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Voters face challenges in wake of storm

BY STEVE MOSCO

An executive order from Gov. Andrew Cuomo meant Queens residents displaced by Hurricane Sandy's wrath could cast a ballot anywhere in the state, but with entire neighborhoods still in the dark and a lack of communication from the city Board of Elections, this year's voter turnout remained unclear into the night.

But the governor's order did not allow voters to cast ballots in local races outside their own districts, so Sandy's impact may be most acutely felt in the closely watched race for state Sen. Joseph Addabbo's seat, which covers part of the Rockaways.

Voters in the Rockaways had a difficult time getting to the polls as a number of sites remained without power and residents had to fight through the devastation to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

In an attempt to assist voters whose polling places were damaged by the hurricane, the BOE arranged for shuttle buses that would run every 15 minutes to ferry displaced voters to and from polling places in areas hardest hit by last week's superstorm.

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Senate race gallops to finish line

Addabbo holds off challenge from Ulrich in election marked by Hurricane Sandy

BY STEVE MOSCO

The race for the hotly contested 15th state Senate District seat seemed to be neck-and-neck for a number of weeks, but incumbent Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) pulled out a decisive victory against City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) when the ballots were counted.

The district includes parts of the Rockaways, Howard Beach, Ozone Park, Woodhaven, Forest

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Hills, Glendale, Middle Village and Maspeth, but

the contest had broader implications since the winner will help decide which party controls the Senate, where the GOP has had the majority.

As of Election Night the verdict was still out on which party would gain control and voting in storm-ravaged south Queens was thought to be a game-changer in the balance of power in Albany in 2013.

Addabbo portrayed himself as a leader who stood up for workers and families, while Ulrich said the incumbent's efforts had not been enough to heal New York's economic wounds or set the state on the road to financial recovery.



State Sen. Joseph Addabbo signs in to vote as he is joined by his wife Dawn at JHS 202 in Ozone Park.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

Casino celebrates year one

Resorts World reflects on success with first anniversary in Queens

BY STEVE MOSCO

The early returns are in and one year after officials rolled the dice on a casino at the long-fading Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park, business is booming.

Resorts World Casino New York City celebrated its one-year anniversary recently and announced it has emerged as the single largest slot revenue gaming property in the country, generating close to \$650 million in revenue over the last 12 months, outpacing slots at Atlantic City in New Jersey and Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun in Connecticut.

Aside from the gross gaming revenues generated since it opened, Resorts World has sent more than \$445 million in tax revenue to the state, with more than \$286 million of that going directly to the state's education fund.

To further celebrate its successful year, Resorts World President Michael Speller presented a check for a half million dollars to local community groups at the casino's anniversary celebration Oct. 25.

"While we never doubted this would be a successful venture, not only for Resorts World Casino New York City, but for the Queens community and New York state, we have far exceeded expectations," said Michael Speller, presi-



A traditional dancer mesmerizes and delights the crowd celebrating Resorts World's one-year anniversary. Photo by Steve Mosco

dent of Resorts World Casino New York City. "We are confident that as we continue enhancing our gaming and entertainment offerings for the next year, the Queens community and New York state will continue to be the big winners at Resorts World Casino, with record revenues for education and the horse racing industry."

Speller said the half-million dollar donation officially launches Resorts World Casino's Resort World Gives philanthropic foundation, dedicated to the continued support of the local community.

Genting New York, a subsidiary of the largest gambling company in England and Southeast Asia, opened the casino last fall, with 4,525 electronic slot machines and 475 electronic table games. The gaming giant converted the dilapidated grandstand at Aqueduct into an electronic gaming mecca packed with slot machines and a dizzying array of restaurants.

Casino officials were joined by elected officials and community members to celebrate the anniversary, with many marveling at the amount of success the facility has seen in one year.

"Developing the site and constructing the facility generated more than a thousand jobs — many of which went to residents

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Storm recovery first for pols in tight race

BY KAREN FRANTZ

State Senate candidates locked in a tight and nationally scrutinized election in southern Queens put their campaigns aside in the days leading up to Election Day and devoted their full efforts to recovery from Hurricane Sandy instead.

City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), who was challenging Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) for his seat, said he had spent zero time on his campaign since the day before the storm hit at a polling site Tuesday.

"Two-thirds of my district was absolutely devastated by the storm in one way or another and I have an obligation to my constituents to make sure they are okay, they are safe, that

they have everything they need," he said. "We'll worry about the politics later."

A staff member for Addabbo also said the election was the furthest thing from the politician's mind at the district office Monday.

"This is not about an election," the staff member recalled Addabbo saying.

The storm came days before voters would decide which candidate would take the 15th State Senate District, which covers Howard Beach, Ozone Park, Woodhaven, Glendale, Middle Village, Maspeth and parts of South Ozone Park, Ridgewood, Rego Park and Sunnyside. The race is one of the tightest and most expensive in the state, with state Republicans' slim majority in the Senate at

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Volunteers serve Sandy victims hamburgers on the street outside state Sen. Joseph Addabbo's water-damaged district office in Howard Beach. See more coverage on Page 4.

Photo by Karen Frantz

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Superstorm imperils Jamaica Bay's delicate ecosystem

Hurricane Sandy threatens water quality, ravages bird habitats, creates sinkholes in wildlife refuge

BY STEVE MOSCO

Queens might not be known for having a fragile ecosystem, but one such spot in the southern portion of the borough is in dire straits following the devastation from Hurricane Sandy.

Situated in southern Queens and eastern Brooklyn, Jamaica Bay lies at the far end of the Rockaways A train. About 40 minutes from Manhattan by train, blocks of apartments suddenly give way to marshes and exotic egrets replace the common pigeon.

The park's unique landscape contains a variety of rare native habitats, including a salt marsh, upland field and woods, brackish water ponds and an open expanse of bay. The Jamai-

ca Bay Wildlife Refuge is one of the most significant bird sanctuaries in the Northeast, with more than 330 bird species sighted over the last 25 years.

The bay is also home to an array of reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, more than 60 species of butterflies and a large population of horseshoe crabs.

But Jamaica Bay's wildlife and its serene surroundings were suddenly compromised when last week's superstorm hit. Aside from the heartbreaking human toll, the storm blasted the bay with short-term and long-term effects, according to Dan Hendrick, the communications director at the New York League of Conservation Voters, who authored a book about the bay in 2004.



An expert says Jamaica Bay's ecosystem was damaged by Hurricane Sandy.
Photo by Christina Santucci

"The biggest issue is that with the storm, a tremendous volume of debris washed into the bay," said Hendrick, who is involved with the production of "Jamaica Bay Lives!" an up-

coming documentary on the bay. "It's a hazard for the people there and it's also a detriment to the water quality."

announced Saturday that significant work has been completed to wastewater treatment facilities damaged by the storm, with 99 percent of the city's wastewater being treated. Besides water quality, Jamaica Bay suffered damage elsewhere. Hendrick said the storm ravaged the habitats of the piping plover and the terrapin populations. He also said the storm surge cut a new channel from the bay into what was a freshwater pond and created an array of sinkholes.

"These animals rely on this habitat and the piping plover will be impacted when it comes back from migration next year," he said. "We will keep an eye out for turtle health, as we expect numbers will drop next year."

The city Department of Environmental Protection

In the wake of Hur-

ricane Sandy, Hendrick believes it is time for conservationists — along with the city, state and federal governments — to redouble their efforts to monitor climate change and protect the citizens who call the shoreline home.

"We woke up to a new reality after Sandy and we have run out of excuses," he said. "We have to look at the wisdom of having homes in such vulnerable places. And if we have to rebuild, we have to do it right."

And those people along the shore, those who choose to live perilously close to the Atlantic Ocean, are some of the most resilient people Hendrick has met.

"Virtually everyone I spoke to said it's all just stuff. We will throw it away and start anew," he said. "And they say this in the face of total destruction."

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Turnout backlogs polls across Queens

Boro residents wait in line for hours to cast presidential ballots and re-elect incumbents to state seats

BY JOE ANUTA

Queens residents drawn out by the presidential race packed the polls in many parts of the borough, putting an additional strain on the city Board of Elections already burdened by the task of collecting ballots in neighborhoods destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Many areas hardest hit by the hurricane, like Breezy Point and Broad Channel, were conservative enclaves deemed crucial in the borough's most hotly contested race for the state Senate. City Councilman Eric Ulrich (D-Ozone Park) challenged state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) for his seat, which covers Howard

Beach, Ozone Park, Glendale, Middle Village, Woodhaven, Maspeth and parts of South Ozone Park, Rego Park, Ridgewood and Sunnyside.

Addabbo pulled out a victory and held onto his seat, according to poll numbers late Tuesday night.

The race was one of several being watched closely by both parties, since it could have upset the balance of the state Senate, currently controlled by Republicans and led by Senate Speaker Dean Skelos (R-Rockville Centre).

On a federal level, state Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) and City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) faced off for a congressional seat running from Ridgewood



Vanessa Lowry-Lockett comforts her daughter Lea as they wait in line to vote in Flushing.

Photo by Christina Santucci

in the west through Forest Hills, with the bulk of the area covering northeast Queens neighborhoods like Flushing and Bayside.

Meng handily won the seat and praised the voters for putting another woman into federal office.

Incumbents all over the borough retained their seats. In races for vacant spots, Ron Kim beat out Phil Gim for a Flushing Assembly position. The win makes Kim, the first Korean American elected to statewide office in New York.

Farther east, Nily Rozic handily defeated her opponents, including Jerry Iannece, who lost to her in the Democratic primary, but ran against her again

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Support for Obama in SE Queens appears to remain strong in 2012

BY RICH BOCKMANN

With key swing states such as Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania in their crosshairs, President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney seemed to assume New York was a lock for the Democratic candidate — and judging by the sentiments expressed by voters in southeast Queens on Election Day, they were right.

Voters lined up early and in great numbers Tuesday at polling sites in neighborhoods such as Cambria Heights, St. Albans and Jamaica, where some voters said they waited for as long

as two hours to cast their votes.

By midday, the polling sites at the Math, Science Research and Technical High School at Campus Magnet and PS 147, both in Cambria Heights, had logged nearly 5,000 votes and the lines that stretched around their buildings were only growing larger.

Raqiyah Dixon, 26, said that even through the presidential debates she had not decided whom she would vote for.

"I'm not registered as a party. I'm an independent," she said. "After this week especially, I felt [Obama] showed really strong leadership helping us get out

of this disaster situation. With Romney, I don't really get that vibe."

Amaya Stewart, 12, went to PS 147 where she watched her mother, a Haitian immigrant, vote for the first time. Amaya's mother was reluctant to say why she had voted for Obama, though the young girl was eager to explain why she would vote for him — if he could run again in four years.

"If you vote for an African-American president again, us African Americans will feel like we're somebody," she said.

Rod Ivey, a production artist for TimesLedge

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Sandy's impact felt as voters sent to other polling places

BY STEVE MOSCO

Election Day arrived in Queens despite the lingering devastation from Hurricane Sandy and the effects of the storm on voters' ability to cast their ballots was evident across the borough.

In an attempt to make voting easier — and in some cases possible — for residents to participate in Election Day, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order allowing voters who were registered in a federally declared disaster county to vote on an affidavit ballot at any poll site in the state.

"Hurricane Sandy has



Voters wait on long lines at PS 63 in Ozone Park during Election Day.

Photo by Christina Santucci

already disrupted the lives of countless New Yorkers, but we will not let it disrupt anyone seeking to exercise the most fundamental of democratic rights: the right to vote," the governor said

the day before Election Day. "Even in times of great tragedy and suffering, New Yorkers understand that we must continue to do all that we can to maintain the

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Addabbo defeats Ulrich in key state Senate race

BY KAREN FRANTZ

State Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) beat back a strong Republican challenge and held onto his seat with a decisive victory to win a second term, according to unofficial results from NY 1.

The race pitted the incumbent against a 27-year-old rising star in the state Republican Party, City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), who had taken control of Addabbo's City Council seat in a special election just three years ago.

With 97 percent of the vote counted, Addabbo had 57 percent of the ballots cast to 42 percent for Ulrich, based on NY 1's tabulation.

The race was one of the most expensive and closely watched in the state, with Republicans vying to hold onto their slim majority in Albany.

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

The state Republican Senate Committee poured money into Ulrich's campaign, with a donation of \$250,000 in April and transfers of hundreds of thousands more in September and October.



State Sen. Joseph Addabbo speaks to poll workers at JHS 202 in Ozone Park as he prepares to cast his ballot.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

Meanwhile, state Democrats rallied hard behind Addabbo, who racked up important endorsements from Gov. Andrew Cuomo and U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.).

But campaigning by both candidates halted entirely in the last days leading up to the election as Hurricane Sandy ravaged southern Queens and efforts were turned entirely to helping with the recovery.

Turnout in the district was expected to be low because many voters were in areas hit hard by the storm and without power and transportation. Several polling stations also had to be moved to other areas because floodwaters damaged the original sites.

Ulrich had blasted the city Board of Elections and the Queens County Democratic Committee for not doing more to help facilitate voting in the ravaged areas in the Rockaways while he was at PS 63 on Sutter Avenue in Ozone Park to cast his own vote Tuesday.

"Haven't people suffered enough in that community?" he said.

Throughout his campaign, Addabbo maintained he was a strong leader who had a record of standing up for workers and families during tough fiscal situations as both a state senator and

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Meng cruises to House win

Flushing pol becomes state's first Asian-American congresswoman

BY JOE ANUTA

State Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) vanquished City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) in Tuesday's election, becoming the first Asian American federal lawmaker from New York state.

Hurricane Sandy threw a wrench into the city Board of Elections' plans in other parts of Queens, but no polling sites were moved or relegated to tents in the district running from Flushing and Bayside through Forest Hills, Ridgewood and Middle Village, although the storm's effect on turnout was not immediately known.

"Tonight is historic in that we've taken one small step in getting more women elected to government," Meng said at her victory party in the Sheraton LaGuardia Hotel in downtown Flushing.



Assemblywoman Grace Meng balances her sons Tyler (l.) and Brandon as she waits in line to vote in Flushing. Her husband Wayne Kye looks on.

Photo by Christina Santucci

In the weeks leading up to Meng's victory, both she and her opponent released polls that predicted drastically different results. Halloran's assessment had him neck-and-neck with Meng, but the assemblywoman's camp immediately tried to debunk the numbers and released internal polls showing Meng with a commanding lead.

Meng's numbers turned out to be more reflective of the votes, with early numbers putting her ahead of Halloran by a wide margin.

The assemblywoman's win means that the mother of two will trade Albany for Washington, D.C., but it may also vault her into a new position in Queens.

Politics in Flushing is rarely dull, with different factions and ethnic groups all jockeying for position in the largely Asian-American enclave.

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Boro lawmakers keep Albany posts

BY REBECCA HENELY

Despite a contentious redistricting that Queens' Democratic legislators found to be a transparent power grab by Republicans to control the state Senate, Queens Democratic senators ended up holding onto their districts by large margins in the 2012 elections.

Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria), whose district was originally redrawn to put his house in Sen. Jose Peralta's (D-East Elmhurst) territory, ended up defeating Republican challenger Aurelio Arcabascio with 86 percent of the vote, accord-

ing to unofficial results from NY 1.

Both Gianaris, who was elected in 2010 after serving in the state Assembly for 10 years, and Arcabascio, who works at North Shore-LIJ, made job creation and better health care for the district crucial components of their campaigns. The senator also focused on gun control and environmental protection while Arcabascio touted creating an urban enterprise zone in Maspeth.

Gianaris had criticized the new lines as gerrymandering that divided neighborhoods and an attempt to



State Sen. Michael Gianaris defeated his Republican challenger.

hold onto power by forcing Democrats to run against each other. He did not face

a primary race.

In northeast Queens, Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), handily defeated Republican Joseph Concannon, a retired NYPD officer, with a 73 percent lead, according to NY 1. Avella ran against hydrofracking and political corruption, but Concannon, whose campaign promises included a smaller government and a crackdown on crime, accused Avella of not doing enough.

Former Republican Sen. Frank Padavan, who Avella unseated in 2010, thought of running a re-

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Control of Albany's upper house hangs in balance

BY STEVE MOSCO

Control of the state Senate was still up in the air hours after the polls closed across New York state Tuesday.

Democrats were hoping to pick up seats in the state, where they lost six in 2010, as part of a larger goal of retaking the majority. In several key races, Republicans and Democrats vied for control of the Senate, where the GOP held a 33-29 majority prior to Election Night. Pollsters were keeping a close eye on five state Senate races that will determine which party holds the majority in Albany.

As of presstime, results were too close to call in those races, but at least two hotly contested state contests seemed to lean toward the Democratic candidate.

In Queens, state Sen.



State Sen. Joseph Addabbo speaks about storm recovery and the election outside JHS 202 in Ozone Park.
Photo by Ken Maldonado

Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) appeared to hold back Republican challenger Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) with about 75 percent of the vote counted and in Westchester, Assemblyman George Latimer (D-Mamaroneck) held a lead over Republican Bob Cohen in a race to fill the seat vacated by Sen. Suzi Oppenheimer (D-Mamaroneck), who retired this year.

Siena pollster Steven Greenberg said races in state Senate Districts in Queens and Westchester as well as in Albany and Rochester were the most competitive in the state.

Democrats have to re-

tain two competitive seats and win three additional seats to regain the state Senate majority.

In Rochester, Democrat Ted O'Brien was favored to defeat Assemblyman Sean Hanna (R-Mendon) to succeed state Sen. James Alesi (R-Perinton), who is retiring.

"These three seats – two currently held by Republicans – are seen as among the key races in the Democrats' attempt to retake the majority in the Senate next year. In order for there to be 32 Democrats in the new 63-member Senate, Democrats have to hold two downstate seats – the 15th in Queens and the 37th in Westchester – that previous Siena polling showed to be tight races and win three additional seats," Greenberg said. "The Republicans believe they have a strong chance of maintaining the majority and of winning one or both of those seats."

In a fourth competitive race in Albany, a newly created district under redistricting, Assemblyman George Amedore (R-Rotterdam) was facing Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyk. A Siena poll showed Amedore with

a tight lead as of presstime.

And the fifth race, which could give Democrats control of the Senate, is the contest between Democrat Terry Gibson, who has seemingly grabbed victory from Sen. Stephen Saland (R-Poughkeepsie).

But it is the race in Rochester that has most pollsters intrigued.

"Hanna had the early lead and the early advantage. He was better known and had a stronger favorability rating than O'Brien. That has changed in the last four weeks in this district with a five-point Democratic enrollment edge," Greenberg said. "While O'Brien is still unknown to more voters than Hanna, he is viewed more favorably than Hanna and Hanna is viewed considerably more unfavorably than O'Brien."

Two new faces elected to Assembly from NE Queens

BY PHIL CORSO

It was a successful Election Day for Queens incumbents running for re-election in the state Assembly Tuesday, with results showing no upsets in the borough and two new faces earning a trip to Albany.

Four of the six Assembly races in Queens included incumbents looking to maintain their seats. All four were successful, including Assemblywomen Margaret Markey (D-Maspeth), Barbara Clark (D-Queens Village), Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) and Catherine Nolan (D-Ridgewood).

In the remaining two races, the Assembly will welcome two new faces from Queens: Nily Rozic, of Fresh Meadows, and Ron Kim, of Flushing.

Rozic received more than 67 percent of the vote

to beat out opponents Abe Fuchs, a Republican who received 25 percent, Independent Jerry Iannece, who received nearly 5 percent, and Conservative William Garifal Jr., who received nearly 3 percent, according to unofficial NY 1 results. She will replace Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows), who opted not to seek re-election after a failed run for Congress in June's Democratic primary.

In Flushing's newly drawn 40th District, Democratic, Working Families and Independence candidate Ron Kim beat Republican Philip Gim with 66 percent of the votes against his opponent's 34 percent, according to unofficial NY 1 results. Kim campaigned largely on promoting small business growth and education in the district.

Markey, who bested Re-



State Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan (c.) buys food from Geraldine Warren (r.) outside a polling site at Queensbridge Houses. City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer joins them.
Photo by Rebecca Henely

publican and Conservative candidate Anthony Nunziato in central Queens' 30th District rematch by a margin of nearly 64 percent to about 36 percent, has signed onto several bills throughout her more than 10 years in Albany,

including one that sought to address sexual abuse in private schools.

In 2010, Markey also beat Nunziato in the same race, with 9,745 Democratic votes against her opponent's 5,029 on the Republican line, 439 on the

Independence line and 768 on the Conservative line, according to the city Board of Elections.

In the 33rd Assembly District, which includes parts of southern Queens near Cambria Heights, Clark held onto her seat in the against More Jobs Party candidate Clyde Vanel. According to unofficial results, Clark received more than 95 percent of the vote.

Clark was first elected to the Assembly in 1986 and had already beaten Vanel in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary, campaigning on her experience against his pro-business platform.

As for northwest Queens, including most of Astoria, Simotas kept her seat as Assemblywoman for the 36th District against Republican challenger Julia Haich, of Astoria, with more than 82 percent of the vote, according to unoffi-

cial NY 1 results.

The Greek-American Simotas said she has focused her efforts in Albany on revitalizing the state's economy and strengthening the criminal justice system.

As for the 37th District, which includes Sunnyside, Woodside, Astoria, Maspeth, Queensbridge, Long Island City and Ridgewood, Nolan defended her seat against Republican challenger John Kevin Wilson with more than 85 percent of the vote.

Nolan was first elected to Albany in 1984 and has served as chairwoman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Education since 2006.

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Pols slam utilities over power losses

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A week after Superstorm Sandy plunged much of Queens into darkness, Con Edison and the Long Island Power Authority were estimating it could take another week to return power to thousands of customers in the borough, drawing scorn from places both high and low.

As of Monday, Con Ed had projected it would restore electricity to nearly 33,000 Queens customers still in the dark by Nov. 11. By Tuesday, the figure was around 26,000.

The outages on mainland Queens were mostly due to falling trees and downed power lines, and Con Ed said recovery would hinge mostly on how quickly the city Parks Department could clear downed trees.

On the Rockaway Peninsula, where many buildings in low-lying areas were damaged by flooding, it was a bit of a different story.

A spokesman for LIPA, which serves the entire peninsula, said the power utility's four substations were damaged by floodwaters, as was the infrastructure that fed power from those stations to nearly 40,000 customers in Rockaway neighborhoods.

The first step to restoring power was rehabilitating the substations and the infrastructure.

"What we're saying is

as a rough timetable in the next few days those substations will be ready," said spokesman Bob Kascak. "By the end of the week the infrastructure should be in pretty good shape to start energizing customers."

Kascak said LIPA would begin restoring power along Beach Channel Drive, and from there branch off to feed electricity to each customer one at a time, though before power could be fed to those customers each building would have to be inspected to ensure it was safe to do so.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the city would have to go door-to-door at damaged buildings to make sure turning on the power would not create any further problems.

"One of the great fears we have is if Con Ed turns on the power or LIPA turns on the power on your block, if there has been damage to some of the electrical circuits in some of the houses, you can have a real fire very quickly," he said. "So until we go into every house and check they can't turn on the power on the street."

The city Department of Buildings was also going door-to-door and marking homes with either a red placard, indicating it was unsafe to enter, a yellow placard meaning there were entry limitations, or a green one indicating no

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A pedestrian walks along a darkened Rockaway Beach Boulevard as the peninsula remained without power. Photo by Christina Santucci

Dems win boro House races

Incumbents see strong numbers in re-election bids for Congress

BY PHIL CORSO

Queens elected Democrats to all seven House seats open in the borough with two new faces ready to represent the county in Washington when the new term begins in January.

In the newly redrawn 3rd Congressional District, which will include Bay Terrace, Little Neck and Whitestone as well as parts of Long Island, Democratic incumbent Steve Israel (D-Hauppauge) bested three opponents with more than 56 percent of the votes, according to unofficial Newsday results. His Republican challenger, Stephen Labate, received roughly 43 percent of the votes, while Libertarian Michael McDermott accounted for half a percent of the votes and Constitution Party candidate Anthony Tolda received .11 percent, Newsday reported.

Israel was first elected to Congress in 2001 and has since become known as a staunch advocate for the middle class.

In the 5th Congressional District, which includes Elmont, Jamaica and the Rockaways, U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) beat out Republican challenger Allan Jennings and Libertarian Catherine Wark with more than 87 percent of the votes, according to unofficial NY 1 results.

Meeks has been in Congress since 1998 and was on record as having supported President Barack Obama's stimulus and health care bills.

In northeast Queens, the 6th Congressional District went to Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Bayside), who beat out City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone), with nearly 67 percent of the votes against Halloran's 31 percent. Green Party candidate Evergreen Chou also received nearly 2 percent of the votes, NY 1 said. Meng



Assemblywoman Grace Meng walks hand in hand with her husband Wayne Kye and sons Brandon (l.) and Tyler.
Photo by Christina Santucci

will replace retiring U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Bayside).

Meng campaigned on giving women a greater voice in Congress, while Halloran's platform included promoting small business and making the tax

In the 7th District, which is also new to Queens, nearly 10-year incumbent U.S. Rep. Nydia Velazquez maintained her spot in the House, receiving nearly 94 percent of the votes against Conservative challenger James Murray, who received 6 percent. The 5th District includes Ridgewood, Woodhaven, and Greenpoint.

Velazquez has become known as an advocate for small business owners and

is a national leader in the Latino community.

In western Queens, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) held onto her seat in Congress representing the 12th District. She received 82 percent of the votes to beat out her Republican challenger Christopher Wight, who received 18 percent.

Maloney was first elected to the House in 1993 and has been an advocate for women's issues while in office.

In the 14th District, which covers College Point and Elmhurst, U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) bested Republican William Gibbons and Green Party challenger Anthony Gronowicz with 80 percent

of the votes, according to unofficial NY 1 results. Crowley's win brings him an eighth consecutive term after a tenure in which he said he has remained a middle-class and public education supporter.

As for southern Queens, state Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries (D-Brooklyn) beat out Green Party candidate Colin Beavan and Republican Alan Bellone with nearly 88 percent of the votes. His district includes Howard Beach.

Jeffries ran on a platform championing reforms to the New York Police Department's stop-and-frisk policy and pushed legislation to provide more afford-



Corona synagogue welcomes major renovations

BY REBECCA HENELY

Corona's Congregation Tifereth Israel is the oldest standing synagogue in Queens, but after a \$1.6 million exterior renovation, the temple is no longer showing its age.

"This is a day that we've all been looking forward to for a very long time," said Borough President Helen Marshall.

The synagogue, at 109-18 54th Ave., was once covered in a white stucco that held in moisture, which allowed its wooden window frames to rot.

Yet after a groundbreaking in June 2011 in which participants tapped a gold hammer against the outside wall, that stucco exterior was replaced with sky blue siding. The temple, which was built a century ago, also has new insulation and windows.

The restoration had long been a dream project of Esther Khaniov, wife



Harold Baron (l-r.) and Esther Khaniov, of Congregation Tifereth Israel, present Arnold Goldstein a tzedakah, or charity, box in the shape of the temple to thank him for donating to the temple's exterior renovation.

Photo by Rebecca Henely

of Tifereth Israel's leader Rabbi Amnun Khainov.

"I cannot talk," Esther Khaniov said before the ribbon-cutting Oct. 24. "I am too excited."

Funding for the \$1.6 million renovation came in large part from Marshall, who pitched in \$1.1 mil-

lion, but many other public and private sources put up money as well. The private New York Landmarks Conservancy oversaw the proj-

ect through its Sacred Sites program, which rehabilitates houses of worship.

Conservancy President Peg Breen said while the renovation was done and completed in more than a year, the organization had worked with the synagogue for about a decade to get the project done.

"It's not often that I see a building that has been so transformed," Breen said.

Tifereth Israel was originally built by Jews who came to Corona from Manhattan's Lower East Side, said Harold Baron, a temple member. Cosmetics giant Estee Lauder and her family once counted themselves among the members. The design was based on the synagogues popular in that neighborhood.

"It's sort of like a mini grand synagogue," Baron said.

As Buhkarian Jews began moving into LeFrak City, they ended up going to Tifereth Israel. Baron said

many of the members were blue-collar workers with little secular or religious education who had been kicked out of their home countries.

"This synagogue was an answer to what they were looking for," he said.

While the exterior renovation has given the 101-year-old temple, in Marshall's words, "a new life," more work needs to be done. The interior of the temple needs a major renovation, one which cannot be paid for through public funds due to religious exemptions.

Arnold Goldstein, a donor for the exterior exemption, said he wanted to help with the interior and urged the conservancy to get it done.

"Peg," he told the president, "finish the job."

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Maloney says false tweets harmful to storm recovery

BY REBECCA HENELY

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) said Shashank Tripathi, the former campaign manager for her Republican opponent Christopher Wight, should be punished for the false tweets he made during Hurricane Sandy.

"It's just unfortunate that someone could do something that would be harmful to the recovery effort," Maloney said.

The congresswoman beat Wight with 81 percent of the vote, according to unofficial election results from New York 1.

Under the handle "ComfortablySmug," Tripathi wrote tweets while Superstorm Sandy was blowing through Queens and other parts of the Northeast, saying Consolidated

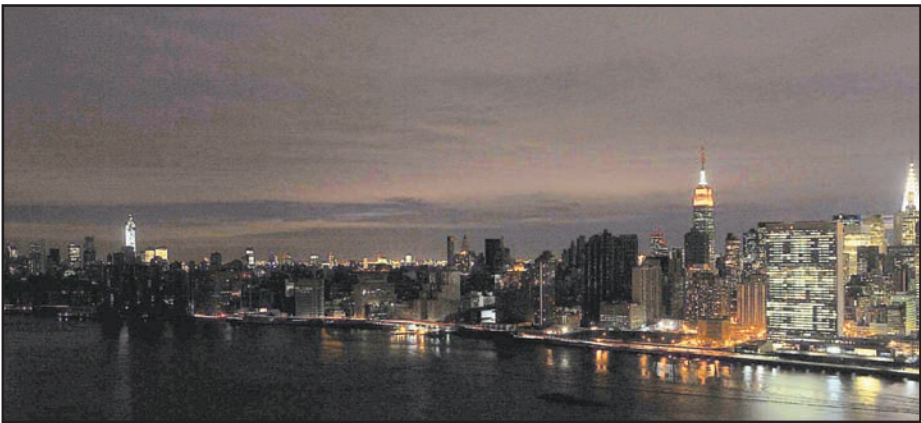
Edison was going to shut down and later had cut off all electrical power in Manhattan in advance of the storm surge.

While Con Edison did kill power to Lower Manhattan and other outages occurred in the area, most of the borough north of 34th Street kept lights on.

On Oct. 29, Tripathi also wrote that the floor of the New York Stock Exchange was under 3 feet of water, Gov. Andrew Cuomo had been trapped in Manhattan and taken to a secure shelter and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority would close all subways for a week.

All of these statements were untrue, but some reached major media outlets, such as CNN and The Weather Channel, which reported them.

SUPERSTORM SANDY



While much of Manhattan remained without power after Hurricane Sandy, false tweets by Shashank Tripathi, the campaign manager for Republican House hopeful Christopher Wight, said Con Edison would deliberately shut off all power to the island.

Photo by Steven Malecki

"While some would use the anonymity and instant feedback of social media as an excuse, I take full responsibility for my actions," Tripathi said on Twitter Oct. 30. "I deeply regret any distress or harm they may have caused."

Wight had chastised Tripathi, who resigned last week.

"I had no indication that he was capable of the type of behavior he exhibited," Wight said.

City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria), who has called for Manhattan District Attorney

Cyrus Vance to prosecute Tripathi, said he thought Tripathi could be guilty of a misdemeanor charge for his actions.

Vallone said he did not expect the former aide to be hit with criminal charges anytime soon as the DA's office was still recovering

from the hurricane, but Vallone believed Tripathi could be prosecuted under a part of state penal law 240.50, against falsely reporting an incident. The section in part makes it a misdemeanor to circulate a false report of a "crime, catastrophe or an emergency" that could result in "public alarm or inconvenience."

"I think in this situation that law may very well apply," Vallone said.

The councilman said those who would say Tripathi's tweets should not have been trusted point blank because they were written on Twitter did not understand the value of distributing important facts through social media in a time of crisis.

"Social media was very, very helpful during the hurricane," he said. "A lot of people got good information from it."

Queens is hit hard by shortage of gas

BY JOE ANUTA

Fuel-starved Queens residents hoarded gasoline this week, exacerbating the city's petroleum shortage and ensuring long lines continued at the pump.

"The general sense is it's getting somewhat better. It's not getting better fast enough, but it has been getting better," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a Tuesday news conference. "What is compounding the problem is the quote unquote panic buying."

Queens residents waited in line for days for a chance to get at some of the precious fuel. Lines stretched for blocks. Some residents slept in their cars to try and get first crack at the pumps. Others fought each other. One man even pulled a gun on fellow motorists, according to the Queens district attorney.

Cuomo urged New Yorkers to only buy as much gas as they needed, adding that the supply chain that was disrupted by the storm was being restored with extra provisions to get fuel to the city quickly, including waiving certain fees that allowed out-of-state trucks to deliver fuel to New York. But the city was importing more gas than would normally be needed because of people flocking to stations around the city.

Last week, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said a pipeline bringing gas to the city had been reopened and

that ships were dropping off petrol to the city's ports.

But that was little comfort for Queens residents who were spending days trying to juice up their cars.

"I was on line Saturday for nine hours and never got gas," said Whitestone resident Andrea Brancati, who waited in a line near the corner of Willets Point and Francis Lewis boulevards.

But even Brancati said she did not have it the worst. A man also in line had slept in his car in order to get the fuel.

Others were not so patient.

One Queens man tried to cut in line by pulling a gun, according to District Attorney Richard Brown.

Between 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. last Thursday, Sean Bailey, 35, of 111-14 204th St. in St. Albans, pulled his 2010 BMW ahead of another car waiting in line for gas at the intersection of Astoria Boulevard and 43rd Street.

When the motorist behind him complained, Bailey allegedly pointed a handgun at him and said, "If you don't pull back, you're not getting gas tonight," according to the DA.

Bailey was subsequently cuffed and faces charges of criminal possession of a weapon and men-

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Tito Lee pays attendant Aziz Rehman for gas in Long Island City.
Photo by Christina Santucci

Rockaway recovery far off

Homeowners in coastal community struggle to rebuild without power

BY KAREN FRANTZ AND CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

More than a week after Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc in the Rockaways, many areas of the peninsula were still reeling from the storm.

While most of the Rockaways were still without power Tuesday, the Long Island Power Authority provided 10 emergency generators to bring electricity back to some of the Hammel Houses project, according to Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and the NYPD set up 174 light towers city-wide Sunday, including some in the Rockaways.

Police said Sandy's death toll citywide was 40 as of Tuesday, with nine people having lost their lives in the Rockaways. Most recently, George Stathis, 90, was found dead between a couch and a wall on Beach 121st Street.

Bloomberg ordered the evacuation of more than 600 nursing home patients Tuesday in anticipation of the approaching nor'easter.

After the sun set Sunday, the darkened main streets were punctuated by the light of the NYPD floodlights and car headlights as vehicles navigated around large piles of debris and mounds of sand. Residents and volunteers used flashlights and lights fitted to headwear to illuminate their paths through the blackened roads.

Nearly every street was lined with piles of furniture, mattresses and other wrecked items. Several residents mentioned a 6 p.m. curfew in the area, with one man saying, "You don't want to be around here after that anyway."

Many Rockaway residents said they were frustrated about the seemingly slow organized relief response to their devastated communities, and some



Michael Haywood stands in his Far Rockaway home, which was flooded during the superstorm.
Photo by Christina Santucci

said they were angry the city was not better prepared despite advance warning of Sandy's approach.

"We were left for dead for a long time," said one person who would only identify himself as "Man" and said his apartment had been without power and heat for days.

Many residents lost all of their belongings during Sandy.

Near Beach 46th Street, Charmaine Felix and Ronald Adams bagged loads of garbage and pointed out a huge crack in the concrete of their flooded basement. Felix, who owns a computer shop near Beach 114th Street which burned down during Sandy, said she now sleeps under two duvets to stay warm in her freezing house.

On Beach 36th Street, Filipp and Nadia Maximenko navigated along the broken boardwalk to photograph where the famed walkway split in half. Streets near the beach were covered in a thick layer of sand and fire hydrants were half buried.

"It's like no one knew we existed here and that was the hurting part about it," said Michael Haywood, a career services director who lives in Far Rockaway, as he stood in the doorway

of his flooded house Sunday on Seagirt Boulevard near Beach 27th Street.

"I haven't cried yet, but that's coming, trust me. I'm still in shock right now," he said.

Outside his house, a makeshift clothing drive had been set up along the curb, and fellow Rockaway residents picked through coats, shoes, jeans and T-shirts. By 4 p.m., a box marked "Cleaning Supplies" had already been emptied.

Further west in Rockaway, residents outside the Hammel Houses used charging stations set up in tents to power up their phones and other electronics, as volunteers from New York Cares unloaded a truck of water and food brought in by the National Guard. Representatives from Citibank said an ATM had been set up at 113-01 Beach Channel Drive and fees had been waived on the machine.

Near Beach 114th Street — where several blocks of businesses were severely damaged by fire — volunteers from the Occupy Wall Street movement handed out platefuls of rice, vegetables and meat by flashlight.

Residents braved dropping temperatures and a

line that wound through Conch Playground and a block down the bordering sidewalk to receive food, water and other supplies at an aid distribution point.

In the distribution center's second day Friday, police officers and volunteers from state Sen. Malcolm Smith's (D-St. Albans) office, the Salvation Army, airlines JetBlue and Delta and OTG, an airport food and beverage operator, handed out free sandwich lunches, MREs, water and clothing. JetBlue brought in trucks that handed out pizza and cupcakes. "MREs" means "meals ready to eat."

Tormoria Pedlar, a 40-year resident of Beach 32nd Street, said unexpected issues are now arising. He complained that raccoons sought refuge in the houses and now it is impossible to get them out.

Pedlar weathered Sandy in his home a block from the beach and said he watched the boardwalk come apart in front of his eyes.

As he kept an eye on his cat Predator prowling through garbage on the street Sunday, Pedlar gave his take on the storm.

"God is mad at the world, if you ask me personally," he said.



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112th Pct. looking for missing elderly man



RAFAEL PIZARRO

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FOREST HILLS — The NYPD was looking for the public's assistance in finding a missing person within the 112th Precinct, police said.

According to police, 81-year-old Rafael Pizarro was last seen leaving his residence Friday around 10 p.m. The Hispanic man was described as standing about 5-foot-6 and weighing 147 pounds with gray hair and brown eyes, the NYPD said.

Pizarro was last seen wearing a blue sweatshirt, blue jeans, an olive wool cap and beige socks, police said.

Cops on the hunt for two men in robberies

EAST ELMHURST — The NYPD was looking for the public's assistance in locating suspects wanted in connection with two robberies within the 106th and 110th precincts, police said.

According to police, one suspect showed a firearm while the other removed property in each incident.

The first incident occurred Oct. 26 around 10:50 a.m. near 134th Street and Linden Boulevard, the NYPD said, where the suspects approached a male victim and stole property. The victim complied before the suspects fled, police said.

The second incident, police said, occurred Oct. 28 around 11:46 a.m. near 48-03 108th St., where the suspects approached a male victim and stole property.

The NYPD described the first suspect as a Hispanic man wearing a light blue sweatshirt, blue jeans and white sneakers



Police released surveillance images from a robbery in Corona. Image courtesy NYPD

and armed with a black firearm. The second suspect, police said, was a Hispanic man wearing a green Adidas jacket, blue jeans and black sneakers.

No injuries were reported, police said.

Cops on the look out for missing woman, 39



LILI WANG

Image courtesy NYPD

FLUSHING — The NYPD was looking for help in finding a missing person in the Flushing area, police said.

According to police, Lili Wang, 39, was last seen Monday in Flushing. The NYPD described Wang as being an Asian woman, standing about 5-foot-7 and weighing roughly 180 pounds.

She was last seen wearing black jeans and a black jacket, the NYPD said.

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THE BEST AND WORST IN BLUE

An NYPD officer from Forest Hills was arrested last month on charges of planning a crime so gruesome that it looked like a script for a cheesy Hollywood slasher movie.

Officer Gilberto Valle, 28, reportedly was the leader of a plot to cook and eat a number of women after raping and torturing them, according to a criminal complaint unsealed in Manhattan federal court.

Valle and his pals were targeting about 100 women he had collected information on, according to U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. Bharara said Valle used his position as an NYPD officer to access a database called the National Crime Information Center to gain additional information on his targets.

His attorney said Valle was only kidding, just playing a game. Unless there is a plea, a jury will decide if he was serious. The evidence suggests the plot was more than talk.

Bharara noted, "This case is all the more disturbing when you consider Valle's position as a New York City police officer and his sworn duty to serve and protect. Our investigation is ongoing."

Valle has done tremendous damage to his fellow officers. Even if this was just a sick game, he has disgraced his uniform.

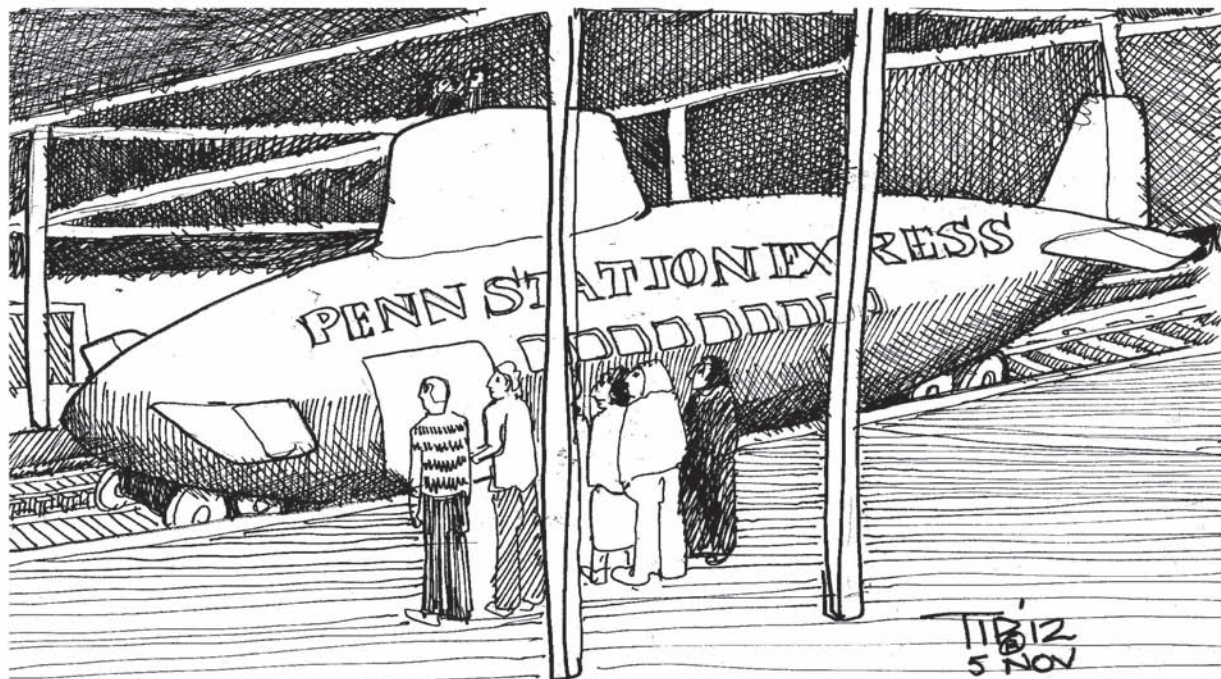
But in the same week we saw 1,000 police officers from across the nation line the street outside St. Christopher's Church in Baldwin, L.I., to honor an officer who by his sacrifice stands as one of the best.

Officer Arthur Lopez was shot and killed in Bellerose after he and his partner pulled over a driver who was suspected of being in an auto accident, according to the Nassau County Police Department. The alleged killer went on to hijack another car killing the driver in his foiled getaway.

Lopez was in the Emergency Service Unit.

"You should know that Emergency Service is the hardest and most sought-after assignments in the department," said the Nassau police commissioner.

We hope the suspected evil plot of one cop will not cloud the reality that, like Lopez, officers risk their lives on a daily basis, never knowing when the next driver may be ready to kill rather than be questioned.



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OTHER VOICES

Teaching to the test doesn't help pupils

The Oct. 18 TimesLedger Newspapers editorial "Encourage Good Teachers," on the need to move away from teacher evaluations exclusively based on students' standardized test scores, is right on target.

As the editorial states, "We want teachers who can infuse their students with a love of learning and curiosity about the world and a desire to do something with their lives." To

help teachers achieve that goal, the city should evaluate them in multiple ways that include input from students, parents, colleagues and principals and using qualitative, not just quantitative, measures.

The move toward judging teachers based solely on standardized test scores has fueled a focus on test results to the exclusion of all that is meaningful in education. It has been a disaster for the stu-

dents of eastern Queens.

Incessant test preparation drills have deadened the curriculum and made the standardized tests a ceiling rather than a floor for what goes on in too many classrooms. Local parents have concerns about how constant test preparation detracts from the real learning their children should be doing. I have spoken to hundreds of parents about this issue, and I have yet to find

one who supports the test preparation obsession.

Using tests to evaluate student achievement is reasonable, but using tests to assess teacher performance, thereby causing test prep to dominate classroom activity, is not.

Mark Weprin
City Councilman
(D-Oakland Gardens)

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Pressure FAA to change planned LGA flight paths

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Recently, I attended a news conference where state legislators expressed their opposition to the new flight patterns the Federal Aviation Administration has unleashed upon the citizens of northeast Queens. Low-flying, high-decibel, ear-piercing jets climbing over once-tranquil streets are not new to Queens, but such offensive patterns have been brief and temporary.

That is, we have tolerated the annual diversion of takeoffs from LaGuardia Airport during the two-week US Open tennis tournament.

But now, the FAA is experimenting with making

these damaging patterns permanent. In Bayside, I have noted multiple takeoffs per minute at certain times during the day.

It is great that community boards and civic leaders have come out against the plans of the FAA's Washington, D.C., and New York leaders. The voices of state legislators and their election opponents are welcome as well.

But to state the obvious, the FAA is a federal agency. The FAA's punitive plans for Queens should have been a major campaign issue in the ballyhooed race for the congressional seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Bayside). Thankfully,

City Councilman Dan Haloran (R-Whitestone) has come out against the FAA's scheme, but in a recent wide-ranging interview, state Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) was silent about the FAA.

Right now, the elected Democrats of Queens are in an unique position to exert tremendous influence over the FAA, if they choose to do so. We vote for president only once every four years, and U.S. senators serve for six-year terms. The leadership of the FAA is appointed by the president and the New York administrators of Federal agencies are often approved by our senators.

Imagine our elected Queens Democrats writing

this letter:

"Dear President Barack Obama and U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.):

"As you know, the individuals you have appointed to lead the Federal Aviation Administration have developed a plan to divert more jets departing from LaGuardia over the residential neighborhoods of northeast Queens. This plan has already harmed the quality of life for Queens residents, hampered their ability to live in peace and may have long-term health implications. Property values for homes under the FAA-approved takeoff routes have already been affected.

"The policies of the

FAA under your leadership require an urgent reversal of the flight patterns now in effect over Queens. Because the 2.3 million Queens residents we represent need immediate relief from FAA actions and arrogance, we demand that, prior to the election, you order the FAA to permanently rescind their plans for the LaGuardia flight patterns currently harming these innocent citizens.

"Until and unless you guarantee to us and to the people of Queens that you have reversed FAA policy, we are suspending our support for you. That is how strongly we feel about this issue.

"Sincerely, (insert

name)

"Elected Queens Democrat"

If our Queens elected officials wrote such a letter to the president and Gillibrand, how long do you think it would take before the FAA changed its LaGuardia flight pattern policies?

About a New York minute.

*Herbert W. Stupp
Former Commissioner
City Department for the
Aging
Bayside*

Sandy felled trees onto building

Now that Hurricane Sandy has moved away after severely battering our area and causing immense devastation, I would like to share my experience I had during the storm.

My wife and I were in our sixth-floor apartment riding out the storm, and about 7 p.m. we heard and felt a violent noise which shook our apartment. I went downstairs to the lobby and heard from some of the neighbors that one of several large trees had been

uprooted and slammed against the front part of our apartment building.

Thankfully, nobody was injured or killed. After going back upstairs and about 20 minutes later, we heard another violent noise which shook our apartment. A second tree had fallen and slammed against the building.

For the rest of the night, the wind shrieked with fury and we were frightened. The next morning, when we ventured cautiously outside to see

what damage the storm had wrought, there was a total of four trees that had been uprooted.

All around our neighborhood there were many trees uprooted, along with other types of damage. Hurricane Sandy was certainly an unwelcome visitor that caused deaths, a lot of damage and a lot of misery.

Hopefully, we will never experience a storm as powerful as this one again.

*John Amato
Fresh Meadows*

Fight for clean drinking water

Oct. 18 marked the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, and we have a lot to celebrate. Forty years ago, corporate polluters used our waterways as their personal sewers.

Ohio's Cuyahoga River was so polluted it repeatedly caught on fire. The Hudson River and Long Island Sound were in much worse shape than they are

today. We have come a long way from rivers catching on fire, but today our waterways face a new set of problems.

Here in New York, 87 percent of our streams may no longer be protected from pollution under the Clean Water Act, putting the drinking water of more than 11 million New Yorkers at risk.

Let's build on 40 years

of progress. It is time for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to restore clean water protections to all streams, set limits on pollution for factory farms and protect our drinking water from fracking.

*Eric Whalen
Field Organizer
Environment New York
Manhattan*

Local pizzeria shares its wares

Due to the power shortage, there was a pizzeria, at 1300 Jericho Tnpk. in New Hyde Park, called Jessie's Fireshack and Pizzeria that gave pizza and food to shelters and people in need around the neighborhood.

I believe its effort is an

honorable thing. Instead of just throwing the food away because it will go bad, the owners — Harry and Kai Chu — decided to help others.

These gentleman make me proud to be a New Yorker because in times of need that is what we do best: We

help each other.

Thank you, Jessie's Fireshack & Pizzeria. Because of you, my family had dinner that day.

*Elaine do Vale
New Hyde Park*

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Jamaica-born author-composer Bowles lived in Morocco

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... the timeline of Queens

The Greater Astoria Historical Society

Paul Frederick Bowles was a composer, author, poet and literary translator of multiple languages. Born in Jamaica, he spent most of his life in Tangier, Morocco, writing and composing.

As a composer of music for stage and screen, he had a knack for enmeshing the audience in the feeling and ambience of the production, and his fiction novels were known for an eloquent portrayal of Westerners encountering violence and psychological breakdown when coming into contact

with traditional cultures.

Born Dec. 30, 1910, to mother Rena and father Claude Bowles, a dentist, the Queens native had a materially comfortable middle-class upbringing with little warmth or emotional support from his overbearing father. From an early age, he sought comfort from his mother, who read to him the works of great American writers such as Edgar Allan Poe and Nathaniel Hawthorne. By age 3, he could read and began writing his own stories.

The precocious youngster also showed an early

love of music, and his parents provided him a phonograph and piano. Attending a Stravinsky performance at Carnegie Hall as a teenager had a lasting impact: "Hearing 'The Firebird' made me determined to continue improvising on the piano when my father was out of the house I had happened upon a new and exciting mode of expression."

In 1928, Bowles enrolled at the University of Virginia, but the footloose young man soon dropped out and purchased a one-way ticket to Paris. He later reminisced that he was "running toward something, although I didn't know what at the time."

Although he briefly returned home, he was soon back in Paris with composer Aaron Copland. Here

he composed "Sonata for Oboe and Clarinet," which premiered in New York in 1931.

The 1930s were a watershed decade for the young expatriate. He traveled extensively through North Africa, including his future adoptive homeland of Morocco, and returned to New York in 1937 to compose music with the likes of Orson Welles and Tennessee Williams. The following year, he married author and playwright Jane Auer and the pair settled permanently in Tangier in 1947.

In Morocco, Bowles wrote prolifically. In 1949, he published his first novel, "The Sheltering Storm," a tale of descent into madness as three American tourists explore the Sahara Desert. The book was a New York Times bestseller, and

he followed up this work in the 1950s with "Let it Come Down" and "The Spider's House," both dealing with similar themes of expatriate alienation.

Former New Yorkers, Paul and Jane quickly became fixtures in the foreign community in Tangier. They were visited by celebrity friends including Capote, Gore Vidal and beat writers William Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg.

The Queens native also continued composing, his work appearing in plays performed at the American School of Tangier. Always exploring new avenues of musical expression, he began studying the traditional music of his newly independent, adoptive country. Starting in the late '50s, he also translated the works of Moroccan writers. As

his wife's health deteriorated due to the effects of a stroke, Bowles and a friend founded the literary magazine Antaeus, which included some of her work. He remained in Tangier and continued to write after Jane died in 1973.

Bowles' later work included translations of Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges, and a 1990 cameo appearance in a film version of "The Sheltering Sky." In 1995, he made a final return to New York City for a festival at Lincoln Center celebrating his music. He continued welcoming visitors and interviewers to his Tangier home up to his death in 1999.

His ashes were buried in Lakemont, N.Y., next to the graves of his parents.



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Neighbor saves Far Rock residents from fierce flooding

Nathan Smith leads Eric Curtis, his girlfriend and man to safety from second-floor apartment

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

Far Rockaway resident Eric Curtis credits his quick-thinking neighbor with saving his life during Hurricane Sandy.

"We wouldn't have got out, to be honest with you, because the water came over here so fast, it shocked all of us," said Curtis, who lives on the first floor of a home off Seagirt Boulevard. "Next thing you know, it was up to your head. So people had to come and bail me out."

As rushing water filled Beach 32nd Street during the storm, the surge buckled Curtis' front door, trapping him, his girlfriend and another person inside.

Curtis' upstairs neighbor

came to the rescue, wading through chest-deep water and braving strong winds to reach those on the first floor.

"I came downstairs, pushed the door in and got them out. They were floating on the air bed," said Nathan Smith, explaining that the pressure on the door

was so strong it took two men to force it open.

Smith also doubted that Curtis would have been able to open the door to escape.

"Inside the house with the water pressure — if they don't have a grip, inside is hard to pull," he said.

Curtis estimated that there was 5 feet of water in his apartment at the time.

Afterward, Smith brought the three people



Eric Curtis (l.) credits neighbor Nathan Smith with coming to his rescue during Hurricane Sandy.

Photo by Christina Santucci

up to his apartment on the second floor and he worried that they would have to find even higher ground if the flooding got worse.

"I was going to go to the third floor if it came

that high," Smith said.

Curtis said he had been reluctant to leave the belongings behind in his apartment before Sandy bore down on Rockaway.

"I didn't want to leave

because I don't want to lose what I had, but I lost what I had anyway," Curtis said. "The bed you see out there is my bed. I lost my TV."

In the driveway, two soaked mattresses, a pillow

and a throw rug were gathered in a pile, and pieces of scaffolding from an apartment building lay in the street out front. Curtis said he was grateful Smith was looking out for him.

"If we didn't stick together, I don't know where we would be at right now," he said.

On Sunday, Curtis, Smith and their landlord Hamza Ahmed worked to remove debris from around the house and pump water from the basements from several homes.

"What gets me is FEMA. Nobody has really been out here to look at the damage that has been done and everything. We can't let this stay because of gasoline. People have kids. They can't be breathing this," Curtis said.

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Hamilton Beach man loses everything in storm

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

Ever since Hurricane Sandy flooded Hamilton Beach, 34-year-old Paul Fruehwirth has been homeless.

So when the coordinator at PS 63 in Ozone Park called to see if he would be able to serve as a poll worker on Election Day, he wasn't sure he could at first.

"I'm living in a shelter. My house got destroyed," he said, while waiting to assist voters in casting their ballots. "Then she said she would pay for the cab if I got down here. She needed the help."

Fruehwirth said a \$200 stipend for poll workers also would help down the road — in general, it takes between six and eight weeks for the check to ar-

rive, he said.

"At least, it's money coming. I don't know when my job is going to reopen," Fruehwirth said, explaining that he works at Starbucks on Cross Bay Boulevard in Howard Beach.

The coffee shop was flooded with three feet of water during Hurricane Sandy and was still without power Tuesday. Even when Starbucks does reopen,

Fruehwirth worried about how he would get his hands on another uniform since all of his work clothes were destroyed.

Before the storm, he fled the home on 163rd Road with his mother, 31-year-old sister and his mother's six dogs and left behind nearly all of their possessions. Fruehwirth escaped with only one pair of jeans.

The family has been

staying at the shelter at Hillcrest High School in Jamaica Hills, sleeping in shifts and taking showers at the YMCA in Jamaica.

About four days after Sandy hit, a friend took Fruehwirth down to survey the damage in the family's house, and he was only able to get inside by climbing in his bedroom win-

dow. The front door would not open because the entire house had shifted. Inside, he found 13 of his mother's 14 parakeets still alive after weathering the storm.

"The cage was almost completely submerged in the water, where the water mark was. There was a little spot on the top of the cage, where they all

huddled up and survived," Fruehwirth said.

Fruehwirth has no idea how or if the house will ever been habitable again.

"I'm going to need an army to help clean up that house," he said.

As he described his situation Tuesday, Fruehwirth struggled to hold back tears and his voice

cracked.

"It's just a nightmare," he said.

Fruehwirth said he has reached out to friends for help and only one offered to take him in, but that would mean traveling to Florida.

"I have an out, but I would be leaving my family in this mess," he said.

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NE Queens mobilizes with major rescue effort

BY JOE ANUTA

Residents in Flushing, Whitestone and College Point were eager to help their neighbors to the south whose homes were wiped out by Superstorm Sandy, but gas shortages and the logistics of transporting a large amount of goods made the prospect farfetched until several groups stepped forward with big plans — and big trailers to match.

Stephen Wilson spent part of the week driving clothing collected by his son's Boy Scout troop down to the storm-ravaged neighborhoods of Queens, like Breezy Point, much of the Rockaways and Broad Channel.

The College Point resident has a large 12-by-6-foot enclosed trailer that proved handy, but after arriving with the goods, he realized people needed more than

warm clothing.

"It was devastation everywhere. It was people wandering around wondering what to do," he said. "They were looking for cleaning products, shovels, dry food, paper towels and blankets."

Wilson knew that others in the northeast Queens area wanted to help but did not really know how, so he contacted the head of the Dwarf Giraffe Athletic

League, a sports organization for Queens youngsters in which Wilson is involved, and used its massive network of families to get out the word that the league would be having a drive Sunday.

"It started out slow Sunday morning, and after I believe church was done, people just started pouring in," Wilson said. "The amount of items donated was unbelievable."



Will Burmester hauls in donations to the Dwarf Giraffe building in Whitestone.
Photo by Christina Santucci

It soon became clear that even Wilson's trailer would be woefully inadequate.

On a whim, he called his stepfather, an NYPD mechanic, and asked if the shop had any extra vehicles to help.

and staging items for delivery, and also to the Breezy Point Volunteer Fire Department, which was grateful for the items, which included \$1,000 worth of medical supplies donated by an area Wallgreens.

The Welcome to Whitestone Commercial and Residential Civic Association also sprang into action, collecting items from the neighborhood and packing them into a large box truck that was driven down to the Rockaways Monday.

"This is truly a great example of neighbors helping neighbors," said Devon O'Connor, president of the civic.

Down in Flushing, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, an international outfit originally from Taiwan, was cooking up a storm and delivering the results to residents in Broad Channel and Breezy Point, according to George Chang, executive

director of the foundation's Northeast region center on Northern Boulevard.

"We try to spread what we call the seed of love," said Chang.

The organization has provided more than 3,000 meals to New Yorkers affected by the storm, with members of the organization, recognizable by their white pants and blue jackets, popping up in battered locations from Staten Island to the Rockaways.

Tzu Chi has also been dishing out huge blocks of instant rice that can be cooked by simply combining it with boiled water, instead of cooking it over a stove.

Over the weekend, Chang expected more than 3,000 pounds of instant rice to be delivered from Taiwan.

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Broad Channel limps to life after hurricane

BY KAREN FRANTZ

In Broad Channel, the American Legion has become the de facto center of the storm-ravaged island, with volunteers serving warm food to residents, handing out batteries and blankets and sorting through bundles of donated supplies, including stacks of clothes that literally reached the ceiling Monday evening.

"It's been really peaceful," said volunteer John Lehman, who lives in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

He said the grassroots effort has been democratic and has seen drawn some large-scale help from some corporate entities like Lowes, which spontaneously donated supplies to the impromptu aid site.

A Red Cross truck sat outside the American Legion Monday, offering blankets and sandwiches during its second day at



A large boat that washed on the street during Hurricane Sandy blocks a lane of traffic on Cross Bay Boulevard in Broad Channel.
Photo by Karen Frantz

the site, and another truck was giving away free dumpings. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also arrived at the center that evening to provide information on the assistance process and answer questions at a community meeting.

An organizer and

committee member of the American Legion, Naomi Seitz, said the building was opened as the community base after a number of teary-eyed residents who had yet to see any organized help congregated the day after the storm to figure out what to do.

"We're all demol-

ished," she said.

She said City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) attended the meeting and promised to find help, while the first to respond with food assistance was Aqueduct Racetrack.

Seitz and other volunteers — many of whom live in Broad Channel them-

selves — said the center is most in need of cleaning supplies, such as mops, brooms, work gloves and Clorox. They also said sterinos are needed so people can heat their food, and the site also needs medicine such as aspirin, Tylenol and Benadryl.

Elsewhere in Broad Channel, evidence of the storm was all around. Drivers dodged a large boat that had washed onto Cross Bay Boulevard and was blocking a lane of traffic. Water-damaged vehicles parked along the boulevard had fliers tucked under the windshield wipers promising cash for cars.

The recovery effort was also visible, however. Many people were busy moving furniture and other possessions destroyed in the storm to the curb for trash pickup. Sanitation crews were out in force, with large front loaders clearing out debris.

But turning the electricity back on — one of the residents' top concerns, — remained a daunting task.

Allan Drury, a Consolidated Edison spokesman, said the utility was expecting to have power back to most regions by the weekend. But he said any homeowner who had customer equipment, including electrical meters, under water during the storm would need to hire a licensed electrician to certify the house is able and safe to receive power before electricity could be restored to individual houses.

Eric Seitz, Naomi's husband, said that meant in Broad Channel, where floodwaters rose many feet, the majority of residents would have to clamor to find electricians before they could get power back.

"Now we'll have electricity here and we won't even be able to use it," he said.



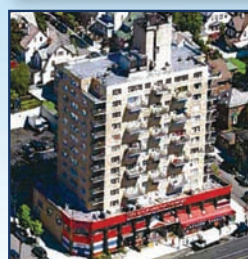
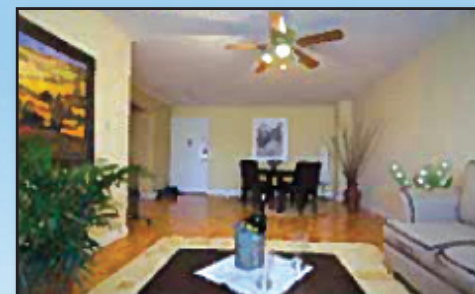
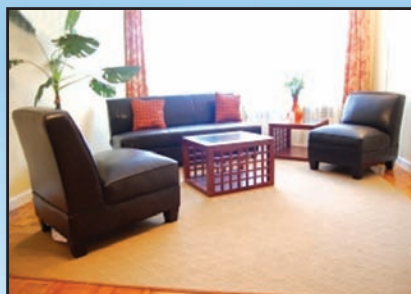
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E. Elmhurst man indicted in \$50M betting ring: DA



Queens District Attorney Richard Brown (r.) outlines 25 arrests made in connection with an illegal sports betting ring at a press briefing.
Photo by Phil Corso

BY PHIL CORSO

An East Elmhurst man was one of 25 people from areas including New York and California who were arrested in connection with a more than \$50 million illegal sports betting ring, according to the Queens district attorney.

East Elmhurst resident Joseph Kornreich, 60, was identified as an alleged money collector and charged with enterprise corruption, money laundering, promoting gambling and conspiracy as part of a nationwide illegal sports betting enterprise, according to Queens DA Richard Brown.

"Illegal gambling is not a victimless crime," Brown told a Oct. 25 news conference at his offices. "Those who participate in these criminal enterprises often use threats, intimidation and even physical force to collect debts and oftentimes charge usurious interest rates on outstanding debts."

Kornreich was arrested along with 24 others, including Vincent Basciano Jr., the son of Bonnano

Mafia leader Vinny "Gorgeous" Basciano, Brown said. Basciano was accused of being one of the roughly 15 bookmakers in the betting ring, the district attorney said.

The 25 arrests also included three owners of a sports betting website, where Brown said bookmakers took bets on football, baseball, hockey and other sports, bringing in more than \$50 million over an 18-month period.

While in operation, the group would threaten customers while attempting to collect money, Inspector Brian O'Neill, of the New York Police Department's Organized Crime division, said. Eight arrests were made as early as mid-October in New York, Brown said. The defendants each face up to 25 years in prison, if convicted, according to the district attorney.

"The defendants are accused of operating an incredibly lucrative illegal gambling operation, taking in more than \$50 million in a year and half," Brown said. "Such unlawfully earned profits are often — and easily — diverted to

more insidious criminal enterprises."

According to the indictment, the illegal betting ring used "wire rooms" in the form of offshore, Internet-based gambling services, including pinnaclesports.com or jazzsports.net to record wagers. At least 15 of the 25 defendants were labeled as bookmakers, who allegedly oversaw agents who would build a clientele of bettors who would regularly bet with the enterprise, Brown said.

The enterprise also allegedly employed money collectors, money distributors and banks, Brown said, who would handle the illegal flow of money between those involved with the betting ring. These individuals, Brown said, were responsible for the collection and distribution of illegal gambling proceeds between the bookmakers and the agents.

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Storm slows St. Mary's visits by nurses to homebound kids

BY PHIL CORSO

Though Hurricane Sandy drifted away from northeast Queens more than one week ago, the consequences of her devastating winds and storm surge still plagued residents throughout the borough, including hundreds of home nurses at St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside.

According to St. Mary's, home nurses have experienced serious difficulties getting to the nearly 4,000 patients throughout the city and Long Island, either running out of gas or being stopped at checkpoints and flood barriers as they attempt to reach children in their care.

While the rest of the Northeast tries to return to some sense of normalcy

after the storm, St. Mary's Chief Administrative Officer Hope Illecito said nurses have had trouble maintaining communication with patients and their families. Additionally, gas stations throughout New York and New Jersey have been stricken with long lines and shortages in resources.

"We have a double whammy in that gasoline is scarce and communication is difficult," said Illecito, who runs the hospital's community programs. "Our nurses, therapists and clinical field staff are ready to roll in their cars, but they cannot get too far because they cannot access fuel."

St. Mary's services roughly 4,000 children daily, Illecito said. But gas shortages have left hun-

dreds of therapists, nurses and home health aides with fewer options in getting around the city, as well as Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties.

Borough President Helen Marshall reiterated Illecito's claims in a statement Tuesday, requesting for additional fuel supplies at the hospital.

To combat long gas lines and various checkpoints across city bridges in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, St. Mary's Hospital said staff members have been performing drive-bys, in which workers visit the homes of patients if they have not received adequate communication. The check-ups, Illecito said, have been successful since the storm swept through the city.

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Neighbors help neighbors in ruined Rockaway

BY KAREN FRANTZ

As the days dragged on since Hurricane Sandy bludgeoned the city and cut power to many communities in the Rockaways, some people took it upon themselves to feed and provide for their neighbors as they waited for city services to be restored.

In Howard Beach Monday, siblings Howard, 13, and Sarah Sarter, 17, brewed coffee outside their water-damaged and powerless home and offered cups to anyone passing by, something they said they have been doing since the day after the storm.

"They've been helping a lot, these kids," said the teens' aunt, Barbara Sarter.

The pair also helped tend to a small fire pit blazing in their driveway, where they said they barbecue every night and tired police officers had congregated for warmth the night before.



Residents who live near the corner of Beach Channel Drive and Beach 84th Street in the Rockaways have been grilling food for neighbors passing by on the street.

Photo by Karen Frantz

gated for warmth the night before.

Many of their relatives are also stepping up to help keep the community safe,

Howard and Sarah said. They said their parents and uncle and other relatives had banded together to launch a neighborhood

watch after some incidents of looting and break-ins occurred. The teens' home was a target.

Howard said a few

nights ago he caught a man in a black hoodie breaking the glass on their front door, but it appeared the would-be burglar had not gotten far enough to steal anything.

"We both ran in opposite directions," he said.

Some residents of the Rockaways also were helping neighbors with an impromptu barbecue Friday, cooking food and handing it out to people in need.

"We're feeding whoever passes by," said Federico Salinas, who lives near the corner of Beach 84th Street and Beach Channel Drive.

A group had gathered outside his house to cook chicken, hot dogs and other meats that had been thawing in people's powerless freezers on an outdoor grill, an activity Salinas said had been taking place since the storm.

Another neighbor, Matthew, who lives nearby, said he also had some fam-

ily and friends bring in generators and space heaters that he was distributing to people in need.

Many of the people gathered at the house said they had not heard from city officials or aid workers about how to get help by that time.

"I don't see anything on this block but neighbors helping neighbors," Matthew said.

He also said he was concerned about looting or worse and said the area had little security from police. So he said a friend had given him a gun and he had begun to patrol the neighborhood at night to protect the community.

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Irish pilot remembered after fatal plane crash



Cyril McLavin flies his beloved Globe Swift aircraft. McLavin and his friend, Dr. Andrew Messana, died Oct. 21 after the plane crashed into the Moriches Inlet in Long Island.

Photo courtesy Greg Semendinger

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Friends and family gathered at Frederick Funeral Home to grieve for a Queens man who died in a plane crash on Long Island after police said his beloved Globe Swift plummeted into the Moriches Inlet near Fire Island late last month.

Friends described Cyril McLavin, 51, a handyman from Ireland who lived in Fresh Meadows, as a flying enthusiast who seemed happiest when he was in the air.

"We all kind of knew if Cyril was going to go this was how he was going to do it," said Joe McCann, 38, who worked on some contracting jobs with McLavin. "He loved [flying]. That was his thing."

The Oct. 21 plane crash also claimed the life of Dr. Andrew Messana, 72, of Bayside, police said. Messana retired about five years ago from Sophora Diagnostic Laboratory in Jamaica, where he worked for 15 years as a laboratory administrator and director

of pathology services.

McLavin's wake was held at the funeral home at 208-17 Northern Blvd. Oct. 24 in Auburndale and a private cremation took place afterward. McLavin's brother and family flew into town from Ireland for the services.

The room was decorated with pictures of McLavin, including one of the pilot in his Globe Swift, a plane that was popular after World War II and which he had recently purchased.

Caroline Joyce, 32, of Mullingar, Ireland, said her mother had been friendly with McLavin for several years. Joyce said McLavin was a caring man, who let her stay with him for several weeks when she first moved to New York 10 years ago and was looking for an apartment.

"He was always willing to help," she said, her voice wavering.

McCann said McLavin was a great pilot and he had even taken him up flying a few times.

"I trusted him more flying a plane than I would

driving a car," McCann said.

It's still unclear what caused the crash. Both McLavin and Messana were experienced pilots and flying conditions were reportedly good the day the men perished after flying out of Spadaro Airport on Long Island around 3 p.m.

Although police said fishermen on a nearby boat tied a rope to the plane in attempts to keep it above water, their efforts were ultimately unsuccessful and the plane sank 30 feet underwater with the men still inside. The bodies were recovered several hours later, police said.

Those who witnessed the accident told authorities they heard the sputtering of an engine as they watched the plane go down, police said.

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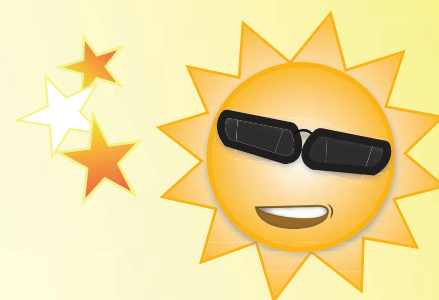
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Brother arrives from China after Flushing slay

BY JOE ANUTA

The woman left brain dead after a vicious mugging in Flushing died at a Long Island medical facility late last month, and a Queens congressman helped secure a visa allowing her brother to come to America to claim her body.

Wei Yang and his wife arrived at John F. Kennedy International Airport from China after the travel hub resumed operations in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

Yang is here to bring the remains of his 37-year-

old sister, Haiyan Yang, back to China after she was attacked in downtown Flushing.

"Obviously they are stricken by grief, and on top of that they are going through the whole motions of paperwork and legality of trying to bring her remains back," said Larry Swint, whose wife was a longtime friend of Yang's sister. "It's bringing a lot of stress and turmoil."

Swint and his wife put in a call to the offices of U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Bayside) and state As-

semblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) in order to try to speed up the process of getting a visa once it was apparent Yang and his wife needed to come to America following the attack.

On Oct. 20, Yang's sister was walking near the corner of Parsons Boulevard and 41st Avenue when she was brutally attacked

and robbed, according to police. The injuries sustained to her head left her brain dead, and she later died at North Shore-LIJ in Long Island, according to Ackerman.

The NYPD arrested Brian Rodriguez, 35, of Long Island, and charged him with the crime.

Yang's sister had been

in the country on vacation and had arrived three weeks before she was mugged, according to the congressman.

"This terrible and senseless loss of life is a horrible tragedy and we extend our deepest condolences to the victim's friends and loved ones," Ackerman said in a statement. "We

will continue to assist them in any way we can."

Ackerman helped obtain the visa by contacting the U.S. consulate in Guangzhou, China, and arranging for Yang's paperwork to be expedited.

Both he and his sister are from Guangdong Province.



The family of Haiyan Yang is grieving after the China native was killed in a brutal attack in downtown Flushing.

Photo courtesy the Yang family

Gas

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acing, which could bring up to 15 years behind bars if convicted.

Other residents were the victims of gas siphoning.

Rosetta Ackerman parked her car outside her Beechhurst home one evening last week with a full tank. The next morning she did not even have enough gas to get to a station.

"It's totally crazy," she said. "I'm furious."

Some stations around Whitestone jacked up their prices.

A Gulf station on 14th Avenue in College Point was charging \$4.29 for a gallon of regular Sunday, the same price as a Delta station near Clintonville

Street and 10th Avenue.

But down the street, an Exxon Mobil station near the Cross Island Parkway was charging \$3.79 for a gallon of regular.

State law prohibits price gouging for essential items in the event that normal distribution is disrupted, though the law is not specific, indicating that businesses who sell a good for an "unconscionably excessive price" could face legal action.

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Jax Heights groups testify at stop-and-frisk hearing

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Last year the NYPD stopped nearly 700,000 people across New York City — the majority of whom were young black and Latino men — but Manny Yusuf does not exactly fit that description.

“My first encounter with stop-and-frisk was in April [2011] at the train station on my way home from school,” Manny, a 14-year-old-Bangladeshi girl, testified at a City Council hearing on stop-and-frisk at York College Oct. 24. “I was pulled over by an officer out of a group of my friends because, I believe, I was the darkest skinned.”

Manny, a youth organizer with the Jackson Heights-based activist group Desis Rising Up and Moving, said she believed the police systematically harassed communities of color.

“How do you think it feels to be stopped by officers when you are just walking home from school?” she asked.

In 2011, the NYPD



Manny Yusuf (r.) testifies at a City Council hearing on stop-and-frisk at York College.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

stopped 685,724 people, nearly 52 percent of whom were either black or Latino, according to a report released by the New York Civil Liberty Union earlier this year.

For more than two hours, members of the Council Civil Rights Committee heard testimony from people affected by stop-and-frisk. Committee

Chairwoman Debbie Rose (D-Statens Island) said the committee was interested in gauging support for four stop-and-frisk reform bills known as the Community Safety Act currently being considered by the Council Public Safety Committee.

“The [Public Safety] Committee felt it’s important for the public to have a venue to talk about stop-

question-and-frisk and their communities,” she said.

Adil Polanco said he is an NYPD officer who was retaliated against because he refused to meet quotas, or what the department calls “productivity goals.”

Polanco said stop-and-frisk could be an effective tool, but it was being misused. When his allotted

three minutes to speak were up, he pleaded, “I’ve been waiting for this for a long time.”

“I know. That’s why I’m giving you more time because you’re telling a story from a voice we have not heard at previous hearings,” Rose said.

The Civil Rights Committee’s four members, including Queens legislators Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) and Julissa Ferreras (D-Corona), were joined by Councilmen Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) and Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica), as well as several other Council members from across the city, every one of whom had signed on to sponsor the Community Safety Act. The act’s reforms include creating an inspector general to oversee the NYPD and requiring officers to obtain consent for searches.

Legislators currently considering the bill in the Public Safety Committee include Chairman Peter Vallone (D-Astoria) and committee members James Gennaro (D-Fresh Mead-

ows) and Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), none of whom have signed on as sponsors of the bills, but committee member Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) has. Council members Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens), Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) and Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) have also not formally signed on to support the bills.

Speaking through an interpreter, DRUM member Naz Ali said she believed the NYPD was spying on her community because she spoke out against the police, and urged legislators to support the act.

“We need the Community Safety Act, and in particular I’d like to emphasize that the Queens members, many of whom have not signed onto these bills, I strongly urge you as residents of your districts to please sign these bills,” she said.

Members of Make the Road NY, another Jackson Heights group, also testified.

Woodhaven civic group steps up to help storm victims

BY STEVE MOSCO

Mother Nature’s worst brought out the best in some of Woodhaven’s residents.

The Woodhaven Residents’ Block Association said it was astounded by the tremendous generosity displayed by inhabitants following Hurricane Sandy’s destructive path.

“The generosity of Woodhaven and of our friends has been overwhelming,” said WRBA President Ed Wendell. “In the face of a disaster that devastated our neighbors, our community stepped up in a huge way to help out those in need. A lot of people are hurting right now, but the community spirit we’ve seen over the past

week leaves no doubt that south Queens will be back better than ever.”

Due to donations, the block association raised thousands of dollars, as well as 50 carloads of clothes, food, water and other supplies. In addition, volunteers contributed numerous hours to sort, pack and transport the donations — which were delivered to Howard Beach, Broad Channel, Breezy Point and other neighborhoods south of Woodhaven that were hit hard by the superstorm.

People from across Woodhaven contributed to the cause, and donors from far out of state shipped supplies or donated money even though gasoline was in short supply, according



Woodhaven residents joined forces to collect donations for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Courtesy Woodhaven Residents’ Block Association

to Wendell.

“Residents sprang into action,” he said. “Using their remaining gas to make sure supplies reached those in need.”

The WRBA collaborated with an array of organizations and offices to maximize their efforts, including those of the Glendale Civilian Observation

Patrol, the West Hamilton Beach Volunteer Fire Department, the Hamilton Beach Civic Association, the Woodhaven Business Improvement District, Queens Tabernacle and the Woodhaven-Richmond Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps, state Assemblymen Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven) and Phil Goldfeder (D-Ozone Park), state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) and City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village).

“Hurricane Sandy caused unprecedented damage to thousands of homes throughout the city, but as always, New Yorkers are coming together to help those in need,” Crowley said.

Martin Colberg, a WRBA board member, said the block association wanted to help because it considers those affected the most by Sandy’s wrath as neighbors.

“This was a huge team effort,” he said. “Those who are without heat or electricity, those who lost their belongings or their homes — those are our neighbors, and it was wonderful to see how many people in Woodhaven and from all around are doing everything they can to help their neighbors.”

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Sandy storms the Rockaways

Hurricane Sandy slammed the Rockaway Peninsula, leaving behind damage to property and knocking out power. (Clockwise from top l.) a police car illuminates Rockaway Beach Boulevard with its headlights; Mateel Welcome, 11, jumps over a puddle of standing water near where residents said a sewer pipe broke through the street; the boardwalk at Beach 36th Street is split in half; volunteers from Occupy Wall Street dish out food by flashlight; Ronald Adams shows the cracked concrete basement of his home near Beach 46th Street; and a box of cleaning supplies was empty at a makeshift drive on Seagirt Boulevard.

Photos by Christina Santucci



Bayside pays tribute at Lawrence Cemetery

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BY PHIL CORSO

Tucked away in a quiet cemetery off Bell Boulevard, the Bayside Historical Society set its sights more than 150 years in the past as interested onlookers went along for the ride back in time.

The Lawrence Cemetery, at the corner of 216th Street and 42nd Avenue, might be an unknown location to many, the Historical Society said. But on Saturday, 10 actors dressed in attire from the 1600s to 1900s and provided a performance and tour of the site made popular by the family who rests there.

"The Lawrence family was a very ambitious family," said Denise Johnson, vice president of education for the historical society. "They have many accomplishments to their name and contributed in many ways to New York City."

Actors portrayed various members of Bayside and Flushing's more than 13-generation Lawrence family in the spot where the family used to frequent for picnics and other occasions

while standing beside the tombstones of their characters.

"We really love Bayside and we love that people come out to share this with us," said Paul Di Benedetto, president of the historical society. "It really means a lot."

Board member Aline Euler, dressed as Mary Nichol Lawrence, spoke near her designated headstone in the landmarked Bayside cemetery to tell the story of her character, who lived and died in Bayside from Jan. 9, 1822, to Aug. 12, 1896.

"I was the very busy second wife of Andrew H. Mickle, who also was mayor of the city of New York from 1846-1847," Euler said in her role as Mary Nichol Lawrence, daughter of Ann Townsend and Effingham Lawrence. "I loved my estate, which I called 'Bay Lawn,' but I must regretfully report that our magnificent mansion was destroyed by a fire in 1890."

Euler said it took the group weeks to prepare the performance, but the actors saw the effort as well worth their time



Members of the Bayside Historical Society, including trustee Aline Euler (c.), share the stories of different members of the Lawrence family inside their Bayside cemetery.

Photo by Phil Corso

as long as Bayside's history was preserved.

"It's fun for us," Euler said before the performance began. "We wanted to do something to get people to know a little more about Bayside."

Though no Lawrence relatives were present, each charac-

ter told his or her tale from the period when they frequented the streets of northeast Queens, taking playful jabs at one another to appear most relevant to the family name by touting their accomplishments and contributions.

Henry Euler, secretary of the historical society, spoke his lines

as if they were his own words as he portrayed John Lawrence, a former town clerk of Flushing in the late 1600s.

"When I moved to New Amsterdam in 1657, I served under Gov. Stuyvesant as a commissioner to settle boundary disputes between the Dutch colony of New Netherlands and New England, I knew I was taking on a great challenge," Henry Euler said as John Lawrence. "An even greater challenge was keeping the peace between the Indians and the Dutch!"

Actors read their parts in accordance with a script, which Johnson had prepared for the performance. Johnson said the information used in the show was in part taken from the historical archives at the historical society's officers club at Fort Totten in Bayside.

"The stories are accurate and historically significant of this family, who helped build the very foundation of this community," Johnson said. "Some residents of this town work very hard to preserve the past."

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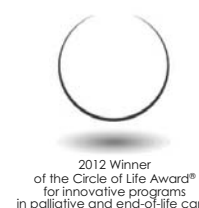
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Former St. John's dean found dead in Jamaica Estates home

BY KAREN FRANTZ

The disgraced former St. John's University dean who was accused of stealing more than \$1 million from the school and forcing students to work as her personal servants was found dead in her Jamaica Estates home in an apparent suicide Tuesday.

Police found the body of a 59-year-old Asian woman at Cecilia Chang's home around 7:38 a.m., according to the NYPD. Authorities were still waiting for the family to identify the body, although St. John's released a statement acknowledging the death. The New York Post reported Chang had hanged herself and earlier had attempted to slit her wrists and kill herself with gas from her fireplace.

Police said no foul play was suspected in the ongoing investigation into the

death of the former dean, who had an extravagant lifestyle during her years at St. John's. She lived in a palatial house not far from the St. John's campus and spent a significant amount of time at a residence at Foxwoods Casino in eastern Connecticut, according to court testimony.

By late Tuesday morning, police officers were still in Chang's home, at 82-34 Tryon Place, and many windows and the front door were open wide.

Chang was fired after 30 years at St. John's when a 2009 audit uncovered suspicious charges to expense accounts and university-issued credit cards. She was charged in a 205-count indictment with grand larceny, forgery and falsifying business document in September 2010 by the Queens district attorney's office and then faced bribery

charges in a trial that has been underway in Brooklyn federal court.

The death came a day after Chang took the stand to testify in her own defense.

The Post reported that members of the jury laughed at Chang's rambling testimony as Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. frequently told her to answer questions with a simple yes or no answer and ordered some of her responses stricken from the record.

If found guilty, she would have faced as much as 20 years in prison.

A spokesman for St. John's University said the school was saddened to learn of Chang's death.

"We ask the entire St. John's community to pray for her and her family," Dominic Scianna said.

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The divorces are valid and recognized everywhere, and Alford reports that he processes several thousand of them every year, particularly for New Yorkers. The total cost for fast divorces starts

at \$895, with other options raising the price to as high as \$1,500. All of the divorces, Alford says, are completed within a few days and the clients are then free to remarry or otherwise continue with their lives as single persons. Anyone interested in more details about the Divorcefast offerings should access the company website: www.divorcefast.com The forms and instructions are printed out from there and submitted to the company. For those lacking Internet access Alford and his staff are prepared to discuss foreign divorces on the phone, or by mail.

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Entertainment tastes for all palates this season

Simon Keenlyside as Prospero
 in Thomas Ades's "The Tempest."
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Venture into the city to hear great music, watch dance or experience the wonder of opera

BY RAPHAEL SUGARMAN

Last week, the TimesLedger's From the Footlights column featured a preview of the new Broadway and Off-Broadway seasons.

In this issue, From the Footlights presents some of the most interesting choices in music, dance, opera and lectures for the new season.

Music

With three theaters of

varying size, Jazz at Lincoln Center usually has something to offer music lovers. From Monday, Nov. 8, to Thursday, Nov. 18, JACL will be sponsoring a celebration of Blue Note Records and such historic artists as Thelonious Monk, Sonny Clark and others. Several contemporary musicians will perform.

Celebrating the holidays has always been a tradition at Jazz at Lincoln Center since December 1989, when the Wynton

Marsalis Band and the Lincoln Center Classical Jazz Orchestra presented "A Classical Jazz Christmas." Continuing this tradition, Marsalis and the orchestra will present a dozen arrangements of holiday songs in JALC's Rose Hall. They will be joined by vocalists Renee Marie and Gregory Porter.

The show will be on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, at 8 p.m., with a matinee Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. JACL is in the Time Warner Center,

3 Columbus Circle. For tickets or more information, call Centercharge, at 212-721-6500, or go to jazzatlincolncenter.org.

Birdland has been hosting the Django Reinhardt NY Festival for several years. The event, which pays tribute to the legendary gypsy guitarist and composer, this will this year feature French guitarist "Dorado Shmitt and 3 sons," from Tuesday, Nov. 6 to Sunday, Nov. 11.

Also watch for Ar-

turo O'Farrill Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra's regular smokin' Sunday gig. Birdland is at 315 W. 44th St. Call 212-581-3080 or go to birdlandjazz.com.

New Yorkers who believe that Carnegie Hall only stages classical concerts are mistaken. The theater will present Voices from Latin America, a month-long celebration from Monday, Nov. 8, through Tuesday, Dec. 11. The event is being presented under the guidance

of acclaimed musicians — composer Osvaldo Golijov, conductor Gustavo Dudamel, jazz pianist and composer Chucho Valdés, and singer, songwriter and guitarist Gilberto Gil. The festival will encompass music, dance, film, photography and visual arts of many regions, with a particular focus on the music of Cuba, Venezuela, Brazil and Mexico.

In the classical vein,

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HinoMaru Ramen: Astoria's new Japanese gem

BY SUZANNE PARKER

Enthusiastic shouts of "Irasshaimase" by the young, attractive staff, welcomed us to HinoMaru Ramen, a newish Japanese noodle restaurant in Astoria. The greeting transported us back to our visit to the Land Of The Rising Sun a few years ago. In Japan, you will hear that greeting over and over, at high decibel levels, at almost every retail establishment you enter. You will probably also eat a lot of noodles, as ramen joints are both ubiquitous and affordable there.

You won't find sushi, or exquisite classical Japanese cuisine at HinoRamen. What you will find is an authentic example of the everyday fare eaten by the masses. The surroundings are spare, yet attractive, with a choice of table or counter seating. Masks



Tonkotsu ramen served up at HinoMaru Ramen on Ditmars Boulevard.

Photo by Suzanne Parker

of Tengu, the long-nosed protector of mountains and forests, are a recurring theme.

Appetizers here are dubbed "Japanese Tapas." Try their pork gyoza. They took us back to our

visit to Utsonamiya, the gyoza capital of Japan, where Gyoza-San, an anthropomorphized gyoza in marble, greets visitors at the rail station. The gyoza here, thin-skinned and succulent, measure

up to those served us over there.

The Ika Maru was disappointing. Amusing as it was to watch the bonito flakes animated by the air currents (it's alive!), the ponzu-doused grilled

squid was unacceptably rubbery. Likewise, the seaweed salad had an odd, overly sweet flavor. A simple green salad would be a better bet. In fact, if you are there at lunch time, they offer a small green salad and a small egg chahan (a poached egg over pork fried rice) with any order of ramen. The rice is less soy drenched and less greasy than its Chinese counterpart, and works nicely as a starter.

The main event here is, without a doubt, the ramen. Choices abound. If you happen to be a ramen newbie (no, the cheap stuff in the little packages doesn't count), you might want to start with Tonkotsu (Hakata style). This is ramen 1.0, built on creamy pork broth with chashu pork, kikurage (tree ear) mushrooms,

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the Japanese-American violinist Midori will celebrate the 30th season of her career by performing all three of Beethoven's sonatas for violin and piano in the key of A major with pianist Özgür Aydin, on Wednesday, Nov. 7. The concert will also include works by Webern and Crumb. Carnegie Hall is at 57th Street and 7th Avenue. Call 212-247-7800 or go to ticketassistance@carnegiehall.org.

Opera

The big news at the Metropolitan Opera this fall is the production of "The Tempest." Though Shakespeare's play was written in the 17th century the opera is much newer, having been written in 2004 by Thomas Andès with a libretto by Meredith Oakes. The production stars baritone Simon Keenlyside and is directed by Thomas Lepage. Critics have given high praise not only to the performances of the cast, but also to the magic of the production's staging. Through Thursday, Nov. 17.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the Met will premiere its new production of Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera," starring Marcelo Álvarez as the king. The Metropolitan Opera is at Lincoln Center, between West 62nd and 65th streets and Columbus and Amsterdam Aves. Call 212-362-6000, or go to metoperafamily.org.

Dance

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is celebrating its 41st year of bringing dance to the New York City Center stage.

This year's itinerary will include the world premiere of "Another Night" by talented young choreographer Kyle Abraham. The new work is set to Art Blakey & The Jazz Messenger's rendition of one of Dizzy Gillespie's innovative compositions, "A Night in Tunisia."

Abraham melds a variety of facets of American dance, from hip hop to ballet, and showcases the art-

istry and versatility of the Ailey dancers.

Another premier, "Petite Mort," marks the first time a European choreographer, Jiri Kylián will appear in the Ailey repertory. Set to two of Mozart's most popular piano concertos, the theatrical work features six men and six women "intermingling with fencing foils and elaborate ball gowns in an unforgettable battle of the sexes."

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform at the New York City Center from Wednesday, Nov. 28, through Sunday, Dec. 30. The theater is at 131 W. 55th St. For tickets or more information, call 212-581-1212 or go to www.alvinailey.org or www.nycitycenter.org.

Misc.

The city is filled with worthy cultural institutions that offer a tremendous diversity of activities. Two venues, in particular, are worthwhile to keep an eye on during the course of the year.

The 92nd Street Y has long offered a dizzying variety of concerts, classes and myriad other events for New Yorkers from across the city. Two of the Y's most interesting offerings are its talks and conversations and its literary readings series.

Two readings to mark on your calendar for November, include a tribute to Adrienne Rich on Friday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. Fellow poets, family and friends will remember Ms. Rich and read from her work. On Thursday, Nov. 15, at 8:15 p.m., poets Tracy K. Smith and Dean Young will read from their latest works. Ms. Smith's book

"Life on Mars" was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2012. Young's latest book is "Bender: New & Selected Poems."

As for conversations, "The Untold History of the U.S." promises to be memorable. Filmmaker Oliver Stone and professor Peter Kuznick will discuss their new book, in conversation with correspondent Lewis Lapham and moderator Thane Rosenbaum, in the Kaufman Concert Hall on Nov. 10, at 8 p.m.

For something completely different, check out The New York Comedy Festival presents "David Steinberg and Robin Williams Talking About Nothing That Important" on Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Kaufman Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The 92 Street Y is at 1395 Lexington Ave., with a second location, 92Y Tribeca, at 200 Hudson Street. For more information or tickets, call 212-415-5500 or go to 92Y.org.

On Manhattan's West Side, Symphony Space has a wide variety of offerings in the areas of literature, music, theater, dance and film.

Symphony Space will host The 32nd Annual John Lennon Tribute on Friday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m., with a line-up including Judy Collins, Joan Osborne and Dar Williams.

Author Zadie Smith will make a visit on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. The author of White Teeth and On Beauty will read from her new book, "NW: A Novel" and share in conversation with author Hari Kunzru.

Symphony Space is at 2537 Broadway. For more information or tickets, call 212-864-5400 or go to tickets.symphonyspace.org.



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scallion, bean sprouts, and fish cake (naruto). Here the broth is umami flavorful and the contents abundant. If you want to kick it up a notch, go for the namesake Hinomaru. Dubbed “New York style,” it’s got all of the above plus a “fireball” to give it heat.

Uni ramen tastes more like a cross between oyster stew and fettucini Alfredo than something Japanese. Bits of sea urchin swim in a Parmesan cheese-laced creamy broth garnished with seaweed, veggies and that ever-present fish cake. If you like rich comfort food, this could be your choice.

Spicy Miso ramen, on the “special ramen” list, starts with a base like the familiar miso soup served in most Japanese restaurants. It is topped with corn kernels, pork, chopped scallions and most importantly a great big “fireball.” The



HinoMaru Ramen, 33-18 Ditmars Blvd., features mask of Tengu, the mythical long-nosed protector of mountains and forest.

Photo by Suzanne Parker

fire balls, round scoops of miso with hot spices, refer to the restaurant’s name, Hinomaru, which means “fireball,” and a nod (or perhaps a bow) to the sun symbol on the Japanese flag.

The Bottom Line

HinoMaru is an authentic approximation of the kind of noodle shop found throughout Japan, a culinary style that has recently become trendy in Manhattan. The food is tasty and inexpensive. They have an ample selec-

tion of sakes and beers. The vibe is young and lively. When you leave this restaurant, expect a hearty shout of “arigato gozaimashita,” which loosely means “thank you for coming.” If you’re feeling well pleased, respond with “gochisou sama deshita,” which means “it’s been a feast”.

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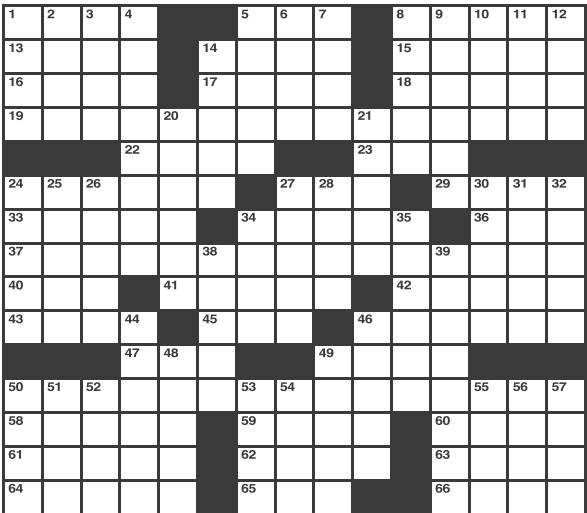
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of the surrounding neighborhoods," U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) said.

"Resorts World provides permanent employment to over 1,200 New Yorkers. The hundreds of millions of dollars it pays in taxes helps fund public education in the state," he said. "Its partnerships with local contractors and collaborative relationships with nonprofits has contributed to the development of small businesses and established Resorts World's reputation as a model corporate citizen."

As there is always room for improvement, the state Legislature began the process of amending the state constitution earlier this year to permit full table gaming. The next step in the process is another amendment and then the measure will go to voters in a referendum.

Until then, Resorts World and the state's elected officials will continue to revel in the casino's early successes.

"One year ago this week, the Queens community came together to welcome Resorts World to the borough and one year later we have 1,750 new jobs, millions of dollars in additional tax revenue, and an anchor business in Queens that is partnering with local businesses to help them to thrive and grow," said state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach). "Resorts World has been a tremendous partner to the Queens community and the impact it's having on our local economy will only grow in the years to come."

Tight race

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stake.

Instead of politicking, both politicians were in their districts checking up on their constituents, and their offices had become de facto centers for people to donate clothing, food and other supplies.

Addabbo's office, which was flooded in the storm, was set up as a central aid station in the ravaged Howard Beach neighborhood. Bags of clothing and blankets were overflowing in the office and on the street canned food and water were stacked high on tables set up on the sidewalk and volunteers were outside grilling burgers for weary residents.

Addabbo's office was working with Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. Andrew Cuomo on recovery efforts, the staff member said, and was searching for a place to store the donated items piled outside before a

nor'easter was expected to hit the region Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a representative for Ulrich, Rudy S. Giuliani, said Monday the councilman's office was one of the few in the region not damaged or without power after the storm and the staff had been working around the clock to organize recovery efforts and respond to community questions.

Giuliani said the office was so inundated with calls that Councilwomen Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) and Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) sent over staffers to help man phones.

He said for several days the staff's top priority was figuring out where to relocate schools because many in the region were damaged in the storm, but efforts had shifted Monday to restoring electricity as temperatures were dropping.

"The biggest thing is getting the power back," he said.



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Sports

SJU women's b-ball welcomes new blood

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The best season in program history isn't enough for this group of St. John's seniors. The legacy of Sheneika Smith, Nadirah McKenith and Eugenia McPherson as the most successful group in the history of Red Storm women's basketball has one final chapter, one they hope to make better than all the rest.

"We are making St. John's history," McPherson, a senior guard, said. "We are proud of that. We are proud to be a part of that, but for our senior year it's more than making the [NCAA] tournament."

She said the team has unfinished business after the program's first berth in the Sweet Sixteen, a second-place finish in the Big East during the regular season and road wins over UConn and Oklahoma. St. John's is picked to finish fourth in the conference and enters the year nationally ranked. The team, which returns four starters, wants to bring an NCAA tournament game to Queens.

"We can't let that get to our heads just because we are preseason ranked," McKenith, the point guard, said. "That can easily go away in the middle of the season if we don't go out there and play to the best of our abilities."

The guy whose job it is to make sure that happens is first-year head Coach Joe Tartamella. The long-time assistant helped former Coach Kim Barnes Arico, now at Michigan, helped build the program up from



St. John's senior guard Eugenia McPherson drives to the hoop. Photo courtesy of St. John's Athletic Communications/Vincent Dusovic

obscurity. The players, all of whom he recruited, were relieved when Tartamella, 32, was given the job. The connection he has with this bunch of plays has made the transition easy.

"This group of seniors has a special place in my heart and the program's heart," he said. "They have taken us to new levels."

The graduation of forward Da'Shena Stevens has left Smith as the program's premier talent. The All-Big East selection hit the season's biggest shot, a game-winning three-pointer to snap UConn's 99-game winning streak.

St. John's also returns its front line of sophomore Amber Thompson and junior Mary Nwachukwu to complement its backcourt. Continued contributions are expected from reserves

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Rockaway players homeless

Fontbonne girls volleyball season nearly ended by superstorm



The homes of Brooklyn's Fontbonne Hall Academy volleyball players were burned or flooded by Hurricane Sandy. Most of the players lived in Breezy Point or Belle Harbor. Photo by Christina Santucci

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The damage caused by Hurricane Sandy in the Rockaways forced nearly the entire Fontbonne Hall varsity girls' volleyball team, including Coach Linda Strong, to leave their homes and almost cost them their season.

The players were called in Monday by Principal Sister Dolores Crepeau and given the option to continue or not. They unanimously decided to play its CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens Division I semifinal against Archbishop Molloy on Wednesday at St. Francis Prep.

"Emotionally each girl is dealing with a different tragedy," Athletic Director Donna Schirripa said. "That can be a good thing on the court or it can become a disaster, but they all felt this was something they needed to do. This is their

first step forward."

Only one player from the 11-member team from the Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, school does not live in the Breezy Point-Belle Harbor area. Strong and junior Casey McDade had their houses burn down and the rest were flooded or evacuated. It left them living with family and friends throughout the area.

"We just want to go home," said junior captain Kristin Sullivan, who is staying with the family of varsity basketball Coach Steve Oliver. "Breezy is such a close community and we all love each other."

Strong and Schirripa left the decision to continue their season solely with the players. Uniforms were thought to be an issue, but Schirripa said only one or two girls lost their entire uniform. They will be asked to share a uniform with a

JV player or use a sample uniform with a taped-on number.

Continuing the season was not a priority initially after the loss of so many homes. The McDades lived on Beach 130th Street where 16 houses burned to the ground, just 200 yards from where American Airlines Flight 587 crashed in 2001. The family had to evacuate using surfboards and a kayak. They are living with family in Rockville Centre, L.I., in a one-bathroom house that now has 10 people in it. Finding a new permanent place to live has not been easy.

"Every place we call for a rental is taken," Amy McDade, Casey's mom, said. "We don't know where we are going to go."

The volleyball team was not the only one affected. Families of soccer players Cindy Henderson, Kristen

Corral and Brittany Scheriff were also flooded out of their homes, according to Coach Victor Popovsky. The soccer team's playoffs continue Thursday with a semifinal game against Mary Louis. He said a win would be a positive thing for everyone.

"For my girls from Breezy Point, that would be such a nice present," Popovsky said.

The girls kept in touch through Facebook and social media in the days following the Hurricane. The captains talked about trying to fund-raise in some way to help McDade, Strong and the rest of the community. Until then, they are finding comfort in each other.

"I just want to be with my friends right now," Sullivan said. "We are all scattered everywhere."

With Lavin back, young talent surges to SJU

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

D'Angelo Harrison understands the numbers are back in St. John's favor.

The Red Storm sophomore guard and his fellow starters played nearly every minute last season with a roster that had just six scholarship players. Any break they could get was important.

"Last year I really liked the TV time-outs," Harrison joked.

That shouldn't be the case this year.

A strong group of returnees and another stellar recruiting class has the Johnnies ready to improve off a 13-19 season. St. John's is expected to be deeper and more talented, despite its top player Maurice Harkless now with the Orlando Magic in the NBA.

The explosive Harrison, who averaged 17 pointers

per game last year, is expected to be the catalyst. Harrison will have the ball in his hands more and the run team. The athletic Amir Garrett, Phil Greene, Sir'Domic Pointer and bruising forward God'sgift Achiuwa, all of whom saw major minutes last year, will join him.

"[Harrison's] play-making ability is underrated because people tend to focus on the natural gift he has to make shots from long distances," St. John's head Coach Steve Lavin said.

One of the biggest reasons for the excitement around St. John's, picked to finish 10th in the Big East, is the recruiting class brought in by Lavin, who is back on the bench after missing most of last year battling prostate cancer. Top assistant Coach Steve Dunlap moved on to be the head coach of the Golden State Warriors.



The group of six players, considered one of the nation's best, is headlined by the 6-foot-8 JaKarr Sampson and defensive specialist Chris Obekpa. Forward Christian Jones is the biggest surprise so far.

"You can go full speed, know there is someone just as good as you or better than you coming off the bench," Harrison said.

Sampson was supposed to be in Queens last season, but was ruled academically ineligible. Some experts believe he can fill right in for Harkless. Sampson believes he can take some of the burden off Harrison.

"We just play off each other and play-make each other," Sampson said. "We make it easier on each other."

St. John's' lack is expe-

rience. Lavin has tried to make up for that by playing multiple inter-squad scrimmages with real referees to get 15 to 18 "games" in before they open the regular season at Carnesecca Arena against Detroit Nov. 11.

"We are trying to give them a crash course at an accelerated pace of College Basketball 101," Lavin said.

He called it hard to speculate how good this team will be at season's end. Harrison said they have players who can win Big East Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. He knows they still have to earn it.

"Everyone is just worried about the first game," Harrison said. "Hopefully, we pull out a win and get it started from there."

St. John's point guard D'Angelo Harrison will lead a talented, but inexperienced, St. John's University team.

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

Georgetown eliminates SJU from Big East tournament

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

St. John's' defense of its Big East tournament title ended quickly in a 2-1 defeat by a high-powered Georgetown team in men's soccer quarterfinals Saturday afternoon in Washington, D.C.

"It's certainly disappointing," St. John's Coach Dave Masur said.

The No. 13/24 Red Storm trailed 1-0 at the half after No. 4/6 Georgetown's Steve Neumann tucked a 25-yard free kick just under the crossbar in the 25th minute. St. John's put forth a better effort after the break and appeared to find its footing in the opening minutes. Top defender Tim Parker, a sophomore, converted a penalty kick on the 48th minute after a St. John's

player was taken down in the box. It was Parker's first goal of the season and second of his career.

"We were able to get the game even, make the game 0-0 and even caught a little momentum and had a couple chances off of it," Masur said.

Getting the better of play wouldn't turn into an advantage on the scoreboard for the Red Storm (10-4-4). Georgetown (16-2-1) took the lead for good in the 66th minute. St. John's keeper Rafael Diaz saved the initial free kick, but the Hoyas Jimmy Nealis controlled the rebound in both and fed Brandon Allen for the winning score.

"We knew it was going to take a lot of effort to keep them off the board," Masur said. "I'm a little dis-

appointed that we gave set piece goals."

St. John's had one final chance and one of its best of the game in the 89th minute. Freshman Sean Sepe streaked into the box and had a shot save by Hoyas keeper Tomas Gomez. The Red Storm regained possession, but could not get another shot off. The loss keeps St. John's from earning a chance to play in the semifinals close to home at Red Bulls Park in Harrison, N.J.

Masur and his team will look to regroup and await their fate in the NCAA tournament, which they expected to make. The selection show is Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. on ncaa.com. The coach believes his team needs to tighten things up on both sides of the ball

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Bishop Ford talent Lewis pledges talent to St. John's

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Tears welled up in Aaliyah Lewis' eyes and rolled down her cheeks before she could utter the words "St. John's."

It hit the Bishop Ford senior point guard that the decision to commit to play at the Big East school was more than just a sign of her moving on in basketball, but in life as well.

"It got really emotional," the normally collected and unflappable Lewis said. "I couldn't believe I'm announcing my school right now. I just broke down."

Her showing of emotion — as she picked the Red Storm over Seton Hall and Virginia Tech at a press conference at the Park Slope school Friday — surprised Falcons Coach Mike Toro and her mother Sabrina Murray.

"It meant a lot to her," Murray said. "She normally never shows any emotions."

The 5-foot-3 Lewis had wanted to announce her

choice Nov. 5, her mother's birthday, but following her visit to St. John's last weekend, she couldn't wait that long. She felt a loyalty to first-year head Coach Joe Tartamella. He had recruited her since she was a freshman and he was an assistant. She felt she fit in well with the players and the squad's up tempo style. St. John's, which is coming off its first ever trip to the Sweet 16, was her second scholarship offer after Rutgers the summer before her sophomore season. The Red Storm also got a verbal commitment from wing Jade Walker of DePaul Catholic, Lewis' Ring City travel squad teammate.

"I knew I wanted to go there," said Lewis, who put on a St. John's hoodie. "I couldn't wait. I couldn't hold it in."

The Red Storm is getting one of the city's best players in Lewis, ranked in the top 100 in her class nationally. She is the sixth Division I girls' basketball player from Ford in the last

four years, but the program has reached new heights with her in the lineup.

Lewis helped lead the Falcons to an undefeated CHSAA JV city title as a freshman. Last season they reached their first Brooklyn/Queens title game. Lewis is a vocal leader on the court, a blur with the basketball in her hand and a streak outside shooter. No one is more determined to win.

"She wants to be the player," Toro said. "She is not scared of pressure. She is willing to take the big shot. She is willing to carry a team."

Unlike on the court, Lewis let her guard down for a rare moment as she paused to compose herself at the microphone. She realized a new life and a new program is in her immediate future.

"It's that I'm grown up," Lewis said. "I'm about to go to the next level. I'm about to be on my own. No more calling my mom. I'm about to be a grown lady."

Christian Jones impresses Lavin with basketball prowess, shooting

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Christian Jones, the last scholarship player added, will be one of the first to see the court for St. John's this season.

"That motivated me more, being the underdog nobody knew about," Jones said.

Red Storm Coach Steve Lavin didn't expect Jones to be ready to contribute this early, but he was in the Johnnies starting lineup Saturday night in their 73-55 exhibition win over Sonoma State. Lavin never doubted his potential, strength, speed and agility, but felt it would take him time to get accustomed to playing at the college level. So far that hasn't been the case and Lavin raves about the 6-foot-7, 228-pound wing.

"He is really special," the coach said. "He is like, 'Wow.'"

He has been impressed with his shooting range, court vision, efficiency and the power he finished with around the rim. He's in

the mix to start and could see major minutes when Red Storm open the season Nov. 11 against Detroit at Carnesecca Arena. Jones had eight points and seven rebounds against Sonoma State.

"I did what ever Coach Lav told me to do and I guess I'm doing pretty good at it," Jones said.

Lavin got a call about Jones during the summer. He checked out his YouTube highlights and felt he was too good to be true even before he sent assistant Coach Rico Hines to see him. Jones was a late bloomer at IMG Academy in Florida, the same prep school attended by St. John's guard Phil Greene and where former Johnnie Maurice Harkless trained. The Texas native added guard skills there and eventually passed up scholarship offers from Oklahoma State, Auburn, Marquette and Baylor to come to St. John's because of the relationship he built with Lavin.

"His enthusiasm is so strong," Jones said. "I got

connected with him fast."

What impressed Lavin the most was that Jones never asked about St. John's' roster. It was already filled with highly touted players like D'Angelo Harrison, Ja-Karr Sampson and Chris Obekpa. He was more worried about the school itself and how it would fit him.

"I was like, this kid's pretty confident, like 'I got this,'" Lavin said. "He was just this cool costumer."

Jones has brought that same confidence into the preseason and it has continued to catch the attention of the coaching staff. He can play anything from shooting guard to power forward and is not concerned where and how much. He said playing in practice against senior forward God'sgift Achiwua got him accustomed to the physical play.

"I like it," he said. "That gets me ready."

His teammates feel he already is.

"Christian Jones is the sleeper," Harrison said. "I want you to know that."

Queens College bolsters athletics staff for season

With the 2012-13 school year underway, Queens College Athletics announced the addition of nine new staff members.

Michael Balestra was hired as director of athletics communication in September. He comes to Queens College after spending the past two years at his alma mater, Fordham University, where he was the assistant director of athletic media relations.

Heather Barclay enters her first season as an assistant women's soccer coach. She will help head Coach Carl Christian in running games and practices and will contribute in scouting as well. Barclay was a standout high school soccer player at St. Joseph's by the Sea in Staten Island and then played collegiately

at La Salle University.

Denee Barracato is the newest member of the Queens College family and holds the title of associate athletic director for finance and administration. She comes to Flushing after recently serving as director of marketing partnerships for Madison Square Garden.

Mark Burik joined the volleyball coaching staff prior to the 2012 season. He is a former Division I player at George Mason University, where he graduated with a degree in exercise science.

Wayne Martin took over as the head men's tennis coach in October. He was the former head coach at Long Island University from 1998-2005. Following that, he spent a year with the USTA while simultane-

ously serving as the Athletic Director at Raritan Valley Community College.

Staci Passafiume, who joined the staff as an assistant lacrosse coach, is no stranger to the East Coast Conference, as she was a standout lacrosse player at LIU Post from 2007-10 and was a member of the 2007 team that won the national championship.

Tanni Scott joined the women's basketball staff, following her graduation from Wright State University in 2011.

Carmen Smith is also a new addition to the women's basketball staff, where she will serve as an assistant coach.

Patrick Trainor took over as the head strength and conditioning coach in September. He will oversee varsity workout programs.

Women

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Briana Brown and Keylana Langley.

"I think we have the

deepest team than we've ever had," Tartamella said. "We don't have that drop off."

He wants the same for the program as he looks to build off the success of recent years. Plenty of return-

ing talent has St. John's believing it can do just that.

"We are just going to try to get back to the tournament and get another step further," Smith said.



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Business

Ex-Hooters owner opens Astoria sports bar

Bud's Ale House contains 80 beer taps and serves burgers, hot dogs with meat from local vendors

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Bud's Ale House, a new restaurant chain that recently opened in Astoria and Fresh Meadows, may have taken some of its inspiration from Hooters. After all, its owner, Buddy DeMarco, also owns several of the evocatively themed franchise locations in Long Island.

But a Hooters in disguise it is not.

"What we took from Hooters was the opening concept," DeMarco said, alluding to the American Grill-fare menu and a dazzling array of flat screen TVs — mostly showing sports — donning the walls. "And what we left at Hooters was the idea of a Hooters girl."

DeMarco said as a Hooters owner, he found no one really understood the brand.

"Most people think it's something different, they don't think it's a restau-



Bartenders work the lunch shift at Bud's Ale House, which recently opened in Astoria.

Photo by Karen Frantz

rant," he said.

So with Bud's Ale House, he wanted to focus on making it first and foremost a stellar place to eat.

"We want Bud's to be about the food," he said. "We're a great restaurant to watch sports, but we

don't want to be known as a sports bar. We want to be known for our food."

DeMarco recently opened Bud's Ale House in Astoria, at 34-02 Steinway St., and also converted the Hooters in Fresh Meadows, at 61-09 190th St., which

opened as a Bud's last week.

The menu options are standard bar fare: burgers, hot dogs, quesadillas — but the dishes are more upscale than they might seem at first glance.

The hot dogs are made

with franks from Karl Ehmer, the beloved local German butcher shop, and beef is delivered and ground fresh for hamburgers daily. Steamer pots full of seafood are also served, and Bud's is equipped with 80 beer taps and also offers wine and variously flavored margaritas.

Angela DeLeonardis, general manager of Bud's, said the staff had a specific idea of the food they wanted to offer and spent a long time searching out vendors fitting that vision. It took the staff months to find a vendor offering the right split-top buns for the hot dogs, she said.

In addition, DeMarco worked hard to find a spot for the Astoria location with a basement that would allow him to keep the kegs closer to the tap, which allows for a shorter run of the line between them, an innovation that creates a better pour.

"The shorter the

run, the better the beer," DeMarco said, saying it produces less foam and a cleaner pour.

But despite the emphasis on food and drink, the influence sports has on Bud's Ale House is undeniable.

Bud's has 57 high-definition televisions and shows every NFL game. DeMarco said televisions have small helmets denoting the teams playing attached to them so servers know where to seat people.

The attention to sports seems to be working. DeLeonardis said the New York Giants were playing the Sunday after the Astoria location opened, so "We were packed beyond what we thought we would be."

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Consumer Affairs Seminar

— Understand NYC law and your responsibilities to your customers. What business need to know this holiday season. Join Fred Riley from the Department of Consumer Affairs as he discusses: Licensing requirements, Business regulations, Paying Fines and Handling Violations, Handling Consumer Complaints. Program supported by office of council member Julissa Ferreras District 21.
When: Nov. 8, 5 pm
Where: Langston Hughes Public Library, 100-01 Northern Blvd., Corona
Contact: (718) 651-1100
Website: queenslibrary.org

Luncheon and Trade Show —

The Long Island City Partnership will host 130 exhibitors. David Barger will speak.
When: Nov. 14, 9 am
Where: Terrace on the Park, 52-11 111th St., Corona
Contact: (718) 592-5000
Website: terraceonthepark.com

Powerful You! Women's Network

— A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.
When: Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm
Cost: Members and first-time attendees \$30, nonmembers \$40; includes lunch
Where: Giardino, 44-37 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston

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

Power Networking Group — Led by Harvey G. Beringer
When: Every Wednesday, 7 am
Cost: \$10 for breakfast
Where: Jackson Hole Diner, 35-01 Bell Blvd., Bayside
Contact: Harvey G. Beringer at HGBCPA@aol.com or (718) 423-0427

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

— BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI provides positive, supportive and structured environment to

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When: Thursdays, 7-8:30 am
Where: Clearview Park Golf Course, 202-12 Willets Point Blvd., Bayside
Contact: Martin Koos (516) 488-8877, Ext. 15

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Where: Fame Diner, 176-19 Union Tnpk., Fresh Meadows
Contact: Lydie Pellissier, (718) 276-8986
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The Eastern Queens and Long Island Networking Group

— This unique business networking group discusses today's challenges and helps form alliances. Relationships are built. Facilitator is Gayle Naftaly, rainmaker, entrepreneur, coordinator, leader and organizer with contacts.

When: Second Wednesday of every month
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Newspapers, said he experienced a bit of confusion voting in Hollis.

"I got to our school and saw all these cars and I thought, oh gosh, there are a million people voting," he said. "Then I got in the car and realized it was the gas line."

Neither Obama's nor Romney's campaigns spent much time or capital in southeast Queens this election season.

Raphael Kippings, 27, said he had not gotten any robo-calls or knocks on the door — just a few pieces of

campaign literature in his spam box.

"From Obama, a few. From Romney, not that many," he said.

Nigel Loncke, a volunteer with Obama's campaign from Far Rockaway, said little of the president's 2012 campaign focused on swaying voters in New York, instead opting to channel southeast Queens' enthusiasm into reaching out to voters in swing states.

Loncke said supporters Tuesday would continue to call residents and encourage them to get out the vote.



Voters stand in a line that stretches around the block outside PS 147 in Cambria Heights.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

"That's basically what it is. Throughout the day it will be changing from

Pennsylvania to Ohio," he said.

Even though U.S. Rep.

Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) was facing a challenge for his seat, the congressman

spent much of his time in the past few months stumping for Obama in states like Florida and Ohio. He was overwhelmingly re-elected.

In Cambria Heights, Norma Penn, a volunteer for a candidate in the local Assembly race, sat across the street from PS 147 encouraging passers-by to vote. She said she did not believe there were many Romney supporters in the neighborhood.

"There might have been a few who slipped through, but this is Cambria Heights," she said.

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Election

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on the Independent line in the general election.

Long lines at polling sites were common all over the borough.

Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (D-Ozone Park) said Rockaway residents waited in long lines to vote in tents, although homeowners who lost everything in the storm had other things on their minds.

"You would expect that people are upset and angry, but that is absolutely not the case," Goldfeder said. "What I experienced are people sharing stories. There is really a somber tone, but I think people are excited to do their civic duty."

In Flushing, Marina Xydous waited for an hour and a half at PS 214, at 31-15 140th St. in Flushing. Not expecting such a backlog, she had to leave to pick up her son Christopher from school and told the poll coordinator that she would be back. When she returned, she was told to stand at the end of the line and wait all over again.

"I was told that I could get back in line," said a furious Xydous, holding the hand of her 5-year-old. "I'm a single mother."

When asked who he voted for at around 2 p.m., Peter Gelosa, of Flushing, said, "Nobody. We're not waiting on line."

The economy was the top priority for some Queens voters.

Rich Rinaldi said he voted for Republican presi-

dential candidate Mitt Romney and Halloran because he wanted someone to fix the country's economic woes.

"To me it's like a regular corporate job," he said. "If in four years you didn't fix things, it's time for someone else."

Kenneth Freeman and his wife Marilyn voted for President Barack Obama and Meng, citing social issues and the future of Medicare as the main impetus behind their Democratic loyalty.

"Overall, we voted for [Meng] to keep the amount of people in the House who could possibly support the president in the future," Freeman said.

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Meng wins

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City Comptroller John Liu, who was formerly a Flushing councilman, has exercised considerable influence in the neighborhood after he became the first Asian American to attain citywide office. He is well-known in the Chinese community, where his opinion has considerable sway. Two of Flushing's district leaders, who are elected and responsible for choosing who runs on the Queen Democratic Party ticket, work for Liu.

Meng's rise to the national stage could eclipse that power, according to Queens political insiders who did not want to be named.

Halloran's loss hardly puts him out of politics. He is expected to run for re-election to his City Council seat next year and was collecting contributions for that runup until he announced his congressional aspirations in late March.

The Republican was severely outmatched financially.

The latest filings with the Federal Election Commission were only as current as Oct. 17, which means any last-minute fund-raising and spending was not included. But by that time Meng had already spent about \$1.3 million on the election after raising \$1.6 million. Halloran, on the other hand, spent about

\$90,000 after raising about \$116,000, meaning his war chest was about one-tenth the size of the Democrat's.

The campaign between Meng and Halloran often drifted into back-and-forth finger pointing.

Halloran referred to Meng as a "Chinese national" when interviewed for an Israeli newspaper, but later said that he was misquoted.

Meng did not file her personal financial disclosure forms for four months after they were due, only turning them in once it was pointed out by the Halloran camp.

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Senate

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match before Concannon stepped up to the plate. Concannon referred to the the 38-year legislator often in his campaign.

Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Whitestone), who has been in office since 1999, won another two years and ended up trouncing Republican lawyer J.D. Kim by 74 percent according to NY

1, even though her house and some perceived Democratic strongholds had been drawn out of the district. Stavisky's campaign focused on education and immigrant opportunity, while Kim's campaign centered on less regulation for small businesses and improving the economy.

Stavisky had defeated Oakland Gardens lawyer John Messer in a bitter primary race this September.

Peralta and Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-St. Albans)

did not face opponents in their re-election bids this year. City Councilman James Sanders (D-Laurelton), who won the primary election against incumbent Sen. Shirley Huntley (D-Jamaica) in September, did not face an opponent in the general election and will join the Senate at the beginning of next year.

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Addabbo

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in 2009 and a city councilman in 2002. He said when the state was facing a \$17 billion deficit in 2009, he still managed to protect essential services while mak-

ing \$6 billion in spending cuts.

Meanwhile, Ulrich insisted that Addabbo's economic record was not strong enough, often charging the senator voted to raise taxes 124 times in 2009, and it was time for a change. He portrayed himself as an independent lead-

er in the City Council and pledged to buck his party on issues such as raising the minimum wage.

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Little Neckers trapped by downed trees, lines

BY PHIL CORSO

Nearly one week after Hurricane Sandy swept through Little Neck downing trees and power lines, Richard Kops and his wife Marcia killed time outside their darkened home off 57th Avenue. The only scenery in front of them included unattended trees and power lines that had fallen days earlier.

And although the Kops family said they understood it may take time for Consolidated Edison crews to restore power to their home, located in a cul-de-sac split in two by fallen trees and electricity poles, safety was still a primary concern.

"People are trapped in here behind a dead-end street and we don't even know if it is safe or not," Richard Kops said. "At this point, the problem is communication."

Inside their driveway

sat Marcia Kops' car with a full tank of gas in the middle of a severe gas shortage in the Northeast after Hurricane Sandy battered the region. But because of the downed lines, uplifted sidewalks and police tape scattered down the street, the Kops said they were too afraid to try driving over power lines that Con Ed crews told neighbors may still be live.

"What is electrified here? We don't know," Marcia Kops said.

To make matters worse, Kops said many of the homeowners along the cul-de-sac moved their cars

to the dead-end uphill to avoid floodwaters. They have since been trapped in by fallen storm debris.

While neither the city nor Con Ed has acted to remove the fallen trees and power lines on 260th Street, two Con Ed workers have been guarding the



Homes off 57th Avenue in Little Neck are taped off with police lines as Consolidated Edison has yet to attend to potentially live power lines in the street.

Photo by Phil Corso

downed lines, identifying themselves as guards for the surrounding homes. Larry Wisotsky, who lives behind the fallen lines and is unable to leave the cul-de-sac without passing the potentially dangerous wires, said there has been little done to make the situation any better.

"Con Ed has no clue,"

Wisotsky said. "They have no timetable. They are just guarding the wires to make sure nobody goes near them."

According to Con Ed, homes in that area of Little Neck should have their electricity restored by Friday.

In a plea for help, Marcia Kops said she tried calling their elected offi-

cials, but to no avail. Even though the Kops family has received little in terms of communication about their lives returning to normal, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) has remained outspoken against the city's response to Superstorm Sandy.

Over the weekend, Avella criticized the city

Parks Department for not acting quickly enough in removing fallen trees in northeast Queens, leaving trapped residents waiting.

"Residents have suffered enough damage and now they are being told that they have to wait between 30 and 50 days to get the tree that fell on top of their home removed," Avella said. "This is simply intolerable when any sudden shift can further damage a resident's home."

So until the city or Con Ed takes action on the fallen trees and electricity poles on 260th Street, the Kops family will have no choice but to wait like so many others in northeast Queens still without power one week after the storm.

"Forget about the cars getting through. What about emergency responders?" Marcia Kops said. "It's not just us either. This is happening to everyone. Everyone's frustrated."

Storm vote

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integrity of our system."

But even with Cuomo's executive order, not everyone was happy with the way Election Day turned out. Some elected officials and community groups lashed out at the city Board of Elections for its handling of voters displaced by Hurricane Sandy.

City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), who ran against state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) for the 15th Senate District, said the BOE waited too long to inform residents about new or changed polling sites because of the storm.

"I think the board has once again proven that it is not fit to conduct these elections and we definitely have to come up with a better way," said Ulrich in Rockaway Tuesday. "In some cases, people had to walk 30 or 40 blocks to their newest poll sites, some people weren't informed of their sites and some didn't find out until 6 p.m. last night [Monday]."

A staff member with Addabbo said the Metropolitan Transportation Authority was only supplying shuttle buses for voters in the Rockaways, but the senator's staff had recruited Francisco Funeral Home in Ozone Park, as well as neighbors, to run private cars between polling sites in Howard Beach.

According to the staff member, the effort was nonpartisan and people running cars were not interested in who the people were voting for.

The flooding and massive power outages sparked by Sandy caused many polling sites to move and, in some cases, combine with other polling sites. One site, at PS 232, at 153-23 83rd St. in Howard Beach, had to take in voters who normally cast their ballots at PS 146, at 98-01 159th Ave., and PS 207, at 159-88th St., also in Howard Beach, which sustained damage in the storm.

According to an election coordinator at the site, there was some voter confusion when they first walked in, but it was orga-

nized enough so that every ballot was cast.

"Some of these people lost everything," said Grace D'Agostino, an election coordinator, who added that she did not see any BOE shuttle buses ferrying voters in. "Can you believe they're out here voting?"

The election coordinator added that turnout for voters who would normally only vote at PS 232 was higher than in 2008, but turnout for voters who under regular circumstances would vote at PS 146 and 207, from Howard Beach, was much lower than in 2008.

A coordinated election effort was reported from PS 84 in Long Island City, where about 40 people were lined up just before noon. The school was closed to

students because of flooding, but opened to voters at 6 a.m.

"I think the setup inside is a little congested, but everything ran smoothly," said 35-year-old Astoria resident Damaris Diaz, who has voted at PS 84 every year.

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said voting was strong at all the sites he visited, but he, too, was unhappy with the BOE's performance, as he said too many machines were down and that he observed a lot of confusion about where people should be voting.

"Those are frustrating signs that we need the Board of Elections to correct," he said.

Lee Fernandez, a poll

coordinator at the Queens Library's Jamaica Branch, said turnout appeared to be much greater than in the 2008 presidential election and the staff had collected hundreds of affidavit votes. She said she believed most came from displaced voters staying at the evacuation shelter at nearby York College.

Tony White, 26, said he found a new apartment after he was forced out of his Ozone Park home by flooding. He said he never thought being displaced would disrupt casting his vote.

"No, voting is voting," he said. "It doesn't take much to vote."

Power

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restrictions.

After a building was

deemed safe, the owner would have to have a licensed electrician come in and certify it would be safe to hook power up.

The lengthy response had drawn heated criti-

cism from Queens elected officials as well as Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"You walk around Manhattan and it seems like the storm has passed and everything is just

about fine," he said. "But this is the exception, this is not the rule You go to the Rockaways where I was last night, it's terrible."

Cuomo said he would consider revoking the utili-

ties' franchises if they were found to have not adequately handled the recovery.

"The utilities ... were not created in the Bible. They're not in the Old Testament. They're not in the

New Testament," he said. "God never said New York shall have these utilities forever and Con Ed is the utility and there's nothing you can do about it."

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Index No. 9700/2012 Date of Filing: Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon County in which premises are situated. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Tax Lien Foreclosure Block: 12589; Lot: 41 a/k/a 171-12 140th Avenue

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NYCTL 2011-A TRUST and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON as Collateral Agent and Custodian, Plaintiffs, -against- GEORGE E. BROWN, if living, and if he be dead, his representatives, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, THE GREATER NEW YORK SAVINGS BANK, MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION, MBNA AMERICA BANK NA, UM CAPITAL LLC, DIRECT MERCHANTS CREDIT CARD BANK, CAPITAL ONE BANK, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, "John Doe No. 1" through "John Doe No. 100" inclusive, the names of the last 100 defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the tax lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the subject property, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any

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or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, 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. To the above named Defendants: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Notice of Nature of Action and Relief Sought The Object of the above entitled action is to foreclose a Tax Lien in the original Tax Lien Principal Balance of \$17,683.68 with interest as described in a certain Tax Lien Certificate dated November 16, 2011 and recorded in the Office of the City Register for the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, on November 23, 2011 in City Register File Number ("CRFN") 2011000408634 upon premises described as follows: ADDRESS: 171-12 140th Avenue BLOCK: 12589 LOT:..... 4 1 COUNTY: Queens The relief sought in the within ac-

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tion is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Tax Lien described above. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county where the Property being foreclosed upon is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Plaintiff who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and complaint and protect your property. Sending a payment to the Plaintiff will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT
Dated: October 24, 2012 New York, New York THE LAW OFFICE OF THOMAS P. MALONE, PLLC Thomas P. Malone, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiffs, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1540 New York, New York 10165
Ph: (212) 867-0500 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Court dated October 12, 2012 and filed, along with the supporting papers, in the Office of the Queens County Clerk.



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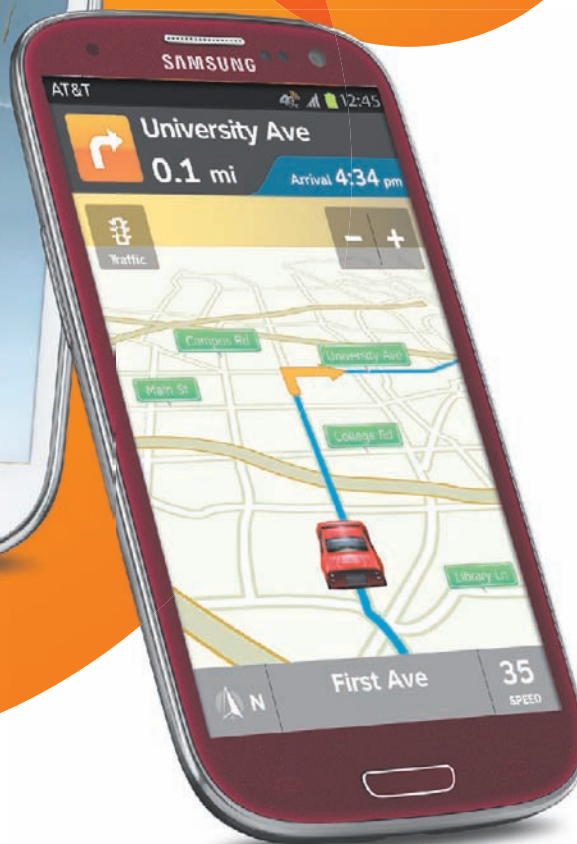
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