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sounds off on JFK runway

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The Port Authority got an earful last week when residents of southeast Queens finally got their chance to sound off the agency's plan to extend one of John F. Kennedy International Airport's runways closer to residential neighborhoods.

Spokesman Brian Simon admitted the authority could have done a better job in May when it announced the opening of a 30day public-comment period by publishing a notice in Newsday.

"Very few people in Queens and probably very few people in New York City read Newsday," said Eastern Queens Alliance Chairwoman Barbara Brown. "I used to subscribe, when they were covering New York City news."

Brown, who runs the Alliance's Idlewild Park preserve, got the Port Authority to agree to reopen the public comment period for its environmental draft assessment, and she could not have picked a more fitting location for the meeting.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, at 224-04 147th Ave., is less than a mile away from the northern end of runway 4L/22R and directly under the flight path of aircraft.

Just before the meeting got underway, at least two planes flew over the building, the noise Continued on Page 16

Southeast Qns | Rich Hill teens die in LI car crash

17-year-old driver survives horrific accident, did not have license: State Police

BY KAREN FRANTZ

A car carrying five Queens teens careened off a Long Island road and hit a number of trees. slicing the car in half and killing the passengers and injuring the driver over the Columbus Day weekend, state police said.

The teens were driving west on the Southern State Parkway near Exit 17 in Hempstead, L.I., when the 2012 Subaru Impreza

veered off the road and into the trees around 3:40 Monday morning, police said.

Peter Kanhai, 18; Christopher Khan, 18; and Neil Rajapa, 17, who were from South Ozone Park, and Darian Ramnarine, 18.

from Jamaica, were ejected from the car and died instantly, according to the authorities.

The 17-year-old driver, Joseph Beer, of South Richmond Hill, who was also ejected from Continued on Page 16

LOVIN' IT



Derrick Hurley, (c.) a volunteer outreach coordinator with Life Camp, leads a group dance at the organization's barbeque to celebrate the opening of its new I Love My Life headquarters on Sutphin Boulevard in South Jamaica. See story on Page 3. Photo by Christina Santucci

² City ups boro senior outreach | Rich Hill pool hall

Emergency Management advocates hurricane safety for SE Queens

BY KAREN FRANTZ

As the elderly population grows at a fast rate in the borough and throughout the city, the city Office of Emergency Management is upping its efforts to inform seniors who live in hurricane evacuation zones about what steps they need to take to remain safe during floods.

OEM has put seniors in the forefront of their outreach efforts for years, according to an official at the

"The program grows more and more," the official said, saying OEM's largest efforts include informing the elderly in advance about how to prepare for an emergency.

The official said efforts include employing a full-time senior outreach specialist to reach out to seniors with information they need in an emergency and a program called Ready New York, which gives presentations to senior citizens about how they can be prepared.

According to the city Department for the Aging, senior citizens are the fastest growing segment of the city's population, and 30 percent of New Yorkers aged 60 and above reside in Queens — one-fifth of those have mobility and self-care issues.

The OEM official said it is important to tailor outreach to the senior population because they have more specific needs, such as medications. The official said the agency tells seniors to keep extra medications in gobags with a list of their dosages and to make sure they have backup medical

"We tell people, think of your needs in advance," the official said.

One of the agency's most recent efforts includes distributing a guide specifically to meet people with special needs, including seniors, called "My Emergency Plan." The brochure



A map shows the evaculation zones in southern Queens.

Map courtesy city Office of Emergency Management

walks people through the process of creating their own plan, such as making sure to have people in their network they can call in an emergency. The official said OEM distributed 100,000 guides this year.

Community Board 10 Chairwoman Betty Braton, who said in her

district that 40 percent of the people in hurricane evacuation Zone B and 34 percent of the people in Zone C are either senior citizens or children, is confident in the city's ability to deal with flooding.

> "I think this city has an excellent Continued on Page 46

scene of fight, death

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Police were investigating a shooting that left one man dead and another injured after a brawl in a Richmond Hill billiards hall early Saturday morning. As of Tuesday, no one had been arrested, according to the NYPD.

Tineo, Michael 21-year-old man from Brooklyn, was pronounced dead from a gunshot wound to his back after police responded to reports of gunfire on 102nd Street and Jamaica Avenue around 2:30 a.m., authorities said.

Police also found another 17-year-old Hispanic man with a gunshot wound to his torso at the scene, according to the NYPD. The teen was taken to Jamaica Hospital, where he was listed in stable condition, authorities said.

According to nesses, the two men were involved in a fight that

broke out at Rack Em-Up Billiards, at 102-14 Jamaica

Jai Dasrath, who lives in the neighborhood, said he heard from others in the community that a number of people were in the billiards hall, "shooting the pool, you know," when the fight started and "the proprietor put them out on the road."

Dasrath said the fight continued up the block near the corner of 102nd Street and 86th Road, where he said he believed the two men were shot. He said he was not sure who shot

A police officer was posted at that corner Sunday morning, next to a front yard fence with remnants of yellow police tape tied to the rails.

William Hussong, a New York City Transit Authority employee, said he was returning home from

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A police officer is posted at the corner of 102nd Street and 86th Road, where witnesses said two men were shot after a brawl at a nearby billiards hall. Photo by Karen Frantz

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Erica Ford's LIFE Camp celebrates 10th anniversary 3

Anti-violence group and neighbors mark occasion with party at new South Jamaica headquarters

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Erica Ford celebrated the 10th anniversary of her anti-violence group LIFE Camp with a barbecue at her new South Jamaica office Monday, where community members shared not only stories of loss but ones of inspiration and healing.

Ford pointed to the youngsters who danced and ran around the lot behind 111-12 Sutphin Blvd. and said they were her most important accomplishments over the past decade.

"I look at some of these young people and know for a fact they wouldn't be here without us," she said.

Ford started LIFE Camp in 2002 as a way to teach schoolchildren to avoid violence, and in that time she has been a constant force in southeast



Erica Ford, (r.) the founder of Life Camp, speaks about the organization's 10-year history as Kimberly Spellman, whose son was murdered in 2008, and Councilman Ruben Wills look on.

Queens.

"She's done something others could not," said City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica). "She made sure the focus stayed on the violence and the negativity in our community. A lot of the time the attention is only focused when the vio-

Photo by Christina Santucci lence is spiking and then it goes away."

Diane Mitchell said that when her son, 19-yearold Brandon Smart, was

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killed in 2004, Ford made her a promise that she would open an office for LIFE Camp one day. With tears in her eyes, Mitchell held up the program for her son's funeral, which contained the poem Ford penned in honor of the young man.

"The whole time Erica supports you and gives you the strength to carry on. Whenever you deal with the loss of a son or any child, you have a tendency to shut down," she said. "My heart is still so heavy, but now I'm able to reach out and help others."

Algerita Carter said Mitchell provided a shoulder for her to lean on when her son was killed in 2010.

"It feels really good to have things like this," she said. "Maybe we can reach out to more families that are going through the same

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Carter said hoped that ups such as LIFE Camp other community origations could help the groups such as LIFE Camp and other community organizations could help the two young boys her son left behind when he died. In fact, a number of the voung members of LIFE Camp who reach out to the community and speak out against violence have lost loved ones on the street.

Penny Wrencher said her son, a Metropolitan Transportation Authority bus driver, died four years ago when he was caught in the crossfire of a drive-by shooting. She said she is just now able to go by the bus depot in Jamaica where he worked, and credited Ford for creating a community in LIFE Camp that helps survivors heal.

"She never forgets a name," Wrencher said. "She never forgets a story."

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City gets \$71M for CUNY

Long-awaited cash to fund LaGuardia, Queensborough renovations

BY REBECCA HENELY

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) visited LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City last week to announce that the city had at last allocated \$71 million for needed repairs to City University of New York colleges, including critical projects at LaGuardia and Queensborough Community College.

"CUNY is finally getting a long-overdue makeover," Quinn said.

The \$71 million is part of the city's fiscal year 2013 budget. Iris Weinshall, vice chancellor for facilities for CUNY, said the college system had reached out to the city and state for funding years ago, but while the state had secured \$71 million, it was unable to deliver because the city had initially been unable to secure its share.

Now that they were able to get the funding through this year's budget, the \$142 million between the state and city will be distributed



LaGuardia President Gail Mellow (c.) speaks about the new renovations that will be coming to LaGuardia Community College's Center 3 building thanks to \$142 million granted to CUNY from the city and state. She is joined by elected and CUNY officials. Photo by Rebecca Henely

to CUNY throughout the next four years.

Councilman Domenic Recchia Jr. (D-Brooklyn), who chairs the Council Finance Committee, said Quinn had given the Council marching orders to secure the funds.

"People don't realize how tough this was," he said.

While the money will not add any new wings or

buildings to the campuses it will make critical improvements on some college buildings, replacing fire alarm systems and windows.

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Boro weighs in on city transit future

BY KAREN FRANTZ

What projects would Queens residents like to see incorporated into the city's next transportation plan? the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council asked the public at an open house at the borough president's office last Thursday.

The answer: More bike lanes.

"I'm here as a cyclist," said one man who rides his bike from Forest Hills to the Jamaica Long Island Rail Road station to get to school in Farmingdale. "It's one big cycling nightmare from beginning to end."

He said he is afraid to ride his bike after hearing

about several other bicyclists who have been hit by

"Now I'm spending more money on flashing lights on my bicycle, so I look like a Christmas tree. than I have actually spent on the bicvcle," he said.

Some people at the open house also brought up the Fresh Pond railyard in Glendale, asking the NYMTC to take into account solutions to quality-of-life issues in the surrounding community as part of its plan.

Community Board 5 District Manager Gary Giordano said the railyard is seeing more freight trains coming through and



NYMTC Planning Director Gerry Bogacz explains the process for formulating the next regional transportation plan, a 25-year blueprint for transportation strategies and investments in New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley. Photo by Karen Frantz

the surrounding community has had to deal with all-night operations.

"People can't sleep, the exhaust residue is on their windowsills, and the town of Brookhaven just sold 230-plus acres ... for an expansion of the railvard."

These comments and others were brought up at the open house, one of several the NYMTC has held as it formulates its regional transportation plan, a 25year blueprint for transportation strategies and investments in New York City. Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley.

NYMTC is using the Continued on Page 46

Senate races set as fall elections loom

BY STEVE MOSCO

With November's general election on the horizon. four different races for the state Senate have emerged, according to the city Board of Elections.

According to a citywide candidacy list provided by the BOE, Senate races in the borough will be decided Nov. 6 for the 11th, 12th, 15th and 16th districts.

In the 11th District, which covers a large piece of northeast Queens, including College Point, Whitestone, some of Flushing, Bayside, Fresh Meadows, Hollis Hills and the neighborhoods bordering

Nassau County, Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) is running for re-election against Conserva-

tive and Republican partybacked Joseph Concannon.

A former city councilman, Avella was elected to the Senate in 2010 in a special election against former incumbent Sen. Frank Padavan. Endorsements Avella has collected include those of the Flushing Letter Carriers Association Branch 294, the Hotel Trades Council, the Sierra Club and the New York League of Conservation Voters.

Concannon, a 25-year veteran of the NYPD and an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Air Force, said northeast Queens was in need of a full-time senator to work on its behalf. Concannon has campaigned on reducing taxes and fees, eliminating unnecessary regulations and protecting small business owners and entrepreneurs in the borough.

As for the 12th District, which covers Long Island City, Sunnyside and parts of Astoria, Woodside, Maspeth, Ridgewood, Glendale, Woodhaven and Ozone Park, Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) will defend his seat against Republican challenger Aurelio Arcabascio.

Gianaris' platform focuses on fighting pollution from power plants, preventing terrorism and attacks by sexual predators

> and consumer protection for airline passengers, while Arcabascio's campaign focuses on job

creation, more hospitals, deregulation of insurance companies and education reform.

Arcabascio, an Italian American, is registered as an independent but has been endorsed by the Republican Party.

In the 15th District, incumbent Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) seeks re-election against Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park).

Ulrich recently received an endorsement from the Uniformed Firefighters Association, which represents 8,000 city firefighters, including 823 active and retired members

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Republican candidate Aurelio Arcabascio (I.) is challenging incumbent state Sen. Michael Gianaris in the general election this November. Photo (I.) courtesy Queens GOP

Soccer group outlines Ons stadium plans 5

League aims to build 25,000-seat venue in Flushing Meadows Corona Park for its 20th franchise

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Major League Soccer rolled out the preliminary outline last week for its plan to construct a 25,000-seat stadium in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

MLS Commissioner Don Garber told members of the Queens press corps Friday morning that the league was looking to break ground in 2014 on 10 to 13 acres of land in the western section of the park on what is now the Fountain of Industry.

"The key thing here, folks, is that we're laying out our vision for the plan," Garber said. "We're not laying out the specifics yet of exactly what that will be when it's opened in 2016 or 2017."

Garber said the \$300 million to \$350 million price tag for the stadium would be privately financed, though the league was still six to eight months away from reaching an agreement with an owner for its 20th franchise.

"We think that this team can be one of the top soccer teams in the world, and we'll seek an own-



Major League Soccer is proposing to build a 25,000-seat stadium where the Fountain of Industry sits in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Rendering courtesy Major League Soccer

er who will fulfill that vision for us to represent this city in a way that we think will be appropriate." he said.

Garber said MLS would be looking to reach an agreement in the next 30 days to lease the land from the city Economic Development Corp. A spokeswoman said MLS will enter into a contract on behalf of the franchise, which will assume all of the legal binding obligations.

While MLS is looking to build a 25,000-seat stadium, it is seeking approval for a 35,000-seat stadium in case the owner wants to expand in the future.

Any potential expansion, the spokeswoman added, would not change the stadium's footprint.

Because the stadium would be built on park land, MLS would be required to replace the land it uses, and a league representative said a Metropolitan Transportation Authority site near the Flushing Creek waterfront and an abandoned rail line in Rego Park were being considered as possible locations.

Garber said that in addition to compensating for the stadium land, MLS would commit close to \$10 million to rehabilitate Flushing Meadows Corona Park's soccer fields.

As for parking, the league was in discussions with the New York Mets to use the Citi Field parking lot when baseball games are not being played, and Garber said MLS was also looking at building parking spaces underneath the Van Wyck Expressway.

"Not one blade of grass will be used for parking," he pledged.

MLS estimated the stadium would bring 2,000 to 2,200 construction jobs as well as 160 fulltime and 750 part-time jobs during operations.

The commissioner said the league would place an emphasis on hiring union labor.

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Lawmakers use campaign funds to help struggling boro nonprofits

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Some Queens state legislators said using campaign funds to donate money to struggling local nonprofits is not necessarily a good practice — even though campaign records indicate many engage in the activity.

"Technically, it's probably not a good idea to use campaign funds to fund nonprofit groups," said state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside). "But on the other hand, we're desperate."

He said nonprofits have been hit hard financially since the downturn of the economy left less for people to donate and a 2010 ban on member-item spend-

ing in Albany gave state legislators few other ways to help out.

He said a number of nonprofits who do important work in their local communities are desperate for funds and are in danger of shuttering their doors.

"Something's clearly got to be done," he said. "You can't fault anybody for trying to fill in the void as best we can."

Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Whitestone) also agreed that nonprofits have been hurt from the lack of discretionary money and she did not think donating to a nonprofit is an abuse of campaign funds.

But she said making the connection between donating to a nonprofit and furthering a political campaign in many cases is dif-

"I don't think that's the purpose of campaign funds, quite frankly," she said.

An official at the state Board of Elections said contributions received by candidates may be expended for any lawful purpose as long as it is not for personal use or the charitable organization is not connected to the public official through a family member.

Campaign records show that when state legislators do donate their campaign funds to nonprofits, it is usually in small amounts

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Undocumented immigrants find support from CUNY

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Starting this month, the City University of New York will offer free help applying for deferred action — a new federal program that grants temporary legal status to some undocumented immigrants so they may stay in the country and go to school or work without fear of deportation — at City Council members' offices for all who are eligible.

"[CUNY] is doing its part to try to help those who are here qualify for legal status," said Allan Wernick, director of CUNY Citizenship NOW!, at a town hall exploring the Deferred Action for Childhood Ar-



Pedro Villarroel, (I.-r.) a LaGuardia student eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals progam; is joined by U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney; Shah Amanat, president of LaGuardia Community College's student government; and U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez.

Photo by Christina Santucci

rivals initiative at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City Sunday.

The deferred action

program is available to undocumented immigrants who are 30 or younger who

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Alleged cop-shooter arraigned on charge of attempted murder

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The man accused of shooting a police officer in South Jamaica during a late night chase in August appeared in Queens Supreme Court last Thursday, where he was arraigned on an attempted murder charge.

John Thomas appeared briefly in court, dressed in an orange city Department of Correction uniform, as he was charged with attempted murder, criminal possession of a weapon and assault on a police officer.

Police said Sgt. Craig-Bier, a member of the NYPD's Queens gang unit, and his partner had been driving east on 107th Avenue near the South Jamica Houses around 10:30 p.m. Aug. 8 when they attempted to stop a man riding a bicycle.

The man fled down an alley, climbed a fence and entered a parking lot, police said, where Bier was waiting to cut him off.

It was then the suspect opened fire and squeezed off four shots from a handgun recovered at the scene. according to the police, striking Bier in both legs as the officer returned six

Bier was treated for non-life-threatening juries at Jamaica Hospital, where Mayor Michael Bloomberg alongside Police Commissioner Ray Kelly announced cops had a taken a suspect into custody.

The next day, however, police released a photo of the 24-year-old Thomas, who the NYPD said was the shooting suspect. A \$20,000 reward was offered for information leading to his arrest and conviction.

A month went by and on Sept. 9 Thomas, accompanied by his lawyer, surrendered himself to detectives in the Pep Boys parking lot on the corner of Liberty Avenue and Merrick Boulevard, according to the NYPD.

Thomas' attorney, Ikiesha Al-Shabazz, told TimesLedger Newspapers she believed the police erroneously identified her client as the suspect.

Al-Shabazz, who previously represented the hiphop artist Foxy Brown in a Brooklyn civil case, said she was told Thomas was named by an unknown police informant.

"I'm of the mind the police don't know who shot Mr. Bier," she said.

Thomas is next due in court Nov. 28.



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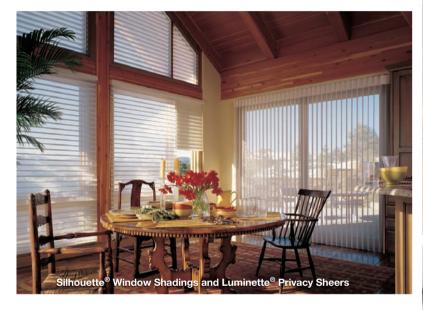
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Woman in Rockaway stabbed to death: Cops



Police investigate the fatal stabbing of a woman in Rockaway. Photo by Ellis Kaplan

ROCKAWAY — Police said they discovered the body of a 39-year-old woman at a house on 65-27 Seaspray Ave. last week after they were called with reports of a missing person.

The woman, Karla Shah Boguwalski, had suffered multiple stab wounds to the neck, and EMS pronounced her dead at the scene, according to the NYPD. Police said they had not yet made any arrests, and the investigation was

Man stole cellphone from woman on train: Police



JAMAICA — Police were asking for the public's help in locating a man suspected of stealing a woman's cell phone on an E train at the Jamaica-Van Wyck subway station Sept. 20. authorities said.

According to police, the suspect grabbed the phone from the victim, 29-year-old woman,

and fled from the train on foot. When the victim chased him down, he threatened her with a gun, police said.

The NYPD described the suspect as a black man in his 30s. 6-foot-3 in height and 215 pounds with close-cut black hair and wearing dark-colored clothing.

Police released a surveillance video of a man they say is a suspectin the cell phone theft. Image courtesy NYPD

Men steal gold necklace, then shoot man: NYPD

ASTORIA — The NYPD was seeking information about two suspects wanted in connection with a robbery and assault in the 114th Precinct, according to the NYPD.

On the morning of Aug. 18, two men in their 20s approached a 34-year-old man opposite 49-10 25 Ave., took his gold necklace and shot him in the leg before fleeing,

The suspects were both described as black and weighing 180 pounds, with one man 5-foot-9 in height and wearing braids and a white t-shirt and other man 5-foot-10 in height and wearing an orange T-shirt, according to the NYPD.

Woman stole pocketbook, used credit card: NYPD

LONG ISLAND CITY — Police were searching for a woman suspected of grand larceny, the NYPD said.

On the afternoon of Sept. 4, a 28-yearold woman had her pocketbook stolen from underneath a desk inside 36-11 21st St., po-

A short time later on the same day

unauthorized purchases were made with the victim's credit and debit cards at the Sapago Jewelry Store, at 31-15 Steinway St., according to authorities. The NYPD described the suspect as a black woman in her 30s with black hair and wearing a pink

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Pair plead guilty to prostituting teen: DA

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said two men's recent guilty pleas of forcing a 14-yearold into prostitution is the latest of eight sex trafficking convictions obtained by his office since tougher penalties for such crimes took effect in 2007.

"The defendants in this case admitted to forcing a young girl to perform sexual acts with various men against her will." Brown said. "Sex trafficking is a serious and disturbing crime that my office continues to vigorously pursue and prosecute."

According to the DA, Shaquan Gould, of 135-38 123rd St. in South Ozone Park, and Evan Harrington, of 658 E. 234th St. in the Bronx, both 21, pleaded guilty to the charges of sex trafficking in Queens Supreme Court last Thurs-

The men were accused of bringing the 14-year-old

victim to Gould's house on approximately April 19 of this year and forcing the girl to engage in prostitution acts in the home and give her earnings to them, according to the DA's of-

According to the charges, the victim told Harrington she did not want to work for him or Gould anymore, but Harrington allegedly told her she was not allowed to leave and hit her in the face and torso.

The victim escaped April 26 and called a relative who called the police, a release from the DA's office

Queens Supreme Court Justice Steve W. Paynter set sentencing for Oct. 23, and Harrington and Gould face three to nine years in prison, according to the DA release.

Reach reporter Karen Frantz by e-mail at kfrantz@ cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4538.



Two men pleaded guilty to charges they forced a 14-year-old girl into prostitution in a house on 123rd Street in South Ozone Park, the district attorney said. Photo by Karen Frantz

LIRR riders can see schedules on smartphones

The Long Island Rail Road is conducting a tryout on the Port Washington line of new service to allow riders to find out train status and schedules using their own electronic devices.

The LIRR said passengers can get such information by logging on to mta. info/lirr and clicking on the "Long Island Rail Road Train Time" link.

Train Time is available on computers at work or home and on smart-

— Philip Newman

DA probes cop in shooting

Corona mom wants answers for son's death after GCP traffic stop

BY REBECCA HENELY

The mother of a Corona National Guardsman who police say was fatally shot by an NYPD detective on the Grand Central Parkway last Thursday stood with the Rev. Al Sharpton in Manhattan Saturday to demand a thorough investigation.

"I'm going to go for justice," said Cecilia Reyes, whose son Noel Polanco, 23, was killed. "This is not going to stay like this. He was not the kid that they're trying to make him out to be."

NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly, who met with Reyes last week to offer his condolences, said a grand jury investigation could be required to unravel what led up to Polanco's death, the New York Post report-

At 5:15 a.m. last Thursday, members of the NYPD Emergency Service Unit Apprehension Team were driving eastbound in two unmarked vans on the center lane of the Grand Central Parkway near Exit 7 to LaGuardia Airport, police said.

The officers saw Polanco's car, a black 2012 Honda Fit Hybrid, driving erratically in the right lane before cutting between the two ESU vehicles into the left lane, tailgating a car and then crossing back in-between the ESU vans again to the right lane, according to the NYPD.

The ESU vehicles forced the car to pull over. and then a uniformed sergeant and detective, Hassan Handy, both got out of the front van and approached the car, police said.

Polanco was sitting in the driver's seat while two women, bartender Diane DeFerrari and off-duty cop Vanessa Rodriguez, were riding with him. Rodriguez was sleeping but DeFerrari later told NY 1 the officers demanded the three people in the car put their hands



The family of National Guardsman Noel Polanco (pictured) wants answers after police say the Corona man was fatally shot by Emergency Services Unit Detective Hassan Hamdy during a traffic stop on the Grand Central Parkway. Photo courtesy Polanco family

up but did not give Polanco enough time to do so. She said to NY 1 that Polanco lowered his hands slightly but kept them on the steering wheel before Hassan shot him once in the stom-

"He was shot intentionally," DeFerrari told NY 1. "No doubt in my mind."

Polanco died less than an hour later, 5:58 a.m., at New York Hospital Queens, police said.

No weapons were found in the car, District Attorney Richard Brown said in a statement.

Sharpton held a press conference with Reves Saturday demanding a fair and immediate investigation.

"We want to believe in the law," Reyes said. "We don't want to have to be afraid of the law."

Philip Karasyk, a Manhattan lawyer for Hamdy, told the Post that Polanco did not follow the police's commands.

"We once again ask the citizens of New York to withhold judgment until all the facts are known," Karasyk said to the Post.

He told the Post his client was eager to testify.

Another source told the Post Hassan had "feared for his life" and that Polanco dropped his hands, in what Hassan thought was an attempt to get a weapon.

Brown said his office and NYPD's Internal Affairs Division would be looking into the shooting.

"The public can be assured that the investigation will be full, fair and complete," Brown said. "Until the investigation is concluded, my office will refrain from making any comment."

Hassan had previously had civil rights cases levied against him, but they were settled by the city, the Post

Juan Polanco, Noel's 53-year-old father, said during a phone interview from Colombia that his son was in the National Guard. Polanco grew up in Jamaica and attended Hillcrest High School, according to relatives. He also worked two jobs: one at Parragon Honda in Woodside and the other at Ice Lounge in Astoria. Juan Polanco described his son as a good kid.

"His step dad just passed away," Juan Polanco said. "He was taking care of the house."

Dozens of people — including about 30 fellow National Guard members—attended a memorial Sunday for Noel Polanco at Tavern Lounge, at 97-07 Jamaica Ave. in Woodhaven, organized by the Center of Attention auto club. Outside a posterboard was decorated with photos of the avid car lover and messages from COA members.

National Guard Spec. Angel Reves — no relation to Cecilia Reves - said Polanco loved music, tattoos, cars and DJ-ing.

"He was a great kid," Angel Reyes said. "He didn't have a bad bone in his body."

Additional reporting by Christina Santucci.

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Critics blast system as flawed as voter registration nears end

BY RICH BOCKMANN

In August, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a new initiative designed to lift the state's dismal voter registration numbers, and as the Oct. 12 deadline to register for next month's general election draws near, critics in Queens said there is no good reason those numbers should be so low.

With less than 64 percent of eligible New Yorkers registered to vote — ranking the state 47th in the nation — Cuomo announced the state Department of Motor Vehicles would allow people to register to vote on its website.

"It's great that New York state has taken the step and made online voter registration available," said James Hong, of Flushing's Minkwon Center.

After the September primary, the governor announced 16,000 people across the state registered to vote online.

The website, though, is in English and requires users to have either a driver's license or a state-issued ID. which are just a few examples, Hong said, of the barriers that make it difficult for some Queens residents to register.

"It's very cumbersome — if not disenfranchising — to have a kind of system like that right now," Hong

Other New York peculiarities include a requirement that voters register their party affiliation by Friday in order to vote in the primaries for next year's citywide elections.

"Having to register over a year and 25 days in advance doesn't really

make a lot of sense to us," Hong said.

Reform advocates said that whether out of tradition or more insidious efforts to preserve power, there are many registration restrictions in New York that simply do not have to be in place.

For instance, these advocates wonder why voters even have to register before they go to vote? North Carolina allows same-day registration, where individuals who miss the state's deadline can register and fill out an absentee ballot the day they go to the poll.

In Ohio, a felon's voting rights are restored immediately after being released from prison, but in New York they cannot register to vote until after completing parole.

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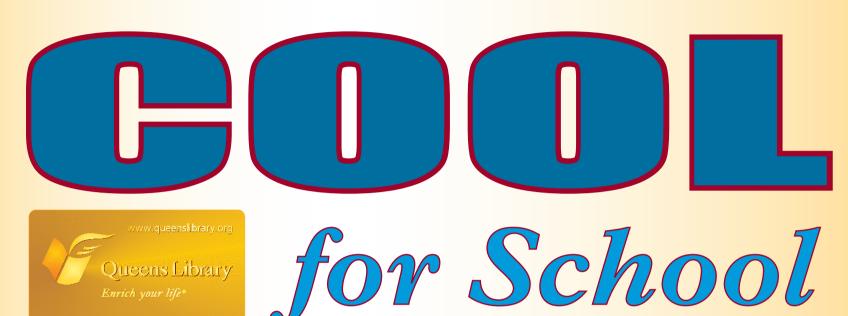




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EDITORIALS

SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT NEW RUNWAY

We welcome the decision by the Port Authority to hold a public hearing on its plan to extend one of John F. Kennedy International Airport's runways closer to protected wetlands and residential neighborhoods.

Barbara Brown, chairwoman of the Eastern Queens Alliance, said a notice about the planned extension published by the authority in Newsday was inadequate. The public comment period for the runway rehabilitation's draft environmental assessment closed in June.

The authority must understand that any change in the runways at one of the busiest airports in the world will have an impact on families nearby. This also includes the decision to increase the number of flights taking off from or landing on any given runway.

Families living near JFK say the noise from aircraft is already disrupting their lives. In addition, they are concerned about pollution.

One of the best ways for an organization to avoid controversy is to publish a notice of a hearing in a place where it is least likely to be seen. But that is not good public policy.

JFK plays a vital role in the area's economy and employs thousands of people. The authority should make certain the negative impact of aircraft is minimized as much as possible.

At a recent Community Board 13 meeting, Brown urged her neighbors to get actively involved in the runway discussion.

HALF A SOLUTION

The state attorney general's office said four Queens nonprofits will receive a share of more than \$16 million set aside this year to assist homeowners in avoiding foreclosure.

This will represent the first year of his office's three-year, \$60 million program to aid struggling homeowners.

These organizations play a valuable role in assisting homeowners who are often confused by the foreclosure process. This is money well-spent. The foreclosures have had a negative impact on southeast Queens.

But counseling is only a part of the solution, and the other part is creating jobs with decent wages that can help people pay their mortgages.

The governor needs a plan that will put people back to work and improve our economy.



OTHER VOICES

More must be done to clean up politics

An open letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo:

or three of the most powerful men in our state to be involved in using \$103,000 to quiet several female staffers and include \$32,000, supposedly provided by the accused, proves there is something wrong and that this should be looked into immediately.

It is my understanding that you have placed this in the hands of a commission to investigate. How long will this take?

When the state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) admits he mishandled the problem but state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman apparently signed off on the deal and state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli approved the payment, something is wrong with those decisions.

The Sept. 14-20 Press of Southeast Queens article "Sexual harassment in era of political correctness" best expressed my sentiment regarding the terrible incident in our state. We deserve better than this. Your promise to clean up Albany helped to get you elected. To drop this investigation in the hands of Albany operatives is, in my estimation, no way to begin cleaning the swamp.

Maybe a federal investigation is needed and, while the federal investigators are here, they may need to look at a problem in the City Council. This involves Councilman James Sanders Jr. (D-Jamaica), whose former chief of staff

was slapped by the city Conflicts of Interest Board for running a nonprofit that was getting taxpayer cash from his boss.

If this is true, it is more than a question of honest ignorance on the part of the former chief of staff but indulgence of the councilman to provide the funds.

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Raise minimum wage to help struggling families succeed

ore of today's families need to be two-income households to make ends meet, whether they are single parents, providing homes for older and unemployed children or caring for sick or elderly loved ones. They all need and want many of the same things — especially good jobs.

The state Labor Department's most recent statistics report private sector employment in the city rose by 93,100, or 2.9 percent, for the 12-month period ending in August 2012. The city's over-the-year private sector growth rate (+2.9 percent) was above the state's (+1.8

percent) and the nation's (+1.8 percent).

The city's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.9 percent in August 2012, down slightly from 10 percent in July 2012. The state's rate was 9.1 percent in August, and the national rate was almost 8 percent for September. Despite strong job creation by the city's businesses, the number of city residents with jobs is essentially flat over the prior 12 months.

Anyone who has recently gone to the grocery store, put gas in the car or paid their monthly rent or mortgage knows it is hard to make ends meet. While our

economy is slowly recovering, we still have a long way to go to ensure good, livingwage jobs. There are a number of legislative initiatives I have been pursuing that I think have great potential for addressing the economic woes of New York's working families:

1. Raise the minimum wage sooner rather than later. Several bills have been introduced in the state Senate and state Assembly to raise the minimum wage from its current paltry \$7.25 an hour. Right now, a person working a full-time, minimum-wage job — 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year — only

earns \$15,180 a year before taxes.

2. Stop outsourcing jobs. I am sponsoring legislation, S.1244, that would prevent businesses from reaping state tax breaks and other economic benefits when they outsource employment opportunities to other states and countries, thereby letting them siphon off scarce state tax resources that could be used in better ways.

3. Provide family care insurance. I am co-sponsoring legislation, S.7547, that would establish family care insurance under our state's worker's compensation and insurance laws to

enable New Yorkers to care for loved ones without wiping themselves out financially and emotionally.

4. Pass the Fair Pay Act (S.2200-A), which I cosponsor. It provides for pay equity, or equal pay for equal work.

As a reminder to all job seekers and to help bring together more than 100 potential employers and their new hires, I am hosting a free job fair Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Resorts World New York at Aqueduct Racetrack, 3rd Floor, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Ozone Park.

Do not forget to bring plenty of résumés and dress

professionally to meet with various recruiters. Over the years, I have organized six job fairs in my Senate district, and I am always pleased to help my constituents find employment, particularly at a time when jobs are sometimes difficult to find.

If you have any questions about the upcoming fair or if I can be of assistance to you in the community, contact me or Peter DeLucia in my district office at 718-738-1111.

Joseph Addabbo Jr. State Senator (D-Howard Beach)

Fight tobacco ads aimed at kids

t is the start of a new school year for thousands of Queens children. As children are walking to school this semester, I think it is important to think about what they are passing by on their way to school.

Many neighborhood convenience stores place cigarette advertising at the eye level of young children. Cigarette marketing is more prevalent in stores where adolescents frequently shop, and in New York state the average consumer is exposed to more than 1,100 cigarette ads in

stores every year.

Research has found that exposure to tobacco marketing in stores is a primary cause of smoking among youth. Often times, ads will be placed in store windows at a child's height and near candy and toys, in the direct sight of youth, and will use colorful packaging in order to better market cigarettes to youth.

We have many laws protecting children's health, such as child safety seats and bicycle helmets, but why is there no discussion of a ban on tobacco advertising that is aimed at youth?

This is something that needs to be rectified, and it starts with Queens residents. Parents and teachers should be talking to youth about these advertising ploys and Queens residents should start talking to convenience store owners about the terrible effects advertising has on our children

The time to act is now.

Jennifer Levy Health Educator North Shore-LIJ Health System Manhattan

City must prune park, street trees

s the seasons transition from summer to autumn, it is important for the city Parks Department to prune many of the trees in the city's parks and along city streets. While every tree cannot be pruned, there are those that are in serious need of pruning to reduce the risk of injury to people or damage to property.

Also, those trees that are dead or dying need to be removed as quickly as possible. While the city is dealing with a fiscal crisis. it is important to maintain the trees in our parks and along our streets. There are more than 1 million trees within the city and its parks, and some of them have stood for more than 100 years or longer.

They give us needed shade in the summer; beautiful, colorful leaves in the fall; and beautiful blossoms in spring. Our evergreen trees grace us with their winter beauty when snow accumulates upon them, adding to the festive feeling of the holiday season.

Trees are our cathedrals of nature, soaring high above parks, streets and homes. They also give off oxygen and take in carbon dioxide, which cleanses the air, and retain soil from eroding on the sides of our roadways and hills.

Let us work to maintain our trees so they can be enjoyed by many future generations of New York-

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Corrections

An interview in the Sept. 26-Oct. 3 edition of TimesLedger Newspapers with City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria) should have stated that mandatory sentences associated with the Rockefeller Drug Laws were removed in 2003.

A report in the Sept. 26-Oct. 3 edition of TimesLedger Newspapers about the redevelopment of Willets Point incorrectly identified the Partnership for New York City, which is a Manhattan-based organization promoting economic development throughout the five boroughs.

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Jamaica army officer maintains innocence in '70 triple murder

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effrey Robert Mac-Donald, a former U.S. Army doctor, is best known for allegedly murdering his pregnant wife and two young daughters in 1970.

He was born Oct. 12, 1943, in Jamaica. He married his wife, the former Collette Stevenson, while an undergraduate at Princeton University, and later completed his medical studies at Northwestern University before joining the Army in 1969.

MacDonald's murder case has been in the military and civilian courts since months after the murder, and he has been imprisoned continuously since 1982. Maintaining his innocence, in September 2012 a new court hearing considered DNA evidence unavailable to the defense at the time of the killings.

His family moved to Patchogue, L.I., when Jeffrey was a boy. The future doctor and soldier was the senior class president and voted Most Popular and Most Likely to Succeed in the class of 1961. After earning a scholarship to Princeton, he resumed a relationship with his future wife Collette, whom he began dating in high school.

Expecting their first child, the couple married in 1964. Collette settled down as a housewife while the new father continued his studies. After completing his medical internship at Columbia Presbyterian in Manhattan, MacDonald joined the Army as a surgeon with the 6th Special Forces Group. Capt. MacDonald and his bride and daughters Kimberley and Kristen moved to Fort Bragg, N.C.

In the early morning of Feb. 17, 1970, military police officers responded to an emergency telephone call from MacDonald's home. Upon arrival, they found Collette and her daughters murdered. MacDonald lay wounded but was released from the hospital within

a week, claiming a group of drug-addled hippies attacked him and his family, with a woman holding a candle and chanting, "Acid is groovy. Kill the pigs."

But fibers from Mac-Donald's pajamas were discovered under daughter Kristen's fingernails, and the murder weapons, all articles from their home. were found outside. When confronted with evidence of his extramarital affairs, he responded, "Oh ... you guys are more thorough than I thought."

Although the doctor's defense attorney claimed to have located the woman holding the candle and chanting in his house, and witnesses claimed she had admitted involvement in the murders, in May the Army charged the captain with the killings.

Following one of the longest Article 32 hearings in Army history, the military decided the charges against the doctor were not true and recommended dismissal. MacDonald was dishonorably discharged from the Army and went into civilian medical practice, eventually settling in California.

His legal troubles, however, were just beginning. Initially among his supporters, Collette's stepparents, Alfred and Mildred Kassab, decided to submit a criminal complaint after seeing the young doctor joking about the case on "The Dick Cavett Show."

MacDonald's case has been in civilian courts for nearly 40 years, going as far as the U.S. Supreme Court four times between 1978 and 1992. Each time, justices rejected MacDonald's various arguments that he was facing double jeopardy or was denied his right to a speedy trial.

Once, after being freed from jail briefly in 1980 after an appeals court ruled he had not received a speedy trial, the Supreme Court overruled the decision and the ex-doctor was returned to prison one final time in 1982 to serve three consecutive life sentences.

In 1997, defense lawvers were granted the right to obtain DNA tests of hair and blood samples from the murder scene. Some of the results, released in 2006, did not match the profile of any family member. Based upon the new evidence, a federal judge will decide in late 2012 whether to overturn MacDonald's conviction.



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coming from them loud enough to make one have to yell in order to have a conversation.

The skies got conspicuously quiet during the meeting, leading one civic leader to suggest, only half jokingly, that the Port Authority had planned to silence complaints.

The attendees' main concern was that airplane

noise, which they said has constantly harrassed their neighborhoods, would be increased with the extension plan.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires the Port Authority to provide safety areas at the end of its runways in the event a plane overshoots a landing or undershoots a take-off.

This would not cause a problem except for the fact that the southern end of



Project Director James Steven discusses the Port Authority's plan to extend a runway at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

the runway sticks out into Jamaica Bay and the Port Authority cannot build the safety area in the federally protected Gateway National Recreation Area. So the plan calls to shift the runway north and build an additional 728 feet at that end.

The plan's enviornmental assessment found that this would only increase the noise volume in the surrounding communities to 0.7 decibels, short of the 1.5-decibel mark that would be considered a significant environmental

impact.

The Port Authority said it will take public comments until Nov. 1, after which time it will submit its plan to the FAA for approval.

Simon said it was "far from a done deal," but community members said they felt the whole affair was a fait accompli.

"There's very little
I've heard here tonight to
change my mind that our
community is going to be
in serious trouble," said
Alliance member Dwight

Johnson.

The Port Authority could simply construct the safety areas at either end, but that would mean shortening the runway length, meaning planes would be required to carry fewer passengers and less cargo.

Simon said JFK employs 35,000 people each day and is responsible for \$10 billion of direct economic impact. He said it provides an additional 150,000 indirect jobs and \$30 billion of indirect economic impact.

Crash

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the car and suffered a broken sternum, was taken to Winthrop Hospital on Long Island, police said.

Cops said Beer did not have a driver's license and was driving with a learner's permit.

Backpacks and other personal items could be seen inside the wreckage at

the scene, and glass and debris were strewn along the wooded area, according to the Associated Press.

The AP reported one neighbor, Amy Buchanan, whose home is about 50 yards from where the car came to rest, was awakened by the sound of the crash.

"Just a loud boom," she said. "I've lived here for 10 years and there has been an accident almost in that exact spot every year, but never as one as horrific as

this," she said.

The front and rear parts of the car were loaded separately onto a truck that took them away from the scene of the crash, the AP said

Devastated friends took to Twitter to share their grief. One friend of Khan's wrote, "It sucks so much right now, so much memories flash thru my mind and [it's] like wow, he's just gone ... And he won't come back."

Billiards

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work Saturday morning when he saw the crime scene at the corner. He said there were placards with numbers printed on them going up to No. 11 on the ground. The NYPD often uses the placards to mark locations for evidence, including shell casings..

Hussong said the

neighborhood was relatively safe, and although he had heard of violence on the nearby subway, it did not often spill out into the community.

"On the street here it's been quiet," he said. "[It's the] next generation of hellraisers with nothing better to do," he added.

One woman, Zenobia Vidal, who said she lives nearby, said she heard a rumor from neighbors that the violence was the work of a gang.

She said she was stunned to hear of the shooting.

"I'm so surprised because nothing like that really happened here before," she said.

An employee at the pool hall said Sunday that the violence had not originated at the venue, and multiple other attempts to reach Rack Em-Up Billiards at the phone number listed were unsuccessful.

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Resorts World claims workers racing to top



A Resorts World representative (r.) talks to a potential job applicant during an employment fair at Aqueduct Racetrack last year.

BY STEVE MOSCO

The city's first casino is defending its employment numbers after accusations by civic groups that the company did not hire enough employees from Queens.

Officials at Resorts World Casino at the Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park announced last week it promoted 134 employees within the first 10 months of operation, while accommodating hundreds of others with transfers to other departments.

"These latest promotion numbers reflect the opportunity our facility has provided for employees to launch successful careers," said Michael Speller, president of the casino. "We have always believed our staff is beginning not just another job, but a career and we are looking forward to the continued growth of our skilled and diverse local workforce for years to come."

Prior to this announcement, the casino received criticism last month after reports said the South Ozone Park facility emplovs 60 percent of its staff from Queens — 10 percent lower than the company had promised to hire. But representatives from the

casino said the number of actual jobs given to residents has increased.

Resorts World originally estimated residents would get close to 70 percent of the 850 jobs created from the casino. But Patrick Jenkins, a representative with Resorts World, said the total number of employees increased to 1,750 after the facility expanded and added several more food and beverage outlets. He said there are more than 1,100 borough residents working at the casino — more than the promised 60 percent.

Eric Rodriguez, a South Ozone Park resident who has worked at the casino since its opening, said the facility has presented him with new, expanded opportunities.

"Resorts World Casino has afforded me with the start to what will be a successful and challenging career here at the facility," said Rodriguez, who has been promoted twice and is now the manager at RW Prime restaurant. "I have gained a great deal of invaluable experience here at Resorts World, which will lead to continued success throughout the rest of my career."

But not everyone is happy with the casino's employment numbers. Albert Baldeo, a community advocate for southern Queens, said the casino is not giving residents a proportionate share of high-ranking management jobs.

Baldeo also said Resorts World promised to give 1 percent of its net profits to area nonprofit and service organizations such as senior, community and youth centers, religious and cultural organizations, historical societies, block associations, veterans groups and development corporations.

"We are asking them to keep their promises." said Baldeo. "They came into this community, and we want them to be successful. Now that they are successful, we want to see it on the streets of our community."

Baldeo said numerous businesses on Rockaway Blvd., within walking distance of the casino, are shuttered, making the neighborhood look like a "shantytown."

"I'm not blaming Resorts World for the state of the neighborhood, but there is sufficient evidence here that the community needs help," he said. "The area is struggling with high foreclosures and unemployment — there are 300,000 residents impacted here."

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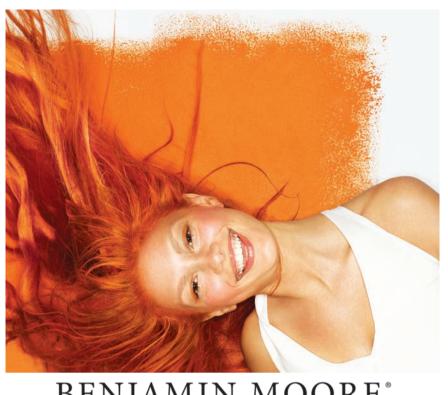
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Boro pre-foreclosures approach record high



As foreclosures in Queens decline to their lowest level in two years, the number of pre-foreclosures filed against boro homeowners continue to approach a two-year high, according to a recent report. AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The number of newly foreclosed homes in Queens fell to its lowest point in two years during the third quarter of 2012, according to a recent report, but experts warn the new figures do not indicate a light at the end of the tunnel for struggling borough homeown-

During the threemonth period from July through September, 77 new foreclosure auctions were scheduled in Queens, representing the sharpest decline (-27 percent) from the second quarter throughout the five boroughs, according to a report by the real estate website propertyshark.com.

The report revealed that Queens was the only borough to register a decline (-6 percent) in foreclosures from a year earlier.

Fewer foreclosures. however, seem to indicate more about the banks' practices than they do about the number of homeowners who are delinquent on their mortgages.

"Although the number of first-time scheduled foreclosure auctions hasn't gone up, it doesn't mean that the tension is gone," wrote Andrew McElhone, an industry principal for propertyshark.com, who added that tighter restrictions on foreclosure procedures had artificially lowered the number of auctions. "On the other hand. pre-foreclosure filings continue their steady quarterby-quarter increase, adding to the foreclosure backlog in New York courts."

A lender files a foreclsoure lis pendens with the court when a delinquent borrower is notified of a pending lawusit. The number of those filings began a dramatic decline — as did foreclosures — at the end of 2010 when lenders were required to affirm they had all their paperwork in order when initiating a lawsuit. However, lis pendens filings have been climbing steadily since the end of 2011 to approach 2010 lev-

This trend continues at a time when the rate of delinquent mortgages has been declining across the country, according to Diane Coogan, an economics professor at Queens Col-

Coogan explained that the national rate has been falling as the market sorts through the bad mortgag-

"Basically, it's just the pattern of what happened. Any new mortgages created in the past three years have been to highly qualified borrowers," she said.

"Lending standards went way up, and as a consequence people who got new mortgages have proven themselves less likely to become delinquent." she added. "Older borrowers have already revealed themselves to be not terribly credit-worthy."

As to why the banks have been increasingly filing lis pendens notices against borrowers whose older mortgages continue to fall into delinquency. Coogan said it was anvone's

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²² United Black Men of Qns to award 15 scholarships

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Taking a break from his biology studies at Penn State University, 18-yearold Clinton Aivedun said he would not be the young man he is today were it not for his mentors at the United Black Men of Queens.

"They showed me that I count in my community and I count in the world," said Aiyedun, who is attending college on a partial scholarship the foundation provided.

On Friday, Aiyedun will return to Queens when the United Black Men will recognize this year's crop of 15 young men at its 37th annual Community Awards and Scholarship Dinner-Dance.

Aiyedun said one of the things his mentors instilled in him was a sense of duty to be the next generation of mentors.

"I'm coming back to the group because I feel I have to help other generations after me," he said. "As much help as I got from them, I should help others."

Executive Director Rodney Pride said that after years of mentoring the young students, the scholarship is a way to keep the door open.

"Since we're not able to see them every day in college, this affords us the opportunity to touch base and say, 'Hey, how are young doing? Do you need any help?" he explained.

Jeff Oyo, who is studying economics and mathematics at the State University of New York in Buffalo, said he takes every chance he gets to touch base with the group.

"Every year I keep in touch. Anytime I'm down back in the city I try to touch base and continue the relationship," he said.

The United Black Men mentor young students of color throughout southeast Queens. Most recently the group partnered with more than two dozen schools for the Dads Take Your Child to School Day.

This year's priority, Pride said, was to help August Martin High School get a fresh start. The school. named after the first African-American commercial pilot, has a new principal this year after the city almost closed it. School officials planned to rename it the School of Opportunities at the August Martin Campus. The school was placed on this year's list of poorperforming schools.

Queens Botanical Garden rings in the fall with festival

BY JOE ANUTA

Autumn has officially arrived, and rather than think about the potentially dreary winter behind it, Queens Botanical Garden is hosting a celebration this week where the community can enjoy nature and some of the more delicious offerings that accompany fall.

The second annual Harvest Fest & Pumpkin Patch will kick off Sunday and feature activities for the whole family, from decorating and carving pumpkins to selection of craft beers on tap.

"I think it is a great way to bring the community together and connect people back with the earth and all we get from it," said Darcy Hector, director of marketing and development at the garden, at 43-50 Main St.

The fall is traditionally the time of year when agrarian societies around the world reap the benefits of a year's worth of hard work, and that spirit of the nature's



Chang siblings Cynthia, 6, and Nicholas, 10, of Bayside, show off their paper-painted pumpkins at a previous Harvest Fest & Pumpkin Patch at Queens Botanical Garden.

bounties gave birth to holidays like Thanksgiving and the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, commonly called the Moon Festival.

"It's kind of a universal time to celebrate the abundance of the earth," Hector said.

And there will be plenty of reasons to celebrate Sunday.

Last year, more than 5,000 people stopped by the garden for the festival, and Hector is expecting a repeat performance.

The party will run from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will feature music from the Lonesome Moonlight String Band and the Bakersfield Breakers, as well as numerous demonstrations and artisan wares from local merchants.

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BREANA CHANNER SEPTEMBER 2012 STUDENT OF DISTINCTION HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NY

Breana Channer, a resident of Springfield Gardens, is the 2012-13 Hillcrest High School Senior Class President. She will liaise with her peers and the school administration enabling so that she may coordinate all of the senior activities for the 2013 graduating class.

Among her past school were representing the school at the annual High School Fair held at Francis Lewis H.S., assisting during the open house for perspective Hillcrest H.S. students, and volunteering at the annual March of Dimes activity, taking part in Fight Against Breast Cancer Walks, and the New York Half Marathon. This year she is a Yearbook assistant, a member of the Tennis Team and takes part in the Queens Community House leadership and character building programs held in Hillcrest H.S.

Academically, Breana has taken a College Now course in Anthropology. In addition, she has taken Advanced Placement college level courses in Chemistry, Calculus, English Literature, English Language and U.S, History. She is in the Pre-Med Institute in Hillcrest H.S., was on the Pre-Med Committee in her freshman year, is in the Honor Society, has an average of



97.35 and plans to be a doctor. She is a semi-Finalist for a Posse Scholarship.

Outside of school, Breana Channer is a Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinder in her Queens Faith Temple where she is a Leader in Training and also Youth Secretary. One of her exciting activities was going on a mission to the Dominican Republic sponsored by her temple.

A saying which she believes in is, "One's life isn't truly fulfilled unless one impacts the life of someone else." She gives thanks to, "All my teachers, my mother and mentors throughout the years."

Hydee Recinos, Senior Advisor at Hillcrest H.S. said, "Breana is an outstanding leader who possesses many leadership She is determined, compasaualities. sionate, and always ready to take on any task."

Hany Rashid, science teacher, Coordinator of Student Affairs (COSA) and ARIS-TA Advisor, stated, "In the few months that I have come to know Breana Channer, she has proven to be a hardworking and dedicated student. She is always willing to go the extra mile to do things needed in the school."



Bellerose tree sparks fight between neighbors

BY KAREN FRANTZ

A stately, 100-year-old Black Locust tree has sparked a war between two neighbors in Bellerose, with one man claiming the tree's roots damaged his property and one woman worried that clearing the roots would cause the massive tree to topple over.

The neighbors both agree the spat began with a conversation across their shared backyard fence this summer. During the conversation, Mahendra Shah, who lives on 250th Street, asked Carolina Florica, who lives on 249th Street, where the tree is located, if she would remove some of the large, shallow tree roots growing onto his property.

After that point, however, they seem to agree on almost nothing.

"I just want her to take care of it, that's all," Shah said.

Shah said he wants the tree roots gone because he believes they caused a large crack in the wall of his stand-alone, single-car garage and in the stones of his



The black locust tree's roots are visible from above ground in neighbor Mahendra Shah's backyard. Photo by Karen Frantz

back patio.

He also said he is considering building a shed in the backyard, but cannot move forward with the plan unless the roots are scaled back.

But Florica disputes Shah's allegation that the tree is the cause of the garage's crack and says she should not be responsible for cutting the tree roots, saying the tree was there long before she or her neighbor were.

"It's almost not my tree," she said. "It's in my backyard, but it's nature's tree."

Florica called a New Yorkcertified home inspector with Garber Home Inspections and an urban ecologist with Worldwide Ecology, Dr. Steven D. Garber, to inspect the tree and Shah's garage this summer. According to an affidavit Garber gave to Florica's attorney, the garage's damage was not due to the tree but rather to freezing and thawing water from the roof, which Garber said does not have a gutter and is poorly maintained.

In addition, the affidavit warns cutting away portions of the tree's root system could be dangerous, making it more susceptible to health issues "that could weaken the tree, cause death of parts of the tree and make it more likely to lose branches [or] fall in a storm."

"Iam scared to touch this tree that is so huge," Florica said, saying she is terrified if Shah takes the matter into his own hands. the tree — 36 inches in diameter and more than 50 feet tall — will come crashing down on her house or her neighbors' houses.

As of right now, the neighbors remain in a standoff, with Shah still demanding Florica pay to remove the roots or cut the tree down entirely and Florica saying she is prepared to take him to court over the matter.

Although Shah said he has the right to cut away the roots himself, he said he is not sure what his next step will be.

The possibility that cutting away the roots could weaken the tree did not seem to concern him. however. When asked if he was worried about the tree falling down, he responded, "Wouldn't that be her problem? It's her

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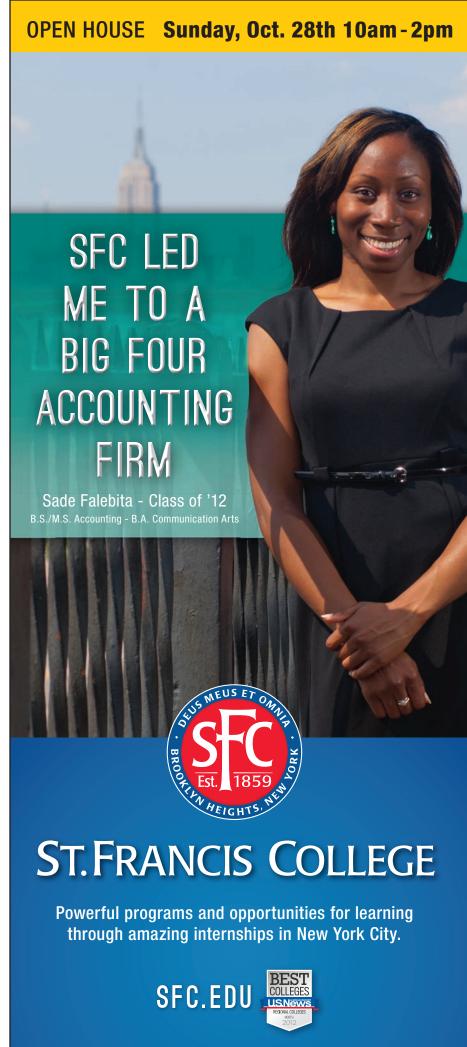


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The four big questions students should answer before picking a college

hoosing a college is no easy task. Considering it's a decision that will lay the groundwork for your career and that college is one of the biggest financial investments you'll ever make, most students — and parents — are aware that it's not a decision to be taken lightly.

It's important to ask a lot of questions about the schools you're considering, but some of the most important questions you need to ask before choosing a school should be directed at yourself. Figuring out your own learning style and picking a school that plays to those strengths is one of the biggest keys to your educational success.

John Keim, Provost and Chief Academic Officer for Westwood College School of Technology, shares four questions students should answer before choosing a school:

Do you do well in a lecture setting or are you more of a hands-on learner?

Once you answer this question, determine which style of learning is used most at the colleges you are considering. For example, a large liberal arts university might feature a class schedule heavy in lectures, where a career-focused tech school might focus mainly on hands-on learning in a classroom setting.

Do you favor abstract thinking or do you like to solve problems in a more direct and less theoretical manner?

If you enjoy creative writing and topics like political science, religion, or history, where there tends to be more than one way to answer a question and analysis is a little more subjective, you're more of an abstract learner. If you enjoy math or computer



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programming, where there are right and wrong ways to solve a problem, you prefer a more empirical and pragmatic method of learning. Determining what works best for you will help you both pick a college and area of study.

Would you consider vourself a non-traditional learner?

If you've found success in classes that wouldn't be considered traditional, such as projects-based classes as opposed to traditional lecture-based classes, you may do well to find a college that offers classes that cater to students with non-traditional needs. If you've already tried a traditional college and didn't like it or weren't successful, you may have just needed a curriculum that better fit your learning style, and schools that cater to non-traditional students can help.

Do you already know what type of career you would like to pursue?

If you do, you may want to consider a career-focused college that will give

you the specific training

to succeed in your chosen

career. If you're undecided or have multiple interests, a liberal arts education might be more appropriate. For example, if you know you want to be a computer programmer and have no interest in a managerial role, you might consider a school that focuses specifically on building your technical skills to help you in that specific role.

"Many students in technology-focused programs do well in classes that teach specific technology skills that prepare them to transition easily into their first jobs after college." says Keim. "These students also benefit from hands-on projects-based training designed by professionals who have worked in the field that students will eventually be working in."

By thinking a little bit about what makes you succeed as a student, you can best determine both where your interests lie and what kind of education is best for you. By determining this before you enroll in a school, you'll help increase the odds that your educational dollar is put to good



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In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, pet owners throughout the borough attended ceremonies so their furry, feathered and fishy friends received blessings. (Clockwise from top I.): Fr.Brian Blayer (r.), of Grace Episcopal Church in Whitestone, gives Laddie the dog a blessing as the pup is held by Anthony Salonone; several parakeets are placed on top of a car in Elmhurst during the service at St. Bartholomew's; Bernie Fernandez holds Madison during a service at the Zion Episcopal Church in Douglaston; animals and their owners gather in Immaculate Conception's parking lot Saturday; first-grade students at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Bayside hold items to receive a dousing of holy water last Thursday; and Katie Brent watches over Casey the cat in Whitestone.

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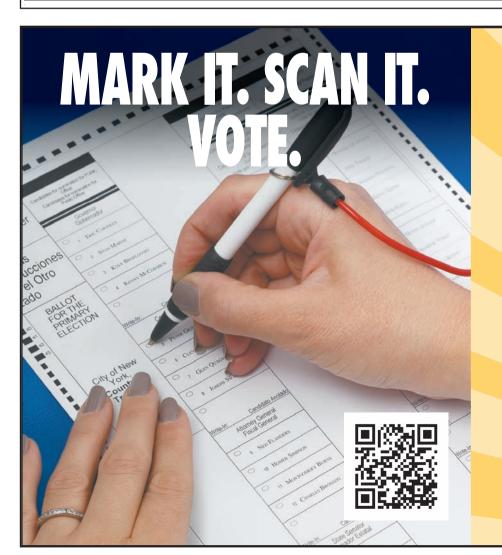
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Easy homemade décor can be fun for the family and make any home a showcase

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

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O THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING

The crunch of fallen leaves and brisk air herald another New York City autumn, and in Queens, Forest and Cunningham parks are transforming into vibrant fall postcards.

Fall weekends in Queens mean pumpkin picking and hay rides, crisp apple cider, wine tastings and a pie-eating contest at Queens County Farm Museum in Floral Park.

Yes, Halloween is just around the corner, followed by – you guessed it – Thanksgiving, which means family gatherings. This calls for a comfy, cozy-chic environment as folks spend more time indoors and welcome guests for the holidays.

As the days get shorter and colder, why not spruce up your space with simple, eyecatching, budget-friendly decorating ideas that add a touch of whimsy and punch of color. Lift up spirits for the upcoming holidays and transform your home — no matter how modest — into a showcase.

Nothing says welcome like a gorgeous autumnal entryway. How about a unique acorn wreath tied with red ribbon for your front door, and an easy-toarrange harvest-style display on an entry or side table? All it takes is a bit of imagination and an eye for color: Arrange long branches, like golden gingko, in a large sculptural vase, pile a few pears into an interesting bowl and place several pine cones in another then set out a fruity wine, mixed nuts and voilà! You've made an "autumn is here" statement.

Ideas and pick-me-ups

Rita Plush, president of Rita Plush Interiors, author and program coordinator of the Interior Design/Decorating certificate program at Queensborough Community College, will be teaching the Basic Principals of Interior Design, and the Accessories segment of the accessories and Color class this fall.

"You want warm and soft to make things cozy," she says. "Fake fur pillows and throws add a fun look and go with any style."

Here are some quick tips:

- Think a textured, weathered look for accessories.
- Mix metals and woods, sleek and textured finishes in picture frames. Put up a ledge and lean some framed pictures or photos of different sizes on it.
- When arranging accessories use odd numbers,

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³⁶ Jazz ensemble led by Bern Nix hits Voelker Orth

BY ALEX PALMER

The Voelker Orth Museum will be offering up some complex jazz on Oct. 14, as the Bern Nix Trio performs in the venue's Victorian Garden at 3 p.m. The ensemble, led by jazz guitarist Nix, moves between set compositions and improvisational experiments, promising visitors an engaging, if unpredictable, show.

Nix is probably best known as a member of saxophonist Ornette Coleman's Prime Time band through the 1970s and 1980s, though he has gone on to a steady and successful career of his own since leaving the group in 1987.

A Manhattanite, Nix only makes occasional appearances in Queens, such as a recent show at Flushing Town Hall. The Voelker Orth show, where the trio will perform in

the venue's garden, maintained using 18th century gardening techniques, will give Queens residents a chance to catch his unique blend of formal and experimental music. Admission is \$12.

"Sometimes I follow form, sometimes I don't," says Nix. "If you're playing swing or bebop, you play to form. Avant garde or free music is more expressionistic, and I've been trying to synthesize those elements."

When Nix first began learning jazz guitar, he started with the basic forms and standards before branching out into more free-form styles. In his performances, he incorporates jazz standards, as well as works from his albums, such as Imagination Anthem Low Barometer from 2005, and Alarms and Excursions from 1993, but leaves plenty of room for improvisation.

When discussing different forms of jazz, he maintains an open-minded outlook, and a willingness to embrace a range of influences without the need to apply specific labels.

"The whole thing of being a jazz player is so diverse, there are so many stylistic differences overall, especially with the guitar," says Nix. "People came up with pop and rock and punk and R&B, so now you find a lot of people playing that. I have a traditional setup — in a way, I've become the old school."

Originally from Toledo, Ohio, Nix moved to New York in 1975 — "when the city was bankrupt" and was immediately drawn in to the downtown artist community and the loft living.

He formed the trio in the late 1980s and has had members moving in and out of the group since.

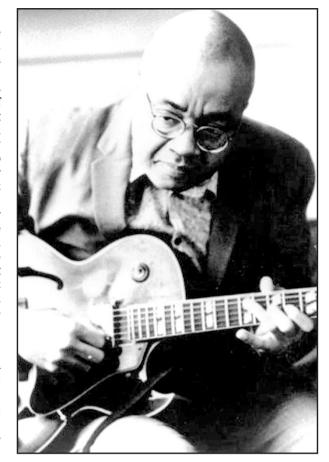
"I never thought I'd be a band leader, but it was a way to find work," says Nix.

While Bern continues to perform as the leader of a trio — and will be doing that at the Voelker Orth show — for the last few months, the group has also recently added trumpeter Matt Lavelle for quartet

"We have a similar influence, so I don't have to explain as much to him about what I'm trying to do," says Bern. "Having technique is one thing, but to know how to apply it in different situations is a different skill."

Bern Nix, leader of the Bern Nix Trio, will perform at Flushing's Voelker Orth Musuem on Oct. 14 at 3 p.m.

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Theatre Time's back, don't forget the Mallomars



Ronald B. Hellman The Play's The Thing

Mallomars are back and so is Theatre Time Productions. But unlike those addictive chocolatemarshmallow coated treats (absent during the summer) that give you a sugar high, Theatre Time can give you a rush of pleasure any season without causing an overdose.

Founded in 1997 by wife-and-husband team Judy and Kevin Vincent, the company's next show, "Macbeth Did It," opens on Oct. 19 at the Colonial Church in Bayside. The

comedy is its 24th production and it's also a homecoming. Judy and Kevin met while performing in the Colonial Players' "Room Service" at the church in 1996, and now some 16 years later, after a few changes of venue, they're back.

Unlike some local groups that have been fortunate to remain in the same place, Theatre Time has performed in four prior locations, most notably at the First Presbyterian Church of Whitestone. Queens' lack of real theater space is a constant problem — houses of worship are often the best available, if problematic, venues.

(A step in the right direction to fill the void has been taken by Variations Theatre Group, which is opening a brand new theater complex in Long Island City's Court Square in the former U.S. Chain Factory. More about that good news coming soon.)

Theatre Time is a Batman-and-Robin enterprise: Judy and Kevin do most of the work and support each show out of their own pockets. Judy works at a pre-school and Kevin is in sales, and low-production budgets are a necessity. However, shortage of funds doesn't detract from the dynamic duo's attention to detail and their passion for quality theater. "We take everything very seriously," says Judy, "and we expect others to do the same." "Aim High and Get There" is their motto.

The Vincents live in Whitestone and have an The company's next show, "Macbeth Did It," opens on Oct. 19 at the Colonial Church in Bayside.

8-year-old daughter, Kyla, who attends P.S. 21. Following in the family stage tradition, she takes drama classes at the Poppenhusen Institute in College Point. Judy and Kevin are both accomplished actors. and, along with Tom Williams, have directed all of the company's plays. Among their highlights were the 2006 production of "Dracula," which had a special midnight opening, and "Beau Jest," which was Judy's directing debut.

"Macbeth Did It" was written by John Patrick, best known for his Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award stage adaptation of "The Teahouse of the August Moon," as well as for a number of hit films in the 1950s including "Three Coins in the Fountain" and "High Society."

This backstage comedy has a cast of 19 — a blend of familiar and new community theater faces - under Kevin's direction, and apparently has not been

done in the borough before. The Colonial Church has a great space for shows — "it's as close to working in a real theater as you can find in Queens," says Judy. The Vincents are hoping for a long-term relationship with the church and are looking forward to three productions a season to attract a growing audi-

Check out the group at www.theatretime.org or call (347) 358-8102 for tickets over the upcoming two weekends. Show up and have some fun, but don't forget to bring your own Mallomars.

Contact Ron Hellman at RBH24@Columbia.edu

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Macbeth Did It - Wirrten by John Patrick. Directed by Kevin C. Vincent. A hilarious backstage comedy take on the Shakespeare classic.

When: Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27, 8 pm; Oct. 21 and 28, 3 pm Cost: \$16, \$14 seniors/students Where: Colonial Church of

Bayside, 54-02 217th St., Bayside Contact: (347) 358-8102 Website: www.theatretime.org

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North Shore Playwrights Circle Meeting - Formerly known as the Playwrights Circle of Great Neck, this open group features discussion, workshopping and writing exercises for playwrights in Queens and Nassau counties. When: Every other Wednesday, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

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- Hang a tassel from an armoire door or a pull on your dresser drawer.

Harvest décor – Queens-style

A new décor trend has cropped up featuring fall-inspired touches that bring hints of nature and the outdoors inside, while the fruits and flowers of the season easily combine to create a bountiful harvest centerpiece.

Simple accents like faux autumn leaves or pinecones wreathes can bring a earthy, comfortable feeling to any room. Try these easy designs at home.

Fall leaf streamers

Materials needed: Silk fall leaves or natural leaves gathered outside, one spool of 8-pound fishing line, scissors, hot glue gun and hot glue sticks, wax paper, painter's tape, measuring tape and leaves.

Take a stroll outdoors to gather especially beautiful autumn leaves — or head to your local craft store to buy silk versions. Sort leaves into separate piles by size.

To determine how much wax paper to use, measure distance between the bottom of your chandelier and the surface of your table. Then, roll out and cut a piece of wax paper that's as long as that measurement. Glue the leaves to the wax paper.

Roll out a length of fishing line that's 6 to 8 inches longer than the wax paper. Use painter's tape to secure the fishing line to the top and bottom of the wax paper. Leave the extra 6 inches of fishing line hanging off the top edge of the wax paper. You'll need this later for tying the line onto your chandelier.

Pinecone wreath

Here's what you'll need to make an organic, glitterdusted pine cone wreath for hanging on your front door or on a fover mirror: foam wreath, hot glue gun with glue sticks and pinecones.

Attach pinecones until the entire front surface of the wreath is covered, applying glue as needed.

Turn the wreath over and glue pine cones along the back edges to ensure the foam surface won't be visible when the wreath is hanging.

Hang with ribbon.

Decorative pumpkins

Stylish, artificial glittered pumpkins embellished with pushpins, lace or decals can add character to any fall arrangment.

Materials needed: Pumpkins, colored glitter, spoon, spray adhesive, small paintbrush, brown craft paint (for the stem), roll of craft paper and newspaper.

First, prepare your work area by laying down craft paper on top of newspaper. Spray the top and middle of the pumpkin with adhesive and use a spoon to apply glitter. Allow to dry. Remove excess glitter by shaking the pumpkin then funnel the loose glitter back into the container to reuse.

Tip the pumpkin to the side and spray adhesive on the bottom half. Apply glitter, allow to dry, remove excess. Use a small paintbrush to apply brown paint to the stem of the pumpkin.

Check out your local craft story for supplies and other great fall decorating ideas.



Pinecone wreaths can easily be made at home and can be a family fun way to decorate for the fall season.



Decorative pumpkins – artificial or otherwise – can add character to any fall design.

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By Pete Canty Consumer Reports

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- 22. Espied
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- 25. Mythical equine
- 27. Small-town supermarket
- 31. Bar order
- 32. Cairo's waterway
- 33. Butter or jack follower
- 37. Scanners' targets
- 39. N.B.A.'s Archibald, and others
- 42. Highly recommend
- 43. Pig part
- 45. Schlep
- 47. Precedes bag or cart
- 48. Downtown D.C. park
- 52. Surrender, as arms
- 55. Team
- 56. Decorative pitcher
- 57. Passports, e.g.
- 59. Crunch maker?
- 63. Hunted creatures
- 64. Where to fix a flat, perhaps
- 66. Mars, to the Greeks
- 67. Live's partner

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58. Practice jabs

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29. Claudius's successor

34. Minute amount 35. Coal, e.g.

36. And others: Abbr.

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54. Neighbor of Oman

38. Woman's summer wear

41. Working on the deck,

- 68. Sal's Canal
- 69. Camera part
- 70. Type of race
- 71. Shore hill

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- 1. Float gently
- 2. Bring into the firm
- Utopia
- Tease
- Banana relative
- Always, poetically
- 7. 68-Across e.g.
- 8. Barely manage
- 9. With 15-Down, flaky
- pastry
- 10. Bronco's venue
- 11. Author Horatio
- 12. Actress Close
- 15. Shorthand taker
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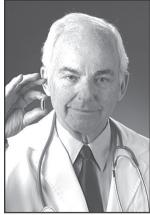
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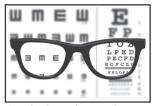
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Sports



St. Francis Prep's Eric Mirkov (r.) and Christ the King's Calogero CurCuru battle for the ball. Photo by Christina Santucci

Royals topple Prep without top scorer

BY DANIEL MARTIN

Christ the King is the only team to beat St. Francis Prep this season. So when the Terriers had a chance to avenge their season-opening loss, SFP did so emphatically.

Despite the school's all-time leading goal scorer, Kenny Redzematovic, sidelined with a knee injury, St. Francis Prep brought pressure early and never relented. The effort resulted in a 4-0 victory over the visiting Royals in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens AA boys' soccer Thursday afternoon at Kissena Corridor Park.

"We expect to do this every game," said Terriers Coach Franco Purificato. "We lost to these guys earlier in the season and we've been waiting to get back on the field with them."

With Redzematovic out of the lineup, forward Lawrence Nikaj scored two goals, one early in the first half and one late in the second. St. Francis Prep (10-1-0), the defending intersectional champions, kept on the offensive attack on for

the entirety of the game. dominating the time of possession and forcing Christ the King (8-2-0) into long, tiring defensive sets.

"Prep came out very strong and we just couldn't keep up with the set pieces," said Christ the King Coach Ovid Cusu. "They scored their first three goals off set pieces and throw-ins killed us."

After Nikaj's goal to open the scoring in the first half, forward Eric Mirkov scored on a free kick, pushing the lead to 2-0. In the absence of Redzematovic, Mirkov's presence helped to spur the Terriers' vic-

"Kenny is, for me, the best striker in the league," Mirkov said. "With him being out, we knew we had to keep our heads and we never doubted our talents. We can play."

In the second half, Christ the King, coming off a win over Archbishop Molloy, was able to do more offensively, working the ball into the box, but never being able to capitalize.

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Prep thrills in overtime win QB Jack Hurley leads team to stunning home victory over Xavier

BY DANIEL MARTIN

The St. Francis Prep sideline erupted as a gang of Terrier defenders swarmed around Xavier running back Trev Solomon, stopping him in his tracks.

They denied him a first down on 4th-and-1 in overtime to seal the team's biggest win of the season. The elation spilled out onto the field, after St. Francis Prep's thrilling 41-35 win over defending division champion Xavier in a Catholic High School Football League Class AA game at Hofstra Saturday night.

"Every single play, I was praying that we would make that stop and we did," Terriers running back Kadir Wisdom said. "Relief, joy, happiness. I'm so speechless right now."

Wisdom was important for the Terriers (4-1, 4-0) both through the air and on the ground, running for 74 yards and catching the game-winning, 20-yard touchdown from Hurley in overtime.

It completed a St. Francis Prep rally after being down as much as 21-6 in the middle of the second quarter. It was then that the typically run-oriented Terriers offense turned to quarterback Jack Hurley to key a second-half come-

Hurley finished 9-of-17 on the night for 208 yards and three touchdowns, including a 65-yard touchdown toss to running back Justin Guerre with 1:51 left in the fourth quarter that ultimately sent the game into overtime tied at 35-35.



St. Francis Prep quarterback Jack Hurley rushes the ball against Xavier in the Terriers' 41-35 win. Photo by William Thomas

He did so on third down after his first and second down passes were nearly picked off by Xavier (3-2,

"It was up and down most of the way," Hurley said. "We knew they were going to key on our backfield, which has been doing such a great job. We knew the pass was there."

Xavier's Solomon tested the St. Francis Prep defense all night on the ground. He finished with 294 yards rushing on 39 carries. His coach, Chris Stevens, wishes his running back had gotten the opportunity for more in overtime, believing Solomon had gained enough for a first down on the gameending 4th-and-1 play.

"I would have liked to take my shot, 1st-and-10 from the 10 [yard line]," Stevens said. "It was an awful call at the end. Unfortunately, we let the game come down to that. We make two interceptions late, we win the game."

Added Solomon, "I thought I had the first down, but it's not really about what I felt We put it into the referee's hands."

While on the other side, the now-rolling Terriers took things into their own hands despite things looking bleak early on. They persevered and were left overcome with joy.

"Giving up is not what we do and we came out victorious," Wisdom said. "It's, it's unbelievable. Just completely unbelievable."

CK gets first football season win over Spellman

BY JOE PANTORNO

Jordan Fuchs was wearing loud, bright orange cleats Saturday afternoon, but the senior star stood out for more than that in Christ the King's 28-0 win over host Cardinal Spellman in a CHSFL Class AA-A game.

Christ the King looked to their star receiver not only for offense, but on defense to help it earn its first football league win of the season and snap a threegame losing streak. In a slow offensive first half. Fuchs provided the Royals' first score when he blocked a punt and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown.

"I just went after it and the ball was in my hand," Fuchs said. "I was like, 'Oh man!' and ran it."



Christ the King guarterback Matthew Gluick runs the ball during the game against Cardinal Spellman in the Bronx.

Photo by Robert Cole

Fuchs continued to be a threat at defensive end and managed to record a sack on one of the few plays he was in.

"I mean, Coach [Tyree] Allison played D-line so he taught me what to do," Fuchs said. "Basically, it's just run after the quarterback ... it's fun."

He later returned to his normal role as a threatening receiver. His three receptions for 41 yards all came in the middle of the fourth quarter, the last a 10vard touchdown reception from quarterback Matthew Gluick.

"The play before the cornerback was talking some trash," Fuchs said with a smile. "But I got him."

The Royals defense was shutting down Spellman as their own offense looked for a spark. It was not until an interception and return by Darryl McNeil gave Christ the King (2-3, 1-3) good field position at their 43-yard line that things started to click. After a 48-yard run by Tyguwan Morales, the senior back punched in a toss play from 5 yards out to put Christ the King up two

scores with 41 seconds left

in the first half.

Christ the King broke the game open when a botched snap was scooped up by Frankie DiMaiolo and brought down inside the Spellman 5-vard line. Running back Joshua Senford followed a caravan of blockers into the end zone for a 4-yard to make it 21-0 with six seconds gone in the fourth quarter. Spellman is still searching for

its first win.

"The defense came up pretty huge," Allison said. "We had a really good scheme ... the tempo was great and hopefully we can build on that."

Building has been the goal all season. Allison's first as CK coach. He knows the program has struggled recently. Drastic improvements will not be seen immediately, but he believes his team can grow from this win.

"Mentally, this does really big things to us," Allison said. "As you know in the past we lost a lot of game. This isn't winning a championship, but we're taking one game at a time. Baby steps."



Forest Hills soccer mounts comeback over rival LIC

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Kavra Isdith had already twice failed to score on breakaways as she slipped past the sweeper to get one-on-one with the goalie.

"I started getting frustrated," the Forest Hills sophomore striker said.

Isdith got the chance to get it right as she broke free from just outside the box in the waning minutes of a tie game. This time, with the keeper charging, she sent a sliding shot into the near corner in the 76th minute.

The goal, her second game-winner of the season, give the Rangers a 2-1 comeback win over rival Long Island City in PSAL Queens A-V girls' soccer last Thursday afternoon. Isdith couldn't have felt

"Once I made that goal, it was a huge relief," Isdith

The victory is Forest Hills' first over the Bulldogs in its last four tries, including a 1-0 defeat earlier this season. It keeps the Rangers (6-2-0) in sole possession of first place in the division after finishing second behind LIC the last three years.

"We are playing much better," Forest Hill Coach Bob Sprance said. "We had a chance to win the first time, but the breaks didn't go our way."

Long Island City (5-4-0) grabbed a 1-0 lead on as a 6-yard blast from Geraldine Huisa into the upper 90 off a corner kick in the 65th minute. The Bulldogs had a chance to add to its lead

shortly after, but Huisa's shot hit the post.

Forest Hills got even when star Jacqueline Britto bent a corner kick into the near corner, setting that stage for Isdith.

"I had a great feeling," Sprance said. "I said, 'This is her time."

Isdith's heroics helped the Rangers rally for the second time in six days. They also scored two late goals to beat Townsend Harris for the annual Charlie Zink/Kiwanis tournament title Sept. 29. The win also marked the third time in league play Forest Hills has come from behind to win.

"This team never gives up no matter how much time is left," Sprance said. "We never quit."

BY MIKE MCAVOY

Eric Barnett preaches the concept of ball security to his team, but it appears his words fell upon deaf ears after the Bulldogs' showing against Port Richmond.

Campus Magnet fell 24-14 to visiting Port Richmond in a wet and wild Public Schools Athletic League Championship division matchup between two 3-1 teams Sunday afternoon. The Bulldogs turned over the ball five times, serving the game up to the Red Raiders.

"We gave it away," Campus Magnet football Coach Eric Barnett said. "We didn't protect the ball so we deserve what we

Even with the turnovers, Campus Magnet (3-2) found itself only trailing 16-14 late in the fourth quarter. With the ball on their own 13-yard line and rain falling steadily, backup quarterback Demetrius Thomas threw an interception off a batted pass into the arms of Port Richmond's Tim Clap. Thomas took a handful of snaps throughout the game, as starting quarterback Blessuan Austin got knocked around.

The Red Raiders (4-1) would take over from the Campus Magnet 18-vard line, and quarterback Michael Goffredo would score on a 2-yard run five plays later. The score and a successful two-point conversion by Goffredo gave Port Richmond a 24-14 lead with 3:02 left in the fourth, all but sealing the victory.

"We were supposed to win this game," running back Asaikie Blake said. "We beat ourselves."

Blake ran for a game high of 111 yards on 18 carries, and scored one of the Bulldogs' two touchdowns. Aaron Welch also had a 3-yard touchdown run.



Campus Magnet quarterback Blessuan Austin runs with the ball during a game earlier this season. Photo by Christina Santucci

Despite the gutsy performance, Blake attributed his team's mishaps on the weather and the slick ball.

The team's eight turnovers came the way of three fumbles and two interceptions. The Bulldogs were also stopped on fourth down three times. Barnett didn't want to hear any mention of the rain as a reason his

team faltered.

"We can't make that excuse." Barnett said hastily. "They played with the same ball as us and they didn't turn it over that many times."

Port Richmond, which did not turn the ball over, watched Goffredo compile 106 total yards in the game, throwing for 50, and passing for another 56. To match his rushing touchdown, he also threw a 21-yard pass to wide receiver Tarrel Aiken for a score, and recorded an interception on defense. Fullback James Jones was responsible for the Red Raiders' other score.

Barnett is unsure where to go from here, in terms of dealing with his team's turnover woes. Ball security was a focus of the Bulldog's from Day 1.

"I don't know the magical words to say to them,' Barnett said. "I guess we'll just keep preaching the fundamentals."

Royals

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The defense of St. Francis Prep tightened, preserving the shutout. The defeated wasn't discouraging to Cusu.

"We have to find a way to snap out of it," he said. "We need to keep concentrating. We lost the battle, not the war."

As for the Terriers, they were scheduled to play rival Archbishop Molloy Tuesday. They move forward with still just one loss, a defeat that Purificato calls, "the best thing that could have happened to us.'

"Some of these kids hadn't lost a game in three years," Purificato said. "It really was a wake up call and we haven't looked back since.'

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St. John's Bedoya lifts up team after red card against UConn

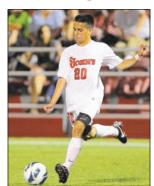
BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Danny Bedova was determined to make his first home start a memorable

"I told myself I had to try to get a goal or an assist," the St. John's freshman striker said.

With a victory over Cincinnati well in hand and time winding down Saturday night at Belson Stadium, the former Francis Lewis star said he could have lived without completing his goal. His actions spoke otherwise.

Bedoya, seeing an opportunity, turned on the jets and sprinted down a pass back to Bearcats keeper Taylor Hafling. He beat him to the ball, knocked it free and then headed it home for the game's final goal in the 86th minute of a 3-0 win. It was Bedoya's sec-



John's Danny hit his second season goal in the home field matchup against Cincinnati.

Photo courtesy St. John's Athletics Communications/Vincent Dusovic

ond score this season.

"I thought my tip over the goalie was going to go far, but it went up and came down and I was there to head it in," he said.

It was his ability to create moments like that, which earned him the start. Bedoya, who helped lead Francis Lewis to two PSAL Class A soccer title games, has played in 11 of the Red Storm's 12 contests and had one previous start. He is part of a talented group of young St. John's strikers that includes fellow freshmen Sean Sepe and Jelani Williams.

"He was able to give us special moments in games coming off the bench," St. John's Coach Dave Masur said. "That's a big lift for our team."

Bedova has lifted himself up from the low moment of his short career so far. He earned a red card in the 31st minute against rival UConn. It left St. John's (8-1-4, 2-1-1) to play down a man in an eventual 3-0 loss, its only defeat of the season.

"I did get past it, but at times I do think about it," Bedoya said.

Funds

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here and there.

In the last six months. Stavisky said she donated a total of about \$350 to four groups for the purposes of placing two journal ads, buying refreshments and a dinner, although she said they were limited cases and her campaign account is used almost exclusively for campaign expenditures.

In 2012, Avella donated \$1.000 to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in Staten Island, which he said was a special case. The money came out of a \$3,000 campaign donation made by Richard Lipsky to Avella, which the senator said he pledged to donate to a charity group after the lobbyist was indicted.



Sen. Tony Avella has been leading the fight to return funding to nonprofits, which he says have been hit hard by the poor economy and a ban on member-item spending in Albany. Avella is sponsoring legislation that would create a lottery scratch-off game where proceeds would go to such groups.

Avella Stavisky said they would support a return of discretionary spending to help alleviate the financial burdens on nonprofits, but only if they are restored in a way that protects the taxpavers from abuse that was rampant before the ban.

"I think that we have to be very scrupulous as to who receives funding because there have been abuses," Stavisky said. "You want to make sure the money is going to the organization and not into someone's pocket."

Immigration

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came to the United States before their 16th birthday and meet various requirements, such as being in school or having a high school diploma. It is not a path to citizenship, although it can be renewed every two years.

CUNY Citizenship NOW! will offer help applying for the program, as well as continued assistance with citizenship applications, at 30 Council member offices across the five boroughs.

Participating Queens Council members include James Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows), Peter Koo (D-Flushing), Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park). Ruben Wills

(D-Jamaica), Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) and Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst).

Wernick said services, previously only available to CUNY students, were opened to the wider public Oct. 1 through a grant from the Council.

"We're very proud of that," he said.

CUNY Citizenship NOW! is the largest of any university-based immigration service provider in the country and the largest free immigration service law provider in the city.

The town hall also explored the larger impact of the deferred action program, announced by the Obama administration in June and intended to operate similar to the DREAM Act.

Rep. Carolyn U.S. Maloney (D-Astoria), who moderated the event, said although she thinks the program is a terrific accomplishment, she would ultimately like to see Congress pass the DREAM Act in order to give young immigrants a path to citizen-

"Our immigration system is broken and more needs to be done," she said. "DREAMers represent our future. They are going to pursue their education. they are going to work hard, they are going to make a huge difference for our country."

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Budget

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"We have to make sure our buildings have the foundation they need," Quinn said.

The first project paid for by the funds will be on LaGuardia's Center 3 building, a 100-year-old structure, at 29-10 Thomson Ave., once used by the Nabisco cookie company. The Center 3 building — which houses LaGuardia's business incubator, Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses education program and green job initiative program — will have its facade and windows replaced to make it more modern and energy-efficient.

"This is extremely exciting," said LaGuardia President Dr. Gail Mellow.

With the funding, Bayside's Queensborough Community College, at 222-05 56th Ave., will also get an upgrade. Three roofs will be replaced and the theater on campus will get improvements compliant with the American Disabilities Act, such as a new elevator, more handicapped-accessible ramps and upgrades to the stage and restrooms.

Other institutions to get critical updates include Kingsborough, Borough of Manhattan, Bronx and Hostos community colleges.

State Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan (D-Ridgewood) said securing the funding was a long time coming.

"We love our community colleges," Nolan said. "This is where the real learning takes place."

State Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) said the current economic climate made the boost in CUNY's infrastructure critical.

"It's exactly when times are tough that investing in higher education is the right move to make," Gianaris said.

Senate

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in Ulrich's district. Ulrich's platform focuses on education, quality-of-life, fighting crime and cutting taxes.

Meanwhile, Addabbo was endorsed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo Monday, as well as the Tenants PAC last week. Addabbo's platform focuses on creating jobs and building the local economy, fiscal responsibility, education, cracking down on crime and protecting the environment.

The 15th District includes parts of the Rockaways, Howard Beach, Ozone Park, Woodhaven,

Forest Hills, Glendale, Middle Village and Maspeth. In the 16th District,

Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Whitestone) is seeking reelection and is opposed by J.D. Kim. an attorney endorsed by the Queens GOP. The district includes a the diverse neighborhoods of Bayside, Flushing, Queensboro Hill, Murray Hill, Kissena Park, Forest Hills, Elmhurst and Woodside.

Stavisky, who has received endorsements from the Queens Democrats. the Independence Party and the Working Families Party, supports raising the minimum wage; passing the state DREAM Act, allowing undocumented

youngsters living in New York to apply for the state's tuition assistance program; and job creation.

Kim, Stavisky's opponent, said his platform mainly supports small businesses and job creation. Kim is a life-long conservative and was a top advisor for Republican congressional candidate James Milano in 2010.

In that position, he managed all aspects of the campaign's efforts directed toward Queens Korean voters in the 5th Congressional District, which became the 6th Congressional District following redistricting.

Transportation

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feedback to help shape the plan, which is updated every four years as mandated by the U.S. government in order to be eligible for federal transportation funds. The plan covers modes of transportation such as highways, streets, public transportation and bicvcle and pedestrian facilities, and takes into account factors such as safety, congestion and the environment.

The planning director for NYMTC, Gerry Bogacz, who led the open house attended by about 20 people, said the process was in the beginning stages and the public's comments provide important guidance to the organization as it moves forward.

"We're at a point where. although we've done some work on the plan, this is a key point to give us input because our members are actually formulating the plan at this point," Bogacz said. "So vou're not being asked to react to a graph but rather to provide input upstream."

He said people can also submit comments online, and the first draft of the plan will be released in May 2013.

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Evacuation

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reputation in terms of how it deals with emergencies," she said.

She said, however, some things still need to be

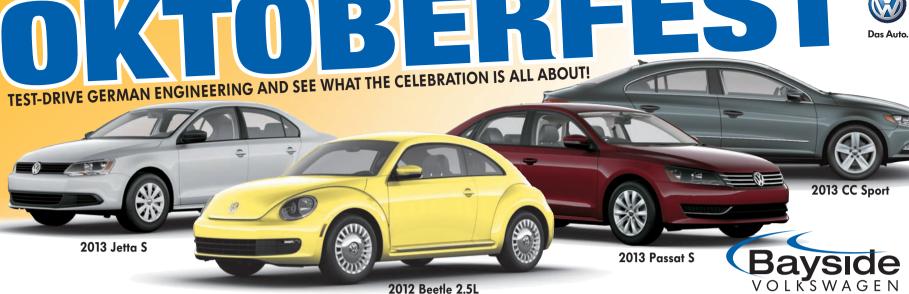
"Despite the amount of education the city has done on things like evacuation and emergency preparedness, anecdotally at the time of the hurricane last year, there were still some people who didn't know what evacuation zone they were in at the last minute." she said.

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BOARD; AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 100 defendants be-ing fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin. distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, com-mittees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein,

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

Queens County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject Dated: July 26, 2012 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DE-FENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Hon-

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Court, dated August 21 2012, and filed with portina papers Queens County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 111-37 156th Street. Jamaica, New York and being a parcel of land desig-nated as Block 12171 and The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax li-en. In case of your failure appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$ \$11,642.51, together with interest, costs disbursements and attor fees of this action and directing the public sale of the property. Anthony J. lacchetta Phillips Ly-tle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS UNITED NATIONS CREDIT ERAL UNION Plaintiff AROSO. against MORENIKE AROSO. Defendant(s). Pursuant of Foreclosure Judament entered herein and dated September 13 the undersigned 2012, I, Referee will sell at public auction the Queens Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Courtroom #25 Jamaica, NY on the 2nd day of November, 2012 at 11:00 AM premises situate, lying and being in the Bor-ough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BE-GINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of 164th Street with the northerly side of 119th Avenue being a plot 41 feet by 100 feet by 41 feet by 100 feet. Said premises known as 117-60 164TH STREET, said premises JAMAÏCA, NY Approxi mate amount 647,324.08 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 7068/11. BARRY SEIDEL, ESQ., Referee. Weltman & Moskowitz Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 270 Madison Ave.

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YORK, as Collateral Agent and Custodian NYCTL2008-ATrust. Plaintiff against PARVIZ ROU-HANI A/K/A PAUL ROUL A/K/A PAUL PANAGIOTIS HANI, CHRISTINE ZIKOŚ, KOS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 27, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at auction at Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom #25, Jamaica, NY on the 26th of October, 2012 at 11:00 AM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, the City New York, known as part of Lot number 69 and is bounded and containing as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly line of Freeman Avenue, distant 26 feet 10-3/4 inch-es easterly from the corner easterly

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York and defendants reside in QUEENS County. Dated: June 28, 2012 BERNARD H. COHEN Attorney for Plaintiff 98 Cutter Mill Road, Suite Great Neck, NY 11021 (516) 488-7000 (516) 488-8351 - Fax THE ABOVE NAMED DEFTS: foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon-orable Denis J. Butler, a of the Justice Court, Queens County, dated August 22, 2012 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens Clerk's Office, maica, New York. The object of the action is to foreclose a mortgage recorded May 5, 2006, in CRFN 2006000253893 Queens County Clerk's Ofering premises 115-60 118th covering known South Ozone Park Street. Queens County which premises begins on the West side of 118th Street (formerly 175 Church Street) North of Sutter Avenue (formerly Bland Parkway) being a plot 25 feet in width front and rear by 100 feet in depth on each side and known as section 51, block Queens County tax map.

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