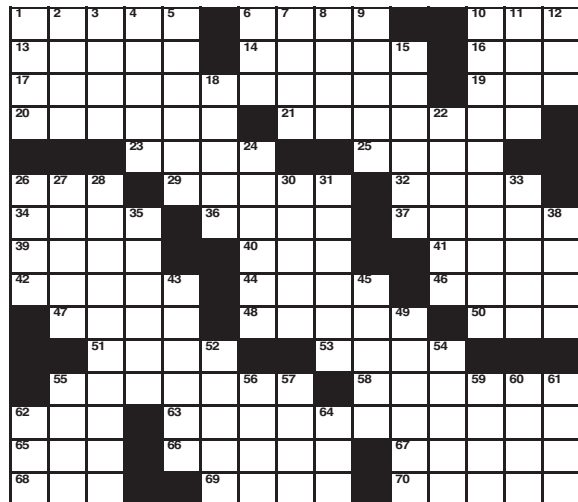
By Bill Deasy Presidential Echoes



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- 13 Batter a beach, perhaps
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- 20 GM emergency service
- 21 Overworks
- 23 Dict. listings
- 25 Wordsmith's ref.
- 26 Sing along wordlessly
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- 32 "___ is more"
- 34 G.I.s' hangouts

- 36 The Giving ___ (Shel Silverstein book)
- 37 Deck protector
- 39 Lincoln is on it
- 40 Break new ground?
- 41 Means' justifiers?
- 42 M*A*S*H locale
- 44 Has ___ with (influences)
- 46 Fit to ___
- 47 Printing choice
- 48 Maui birds
- 50 Biological bag
- 51 Blues great James
- 53 Neighbor of Mex.
- 55 Hands out, as duties
- 58 Celtic's "Doc"
- 62 "___ Town Too" (James Taylor)
- 63 Presidential weight
- 65 "No place to sit," on B'way
- 66 Navigation aid
- 67 Meaning



- 68 Corn locale
- 69 Fringe benefit
- 70 Ballpark figures?

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- 2 Persia, formerly
- 3 Silent assents
- 4 Revises copy
- 5 Puts another way
- 6 K-O center
- 7 "Guarding ___" (1994 Nicolas Cage movie)
- 8 "___ Thou Remember Me?" (Dickinson)
- 9 Zorro's weapon
- 10 Presidential bugs
- 11 Doesn't wait
- 12 College Board creation
- 15 Slow ones
- 18 Ripley's "Believe It ___"
- 22 Pop alternative
- 24 Name echoed in 1960's

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- 26 Twain's Finn
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- 28 Presidential delicacy
- 30 Sierra ___
- 31 "___ is believing"
- 33 Half of a 45
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- 49 Peter, Paul, and Mary, e.g.
- 52 Lit up
- 54 Couch potato's focus
- 55 Dynamic forerunner
- 56 1492 ship
- 57 Glitch or hitch
- 59 European spouter
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Business

Hip boutique opens doors in S. Jamaica

Femme Unique sells the wares of independent designers like jewelry, clothing and handbags

BY JOE ANUTA

A new boutique and jewelry store on Sutphin Boulevard in South Jamaica doubles as a showcase for independent designers, and should be on the radar for anyone wanting to pick up some unique fashion accessories, as the name implies.

On Aug. 19, Rana Epps held the grand opening for Femme Unique, at 113-10 Sutphin Blvd., where entrepreneurs and designers mingled over wine and cheese in a sleek loft above the shop.

Epps wanted to create a venue for smaller companies that might not get exposure at any of the plentiful shopping centers around the borough. And in the process, she hoped to carve out a niche for herself.

"It's about creating a community of entrepre-



Rana Epps (c.) shows off the new sign to her store with the help of two models on hand for the grand opening.

Photo by Joe Anuta

neurs," Epps said down in the small showcase room, which is co-located inside of Sulptors Day Spa at the same address.

Epps runs the jewelry side of her store as a sort of baseline to keep things

constant and make enough money to pay the rent.

But each month, she will pick a different designer to feature for a showcase in the shop, where curious customers can pop in for something different.

To kick off the rotation, Epps will be selling limited-edition graphic T-shirts made by a company called Collosa, which prints organic-looking designs influenced by the wilds of Asia and the crea-

tures that inhabit it, according to Epps.

At the grand opening, she nearly sold out of a series of quilted handbags made by a woman from Long Island.

And there is much more to come.

Epps has her monthly schedule booked until March. For example, one upcoming artist creates shirts specifically designed to go with Nike Air Jordan sneakers.

The entrepreneur does not have a scientific approach to booking her showcases. Finding them just seems to be in her blood.

"It's just who I am," she said. "I'm a people person, so it's just easy."

In addition to designers, the first-time business owner is also encouraging anyone from outside South Jamaica to come down in

order to dispel any myths about the area.

"Some people think negatively about this neighborhood," said Epps, who has lived in the vicinity for 33 years. "But this is something positive."

The grand opening was also a family affair.

As people showed up for the party, Epps' uncle suddenly took it upon himself to provide valet parking.

"That was my favorite part," an ebullient Epps said after the event's conclusion. "I never asked him to do that."

Femme Unique is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can be reached at 718-772-8878.

Reach reporter Joe Anuta by e-mail at januta@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4566.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Health Reform: What is it and what does it mean for New York? — A series of seminars that will educate small business owners and small business serving groups about different aspects of New York's healthcare and health insurance system, such as coverage options, healthcare reform tax credits, COBRA and coverage transitions.
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Website: www.queenschamber.org

Powerful You! Women's Network — A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.
When: Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm
Cost: Members and first-time attendees \$30, nonmembers \$40; includes lunch
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Annual Sickle Cell Walk-a-thon — Walk starts at 160th Street near the last stop of the E train at Jamaica Center between Archer and

Liberty avenues near York College. Closing Ceremony at Roy Wilkins Park on Merrick Boulevard.
When: Sept. 16, 8 am
Cost: \$25, \$20 in advance
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Walk for Women — Center for the Women of New York hosts fourth annual Fort Totten 3K Walkathon. Register on site.
When: Sept. 22, 9 am-1 pm
Cost: \$15, \$25 to receive T-shirt, students walk free
Where: Fort Totten Park, Bayside
Contact: (718) 793-0672
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Remembering 9/11

The anniversary of 9/11 was commemorated by Queens residents around the city. (Above, clockwise from top) Police and firefighters salute during the playing of Taps at Ground Zero; Specialist Edwin Morales based at Fort Totten holds a photo of his cousin Ruben "Dave" Correa of Woodside in Lower Manhattan; Eugenia Bogado of Flushing holds a photo of her son Carlos Alberto Samaniego at the World Trade Center; and a flag is draped over One WTC. (Below, clockwise from top r.) Firefighter John Rudge from HazMat 1 presents a flag in memory of fallen Bravest in Maspeth; William Kregler, (l.) president of the city Fire Marshals Benevolent Association, and Firefighter Joe Iovino salute during a ceremony in the HazMat 1-Ladder 288 firehouse; Tony Meloni, NY AntiCrime director, attends the 9/11 ceremony at St. Michael's Cemetery; a sleeping Calla McGarvey of Astoria is carried home from the 9/11 Memorial Run at St. Michael's; and Ellen Adams plays her harp during a memorial concert at the Poppenhusen Institute.

Photos by Steven Malecki and Christina Santucci



De Blasio says water payment plan favors DEP

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Customers who receive abnormally high water bills and enter into a payment program with the city Department of Environmental Protection to pay off what they owe forfeit their right to dispute their bills, a fact underlined in a new city public advocate's guide to understanding and con-

testing water bills.

"If you qualify for [the] assistance program and enroll in it, you must enter into a binding agreement with DEP — admitting your debt is valid," the six-page guide says.

The tip in the pamphlet, published last Thursday, highlights what Public Advocate Bill de Blasio said is an unfair policy that

bullies people into paying money..

"No homeowner or business should be forced into a settlement while an appeal is still in progress," said de Blasio in a statement to TimesLedger Newspapers. "This is clearly about revenue, not fairness. These pressure tactics force customers to settle bills they may not

even owe."

A representative with the public advocate's office said people who may have legitimate water bill disputes but cannot afford to pay their bills upfront as required while waiting through the multi-month review may be forced to enter into the payment plan, thereby losing their ability to claim foul.

The policy is particularly onerous when coupled with the fact that some people have complained of receiving bills that have spiked many times in cost, and customers who do not pay face late charges and sale of property liens to a third party even when in the midst of an appeal, the official said.

"We have homeowners facing foreclosure because [of] these lien sales — and all for bills that are still being actively disputed," said de Blasio.

An official at the DEP responded, however, that in order to have a legally binding payment agreement, both sides must recognize the validity of the bill. The official also said payment in full is always encouraged because interest will accrue on an outstanding balance, and all payments including interest are returned to the customer if

a dispute is in his or her favor.

The official also contradicted the charge that DEP sells liens if there is an active dispute, saying that is not the case.

De Blasio is pushing for a piece of legislation that would prohibit a lien from being sold when a bill is in the appeals process, the public advocate's representative said. The guide also briefly mentions the legislation.

The public advocate's new guide will be distributed to city residents and businesses with the help of 23 elected officials who serve the city and the Presidents Co-op and Condo Council, a think-tank comprised of more than 60 condominium and co-op presidents.

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg (second l.) talks about a new program that will alert homeowners to potential water leaks last year. Bloomberg is joined by (l.-r.) Councilman Mark Weprin, DEP Commissioner Cas Holloway and homeowner Lisha Li.

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The Post is partnering with Fox 5 and getting an exuberant assist from quintessential New Yorker Regis Philbin, who has emceed the award ceremony for nine

consecutive years.

"I'll be there for this year's great stories from the people in this city who have done something to make you feel good about New York," said Philbin. "There are so many things like that going on in this town. If you know somebody who does good things, let us know; we want to say thanks and tell them how important they are to all of us."

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A panel of notable New Yorkers, including NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano and Lew Leone, vice president and general manager of WNYW-Fox5 and WWOR-My 9, will choose from among the nominees in each category to determine the winners, who will be honored by The Post on Oct. 17.

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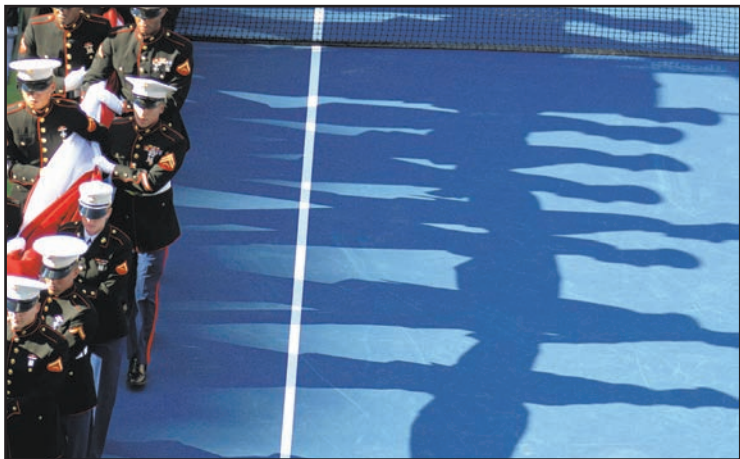
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Road to the Finals

The second week of the US Open was filled with stars, surprises and suspense. (Clockwise from top l.) Roger Federer walks off the court after his loss to Tomas Berdych; Andy Murray kisses his trophy; Serena Williams jumps in the air following her US Open championship win; actor Kevin James munches on a banana during an exhibition match; a teary-eyed Andy Roddick waves to the crowd; Victoria Azarenka reacts to a point; John McEnroe prepares to return the ball during a celebrity match; and Marines carry the American flag off the court following the closing ceremony.

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Salute

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prejudice, Sikhs and all South Asians must join together with their neighbors, learn lessons and draw strength from each other.

Dr. Uma Mysorekar, president of the Hindu Temple Society of North America, gave a speech on civic engagement in which she encouraged the community to look at how they can make the world a better place for their neighbors.

"We believe that when you have served humanity, you have served the Lord,"

Mysorekar said.

Elected officials at the event also urged South Asian residents to register to vote. City Comptroller John Liu said while the city policy makers do track who votes in the city but not who residents vote for.

"We want to make sure that we're heard and our voices are counted and the way we do that is by voting," Liu said.

At the event, New Jersey state Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula gave the Vallone brothers the New Jersey Assembly Humanitarian Lifesaver Awards for saving a 9- and a 10-year-old girl who had gotten in trouble when they had gone

swimming after-hours.

"It was one of those moments you thank God for being in that location at that time," Paul Vallone said.

Peter Vallone also presented Ramsaran, as well as James and Yolanda Gallagher, with Council citations for getting the Brinckerhoff Cemetery in Fresh Meadows landmarked.

"I fought for the Brinckerhoff Cemetery to be saved, but these three people got it done," he said.

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Zadroga

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harm from 9/11 and its aftermath get the access to the program they so desperately need."

The \$4.3 billion act, named for NYPD Detective James Zadroga, who died in 2006 from a respiratory illness attributed to his work at Ground Zero, was signed into law by President Barack Obama in January 2010.

Under the law, \$2.8 billion was set aside to compensate those made ill by toxins at the site and another

\$1.5 billion was allocated over five years to fund the World Trade Center Health Program.

But the bill's benefits did not initially cover cancer patients because health officials could not find scientific evidence supporting a link between the deadly disease and the toxic dust released in the collapse of the Twin Towers.

There is some fear that not everyone in need of coverage and compensation will receive help. John Feal, founder of the FealGood Foundation, an advocacy

group for 9/11 first responders and their families, said there is a finite amount of money and the act is set to expire in 2016.

"The addition of cancer for coverage under Zadroga is a huge victory for the 9/11 community," he said. "We must now go back to Congress and get the Zadroga Act extended and additionally funded so that all first responders are medically treated and compensated adequately."

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Ball people

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serve. They typically work nine or more hours a day and make wages hovering around \$8 per hour.

On average, there is a turnover of fewer than 100 of the ball people every year, since many like Chan return annually and have their spot reserved. This year, the United States Tennis Association held a try-out for about 80 positions. Roughly 500 people showed up.

During matches, they stand stoic like uniformed palace guards, ready to snap into action once a play is over. During rain delays, which happen often at the tournament, the ball people sit in a bunker-like room in the bowels of Louis Armstrong Stadium and play cards like soldiers waiting for action.

Chan takes off work each summer and makes slightly more than minimum wage at the two-week stint. Others at the tournament may well be on their way to following in his footsteps.

Monday's final match meant Dayana Agasiava, 18, had four US Opens under her belt.

"I wanted to learn a lot and be close to the players," said the recent high school graduate, who is a tennis

player herself and trains at the USTA facility.

Agasiava is also from Forest Hills, and though she is just starting out on what could be a long US Open career, she has already undergone some unexpectedly taxing parts of the job. Some are mental, like tuning out gruff sports photographers whose pictures are not supposed to include peppy ball girls. Others are physical, like narrowly dodging speeding serves that miss their mark.

Last year Agasiava got into a disagreement with Dutch player Caroline Wozniacki over what to do with an empty water bottle on the court.

"She kept looking at me every time she would lose a point," Agasiava said, although Wozniacki eventually won the match and all was forgiven.

But at the heart of the job is a chance to tap into the games' energy, which cannot be purchased at the ticket counter.

"When the whole crowd cheers for a player, I get goose bumps," she said.

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Ballots

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need to update voting machines.

It is also possible to use the Bengali ballots with the current software, according to the state, though the city BOE did not respond to comment on this issue by presstime.

The Voting Rights Act stipulates that if a certain area is populated with enough citizens who are not proficient in English, then language assistance

must be provided to them.

Several South Asian tongues are spoken in Queens, and the board settled on Bengali in April, about six months after the requirement was announced, according to the nonprofit. The city also waited until June 25 to sign a contract with a company to make the software changes, knowing that any modifications to the voting machines must go through a three-month review process by the state Board of Elections, according to the nonprofit.

A Board of Elections

spokeswoman contended the contractor was notified April 11.

The delay until 2013 shocked the fund and other nonprofits when it was announced at an Aug. 22 meeting, and the board subsequently issued a statement citing that technical difficulties with the contractor, Elections Systems & Software, along with the state review process as reason for the delay.

"There are significant technical difficulties to be overcome in making changes to the ES&S voting systems, and particular is-

sues with placement of the Bengali language on the actual ballot," the board said in a statement.

But Elections Systems & Software was also hired by the city of Hamtramck, Mich., to incorporate Bengali into the voting machines, and those changes were made in February 2012, about four months after the federal announcement, the fund said.

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Redistricting

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sion given the significance of redrawing these lines for the next 10 years," said Districting Commission Chairman Benito Romano. "We encourage the public to participate and look forward to hearing from more of the public in the second round of hearings."

Borough activist and small business owner Tony Nunziato from western Queens said he was still hopeful that communities would be well-represented as the drafting process moves forward. Nunziato

said although it was still early on, he was not completely satisfied with the splitting up of communities in Maspeth and Middle Village.

"You can't split a town in half," Nunziato said. "We don't want a line to be drawn. We want representation."

Steven Choi, executive director of the MinKwon Center for Community Action in Flushing, said he hoped to see new lines unite communities in Bayside and Oakland Gardens.

"More of Oakland Gar-

dens is left out of District 19, and the community of Bayside continues to be divided," Choi said. "This draft was possible without any public hearings. The commission could have done more than simply correcting for deviations, given the input available. The people have spoken, but who is listening? I think we need to have evidence of that."

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Voters

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62 percent of the population, but only 38 percent of registered voters. And in the 2010 general elections, only 27 percent of Asian Americans in Flushing voted, whereas 47 percent of Caucasian voters came out to the polls, according to MinKwon.

MinKwon has high hopes for its efforts. A study by the center showed that a 2010 campaign raised the Korean participation in Flushing from 29 percent to 54 percent.

The coalition is targeting eastern Chinese, Korean, Bangladeshi, Indian and other South Asian communities.

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Holy Cross head Coach Tom Pugh praised his former player Kevin Ogletree, an NFL receiver with the Dallas Cowboys, in the days after his strong performance against the New York Giants.

Photo by Philip Hall

Holy Cross alumnus leads Cowboys win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Dallas Cowboys receiver Kevin Ogletree has made it known to those close to him that this season needs to be a big one.

"He knew this was it," said Tom Pugh, his former Holy Cross coach. "Three years and you don't have any stats."

The former Virginia University standout even got some friendly ribbing from his family Sept. 5. Just hours before his breakout game against the New York Giants, the Queens native went with Holy Cross basketball assistant Coach and longtime friend Lloyd Desvigne to visit his brother Calvin, who was shot in the head in January.

"Your relatives are a little harder on you than the normal spectator," Desvigne said. "They were telling him, 'When you get a chance, you better make it happen, no excuses. Tell the coach to throw the ball to you.'"

Ogletree didn't have to beg anyone to get him

the ball in the Cowboys' 24-17 win at MetLife Stadium last week. He had a career-high 114 yards on eight catches and the first two touchdowns of his four-year NFL career. Ogletree also sealed the victory with a catch over the middle for the clinching first down at the two-minute warning.

Pugh texts often with Ogletree and received a very happy call the next morning. He described Ogletree as a quarterback's best friend because of his precise route running. He worked for the New York Jets in player personnel in the 1990s and is a fan of the team. But watching at home this week, he had a much stronger affiliation.

"You know what," Pugh said. "I'm an Ogletree fan."

There was a palpable vibe at Holy Cross last Thursday morning. Ogletree was the talk of the building like he was so many times during his career there. He led the Knights to the CHSFL

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Young Cardozo gets ready

Inexperienced volleyball squad looks to continue Dozo's reign



Adriana Braciak will lead a young and inexperienced Cardozo club.

Photo by Denis Gostev

BY DANIEL MARTIN

Cardozo might be the two-time defending girls' volleyball champion in the PSAL, but a younger roster and tough competition will make chances at a threepeat more difficult for Coach Daniel Scarola and the Judges this season.

"Last year, we wanted to say, 'You can't be complacent, people are going to come for us because we're the defending champions,'" Scarola said. "With this year's team, it's looking [like that] to some people who were on the team, but not necessarily out there on the court. You were ready to get out there and you wanted to get out there. Now is your chance."

The Judges have lost star Ashley Grubler to graduation, creating not only a leadership space to fill, but on-court production to make up for, as well. For Cardozo, Scarola is looking for a group effort, multiple players to step up to bear the weight of her absence.

"I have a lot of juniors in the lineup with a couple seniors and a freshman," Scarola said. "We're spreading the ball around instead of looking to [Grubler] as the main option. This year, it's go to Adriana [Braciak] and to [outside hitter] Cassidy Chen."

Braciak, a senior outside hitter, is among those who have expressed a willingness to step into the void left by Grubler's graduation.

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"It's going to be a fight to the finish and we have a big target on our back," she said. "We're all ready to play a position and get ready to win. A lot of the people have stepped up and taken on leadership roles, but we're going to have to work hard."

Added Chen, a co-captain, "I think since many are new players, we're looking to come together and play as a team. We have all stepped up and each of us brings something to the table. I hope it reflects on the court."

Among the new players is freshman Alexis Hamilton, who should take on a contributing role for Cardozo this season. Re-

turning right side Jessica Yin will also contribute.

"She's pretty good where she has some experience," Scarola said. "She knows the game. It's almost like when teams bring up the rookie. I'm not asking her for too much. That's all I'm really looking for."

But for Scarola and Cardozo in 2012, it comes down to basics, the coach said.

"Just basically to go out there and do all the fundamentals really well. Just get our passing and serving down," he said. "We've had a couple girls hone their skills off the bench. You don't have to look at the two championships. We're just going to compete."

St. Francis Prep gears up for run at state crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Seniors Kelly Flynn, Kiara Pierre and Kendra McCalla have known nothing but winning during their three years at St. Francis Prep. Still, the trio never expects a coronation each season despite the Terriers' abundance of talent.

"We are used to winning," said Flynn, a middle hitter. "We are used to pushing ourselves very hard. That doesn't mean that we're expecting to win. It just means we are going to keep driving and keep the tradition going."

St. Francis Prep had one of its most successful seasons a year ago, winning its fifth-straight CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens girls' volleyball title and advancing to it's first CHSAA Class AA state final since 1999. For this group, finishing what it started and adding a state crown to their

collection of accomplishments, would be the perfect ending to their stellar careers.

"It was heartbreaking that we didn't win last year," Pierre said. "I want to go back and I want to win so badly just so I can have that."

None of what they accomplished would have happened without scraping past rival Archbishop Molloy, which handed SFP its first league loss since 2005. The Terriers trailed 2-1 in the final, only to claw their way back. The Staners will stand in their way again, but this is a battle-tested group that knows they have a fight ahead of them.

"It's not too nerve-racking because we have been through it already," said McCalla, the team's setter.

The Terriers lost three seniors from last year's



St. Francis Prep's Kelly Flynn will try to lead her team to a sixth-straight CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens title. Photo by Brit Worgan

team, the biggest being outside hitter Talia Colasante. Even so, SFP's biggest strength will still be up front with a plethora of potential hitters around Flynn and Pierre, who can also set. Flynn is healthy again after dealing with an ankle injury and a concussion late last season.

A lot is expected of junior outside hitter Jaclyn LaForgia. She showed promise a year ago and is also in the mix for the libero job. She will be joined by returnees Kaitlyn Sluyk and Johairy Rivadeneira, who played a big roll off the bench in the final against Molloy. Caroline Gorecki returns in the middle.

"I think [depth] was our biggest reason for being successful last year and taking it past Molloy," SFP Coach Kevin Colucci said. "I was able to take girls out that were struggling and take chances. Girls stepped

up."

Libero was a position that was in flux at times for St. Francis Prep last season. Passing is an area they felt it could improve in. Tara O'Rourke and Caroline Vallone will be in the mix with LaForgia. They could see time, at least early, based on who is playing the best at that moment. Putting that together with an array of hitters could mean plenty of problems for opposing defenses.

"It's going to be lethal," McCalla said. "It's going to be deadly. We are going to have a crazy front row and a crazy back row."

The Terriers hope it all adds up to another Diocesan crown and a crack at bringing back that elusive state title, the first by a city team since 2000.

"We would love it," Flynn said. "We plan on going all the way. That's what we want."

CK's Sierra Calhoun gets her shot at college stardom

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The list of suitors is piling up and falling into place for Sierra Calhoun.

The Christ the King junior basketball star added an offer from national power Notre Dame last Thursday night, according to her father, Omar Calhoun Sr. The Fighting Irish have been to consecutive national title games and beat UConn in last year's semifinals. Calhoun also has offers from Duke, Kentucky, St. John's, Rutgers, Florida State, Syracuse and West Virginia.

"I'm building a relationship with Coach McGraw and it felt good to get this offer today," said Calhoun, a Brooklyn native.

She and her father believe an offer from UConn will come soon. Omar Calhoun Sr. said Huskies Coach Geno Auriemma, who has been watching her for years, didn't get a chance to see Sierra Calhoun play this summer since he was busy working with the U.S. women's national team. Her brother Omar, Christ the King's all-time leading scorer, is currently a freshman at Connecticut.

Sierra Calhoun, the ninth-ranked recruit in the country in her class by ESPN, played with the Gauchos this summer. The 6-foot-1 wing plans on taking unofficial visits to Notre Dame, Duke, UConn and St. John's in the next month with no specific dates set just yet.

"It is exciting to go and visit these schools," she said.

It was a different summer for Calhoun. She left the Philadelphia Belles AAU program because of a rule limiting the number of out-of-state players on a travel team's roster and felt comfortable playing with a young New York Gauchos club. They won at the Peach State Invitational in Atlanta, the 10th Grade National Championships in Florida, the Gauchos Festival at Adelphi University and made the playoffs at Nike Nationals in South Carolina.

"It wasn't really a hard transition," Sierra Calhoun said. "I had a great summer."

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Queens' own Machado heads to join Jeremy Lin in Houston

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Scott Machado, the former Iona College point guard who went undrafted despite leading the nation in assists, agreed to a partially guaranteed, three-year contract for the league minimum with the Houston Rockets last week.

"It felt amazing, man," said Machado, who averaged 9.9 assists per game for Iona in leading the Gaels to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in six years. "It's what I wanted my whole life, my whole career. To be able to say I made it is a wonderful feeling, really refreshing."

Machado, 22, a Queens native who starred at powerhouse St. Benedict's Prep in New Jersey, fielded calls from several teams after his stellar showing in the NBA summer league in Las Vegas, but wanted to stay loyal to Houston, the team who gave him his shot.

He will be competing



Iona College product Scott Machado inked a three-year deal with the Houston Rockets. Photo by Robert Cole

to be Jeremy's Lin's backup with Shaun Livingston, who was acquired in a trade with the Milwaukee Bucks, former New York Knicks guard Toney Douglas and Courtney Fortson, who was with the Rockets last year. He feels he has a leg up on the competition

after competing with many of his teammates.

"I feel like I have a good opportunity," Machado told the New York Post.

In Las Vegas, Machado shined playing alongside Fortson, Jeremy Lamb, Terrence Jones, Marcus Morris, Royce White and Chandler Parsons. After a slow start, Machado excelled in Las Vegas. He had 10 assists in the third game and 20 points in the tournament finals, replacing Fortson as the team's starting point guard.

Overall, Machado averaged eight points and 5.6 assists in 25.4 minutes per game. In the last three summer league games, he tallied 11.3 points and 7.3 assists.

"I got to show my talents there, I felt like I played well," he said. "I got rid of the jitters, felt better and played the way I played."

Holy Cross

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Class AA title his senior year, having monster games in the semifinals and final against Moore Catholic. Ogletree hoped to

stopped by practice Sept. 5, but he inspired the current Knights from afar.

"When you see a former Holy Cross player do such big things on a big stage, it allows you to see the opportunities in front of you and to make sure you do not let them slip away,"

senior lineman Kevin Walsh said.

Ogletree certainly didn't let that happen. Now he is the talk of the NFL this week.

"He knew this was his shot," Pugh said. "He knew if he didn't do it this year he might be out."

St. John's on top of Big Apple women's soccer

The St. John's women's soccer team took its place as the top program in New York City Sunday night as the Red Storm capped off its two-game, two-borough road trip with a 2-1 overtime win at Columbia.

Junior defender Sandra Osborn scored the game-winner with a penalty kick in the 100th minute, her first career goal.

Sunday's game at Columbia marked the end of non-conference play for St. John's (4-3-0), as the Red Storm hosts Providence

Thursday to start the Big East schedule.

"It was important for us to win this weekend against two good teams," remarked head Coach Ian Stone. "We were fortunate to get the win on Friday against Fordham as they went on to defeat Maryland, who is ranked, tonight ... We showed we can defend more effectively and we are playing with more confidence, which is important going into Big East play."

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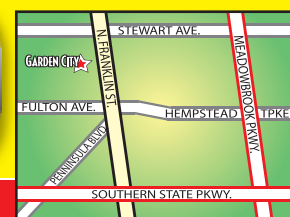
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
AND NOTICE
Plaintiff designates Queens
County as the place of trial.
Venue is based upon the
County in which the mortgage
premise is situated.
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1, Plaintiff

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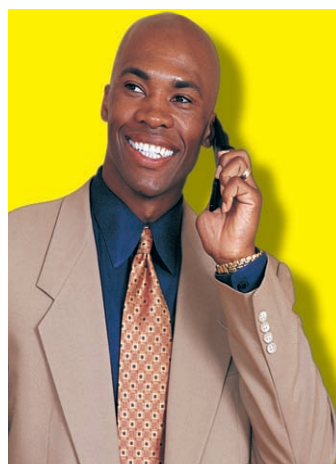
assignment of mortgage dated April 30, 2010, covering premises known as 3107-04 Waltham Street, Jamaica, NY 11435 (Section: 2323 Block: 275 Lot: 15). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. VALERIE BRATHWAITE NELSON, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated August 13, 2012 and filed on August 21, 2012 along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens and State of New York. SECTION: 2323 BLOCK: 275 LOT: 15 said premises known as 3107-04 Waltham Street, Jamaica, NY 11435. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: Entire principal Balance in the amount of \$584,519.52 to be immediately due and payable under the mortgage herein foreclosed, plus interest at the rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of the note from December 1, 2007, together with unpaid late charges in

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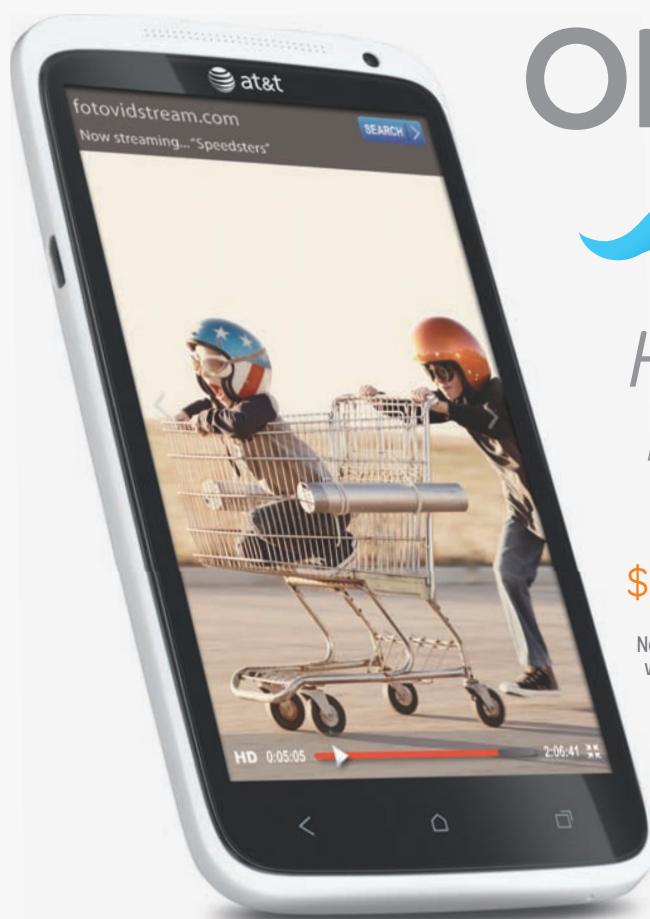
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