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# NYPD eyeing off-duty cop's **Q**ns stab story

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The NYPD's internal-affairs investigators were looking into whether or not an off-duty officer stabbed himself last week when he claimed he was attacked during a home invasion at his place in South Jamaica last week, according to police and the New York Post.

Swarms of police responded to Rishi Gobin's residence near the corner of 170th Street and Liberty Avenue the afternoon of Sept. 12 after the four-year department veteran placed a 911 call claiming he had been attacked during a home invasion, police said.

Gobin, who is assigned to the 42nd Precinct in the Bronx, was taken to Jamaica Hospital, where he was treated for a stab wound to his torso that had not hit any vital organs, police said. For hours uniformed police officers and detec-

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# Sanders ousts Huntley in primary



City Councilman James Sanders Jr. kisses his son Malik's head during his victory party as his wife Andrea looks on. Three line up for his Council seat. See story on Page 2. Photo by Christina Santucci

Councilman takes state Senate seat from incumbent

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Fresh off his Democratic Party primary victory last week, City Councilman James Sanders (D-Laurelton) is planning on getting right down to business in Rochdale Village, his opponent's home turf.

When Sanders claimed victory last week over embattled incumbent state Sen. Shirley Huntlev (D-Jamaica), he said his first order of business would be set-

ting up community meetings to gauge constituent concerns. He said he was plan-



ning on holding the first of those meetings in Rochdale Village, the neighborhood Huntley calls home and thought to be one of her politi-

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# Sanders seat open after win St. Albans rally hopes

### Special election to decide Council successor after state primary victory



Three candidates, (I.-r.) Earnest Flowers, Jacques Léandre and Donovan Richards, have announced their intentions to run for the City Council seat now occupied by Councilman James Sanders Jr. Photo (c.) courtesy Jacques Léandre

#### BY RICH BOCKMANN

With City Councilman James Sanders (D-Laurelton) on his way to Albany, a special election for his seat will not be called until after he has taken the oath of office Jan. 1.

Sanders, who was to be term-limited out of the Council next year, won the Democratic Party primary in his bid for state Senate last week and is running unopposed in the November election.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is responsible for calling the special election, although his office said no announcement would be made until Sanders was already a sitting legislator in Albany.

The 2013 election was already bound to bring about big changes in southeast Queens politics and

the special election could give the winner of Sanders' seat some extra clout in the Council.

In addition to Sanders. Councilman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) will also be term-limited out after representing his district for the past 12 years. That leaves Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica), who was elected in a 2010 special election when Councilman Tom White died.

If elected, Wills still has three potential full terms ahead of him. If not, that could give the winner of the 31st Council District special election close to nine months in office before he or she is joined by new colleagues.

Leroy Gadsden, president of the Jamaica branch of the NAACP, said the turnover in Sanders' and Comrie's seats will be two of the biggest changes to occur in southeast Queens politics next year.

"Whoever gets Sanders' seat will have an advantage the next year," he said. "Whoever wins will have seniority."

He added that Comrie's seat is considered one of the more prized because it was occupied by Archie Spigner, the borough's first black councilman who played an influential role in both Queens and the city from 1974-2001.

Comrie is the head of the Queens delegation in the Council.

Three candidates have already announced they will run for Sanders' seat and started raising money for their campaigns.

Donovan Richards, Sanders' chief of staff, got the endorsement of his boss last week.

Earnest Flowers, chairman of the Elmer H. Blackburne Democratic Club of Laurelton, has earned the endorsements of District Leaders Elmer Blackburne and Jacqueline Bovce.

Jacques Léandre. president of the Rosedale Jets Football Association, touted his endorsements from Minister Corey Terry, of Antioch Baptist Church; the Rev. James Barnwell, of Mount Olivet Baptist Church; and the Rev. Phil Craig, of Springfield Community Church.

According to the city Campaign Finance Board. Richards is ahead of the pack, having raised more than \$8,000, with Flowers in second place at just shy of \$5,000 and Léandre in third with \$1,570.

# to curb sickle stigma

BY RICH BOCKMANN

About one in every 500 African Americans is born with sickle cell disease and advocates for a cure said those who suffer from the condition face stigmas due to a lack of understanding.

"It's amazing how few people know about it, even in this country," said Dr. Barbara Barnett, an internist at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park. "There has not been a lot of funding for the disease. I think it's definitely because of the population it affects."

Sickle cells, the doctor explained, developed in African areas as the body's natural defense against malaria. Normal red blood cells are shaped like a disk with a recess, but sickled red blood cells are crescent shaped, which not only inhibits malaria but also prevents the cells from delivering as much oxygen to the body as they should.

Those afflicted with the disease describe suffering from excruciating, unpredictable pain.

Erica Bell, 29, was diagnosed with the disease when she was 2 months old.

"There are a lot of things you can't do." Bell said Sunday at a rally for sickle cell awareness in Roy Wilkins Park. "But I am hopeful. I'm grateful for every day."

Bell's experiences with the disease were similar to those shared by others at the park during an event organized by the Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network. Stories about experiencing debilitating pain, stays in the hospital for blood transfusions and reliance on strong narcotics to ease their suffering were told again and again, as were affirmations that those who have the disease never take a single day for granted.

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Erica Bell of Jamaica speaks about her diagnosis with sickle cell when she was two months old. Photo by Christina Santucci

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# Rufus King ceremony ushers immigrants to citizenship 3

### 75 new Americans take Oath of Allegiance at Jamaica home of original signer of Constitution

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Celidez Arvelo was choked with emotion Monday when after 11 years in this country she could finally call herself an American

"You change your life forever. [When I came to America.] I only wanted to pass through and stay a while," the immigrant from the Dominican Republic said. "I love America and I want to be here forever."

Arvelo was one of 75 candidates from 19 countries who took the Oath of Allegiance at Jamaica's King Manor Museum Sept. 17, 225 years after the building's namesake signed the Declaration of Independence.

Before administering the oath, Federal Judge Margo Broadie, of the Eastern District, told the soon-to-be citizens about how she took the oath after immigrating to the country with her parents from the Caribbean.

"I never envisioned that at some point in my life I'd be a judge and administering this oath," she said. "I welcome you to this wonderful country of ours and now it's your country. too."

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen," Quasay Cooper read along with naturalization candidates from countries such as Bangladesh, Jamaica and Guvana.

"That I will defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic," the chorus of voices affirmed in unison.

In 1952, President Harry Truman proclaimed Sept. 17 to be Citizenship Day in recognition of those who either by coming of age or through naturalization



Celidez Arvelo shows off her naturalization certificate alongside her daughter, Scarlet. Photo by Rich Bockmann

have attained full citizenship. And while on any other day many candidates become naturalized at their local post office, King Manor Museum Caretaker Roy Fox said the home of one of the 39

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signers of the Constitution would make their day that much more memorable.

"What an example Sen. Rufus King sets for us," he said as he explained the pivotal role King played as one of five men asked to compose the style and arrangement of the Constitution and how 33 years later he made an impassioned address to the U.S. Senate renouncing slavery.

"I hold that all laws or compacts imposing any such condition as slavery upon any human being are absolutely void because they are contrary to the law of nature, which is the law of God," Fox said, quoting the New York senator. "Do for future generations what has been done for us."

The naturalization ceremony was the brainchild of U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica), who said that as new citizens the attendees had a duty to make the country a better place.

"You bring your experienc-

es. You bring your knowledge and you bring your culture," he said. "It is a better day for the United States of America that you will become one of its citizens."

City Councilman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) said the home he grew up in with his Jamaican parents was a sort of way station for immigrants coming to the country and becoming naturalized. Watching his parents mentor prospective citizens and helping to fill out naturalization forms, he said, played an integral part in shaping his life.

"I got involved with government because when I looked at government I didn't see me." he said as he urged the new citizens to become active in shaping their communities.

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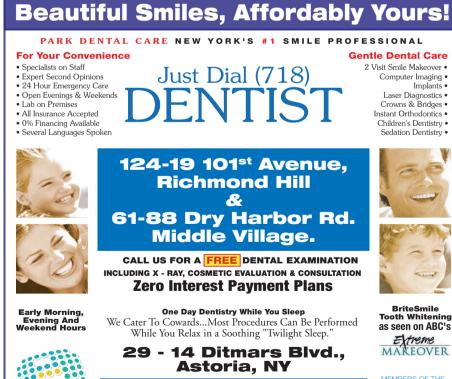
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# <sup>4</sup> Muslims in Queens denounce film fracas

### Borough's Islam followers say violence hurts cause while Ridgewood Coptic leader decries killings

BY STEVE MOSCO

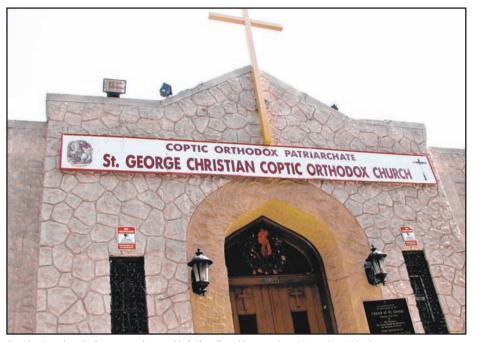
After American freedom of speech clashed with Islamic tradition and honor in Egypt, Queens residents with ties to the Middle East condemned the violence as tempers continued to flare in Muslim communities across the globe.

A low-budget film produced by Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, a Coptic Christian originally from Egypt and now living in California, sparked outrage by depicting the Muslim Prophet Muhammad as a fraud, philanderer and child molester. Any depictions of the prophet are strictly forbidden, according to Islamic teachings.

At St. Mary & St. Antonios Coptic Orthodox Church in Ridgewood, the Rev. Mina Kamel Yanni decried the violent attacks in other countries, but also said he is sensitive to offensive images of any religious

"We, too, are offended by the movie and any portraval of the Prophet Muhammad, but rioting is not the answer," said Yanni, whose followers are Egyptian Christians. "We do not wish anyone to resort to violence as our church rejects all violence. It is hard for the West to understand their outrage, but they are profoundly offended by any image of their prophet. And that must be respected here in America."

After the video was circulated on YouTube, protests and demonstrations followed, some erupting in violence in close to 20 countries since last week when the U.S. ambassador to Libva and three embassy staff members were killed Sept. 11 in Benghazi, the North African nation's second largest city. There has been widespread anger at



Coptic churches in Queens welcome Christian Egyptians and condemn the attacks overseas. Photo by Steve Mosco

the U.S. government for not suppressing the offensive video, which was made in the private sector and legal under the nation's freedom of speech doctrine.

Muslims in Queens were uniformly against the insulting claims made in the film, but some also said the violent reactions around the world only

serve to hurt the followers of Islam.

"Any image of our prophet draws an intense and negative reaction, but not always a violent one," said Danival Favad, of Long Island City, "I think reactions are justified. If they are peaceful, they can be powerful and make a strong point. The violent reactions, though, I think work against us and do more harm than good."

Aamir Amin, also of Long Island City, said the violence being seen around the world is the work of the "fringes of the Muslim community.

"I don't think it represents the way the majority of Muslims would react," he said. "But at the same time, people of Western religions don't understand the deep connection we have to our religion. I'm not saving they don't love their reli-

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# MTA ponders eliminating discount on MetroCards to pay for its budget

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota, in relentless search for money for his cash-strapped agency, suggests it might be time to abolish the discount on pay-per-ride MetroCards.

Because of the 7 percent discount on multipleride fares, the basic cost of \$2.25 ends up with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority collecting only \$1.63, Lhota told a Crain's New York-sponsored breakfast last week.

"Do we need a discount that deep?" Lhota asked. "I think we need to have a really big public discussion about the fare price and the discounting that goes on."

Even if the discount were eliminated, the MTA's serious money problem would not go away but it would of great help, Lhota said.

Straphangers will find out much more next month from MTA officials on other suggestions to help the agency scrape by starting in March 2013.

The MTA board will vote on its new budget in December. The MTA will hold public hearings in each of the five boroughs in November, a legal requirement before raises in fares and tolls.

The MTA has been walking a tightrope of financial peril for years and new fiscal threats keeping popping up. For instance, costs of health care and pensions of the MTA's tens of thousands of employees keep rising and many employees are working without union contracts, including those in the Transport Workers Union, who operate and maintain buses and

The TWU has rejected the MTA's appeal for a nopay-raise contract.

One of the most dire threats was a Nassau County judge's ruling that the payroll tax in support of the MTA was unconstitutional.

The tax, covering the 12 counties served by the MTA, was passed in Continued on Page 44

# Packed meeting questions Flushing Meadows plans

BY JOE ANUTA

Several multimillionmultibillion-dollar and projects are proposed for Flushing Meadows Corona Park, but a coalition of Queens organizations contends the combined side effects on the community and the total loss of parkland have not adequately been taken into account.

Hundreds of people gathered at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, at 104-11 37th Ave., in Corona Monday night to hear a presentation about the proposed redevelopment of Willets Point, the proposed expansion of the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center and a proposed Major



Leandra Requena (c.) holds up signs protesting development at Flushing Meadows Corona Park along with some young helpers.

Photo by Joe Anuta

League Soccer stadium, all of which would entail some construction on parkland and increase traffic to and from the park.

The consortium, which calls itself the Fairness Coalition of Queens, was formed in response to what the organizers characterized as a lack of outreach on behalf of the developers proposing the projects.

"Any one of these plans is bad, in my opin-Continued on Page 44

# in JFK booze scam

BY STEVE MOSCO

A mini-booze bottle scam netted big bucks and free drinks for airport employees accused in a \$750,000 criminal caper that raised serious questions about security at John F. Kennedy international Airport, according to the Queens district attorney.

Authorities busted 18 workers — 13 of them from Queens — at JFK last week after a five-month investigation found they allegedly smuggled thousands of liquor bottles off airplanes and into their personal ve-

Queens DA Richard Brown and Port Authority of NY & NJ Inspector General Robert E. Van Etten announced Sept. 12 that a total of 18 airport employees were arrested and charged in connection with the widespread theft during an investigation dubbed "Operation Last Call."

"The defendants are alleged to have pilfered over the past five months more than three-quarters of a million dollars worth of mini bottles of liquor and duty-free merchandise from Kennedy Airport for subsequent sale in the local underground economy," said Brown. "Employee pilferage is a significant problem for many companies, not just at the airports but throughout the entire metropolitan area. In the

last analysis, however, it is the consuming public that bears the burden of thefts such as those that are alleged to have occurred in this case."

A total of 15 current and former truck drivers employed by Sky Chef, the food and beverage subsidiary for American Airlines, and three security guards employed by FJC Security Services Inc. and SCIS Security Corp. allegedly pilfered more than 100,000 mini bottles, as well as duty-free items such as larger liquor bottles, perfume and cartons of cigarettes with an overall estimated retail value of more than \$750,000, said the district attorney.

According to the investigation, Sky Chef drivers removed the unsold mini liquor bottles from planes and either transported them to their personal vehicles in the employee parking lot or sold the stolen booze to co-workers on the loading docks. Investigators also alleged that security guards at the airport were given bottles in return for ignoring the heist.

Brown said he was extremely disturbed that airport security guards could be influenced in such a way in a post-9/11 world.

"Perhaps more troubling is that airport security personnel entrusted with guarding against theft and

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The faces of 18 suspected smugglers stand among liquor, cigarettes and other items officials believe were lifted from John F. Kennedy International Airport. Photo by Steve Mosco

# Agents bust workers Queens pols blast soda ban 3

## Halloran, Avella rebut controversial rule following its passage

BY KAREN FRANTZ

After the city Board of Health last Thursday passed the so-called soda ban, which would limit the size of sugary drinks in many venues to 16 ounces. City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) and state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) decried the controversial rule as the mayor was lauding its passage.

Halloran, who has been a vocal opponent of the ban, called the decision "arbitrary and capricious" and pointed out a number of its loopholes.

"We still have choices. We can take our snack business away from the corner mom-and-pop deli to supermarkets and franchise convenience stores," he said. "We can miss more of the movie or more of the game to wait [in line] a second time. We can buy a second 12-ounce can rather than a single 20-ounce bottle. That's 120 percent of the soda, but the mayor has his own math."

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) said that while



New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Farley addresses a news conference about the soda-ban at New York's City Hall in May. AP Photo/Richard Drew

he agreed something must be done to address the city's growing obesity problem, he thinks the rule goes too

"There are surely other ways to curb obesity rates in this city that do not involve infringing on an individual's personal choices," he said. Today the mayor is saying you can't have a big soda. What's next?

He said Mayor Michael Bloomberg should be more focused on more pressing issues such as school budgets and affordable hous-

"As residents receive less and less city services, they need initiatives that will produce real, tangible results, not gimmicks like the soda ban," Avella said.

The soda rule is a first-Continued on Page 44

# Mayor praises LaGuardia program dads

BY REBECCA HENELY

Mayor Michael Bloomberg spoke at La-Guardia Community College last week to the graduating class of the CUNY Fatherhood Academy, a five-month program aimed at teaching dads ages 18 to 24 good parenting and putting them on the track to getting a GED or enrolling in college.

"Our Fatherhood Academy is something we're very proud of," Bloomberg

The academy is sponsored by the mayor's Young Men's Initiative, the goal of which is to improve

prospects for black and Latino men in the city, and the Open Society Foundations, a grant organization headed by investor George Soros. Bloomberg went to the City University of New York with the idea for the program and LaGuardia volunteered to run it.

"We really have experience in youth, working with young people and getting them into college," said CUNY Fatherhood Director Beth Lord on why LaGuardia volunteered.

She said the program has been funded for at least three years and is expected to graduate 200 students. The first class at LaGuar-



Edwin Maldonado is greeted by his daughter, Lauryn Maldonado, at the end of graduation for the first CUNY Fatherhood Academy LaGuardia Community College. Photo by Rebecca Henely

dia, which graduated Sept. 12, included 22 students. Through the program 12 of them became permanently employed, four of them took and passed the GED exam and six of them enrolled as freshmen at LaGuardia.

In his colloquial and occasionally salty speech to the young men at commencement, Bloomberg shared some stories of his struggles as a parent and in the workforce. He said while his problems did not compare to the dark times some of the young men in the academy have faced like being shot or serving time in prison — he urged

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# Youth learn pro health from medics to the stars



Campus Magnet football players Justin Bazile (I.-r.), Darius Kennerly and Max Couloute took advantage of a free health screening. Photo by Brad Hess

#### BY STEVE MOSCO

High school athletes from Queens learned that being a sports star is about more than having a rocket for an arm.

It also involves a healthy lifestyle.

More than 100 youngsters from different sports throughout the city got a taste of the big leagues last month when the Hospital for Special Surgery held extensive medical screenings at its facility, at 535 E. 70th St. in Manhattan. The athletes, from schools like Campus Magnet High School in Cambria Heights, met with a team of doctors who usually work with professional teams, including the New York Giants of the NFL and the New York Mets of professional baseball.

The hospital teamed up with the Public School Athletic League with the aim of ensuring that student athletes in the city's public schools are fit to play before the games begin.

"Meeting a critical need in the community, it gives Hospital for Special Surgery the chance to provideavaluableservice,"said Dr. James Kinderknecht, a sports medicine physician and medical director of the PSAL Football Clinic at the hospital. "It's a win-win situation."

More than 20 sports medicine doctors and physical therapists participated in the health screening, as they took the students' medical history; performed a thorough physical exam, checking their hearts, lungs and vision: tested strength and flexibility; assessed their posture and balance; and even measured how far they could jump.

Doctors also checked the young athletes for previous injuries, giving them advice on how to stay safe on the field and avoid future problems. Some students were prescribed exercises, while others were advised on icing, taping and bracing to prevent further injury.

"In addition to giving the students a complete physical, we check them for any core weaknesses and any deficits in strength and flexibility so we can help them perform better on the field and enhance safety," John Cavanaugh clinical supervisor of the Sports Rehabilitation and Performance Center at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Jerry Epstein, the PSAL football supervisor, said that while most students said it was exciting to know they were being screened at the same hospital as some of their favorite professional athletes. others needed the screening for practical reasons because they do not have health insurance.

"Some students would not go out for athletics because they don't have health insurance and could not afford the required pre-season physical," said Epstein. "The medical screening at Special Surgery is the best thing I've been associated with. I don't think the students would get an exam this thorough anywhere else. And it gives the kids of the city the opportunity to have the same doctors who provide care for the New York Giants and the Mets."

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# Ozone Pk kids learn business skills in chocolate competition

#### BY KAREN FRANTZ

A chocolate product is in the works for an anticipated new company headed by world-renowned Chef Timothy Maguire, and the visionaries in charge of developing and marketing the treat may come as a surprise.

No, they are not the latest hotshots fresh out of business school,, but middle-school-age children from Queens.

More than 100 students aged of 11 to 13 gathered at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Academy, at 94-01 85th St. in Ozone Park, last Thursday for the kick-off of a state competition in which children from across New York will develop a new chocolate flavor, come up with slogans and logos, determine target markets and consider celebrity en-

dorsers.

"Today the students actually get to be in a real business environment," said Nisha Parikh, associate executive director of Project Empower, the nonprofit that holds the business competitions and was first launched in 2011.

She and the organization's executive director, Dante DiCicco, said the competition puts the students in a role that fosters leadership and helps them learn valuable skills they will need in their future careers

"We're teaching them concepts that aren't typically learned until well after middle school," DiCicco said.

The St. Elizabeth students will present their ideas to a panel of judges in four weeks and the winning team will compete

for their school at the state level, where other schools from the state will also be represented.

The final competition will be held at Standard & Poor's, the financial services firm, in Manhattan Feb. 8. The judge's panel will include not only Maguire, but also leading business tycoons.

Students appeared excited about the project at the kick-off event, getting particularly heated up when samples of Maguire's chocolate were passed around and they were asked to think about which celebrity endorser might be a good choice for a chocolate product.

"Justin Bieber," called out one student, referring to the immensely popular teenage pop singer. The suggestion was met with a buzz in the auditorium.







"When my dad was suffering from pancreatic cancer, there was only one place that could relieve his pain – and ours, as well. Calvary Hospital. But dad's wish was to die at home. And it was granted. Calvary Home Hospice provided dad with unrivaled comfort, compassion and love. He passed away with dignity and grace, with all of us with him. Calvary became part of our family. What could be better than that? Well, one year later, after years of dealing with severe medical issues, mom, also, needed the same Calvary care. So at the end of her life, Calvary's expert staff was there, once again, for all of us. As a daughter whose parents gave her unqualified love her entire life, there was no better way to return this love than with Calvary's care. I feel doubly blessed that Calvary was in our lives."

- Deborah DeGregorio

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# POLICE Blotter

### St. Albans man charged in NFL brother shooting

ST. ALBANS — A 23-year-old man from St. Albans was arraigned on charges Monday in the January attempted murder of Calvin Ogletree, the older brother of Dallas Cowboys wide receiver and Holy Cross alumnus Kevin Ogletree, according to a criminal complaint filed by the Queens district attorney's office.

Police said two witnesses claimed they saw



Police tape hangs on a pole on Linden Boulevard where Calvin Ogletree was shot in the head.

Lonnie Miller and another unapprehended suspect confront Ogletree and allegedly beat him until he fell to the ground, according to the court document.

One of the witnesses said he then saw Miller allegedly pull out a gun from his waistband and fired at Ogletree once before fleeing, according to the complaint.

Ogletree had been outside his new business at 200th Street and Linden Boulevard when he was shot in the head, police and eyewitnesses told TimesLedger Newspapers earlier this year.

He was taken to Jamaica Hospital for his injuries and was at a rehabilitation center when Miller was arrested, according to the court document.

Miller was charged



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Kevin Ogletree celebrates after catching a touchdown. Ogletree's brother Calvin was shot in St. Albans earlier this year.

AP Photo/Julio Cortez

with attempted murder and criminal possession of a weapon, according to the criminal complaint.

### Cops seek public's help in searching for robber

ROSEDALE — The NYPD was asking for the public's help in locating a suspect wanted in connection with the robbery of a Capital One Bank.

Police said the suspect walked into the bank, at 145-15 243rd St., around 11:30 a.m. Sept. 5 and passed a teller a note demand-

ing money.

The teller handed over an unknown amount of cash and the suspect fled, police said.

The suspect was described as a 25-yearold black male standing 5 feet 9 inches tall with black hair and brown eyes.

### FBI says hijack threat at JFK was a hoax

JAMAICA — Authorities at John F. Kennedy International Airport said a false bomb threat called in on three planes Monday was a hoax.

Two American Airlines planes and one Finnair plane were held and searched around 3 p.m. as FBI agents and Port Authority police searched the planes in response to an anonymous call of hijackers

on the planes.

According to the Breaking News Network, one of the American Airlines flights had four air marshals on board and nothing had happened on board.

Similar threats were called in at other airports, according to BNN.

The planes were cleared and the threat declared a hoax.

### Baisley Park teen, 17, killed in Brooklyn: Cops

BROOKLYN — A teenager from the Baisley Park Houses was gunned down in Brooklyn last week, according to the NYPD

Police said 17-year-old Kaiim Vieira was shot multiple times Sept. 14 shortly be-

fore midnight at 1700 Fulton St.  $\,$ 

He was transported to Kings County Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, police said.

No arrests had been made and the investigation was ongoing.

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# **Elections 2012**

# after anti-gay mailer

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Voter Karen King said she was already planning on coming out to the polls last Thursday to vote for City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), who won the Republican nomination for state Senate in the 15th District.

After she saw a mailer from his opponent, Juan Reves, that bashed Ulrich for being gay-friendly, however, she said she had extra motivation to get out to

"This has got to be one of the dirtiest local campaigns I have ever seen," she said. "A lot of hitting below the belt, which in a local election is ridiculous."

The mailer was sent out in the days leading up to the primary and it criticized Ulrich for dining with a gay Democratic city councilman and hiring gay staff members. It sparked a last-hour media controversy and prompted former Mayor Rudy Giuliani to endorse Ulrich over Reyes, even though Reves used to work for his administra-

Ulrich's campaign said Monday, however, that he was likely to have prevailed easily over Reyes anyway.

"I think he would have won regardless of those mailers, but they had such a nasty tone and they were

filled with a lot of lies and distortion ... that I think it definitely energized people to go out and vote for Eric." said Jessica Proud, Ulrich's campaign spokeswoman.

According to unofficial city Board of Elections results, Ulrich won with 70 percent of the vote and Reyes garnered 30 percent.

Ulrich also won the Independence Party primary, with 84 percent of the vote vs. 16 percent for his opponent Joseph Tiraco, according to unofficial city data.

Proud said she heard from some poll sites that they were turning away a number of registered Democrats who came to the polls to vote for Ulrich because of the mailers. Democrats are not permitted to vote in Republican primaries.

Gerry O'Brien, the spokesman for Reyes' campaign, said the mailers "certainly didn't help the campaign," but said he doubted it had a large impact because they would have arrived in voters' mailboxes only a few days before the election.

He also said the online media attention was less likely to reach older individuals, who do not surf the Web as much but tend to make up a large percentage of voters. He said robo-calls from Giuliani endorsing Ulrich probably had more Continued on Page 24



City Councilman Eric Ulrich (r.) addresses the crowd during his victory party at Roma View. Photo by Nat Valentine

# Ulrich wins handily | Clark captures primary win

Longtime lawmaker trounces opponent to keep SE Queens seat

BY RICH BOCKMANN

State Assemblywoman Barbara Clark (D-Queens Village) pulled in more than 63 percent of the vote last week in her Democratic primary victory over Cambria Heights resident Clyde Vanel, according to the city's preliminary results.

Clark, a 13-term incumbent, captured 2,988 votes to Vanel's 1,725, the unofficial results compiled by the city Board of Elections indicated.

As she waited for the votes to be tallied last Thursday night at Thomasina Catering Hall in St. Albans, Clark said she believed she had earned a 14th term based on her track record serving the district.

"I thought it would give me an edge," she said.

With humility, she added she thought she deserved her reputation as an institution in the community.

"I feel very confident that I've earned it," she said.

Vanel, a lawyer and former restaurateur, had run on a platform focused on creating jobs by cutting bureaucratic red tape for businesses and had criticized Clark for not doing enough to revitalize the economy.

Clark, however, said turning the economy around was easier said than done.

"You can't sell people on job creation just like that. That's not how it happens," she said. "It's not that simple."

Vanel had put his money where his mouth was during the campaign, financing his election bid with loans and taking out a four-year lease on his Cambria Heights campaign office. During the campaign



Assemblywoman Barbara Clark waits at Thomasina Catering Hall for the Democratic Party primary results to come in. Photo by Rich Bockmann

he said he would use the office as a community center and continue to do so after the election.

Clark, who was first elected to the 33rd Assembly District in 1986, appeared to benefit from the name recognition that comes along with having represented an area for so long that one becomes an institution. Her district, which includes all or parts of the neighborhoods of Bellerose, Queens Village, Cambria Heights, Hollis and St. Albans, remained largely intact after redistricting earlier this year.

The real battle ground appeared to be in Cambria Heights, with PS/MS 147 and Andrew Jackson High School on either side of Springfield Boulevard along 116th Avenue.

By 2:30 p.m., the two schools had a combined total of about 400 votes. Both candidates explained that the two schools had to accommodate more election districts this year because PS 176 on 235th Street in Cambria Heights was closed to voters due to inadequate wheelchair accessibility.

At Andrew Jackson HS, Clark called the voterconfusion situation "totally chaotic" and perhaps looking ahead, said it did not bode well for the general election in November.

Over at PS/MS 147. Vanel refuted the idea that voter confusion favored his opponent.

"It favors no one," he said. "It's not good for me, it's not good for her and it's not good for the process. It's not good for anyone."

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# Moya helps immigrants to access gov't resources



Assemblywoman Grace Meng, Make the Road New York Co-executive Director Deborah Axt and Assemblyman Francisco Mova chat at the Immigrants Connect event. Photo by Rich Bockmann

#### BY RICH BOCKMANN

Confusion and fear often deter immigrants, regardless of whether they are here legally or undocumented, from receiving services from government agencies they have every right to and the state Assembly is making a push to change that.

"Just because someone is undocumented doesn't mean they don't have rights," said Assemblyman Francisco Moya (D-Jackson Heights), who hosted his second annual Immigrants Connect event Saturday at Make the Road New York.

Moya, who sits on the Assembly's Small Business and Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry committees, is the author of the Assembly's Dream fund bill, which would provide financial assistance to the children of immigrants for higher education.

He also sponsored a bill that would allow anyone with a taxpayer ID number to open a state family tuition account, designed to help immigrant families save for college.

The event was part of a statewide effort by Assembly members and the state Department of Labor to provide resources to those who may not even think to seek them out.

"In immigrant communities, you see a lot of problems that exist because of abuse," Moya said. "This gives them the opportunity to talk to the right agency."

Representatives from offices such as the National Labor Relations Board and the state Department of Health were on hand to give out literature, answer questions and provide resources to an essential segment of the state's workforce.

Throughout the state, nearly 30 percent of small businesses are owned by immigrants, according to Labor. In the city, immigrants make up more than one-third of the population and almost one-half of its workforce.

Make the Road New York is a nonprofit with offices in Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Long Island that advocates for immigrants' rights. Its latest victory came earlier this month when workers at the Hi-Tek Carwash and Lube in East Elmhurst voted to join the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

Deborah Axt, the nonprofit's co-executive director, said one of the biggest fights in Queens is to help undocumented workers collect unpaid wages.

"Newly arrived immigrants do have a lot more rights than they realize or exercise," she said.

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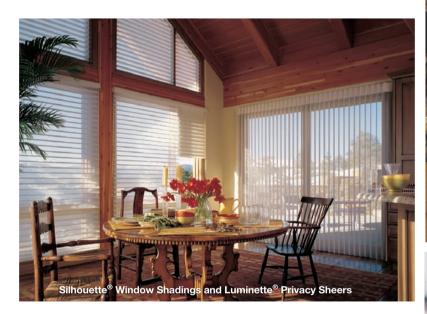
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# PLAYING THE RACE CARD

It isn't unusual in city politics for someone to play the race card when an elected official is accused of corruption, but usually the people playing the card try for subtlety.

Not Rochdale Village Vice President Joe Evans. He accused state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman of a "political lynching" for the indictment of state Sen. Shirley Huntley, who is accused of interfering in a state probe into an alleged scam to bilk taxpayers out of close to \$30,000.

In leaflets distributed throughout Rochdale Village, Evans writes: "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. 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."

He added, "We as black folks should immediately be able to identify this method of political lynching. Sen. Huntley is not the first black elected official to be unfairly targeted."

Evans' leaflet didn't work. Huntley lost by a significant margin in the primary to City Councilman James Sanders Jr.

In fact, Huntley was treated no differently than other people accused of a white-collar crime. Everyone who gets arrested is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Huntley was arraigned in a Nassau County court in August, where she pleaded not guilty to two felony charges and one misdemeanor charge.

Schneiderman and state Comptroller Thomas Di-Napoli said Huntley tried to cover up "a scheme to steal taxpayer dollars using a sham not-for-profit that did not provide services to the public."

If Evans has evidence the case against Huntley is racially motivated, we'd like to see it. Aside from the fact that Huntley is a black woman, we don't see what race has to do with this case. The important color here is green.

The people of southeast Queens should be offended by the race baiting in the leaflets distributed by Evans.



### OTHER VOICES

# BOE needs to provide ballots in Bengali

An open letter to the city Board of Elections:

am writing to express my concern that the Board of Elections will not have Bengali-language ballots available for the general election Nov 6.

As you know, the U.S. Census Bureau has determined that the BOE is legally obligated to provide

alternate ballots and interpreters for Bengali-speaking voters under the Federal Voting Rights Act. It is important that the Bengali-speaking community be provided with language assistance so they can effectively participate in our democratic process.

The fact that the city will not be able to comply

with this federal mandate when other jurisdictions across the country have is unconscionable.

Queens is home to a growing population of South Asians, many of whom will now face unnecessary challenges at the voting booth because of the BOE's inability to ensure this mandate is implemented in time for Election Day.

I urge you to develop a plan of action to ensure these language-assistance requirements are met in a timely fashion.

Daniel Dromm City Councilman Immigration Committee Chairman (D-Jackson Heights)

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# Big businesses must pay their fair share in taxes

An open letter to President Barack Obama:

t is probably pointless to write and mail this letter to you, since you will probably never receive or read it, but I felt compelled to nonetheless.

My name is Lisa Carrieri-Veneziano and I work in the pharmacy at the Waldbaum's supermarket in College Point. I am a divorced, single parent of three teenagers — aged 13, 14 and 18 — and my widowed. 85-year-old mother lives with us. I am a white-collar professional in the medical field and I work full-time.

I have been struggling with many issues in the last three years. Medical and prescription coverage is a problem. I never realized that we had a dollar cap until we hit it three years ago. The cap is \$8,000 per year for my family and it would be worse if I was married. My children have secondary coverage with their father, but it never pays anything — not even to reimburse my co-pays!

Last year I spent \$20,000 out of my pocket to buy medications. Maybe that is not much for some people, but it was huge for me. I could have used that money for other things, like paying my mortgage. Thank God I live close to work, but still, gas is around \$4 per gallon.

The cost of heating oil is also outrageous as well as Consolidated Edison. We have had the air conditioner running since May, but at 75 degrees. I cannot turn it off because my mother has pulmonary problems and uses oxygen.

My children all went to private school, which was a huge sacrifice. Public schools are overcrowded, understaffed and dangerous, but free? I am in a union and after about a year of negotiations we had to sign a contract or have no job. The outcome was I lost one week's paid vacation and half of paid personal days, got a five-year pay freeze and have to work the first hour of every week for minimum wage.

What an insult to the pharmacy professionals everywhere. It is disgraceful, but what is a pharmacist to do with no jobs available? Now pharmacists also have to worry about losing their lives while performing their duties because of oxycontin and hydrocodone addicts. I want to work behind bullet-proof windows.

I have said for years that the drug manufacturers need to be hit. They are making huge bucks, but not pharmacists or pharmacies. You would laugh at the mark-ups, if there are any.

If for just one day everyone would not buy any medications, stores, hospitals, nursing homes, the drug manufacturers, etc., would be crying.

In my situation, I am thinking twice about spending a boatload of money for higher education, but

for what? No jobs, respect or money. Higher-income people need to be taxed and pour their taxes not given pay their taxes, not given tax breaks and loopholes. Newspapers, TV and the In-Newspapers, TV and the Internet are full of nobodies making and wasting millions of dollars.

I do not know what the answer is, but there just seems to be more and more problems.

Lisa Carrieri-Veneziano College Point

# Reader sorry to see Capitol bank close

he Capitol One Bank, at 164th Street and 69th Avenue in Fresh Meadows, will be closing its doors for good Oct. 6.

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This is going to cause a lot of unnecessary physical stress for a lot of those people. There is no logical reason for this branch to be closed. The staff at this branch has been wonderful. They are courteous and professional and it is unfair they are going to lose their jobs. At the least, Capitol One should guarantee them positions in other branches.

We are going to be sorrv to see this branch close and we wish all of its emplovees the best. We hope all of them will find positions within a relatively short period of time.

> John Amato Fresh Meadows

# Remembering 9/11

City Councilman Daniel Dromm, the Muslim merchants of the 37th Road Diversity Plaza in Jackson Heights and Social Uplift Knowledge and Hope Initiatives NY held a candlelight vigil for those killed on 9/11. In a show of solidarity, businesses owners dimmed their lights and placed flowers along the plaza. Dromm (c.) is joined by (I. to r.) SUKHI President Shazia Kausar, SUKHI member Fatima Baryab and SUKHI founder Agha Saleh. Photo courtesy Daniel Dromm

### Correction

An article in the Aug. 30-Sept. 5 edition of TimesLedger Newspapers, about campaign contributions in a Flushing state Assembly seat race, should have said Cottage Consulting is run by Jay Golub.

# <sup>14</sup> DA charges woman in Suphin subway stabbing

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A Woodhaven woman was charged last Thursday with pulling out a knife and slashing the arms of three passengers in the Sutphin Boulevard-Archer Avenue subway station the day be-

Dina Saint-Fleur, 25. was charged with three counts each of first-, secondand third-degree assault as well as criminal possession of a weapon, according to a criminal complaint.

According to a spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Saint-Fleur was riding the J train when she apparently got into an argument with a couple on board. The argument continued on the escalator up to the A train platform, when Saint-Fleur said to the woman she had been arguing with, "You bumped me again" and allegedly pulled out a knife

and slashed the woman's arm, sending her tumbling down the escalator, according to the criminal complaint and the MTA.

The woman's male companion told police his arm had also been slashed and that he chased after Saint-Fleur and pulled the knife out of her hand, according to the complaint. A third passenger was also cut and fell down the stairs, the complaint said.

All three victims were taken to Jamaica Hospital, where a plastic surgeon said he had to put more than 25 stitches on both the man's and woman's arms. The third passenger required surgery on his arm, according to the criminal complaint.

Reach reporter Rich Bockmann by e-mail at rbockmann@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4574.



Police surround the escalator at the Archer Avenue and Sutphin Boulevard train station.

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## Sanders

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cal strongholds.

"It's the most dense part of the community," Sanders explained Tuesday. "We'd like to introduce ourselves and hear from our neighbors what they want us to tackle."

According to the city Board of Elections' preliminary results, Sanders pulled in about 57 percent of the votes in the 10th Senate District, with Huntley collecting approximately 40 percent. Gian Jones, a Far Rockaway resident, received about 3 percent.

Sanders said he believed that in order to win the primary he needed to capture 30 percent of the votes in Rochdale and estimated the final number would be somewhere between 40 percent and 45 percent.

"We were not surprised by the outpouring from Rochdale and other communities," he said.

Sanders snagged the prized endorsement of the Rev. Floyd Flake earlier

in the race. Then his campaign got another boost about two weeks before the primary, when the state attorney general charged Huntley with tampering with an investigation into two people with close ties to the senator who ran a nonprofit that allegedly made off with \$33,000 worth of taxpaver dollars.

"We were on the verge of winning before the arrest," Sanders said "but it would have been a much smaller margin. Let's be clear about that."

Huntley's campaign office could not be reached for comment.

Other areas Sanders said he thought he did well in include Far Rockaway and Rosedale — neighborhoods in his Council district that were added to the 10th Senate District when the lines were redrawn earlier this year — and South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill, where Sanders heavily courted voters in the South Asian community.

Harbachan Singh, president of the Sikh American Friendship Foundation, said Sanders campaigned hard in the various

South Asian communities, whereas Huntley's presence was either "minimal or not at all."

Sanders opened his campaign office and held his victory party in Richmond Hill, a neighborhood that had previously been split between two Senate districts.

"That's why it's so important for us to have it here. We could do this a lot of places, some places closer to home," he said.

Sanders said he would like to plan more constituent meetings in Richmond Hill, Springfield Gardens, Rosedale and South Jamaica as well as in South Ozone Park and the Rockaways, neighborhoods in which he would like to open satellite offices when he heads to Al-

As for the main district office, he said his mind is pretty much made up.

"If I had it my way I would put it in Rochdale," he said. "Again, it's the most dense part of the community and fits kind of in the middle based on the new district."

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for someone with sickle cell disease is in the 50s, but many who were diagnosed 10, 20 or 30 years ago were told they would not make it past childhood.

Gloria Rochester, the founder of the network, did not know anything about sickle cell disease in 1973 when her 18-month-old daughter was diagnosed. let alone that both she and her husband carried the trait.

"I had to learn, to educate myself. In the '70s there were very few resources," she said. "I went to the library and I spoke with other parents about how to cope."

Rochester said she had to teach herself how to deal with a child in extreme pain, how to help her daughter through school and find a job and how to fight a negative stigma attached to African Americans who rely on strong narcotics in their daily lives.

Rochester's daughter is now 38 with three children of her own, and she has benefited from the knowledge her mother has gained and continues to pass on to the community.

"I had to tell her, 'Don't marry someone with sickle cell.' You want to break the cycle of sickle cell. The most important thing is to know

your status," she said.

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A police officer guard tape blocking off the street as authorities investigate. Photo by Christina Santucci

# **Stabbing**

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tives scoured the neighborhood searching for clues as a police helicopter buzzed by overhead.

Neighbors said Gobin lived in the home with his

wife and children and, as rumors of the alleged attack spread, they said they were surprised to hear something like that would happen.

"I spoke to him every now and then. He seemed to be a nice guy," said Walter Smith, 54, who added that his children play with Gobin's children, but that

he only knew the man in passing. "I'm shocked to hear about that."

Investigators, however, could not get a clear account of the alleged attack from Gobin. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly visited Gobin in the hospital, but said he could not speak to the officer who was heavily sedated.

A representative for the NYPD later said the department's internal affairs bureau had opened an investigation into the incident.

The New York Post, citing unnamed sources, reported that video surveillance obtained from the scene did not show anyone fleeing Gobin's home and that his wounds were consistent with self-inflicted injury.

The NYPD said the investigation was ongoing.



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# Queens cops nab man wanted by FBI in NY bank robberies

#### BY KAREN FRANTZ

Police in Queens arrested a man known as the "Snub-Nose Bandit" last week, who is suspected of robbing several banks and other businesses in New York and was wanted by the FBI, according to au-

Harry Pacheco, 36, was picked up by police from the 107th Precinct in Fresh Meadows early on the morning of Sept. 12 after a 911 call was placed alerting cops to suspicious activity around Ray Bari Pizzeria, at 176-61 Union Tnpk. in Hillcrest, police said.

A police spokesman and the Queens district attorney said Pacheco was arrested on charges of attempted burglary after cops discovered he was in possession of bolt cutters, two screwdrivers and a

wrench. Pacheco was also accused of possessing burglar's tools, according to the criminal complaint filed by the DA.

Police also found damage to the rear door of the pizzeria's building, where Pacheco allegedly was trying to break in — the door frame was bent and the door casing was popped open, the complaint said. Police also said they brought in a 36-year-old woman suspected of being an accomplice in the break-in, Michele Perlin, who was sitting in a jeep parked near the pizzeria, according to the court

A source said that the connection was made between Pacheco and the Snub-Nose Bandit when a police officer recognized him from an FBI wanted

Pacheco was arraigned

Sept. 13 on the attempted burglary charge in Queens Court and his next court appearance is Oct. 18, according to the DA. It could not be determined when or whether Pacheco would be transferred to federal

The Snub-Nose Bandit was wanted for at least eight armed robberies in New York starting in September of last year, many of them taking place in Queens, according to the FBI website. They include the robbery of a 7-Eleven at 107-24 Corona Ave. in Corona, a Chase Bank at 205-19 Hillside Ave. in Hollis and a Sovereign Bank at 75-15 31st Ave. in East Elmhurst.

The website says shots were fired in three of the robberies, and an FBI press release described him as armed and dangerous.

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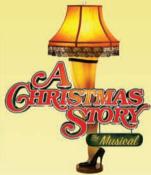


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# Glen Oaks votes limited by polling site changes

BY PHIL CORSO

While voters throughout the borough took to the polls last week in the state primary elections, residents in the Glen Oaks Village co-op reported some confusion after the city Board of Elections changed their polling locations.

For as long as they could remember, residents of the village had always voted at PS 186 in Bellerose, according to Glen Oaks Village President Bob Friedrich.

But because of polling site changes, voters were split into three separate sites, causing confusion on Primary Day.

Because of redistricting throughout the borough, several elected officials have reported phone calls from residents unaware of their new voting locations. The confusion hit a breaking point when the BOE sent out the wrong polling sites to residents in some districts, including that of City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village).

This time around, villagers were spread out over three polling locations: PS 186, PS 115 and North Shore Towers. The contrast was highlighted drastically in one specific corner, Friedrich said, where Langston Avenue and 260th Street intersect. Each side of the street voted in three different locations after years of casting their ballots in the same spot.

"This is insanity by the Board of Elections," said Friedrich, who reached out to elected officials, including Councilman Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) and state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside). "The three voting locations create enormous confusion as neighbors who had walked to the voting booths together in the past will now be going to separate locations."



Aristotle Delacruz leaves the voting booth in Glen Oaks in a previous election as poll worker Douglas Goonewardena

On Primary Day, there were some voters turned away at polls because they were unsure of where to vote, poll operators said. A similar issue spread throughout the city, stirring controversy and backlash from city Public Advocate Bill de Blasio.

In a letter sent to the BOE last month, de Blasio called on the group to address issues in which voters were given incorrect poll site information and to better prepare for Election

"It is deeply worrying that the Board of Elections was unable to execute a primary election smoothly. considering that only a handful of the races were closely contested and voters were few in number," de Blasio said, referring to a dismal voter turnout in the

Sept. 13 primaries. "With November's presidential election looming, much more must be done immediately to prevent widespread confusion that could disenfranchise thousands of New Yorkers."

And even if voters were correct in where they traveled to vote, Friedrich said the Board of Elections failed to consider how different facilities could accommodate the new foot and car traffic at different polling sites.

Friedrich said he was in talks with Bob Ricken. president of North Shore Towers, who was "blindsided" by the polling changes.

"Since North Shore Towers is a gated community with three large apartment buildings, they were unsure how they would be able to accommodate the voters from Glen Oaks Village and the private homes of Royal Ranch descending with cars on their co-op," Friedrich said. "Did anyone at the BOE ever think about parking issues at North Shore Towers or the gated entry that will create gridlock for voters and residents?"

Polling places across Queens were shifted after the borough faced redistricting, but some were moved because of a lack of handicapped-accessible

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# College Point temple serves as Daoist haven

BY JOE ANUTA

A new Daoist temple in College Point gives visitors a taste of Taiwanese religious life and is so authentic most of it was actually shipped over from the island in pieces.

It would be hard to miss the New York Hua Lian Tsu Hui Temple, at the corner of 121st Street and 22nd Avenue. While the skeleton of the building was made in the United States, all the intricate decorations and the numerous god statues were floated over from Taiwan.

"You have to," said Sam Chang, a Long Islandbased real estate mogul who donated significant portions of the temple. "There is nobody [who] knows how to build those decorations here."

Chang and others helped put the temple on the map by donating stately red columns, ornate stone lions that guard the entrance or some of the many largerthan-life statues representing many gods in the Daoist and Buddhist traditions.

Daoism is an ancient Chinese religion based on the writings of a philosopher named Laozi.

The red-tiled roof, which pitches upward at the four corners, is immediately recognizable and intricately carved stone dragons coil around columns



Luis Santos stands next to a costume traditionally worn at parades during festivals.

Photo by Joe Anuta

near the entrance.

The temple staff and volunteers dressed in blue take care of the grounds.

The story of how it came about is filled with as many religious overtones as the decorative temple itself. When temple head Yenho Chun's son fell ill in Flushing about two decades ago, he made a pilgrimage to a small city in Taiwan before returning to start a small temple in a Roosevelt Avenue basement.

The temple then moved to College Point Boulevard before settling in the new digs over the summer.

Luis Santos, a trilingual Queens resident who volunteers at the temple, can walk any unfamiliar temple-goer through the basics of what goes on in the building.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, he grabbed several sticks of incense and explained the meaning behind some of the roughly 60 gold-colored idols lined along a wall on the second floor, an eerie audience of 120 eyes watching anyone who ventures up to pay their respects. Santos explained the roles of many of the deities on the three floors, some of which were the subject of a recent celebration.

Santos has been learning Mandarin and practicing Daoism since the 1970s. He acts as a cheery volunteer and can nimbly hop between English, Chinese and Spanish.

The house of worship serves as an important tie with Taiwan for many in the community, according Chun.

"It's a big deal," she said through a translator. "But the temple is not just for Taiwanese people, it is open to everybody.'

Santos said a man of Greek heritage recently came and wanted to do something in remembrance of a relative who had died of cerebral palsy. An ornate candle now burns for the man's relative on an altar in the temple.

"The faithful are growing among the non-Chinese community, which is a good thing," Santos said.

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# Bird enthusiasts take to Jamaica Bay for festival

#### BY MICHAEL GIVANT

On Aug. 25, the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge hosted the seventh annual Shorebird Festival. At 8:30 a.m., a large number of serious birders and a group of expert leaders made their way to the mud flats around the refuge's East Pond to see migrating shorebirds.

"Peep" is an all-purpose term used to designate small, difficult to identify shorebirds. Today I hope to learn how to identify some of them that I'm not used to seeing.

Our first "peep" is a semipalmated sandpiper standing erect in the water, preening itself. The 6.25-inch bird has dark legs and a dark bill but no other characteristics jump out at me. The lesser yellowlegs, our next bird, is so named for its bright yellow legs and is larger at 10.5 inches. This slender sandpiper is regal.



A group of shorebirds, including semipalmated sandpipers, a lesser yellowlegs and a short-billed dowitcher, forage for food in the water. Photo by Michael Givant

Four least sandpipers fly in. At 6 inches, they are the smallest North American sandpipers. The least has yellowish legs, which is one way to tell the difference between it and the similar-sized semipalmated sandpiper.

Two Forster's terns with slender, bent-back wings are flying. One goes into the still-as-glass water after a fish. Then there's a mystery glossy ibis. It has an overall gray color and I note three to four white oval spots on its neck. This bird should be an iridescent brick red. One of the leaders says it is a juvenile glossy. A few days later at

home I discover in a reference guide that it's a first autumn glossy. Nifty.

I get a few pictures of it as another bird is calling loudly from some nearby cattails. It's Jamaica Bay mood music.

In the afternoon at the north end of the pond there's a refreshing breeze offsetting the day's humiditv. A vellowlegs flies in and Kevin Karlson, a major trip leader who is one of three authors of a shorebird field guide, identifies it as a beautiful juvenile greater vellowlegs.

From a mud flat we see 75 black-bellied ployers in the water with their black summer bellies visible. They are striking! I see them in the winter in Florida in dull winter plumage when their bellies are white. Now they suddenly fly and it's like seeing a National Geographic special.

Here and there small groups of "peeps" are feeding, which I think are semipalmated sandpipers and least sandpipers. It's hard to tell the difference, as their legs are in the water.

One of the leaders has identified a stilt sandpiper and is explaining its characteristics as the other trip leaders have been doing. I see it through a scope, note three characteristics and discuss them with him. This isn't just seeing birds — it's a learning experience. I've never seen this bird before but think I could identify it in a week or two when I come back. Momentarily, I just look around at the mud flats, hear the sounds of crying birds and savor the

The day's last event is a workshop where Karlson lays out point by point his approach to birding, which heavily focuses on looking at birds' shapes, sizes and structures. It's an approach I don't use enough of in my own birding and will try to incorporate more during the fall migration season.

Driving home, some of the day's highlights float in and out my mind's eye. I feel tired, satisfied and, later, after a cold drink and a shower, I'll feel even better.

Tonight I should be seeing "peeps" in my dreams.



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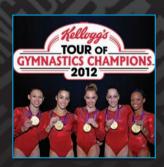
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# Casino brings boxing to Queens this week

BY STEVE MOSCO

Resorts World Casino will take a swing at the fights when it hosts a championship night of boxing on the casino grounds in South Ozone Park Saturday.

Featuring some fighters from Queens, the evening boasts nine bouts. In the main event, popular light heavyweight Joe Smith Jr. will take on Yasin Rashid. In the much-anticipated co-feature, it will be a contest between undefeated junior middleweights as Frank Galarza and Alantez Fox battle for the state title. The show will also feature appearances from undefeated super bantamweight Juan Dominguez and undefeated super featherweight Rafael Vazquez.

Vazquez, who lives in Howard Beach with his wife and four children, said boxing so close to home gives him an extra shot of adrenaline.

"I could take a cab to get here," said Vazquez. "When I grow old, I can tell my kids that I fought here and was a part of history."

This night of fights will make history as the first boxing matches ever held in a New York casino. The fighters see this as an opportunity to make a mark — not only for themselves, but also for the sport of boxing at large.

"The fight will be a stepping stone for me in my



Boxing promoters Kevin O'Sullivan (I.) and Jim Foley (r.) flank fighters Angel Garcia, Frank Galarza, Rafael Vazquez and Elton Dharry. Photo by Steve Mosco

career. It will make me, not break me because I never break," said Frank Galarza, of Brooklyn. "It's also great for the sport. We feel really proud to be the first class of boxers to fight here."

Another fighter, Elton Dharry, who lives minutes away in Richmond Hill, said he was most proud to be representing his Guyanese community.

"It's a big deal for the people in the community, especially the young kids," he said. "I want to make a mark in this sport and give them a positive example to look up to."

With a fight card featuring both novice boxers and elite pugilists, the evening is expected to attract both sports fans and curious casino gamers alike. The matches will take place in the Central Park event space on the top floor — a 70,000-square-foot level with a capacity of 6,500

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Reach reporter Steve Mosco by e-mail at smosco@ cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4546.

## Ulrich

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and for that the Reyes campaign is deeply sorry," the post said. "The campaign's only goal for that mailing [was] to expose the hypocrisy of flip-flopping, but in the final days of the campaign we rushed a piece to press and should have given our candidate time to scrutinize it."

Ulrich will now face off against Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) in the general election this November. Addabbo has held the 15th District seat since 2008, when he beat the 10term Republican Sen. Serphin Maltese.

The 15th District encompasses Howard Beach. Ozone Park, Glendale, Middle Village, Woodhaven, Maspeth and parts of South Ozone Park, Rego Park, Ridgewood and Sunnyside.











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# Pre-owned cars can be a smart financial bet

any people look to the used-car lots when shopping for vehicles. The allure of a lower price is what drives some consumers to purchase a pre-owned car or truck. Considering many of the used vehicles available are only a few years old, this can be a smart decision.

With the widespread availability of leases, many pre-owned vehicles are lease turn-ins that are only a few years old and in relatively good condition. And because leases limit the amount of mileage that can be put on the vehicle in a given year, chances are a lot of those pre-owned vehicles are also low in mileage.

Used-car pricing almost always will be lower than a vehicle off the lot. This is a big draw to many consumers looking to save money on a vehicle. New cars depreciate as soon as they are driven away from the dealership, so even a vehicle that is only a few months old will cost less than it did brand

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That doesn't mean that buying a used car from a private owner should be avoided at all costs. Many private sellers are honest individuals and will offer proof documenting the vehicle's maintenance history. There are also car history reports that can be obtained using the VIN number on the vehicle to check to see if it was in any major accidents or had other kinds of damage.

Buying used is also a green investment. While a brand-new hybrid may certainly save on fuel use, the energy needed to produce that new hybrid can be considerable. Purchasing a used car means less demand for a new one to be made.

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# Selecting a teen driver's first car

otor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among U.S. teenagers, accounting for more than one in three deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The good news is that, with a sturdy car and some well-ingrained safety lessons, many of these crashes are largely preventable.

Parents of teens are reticent to have their children join the millions of drivers on the nation's roadways. A teen driver can test one's nerves. Once a teenager receives his license, the family will have to reassess its automotive needs or risk fighting over the family car somewhat regularly.

There are certain practices that should be commonplace, even if a teenager is anxious to simply run to the nearest dealership and pick out a car.

One of the first things a parent may think to do is to surround her child in the biggest, bulkiest vehicle possible. If there were an army tank available, parents might consider it. But large trucks and sports utility vehicles have a tendency to rollover. Plus,



Once teenagers get their licenses, it's time to assess the vehicle needs of the family.

a teenager may think that a bigger vehicle means invincibility.

Industry experts agree that there are some tips parents can follow when selecting a teen's first car. •Shop for pre-owned vehicles. Most families are already feeling the heat of overtaxed budgets. Another car payment could be unaffordable.

Plus, insurance premiums for

a teenage driver could be very expensive, especially if that teen is driving a brand-new car. Shop for a car that is a few years old. Not only will it have plenty of miles still left in it, but also, if an ac-

cident occurs, the repairs likely won't be as expensive as they would if a new car gets dinged up.

•Seek out sedans. Sure, they may not be the ultra-cool sports car or the behemoth sports utility vehicle, but sedans are large enough to effectively protect a driver in an accident and will have plenty of room to carpool friends to movies, sports games and such.

•Make kids bear some of the financial burden. Parents should make their children financially responsible for the car in one way or another. Whether they contribute a few dollars to the monthly bill or are responsible for oil changes and fuel costs, having a financial investment may encourage kids to be more careful with the vehicle.

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You can take charge of your car buying experience if you do your homework first.

# How to save money on a new car purchase

uying a new car is one of the more expensive purchases a consumer can make. Aside from a home or paying for college, perhaps no purchase requires a bigger financial commitment than a new car.

While purchasing a new car can be intimidating, there are ways buyers can take control of the car-buying process and save money as a result.

· Shop online. Much of the fear associated with buying a new car can be traced to the dealership. Consumers fear being taken advantage of by aggressive salespeople who work on commissions and are motivated by selling the car for the highest price possible. However, shopping online removes that fear and has made it easier for consumers to save when purchasing a new car. Unlike traditional automobile salespeople, Internet department sales staff often earn their bonuses on how many cars they sell, and not how much they sell each car for, which motivates them to get consumers the best price. Shopping online also removes the hassle of visiting the dealership and the often awkward and uncomfortable back and forth of the negotiating process on the dealer's turf.

•Get preapproved for a loan. Another way to save is to shop around for the best financing deal before shopping for a car. Many people seek preapproval for a loan before shopping for a home, and the same can be done when buying a car. Shopping around enables you to get the best deal, which isn't always the one you'll find should you rely on the dealership to arrange for the financing.

 Negotiate everything. One of the more agitating things about buying a new car is the seemingly endless list of add-on fees that suddenly appear after the buyer and dealer have agreed on a vehicle price. Dealerships often want buyers to think such fees are non-negotiable, but that isn't actually true. Even if the contract has already been drawn up and includes the fees, until you have signed on the dotted line, those fees are negotia-

•Shop in a buyer's market. Near the end of the year is typically the best time to buy a current model vehicle. Between August and October is a great time to find a deal, as dealerships are looking to move inventory to make room for next year's models.

Some consumers, however, find it difficult to shop for a car at the end of the year, as the costs associated with the holidays make it tough to afford a new car. If that's the case, consider shopping for a vehicle at the end of the month, when salespeople and dealers might be motivated to sell cars to meet a monthly quota.

•Shop around your current vehicle. If you have a trade-in, don't simply assume you'll get the most money for it via a trade-in. You might earn more money selling it privately, or you can shop the vehicle around to several dealerships as a straight sale. Getting the best price for the vehicle, whether that's through trading it in or selling it privately, can lessen the financial blow of buying a new car.

Buying a car no longer has to be an intimidating process where the consumer is fearful of getting fleeced. Nowadays, there are a variety of ways the consumer can take control of the process and make out financially.





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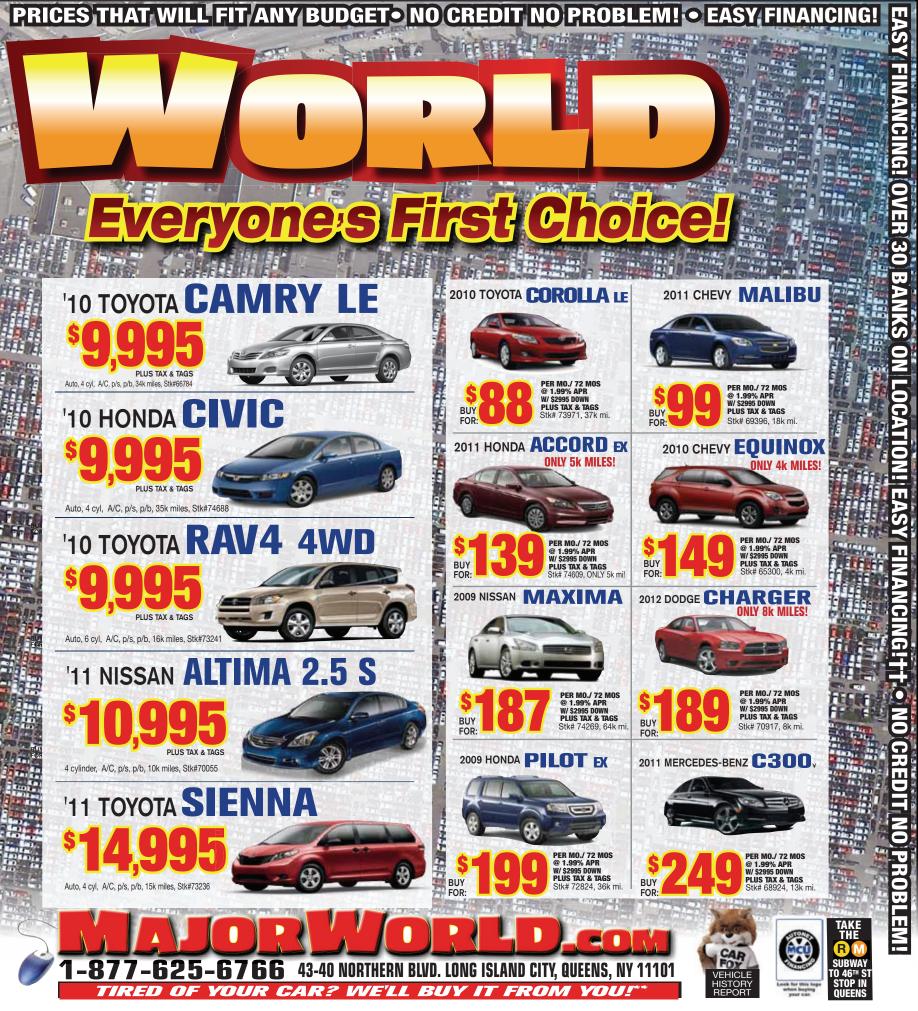
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# New Council lines cut GOP's base

BY JOE ANUTA

A bipartisan group redrew a highly Democratic voting bloc into the seat of Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) instead of leaving it in Councilman Peter Koo's (D-Flushing) more urban district, raising questions about politics played out in the decision.

The commission consisting of 15 non-elected officials has been tasked with redrawing the city's 51 Council districts to account for population growth identified by the 2010 census.

The commission recently released a set of proposed new districts, which will be the subject of an Oct. 10 public hearing at LaGuardia Community College. At first glance, it seemed the districts largely stayed the same, yet the blocks selected to be shuffled between two seats could have drastic effects on representation in northeast Queens.

Mitchell-Linden, group of co-ops in Flushing, would be split between two districts under the current proposal. About half of the co-ops would stay in the more urban district represented by Democrat Koo, while the other half would move into the more residential district represented by Republican Halloran. The residents of Mitchell-Linden are outraged, according to the co-op's civic association president, Arlene Fleishman.

"It's not right to split us up," she said.

Fleishman contended that co-ops and the growing Asian-American popu-



Mitchell-Linden, a group of Flushing co-ops, is split between the districts of City Council members Dan Halloran (I.) and Peter Koo in a current proposal. Photo by Rich Bockmann

lation who are buying them would make Koo's district a more logical choice.

Nearby, a group of homeowners from North Flushing are having just the opposite problem. They want to be put into Halloran's district, which more closely resembles the single-family detached homes of their neighborhood, yet the current plan calls for the area to be placed between the two districts.

doesn't sense," said Tyler Cassell, president of the North Flushing Civic Association. "There is no reason to do that, except for political reasons."

The Queens Civic Congress, a coalition of civic organizations representing residents around the borough, has drawn up maps of its own that swap the two areas and bolster its decision with statistics showing the population, racial and ethnic makeup of the two areas are nearly identical.

The congress roughly estimated the switch would put about 1,500 more registered voters from the condos into Halloran's district, vet Mitchell-Linden is widely known as a Democratic enclave.

land, chief of staff for Koo,

said the councilman did

not make any requests to

could change the lines to

benefit or hurt us," he said.

noting that as long as down-

town Flushing remains the

epicenter of the district.

Koo feels confident about

his 2013 re-election pros-

"We didn't feel they

the commission.

pects.

In the 2009 election, Halloran beat Democrat Kevin Kim by about 900 votes, according to records from the city Board of Elec-

But the councilman said the lines would likely be switched to reflect the wishes of the community.

"This was a first draft," he said, adding that he doubted the commission purposely put Mitchell-Linden into his district.

"Clearly, that is not the intention of the commission. I anticipate it will all go into Councilman Koo's district," he said.

A political insider familiar with the redistricting process said Democratic legislators often have a say in the process and can request changes to their district, meaning Koo may have had the opportunity to cut out the co-ops if he felt they would not have been beneficial to him.

But James McClel-

The NYC Districting Commission will hold five public hearings from October 2, 2012 to October 11, 2012. These hearings are open to the public. Individuals wishing to pre-register for speaking time or to submit written testimony in advance may do so by signing up online at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/districting">http://www.nyc.gov/districting</a>. Individuals wishing to speak at any hearing will be provided up to three minutes of speaking time.

NOTICE OF DISTRICTING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS FROM OCTOBER 2, 2012 TO OCTOBER 11, 2012

BRONX Tuesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5:30PM – 9:00PM	Bronx Community College 2155 University Avenue Bronx, NY 10453
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QUEENS Wednesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup> 5:30PM – 9:00PM	LaGuardia Community College Little Theater 31-10 Thomson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101
BROOKLYN Thursday, October 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:30PM – 9:00PM	Medgar Evers College Founders' Auditorium 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225

Prior to the hearings, you may submit written comments to the NYC Districting Commission by mail to: NYC Districting Commission, Attn: Jonathan Ettricks, 253 Broadway, 7th Fl., NY, NY 10007, or by email to: hearings@districting.nyc.gov on or before 5:00 P.M. on the date of the hearing. Please indicate in your correspondence the date of the hearing for which you are submitting your comments.

NOTE: The hearing locations are accessible to those with physical disabilities. Individuals requesting an interpreter for sign language or any other language at any hearing should contact the NYC Districting Commission at hearings@districting.nyc.gov or by calling 212-442-0256 five days in advance of the hearing, and reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate such requests.

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### Boro Y hosts bereavement group

The Central Queens YM & YWHA, at 67-09 108th St. in Forest Hills, is a nonprofit community center offering services in Forest Hills ranging from educational to social and cultural events. The Y is now assisting those in need of healing from the deaths of loved ones over a light kosher breakfast and refreshments.

The Brunch Bunch Bereavement Group enables participants to share their losses and feelings. Participants also have the opportunity to meet other people who have been in similar situations. The program provides door-to-door transportation whenever possible. The facilitator is Lauren Fredston-Hermann, the director of the senior center at the Central Queens Y.

To receive more information about the program or schedule an initial appointment, call Fredston-Hermann at 718-268-5011, Ext. 621. You can also visit centralqueensy.org.

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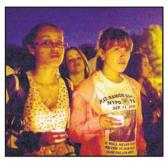
### 9/11 MEMORIAL IN JUNIPER VALLEY PARK Photos by Ken Maldonado



1 Erik and Mark Stalezer look over the list of names of those who died on 9/11.



Emma Kelly, 8, holds a candle during a memorial service held at Juniper Valley Park to remember the fall of the Twin Towers.



Jullian Suarez (c.) lost her father, Police Officer Ramon Suarez, on 9/11.

### CONCERNED AFRICAN AMERICANS OF FLUSHING BREAKFAST Photos by Christina Santucci



4 (I.-r.) Diane Rankins, Jerry Forte, Miguelina Roman-Acosta, Sandy Contreras and John Rosario attend the luncheon.



John Choe (c.) with Pauline Murray (l.) and Al Rankins, president of Concerned African Americans of Flushing. Choe received the 2012 "Community Leadership" Award.



John Choe (I.) with Miguelina Roman-Acosta, an activist in Flushing, and Rankins, who was presented with a commendation.

### GREATER JAMAICA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE MEETING Photos by Walter Karling



7 James Vaccaro, the director of Security & Quality Control of the Jamaica Alliance Security Team, gives an overview of efforts to make the area safer and shopper-friendly.



9 Discussing the 11th Annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 13, are Joseph Newton, Annette Lopez, William Martin, Jonathan Rodriguez and Melissa Evans.



103th Precinct Deputy Inspector Charles McEvoy presents an update on crime statistics.

### LGBT OBAMA FUND-RAISER IN JACKSON HEIGHTS Photos by Christina Santucci



10 Councilman Daniel Dromm speaks about attending the recent Democratic National Convention during the Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens' fund-raiser.



12 Victoria Steinberg, the neighborhood team leader for Jackson Heights, addresses the crowd.



Michael Goldman of Hollis Hills signs up to ride a bus to Pennsylvania to campaign for President Barack Obama.



## Innovative frame designer brings life to living spaces around the world



#### BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Everyone needs more green in their lives.

A growing Astoria-based business — Luludi Living Frames — is all about "bringing nature indoors as art and framing it," said owner and designer Liza Fiorentinos, 51, a Greek American who decided to bid farewell to her corporate life and a profitable career so she could jump-start her new creative venture.

With her studio in the same building where she and husband, Evangelos, live, the artist says it makes it easy to work long hours.

"Luludi' means flower in Greek, and the fun spelling was a friend's suggestion," said Fiorentinos, whose once-stifled entrepreneurial spirit blossomed and flourished like her amazing living frames.

#### The Feng Shui connection

According to the Chinese philosophy of Feng Shui, plants symbolize growth and vibrant life, purifying the air while emitting positive energy that contributes to the good flow of chi (energy) in your home — crucial for maintaining health, general well-being and sound relationships.

The correct placement of furniture and use of indoor plants — or green living frames — can turn your personal space into an inviting and serene haven, sprucing up even the dullest, chi-

deprived digs.

As integral elements of Luludi Living Frames, indoor plants and greenery are combined with decorative objects and may be enjoyed as lush wall accents or unique displays. Adding a warm glow to the mix with LED lighting, each colorful creation promises to enhance the ambience in any room.

"Plants are also incredible as good mood boosters — all the while inspiring creativity and awe," says Fiorentinos.

And each frame is named after a special person: "The Maria frame after my mother; the

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# Ella' musical brings jazz spirit back to Queens

BY ARLENE MCKANIC

How many people know that Queens, starting in the 1920s, was once home to a colony of jazz greats? Many of them had sumptuous homes within a few blocks of each other in Addesleigh Park, although Louis Armstrong was famous for living in Corona. Among the denizens of Addesleigh Park back then was Ella Fitzgerald, and a new musical about her, called simply "Ella," will premier at the Queens Theatre on Sept. 27.

Ray Cullom, executive director of the Queens Theatre, produced the show about a year ago in New Haven. After success in Los Angeles, Washington D.C. and other places, he is now bringing it to Queens.

"It did unbelievably well," he says. "Tina Fabrique, who plays Ella, is so transcendentally good that



Tina Fabrique plays Ella Fitzgerald in Queens Theatre's new musical, "Ella," showing through Oct. 7. Image courtesy Queens Theatre

the audience thought she was Ella Fitzgerald. It's a great way to bring that American songbook to a new generation of people."

The play, directed by Rob Ruggerio, gives audience members a new insight into Fitzgerald, Cullom says.

"She was a private per-

son, a complex person," he

The musical takes place in Nice, France, when Fitzgerald learns that her sister has died. A further complication is that her sister was raising a boy, who did not know that Ella was in fact his mother. All of a sudden, the boy was motherless. It was, Cullom says, one of the few times that Ella showed something of her emotions during a concert.

"Also, along the way you learn how no one would give her a chance," Cullom claims, "because she wasn't beautiful. She was a plain girl. But in 1934 she got her chance when the headliners didn't show up. That's when it started, and it didn't stop till 50 years later."

Cullom first saw Fabrique during a production of "The Women of Brewster Place" at the Arena Stage in Washington D.C. "The thing about her playing Ella is she doesn't sound like Ella, but captures the way Ella interprets a song. She really captures Ella better than someone who tries to sound like her. It's not a revue, not a concert, but a play."

Fabrique is backed by a five-piece band during the two-hour show. The band not only provides music, but the band members play different people. The trumpeter, for example, plays Louis Armstrong at one point. "The players step into the shoes of some jazz greats," Cullom says.

Happily, the musical doesn't just deal with a particular drama in Fitzgerald's life, but goes through

her whole songbook, from "A Tisket, A Tasket," "They Can't Take That Away From Me," and other beloved hits.

"Her career took precedence," Cullom says. "She didn't let anything get in the way, not family, not her husbands, not children, I think if she looked back on it she might be a little melancholy. but I don't think she would have done it any other way."

A pre-show dinner and reception will be held on Sept. 28 with dinner and cocktails at 6 p.m. before the 7:30 p.m. showing. A cast meet-and-greet will follow.

"Ella" will be at the Queens Theatre till Oct. 7.

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## Luludi

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Aphrodite after my niece and godchild. They come in eight chic colors and at least 20 different shapes."

Just as Feng Shui directs energy to achieve harmony, the career gal finally found balance in her life doing what she loved best. Working 24/7 to make her dream a reality was energizing, "I had never worked so hard in my life and yet I was never tired," she says. She launched www.luludi. net on Oct. 18, 2011.

#### The back story

"I was raised in Africa. thanks to a Greek father who had wanderlust and a Greek mother who obliged. We handcrafted jewelry and hair combs, renting spaces at festivals," Fiorentinos says.

At 20, she returned to New York to attend college, but got a great job in advertising, working her way up the ranks at different companies, becoming a vice president at 27 and burning out in her early 30s.

At that time, Turner Broadcasting offered her an opportunity to join its CNN office in Paris and she spent 13 wonderful years there. But the frustrated artisan felt her heart was still an entrepreneurial one, so she quit her job and in 2010 moved back to New York to be with her beau and start anew.

"All my life I dreamed of owning my own business," she says.

She created cardboard frames, filled them with plastic flowers and tea-lights, took photos and sent them to friends — they loved them. She commissioned several prototypes and met people in the flower, interior decorating and design worlds. Luludi Living Frames was born.

"Manufactured in Astoria out of medium-density fiberboard, then painted in a spray booth for a smooth and sleek finish, the colors are very bright and fun, but I do carry the classic black



Luludi Living Frames can be customized to accent any interior space.

and whites," says the artist.

The packaging is luxurious,

with the frame arriving in a

soft flannel bag and tons of

lavender tissue paper. "We

include a seed-card as our

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the card grows wild flow-

ers. Customers love it and

it's the most memorable gift

they have ever received, as

launched a cart at Roosevelt

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Fiorentinos recently

it keeps on growing."

L.I. to jump-start the retail market.

Her fabulous emerald moss purses, with live colorful plants in them are a hit. Joining the lineup are themed glass terrariums, which are mini living worlds whose small size makes them perfect for desks, bedsides and kitchens. The most popular — horoscope terrariums have the zodiac stone featured for each month. "It's Photo by Anastassios Mentis

really good Feng Shui to have your zodiac stone in your space," says Fiorenti-

Clients also love the crystal terrariums made of citrine, amethyst, moonstone and agate, each with different healing proper-

Children's frames can be constructed using two lovely hand-painted young people's books as the living frames, or a kiddie terrar-

ium line with colorful fair- 37 ies, warriors and sea creatures in the glass — with air plants and pebbles.

"Our new line, soon available at the mall and online, includes glass hearts and tear drop terrariums that come with beautifully hued sands and pebbles, and a variety of air plants and cacti."

#### Gift ideas

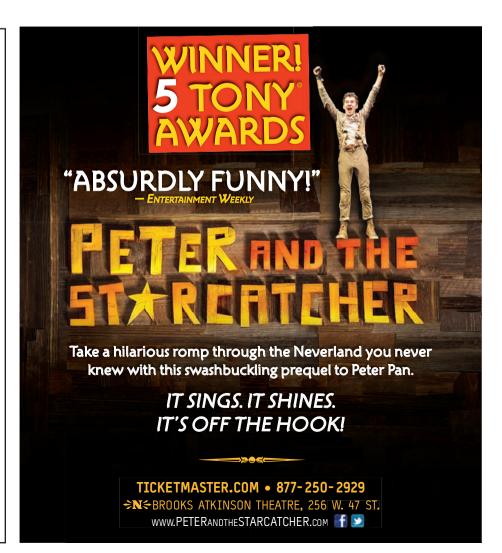
For Halloween there are orange and black sand terrariums, featuring fun, scary creatures accompanying the plants in glass terrariums.

"For the holidays, we're premiering our moss balls with holiday decorations, and Christmas balls with plants inside for the tree; even rattan reindeer shapes that hold plants.

"Inspiration is everywhere," says Fiorentinos. "Ideas pop into my mind like millions of air bubbles, and I get frustrated at not being able to chase every one up."

Call 1-888-9-luludi or email info@luludi.net.

KC and the Sunshine Band performed on the upper level of Resorts World Casino in Jamaica on Sept. 8, electrifying the crowd with 14 of their hits including "Shake Your Booty," "I'm Your Boogey Man," "That's the Way I Like It," and, as an encore, "Get Down Tonight." Photo by Norm Harris



## THE ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

### KIDS & FAMILY

The Fall Mamas Expo - As Queens becomes one of the fastest-growing hotspots for New York City families, the Museum is pleased to team up with The Mamas Network to present a weekend devoted to parenting resources and family fun. From finding new local classes and schools to learning about the best innovative products and retail stores, parents will receive an exclusive look at the newest resources available to them. When: Sept. 22 and Sept. 23 Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria

#### Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise -

Contact: (718) 777-6888

Website: movingimage.us

Eniov a ranger-led ecology tour of Jamaica Bay. Amazing stories of the military defense of New York, get the latest updates on habitat restoration, and maybe see the fastest animal on the planet! The grand finale: A breathtaking Jamaica Bay sunset, RSVP. When: September 23, 5:30-7:30

Where: Gateway National Recreation Area, Jacob Riis Landing, State Road and Heinzelman Road, Breezy Point Contact: (718) 418-4340; colleen sorbera@nps.gov

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When: Thursdays through Sept. 27, 10:30 pm

Where: Laughing Devil Comedy Club, 47-38 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City

**Contact:** (347) 91-DEVIL Website: www.laughingdevil.com

#### Oktoberfest in the Garden

- The festival honors the German-American heritage of the Voelker and Orth families who made Flushing their home for three generations. When: September 29, 5:30 pm

Where: Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing Contact: (718) 359-6227 Website: www.vomuseum.org

#### Autumn Moon festival -

Celebrate the ancient holiday of bounty, harvest and the fullness of the moon and learn all about the myth of the immortal moon Goddess. Bring picnic blankets and summer chairs; enjoy moon cakes, arts, crafts and activities. When: September 30, 4-6 pm Where: Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main Street, Flushing

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- Ben Rosenfeld hosts five different comics each week. Comics range from underground NYC acts to nationally touring headliners. The show is absolutely free, no cover charge and no drink minimum. When: Tuesdays, 8 pm Where: On the Rox Lounge. 43-03 Broadway, Astoria Contact: Ben Rosenfeld ben@ bigbencomedy.com Website: bigbencomedy.com/ blog/archives/astoria\_comedy\_

#### First Sundays for Families

all stars

- The Queens Museum of Art and MetLife Foundation invite families of all ages to an exciting array of interactive dance, art and music workshops. When: First Sunday of each

month, 1:30-4:30 pm Cost: Free

Where: Queens Museum of Art. New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park **Contact:** (718) 592-9700

#### GALLERIES & **E**XHIBITS

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When: Through Oct. 26 Where: Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing **Contact:** (718) 997-5000

Godwin-Ternbach Museum Re-opening Exhibit - The Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College will re-open with a special retrospective of nearly 40 paintings and collages by the important Swiss abstract artist H.A. Sigg. This occasion will also mark the unveiling of the museum's new lobby gallery, where rotating displays from its

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Choice - Celebrate the silver anniversary of the art center. When: Through Oct. 26 Where: Queens College Arts Center, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushina

**Contact:** (718) 997-3770 Website: qc.cuny.edu/Art Library/artcenter.html

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When: Through Nov. 26 Where: SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City Contact: (718) 361-1750: sculpture-center.org

The Artist Within: The Urge to Create - A diverse collection of art pieces from the Jamaica Estates Association. The exhibit will include sculpture, textile art, painters, photographers and various digital and multimedia art.

When: Through Sept. 30 Where: Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main Street, Flushing Contact: (718) 539-5296 Website: www. queensbotanical.org

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Where: Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Astoria Contact: (718) 956-1819 Website:

socratesscultpurepark.org

Ada Bobnis: Stages, Mountains, Water - Site-specific installation that transforms the museum's second-floor into a Caribbean landscape. Geometric compositions in hues of blue and green are either painted on the wall or adhered to the glass railing façade in the form of transfucent color film. The work is inspired by the Panama Canal, one of the most transformative world events in the 19th century. When: Through Jan. 6, 2013 Where: Queens Museum of Art, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

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Website: aueensmuseum.ora

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TimesLedger Newspapers Sep. 13-19, 2012

#### **By Pete Canty Rhyming Phrases**



#### Across

- Type of lift
- 4 "1984" setting
- 11 Cleopatra biter
- 14 Bard's nightfall
- 15 Courageous, as an effort
- 16 Saturn, for one
- 17 Treat to a nice dinner
- Maria
- 20 Land of leprechauns
- 21 Snaky swimmers
- 22 Like some columns
- 23 Ballerinas
- 26 Former First-Lady first name
- 27 Take the path of least resistance
- 31 Gun, as an engine
- 32 Saudi, e.g.
- 33 Pro's counterpart
- 34 Get older
- 36 Industrial city of Germany
- Perignon
- 39 Bar order
- 40 Race pace
- 41 "Thar blows!"
- 43 Completely relaxed
- 47 Clunker of a car 48 Strike callers
- 51 Pizzeria fixture
- 52 Guitarist Hendrix 55 Hindu princess
- 56 Type of suit
- 57 Goal of a tropical vacation
- 60 Be mistaken
- 61 Hazy, as details 62 Work unit
- 63 Break preceder

64 Prepares leftovers, say

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#### Down

- Put in stitches
- Actress Knightley
- Cricket division
- Lab eggs 4
- Fire
- First-born
- Campaign worker
- Screw alternative
- 9 Lodges
- 10 Had a meal
- 11 Mexico diving locale 12 "Don't forget about
- dessert" 13 Early morning hour
- 18 "More!"
- 22 Blockhead
- 24 Lamb's mother

26 Isr. neighbor

25 Long-time Yankee closer

- - 28 " luego!"
  - 29 Due follower 30 Horse-drawn cab
  - 34 Burn treatment
  - 35 Math course
  - 37 "Send help!"
  - 38 Want
  - 39 Not against the rules 40 Bowling pin quantity
  - 42 Hip-
  - 44 Prince, to a king 45 Kind of pig
  - 46 Chalkboard item
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Contact: (718) 268-5011 ext.

Website: www.centralqueensy.

#### FILM

Aliens, Gadgets and Guns: Designing the World of 'Men in Black 3' - Rick Baker, master special effects makeup artist, created the alien creatures for the Men in Black movies. His extraterrestrial creations and objects will be on display. Exclusive footage of Baker creating the creatures will be featured in the exhibit.

When: Through Sept. 23 Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria Contact: (718) 777-6888 Website: movingimage.us

#### We Tripped El Hadji Diouf: The Story of a Photoshop

**Thread** – An exploration of a Photoshop alteration that went viral. Footage of Senegalese soccer player El Hadji Diouf tripping during a match was edited by T. Finn, a member of comedy site Something Awful, and quickly took many hilarious forms. Curated by Jason Eppink, assistant curator of digital media.

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the book. When: Through Oct. 8 Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria Contact: (718) 777-6888 Website: movingimage.us

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Where: Barnes & Noble, 176-60 Union Tpke., Fresh Meadows Contact: (718) 380-7077 Heritage Sunday - A sacred

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Where: Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, 153 St. and Jamaica Ave., Jamaica Contact: (718) 658-7400 ext.

Website: ical.org ormyspace.

com/gimmeseries

First Tuesdays - Open to all who have a passion for poetry. Organized by the Jackson Heights Poetry Festival When: First Tuesdays of the

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Where: Terraza Cafe. 40-19 Gleane St., Jackson Heights Website: jhpfest.org/v2/ readings.php

Open Mic Night

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Where: The Afrikan Poetry Theatre, Inc., 176-03 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica

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Contact: (718) 523-3312

Poet Society - The Forest Hills senior center presents. When: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

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Cost: \$15 Contact: (718) 482-7069 Website: chocolate factorytheater.org

Murder at the High School Reunion - A comedy murder mystery dinner show. When: Sept. 27, 8 pm

Where: Riccardo's, 21-01 24th Ave., Astoria Contact: (718) 721-7777 Website: www.riccardos.com

**Ella** – The music of Ella Fitzgerald. When: Sept. 28, 6 pm Where: Queens Theatre, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona Contact: Box Office (718)

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Behead the Playwright -When the actors revolt who saves the playwright? Should

he be beheaded or should the actors be on trial? What's the verdict and why the revolt? Ticket sales go to the Children's Developmental Center. Call for advance tickets.

When: Sept. 28-29, 8 pm; Sept. 30, 2 pm

Where: Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd. **Cost:** \$15

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When: Sept. 28 to Sunday, Oct. 14. Thursdays - Saturdays 8 pm and Sundays 3 pm

Where: The Secret Theatre. 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City Contact: (718) 392-0722

Website: secrettheatre.com

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## Groups say land deal dumps garbage trains on Glendale

BY STEVE MOSCO

A land deal approved by the Suffolk County Legislature expanding a railyard on Long Island will bring terrible repercussions for the people of Queens, elected officials, civic groups and residents of the borough said.

More than 230 acres of public land in Yaphank, L.I., was sold to the operators of the Brookhaven Rail Terminal last Thursday immediately after Glendale and Middle Village residents pleaded their case to Suffolk officials.

Residents and elected officials said the expansion of the terminal would greatly increase the number of garbage trains passing through the Fresh Pond Rail Terminal in Glendale, increasing train traffic and hurting clean air quality.

"The expansion of this rail terminal will prove chaotic and will be a health hazard to the residents of Glendale," said Anthony Pedalino, who lives near the rail lines in Glendale and deals with the noise and odor on a nightly basis. "The people deserve a little protection. Trains sit there spewing out fumes an hour at a time. This is so inhumane, it's revolting."

The \$20 million deal gives the land to Brookhaven Terminal Operations, which said in a statement it has worked with the community before and will participate in an advisory board.

But that is not good enough for the people of Queens, who believe Suffolk County has not taken the borough's well-being into consideration.

State Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) said the already bad situation in Glendale will only get worse with the expansion of the rail terminal on Long Island.

"What we want is for Suffolk County to understand the ramifications this sale will have on the people of Queens," he said. "Somewhere down the line, it will mean additional waste for us and that is not a good thing."

Addabbo commended the public for taking action and heading out to Suffolk to speak to the Legislature. Without them, he said, the measure would have passed easier and quicker if Queens residents had not put up a stink.

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## Sickle Cell walk

The Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network held its annual walk in southeast Queens to raise awareness and funds for sickle cell research. (Clockwise from top I.) Vanessa Hobson holds her grandson Tyler Joseph, who was diagnosed with sickle cell at the age of three months; organizers are joined on stage by several participants who suffer from sickle cell; Natalie Bezout (c.) speaks about her experience with the disease, saying that adults are often depicted as drug addicts; Aniyah Dunn peeks out of the bouncy castle; Gloria Rochester, OSCAN founder, organized the walk from York College to Roy Wilkins Park; and Dr. Reginald Hughes from Jamaica Hospital brought his son, Photo by Christina Santucci Mansour.





## Miller retains Assembly seat as weak turnout marks race

BY STEVE MOSCO

With the campaign responsibilities of a primary election now behind him, state Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven) is anxious to get back to work and tackle the issues facing his community after retaining his Assembly seat.

"There is no for us," Miller said of himself and his staff. "There is always going to be a lot of work to do here."

Miller, who does not have an opponent in the November election, defeated Etienne David Adorno in the 38th Assembly District Democratic Party primary last Thursday, grabbing 71 percent of the votes to the 27-year-old Adorno's 29 percent

The assemblyman, who represents parts of Woodhaven, Glendale,

Ridgewood, Richmond Hill and Ozone Park, said his re-election was based on experience and record qualities he believes help spur action in Albany.

"The people sent us a message with this election," Miller said on the night of his victory. "This put all the rumors and rhetoric to rest — and I'm ready

to go back to work for the people and continue the greatest job I've ever had."

Miller, a Glendale resident, cited raising the minimum wage as his key issue along with improving the quality of life in Woodhaven, in particular. The assemblyman said raising minimum wage would help the entire community rebound after some tough financial stretches.

"There are many families struggling in my community. People are working two or three jobs just to

make ends meet," he said.
"If we raise the minimum wage, the added bonus is that people are going to spend that money locally. This will lead to more jobs and help even more families survive."

The Sept. 13 primary drew 2,021 total votes in the 38th Assembly District, a weak turnout which some say suffered from the election's unusual placement on a Thursday, where it was moved to avoid coinciding with the Sept. 11 anniversary.

City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio is more concerned with voters knowing where to cast their ballots in November than voter turnout for the primary. He said the city Board of Elections needs to get the word out to voters, whose polling places have changed due to redistricting or other factors, in a more timely fashion.

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2009 and pulled the transit agency back from a financial abyss. The MTA has appealed the ruling of State Supreme Court Justice Bruce Cozzens, a move hailed by many officials in the area covered by the

Supporters of the tax say they are confident it will be upheld on appeal.

The transit advocacy agency Straphangers Campaign called for putting tolls on East River bridges as a dedicated source of transit revenue.

Tolling the bridges has

been suggested for many years but has always met heavy opposition.

Former MTA Chairman Richard Ravitch, had a rescue plan, not needed as it turned out, for the beleaguered transit agency back in 2009 that included tolls on East and Harlem river bridges.

"User fees will come back and back and they will happen," Ravitch said in a speech at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Reach contributing writer Philip Newman by email at timesledgernews@ cnglocal.com or phone at 718-260-4536.



Discounts on pay-per-ride MetroCards could be reduced or eliminated, according to MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota.

## Soda

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of-its-kind measure that will limit the size of sugary drinksinanyestablishment that requires a city Department of Health grade, including restaurants, movie theaters and sports arenas. It will not apply to alcoholic beverages, fruit juice or milk-based drinks.

Bloomberg has said the ban will help curb the costs of treating obesity-related ailments, which he says is \$4 billion per year.

"NYC's new sugary drink policy is the single biggest step any government has taken to curb obesity," the mayor, who proposed the rule, said in a tweet. "It will help save lives."

Other supporters such as the Center for Science in the Public Interest have also pointed out that soda and other sugary drinks provide more calories than any other source in the American diet.

The ban will take effect March 12, 2013, but the city will not begin fining vendors who violate the ban until mid-June.

The Board of Health passed the rule in a vote of 8-0, with one member abstaining, one member absent and one vacancy on the board.

## JFK

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maintaining security at the airport were allegedly involved in the scheme," said Brown. "If a terrorist wanted to breach airport security, the alleged actions of these defendants gave then a back-door opportunity to do so."

The security service employing the guards alleg-

edly involved in the scam said the company learned of serious infractions by an employee they inherited from the airport's previous security contractor after catching him in the act.

"Rather than terminate this individual and launch our own investigation, FJC worked cooperatively with law enforcement to fully investigate this matter," said a spokesman with FJC Security Services. "The employees arrested have been terminated."

The airport workers are variously charged with bribe receiving, receiving a reward for official misconduct, grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property.

Port Authority Inspector Van Etten said the emplovees betraved the trust of the city and the thousands of passengers that pass through the airport every day.

"The defendants ar-

rested in Operation Last Call violated and sold out their position of trust and access to the secure areas of the airport, including access to commercial aviation, all for personal greed," he said. "More egregious, is the conduct of three security guards employed to secure, protect and report crime at JFK International Airport but who also were involved in selling out their positions of trust to line their pockets."

## **Protest**

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ion," said Donovan Finn, of the Jackson Heights Green Alliance, who addressed the crowd. "But all of them together are a death blow to Flushing Meadows."

The city Parks Department website states Flushing Meadows Corona Park is about 1,260 acres, but Finn and the coalition estimated that with all the proposals and additions to the park over the years. including Meadow Lake, roads, stadiums and parking lots, actual usable parkland during construction of these projects would be reduced to 250 acres.

And that would deprive the densely populated communities on either side of the park of a leafy escape in which to relax or engage in recreational activities, according to several neighbors who testified as part of the presentation.

The redevelopment of Willets Point, a collection of auto shops and industrial businesses in what is known as the Iron Triangle, includes the construction of a 1.4-million-squarefoot mall to be built in what is now the western parking lot for Citi Field — parkland that is leased to the New York Mets by the city.

The United States Tennis Center is proposing construct parking garages on the site. The entire project will require 0.76 more acres of parkland to be added to the tennis center. And over the summer,

to renovate one of its sta-

diums, move another and

Major League Soccer began talking with Queens lawmakers about building a 9-acre stadium on the site of some derelict fountains from the 1964 World's Fair.

"All this council is asking for is that we have a voice in the process," Finn said.

The coalition distributed pledge cards where those in attendance could sign up to flood 311 with phone calls, hand out informational fliers in the park or even testify at an upcoming hearing about Willets Point.

But state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) contended that the proposed soccer stadium enjoys widespread in the community, which would seem to contradict the tone of Monday's meeting.

"A privately funded soccer stadium to replace a big hole in the ground filled with dirty water is a good deal for soccer fans and the park-goers who would get to enjoy the many upgrades to the park," he said. "And we can certainly use the construction. game-day and permanent jobs that the stadium would create."

## LaGuardia

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them to be there for their families and told them they were a model for future students in the program.

"I don't expect any of you to fall off the wagon," Bloomberg said. "You're not just doing this for yourselves. You're doing this for vour children."

Jamaica resident Cory Shaw, 22, spoke during the commencement about how he had wanted to guit the program because he had to go to the 9 a.m. Academy classes after getting out of work overnight at a stockroom at 6 a.m. But Shaw said on the day he did not show up, Program Coordinator Raheem Brooks called him and asked him to come back.

He is now working at

Macy's and has enrolled in LaGuardia as an industrial design major.

"If it wasn't for y'all, I wouldn't be in college." Shaw said to the staff.

Shaw also read a poem he dedicated to his 2-yearold daughter Nivaya.

Harlem resident James Kimble, 24, said when he was young he was a criminal, marijuana abuser and group home resident, but since he was released from

prison he has worked hard to turn his life around. He is now enrolled in LaGuardia and John Jav colleges. is a part of a small business program for those with criminal histories and is dedicated to helping be a better father to his daughter Serenity, 5.

"It provided me an opportunity I wouldn't have otherwise," Kimble said of the program.

## **Muslims**

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gion or their God, but there is a disconnection. We feel we must defend our God and some of us take that to the furthest extreme."

An expert in religious studies agreed, saying that most Americans cannot comprehend the devotion to traditional values being expressed by Muslims.

"We here in the West have a different relationship with our faith, one that is more secularized and it is hard to understand the deeper emotions," said Emily Burnham, a religious studies professor at St. John's University. "Their tendency is to take insults toward their faith on a much more personal level than we can relate to. The freedom of speech laws in this part of the world are incomprehensible."

But Burnham cautioned not to lump all of the protesters together as fighting for one cause.

"We can't assume that just because they are all at the same place that they are there for the same reasons," she said. "Some are protesting the movie, some are protesting Western policies and some are there iust because they are angry young men."

## Business

## Asian fast-food chain opens boro store front

### Flushing now home to first Sarku Japan, which sells fresher and healthier fare, outside of a mall

BY KAREN FRANTZ

A new fast-food option is available in Flushing that offers quick, made-to-order food without a lot of the unhealthy trappings usually associated with such fast fare: Sarku Japan.

With menu items such as chicken, beef and shrimp teriyaki — as well as other Japanese staples such as sushi, dumplings and spring rolls — the store's manager, Janet Xie, said customers like the food because it tastes fresh. And she said it also does not hurt that it is a bit better for you than some other fast-food options.

"It's low calorie compared with other fast-food — McDonald's, Wendy's," she said. "And I think more healthy, too."

She said the store receives daily shipments and the food is made fresh every day. What is not used is thrown out or given to employees to take home at the end of the day.

In addition, unlike Chinese fast-food, little of Japanese is deep-fried, she said.

"Here the only thing is the tempura is deep fried," she said. "And others like chicken teriyaki we just put on the grill.

She said the fried rice is also made without meat, unlike the Chinese version, and the vegetables are steamed instead of cooked in oil.

The Japanese fast-food franchise, which boasts it is the largest and most successful Japanese fast-food chain in the United States, has mostly operated in



Customers line up to order lunch at Sarku Japan in Flushing, the first storefront branch of the Japanese fast-food chain in Queens. Photo by Karen Frantz

food courts since 1987 but expanded to include store fronts in 2008.

The Flushing branch opened Aug. 1, at 133-38 Whitestone Expwy., becoming the first store front location in Queens and adding to the food court option that already exists in Queens Center. An additional Sarku Japan store front will soon open on Junction Boulevard.

Xie said customers are happy to have the Whitestone Expressway location.

"A lot of the customers, they come and they say it's very convenient for them," she said. "They don't have to go to the mall anymore."

She said she and her husband and brother, who financed the branch and are also managers, have been loyal Sarku Japan customers for years. She said they would go out to eat the food together "all of the time."

"I love this food," she said. "I went to the mall and I have tried this food and then I love it."

She said later when they saw a sticker outside of the food court inviting people to become franchisees, they jumped on the opportunity.

Customer Willie Mejia, who owns a few autoblast companies in Brooklyn and lives in the Bronx, said he goes out of his way to go to the Sarku Japan branch in Flushing "almost every

"It tastes more fresh," he said. "Even though you have to wait a while for them to prepare it, you don't mind waiting because it's so good."

He said he even brings his employees to the store sometimes.

"I try not to eat all day just so I can eat here, the food is that good," he said.

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# Sports



Lekeith Celestain returns punt during game between Mount St.

Michael and Holy Cross in the Bronx. Photo by Robert Cole

## Holy Cross shocks Mount in final drive

BY MIKE MCAVOY

Lekeith Celestain was in quarterback Michael Loprete's ear throughout the game.

"Whenever you're ready," the Holy Cross senior wide receiver kept telling him.

Loprete decided it was time to take Celestain up on his offer, with the score tied late in the game.

Loprete floated a pass over the middle of the defense in Celestain's direction with nine seconds remaining. He snatched it out of the air and then proceeded to march 31 yards into the end zone to give Holy Cross a thrilling 20-14 win over Mount St. Michael in a CHSFL Class AAA game at Bayside Athletic Field Sunday afternoon.

"Just lay it out there and I'll go and get if for you," Celestain said he told Loprete.

Cross began the drive at their 23-yard line with under a minute left to play. The Knights (2-0, 1-0) could have chosen to run out the clock and play for overtime, but Coach Tom Pugh had a different idea. Celestain, who also returned an interception 92 yards for a score with 19 seconds left in the first half, was going to be given a chance to make a play.

"We weren't going to kneel and kill the clock," Pugh said. "Not when you have a D-I talent like Celestain, he sees the field and he scores."

They attempted two deep passes to Celestain, who was under-utilized for most of the afternoon, down the left sideline, but both were slightly overthrown. After a 43-yard run by junior Jordan Francklin brought the ball to the Mount 31-yard line, Loprete went back Celestain's way. The touchdown pass vindicated Loprete, who earlier threw an interception that set up Mount's touchdown drive late in the fourth.

"Right now, I can't even tell you how I feel," Loprete Continued on Page 49

## A fallen star remembered

## Year after Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy was killed, pains remain

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

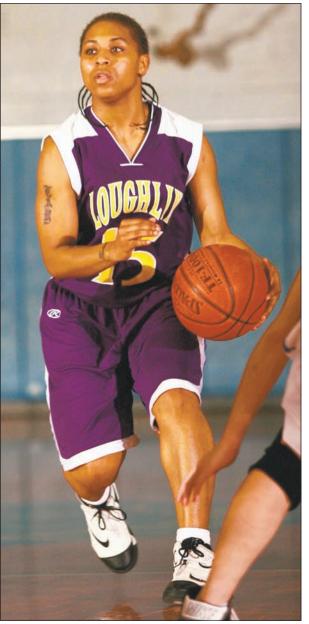
The emotions rushed back to Kasim Alston as he lit a candle on the park court where his goddaughter and former girls' hoops star Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy grew up playing before her death.

"Honestly, it doesn't seem that it's real, even though a year has past," Alston said. "I just don't understand this. I just don't understand why she isn't here."

He and dozens of Murphy's family and friends remembered the former Bishop Loughlin and Murry Bergtraum standout at the Queensbridge Houses Sept. 11 for the one-year anniversary of her death. They placed pictures of Murphy around the court and lit candles before joining in prayer. Murphy's immediate family visited her grave later in the day. The 18-year-old was shot and killed in the hallway of Harlem's Grant Houses in a gang-related incident during the early morning hours a year ago.

"I had a tougher time leading up to that [anniversary]," Alston said. "It brought back some hard times during the day. I just had to toughen up and fight throughout it."

Murphy's death sent shockwaves through the city's girls' basketball community at the time and last week many players posted about her on their Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. She was one of the top-ranked seniors in the country in her class. Before the incident



Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy, once a talented basketball player at Bishop Loughlin and Murry Bergtraum, was shot and killed Sept. 11, 2011. Photo by Kendall Rodriquez

she was getting ready to start her senior season at Bergtraum after recovering from a torn ACL.

Murphy, who had her tuition at Loughlin paid for

by Los Angeles Lakers star Metta World Peace, was a citywide name as a freshman. She transferred to the now-closed St. Michael Academy in the middle of

her sophomore year before heading to Bergtraum, for which she never got to play.

"We never thought we would lose anybody like that," Loughlin senior Imani Tate said. "That's what I thought about. We wanted to celebrate the time that she was with us."

Neither Loughlin nor Bergtraum did anything officially to remember Murphy. Lady Blazers Coach Ed Grezinsky said a number of his players wore the "Chicken" warmup shirts they used during the season and some hung pictures of Murphy around their necks. She garnered the nickname because of her bowlegs that made her walk like a chicken. Bergtraum dedicated last season's run to a 14th-straight PSAL Class AA city title and state Federation final to Murphy. Loughlin did the same as it went on to win the state Federation Class A crown.

"It's hard to accept that someone with so much life and so much to live for is just gone just like that," Grezinsky said. "It's still kind of hard."

Murphy continued to be remembered in other ways throughout the year. Bergtraum retired her number and Alston and her father Taylonn helped organize a girls' basketball tournament over the summer with games played in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. Still, things like that only do so much good for those who knew her.

"It's always there, that emptiness," Taylon Murphy said.

## <sup>48</sup> Christ the King takes first loss in football season

#### BY JOE PANTORNO

Christ the King opened the Tyree Allison era with a lopsided football win over Nazareth last weekend, but an early winning streak for the first-year coach will have to wait. The Royals were routed 43-6 at the hands of Bishop Ford in a Catholic High School Football League Class AA game at John Adams Saturday afternoon.

Senior wide receiver Jordan Fuchs had five receptions for 107 yards in Week 1, but was held to just three catches, his first coming with 6 minutes left in the game, for 49 yards. He felt his number wasn't called as much as he expected. Running back James Coleman, who had 327 yards and seven touchdowns against the Kingsmen, was also shut down.

"I just have to go in and watch some film and see what I can do better." Fuchs said.

Christ the King's defense allowed Ford's junior running back Dante Aiken to rush for 147 yards and



Christ the King's head Coach Tyree Allison and his team huddle after the practice in Juniper Valley Park.

four consecutive touchdowns that immediately put the Royals (1-1, 1-0) in 28-0 hole. The defense was also prone to big plays through the air as Ford senior quarterback Xaviah Mattocks threw for 122 yards on four completions.

"This game didn't turn out as expected," said Fuchs. "We'll just have to start looking forward to next week."

The offense sputtered. With Fuchs limited, the running game was non-existent as the offensive line was having a troublesome afternoon. Bishop Ford had three sacks and the countless pressure forced senior quarterback Matthew Gluick to throw two interceptions.

"The defense played lights out today," Ford Coach Jim Esposito said. "We allowed Fuchs to catch a touchdown pass but we did a spectacular job with

I just have to go in and watch some film and see what I can do better.

**Jordan Fuchs** 

Christ the King wide receiver

When the Royals tried to be aggressive, they were burned by the stellar Ford defense. On three occasions they went for it on fourth down and they were shut down on each of them.

"It was extremely frustrating," Fuchs said.

Christ the King scored its only points of the game with 1:20 left in the fourth quarter, when Fuchs started to make an impact. His first reception came via a 30-yard fade down the left sideline, followed by a leaping touchdown catch from 6 yards out.

"It's like a cycle," Fuchs said. "It starts all over again."

## LIC soccer players, field need ample time for repair

#### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Long Island City girls' soccer practices at the school involve avoiding cones, but have nothing to do with the players dribbling through and around

"Part of the field where the carpet comes up, it's totally ripped," Bulldogs Coach Mark Skorupski said. "It's coned off and we are not allowed in that

The team, which has won the PSAL Queens A-V title the last three seasons, reached its first quarterfinals a year ago and will try to better that without a full home field. They practice on small patches as the school waits on the old Astroturf field to be officially deemed unplayable so they can begin renovations, according to Skorupski. Until then the Bulldogs will play home games at St. Michael's Playground in Astoria, a five-minute drive from the school.

"Something is missing this season," the coach said. "We always look forward to the home games. Not having it is a huge disappointment."

Their home field isn't the only thing Long Island City is missing this season. It has suffered a rash of injuries in the early season. Skorupski said he has lost more kids in the last three weeks than he did in three previous years. He did not



Long Island City players practice on the field at their school. Photo by Christina Santucci

think the practice conditions had anything to do

The Bulldogs are play-

ing without four starters because of ankle injuries, including junior midfielder Alison Dowdle and her 23

goals from a year ago. She is expected back this week after hurting herself in a win over Forest Hills last week. Senior Stephanie Escala is on crutches. Stopper Diana Rodriguez is out, and starting goalie Kaitlyn Kripfgan fractured her ankle at tryouts and is lost for the rest of the year.

"I just need them to come back," senior forward Geraldine Huisa said. "This is my last year. I want to do better."

Long Island City has already seen its 23-game league winning streak end 3-2 to Townsend Harris last Thursday and is off to a 3-1 start overall. Huisa was emotional after the loss to the Hawks and Dowdle was fighting back tears as she felt helpless on the sidelines. A depleted defense watched Townsend Harris star Olivia McFadden tally a hat trick. Long Island City bounced back with a 9-0 win over Thomas Edi-

"If we lose players, we have to all step up," Huisa said. "We can't lose our division this year."

Skorupski said it hurt him to watch his players' outpouring of emotion after the loss. He understands how tough the start of this season has been on them from no home field to all the injuries.

"You have to deal with whatever you got," Skorupski said. "I'm definitely looking forward to next season and a new field."

On the previous drive. Mount found themselves on the Holy Cross 37-yard line,

down eight points with seconds ticking off the clock. In four plays, all runs, it found the end zone on an 11-vard line pitch play up the right side to senior running back Jovan Parks. Still needing a two-point conversion to tie, Mount ran the pitch to Parks, who again found the end zone to tie the score at

"They couldn't stop it," Parks said.

An extra session wasn't something Celestain and Holy Cross had any desire to see and he made sure of it.

"It shouldn't have gotten to the point that it did," Celestain said. "So I wanted to get it over with."

#### St. John's fencers meet President Obama

All Team USA members of the 2012 Olympic Games gathered at the White House last week to meet President Barack Obama, including St. John's fencers Daryl Homer and Dagmara Wozniak.

"I'm unbelievably grateful to have met President Obama," Homer said. "This is a memory I will always cherish."

Homer, 22, placed sixth in men's saber. It was his first Olympic Games. He matched alumnus Keeth Smart's career-best Olympic finish and hit the highest place mark for an American since Peter Westbrook earned a bronze medal in 1984.

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## St. Francis Prep racks up the yardage in first win

BY DANIEL MARTIN

The belly was a beast.

St. Francis Prep returned to its traditional run-first "belly" offense in football this season, shedding the spread set it used the last few years and ran all over Cardinal Haves. The Terriers ran 55 plays, all but nine of which were on the ground, amassing 339 total yards.

"We were, basically, looking for high tempo and to run it down their throats," running back Justin Guerre said. "It was just toughness, bringing the old St. Francis style, you know."

It was enough to earn a 41-34 win over Cardinal Hayes in a Catholic High School Football League Class AA-A game at Mitchel Field Saturday night. Guerre carried the ball 13 times for 97 yards and scored three touchdowns.

"We wanted to run it until they stopped us," assistant Coach Richie Carroll said.

Vince O'Connor, in his 59th season as head coach watched from the press box. He fell on the sideline trying to avoid a collision in SFP's season opening loss to Washingtonville in a non-league game last week and is still recovering.

Like O'Connor's club, Cardinal Hayes (1-1, 0-1) centered its offensive game plan around the ground game, leaning heavily on running back Patrick Heumegni, who scored three rushing touchdowns and also had an 89-yard kick return for a score.

"[Heumegni] is a dynamic football player," Cardinal Hayes head Coach C.J. O'Neil said. "He's going to make things happen above what we 'X and O."

The game got out to a quick start, with St. Francis Prep (1-1, 1-0) leading 34-28 at halftime. Despite the start, another score did not come for either team until the 11:02 mark of the fourth quarter when St. Francis quarterback John Hurley

hit receiver Joey Troina for a 40-yard touchdown to help put the Terriers up 41-28.

"The defense that we were playing against was so focused on the run game." Carroll said. "So we did a little play action and there [the touchdown] was."

Cardinal Haves answered back immediately with a long drive that was punctuated by a three-yard touchdown run by Heumegni to pull Hayes to within seven. A quick St. Francis possession gave Cardinal Haves one final shot to tie the score, but a fourth down tackle for a loss by Terrence Stackpole gave possession back to the Terriers, who were able to run out the clock on an impressive first win.

"We're looking forward to getting better and better," Guerre said. "We didn't score many points in the second half, so we have to work on that, but we just have to keep the high tempo going."

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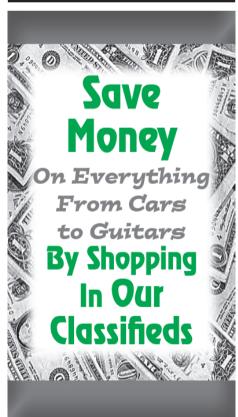
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LAUREN LINGENHOL ROBERT L. LINGENHOL;

et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s):
ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fish-kill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about June 8. 2012. I will sell at Public der at Queens County Su-Court located Sutphin Boulevard, in Courtroom #25, Jamaica, NY 11435.

On October 19, 2012 at 11:00 AM Premises known as 2016 MENAHAN STREET, RIDGEWOOD, NY 11385 Section: 00 Block: 3384

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Approximate amount of judgment \$507,336.47 plus interest and costs INDEX NO. 419/11

David Cohen,

NOTICE OF SALE COURT SUPREME QUEENS COUNTY Deutsche Bank National

Trust Company as Trustee Under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of November 1, 2005 Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2005-HE6; Plaintiff(s) vs. SHERYL LAURIMORE;

et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s):
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foreclosure and sale grant-ed herein on or about January 6, 2012, I will sell Auction to the at Public highest bidder at Queens County Supreme Court lo-Sutphin Boulevard, in room #25. or all of said individual de-

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Jamaica, NY 11435. On September 28, 2012 at 11:00 AM Premises 115-22 147TH ST., JAMAI-CA, NY 11436

Block: 11991 Lot: 4 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Bor-ough and County of

Queens, City and State of New York As more particularly scribed in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

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Approximate amount judgment \$227,638.11 plus interest and costs INDEX NO. 21939/08

Herbert A Posner, REFEREE

NEW YORK COURT SUPREME QUEENS COUNTY SUM-MONS AND NOTICE Index No. 7464-11 Borough Queens Block: 12171 Lot 6 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COL-LATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors administrators ees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons havgenerally all persons having or claiming under, by or through PENNIE C. BUR-CHETT, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are

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ENVIRONMENTAL TROL BOARD; AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN THROUGH DOE #100", the names of the last 100 defendants beina fictitious. the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any

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fendants be dead, thei heirs at law, next of kin distributees, executors, ad-ministrators, trustees, committees, devisees, lega-tees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them. and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the premises ucco complaint herein, TO Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFEN-

DANTS: YOU ARE HERE-BY SUMMONED to answer Complaint in the action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiffs' attorney within plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of ser-vice or within thirty (30) days after completion service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Queens County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises.

Dated: July 26, 2012 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DE-FENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Denis J. Butler, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated August 2012, and filed with supporting papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 111-37 156th Street, Jamaica, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Block 12171 and Lot 6. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$ \$11.642.51, together with interest, costs disbursements and attor-neys fees of this action. attordirecting the public sale of the property. Anthony J. lacchetta Phillips Ly- DOE #1," through "JOHN"

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tle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New lega-14614 Tel. (585) 238-2000 SUPREME COURT THE STATE
YORK - C OF COUNTY QUEENS INDEX # 3841/11 FILED:

> SUPPLEMENTAL MONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mort-gage premise is situated. U.S. BANK NATIONAL AS-SOCIATION, AS TRUS-SOCIATION, AS TRUS TEE, FOR THE REGIS TERED HOLDERS OF THE ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORA-ET BACKED CORPORA-TION ASSET CERTIFICATES, 2007-WMC1. against CARMEN RIVERA, VASESH ARJOON, RAM-NARINE RAMLAL AND HIS RESPECTIVE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXEC-DISTRIBUTEES, EXEC-TUORS. ADMINISTRA-TUORS,

TORS, TRUSTEES, DEVI-SEES, LEGATEES, AS-LIENORS, SIGNEES, AND CREDITORS SUC CESSORS IN INTEREST GENERALLY PERSONS, CLAIMING HAVING OR UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DE-FENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PUR-LIENOR OTHERWISE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR IN-TEREST IN AND TO THE COMPLAINT EW YORK THE HEREIN; NEW PARKING VIOLA-CITY BUREAU. CAP-TIAL ONE N.A. IN I USA, N.A. IN CAPITAL INTEREST BANK. ONE CRIMINAL COURT CITY NEW THE ΩF YORK, BENEFICIAL YORK INC., E PORTFOLIOS INC., **EMPIRE** CON-DOR CAPITAL RATION, QUE CORPO QUEENS COURT, CREDIT INCOME WORLD GROWTH AND LLC., FUND.

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names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corpora-tions, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein, Defendant(s)
TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERV-ING A COPY OF THE AN-SWER ON THE ATTOR-NEYS FOR THE MORT-COMPANY WHO THIS FORECLO-FII FD PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FIL ING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE EN-TERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTOR-NEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOU FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY. SENDING A PAY-MENT TO YOUR MORT-GAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS F CLOSURE ACTION. FORE YOL RESPOND SERVING SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HERE-BY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your

failure to appear or answer,

judgment will be taken

against you by default for the relief demanded in the

ACTION

complaint. NOTICE

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County of Queens where the property is located on June 11, 2007. Said mortgage was then assigned by written agreement thereto U.S. BANK TIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS THE 2007-WMC1 SET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION BACKED CERTIFICALE, SERIES 2007-WMC1 by sesignment 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 judg-ment directing the sale of the premises 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 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 promise LOT: 15 said premises known as 3107-04 Waltham Street, Jamaica, 11435. YOU ARE HERE-BY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A AND ANY MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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 aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and accelerate mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebted-NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above ness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and

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was recorded in Document been paid although duly 2007000299818 in the of-fice of the Clerk of the demanded: Entire principal Balance in the amount of \$584,519.52 to be immediately due and payable unthe mortgage herein der foreclosed, pluš interest at the rate calculated in acwith the provisions of the note from December 1, 2007, together with unpaid late charges in the amount of \$225.06 that TRUST AShave accrued prior to this action, together with reasonable legal fees pursuant to the mortgage, for a total of \$733,421.03 due interest and payable, with as stated above.. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VA-LIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR PORTION THERE-ANY OF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RE-HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY POR-TION THEREOF, IS DIS-PUTED, THE DEBTOR described JUDGMENT YOU AND AGAINST SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BF MAILED TO YOU BY THE COLLEC

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