

CB 7 looks to finish work on Linden Place

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Civic tries hand at enforcing law on Qns car shops

BY JOE ANUTA

A city agency rarely disciplines Queens businesses that renege on promises made to the community in exchange for obtaining a zoning variance, according to civic leaders.

When a business wants to operate outside city zoning laws, the owners must apply for what is known as a variance, and often those variances come with legal conditions set by the community.

In Auburndale, for example, a car company wanted to use

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RKO owner paying back tax man

CELEBRATING CHINESE CULTURE



Dancers from the New York Chinese Cultural Center perform at the Queens Botanical Garden during a Moon Festival celebration. See coverage on Pages 5 and 39.

Photo by Christina Santucci

Patrick Thompson still owes \$380k to Finance Dept.

BY JOE ANUTA

The owner of the crumbling RKO Keith's Theatre in downtown Flushing still owes more than \$380,000 in unpaid back taxes and entered into a payment plan earlier this year to prevent the city from putting a lien on the property.

Developer Patrick Thompson is seeking to build a 16-story, mixed-use building around the landmarked lobby of the historic theater, at 135-35 Northern Blvd., and is trying to secure finances to get a shovel in the ground at the site of the \$160 million project.

In March, TimesLedger Newspapers reported Thompson owed the city Department of Finance nearly \$400,000 for 2011 unpaid property taxes. In April,

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Linden Place revamp stalled

Civics want answers as to when road construction will finish

BY JOE ANUTA

Community Board 7 has been asking the city to replace a College Point road since 1987 and is wondering why it still has not been done after construction crews began the job several years ago.

Linden Place, which connects College Point to Flushing under the Whitestone Expressway, once ran all the way north to 23rd Avenue and provided an extra route for traffic to get into the neighborhood.

But about 30 years ago, the portion of the road between 23rd and 28th avenues was closed due to constant flooding problems, according to College Point residents. Now civic groups want it both reopened and extended all the way north to 20th Avenue, another route in and out of the neighborhood, to help accommodate a development boom in the area and alleviate the already traffic-choked streets.

The NYPD is currently constructing a massive police academy nearby, and next year a trash transfer station is set to open in the neighborhood, meaning legions of garbage trucks will be traversing the streets.

"If you punch this out 20 years, it's going to be a nightmare," said Joe Femenia, former president of the College Point Civic Association and chairman of CB 7's Transportation Committee.

The isolated neighborhood is cut off from the rest of Queens by the Whitestone Expressway, leaving only a handful of roads that cross the arterial highway. One of those roads is Linden Place.

After it was initially closed, CB 7 put its reconstruction on its budget in 1987. It sat there until 2007, when the city Economic Development Corp. put the project out to bid as part of the creation of the College Point Corpo-



A map from 2007 shows the proposed reconstruction and extension of Linden Place in College Point.
Map courtesy Community Board 7

rate Park.

The EDC first predicted the project would be completed in 2009, but instead it was actually started in that year.

The EDC's website states, "Reconstruction of Linden Place began in spring of 2009, and is expected to be completed in fall 2011."

But after initial work was done on the street, crews stopped working and the road has sat unfinished.

"Basically, we have been in limbo for two years," Femenia said.

CB 7 is set to have an Oct. 18 meeting with EDC to determine the status of the project.

EDC deferred comment about the extension to the city Department of Transportation, which did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

Femenia has been sending letters trying to figure out why the project has been held up, since the reconstruction portion appears to be fully funded, but the civic leader has not received any concrete answers, he said.

Gim wants to restrict lobbying in Assembly

BY JOE ANUTA

The Republican candidate for the Flushing state Assembly seat detailed his plan to clean up corruption in Albany this week, while the Democratic hopeful touted a neighborhood lawmaker as an honorary member of his campaign.

Queens GOP-backed Phil Gim discussed one of several upcoming policy announcements, while Queens Democratic Party-backed Ron Kim introduced City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) as his honorary general election campaign chairman.

"The only way to build a better New York is to have new changes in Albany," Gim said at his campaign headquarters, at 31-22 Union St.

Gim listed several state lawmakers indicted or tied to scandal in recent months before outlining proposals to stem graft.

First, the Goper would

like to bar state officials from having side jobs, such as working in law or public relation firms that could potentially lobby on behalf of companies.

He also wants to ban recently-departed state lawmakers from lobbying their former house of government for four years after they leave. Currently, lawmakers are banned for two years. He would also like to see a requirement that family members or former staff members of elected officials who work for nonprofits or businesses receiving state funding report to the state attorney general for oversight, and would finally like to create an independent body called the Office of Legislative Responsibility.

The office would publish any connections between lawmakers and what Gim termed "special interests," including whether votes or actions would ben-

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Phil Gim, Republican candidate for the Flushing state Assembly seat, discusses his plan to clean up Albany.

Photo by Joe Anuta

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Holocaust survivor from Little Neck keeps memories alive

Ethel Katz, 90, recounts evading capture by Nazis and losing family members at Kupferberg Center

BY PHIL CORSO

Ethel Katz has already told her story of survival more times than she could ever remember, but her eyes still filled with tears when she was asked once again to share her memories of living through the Holocaust.

And because of her fluid narration ability, she has become one of the most sought-after storytellers at the Kupferberg Holocaust Center at Queensborough Community College, the college said.

"She is a gem and, like many of our survivors, unique," the college said.

At 90 years old, Katz said she is prepared to share her history with anyone willing to listen, whether it is at QCC or neighboring Holocaust centers in the area. The Little Neck

survivor said she continues to revisit some of the most horrific memories of her lifetime because she has a responsibility to keep the story of the Holocaust alive for generations to come.

"Anyone I talk to, I always ask them, 'Please remember what happened. Tell your children,'" Katz said.

Katz grew up with her family in the small city of Buchach, Poland, where she said her life changed forever July 5, 1941. As soon as Adolf Hitler's forces arrived in the region, Katz said the atrocities began immediately.

Then-17-year-old Katz was put to work on a local farm while her other siblings were dispersed through other forced labor assignments. She remembered how her twin brother Mordecai Dawid Katz



Ethel Katz, of Little Neck, points to a picture of her parents, Fraidel Gaile (l.) and Osher Anshel, while telling her story of living through the Holocaust. Her mother died before the war and her father was killed after her family was found in hiding.

Photo by Phil Corso

was the first of her family members to disappear after reporting to a local police station, where he was eventually held captive and murdered.

"I could not believe civilized people could do something like that," Katz said of her initial reaction to the killings.

Katz spent years living in fear of being captured and killed, running with her family from one temporary safe haven to the next until they were finally spotted March 8, 1944, while hiding in a farmhouse outside the city. Katz, her sister and two brothers fled the house while her father urged them on, until they were ultimately captured. While she played dead after being struck in the back of her head, Katz said her family was taken out into a nearby field and murdered,

leaving her alone.

"I wanted to run," Katz said. "But I kept asking, 'Where should I run?'"

She spent the following months hiding alone in a false wall inside a home occupied by German soldiers until the city was liberated, consuming only one ounce of bread a day.

While recollecting her thoughts and retelling her tales, Katz used specific dates for different memories from the day her family went into hiding to the last moment she ever saw her father and brothers before they were murdered by Nazis.

"I remember everything," Katz said. "It is all in here," as she motioned to her heart.

As she told her story, her daughter Felice Katz sat and listened to what she

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Group against waste station veils donors

Friends of LaGuardia keeps source of funds secret for their protection, but policy invites speculation

BY JOE ANUTA

A group opposing the city and federal government over construction of a College Point garbage facility near LaGuardia Airport has a policy of keeping its donors anonymous, leading some community members to question who is driving the media blitz about bird strikes.

Friends of LaGuardia Airport Inc. is a nonprofit registered with New York state that has attempted, through advocacy and legal challenges, to put the brakes on the North Shore Marine Transfer Station, a proposed garbage collection point for the eastern half of queens.

The group contends the facility, where trucks would drop off refuse to be sorted and then packed into barges and floated out of the borough, would attract winged creatures

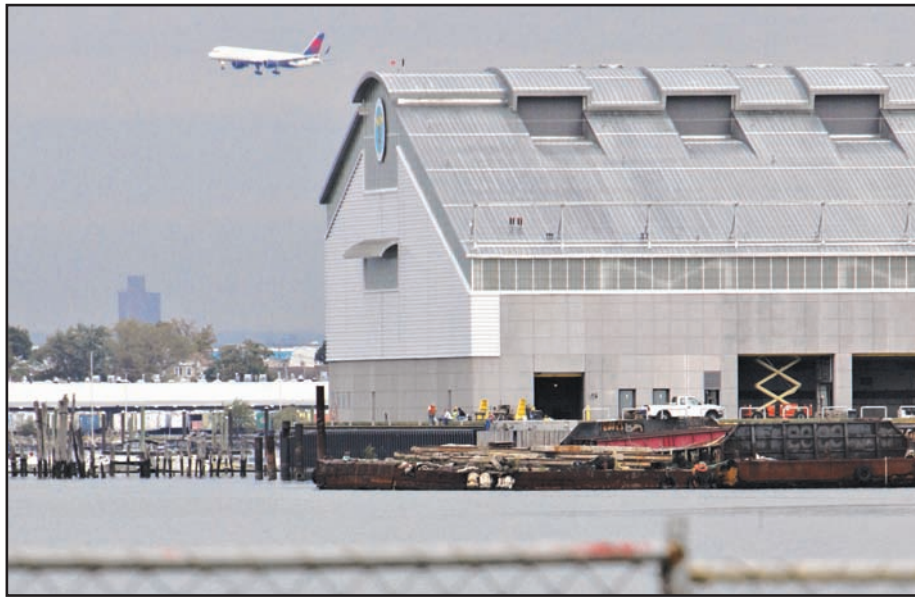
in search of food and thus increase the likelihood of a fatal plane crash due to bird strikes.

The facility is less than 5,000 feet from the end of one of the runways, and the group's message has been widely covered in the New York City press.

Friends of LaGuardia Airport is led by Ken Paskar, a pilot who previously worked with the Federal Aviation Administration on mitigating safety issues, but is now leading the charge against the federal agency.

Paskar has a policy of cloaking the identities of donors to the nonprofit. The policy, he said, is designed to protect contributors from potential retribution from the FAA or from the city government — retribution he contends is real and has already been exacted on him.

"I've got to protect ev-



A group, which opposes a trash transfer station near the end of a LaGuardia Airport runway, has a policy of not disclosing its donors.

Photo by Christina Santucci

erybody else," Paskar said. "This way, the only person anybody can go after is me."

Before Friends of LaGuardia, Paskar was on

the FAA Safety Team as a volunteer who acted as a liaison between the aviation community and the agency to try and find solutions to thorny safety issues. In

that capacity, the pilot began questioning the safety of the proposed facility beginning in 2009, when the file landed on his desk.

As his opposition to

the facility became stronger, he began to sense resistance from the FAA, he said, and he was eventually booted off the team in 2010.

Paskar also claims FAA brass instructed the administration's legal team to go after a close friend's flight school due to the owner's association with Paskar. The Friends of LaGuardia head contends that the FAA wrongfully prosecuted the business for an alleged infraction on federal flight rules. Paskar contends these two episodes justify concealing the source of the funds.

Because Friends of LaGuardia Airport is a relatively new nonprofit — it was first incorporated in April 2011, according to state records — it does not have tax returns on file with the Internal Revenue Service or the state Department of State. And even

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Community discusses impacts of revised Willets Point project

BY JOE ANUTA

The real estate firms tapped to redevelop Willets Point held a public meeting last week to solicit input on the potential environmental impacts of the \$3 billion project, and many speakers were concerned with the idea of using the borough's park land to house a large mall.

The Partnership for New York City consists of Related Cos., a Manhattan development firm, and Sterling Equities, a real estate firm owned by Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz, owners of the New York Mets.

"The plan to transform Willets Point from Queens' biggest eyesore to one of the

centers of economic growth in our city is exactly the kind of sustainable development New York City needs," the partners said in a statement, referring to the proposed transformation of the junkyards and auto shops into a mixed-use neighborhood.

But before any development can take place, the partnership needs to conduct an environmental impact study to see if effects on factors like traffic, neighborhood character and local businesses would be too great for construction to proceed.

An initial study was completed in 2008, but after significant changes, including the announcement

this spring that the acreage for the development would nearly double, the partners and the city Economic Development Corp., which is facilitating the project, had to add a supplement to that study and took input on what should be looked at.

"This review must, and I repeat must, come to grips with the vehicular monstrosity the proposed development will surely create," said Ben Haber, a longtime Queens activist opposed to the project who spoke at the hearing, at 98-02 Roosevelt Ave.

Haber and others had been predicting that the original development would create a catastrophe
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Lipsky gets 3-month sentence after cooperating with feds

BY JOE ANUTA

The prominent lobbyist sentenced last week to three months in prison for bribing a state senator was involved in several Queens issues, and some in the borough's political circles wonder what he told federal investigators, since court documents showed he cooperated to get a lesser sentence.

Richard Lipsky is a well-known lobbyist in Albany and City Hall and has often taken cases concerning development and commerce. In Queens, he was recently associated with fighting the city's planned \$3 billion redevelopment of Willets Point, the collec-



RICHARD LIPSKY

tion of junkyards and auto body shops across from Citi Field.

But Lipsky was hired by many other Queens groups over the years.

His lobbying firm, Richard Lipsky Associates Inc., was formed in 1983, according to records from the state Department of State.

Records in a city database for lobbyists do not go that far back, but recently

Lipsky had a hand in lobbying against another mega-development in Flushing.

In 2010, Lipsky was hired by the Flushing Coalition for Responsible Development, a group opposed to the development of Flushing Commons, an \$850 million, mixed-use complex that is set to take the place of Municipal Lot 1 between Union and 38th streets and 37th and 39th avenues. The project eventually received all of the legislative green lights needed, but has not commenced due to funding problems.

Lipsky also attempted to steer small business legislation in favor of Jetro Cash-and-Carry, a nation-
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St. Mary's children get new care center

BY PHIL CORSO

It was a celebration of accomplishments for the hundreds of onlookers getting their first glimpse at the new patient pavilion at St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children in Bayside — but for the 97 guests of honor, it was a first look at their new home.

Caregivers ushered the St. Mary's children into the new building amid cheers, tears and songs of joy last Thursday as the grand opening ceremony began at the hospital's 29-01 216th St. campus. The building was filled with elected officials, northeast Queens residents and St. Mary's administrators to celebrate a new home for the facility's patients.

"The reason this building is so beautiful, so extraordinary, so special, is because it has to be to support our beautiful, extraordinary and special children," said St. Mary's President and CEO Jeffrey Frerichs, who became choked up with tears before speaking. "I'm in awe of these kids. I'm in awe of the physicians and staff. I'm in awe of the board members and of all of you for coming."

The ribbon-cutting marked the end of the hospital's first phase of a \$114 million project to renovate its campus and revitalize its services. The new

patient pavilion includes new expansive futuristic features, such as a music therapy room with a digital jukebox, to expand its level of care for the nearly 100 children who call St. Mary's home.

"The staff here makes each person feel like a valued human being," said Leah Weinberg, whose brother Zev is at St. Mary's as a patient. "This is a place where all children can feel accepted and their strengths can be cultivated."

The project, funded through the financing of a bond and philanthropic donations, broke ground two years ago and doubles the size of St. Mary's to 178,000 square feet. All of the facility's children will move into the new pavilion, fit with upgraded rooms, new state-of-the-art equipment and a horticultural garden. The project's second phase will upgrade St. Mary's existing building, originally built in the 1950s, and enhance its existing school trailers.

Elected officials, including Borough President Helen Marshall, former Borough President Claire Shulman and City Councilmen Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) and Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens), remarked on the facility's ability to provide top-notch care for its children.

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St. Mary's resident Kamya (c.) cheers during the ceremony. Photo by Christina Santucci

Vallone slams corrupt pols

Councilman says electeds' nonprofit groups should be investigated

BY REBECCA HENELY

In the wake of charges that outgoing state Sen. Shirley Huntley (D-Jamaica) misused taxpayer dollars, City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria) said every nonprofit connected to an elected official should be the subject of scrutiny.

"It's rife for corruptions," the councilman said.

Vallone discussed the role of nonprofits in political scandals, policing and a potential run for borough president during a recent interview at TimesLedge Newspapers' offices with editors and reporters. The councilman said the second he was elected in 2002, people recommended that he build a nonprofit of his own.

Vallone said the nonprofits often act as places to employ former staffers or relatives of the elected official associated with the nonprofit and can serve as fronts to build up campaign treasuries or otherwise use money or resources for the politician's own political



City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. speaks about political corruption, policing and a potential borough president run during a visit to TimesLedge Newspapers' offices. Photo by Christina Santucci

gain.

Huntley, who recently lost a primary election to City Councilman James Sanders Jr. (D-Laurelton), was charged in August with conspiracy, tampering with physical evidence and falsifying business records amid allegations that she used her Parent Workshop Inc. nonprofit to steal almost \$30,000 from

taxpayers.

"It's outrageous that any elected official would violate the trust of the people they represent," Vallone said.

The councilman, chairman of the Council Public Safety Committee, also reiterated multiple changes he would like to see made in how the city conducts its policing. Val-

lone said he believes there has been an attitude shift among city officials who say the problem of crime in the city is over.

He said the Safe Cities, Safe Streets program, implemented in 1991, eventually increased the city's police force from 31,000 to 41,000. That number has since dropped to less than *Continued on Page 56*

Flushing welcomes fall with moon fest

BY STEVE MOSCO

Flushing's Asian community came together to welcome autumn with the annual Moon Festival at the Queens Botanical Garden Sunday.

One of the biggest holidays in Chinese culture, several organizations joined to celebrate with concerts, a parade and fireworks while family and friends commemorated the occasion with a big meal and storytelling.

"This is an important holiday for the Asian people because it brings families together, no matter where they are," said City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing). "And the festival is meaningful for all cultures, not just Asian, because it is about family. It is about coming together and being full, like the moon."



Members of the New York Hung Sing Kwoon Lion Dance Team lead the parade with a dragon. Photo by Christina Santucci

Enjoying the full moon with the family is a Chinese tradition dating back about 1,500 years and often compared to the western holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas because of the family spirit involved. The most famous food associated with the festival is the moon cake.

Moon cakes are flaky, round, semi-sweet pastries often filled with bean or lotus-seed paste and topped with a duck egg, echoing the shape of the full moon.

While no moon cakes were on hand at the garden, there were plenty of attractions to entertain the attendees. Along with arts and crafts for children, the New York Chinese Cultural Center also presented classic and folk dances, displaying athletic skill and a flair for the dramatic.

Cathy Hung, executive director of the NYCCC, said the center looks to provide entertainment while also educating the public on Chinese heritage.

"This is a great opportunity to bring our programs to the commu-

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Residents pit train track park against Rockaway line revival

BY STEVE MOSCO

Two groups with opposing plans for the abandoned Rockaway rail line clashed with residents in Woodhaven at a special forum Saturday.

While transportation advocates want to revive the railway and give southern Queens easier access to the city, Friends of the QueensWay, an organization consisting of city residents, hopes to transform the tracks into an outdoor park similar to the High Line, an elevated park in Manhattan.

"This is 3.5 miles of derelict land," said Andrea Crawford, who sits on the QueensWay committee, about the rail line running through Forest Hills, Glendale, Woodhaven, Richmond Hill and Ozone Park. "We want to create a cultural greenway to spur de-

velopment along the tracks, boosting the soul, spirit and economy of the area."

The Rockaway Branch of the Long Island Rail Road has been inactive since 1962, when it was shut down due to lack of ridership. Since its closure, there have been many attempts to revive the line, but reactivation routinely proved infeasible for a variety of reasons, including cost, environmental impact and detrimental effects on residents.

Many of the residents attending the forum, held by the Woodhaven Residents Block Association at Queens Tabernacle, at 86-03 96th St., voiced their concerns about a revived rail. Some cited train noise, while others questioned what train vibrations would do to the structural integrity of the older houses in the area.

"What will happen to the houses built in the 1920s?" asked Mildred Facinelli, whose house on 98th Street is adjacent to the abandoned rail. "And the area is not secure at all. I see teenagers walking those tracks every day — it's not safe."

But not all residents were in favor of the QueensWay. One resident said easing the traffic on Woodhaven Boulevard is far more important than greenery.

"A garden? Forget that," said Rockaway resident John Mack. "We need to help people get to work."

Transportation advocate John Rozankowski said modern advancements in transit would mitigate noise and vibrations from the trains. He also said the economic impact of a rail line far exceeds the need for arts and culture.



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POLICE Blotter

Middle Village woman dies in Brooklyn car crash



CAROLINA BERSZAKIEWICZ

MIDDLE VILLAGE — A night out in Brooklyn turned deadly when a young woman was killed in a car accident at the intersection of Johnson Avenue and Varick Street Saturday, police said.

According to the NYPD, Carolina Berszakiewicz, 21, of Middle Village died when the car she was riding in collided with a wooden telephone pole.

The driver, 19-year-old Sebastian Worwa of Maspeth, was arrested and charged with second-degree manslaughter, police said.

Cops seek suspect in Resorts World armed robbery

SOUTH OZONE PARK — Police were asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect wanted in connection with a gunpoint robbery in the Resorts World Casino parking garage Sept. 16.

Cops said a black man in his 20s approached two teenagers, ages 18 and 19, displayed a firearm and demanded the victims empty their pockets.

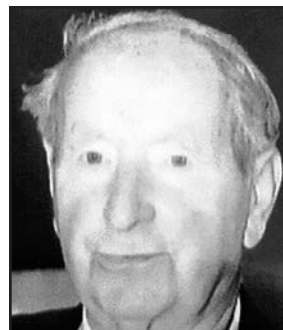
The 6-foot suspect was last seen wearing a white sweater with blue and orange diamond patterns on the front, blue jeans, white sneakers with black shoe laces and a black Phoenix Suns cap.



Police are looking for a suspect, who allegedly robbed two teens in the Resorts World parking lot.

Image courtesy NYPD

Elderly Flushing man missing from home since Friday



FLUSHING — Police were seeking the public's help in locating an 86-year-old Flushing man who went missing Friday.

Cops said John Rynne was last seen leaving his house on 164th Street. He

is described as a 5-foot-6 white man, weighing 170 pounds with blue eyes and gray hair.

He was last seen wearing a black suit with black shoes.

JOHN RYNNÉ

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NE Qns voters to pick two House lawmakers

BY JOE ANUTA

Voters in central and northeast Queens will be choosing two members of Congress in November in newly drawn districts, one of which was carved out of the center of the borough and the other absorbed a few neighborhoods in the northeast into a district largely based in Long Island.

In a race that is heating up in the weeks leading up to Election Day Nov. 6, City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) is up against state Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) for the central Queens seat, while five-term U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Hauppauge) faces challenges from multiple parties: Stephen Labate on the Republican, Conservative and Tax Revolt party lines; Anthony Tolda on the Constitution Party line; and Michael McDermott on the Libertarian line.

The boundaries of the central Queens district cover the neighborhoods of Ridgewood, Glendale and Maspeth in the west, then travel east through Elmhurst, Rego Park and Forest Hills and into Flushing and Fresh Meadows be-

fore ending in Bayside.

The policies of Halloran and Meng largely differ on ideological lines. For example, Meng supports a progressive tax system, including a millionaire's tax, while Halloran is in favor of a three-tier flat tax system and eliminating loopholes.

Outside of a relatively subdued forum, the two have bashed each other in the press over issues involving ethnicity and the disclosure of personal finances.

The seat is heavily Democratic. In the 2008 presidential election, the residents within the newly drawn district voted 63 percent in favor of President Barack Obama, and 35 percent for U.S. Rep. John McCain (R-Ariz.), roughly dovetailing state ratios, according to a New York Times report.

But farther north and east, the neighborhoods of Douglaston, Little Neck, Glen Oaks, Floral Park, Bellerose, Bay Terrace and Whitestone will vote in the recently redrawn district that largely covers parts of the Nassau and Suffolk counties and is slightly more conservative than the rest

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City Councilman Dan Halloran (l.) and state Assemblywoman Grace Meng are competing for a congressional seat that comprises much of central Queens.

Assembly races heating up

Primary winners Gim, Kim, Rozic gear up for November contests

BY PHIL CORSO

With November's general election looming, six different races for state Assembly have shaped up throughout Queens, according to the city Board of Elections.

According to a city-wide candidacy list provided by the BOE, Assembly races in the borough will be decided Nov. 6 for the 25th, 30th, 33rd, 36th, 37th and 40th districts.

In the 25th District, which runs from Flushing to Douglaston and includes most of Bayside Hills, September's Democratic primary winner, Nily Rozic of Fresh Meadows, will face off against Republican Abraham M. Fuchs and Conservative William N. Garifal Jr., as well as her defeated opponent Jerry Iannece, who will appear on the Independence Party line.

Rozic, who ran on a platform that pushed improving vital services for women and seniors, bested Iannece in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary with more than 56 percent of nearly 4,000 total votes, the BOE said. Iannece campaigned largely on bringing his experience to Albany after spending more than a decade as president of the Bayside Hills Civic Association and chairman of Community Board 11.

Fuchs said he was running largely on an education-first agenda while Garifal has campaigned for lower taxes and fiscal responsibility.

As for the 30th District in central Queens, including most of Maspeth, incumbent Margaret Markey (D-Maspeth), who was first elected in 1998, will see a rematch against Republican and Conservative candidate Anthony Nunziato



Democratic candidate Ron Kim (r.) is up against Republican Phil Gim this November in the race for the 40th state Assembly District seat.

Photo (l.) by Joe Anuta and (r.) by Christina Santucci

Nov. 6.

In 2010, Markey bested Nunziato in the same race with 9,745 Democratic votes against her opponent's 5,029 on the Republican line, 439 on the Independence line and 768 on the Conservative line, according to the BOE.

Markey has signed onto several bills throughout her more than 10 years in the Assembly, including one that sought to address sexual abuse in private schools. In his last run against Markey, Nunziato campaigned largely on job creation, capping government spending, cutting taxes, fiscal responsibility and school vouchers.

Democratic and Working Families Party candidate Barbara Clark, of Cambria Heights, will face Clyde Vanel, of the More Jobs Party, in November to decide who will represent the 33rd Assembly District in that region.

Clark bested Vanel in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary with more than 63 percent of about 4,700 votes, campaigning on her experience against Vanel's pro-business platform.

Clark was first elected to the 33rd Assembly Dis-

trict in 1986, which includes all or parts of the neighborhoods of Bellerose, Queens Village, Cambria Heights, Hollis and St. Albans.

In the 36th District, which encompasses northwest Queens and most of Astoria, Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) will defend her seat against Republican challenger Julia Haich, of Astoria. Simotas will be running on both the Democratic and Working Families party lines.

After running unopposed in the Nov. 2, 2010, general election, the Greek-American Simotas said she has focused in Albany on revitalizing New York's economy, protecting neglected consumers and strengthening our criminal justice system. Her opponent, Polish-American Haich, has campaigned on reforming crime prevention, senior outreach programs and lowering real estate taxes.

In the 37th District, which includes Sunnyside, Woodside, Astoria, Maspeth, Queensbridge, Long Island City and Ridgewood, incumbent Catherine Nolan (D-Ridgewood) will defend her seat against Republican challenger John

Kevin Wilson.

Nolan, who will appear on the ballot as a Democrat and Working Families candidate, has held onto her seat since her initial election in 1984 and was appointed as chairwoman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Education in 2006. Wilson, an actor and bartender, has campaigned on breathing new life into the Assembly seat and reforming education and spending in Albany.

In the 40th District, which encompasses downtown Flushing, Democratic, Working Families and Independence candidate Ron Kim will face Republican Philip Gim after both candidates won primaries Sept. 13.

Kim, who received more than 27 percent of the nearly 4,000 votes cast in the Democratic primary, has campaigned on promoting small business growth and education. Gim, a small business owner, former postal worker and U.S. census supervisor, ran his campaign focusing on cutting state regulations that hinder small business growth, which he said would create jobs.

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Senior who police say threatened to light himself on fire attended Assembly candidate's event

The Bayside man who threatened to set himself on fire in a Flushing garden last week is the latest associate of a Flushing state Assembly candidate to have a run-in with authorities, according to the NYPD.

San Ok Kim is part of the Korean-American Senior Citizens Society of Greater New York, which has long overseen operations at the public garden in Kissena Corridor Park.

But when the city decided to hand over control to a commission of community leaders in the area, Kim went on a hunger strike to protest.

That strike culminated Sept. 25, when Kim stood in a garden shed beside two containers of gasoline with

a lighter in his hand and threatened self-immolation, according to police.

As TimesLedger Newspapers was going to press, the NYPD's Hostage Negotiation Team was called in and the East West School of International Studies and IS 237, both at 46-21 Colden St., were placed on lockdown until Kim was subdued and taken for a psychiatric evaluation, police said.

Not only was Kim part of the senior center, he was also a supporter of Flushing Assembly candidate Myungsuk Lee and spoke at one of his news conferences.

On Aug. 15, at a campaign event, Kim and Lee accused city Comptroller

John Liu of undermining the election by trying to split the Korean vote.

"John Liu needs support from the Korean community when he runs next year," Kim said at the conference, speaking through a translator. "He shouldn't expect it."

Lee said Kim was not part of his campaign in any way, but was invited to the press conference as a community leader.

On Sept. 22, a group including volunteers for Lee's campaign were arrested and charged with assault and false imprisonment after a scuffle in an office Lee rented for his campaign, according to police.

— Joe Anuta



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'A COUNTRY OF HOPE'

Speaking to the hundreds who packed the Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music, Burmese opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was the embodiment of dignity, grace and courage.

She spoke of a country that had been in the grip of a cruel military regime and the dictators who kept her under house arrest for 15 years. The Nobel Prize winner spoke without a trace of bitterness and with optimism for Myanmar, the country once known as Burma.

"We were a country of hope in our part of the world, and we want to become that kind of country again," she said.

During her visit to New York, she visited Queens College and Columbia University weeks before Election Day.

"You must vote. You must practice your democratic rights or they will fade away," she said, addressing the students in Queens and the country.

Her audience included local political leaders and celebrities, including City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley, actress Anjelica Huston and Queens College alumna and singer Carole King, who welcomed her to the city.

The afternoon was special for Crowley, who nominated Suu Kyi for the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, the country's most notable civilian award, which she received Sept. 19.

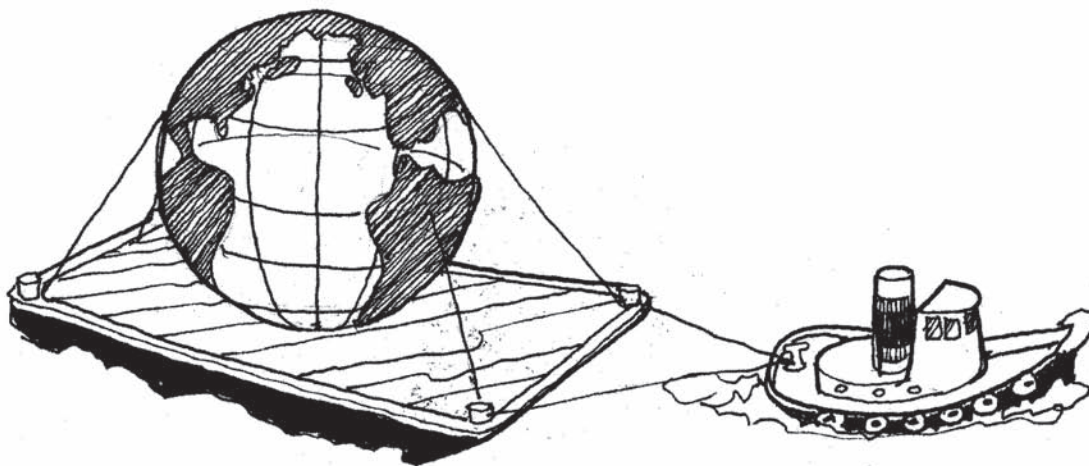
She served as a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in a country committed to personal freedom and democracy.

SAVE THE MACNEIL WATERFRONT

MacNeil Park in College Point is one of the little known treasures of Queens. Except for the families who live nearby, few New Yorkers know about this waterfront park.

We tip our hat to marine scientist James Cervino and 20 of his Columbia University students, who spent time with volunteers trudging through the waterfront, cleaning the beach and studying what needs to be done to bring the shoreline back to life.

Compare that to the Bloomberg administration fighting to build a waste transfer station nearby that may cause greater damage.



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OTHER VOICES

Do not develop Flushing Meadows

Flushing Meadows Corona Park is the centerpiece of Queens. It was the site for the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs. The recent interest by several organizations to acquire land in the park for development needs to be carefully looked at before any type of major alterations to the park are done.

We need to retain the park in its current state

because, for thousands of Queens residents, it is the only place to come with family and friends to relax. There are hundreds of trees and plants of various species that are growing and thriving throughout the park, as well as the famous Queens Zoo, which is home to many types of animals and birds.

Also, there are many types of animals and birds

that live within the park's several thousand acres. Development of the park would surely eliminate many trees and wildlife and would encroach on the zoo's area as well.

There must be some type of compromise on any possible development in the park. If no compromise can be reached, then the idea of development in Flushing Meadows needs to be ta-

bled permanently. We need parks in Queens. We do not need to have them ruined.

Flushing Meadows should be given national park status by the federal government, since it was the site of two World's Fairs.

John Amato
Fresh Meadows

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Publicize poll site changes

Four years ago, in the U.S. presidential election, voter turnout was higher than usual across most of the country. This year, Americans are once again gearing up to go to the polls Nov. 6 to choose our president. Here in New York City, we must do our part to ensure that the election runs as smoothly as possible for every voter.

Following the decennial redistricting that the U.S. Constitution mandates, the city Board of Elections reconfigured all election districts. While the newly enlarged districts may result in administrative savings, they are turning out to be a headache for some voters.

As a result of the new

districts, many voters will have to go to different poll sites this year. Before the primary election in September, the BOE sent out notices to voters whose poll sites were changed. Unfortunately, some voters did not see or take note of the mailers.

Those who did learned that after years of voting at the same location, they will have to go to different places to vote. Come November, confusion about where to vote will present an unnecessary obstacle for many citizens.

I am urging the following to help curb the Election Day chaos. First, the BOE must put into place an extensive outreach effort to let voters know how to

confirm that they are registered and find out where to vote. Second, every voter should take the responsibility to make sure that he or she is registered and knows where to vote on Election Day, as there is a good chance his or her poll site has changed.

Log on to vote.nyc.ny.us or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC.

In our representative democracy, the vote is precious. Let's do what is necessary to make sure New Yorkers can exercise their right to vote in November.

Mark Weprin
City Councilman
(D-Oakland Gardens)

Act on noisy LGA flight tests

In view of the arrogance and duplicity of the Federal Aviation Administration — in regard to the “Tennis Climb” departure trial run using the new RNAV navigational system at LaGuardia Airport’s Runway 13, which has environmentally affected Briarwood and other Queens communities from Feb. 13 to Aug. 13 — I recommend that plaintiffs who were medically and/or psychologically affected file a class-action lawsuit in the Eastern District of the U.S. federal court.

There exists substan-

tial scientific evidence, as reviewed in “Noise: A Health Problem” from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Noise Abatement and Control in August 1978, that loud noise in general, and aircraft noise in particular, can “produce serious physical and psychological stress ... [be] a complicating factor in heart problems and other disease ... aggravate existing emotional disorders” and “additional links between noise and birth defects have been noted.”

Despite the fact that the FAA said it would take

in public comment solely in an advisory capacity — without City Council oversight — before making the new route permanent, I suggest anyone who believes their medical and/or psychological condition to be adversely affected by this FAA blitzkrieg seek medical consultation and legal advice to proceed to the federal court.

We must not wait for some sham public hearing because time flies.

Joseph Manago
Briarwood

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Halloran needs to face facts

We know better. At the Sept. 18 Auburndale Civic Association meeting, City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) sang the inaccurate chorus some candidates keep reprising.

Halloran sings well, but the lyrics are filled with inaccuracies. No, the current policy of this country does not throw Israel

under the bus just because we do not sing Netanyahu’s words. And the city’s current unemployment percentages are misleading because the city was undercounted in the 2010 census.

We are adding jobs at the fastest rate in the country. One reason the debt has risen during the current administration is the accrual of interest on the

unpaid expenditures of the previous administration.

Finally, Halloran’s refusal to consider raising revenue as part of a solution to the debt problem is illogical and irrational. He tries to sing loud enough to drown out the truth, but we know better.

Debra Michlewitz
Bayside

GOP should dump the Tea Party

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, at a recent Values Voter Summit, made clear his values. He proudly said the conservative movement will never have the elite, smart people on its side, nor colleges and universities because the church and families are all that are necessary.

It may be a shock to his limited vision of man’s aptitude but people can be smart and believe in God and cherish family. Santorum need not worry about the elite, smart people knocking down his door to be a part of today’s distort-

ed version of the once-proud Republican Party and dare intrude upon them — that evil term — intelligence.

Whatever happened to the Grand Old Party? It’s Tea-struction was and is sad to witness. Nevertheless, it is what it now is and not the party its hero, President Ronald Reagan, would be a part of, nor Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Teddy Roosevelt or Abraham Lincoln.

Charles Joseph Crist Jr., the ex-governor of Florida, said, “I didn’t leave the Republican Party; the party left me,” and that sentiment

was echoed by Jeb Bush, who said, “Reagan himself would have been too moderate, too reasonable for today’s GOP” and that there would be no place for neither his father nor Reagan.

Hopefully, old time/in-line Republicans, if there are any left who have not been pushed out, will turn out those interlopers responsible for the degeneration of their party and resurrect the once-cerebral and proud GOP.

Nicholas Zizelis
Bayside

MTA has to double check its math

No wonder the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is cash-strapped. Seven percent of \$2.25 is 16 cents, making the fare \$2.09 — not \$1.63, as said by Chairman Joseph Lhota.

With such a lack of basic math skills, what other miscalculations are related to the deficit? Remember that the MTA has use of the money on a multiple fare card until the rides are taken, and fewer cards

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Ronnie Sussman
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Voter apathy cost Iannece victory in Assembly primary



William Lewis
 ■
Political Action

The 25th state Assembly District, in northeast Queens, which includes East Flushing and Whitestone, was expected to have a fairly quiet Democratic Party primary this year, with community leader Jerry Iannece being successful. Such was not the case.

A young 26-year-old insurgent, Nily Rozic, ran a campaign against Iannece and won. In her campaign, the Working Families Party played a major role in aiding Rozic's victory.

This year in New York City was the year of change. Reapportionment led to different district lines being drawn in addition to a significant number of Democratic office holders either retiring or seeking higher office. In the case of the 25th District, Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows) gave up his safe Assembly seat to run in the Democratic primary for Congress in the 6th Congressional District.

He was defeated by Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing). This led to the recently concluded primary between Iannece and Rozic, with Rozic winning by a decisive margin.

Rozic's victory was certainly one of the most surprising results of the primary season. Iannece had

the endorsement of most of the Democratic elected officials in the area, including U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Bayside), state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), Meng, Councilman Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens), former Borough President Claire Shulman, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria), Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) and others.

When we look at Iannece's record of service over the last 20 years, we see a record of accomplishment. From 1995-2002, he served as president of the Bayside Hills Civic Association. He received its Man of the Year Award. From the YMCA during the same period, he received the Community Service Award.

He also served as a board member at St. Rob-

erts Home School Association during the 1990s. Iannece also participated during the 1990s as a Little League coach and coached for the CYO and Bayside Little League.

He held the position of vice president of the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens. He was chairman of the Queens County Columbus Day Parade.

In recent years, Iannece has been chairman of Community Board 11 from 2002-07 and again from 2009 to the present.

A major issue Iannece worked on while chairman of the community board was the Oakland Ravine Project, which stopped major flooding in Bayside, in addition to saving Oakland Lake. He also worked on the

rezoning of Queens homes and helped to keep Fire Engine Co. 306 from closing in Bayside during 2010.

It can only be wondered, with such a record of achievement and service for 20 years to the community at large, how Iannece could have lost an Assembly race, especially with most of the district in his own neighborhood.

There definitely was voter apathy. This year we had three sets of primary elections, so registered voters got tired of it. A significant number of them did not want to come out a third time. Many of those who did not show up at the polls were Iannece supporters.

The opposition, as stated, had strong support from the Working Fami-

lies Party. Labor unions, including the Communication Workers of America, the Teamsters and the Hotel Trade Council, joined in the effort for Rozic against Iannece in the closing days of the campaign. These labor organizations brought plenty of volunteers. They were able to bring into focus a huge campaign organization.

In one statement given by Iannece recently, he said, "I feel I have given a lot of effort in helping to build our community. I had hoped to do even more."

In summary, it is hard to believe that such an outstanding record held by Iannece would not be approved in terms of winning this recent election.

We wish attorney Iannece success in the future.

Use your voting power can clean up Albany of corruption



Bob Friedrich
 ■
On Point

The depth of corruption in New York politics is unfathomable, so let's summarize and review the last few months of corruption du jour.

State Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera (D-Bronx) is being investigated by the state attorney general and the Bronx district attorney for looting taxpayer funds to lavish sinecure positions and benefits on her family members and boyfriends. With unemployment in New York at almost 10 percent, Rivera had a "friends and family plan" that guaranteed full employment.

A jilted boyfriend is now cooperating with investigators to expose this cesspool of nepotism and malfeasance.

Then there was the indictment of state Sen. Shirley Huntley (D-Jamaica). She made front-page news by being escorted to a precinct in handcuffs. Her alleged scheme was setting up family-run charities to funnel taxpayer dollars to enrich herself and her relatives.

These elected officials bestow thousands of taxpayer dollars on their families and friends while families and friends in our communities are trying to make ends meet in the face of ever-increasing property taxes and unprecedented job loss.

The icing on the cake came most recently when Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan)

admitted to secretly authorizing at least \$103,000 in taxpayer-funded hush money to pay off the female victims of his pal Assemblyman Vito Lopez's (D-Brooklyn) unsavory sexual advances.

The details of the Lopez-Silver scandal have emerged with the help of an unrelenting investigative press — and without any cooperation from the speaker himself. The state agency he helped create last year to root out corruption, the Joint Commission on Public Ethics, was the brainchild of New York's power trio: Gov. Andrew Cuomo, state Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos (R-Rockville Centre) and Silver.

In its first real test, it failed by taking a clandestine vote and deciding to investigate Lopez but not Silver. Surprised? Of

Incumbency in New York state is a ticket to a lifetime of perks and power.

course not.

While civic leaders like myself and others regularly plead for library funds and desperately needed sidewalk and curb repairs, politicians tell us such funds are unavailable. Meanwhile, community tax dollars are readily available to the elected elite to keep unethical and possibly unlawful activities of political friends out of the public eye.

Lopez agreed to relinquish his Brooklyn Democratic leadership post but

refused to resign his Assembly seat. Silver believes an apology should be sufficient for acting as Lopez's bagman, providing the payoff money to silence the victims. Not a single critical word was uttered by Democratic Assembly members about Silver's compromised ethics and misuse of taxpayer dollars.

With the lone exception of Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), the party's members remain silent about this violation of the public trust. The fact that Silver is able to emerge from this hush-money scandal without being asked to resign as speaker demonstrates that Albany's dysfunction is alive and well.

Unless you are willing to risk having your staff and office moved into an Albany broom closet, Silver's unbridled power to dispense legislative salary

perks and office space renders any criticism of him verboten.

As long as elected officials put political gain ahead of ethics and allegiance to the speaker ahead of voters, Albany will remain a den of corruption. In a state where incumbency is the ticket to a lifetime of perks and power, more New York politicians have lost their seats due to criminal conduct than by being voted out of office.

How much more of this unethical behavior must we endure before we say, "Enough is enough?" In less than two months, voters will have the power to answer that question.

Bob Friedrich is a civic leader and president of Glen Oaks Village.

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Gotti Jr. attends fund-raiser for Astoria senate hopeful

BY REBECCA HENELY

A fund-raiser for Republican Astoria state Senate candidate Aurelio "Tony" Arcabascio, held this weekend at a Long Island pizzeria, had a visitor in John Gotti Jr., son of the notorious Gambino crime family mob boss.

Gotti had once been tried on charges of a murder attempt on anti-crime activist Curtis Sliwa, but multiple juries for the case had been unable to reach a verdict and the charges were dropped. Sliwa criticized Arcabascio for Gotti's attendance at the event on his radio show Monday morning.

Arcabascio, who is hoping to unseat Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria), said Gotti is a frequent visitor to the restaurant, Saggio's, which is owned by his



John Gotti Jr. made an appearance at Republican state Senate hopeful Aurelio "Tony" Arcabascio's fund-raiser in Long Island Sunday.

AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

older brother Joe. He said his brother, who held the fund-raiser, invited all his customers to the event.

"John Gotti Jr. is a patron of his restaurant," Arcabascio said. "He eats there five out of seven nights of the week."

He added that Gotti was not a supporter and had not made a contribution to or participated in his campaign.

"The public's perception of things is often worse than what the reality of this situation is," Arcabascio said.

Gianaris said in a statement in response, "Regardless of the character of my opponent and his supporters, I look forward to standing for re-election on the strength of my own record."

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RKO

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Thompson entered into a payment plan in order to balance the books. At that time, he owed about \$373,600, according to Finance.

But the most current records show Thompson still owes about \$385,000 — which is actually \$11,500 more than the initial balance when he entered into the agreement, according to department records.

“He’s on the way to paying it,” said Michael Nussbaum, spokesman for Thompson.

According to the department, if the developer had not entered into a payment plan before May 17, the city would have placed the property on its tax lien

sale list, meaning that a third party could have potentially taken possession of the land.

Not only does Thompson need to fork over installments to chip away at the outstanding balance, he also needs to pay taxes for this current year. In total, if he were to pay off everything he owes for the payment plan and his current taxes for the rest of the year, the developer would be required to write a check for roughly \$500,000 to the city, records show. That is more than double the yearly property tax value of the parcel.

The hefty bill comes at a time when the community is questioning the theater’s fate, since Thompson received all the required approvals to start building in May, but still does not

have enough funding to start construction.

“We’re still proceeding with the financing, and they are still proceeding to get the thing done,” Nussbaum said of the project, adding that there has long been an unnamed developer. Thompson has partnered with for the project.

The most recent approval from the Federal Aviation Administration is valid until October 2013. If Thompson does not start building by then, the FAA will have to go through another review process to determine if the proposal poses a threat to aviation, since the structure lies in the glide path of LaGuardia Airport.

Gim

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efit certain groups or businesses and whether those groups or businesses gave campaign contributions. The office would list those findings at the end of every state bill.

“Things have gotten so shady that lobbyists have stopped pretending to influence legislators,” Gim said in a statement. “They’ve just gone right ahead to cut out the middle-man and grab the power for themselves.”

Gim’s opponent is a former lobbyist himself.

Kim is currently on a leave of absence from The

Parkside Group, the lobbying firm most closely associated with the Queens Democratic Party. As part of the group, Kim was listed as a lobbyist for several Queens organizations like Fresh Direct and even for unions, including 32BJ SEIU, which later endorsed him, according to a city database.

But Parkside said it lists multiple lobbyists on a project in case they have to fill in for one another, indicating Kim did not work on everything his name was attached to.

Kim’s stint at the firm was only five months, his campaign said, compared to a decade working in government.

“Ron Kim has devoted his entire career to helping small businesses grow, protecting vulnerable New Yorkers, and improving higher education,” spokesman Matt Bitz said. “Beginning in the city government and continuing in the offices of two New York governors, Ron has dedicated himself to bettering the lives of his neighbors in Queens.”

On Tuesday, Kim welcomed Koo as the honorary campaign chairman at Kim’s campaign offices, at 142-01 38th Ave.

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Variations

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a lot for employee parking, so the neighborhood requested no commerce be conducted. Similar requests by Auburndale businesses were put into law by the city Board of Standards and Appeals, but a civic association has been trying to get property owners to stick to their word with mixed results.

“It’s not good for the neighborhood,” said Henry Euler, first vice president of the Auburndale Improvement Association. “It’s not what they should be doing. They need to be following the regulations.”

Euler and his civic wrote a July 23 letter to Meenakshi Srinivasan, chairman of the BSA, identifying four property owners who have not lived up to agreements with the community that were conditional on receiving their variance. Some of the agreements were designed to prevent cars from blocking sidewalks, others to ensure deliveries of goods were not made in the middle of the night.

Bayside Imports, at 202-01 Northern Blvd., received a variance from the

BSA in January 2006 allowing them to park cars on a lot not zoned for that activity.

The BSA granted the variance on the condition that the owners park no more than 30 cars on the lot, but on Monday there were 46 cars in the lot, and according to Euler the condition is routinely violated.

Star Toyota, at 205-11 Northern Blvd., received a similar variance, but was prohibited from using a similar lot for commercial activity, a requirement, Euler said, they constantly flaunt.

Technically, the BSA has internal rules in place to deal with businesses who do not conform to the conditions of their variance.

“The board may, at its discretion, and upon due notice of the hearing, revoke or modify variances ... when it finds that the terms or conditions of such grants have been violated,” the board’s own regulations state.

Yet this practice rarely happens. Civic leaders in the area cannot recall the board ever revoking a variance.

Instead, the burden of enforcing the conditions of the variances falls on the city Department of Build-

ings and local community organizations, according to Gene Kelty, chairman of Community Board 7, which he said constantly deals with problems relating to variances through limited tools.

Often the board invites the businesses into meetings and attempts to get Buildings to issue violations, which usually corrects the problem, according to Kelty. But he would like to see Buildings step up the pressure and issue paper notices to property owners in violation of the conditions of their variances.

After Auburndale Improvement Association’s letter to Srinivasan, the civic succeeded in cowing two other businesses to comply with the conditions of their variances.

But the two auto dealers have not responded, according to Euler, even after Bayside Imports was issued a \$200 violation by Buildings in August.

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Holocaust

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had already memorized. As a second generation link to a Holocaust survivor, she said it was important to keep her mother’s story alive.

“It is an obligation,” Felice Katz said. “It is not an easy burden to bear. My whole life is different because of these stories, which are so valuable as time goes on.”

That is what keeps Ethel Katz coming back to different Holocaust

centers throughout the region, including the one at Queensborough Community College in Bayside, with hopes that the stories of the Holocaust would never be forgotten.

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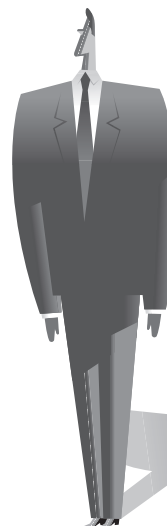
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Report calls for changes in Aqueduct vet practices



Gov. Andrew Cuomo's task force looks to make changes to ensure the safety of horses and jockeys at Aqueduct Racetrack.

Photo by Christina Santucci

BY STEVE MOSCO

A task force investigating a spike in horse deaths at Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park last winter is calling for widespread rule changes in veterinary structure and the prohibition of certain drugs.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo had called on the task force last March in an effort to learn why Aqueduct equine deaths were close to double the national average from November 2011 to March 2012, and the governor announced his office received the findings and recommendations of the New York Task Force on Racehorse Health and Safety Friday.

"New York is committed to placing the health, safety and welfare of the equine athlete as the top priority of horse racing," Cuomo said. "As we bring accountability and responsible business practices to horse racing, these recommendations will be an integral part of a new and im-

proved racing product."

The governor directed the task force to review the circumstances involving the deaths, analyze the causes and recommend any necessary action to prevent equine breakdowns at New York Racing Association-operated facilities.

Howard Glazer, director of state operations for New York, reported the findings and said while the investigation did not yield a single root cause for the fatalities, a combination of factors likely led to an increased rate of equine deaths.

These factors include the use of drugs that may have masked pre-existing medical conditions, leaving the horses vulnerable to catastrophic injuries; a lack of protocol and inconsistencies in pre-race inspections and veterinary procedures; increased purses due to the success of Resorts World Casino, incentivizing stakeholders to place horses in races that were above

their skill level; and an unusually mild weather on a track designed for harsher winters.

"The task force has spent countless hours analyzing the circumstances of each equine death at Aqueduct," said task force chairman and veterinarian Dr. Scott Palmer. "We found multiple factors that created a 'perfect storm' of conditions that caused these tragic breakdowns."

Palmer said the task force recommends a complete overhaul of NYRA's veterinary practices, the creation of an equine medical director position within the state's racing association and strict prohibitions regarding medications.

"I want to make it clear that we did not find any evidence of criminal wrongdoing," said Palmer. "We do not believe there was an overt effort to race unsound horses, but rather an economic pressure to fill the racing field."

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	Rosh Hashanah Children's Service	1:00 p.m.
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Horse meat idea nixed at M. Wells' PS 1 cafe



M. Wells' new dinette in contemporary art gallery MoMA PS 1 had ample lines on its first day despite controversy over the eatery potentially serving horse meat.
Photo by Rebecca Henely

BY REBECCA HENELY

Sarah Obraitis, half of the team behind the much-mourned French-Quebecois diner M. Wells, is furious over a controversy spurred after she and husband Hugue Dufor had considered adding horse meat dishes to their new spot at art institution MoMA PS1.

"It's not on our menu," Obraitis said flatly.

M. Wells, opened as a stand-alone diner in Long Island City in 2010, had to close a year later due to disputes with the landlord. In the ensuing time, Dufor and Obraitis had showcased their Quebecois-style takes on traditional diner fare at food festivals and for special events, but last Thursday they opened a location in the cafeteria of the popular contemporary art museum, at 46-01 21st St. in Long Island City.

"It's a wonderful fit," Obraitis said about the opening of the dinette.

Obraitis said she and

Dufor had served horse meat on a previous occasion and had thought about offering it as part of the dinette's ever-changing menu later down the line. But since reports began circulating about the potential equine option, Obraitis said they have had people call them "disgusting."

"It's a total non-issue," Obraitis said.

Quebec has a large horse meat business, and butchers offer the food in other parts of Canada. The United States removed a five-year ban on horse meat last year as part of the passage of the 2012 federal spending bill.

Despite the controversy, many came out to try M. Wells' offerings last Thursday, with the dinette serving long lines of people in the last hour that day. Items on the menu included rabbit terrine, beef tartare, vegetable banh mi and cod brandade. The dinette also offered croissants, coffees, wines and iced hibiscus

tea.

Before opening, M. Wells had partnered with MoMA PS 1 to provide food for an art fair in May. In homage to MoMA PS 1's former life as a school, the dinette is set up like a school cafeteria with communal tables and the changeable menu written on chalkboards.

Obraitis said the new location initially presented some challenges, since it is a renovated schoolroom, but it turned out to be a perfect fit.

"In a way, it's just another gallery," Obraitis said. "It's a gallery of food."

The dinette is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

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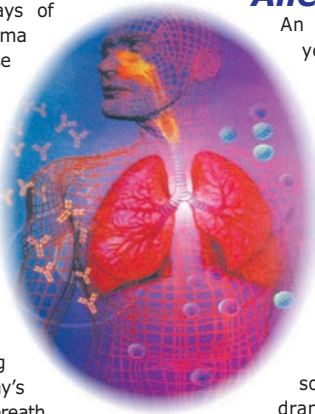
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JetBlue breaks ground on expansion at JFK

BY RICH BOCKMANN

JetBlue Airways broke ground Monday morning on an extension project to its terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The project, expected to be completed in early 2015, will add approximately 150,000 square feet of space and three additional gates to the airline's Terminal 5. With the conversion of three existing gates, JetBlue's new terminal will have six international arrival gates as well as an International Arrivals Hall with facilities for the U.S. Custom and Border Protection and Federal Inspection services.

"Today is truly a groundbreaking day for JetBlue as we begin work on our international arrivals terminal at T5," JetBlue President and CEO Dave Barger said. "We're excited to work with all of our partners at JFK and beyond to move forward with this project which, when completed, will make all domestic and international operations seamless and convenient for our customers and consolidate our flight operations under one roof."



A JetBlue rendering shows the expanded Terminal 5 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, which is set to be completed in 2015.

Photo courtesy PR News/JetBlue Airways

Barger said the airline opened Terminal 5 in 2008 amid an international expansion to countries such as Colombia and Bermuda, and the company plans to add more international destinations later this year. He said the design of the expansion will mirror that created by the Gensler firm for the existing terminal in order to create a "seamless ground experience" for passengers.

The design attributes include an abundance of natural light, low-flow water fixtures, an efficient heating and cooling system and circulation paths designed to get customers through gates and customs

with ease.

Berger said the building would even use concrete reclaimed from JFK's aircraft apron as the base for the concrete within the new building.

"We designed this addition to T5 to welcome people to New York, greeting them with natural daylight and a view outside," Gensler Principal Bill Hooper said. "Our goal is to put passengers first and make it easy and fast for people to get where they want to be."

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Festival

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nity," she said. "There are many generations of Chinese here in Flushing, and we encourage parents to teach their children and help keep our traditions alive — and today we get to do that in a beautiful setting."

That setting is kept gorgeous under the watch of Susan Lacerte, executive director of the Queens Botanical Garden.

Lacerte said the lively

event is a bit of a departure for the garden, but a welcome change.

"The garden has many different uses — it can be contemplative, a place to retreat, a place to be inspired by beauty and awed by nature, but it can also be a space for traditional performances," she said. "We like to think of ourselves as the place where people, plants and culture come together. And there is no better example of that than this Moon Festival."

And it was not just the Asian population that joined in the celebration,

as residents from across Queens came to enjoy the cultural exposure.

State Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) said the diversity in the garden is a testament to the many different cultures that grow in Queens.

"Flushing really is the crossroads of the world," she said. "We give thanks for nature's bounty and for cultural diversity."

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Cuts to food stamps could leave boro poor hungry: Food Bank

BY KAREN FRANTZ

With more people falling below the poverty level in Queens, the unemployment rate remaining high and the sluggish economy showing little signs of a turnaround, New York City's food bank is worried proposed cuts to the national food stamp program could have a devastating impact on the borough's poor.

"None of us want to see a family go hungry, but that's really what's at stake right now," said Triada Stampas, director of government relations and public education at the Food Bank for New York City.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps, is what Stampas called the nation's first line of defense against hunger. The pro-

gram awards a card that eligible people can use to buy food at grocery and convenience stores.

But in an effort to cut down the deficit, the U.S. Congress is considering massive cuts to the program. The U.S. House of Representatives has proposed up to \$16.5 billion in cuts as part of reauthorization of a larger Farm Bill, and the U.S. Senate already passed its own bill that cut \$4.5 billion from the program.

The House failed to pass the legislation before its deadline last weekend, but it is expected to take up the issue in the lame duck session following the elections.

Stampas said that with the Senate's proposed cuts, 190,000 households citywide would lose \$90 a month in benefits. With the

House's version, another 220,000 households would lose benefits entirely, she said.

Stampas said even with the current level of funding for the food stamp program, many food pantries and soup kitchens in Queens have seen people show up at the end of the month after their food stamps have run out — and pantries and kitchens themselves have been stretched beyond capacity, she said.

"What we see in New York is that these benefits aren't adequate to last the month," Stampas said.

Thus the proposed cuts to food stamps would be "a significant blow" to struggling households in the borough at a time when demand for food assistance programs have gone up in the city, she said.

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S. Ozone man charged in doctor fraud scheme

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A 50-year old South Ozone Park man may find 15 years a bitter pill to swallow after he allegedly passed himself off as a Harvard grad with intentions of opening a medical facility in order to steal the identities of six doctors and cash in on their lines of credit, according to the Queens district attorney.

Tom Hill faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted on the larceny, forgery, identity-theft and scheme-to-defraud charges described by District Attorney Richard Brown Friday.

"This is a disturbing case in which it is charged that doctors who thought they were applying for jobs at a new medical facility were, in fact, targeted for

identity theft, sadly underscoring that even the most-sophisticated and well-educated individuals are vulnerable to scams such as this," Brown said. "Identity theft is a serious crime which can take years to untangle."

According to the criminal complaint filed against him by the DA, Hill allegedly went around touting his imaginary Ivy League credentials and convinced his landlord and another individual to invest a total of \$65,000 in his phantom medical facility.

Once his plan got rolling, Hill allegedly interviewed six medical doctors for positions in the sham practice, but instead of their legitimate qualifications, he was more interested in their personal identity in-

formation, Brown said.

Hill, who also had a fugitive warrant out for him from a criminal case in Virginia, allegedly used all eight of his victims' IDs to open three lines of credit totaling more than \$415,000 with a medical equipment financing company, the district attorney said.

Investigators with the NYPD's Financial Crimes Task Force were able to diagnose Hill's alleged scam and shut it down.

Hill was ordered held without bail and was due back in court Oct. 16.

The district attorney asked that any doctors or individuals who believe they may have been scammed by Hill to contact his economic crimes bureau at 718-286-6675.

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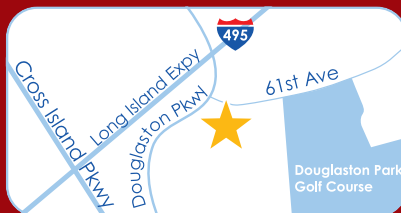
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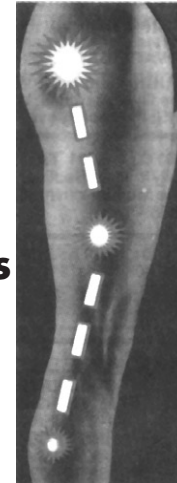
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HOARDING: ARE SENIORS MORE PRONE?

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

We have all heard about or seen the TV programs — “Hoarders” and “Hoarding: Buried Alive.” In every show, cleaning crews are called in to excavate the residents from homes stacked from floor to ceiling with piles of papers, stacks of unwashed dishes, mountains of trash, and more. Most of us watch these shows with our faces scrunched up and say “Ewww!” But, studies show that hoarding is a growing problem that is not confined to people of any certain age group, income level, or upbringing. Sometimes, circumstance can cause people to become hoarders — and many seniors fall victim to this behavior.

Hoarding is even a greater concern in congested areas like New York City and its boroughs where many seniors live in small apartments in highly populated areas. When their homes become so packed with “stuff” and infested with rodents or insects, it then becomes a serious health and fire hazard not only to them, but to others who live in close proximity. Here are some reasons why seniors are prone to hoarding:

Collecting memories

As we age, we gather years of memories, and for many people this includes collecting items associated with these memories. These treasures include such things as family heirlooms, collections of family photos, souvenirs from trips, childhood items, children’s belongings, books, magazines or newspapers put aside to read or reread later. This might not be a problem if you have enough room to store it, but when items overwhelm a space, it can become impossible for a senior with failing eyesight, slowed reflexes, or unsteady gait to get around. The home becomes an obstacle course with falls and injuries waiting to happen.

Mental handicaps

People in the beginning stages of Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairment might unwittingly begin to hoard. As their memory fails, they have trouble making minor decisions, such as deciding what mail is important and what is not.

This is an overwhelming thought to them, so they tend to put all their mail aside so they can go through it later. It

doesn’t take long for this to pile up.

My family became aware of my mother’s memory decline related to Alzheimer’s disease when my husband, son, and I drove down to her home in New Jersey to visit. We found boxes of halvah stacked in the refrigerator, on the counters, and stored in cabinets. My father has a weakness for halvah, so apparently Mom would buy it whenever she passed a candy counter. She had no idea there was already a lifetime supply at home because she couldn’t remember!

Physical handicaps

Physical handicaps can be another cause of hoarding. An older person suffering from painful arthritis might find simple household tasks like cleaning the table, washing dishes, or hanging up clothes too difficult to handle. Or a person with poor eyesight might be too proud to ask a neighbor to come in and help him remove the trash. Instead, the trash may pile up, becoming a magnet for rodents and insects. This can be a problem for both the resident and his neighbors.

Social isolation

Social isolation can also contribute to hoarding, especially in the elderly. As people age, they often lose the ability to perform many activities. Sometimes just maneuvering around the home becomes quite a chore and going outside the home can be so difficult that it just becomes easier to stay home rather than visit senior centers or attend outside events. It’s easy for these folks to become reclusive, depressed, and uncaring about how their apartment looks. Since nobody is there to see it, they are less inclined to clean or throw things away. Studies have also shown that people who are isolated tend to become more attached to possessions. Many seniors who stay at home begin to bond with items around them and are unable to part with them. This could cause them to keep things that they might normally throw away, or to pick up items that might offer them solace.

Downsizing

My friend, Liz, once confided in me: “I would probably be considered a hoarder if my apartment were smaller.” With unlimited space, we rarely have to make decisions on what to keep and what to throw

out, but when one needs to move into a smaller space, making choices on what is necessary and what can be given away can be very difficult. There is now a growing industry of consultants whose sole job is to help people part with their items so their new homes will not become booby trapped with too many possessions.

Hoarding by seniors is becoming a growing concern in the five boroughs, particularly for apartment dwellers where it affects more than one family. Next month I will discuss some of the programs that

agencies are considering to help seniors handle this problem.

Joanna Leefer is an eldercare adviser with 10 years experience working with aging issues. She was the primary caregiver for her parents for more than seven years and worked for Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged, Inc., an advocacy organization for the elderly. For more information on her services, visit www.joannaleefer.com. Her book, “Eldercare Basics,” will be available spring, 2013.



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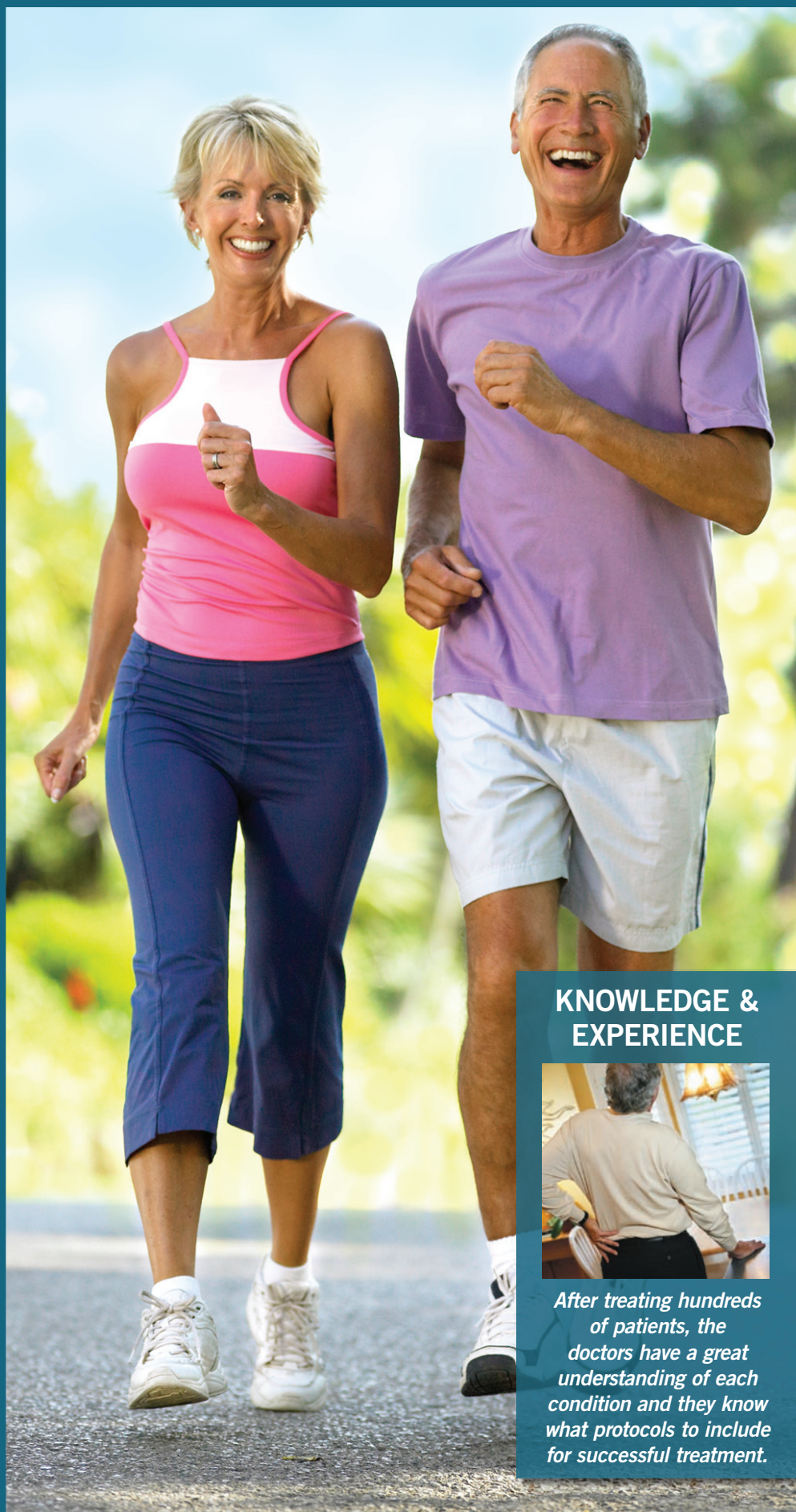
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SENIORS RETIRING TO RURAL AREAS WON'T FIND DOCTORS

BY JEFF BARNARD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nina Musselman had no trouble finding a family doctor when she retired to rural Oregon nine years ago to be closer to her children. But then that doctor moved away, leaving her to search for another who would take Medicare.

After a year of going from doctor to doctor, she finally found one who stuck.

As record numbers of baby boomers go into retirement, many are thinking about moving from the places they needed to live to make a living, and going someplace warmer, quieter, or prettier.

If they choose small towns like Grants Pass, 250 miles south of Portland, they could well have a hard time finding a family doctor willing to take Medicare, even supplemental plans, rather than private insurance.

"It's a sad situation for seniors," she said.

There are several reasons boomers, the 78 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964, could face difficulties finding a doctor if they retire to small towns during the next 20 years.

First, many primary care doctors prefer to live and work in urban areas because of greater cultural opportunities, better schools, and job opportunities for spouses.

Also, Medicare pays rural doctors less per procedure than urban physicians because their operating costs are supposedly less. That makes rural doctors less likely to accept Medicare patients.

With cuts to Medicare reimbursement for doctors targeted under the federal health care overhaul, the shortage is likely to get even worse, said Mark Pauly, professor of health-care management at the University of Pennsylvania.

That is, unless increasing reimbursements for nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants encourages those providers to take up the slack, Pauly said.

If the Medicare cuts go through, "the doctors are saying: 'We're out of here,'" Pauly said. "The least they are saying is: 'We'll treat Medicare pa-



Dr. Bruce Stowell examines patient Robert Busch at his office. Stowell is among many doctors in rural areas who have capped the numbers of Medicare patients they take due to low reimbursement levels.

AP/Jeff Barnard

tients like we treat Medicaid patients, which is mostly not."

Still, there is some good news, depending on where you live.

Pauly said the Affordable Care Act "puts a lot of emphasis on wellness programs and primary care. Nurses, especially nurse practitioners, are intended to play a major role there."

In Oregon, Washington, and 14 other states, nurses, and nurse practitioners "can operate independently of doctors, writing prescriptions, ordering tests, and even running clinics," Pauly said.

Nationwide, the 22.5 percent of primary care doctors who practice in rural areas roughly matches the 24 percent of Medicare patients living there, said Dr. Roland Goertz, chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians board.

A survey of academy members nationwide shows 83 percent take new Medicare patients. But there is an overall shortage of primary care physicians that still makes it hard for retirees to find a family doctor.

The real problem, he said, is that the healthcare system "has not supported a robust, adequate primary care workforce for over 30 years."

According to the American Association of Medical Colleges, rural areas need about 20,000 primary care doctors to make up for the shortages, but only about 16,500 medical doctors and 3,500 doctors of osteopathy graduate yearly.

"We are always trying to recruit doctors. We are barely keeping even," said Lyle Jackson, the medical director at the Mid-Rogue Independent Physician Association, a cooperative of doctors in Josephine County, where Musselman lives.

Taking part in the Medicare Advantage program, which pays a higher rate to doctors than standard Medicare, helps, but is still not enough, said Jackson, a former family physician.

A 2009 survey of doctors in the Oregon Medical Association showed concern over Medicare reimbursement rates topping the list of 23 issues, with 79 percent rating it as very important, said Joy Conklin, an official at the association.

The survey showed 19.1 percent of Oregon doctors had closed their practices to Medicare, and 28.1 percent had restricted the numbers of Medicare patients.

Safety a major factor in the choice for assisted living

Thousands of people every year begin the process of evaluating assisted living facilities either for themselves or a loved one. Personal safety is one of the primary reasons individuals choose to enter a care facility.

Seniors often cherish their independence and don't want to admit they may need help in certain areas of daily life. However, injuries in and around the house have become a routine part of many seniors' lives. At some point in time a conversation has to be had if it is no longer safe for an elderly person to live alone.

Although there are other living arrangements available, such as in-law suites in homes or a visiting nurse service, for many seniors the practical choice is to enter an assisted living facility.

Assisted living facilities are suitable for individuals needing help with activities of daily life, but who desire to live as independently as possible for as long as possible. A facility acts as a transition between independent living and a nursing home. It is practical for those who cannot live on their own but do not require constant supervision.

Facilities may offer a host of services, including assistance with eating, dressing, bathing, housekeeping, and other needs. The center also may be able to provide some level of medical care. However, this medical care won't be as extensive as in a nursing home or hospital setting.

Many times, facilities are part of a larger web of care called a Continuing Care System. This means there is a network of facilities in an adult community, from independent living to assisted living to a nursing home. This enables a person to work with one organization and travel comfortably through the system as need warrants.

Because safety is the primary reason for seeking a new living arrangement, safety should be one of the foremost considerations when choosing an assisted living facility. Here are some questions to ask when visiting properties.

- Is there adequate lighting indoors and outdoors?
- Are apartments equipped with grab bars in the bathrooms and safety railings in the hallways?
- Can a person move freely throughout the apartment without tripping on carpeting or other obstructions?
- Are there safety signaling devices inside the residence in case of an emergency?
- Are there a personnel available 24 hours a day in case assistance is needed?
- Is a call-in system present to ensure that residents are doing well every day?



An assisted living facility can offer seniors a host of services, including daily tasks such as taking medication.

MEDICARE 101 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

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Oct. 4-10, 2012, TIMES LEDGER • ELDERCARE

Free learning sessions help seniors how to get the most out of Medicare benefits

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will host free public workshops at hospitals and large health centers in Queens just in time for the Medicare open enrollment period to help senior citizens, other beneficiaries, and their caregivers apply for Medicare and get the most out of their benefits.

Health Insurance Specialists will conduct Medicare learning sessions at Elmhurst Hospital Center and Queens Hospital Center before and during open enrollment from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

The workshops will provide Medicare information and materials that are current, accurate and consistent for beneficiaries, healthcare professionals, including coming-of-agers (people approaching age 65, when they become eligible for Medicare), and those who want a refresher

course. The sessions will also cover updates brought about by the Affordable Care Act, the healthcare reform law passed by the U.S. Congress in 2010 and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in June.

Seniors are a significant and growing part of our patient population and we are providing this important information to assist them in making informed decisions about their healthcare," said Health and Hospitals Corporation President Alan D. Aviles.

Workshop participants will learn:

- The benefits of the Medicare program and how to apply.
- The parts of Medicare: Part A: hospital insurance; Part B: medical insurance — outpatient visits, lab work, preventive services; Part C: health plans; and Part D: prescription drug coverage.
- The Medicare appeals pro-

cess.

•The Medicare programs in place for people with limited income and resources.

"These workshops are an excellent way to inform beneficiaries, caregivers, coming-of-agers, and all who serve people with Medicare," said Norma Harris, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services health insurance specialist. "Through education, CMS is committed to continuing the important work involved in transforming health care delivery systems and helping to ensure a healthy future for all Americans."

Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people younger than 65 with disabilities, and people with end stage renal disease who require dialysis or a transplant.

All workshops will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

Thursday, Oct. 11. Elmhurst



Hospital Center, 79-01 Broadway. RSVP online at <http://medicare101elmhurst.eventbrite.com>.

Tuesday, Oct. 23. Queens Hospital Center, 82-86 164th St. RSVP online at [\[101queenshospital.eventbrite.com\]\(http://101queenshospital.eventbrite.com\).](http://medicare-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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HOW TO MAKE INFORMED HEALTH CARE DECISIONS

The typical health care patient has changed in recent years. No longer are individuals putting all of their health care decisions into the hands of nurses and doctors. Patients are more informed than ever before and are interested in taking a more active role in their own care.

Thanks to the Internet, people are able to access information that, in the past, was not easily available. A few decades ago, medical data may have been elusive and filled with confusing jargon the layperson might not have understood without a crash course in biology. However, today, there are different websites that clearly spell out information about certain illnesses and diseases. This means that patients may no longer be walking blindly into appointments with doctors.

Facing an illness is never easy, and the decision-making abilities could be hampered by emotions and the desire to improve as quickly as possible. Patients who do not have all of the facts may have to rely solely on the expertise of caregivers and physicians when making important healthcare decisions. By knowing the avenues of information, a patient can find assistance with careful decision-making.

While learning about an ailment is important, there are some things to consider.

•The Internet isn't foolproof. Many on-

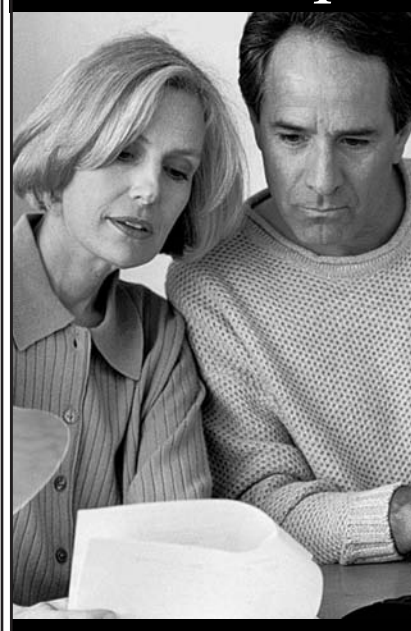
line medical sites are very reliable and offer a wealth of pertinent information. They can be good starting points when seeking out information on a particular condition. It is in your best interest to visit sites that are well-known and monitored by respected medical affiliations. Other sites may be peppered with exaggerated claims or misinformation. Therefore, do not go by online information alone.

•Don't self-diagnose. It can be easy to use the Internet as a means to narrowing down symptoms and making assumptions about what ailments you may have. Instead of using the Internet to self-diagnose your condition, leave the diagnosis up to your doctor and rely on online information after you are diagnosed. This can improve your understanding of the condition and any potential treatment options.

•Seek other avenues of information. You should never hesitate to seek a second opinion or go to a published medical journal to find out more about a condition. You have rights as a patient to be comfortable with the advice doctors give and be as involved in your treatment as you want to be.

•Online forums could be more harm than help. While these forums may be good sources of support, information published on these sites could be misleading, inaccurate or unsafe.

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term home health care, and community hospice. These community health programs help adults

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avoid institutionalization and remain where they most want to be – in the comfort of their homes, in their communities, with their families and friends.

In 1975, Parker established the first Geriatric Fellowship Program in the nation, and continues to be one of the leaders in the training of geriatric health care

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Circus arrival causes consternation in Fresh Meadows

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oil form local restaurants.

This column has complained that for the past two years the city has neglected the tree pits of trees on the malls in Fresh Meadows. The city Parks Department just removed the weeds from tree pits on Union Turnpike, but what about the tall weeds in tree pits on the other avenues and boulevards in Queens?

The September 2012 newsletter of the West Cunningham Park Civic Association had articles telling of the frustration of a number of the residents with the Big Apple Circus, which comes to Cunningham Park every spring. This quiet neighborhood north of Cunningham Park is inundated with people parking for the circus, especially on weekends, with people blocking driveways or hemming them in, making noise and leaving trash. When the circus unilaterally increased the number of weeks from three to four, people became concerned.

Members of the WCPA held a meeting with the manager of the circus, park officials, Community Board 8 members and

The September 2012 Jamaica Estates Monthly Bulletin had an interesting article about vehicle booting, which began July 30. The city Department of Finance will boot a vehicle instead of towing it away if the owner owes more than \$350 in parking, red-light camera or bus lane violation tickets.

If the tickets are not paid within two business days of being booted, the vehicle may be towed.

The JEA had an article describing how City Councilman James Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows), with the help of Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) and members of the JEA board, had appropriated \$30,000 to pay for members of the Doe Fund to pick up litter, maintain tree pits and recycle used cooking



Protesters gather at Zuccotti Park last year during the Occupy Wall Street protests.

Photo by Bob Harris

community affairs officers from the 107th Precinct. It was agreed the circus would keep its noise level down, put trash cans along Union Turnpike, permit parking on the north side of Union Turnpike during the duration of the

circus, and provide parking in rear parking lots in Cunningham Park. It seems to have indicated that it would reduce the number of weeks next year.

The WCPA reported that everything promised was de-

livered, but a few problems remained. The circus parking signs on the north side of Union Turnpike were too small. The garbage cans were only on the south side of Union Turnpike. Some people complained that there still were lots of cars parked on their blocks on Saturdays and Sundays. Some driveways on Union Turnpike were blocked and people parked in the bus stops.

The June 2012 issue of the Holliswood Civic News indicated that it sent a letter of support to the West Cunningham Park Civic Association because it also had problems with the circus. It reported a number of car break-ins and urged people to park in lighted areas, not leave goods visible in their cars and get VIN etching from the 107th Precinct. Do not leave your car registration or other documents in your car.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK: The Occupy Wall Street movement has returned to Wall Street on the one-year anniversary of the movement. The message resonated with many people.

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Boro Sikhs, pols want end to NYPD turban ban

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Several Sikhs and elected officials in Queens are throwing their support behind a petition urging the NYPD to reform its dress code to allow Sikh employees to wear turbans and beards in accordance with their religious faith.

"New York City, which is home to such great diversity, should be more considerate and open to those communities that have decided to make this city as their own," said Harpreet Singh Toor, chairman of public and external affairs at the Sikh Cultural Society, in a statement.

The society is based in Richmond Hill and represents the largest Sikh temple in New York. Its chairman, Mohan Singh Khatra, is the nephew of Suvez Khatra, who was killed recently in a shooting rampage at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek,



State Assemblyman David Weprin (c.) speaks at a press conference in August calling for tougher measures against discrimination in the workplace.

Photo by Christina Santucci

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State Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Little Neck), who introduced a

bill that would prohibit discrimination against uniformed employees who wear religious dress, also

released a statement in support of the petition.

"An individual should never have to choose be-

tween their place of employment and their religious observance," he said.

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica) also came out in support of the petition, saying it is important for the NYPD to be reflective of the city's diversity.

City Comptroller John Liu and the city-based Sikh Coalition and United Sikhs, a United Nations-affiliated nonprofit, are circulating the petition, ramping up efforts for religious tolerance in the wake of the Wisconsin shooting. Other efforts include a recent letter Liu sent Mayor Michael Bloomberg asking for the same policy change.

The petition is addressed to Bloomberg and was launched last Friday. It argues the NYPD's policy prohibiting Sikhs from wearing turbans and beards unfairly forces Sikhs and members of oth-

er faiths to choose between serving on the NYPD and adhering to their faith.

It also says allowing Sikhs to wear religious garb would promote religious inclusion for the community and others who have similar religious dictates, and that such a move would fall in line with decisions made by other agencies in the city.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority recently ended a policy requiring Sikh employees to wear an MTA logo on their turbans, and last year the Council passed a law enhancing religious freedom in the workplace.

Liu is planning on visiting Sikh temples and community groups over the next few weeks to garner signatures for the petition, which at press time had nearly 70 out of 300 needed signatures.



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People IN THE NEWS

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Academics

Anthony Trochtkenkov of Rego Park was named to the Penn State Erie, The Behrend College spring 2012 dean's list.

Anndrea Salvatto of Bayside and **Angelo Giokas** of Little Neck have graduated from Siena College.

Yun Cho of Little Neck was named to the Emory College spring 2012 dean's list.

Tony Tan of Flushing and **Kimberly David** of Woodhaven were named to the spring 2012 Oxford College merit list.

Anna Gordan of Rego Park, **Ben Su** of Flushing and **Andrew Schreter** of Fresh Meadows were named to the Oxford College spring 2012 honor list.

Cyril Akita of Fresh Meadows has been named



PAUL CRUZ

to the College of Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences at Rider University spring 2012 dean's list.

Jessica Lee and **Goeun Seo** of Bayside and **Alexandra Vranes** of Little Neck have graduated from the School of Visual Arts.

Brittany Bishop of Little Neck has graduated

from Babson College.

The following have been named National Merit Scholarship winners: **Francesca Arcidiacono** of Douglaston, **Saad Bokhari** of Flushing, **Hannah Zoe Korb** and **Patrick Lee** of Forest Hills and **Catherine M. Choi** of Queens Village.

Christopher J. Zambrano of Whitestone has graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The following have been named to the spring 2012 Hofstra University dean's list:

Timothy Keaney, **Hnin Haemar Kin**, **Olga Mihailides** and **Jeffrey Wong** of Bayside; **Alexa Cohen**, **Drew Cohen**, **Lauren Kalmanowitz** and **Mariann Scoufaras** of Douglaston; **Michael Galati**, **Dennis**

Grapsas, **Alexandria Kozak**, **George Skevas** and **Alexander Tran** of Flushing; **Adam Kurzyna**, **Rebecca Hublall** and **Shannan Ferry** of Little Neck; and **Stefanie Avila**, **Diana Nguyen**, **Jennifer Nguyen** and **Stefania Pecora** of Oakland Gardens.

Stacey Ceron of Woodhaven has been named to the Drew University spring 2012 dean's list.

Haniyyah Bashir of Rosedale was named to the Wells College spring 2012 dean's list.

Paul Cruz has received a scholarship to attend the seventh annual New York City Minority Youth Environmental Training Institute "Seven Days of Learning, A Lifetime of Experience" and will be volunteering for

part of this summer in Costa Rica on the Turtle Conservation Program.

Timothy Chan of Douglaston was named to the SUNY Potsdam spring 2012 dean's list.

Krystal Quero of Corona, **Tamara Jackson** of Jamaica, **Brabim Baral** of Ridgewood and **Lyndsey Creed** and **Andrea Palma** of Flushing were named to the SUNY Potsdam spring 2012 president's list.

Risa Anzai of Woodside has graduated from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Nwamaka Okafor of Jamaica took part in hands-on learning in SUNY Oswego's Global Laboratory network at science labs around the world in July.

Victoria Iwanowski of Rego Park has earned

academic honors at Purdue University for the spring 2012 semester.

Lefkothea Stephanou of Little Neck has graduated from Arcadia University.

Jing Lin of Flushing and **Maria Beltran** of East Elmhurst have won scholarships from United Health Foundation's Diverse Scholars Initiative to pursue careers in health care.

Steven Gabbidon of Rosedale and **Jea Min Kim** of College Point have graduated from Carson Long Military Academy.

Megan McHale of Rego Park has graduated from La Salle University.

Crystal Washington of St. Albans was named to the Genesee Community College spring 2012 dean's list.

Military

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Marco A. Arellano**, a graduate of Aviation High School in Long Island City, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Marco D. Gutierrez**, son of **Marion Alvear** of Jackson Heights, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Air Force Reserve Airman **Ervin M. Matthews**, son of **Desiree Phillips** of Hollis, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Yecenia Morocho**, daughter of **Celina Morocho** of Flushing, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Air Force Airman **Jacqueline H. Nazario**, sister of **Alvin Nazario** of Richmond Hill, graduated from

basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air Force Airman **Darryl M. Hutchinson**, son of **Gale Hutchinson** of Jamaica, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air Force Airman **Karamjeet Singh**, a 2010 graduate of Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Laishawn V. LaBorde**, son of **Michelle Clarke** of 35th Avenue, Long Island City, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air Force Senior Airman **Christopher H. Tinsley**, son of **David** and **Karen Tinsley** of Woodhaven, has graduated from the Air

Force Airman Leadership School at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

Sgt. **Andrew Rodriguez** of Flushing has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 369th Sustainment Brigade.

Sgt. 1st Class **Alvin Mohabir** of South Ozone Park has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 369th Sustainment Brigade.

Sgt. **Alberto Espinar** of Ozone Park has re-enlisted to continue service with the 442nd Military Police Co.

Sgt. **Trace Campbell** of Jamaica has re-enlisted to continue service with the 222nd Chemical Co.

Spc. **Leroy Poole** of Jamaica has re-enlisted to continue service with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co.

Sgt. **Brendon Williams** of Richmond Hill has re-enlisted to continue service with the 222nd Chemical Co.

Air Force Airman **Ashia S. Montalvo**, daughter of **Cathleen Mann** of South Richmond Hill, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

New York Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Dwayne Morgan** of Hollis has brought the anti-drug abuse message to children at schools, camps and fairs in New York.

Airman 1st Class **Bryan Fuss** of Ridgewood completed the Security Forces Apprentice course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Airman 1st Class **Jose Clavijo** of East Elmhurst completed the Communication/Navigation/Mission Systems course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Airman 1st Class **Curtis Grimes** of Jamaica completed training for the Security Forces Apprentice course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Awards

Laura O'Brien of Flushing, a clinical nurse specialist at Beth Israel, has received the 2012 Circle of Excellence Award from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

Sherry Rogers of Forest Hills was presented with the Foundation Fighting Blindness' Volunteer of the Year Award for the Northeast Region for her service in support of the nonprofit's mission to save and restore sight lost to retinal diseases.

Dillon Paul, a media arts teacher at Flushing International High School in Flushing, has won a \$2,000 ING Unsung Heroes grant for an innovative teaching program.

Airman 1st Class **Ricardo Narainsingh** of Jamaica completed training for the UH-60 Helicopter Repairer course at Fort Eustis, Va.

Tech. Sgt. **Eric Sanchez** of Forest Hills has completed the Personnel Apprentice Course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Ebony W. Marrero**, daughter



LAURA O'BRIEN

of **Ivette Rosaly** of Springfield Gardens, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Air Force Airman **Nicholas M. Sinisko**, son of **George Sinisko** of Flushing, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Academics

Crystal A. Clements of St. Albans earned high honors for the spring 2012 term at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Johnny R. Marquez of Queens Village has received a \$17,600 Presidential Scholarship from SUNY Oswego.

Anna Weintraub of Woodside and **Anthony Langone** and **Xianghua Li** of Flushing have graduated from DePaul University.

Alan D. Grunberg of Woodside and **Elias Derian** of Forest Hills have been named to first honors on the spring 2012 Clark University dean's list.

Justin Garrett Abruzzo of Whitestone has graduated from the University of Rochester.

Susan Gamble of Ridgewood and **Tamara Jackson** of Jamaica have graduated from SUNY Potsdam.

Ashley Hines of Jamaica has graduated from Rider University.

David Kim of Flushing was named to the spring 2012 Eastern Oregon University dean's list.

Li Liang of Fresh Meadows, **Danielle Teutonico** of Jackson Heights and **N'Dea Hallett** of Rosedale were named to the spring 2012 Tufts University dean's list.

Tiffany Cabeca of Kew Gardens and **Sungha Suh** of Little Neck were named to the Decker School of Nursing at SUNY Binghamton spring 2012 dean's list.

David Schemitsch of Forest Hills has graduated from Mercyhurst University.

Madalyn L. Lesman of Jamaica Estates, **Taylor J. Arluck** of Rego Park and **Jessie R. Heller** of Forest Hills were named to the College of Community and Public Affairs at SUNY Binghamton spring 2012 dean's list.

Staphany Lee of Douglaston, **Anna Gleksman** of Forest Hills and **Lavon Shim-Johnson** of St. Al-



HARMONIE KOBANGHE

bans will attend SUNY Oswego this fall.

Andy C. Hojoa of Ridgewood has graduated from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Alexis Chamoff of Flushing has earned national recognition as a member of the SUNY Delhi culinary team, which won the American Culinary Federation's National Student Championship July 15.

Tammy Tran of Woodhaven, **Andrew Calderon** of East Elmhurst, **Melissa Zheng** of East Elmhurst and **Babajide Ademola** of Rosedale have been named to the 2011-12 Lawrence University dean's list.

Helena Mannarino of Ridgewood has graduated from The College of New Jersey.

Harmonie Kobanghe, a LaGuardia Community College student, has won the 2012 Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

Vasu Rabaib of Woodside and **Sade Singh** of Hollis will enter Bard College this fall.

Alan Boardman of Sunnyside, **Andrew Nunez** of East Elmhurst, **Adam**

Burke of Briarwood and **Shannon Browne** of Middle Village were named to the Caldwell College spring 2012 dean's list.

Christopher Davius of Cambria Heights took part in an internship this summer through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education program.

Wenyun Guo of Flushing has graduated from Lawrence Technological University.

Colleen Haller of Glendale was named to the spring 2012 Saint Joseph's University dean's list.

David Chau of Jackson Heights has graduated from the University of Houston.

The following were named to SUNY Fredonia spring 2012 dean's list: **Edward Wei-Mao Hsu** of Bay-side, **Sarah Abigail Schlesinger** and **Christopher G. Celiz** of Flushing, **Kelsey O'Callaghan** of Jackson Heights, **Claudia Maria Azevedo** of Jamaica, **Justin Daniel Black** of Little Neck and **Kathryn Joanna Haro** of Long Island City.

Sergey Tkachenko of Jackson Heights has been named to the Rider University Westminster Choir Col-

lege spring 2012 dean's list.

Daniel Waters of Forest Hills, **Tonika Forrester** of Queens Village, **Karina Hain** of Maspeth, **Jessica Conter** of Glendale and **Jillian Santos** of Flushing were named to the spring 2012 SUNY Binghamton athletic director's honor roll.

Lauren Leonardson of Glendale has been named to the spring 2012 SUNY College of Technology at Delhi dean's list.

Errol Samuels of Hollis, **William Hart** of Jamaica and **Douglas Lapenta** of Flushing have graduated from SUNY Delhi.

Valerie Bar of Forest Hills was named to the spring 2012 Quinnipiac University dean's list.

Joseph Byrnes of Maspeth has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2012 semester.

Ashley McGowan of Maspeth has been named to the Central Penn College spring 2012 dean's list.

Zineb Bouizy and **Harmonie Kobanghe**, students at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, were awarded \$2,000 grants to be used toward completing their four-year degrees.

Hermes Pascoal of Sunnyside and **Shuyao Wu** of Rego Park took their first steps in becoming boiler-makers by participating in the annual STAR program at Purdue University's West Lafayette campus.

Myungsup Shin of Woodside and **Nadia Suen** of Fresh Meadows has been named to the spring 2012 Berklee College dean's list.

DiFenni Shi of Flushing has graduated from the Berklee College of Music.

Dennis Rim of Little Neck has been named a Danforth Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis.

Jimmy Johnson of Flushing was named to the winter 2012 Cooley Law School dean's list.

Business

Allstate Insurance Co. has recognized The Mercado Agency, in Flushing, for its specialization in customer service. Agent **Francisco Mercado** has structured his agency to ensure it goes above and beyond its call of duty.

Allstate Insurance Co. has recognized The Jainarine Agency in Jamaica for its specialization in customer service. Agent **Mahindro Jainarine** has structured his agency to ensure it goes above and beyond its call of duty.

Allstate Insurance Co. has recognized The Collura Agency in Flushing for their specialization in customer service. Agent **Paul Collura** has structured his agency to ensure it goes above and beyond its call of duty.

Genser Dubow Genser & Cona, a leading elder law and estate planning law firm in Melville, L.I., announces the addition of **Dana Walsh Sivak** of Bayside as an associate attorney.

Joseph Sclafani, a SERVPRO franchise owner in the Bayside area, was honored with the Director's Silver Award.

Dr. **Juliet Nevins**, based out of Fidelis Care's Rego Park office, has been named associate medical director for Quality Health Care Management.

Min Wen Chen of Oradell Agency in Flushing has become a member in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table — The Premier Association of Financial Professionals.



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Miscellaneous

Meredith Hurley of Little Neck and **Thomas O'Hare** of Fishkill, N.Y., were married July 21 in St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church. The couple will reside in Hopewell Junction.

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Rochdale LL coach gets 18 yrs. after admitting to abusing boys

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The 54-year-old man who admitted to using his position as a Little League coach at Rochdale Village to sexually abuse his young players was sentenced to 18 years in jail last week, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown announced.

David Hartshorn, once named "Rochdale Village Little League Coach of the Year," was sentenced by Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard Buchter Friday after he admitted to sexually abusing three teenage boys and filming two others in sexual acts between July 2009 and August 2010.

"A coach can have a lasting impact on a child's life. In this case, unfortunately, it was not in a good way," Brown said. "The defendant has admitted

to being a sexual predator who took advantage of his position as a Little League coach to get close to young boys before sexually abusing them. For that reason alone, the prison sentence meted out by the court today is more than warranted."

Hartshorn, who has been held on bail since he was arrested in February 2011, pleaded guilty in August to one count of first-degree criminal sexual act, two counts of second-degree criminal sexual act and two counts of using a child in a sexual performance.

Hartshorn collapsed in court in the winter of 2011 when he was arraigned on charges that could have put him away for up to 25 years.

According to the district attorney, Hartshorn had used his position as coach to gain the trust of

his young players and lure them back to his home, where he showed them pornographic materials, videotaped them in sexual acts and played a sordid game of poker, where the loser would have to perform sexual acts with another boy.

The authorities got tipped off when one of the young boys told his mother, who then went to the police.

Brown said a search warrant executed on Hartshorn's home turned up VHS and DVD movies showing the young boys engaged in sexual acts, as well as similar photographs showing boys younger than 10.

In the wake of the scandal, Rochdale Village canceled its 2011 Little League season, and one lawmaker highlighted the case as he made an effort to reform the state's sex offender laws.







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TO THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING

Bella ROSANNA

Astoria native's romance novel takes readers from streets of neighborhood to the canals of Venice

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Author Rosanna Chiofalo's debut novel, "Bella Fortuna" takes place in the Astoria of her childhood. A warm tribute to her heritage, the book brings to life colorful scenes from her past as a first-generation Italian American daughter of Sicilian parents who emigrated to America in the 1960s.

"The strong sense of community and the hardworking people — many of whom were immigrants — instilled in me a strong work ethic, as well as made me the down-to-earth person I am today," she says.

Chiofalo's parents landed on Ellis Island in 1961, lived on the Lower East Side, then moved close to Astoria Park in 1970. Her father was a longshoreman, who worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and his travels around the world left her with a desire to travel. Mama stayed home and raised four children — Rosanna was the youngest.

Astoria's familiar sights and

sounds, and fictionalized local yokels, like neighborhood meddler and gossip Paulie Parlatone ("big talker" in Italian), also known as "Il Sindaco" or "the mayor of 35th street," serve as a backdrop to Chiofalo's evocative tale, as seen through the eyes of a charming, intelligent and courageous 30-something, Valentina DeLuca. Her quest for a knight in shining armor leads to a romantic adventure in scenic Venice, a moonlit gondola ride and a rendezvous at St. Mark's Square.

In the book, Valentina says, "The streets are quietest on Sunday mornings, my favorite time to be walking through Astoria, the Queens neighborhood where I grew up and still live."

Dreams of a Venice wedding lead Valentina to eventual loss and heartbreak. Meanwhile, she struggles with her parents' — Olivia and Nicola — old world beliefs vs. her own, wondering about good vs. bad luck and controlling her destiny.

"Yes, it's the start of a new year and finally I feel like this is going to be my year," says Valentina. After designing and sewing wedding dresses for other lucky brides-to-be for so long, it will now be my turn to shine in the spotlight."

The author's maternal grandfather was a tailor who made men's



Rosanna Chiofalo's debut novel, "Bella Fortuna," highlights the romantic adventures of an Astoria native like herself.

Photo courtesy Rosanna Chiofalo

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Popular staples join Queens Restaurant Week

BY ALAN KRAWITZ

Local epicures and other connoisseurs of fine cuisine will want to take note: Queens' ninth annual Restaurant Week will commence this year from Oct. 8-11 and Oct. 15-18, featuring more than 100 local restaurants in more than 30 neighborhoods across the borough. The majority of eateries will offer three-course, prix fixe meals for \$25 but specials may vary.

"Queens Restaurant Week is a tremendously important event showcasing what the borough has to offer by way of its diverse cuisine," said Laura Altimari of Components of Fine Taste, a restaurant marketing company that works with several local establishments.

"It gives the restaurants an opportunity to connect on a personal level with the community and,



The crowd lines up for last year's Queens Restaurant Week kickoff event in front of Queens Borough Hall.

Photo courtesy Queens Economic Development Corp.

at the same time, it offers diners a chance to get out there and dine at a restau-

rant that they may not have considered before."

Some of this year's

participating restaurants include local favorites such as Austin Steak and Ale

House in Kew Gardnes, Bourbon Street Café in Bayside, Tony Roma's in Bayside, Fayrooz in Astoria, El Coyote Restaurant in Jackson Heights and London Lennies in Rego Park.

Altimari added, "With the addition of so many restaurants in Queens, I can only see this event growing in the coming years, bringing Queens to the forefront in the culinary arena."

"Restaurant Week is one of our borough's most anticipated and popular annual events," said Borough President Helen M. Marshall. "It provides residents and visitors alike with great opportunities to sample at discounted prices the wide variety of gastronomical delights that can be found right here in America's most diverse county. I urge everyone to enjoy this opportunity while it lasts."

Seth Bornstein, executive director of the Queens

Economic Development Corporation called Queens Restaurant Week "the most delicious bargain in New York City because the prices are so reasonable and the food is so good." He also added that the promotion "fits in well with our Real Culture/Authentic Flavor program, which informs on the borough's cultural events and the wonderful places to shop and eat near those venues."

This year's Queens Restaurant Week is a program of the Queens Tourism Council and is sponsored by the Melrose Credit Union, jetBlue Airways, Resorts World Casino New York City, Restaurant Depot and Tequila Sunrise of Bayside.

For more information on participating restaurants, menus and special pricing, residents can visit www.itsinqueens.com or www.discoverqueens.info.

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ROSANNA

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suits. "He taught my mother her seamstress skills and I was always in awe of her skills, so she was my inspiration for making Valentina and her family seamstresses in 'Bella Fortuna,'" Chiofalo says.

Her own wedding planning is reflected in part of the book. "Valentina was inspired by my wanting to show how so many brides get caught up in having the 'perfect' wedding, when nothing in life is perfect, so it's quite unrealistic.

"I met my husband, Ed Aponte, through my mother-in-law, at jury duty," Chiofalo says. "No, he's not Italian, but everyone thinks he is. His parents are actually from Puerto Rico."

The reader gets a zesty, heartwarming glimpse of life with Valentina's familia, as the Dickens-inspired author explores all the wonderful emotions and beliefs that make them tick: felicità (happiness), agita (grief of the worst kind), the dread-

ed malocchio (curse of the evil eye) and, of course, tons of amore.

"I was very close to my family — your typical city kid, who hung out on her front stoop, played hide-and-seek with the other kids on the block. I also read a lot," says Chiofalo. "Holidays were a big deal in my house. My mother always baked sweet Easter bread for Easter and made other special desserts for the holidays. My father had a custom in which we played cards on Christmas Eve — more of a big deal in my family than Christmas Day."

The author, who attended St. Joseph's Parochial School, St. John's Prep and worshiped at St. Joseph's Church in Astoria, said she liked her nabe better when she was growing up there. "Many of the independent stores, especially the food markets, have gone out of business. Although there is a lot that's great now, such as the many ethnically diverse restaurants, I feel like

the community I grew up in is disappearing. It's also become way too congested."

In "Bella Fortuna," Grandmother's Cake isn't a recipe passed down from one of the author's grandmothers; it's a popular dessert in Italy. Other recipes in the back of the book are from family members: Fried Meatballs, her mother's recipe; Cinnamon Vanilla French Toast, her husband's; Lemon Wedges in Olive Oil and Vinegar — Mama's Sicilian recipe.

The author just completed her second novel, which will be published in September 2013. The first half of the book is set in Astoria; the latter half in Rome. "My editor and I are still trying to figure out the title. The novel is a sort of Italian 'The Devil Wears Prada.' That's all I'll say for now. You'll have to wait and read it."

Chiofalo is a freelance copywriter in book publishing. "Bella Fortuna" was published by Kensington Books.

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"Bella Fortuna" by Rosanna Chiofalo is available online at kensingtonbooks.com or other major online retailers.

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Where: Jewish Center of Oak Hills, 50-35 Cloverdale Boulevard, Bayside

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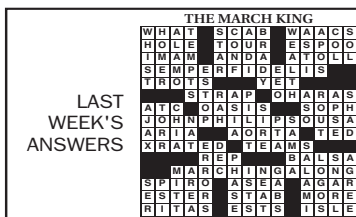
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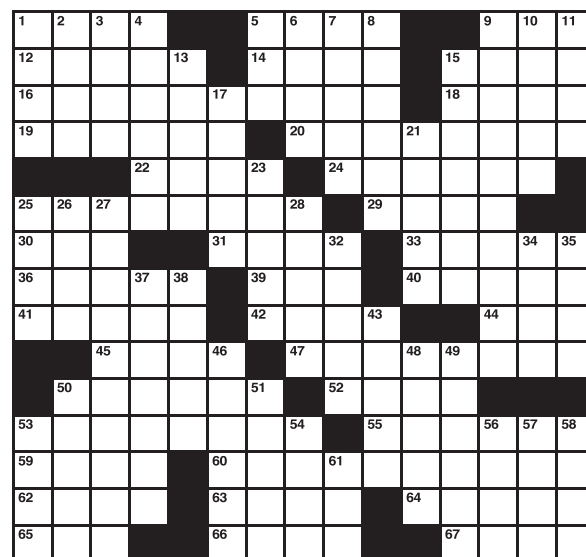
By Ed Canty

A Bit Groovy



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5 Indicator on a clock radio
9 One for the road
12 Crossword puzzle birds
14 French pal
15 Homer Simpson's mom
16 Calm
18 Pen pals
19 Went alone
20 Horse sound effects
22 Small change
24 ___ Doo (cartoon dog)
25 Rob Roy, e.g.
29 "Lying thief," e.g.
30 Vocalist Yoko



67 Lad's sweetheart

26 "My treat"

Down

- 27 Calm
28 Kids' blocks
32 Spoils, with "on"
34 Small change?
35 Plot cover-ups?
37 Soup, salad & dessert
38 Like Georgia Brown
43 Storied Swiss miss
46 Boonies
48 More arid
49 "___ Weapon"
50 Cloud nine
51 Tonto's horse
53 Peter and Mary's sidekick
54 Mad as a hornet
56 O'Hara estate
57 Elevator firm
58 ID's, of sorts
61 Some linemen: Abbr.
- 1 Pts of minutes
2 Switch addition
3 Organic compound
4 Bolt the door again
5 Battery option
6 IV x DCL
7 Brew brand
8 Army docs
9 A gentle wind at the lake, e.g.
10 Bug
11 Blacksmith's tool
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When: Through Oct. 26
Where: Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Contact: qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/godwin_ternbach

Trifects (x3)|Curators' Choice – Celebrate the silver anniversary of the art center.
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A Disagreeable Object – This exhibition brings together a group of international artists who similarly posit the object in relation to capitalist culture and technology, as well as the gendered oppositions between interior and exterior space.
When: Through Nov. 26
Where: SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City
Contact: (718) 361-1750; sculpture-center.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 translucent 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
Contact: (718) 592-9700
Website: queensmuseum.org

Caribbean: Crossroads of the World – A first-time collaborating with El Museo del Barrio to highlight over two centuries of rarely seen works from the Haitian Revolution (1804) to the present. The show features some 400 works including painting, sculpture, prints, books, photography, film, video and historic artifacts from Caribbean nations, Europe and the United States.
When: Through Jan. 6, 2013
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Website: queensmuseum.org

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Contact: (718) 956-1819
Website: socratessculpturepark.org

Hammer, Chisel, Drill: Noguchi's Studio Practice – Includes about 60 hand and industrial tools drawn from Noguchi's belongings. A handful of his sculptures, finished and unfinished, will be positioned throughout the exhibition as they relate to specific tools or processes, and a 1970 documentary including footage of Noguchi at work at his Pietrasanta studio will run.
When: Through April 28, 2013
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Contact: 718-204-7088
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Francis Lewis' Mauricio Cediel (c.) fights for control of the ball against a Bayside defender. Photo by Maria Lopez

Bayside nearly snaps 62-game Lewis streak

BY JOE PANTORNO

It's been some time since Francis Lewis lost a league game, and no team has come closer to ending that streak than rival Bayside.

The host Patriots gave the Commodores no such chance, putting on a dominant display in a convincing 4-0 win in Public Schools Athletic League Queens A East boys' soccer Saturday. The win pushes Francis Lewis' league winning streak to 62 games and put them in sole possession of first place. It also accomplished the feat by playing down a man for 51 minutes after Luis Argudo picked up a second yellow card. Francis Lewis won last year's three meetings by a combined five goals.

"Huge relief, especially after last year when we played them and we were losing 3-0 at halftime," Francis Lewis Coach Roger Sarmuksnis said of the first game a year ago. "It meant that we were playing our game right from the start."

Lewis (6-0) hit the

ground running, dominating possession from the opening whistle and was quickly rewarded in the 13th minute. A header from striker Santiago Atehortua was saved off the crossbar but the rebound was struck home by Emmanuel Alvarez.

Teammate Niko Touros was a handful down the right side when he was in the game. With speed and a powerful right foot, Touros set up the Patriots' second goal when he foraged down the right side and unleashed a low shot that was saved nicely. Luckily, striker Charlies Yang cleaned up the rebound to double the lead in the 24th minute.

"I thought Niko was going to score it," Yang said. "But I just stayed with it and got the rebound."

After an aggressive challenge gave him his first yellow, Argudo was sent off when he appealed a call from an official after his teammate, Mauricio Cediel, won a free kick in

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Holy Cross stumbles in win

Team bounces back after major loss but shows weakness

BY MIKE MCAVOY

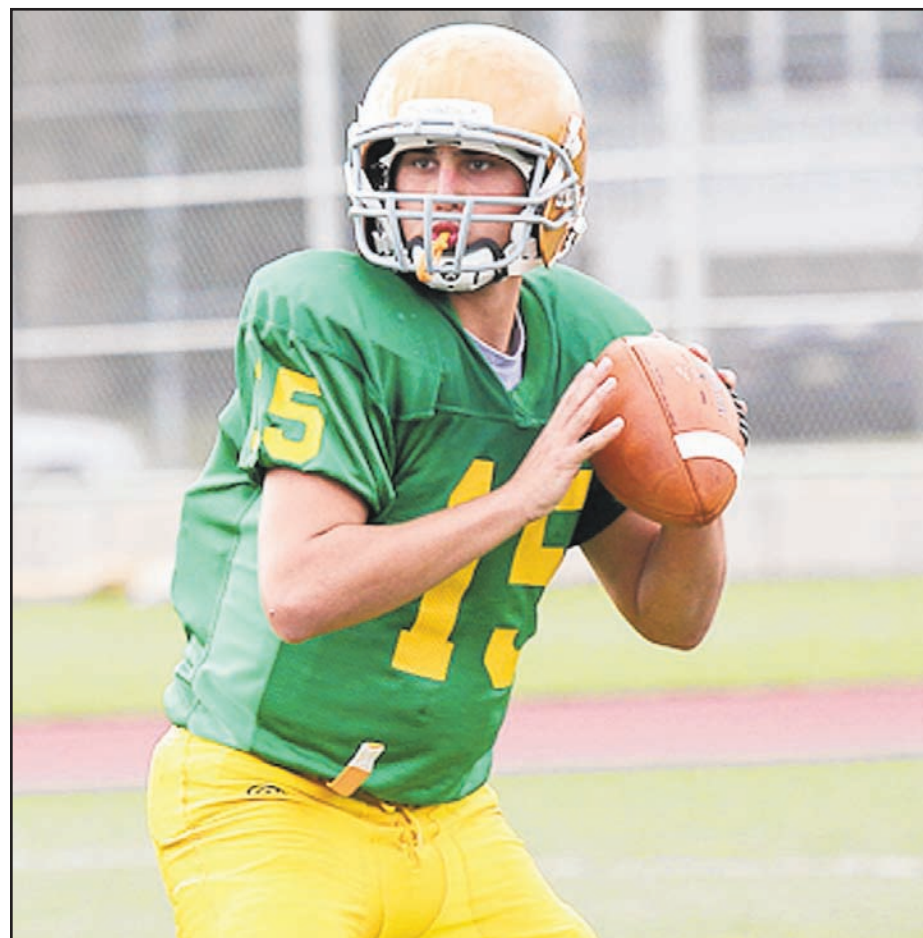
A mental lapse late in the fourth quarter nearly wiped out an impressive showing by Malachi Hoskins, but the defensive end found redemption to earn Holy Cross the win.

Hoskins, who scored a defensive touchdown and blocked a punt, committed a 15-yard personal foul late in the fourth quarter that gave Archbishop Stepinac the ball back. He made up for it on the ensuing drive when he stripped quarterback Daniel Hoffer. His teammate Stefan Harrington recovered the ball to seal a 16-14 Holy Cross win in a Catholic High School Football League Class AAA game at the Bayside Athletic Complex Sunday afternoon.

"Games come down to the end, every game," Hoskins said while catching his breath. "You know someone has to come and step up to make the play."

Hoskins just thought he was making a play on a punt late in the fourth, but he ended up hitting Stepinac's Christian Lopez before he caught the ball. Stepinac regained possession on the penalty and moved the ball down to the Holy Cross 30-yard line with under a minute to play.

In a third-and-11 situation, Hoskins had his chance to erase his mistake by forcing a fumble. Holy Cross Coach Tom Pugh expected Hoskins to make up for his mistake and earn the Knights a bounce-back win after a lopsided loss to



Holy Cross quarterback Michael Loprete looks to put the ball in the air. Photo by Ken Maldonado

St. Anthony's last week.

"That's what great players are supposed to do," Pugh said. "He made up for it quite a bit."

Holy Cross (3-1, 2-1) led 16-14 thanks to a safety late in the third quarter. With the score tied, Stepinac (1-3, 1-2) punted from their own 16-yard line. The snap flew over punter Matthew Schumaker's head and he ended up kicking it out of the end zone to give Holy Cross two points. That was Stepinac's third safety off a punt this season.

The Crusaders' mis-

cues turned into Holy Cross points throughout the game. Cross' first score came off a botched hand-off down inside their own 5-yard line. Hoskins fell on top of it in the end zone to give his team a 7-0 lead with 7:35 to play in the first quarter.

After the score, Stepinac fumbled the ensuing kickoff, giving Cross excellent field position. Jordan Francklin would run the ball in from 3 yards out, giving Cross a 14-0 lead with 3:01 left in the first. Stepinac's scores came on

a 34-yard touchdown pass from Hoffer to Malcolm Major, who then later added a 4-yard scamper to tie the game.

"We did everything possible to give that game away," Stepinac Coach Mike O'Donnell said.

Seeing his own team capitalize off of the opposition's mistakes, Hoskins did everything in his power so his own mishap did not become a springboard for Stepinac.

"I got the opportunity and made the best of it," Hoskins said.

Mary Louis works to overcome early season slump

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The plight of the early soccer season for Mary Louis has been to find the scoring complements around star Therese Boyle.

"She is dying for that kid out in front of her to just put the ball on her foot and finish," TMLA Coach Tom Bruen said.

Following a season opening loss to defending Catholic High School Activities Association Brooklyn/Queens champion Christ the King, it's beginning to happen. Mary Louis has picked up quality wins over Preston and Fontbonne Hall and earned a tie with defending Archdiocesan champ St. Joseph Hill. Boyle had a hat trick against Preston, a score against Hill and assisted on Erica Ritter's winners versus Fontbonne last week. Eva Scazzero and Tori Lynch have also tallied goals.

"I was so happy," Boyle said of Ritter's goal. "We have been struggling



Therese Boyle of Mary Louis heads the ball during the game against Christ the King.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

with crosses this season. We haven't been finishing much so I was so happy Erica stepped up and finished."

The Hilltoppers have tried to do it with two of their best offensive players sidelined with injuries. Center midfielder Victoria Scaparro is out with an ankle injury and pure forward Colette Craig is hopeful to be back late in the season after hurting her knee. Scaparro's absence had forced Boyle to sink more into the midfield and not just be out in front attacking. Bruen said it's also forced him to keep Rachel Spanpinato back more and help transition the ball from defense to offense.

The 1-0 win over Fontbonne, in a rematch of last year's semifinal won by Mary Louis, puts TMLA in second place in Brooklyn/Queens. Bruen said he preferred the difficult schedule early, asking for the hardest teams first. Defender Regina Paskoff and midfielder Kim Myers have

also been key to the early success.

"Every win is good especially against a rival team," Ritter said of beating the Bonnies.

Continuing this success and showing more consistency in their play is what Bruen wants to see next. Even against Fontbonne, TMLA dominated the first half only to watch the Bonnies control play after the break with pressure and nearly tie the score multiple times.

"We are a little hot and cold right now," Bruen said. "Some games we come out there and we are really sharp with good combination play. There are other times where I don't even know you guys."

One thing he does know is that Boyle will need to continue to get the scoring help she has received in recent games if the success is going to continue.

"Our offense is getting better at finishing," Boyle said, "which is exactly what we needed."

Versatile Laforgia living up to hype as Prep standout

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jaclyn Laforgia doesn't have a set job on the court per se.

"I try to be an all-around player," the St. Francis Prep junior outside hitter said. "Whatever the team needs I try to be there."

Laforgia was everywhere for the Terriers in a 25-17, 25-17, 25-18 win over rival and host Archbishop Molloy in Catholic High School Activities Association Brooklyn/Queens girls' volleyball in Briarwood last week. She didn't have her biggest game hitting with just three kills, but recorded 14 digs and two service aces. It all contributed to a strong defensive effort and allows everyone else's roles to fall into place.

"She is everywhere all over the floor," senior Kelly Flynn said.

Laforgia was expected to be St. Francis Prep's breakout star

this season after a strong finish to her sophomore campaign. She lived up to those expectations against Molloy, which handed her team its first league loss since 2005 last year. Laforgia began SFP's 8-0 first set run with a kill after the match's longest volley to make it 18-11. She also made two tremendous hustle plays to keep balls alive, once running into the Terriers bench near the deep back corner of the court.

"She is going to be the most aggressive person," SFP Coach Kevin Colucci said. "She is very fast. She is going to fly around."

His team, unbeaten in league play, didn't let Molloy hang around after each set was tight half way through. Last year, the team played three grueling five-set matches with the Terriers, winning twice, including in the diocesan title game. This group, which includes much of that squad, has learned from ex-



St. Francis Prep's Jaclyn Laforgia keeps the ball in the air.

Photo by Christina Santucci

perience. They are playing with a more confident mindset after reaching their first CHSAA Class

AA state final since 1999 last season.

"We had to shut them down

and show them who is boss," Laforgia said. "We stayed focused."

The Terriers, who were pushed to five sets by Fontbonne Hall in their league opener, biggest strength remains its depth. Caroline Gorecki, Flynn and Laforgia dominated the net against Molloy. Libero Caroline Vallone had 19 digs and setter Kendra McCalla dished out 23 assists. Kiarra Pierre and Kaitlyn Sluyk also contributed to the attack. It has the Terriers primed for another big year.

Their array of talent and the players' lack of egos gives the Terriers an advantage that has them primed for a big year.

"If one girl is struggling a little, Mr. C can just quickly put [another] one in and we will get the next [point]," Laforgia said. "The bond on this team is pretty much unbreakable."

Bayside's Glazer commits to Marist College soccer

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

D.J. Glazer has just accomplished what her father strived to do.

The Bayside senior soccer star said her dad, Larry, had hopes of earning a scholarship to play football at Syracuse growing up before blowing out his knee playing at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. Over the weekend, Glazer completed her own Division I dream by verbally committing to play at Marist next season, accomplishing what her dad had hoped to years ago.

"I'm just ecstatic about it," she said. "It's not just a great thing for me, but it feels so good because I am the first person in my family to get this honor to go on and play sports [in college]. It gives me an even better feeling about it."

Glazer has had a good vibe about Marist throughout the recruiting process. Marist first saw Glazer playing at the Las Vegas College Showcase in March. She spoke about the beauty of the campus on the Hudson River and the comfort level she felt with second-year head Coach Katherine Lyn and her future teammates. It reminded her of her Massapequa Elite club team.

Glazer, who is one of the city's top goal scorers, was recruiting as a defender, the position she plays for Massapequa Elite. The Red Foxes are coming off the best season in program history. They posted 13 wins, won their first MAAC championship and made their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2011.

"The players there remind me of the players on

my [club] team," said Glazer, who plans to enter the school's liberal arts college. "The whole experience that I had there put everything in perspective. This is the school I want to play for."

She had a breakout season as a junior, following a tumultuous two years that saw her transfer from St. Francis Prep as a freshman and miss the second half of her sophomore campaign with a foot injury. Last season, she led the city with 59 goals and helped the Commodores win the PSAL Queens A-IV division title and earn a trip to the league's Class A semifinals.

"She is a strong player all around," Bayside Coach Maggie Kassimis said. "She can play forward, midfield and defense. Sometimes I wish I had six different D.J.'s on the team."

Bayside

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the 29th minute.

"I was shocked when I saw it," Yang said.

Down a man, Francis Lewis could not have responded any better. The ensuing free kick was headed home from the right of goal by Sharifulla Mayan to

make it 3-0.

"It's a tribute to the composure that these gentlemen had," Sarmuknis said. "There was a tremendous amount of time left ... so anything could have happened."

The second half was bogged in the midfield as the Bayside (5-1) defense started challenging Lewis and putting on some pressure, but Atehortua made

the score more one-sided when he unleashed a 25-yard strike that hit off the keeper's hands and into the top right corner of goal. It left Bayside feeling it missed a big opportunity to get back into the game.

"It clearly was not our best effort," said Bayside Coach Joe Corrado. "It just happens sometimes."

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Queensbridge teen's coach fired after trying to memorialize her

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Kasim Alston has been fired as the Bishop Loughlin varsity girls' basketball coach after leading the school to the state Federation Class A title last season, he told TimesLedger Newspapers. Assistant Coach Chez Williams was promoted to the head job.

Alston got into a heated argument at a Sept. 17 coaches' meeting with athletic director Angela Proce over the direction of the second annual Chicken Stop the Violence Classic, a one-day girls' basketball event in memory of Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy, Alston's goddaughter and a former Loughlin player, who was shot dead Sept. 11, 2011.

According to Alston, Proce abruptly told him the school would have hosted a stop-the-violence-themed

event in December, but did not want Murphy's name associated with it. Upon hearing that, Alston lost his temper and told Proce that "the school wasn't [explicitive]," Alston said.

Proce told Principal James Dorney and Alston was eventually fired Sept. 24.

"I'm like Chicken's father," said Alston, who was set to start his third season as head coach. "I lost a loved one. Maybe [Proce] didn't mean to come off the way she did, but she came at it the wrong way."

Loughlin didn't host last year's event, which was at Nazareth. Murphy was expelled from the school after getting into a fight at a boys' basketball game midway through her sophomore year in 2010, but the team dedicated its title run to her last season.

Alston would have liked a chance to discuss

the continuation of what he hoped would be an annual game. Instead, he became the second consecutive coach fired after winning the state Federation Class A crown. Molloy's Tom Catalanotto was dismissed in 2011.

"We could have set up something, had a meeting," Alston said. "Then she could have told me how she felt To me ... they still hold a grudge for something Chicken did in 10th grade."

Proce referred all comment to Dorney, who refused to discuss the incident, the reason for Alston's departure and the school's stance toward Murphy. He did say he appreciated what Alston did for the school during his six years there and wished him the best.

"That's not anything I would discuss with people on the outside," Dorney said. "Anything we do here is internal."



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Flushing celebrates Moon Festival

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Willets

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on already traffic-clogged Van Wyck Expressway, but said the problem would only worsen with the addition of 1.4 million square feet of retail space the partners want to build on a Citi Field parking lot, increasing the total area of the development from about 60 acres to slightly more than 100.

That development, called Willets West, was the

main source of contention for other speakers as well.

The retail and entertainment section, which translates to about 30 acres, is slated to be built on parkland currently leased to the Mets for Citi Field parking.

A 1961 law states anything built on that land must directly benefit the Mets and Citi Field. The partners and the city Law Department contend the law allows the mall because the development will make money for Sterling Equities, and thus indirectly

benefit the Mets.

But Christina Wilkin-son, a Queens activist speaking on behalf of the civic group Citizens of Maspeth and Elmhurst Together, said any use of parkland for commercial purposes would need to be cleared by the state Parks Department.

"It is very clear that the state Parks Department is intended to have a prominent role in evaluating whether or not proposed parkland alienation should be allowed — in this case,

sacrificing parkland for the construction of a 1-million-square-foot shopping mall," she said, referencing the state's rules and regulations.

A woman speaking from the Pratt Center for Community Development contended the study should take into account the other developments within the borough's largest park, including the proposed construction of a Major League Soccer stadium nearby.

Vallone

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35,000, and while the city is far less dangerous than it was in the early 1990s, crime has started to rise in all areas except homicide, Vallone said.

"I've been warning that this crime increase would occur," he said.

The councilman has long been an advocate for hiring more police officers. Vallone also criticized the overhaul of the Rockefeller Drug Laws, controversial statutes originally passed in 1973 which set a minimum of 15 years to life in prison for anyone convicted of selling more than 2 ounces or possessing more than 4 ounces of heroin, morphine, opium, cocaine or marijuana.

The mandatory sentences were removed in 2009, but Vallone said putting sentences in the hands of judges means many dealers have opted to go to treatment instead of doing prison time. He said officers have cut back on the number of drug busts they conduct since the criminals will usually be back on the streets soon.

"Drugs are violent," Vallone said. "I don't think there's any such thing as a non-violent drug deal."

Vallone also defended

the NYPD's controversial stop-and-frisk policy, saying the policy has taken 800 guns off the street. The councilman said officers must explain why they are frisking those they stop and conceded that some cops are bad and overstep their boundaries.

But he emphasized that complaints to the Civilian Complaint Review Board are down.

"I think they're making an effort to do things the right way," Vallone said.

The three-term councilman will not be able to run again, and while he has not formally declared, his eyes are on the borough president's office. He said Borough President Helen Marshall is well-liked, Brooklyn's Marty Markowitz is a cheerleader, Manhattan's Scott Stringer is good on policy and the Bronx's Ruben Diaz Jr. is stellar at working with his borough's Council delegation.

"I'd like to bring all that to Queens and bring what I brought to Astoria on a boroughwide level," Vallone said.

But if things were different, Vallone said, he would like to stay where he is.

"It was one of the best decisions I ever made," Vallone said of running for Council. "I love public service."

St. Mary's

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"I took a tour of the facility, and seeing the work these caregivers do is not only heart-wrenching but heartwarming," Halloran said. "The family atmosphere created in this place is why St. Mary's is so special and these kids will be forever grateful for what was done here today."

Marshall, who said she remained involved in the facility's expansion project,

spoke about the quality of care and attention to detail provided by St. Mary's caregivers.

"There isn't a person who has walked through these doors whose heart has not been touched," Marshall said. "We all feel so grateful to have an institution like this for our children."

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when those documents become available, Paskar is not required by law to disclose who gives him money.

That has led others to speculate about alternative motives for Friends of LaGuardia's opposition to the facility.

James Cervino, a marine scientist and chairman of Community Board 7's Committee on the Environment, recently alluded to

other reasons why Friends of LaGuardia might want to keep its financiers private.

Other companies who might have a financial interest in seeing the facility fail might be bankrolling the nonprofit under the guise of safety.

"It's all about real estate. It's all about who is going to be getting this land," Cervino said at a recent meeting of the College Point Civic/Taxpayers Association.

Cervino's suspicions are echoed in a 2009 report in the weekly real estate publication Crain's,

which ties a lawyer for the then-nascent resistance to the transfer station to Tully Construction, a large Queens firm that deals in transferring garbage.

Tully dismissed any involvement with Friends of LaGuardia, citing the fact that the city is buying out part of his nearby business in the future. And Paskar denied any profit motive, contending that he owns no property and is not getting paid to go to bat for developers or any other special interests.

"I'm not going to talk about where I get my mon-

ey from, but I can tell you whatever money that I get is for the use of this project and I have no business interests in Queens," he said.

Paskar said he would not discriminate against anyone who wanted to see the station moved, even if they had purely financial motives for doing so.

"There are some people who are going to be opposed to it for the right reasons, but I'm not the one who is going to judge," he said, "as long as people are not doing anything illegal or immoral."

"Curious is probably the right word," said one political insider, who indicated that many in Queens are distancing themselves from the embattled lobbyist. "I couldn't find anybody to admit that they had even met him."

And while no one in Queens would admit they are sweating at the thought of Lipsky's chats with federal prosecutors, other lawmakers would not be surprised if more indictments were in the pipeline.

down the sentence of three months behind bars.

The judge had received about 50 letters on Lipsky's behalf, one of which came from Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara indicating that Lipsky had provided substantial help in other investigations.

As news of Lipsky's cooperation spread to Queens, many in political circles wondered if the information Lipsky provided to investigators would have any ripple effects.

served for the crime.

Lipsky pleaded guilty to forking over \$200,000 in bribes to Sen. Carl Kruger (D-Brooklyn), according to a report in The Wall Street Journal.

And while he was initially supposed to be sentenced up to six years, lawyers filed paperwork detailing his cooperation with federal authorities on a high-profile corruption investigation, which led Manhattan federal court Judge Jed Rakoff to hand

Lipsky

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wide grocery store supplier based in College Point. He was hired by Jamaica Recycling in Jamaica to lobby for a permit to operate a waste transfer station.

But it was his dealings in Brooklyn that led to his arrest, guilty plea and eventual sentence, which was greatly reduced from the maximum he could have

Congress

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of the state.

In the 2008 presidential election, 53 percent of the residents within the district voted for Obama, while 45 percent voted for McCain, according to the Times report.

Israel decided to run

in the district after Rep. Gary Ackerman's (D-Bay-side) seat was eliminated due to redistricting, which shifts congressional lines in response to population changes identified in the U.S. census. He is head of the Democratic National Congressional Campaign Committee.

His challenger Labate hopes to slash taxes, fines and regulations on private

sector businesses, which he said are hindering the national economy.

Tolda is running on a mission to unseat Israel, who he also ran against in 2010, and pledges to fix the economy using his financial consulting background and implementing a Fair Tax, which would tax the consumption of goods rather than Americans' incomes.

Boro nonprofits receive foreclosure relief grants

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Four Queens nonprofits will receive a share of more than \$16 million the state attorney general's office has set aside this year to assist homeowners in avoiding foreclosure, though it was not certain whether the grants would allow the groups to expand their services or simply compensate for other sources of funding that have run dry.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced last week that the Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project in Jamaica, Queens Legal Services, the Chhaya Community Development Corp. and Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica would be among the 94 legal-service and housing-counseling providers across the state to receive the grants, which represent the first year of his office's three-year, \$60 million program to aid struggling homeowners.

In February, Schneiderman and 48 other state attorneys general reached a \$25 billion settlement with Ally Financial (formerly GMAC), Bank of America, Citi, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo after a joint

federal-state investigation found the country's five largest mortgage servicers had improperly signed off on foreclosures between 2008 and 2012.

As the foreclosure crisis heated up, New York took steps — and provided funding — to help borrowers stay in their homes.

In 2008, the state Legislature passed a law that created a mandatory foreclosure-settlement conference for homeowners with subprime mortgages, designed to help them renegotiate their mortgages. As the crisis escalated, the law was expanded in 2009 to include all borrowers facing foreclosure.

The state's budget for 2008-09 provided \$25 million in grants to nonprofits that assisted homeowners with foreclosure prevention services. The next year's budget appropriated another \$21.8 million under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Those contracts expired at the end of 2011.

Mark Weliky, executive director of the Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project, said starting in 2008 he used the grants to hire three lawyers, who provide legal assistance as well as

training to the pro-bono lawyers.

He said the attorney general's funding picks up where the previous grants left off.

"Just on a dollars-and-cents basis, it just about replaces the money that we're not going to be getting," he said.

Schneiderman acknowledged the state was facing what he called a

"catastrophic lack" of legal services for low-income New Yorkers last Thursday when he spoke at one of four hearings state Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman scheduled before he reports to the Legislature on the need for more funding.

Lippman said he estimates that only 20 percent of the need for legal aid services throughout the state is currently being met.

Queens continued to lead the city in the second quarter of 2012 with 106 foreclosures, down 7 percent from a year earlier but up 31 percent from the first quarter of the year, according to the real estate website proper-tyshark.com.

Sujatha Raman, director of development and communications at Chhaya Community Development

Corp., said she currently has enough funding for one foreclosure counselor and would like to be able to hire another.

"We're really hoping this will be additional funding, and not just replace existing funds," she said.

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



Chhaya Director Seema Agnani (l.-r.), city Housing Department official Michael Abel and Chhaya Program Director Afreem Alam, shown in this file photo, announce a new homebuyer assistance program. Chhaya is one of four Queens nonprofits to receive new funding to help homeowners avoid foreclosure.

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Business

Japanese cuisine with a side of American

Eatery in Astoria offers eclectic mix of Asian staples with contemporary culinary influences

BY REBECCA HENELEY

Japanese restaurants are a common sight on Ditmars Boulevard in Astoria, but Aji Sushi House serves dishes from the Land of the Rising Sun with an American twist.

The menu for the new dining spot, at 36-06 Ditmars Blvd., features common Japanese restaurant fare such as sushi rolls, hibachi and tempura, but also Thai restaurant staples pad thai and kalbi, which is often used in Korean barbecue. Tuna tartar can be ordered in yuzu olive sauce, yellowtail sashimi can be served with jalapenos and Aji also offers either tuna and avocado or king crab pizza.

"The quality that we use is always the best and all sauce is homemade," said owner/chef Ivan Chen.

Hostess Amy Cheng said Aji opened in July. She said the name "Aji" comes from a fish, also known as



Chef Ivan Chen (r.) and his wife Yuki Chen's new restaurant Aji serves Japanese cuisine with American influences.

Photo by Rebecca Henely

Japanese horse mackerel, that is small but fast.

"The response is pretty good," Chen said about

the new restaurant.

Chen, who has been a sushi chef for 15 years, said the inspiration for many of

his dishes came from different combinations of food he had tried over the years. He said he had previously

opened a restaurant in New Jersey and found that patrons like both fresh sushi and American sauces. Many dishes feature sauces that are a mix of Japanese and American.

All of the special rolls are his own creation. He said favorites are the Ditmars roll, which combines spicy tuna, yellowtail, tempura and avocado inside and is topped off with tuna, and the Astoria roll, which is the same but swaps out the tuna with salmon.

"The Astoria roll and the Ditmars roll are so delicious and is what people like," Chen said.

Cheng said the fish served comes from markets in New Jersey and Manhattan.

In addition to the unique menu, Aji sells 11 different types of sake and about 20 white and red wines.

Aji also boasts a unique look with lighting behind the counter that shows off

the restaurant's logo and blue lighting behind the sushi bar.

"The idea came from several Manhattan restaurants that are Asian and also from [Chen]," Cheng said of the decor.

Prices average about \$10 to \$15 per dish. A glass of wine costs \$7 to \$8, and bottles of wine cost \$20, although some special wine bottles are as much as \$98. The restaurant also offers party and catering. For its grand opening, all dishes are 15 percent off until Oct. 31.

Aji is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 12:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. The restaurant can be reached at 718-777-8889 or ajisushihouse.com.

Reach reporter Rebecca Henely by e-mail at rhenely@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4564.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Networking and Business Luncheon

— Keynote speaker Jason Helgerson.

When: Oct. 5, 11:30 am

Where: Russo's on the Bay, 162-45 Cross Bay Blvd., Howard Beach

Contact: (718) 843-5055

Website: russosonthebay.com

Powerful You! Women's Network —

A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.

When: Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm

Cost: Members and first-time attendees \$30, nonmembers \$40; includes lunch

Where: Giardino, 44-37 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston

Contact: Gayle Naftaly, gnaftaly@accessoffice.net, (718) 217-0009

Website: powerfuleyou.com

Power Networking Group —

Led by Harvey G. Beringer

When: Every Wednesday, 7 am

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Where: Jackson Hole Diner, 35-01 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Contact: Harvey G. Beringer at HGBCPA@aol.com or (718) 423-0427

BNI T.N.T. (The Networking Titans)

Weekly Meeting — BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI provides positive, supportive and structured environment to further business through word of mouth marketing. Contact chapter president Martin Koos to arrange a visit.

When: Thursdays, 7-8:30 am

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Contact: Martin Koos (516) 488-8877, Ext. 15

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Where: Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, 267-07 76th Ave., New Hyde Park

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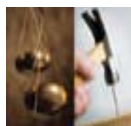
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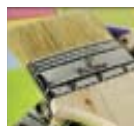
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MAIN STREET 2012, LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/17/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Alexis Martin, 165 W. 66th St., NY, NY 10023. General Purposes.

Name of LLC: K2 Design Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 8/20/12. Office loc.: Queens Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION, Dragon House Creative, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/27/2012. Office location: QUEENS. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to c/o: Dragon House Creative LLC, 4106 50th Street, Ste. 2B Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

Notice of Formation of 136-82/86 ROOSEVELT AVENUE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/10/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Richard K. Kim, 455 E. 86th St., NY, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of DUGOUT LLC Arts of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/27/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: the LLC, 97-51 Drew Street, Ozone Park, NY 11416. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: BOUNCE ABOUT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/07/12. Office location: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: BOUNCE ABOUT LLC, 10411 223rd Street, Queens Village, NY 11429-2156. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Health Discovery Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/09/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Constantin Aliferis, 3002 30th Street, Apt. 402, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SAGACITY TEST PREP AND TUTORIAL SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/30/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Taste Up Foods LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/25/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Emilio L. Vozzolo, 45-09 104th St., Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: AMSA HOLDINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/9/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 853 Nottingham Way, Trenton, NJ 08638. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MELBOURNE 4N LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/25/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal address: 152-72 Melbourne Ave, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: any lawful act.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MILLENNIUM UROLOGY PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/27/12. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2072. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 75-54 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, New York 11379. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine.

Notice of Formation of Tuxedo Leasing LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/15/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 156-21 90th St., Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: any lawful activities.

PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/14/11. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Iskyo Aronov, 116-55 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11376. General Purposes.

TRINACRIAN SUN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 02/07/2012. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC, 20-34 47th Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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