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Brooklynite found dead in Forest Pk

BY STEVE MOSCO

Two men were found dead in unrelated incidents in Queens last Thursday, according to police.

Cops said the lacerated body of Thomas Dudley, 21, of Brooklyn, was discovered at 4:30 a.m. by city Parks Department employees in a parking lot adjacent to the Seuffert Bandshell in Woodhaven's Forest Park.

Initially police said the man was found with cuts to his wrist and his death was not listed as a homicide. But later that day, cops said the man's throat had been slit and the death was under investigation.

The man's body was found face down in the parking lot surrounded by massive piles of trees and debris that the Parks Department had placed there during the cleanup following Hurricane Sandy, cops said.

Police said a precise time of death was not established and authorities also think the man might have been the victim of a drug deal gone bad, although the investigation is ongoing.

In a different Queens park, about 12 miles away in Far Rockaway, another man's body was found at 9:30 a.m. on a beach at the boardwalk near Beach 13th Street, police said. According

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State paroles former comptroller

Alan Hevesi walks after serving time in prison following pension fund scandal

BY STEVE MOSCO

The son of disgraced former state Comptroller Alan Hevesi said his father realizes his mistakes and wants to move forward now that he has been granted pa-

role after serving 18 months in prison.

"My father has publicly acknowledged that he willfully allowed himself to become unbelievably arrogant, entitled and personally corrupt," said state

Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi (D-Forest Hills) in a statement issued after the Parole Board voted last Thursday to release his father Dec. 19. "He let corruption flourish around him by intentionally denying what was happening

in his office. In addition to the betrayal of the public trust, my father has also taken responsibility for several lifelong patterns that have hurt his family and friends that are unrelated to what hap-

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HURRICANE RELIEF REVIEW



Carol Duh, (l.-r.) a medical student and Dr. Manisha Sharma, both with the nonprofit Doctors for America, talk with Hamilton Beach residents Alice Nelson and her daughter Cheryl Nelson during a survey of the Howard Beach neighborhood following Hurricane Sandy. **See story on Page 2.**

Photo by Christina Santucci

Volunteers scour Rockaways

Residents' have their well-being and medical needs checked on



Volunteer Caleb Porter (r.) gathers medical information from Mary Liz (l.) about her relative during door-to-door checks in the Rockaways. Photo by Karen Frantz

BY KAREN FRANTZ

In the dark stairwell of a powerless high-rise apartment in the Rockaways, three storm relief volunteers started the long climb up nine flights of stairs.

"At least it will be a good workout," said Jessica Hazard, a licensed social worker.

Hazard, along with James Martin and Caleb Porter, both homeless outreach workers, were in the storm-battered neighborhood earlier this month making door-to-door checks on residents who had been without power for nearly two weeks to see if they needed medical help.

And as they found, vol-

unteering in the Rockaways can present logistical challenges and sometimes unnerving dead-ends but also the rewards of gratitude from those they help.

The three work with the Manhattan-based Goddard Riverside Community Center, which was coordinating relief efforts with the Yana Medical Center, a makeshift medical site organized by volunteers from Occupy Sandy, a grassroots disaster aid group.

They and several other volunteers were spending the day checking in on patients who had previously visited the Yana center to make sure they were still okay and to update their medical information.

Before they were sent out, Hazard, Martin, Porter and the other volunteers were given a brief lesson at the Yana site, on Rockaway Beach Boulevard and Beach 113th Street, on how to work with the patients.

"These folks have been forgotten about," Nastaran Mohit, a lead organizer at Yana, told them. "This is Katrina 2.0."

One volunteer asked what to do if they knocked on a door and received no answer but smelled something troubling.

"Listen, it's been a lot of time," Mohit said. "We're hoping for the best, but we don't know."

She told volunteers not to necessarily think

the worst — it could just be a dead cat, she said — but if they found anything disturbing they should immediately call back to the center.

The volunteers were given flashlights and forms and sent on their way.

Sometime later, Hazard, Martin and Porter had made the long climb up the stairs to check on their first patient, Theodore.

Porter knocked on the door.

"Hello? Outreach," called Porter.

Silence.

"He must not be home," Martin said.

"Hopefully," Porter re-

Hamilton Beach gets block-by-block survey

BY JOE ANUTA

Volunteers combed through the 450 houses that comprise Hamilton Beach Saturday to take inventory of what residents still needed in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, which inundated the sleepy island near John F. Kennedy International Airport with about 8 feet of water.

The surveyors fanned out from the West Hamilton Beach Volunteer Fire Department building, at the corner of 104th Street and Davenport Court, which acts as the center for the village, doling out supplies and goodwill to anyone who approached.

About 30 volunteers knocked on every door in the neighborhood to find out whose houses were vacant, which had electricity and gas and who was covered under flood insurance. Doctors asked about residents' health and tended to anyone who needed care.

Dinah Gronda's family owned her home after her father paid off the mortgage decades ago, and the 34-year-old said she was not able to get flood insurance.

"It hit the entire house — the bedrooms, the kitchen," said Gronda, who was ripping out the waterlogged wall boards inside the one-story home built on top of a basement.

She and her family do not know what to do, since now they are relying only on the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fund the repairs, and she doubts it will be enough.

She is one of the people who, after the survey, will be high on the list of people to receive help, according to Roger Gendron, president of the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association, who along with the office of state Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. (D-Howard Beach), created the survey.

Gendron had only become president of the civic in February, he said, and

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Jerry Kissane talks with volunteers who were conducting a survey of Hamilton Beach. Photo by Christina Santucci

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Forest Hills enjoys boost in business with FEMA arrival

Federal agency sets up temporary offices after storm in former home of JetBlue on Queens Blvd.

BY STEVE MOSCO

The urgent need for federal help in the city following Hurricane Sandy has led to the creation of a federal disaster nerve center in a once bustling Forest Hills office building that used to house airline company JetBlue.

And now local businesses also are getting a boost.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency moved into a 200,000-square-foot space in the Forest Hills Tower, at 118-29 Queens Blvd., a spot once held by passenger carrier JetBlue. The building will serve as city headquarters for FEMA over the next several months and provides a short-term administrative solution in close proximity to airports and other transportation options.

There will be no on-site access to the general public because FEMA will use space on 10 full floors solely for admin-

istrative offices. This means lots of new customers for coffee shops, bagel stores and food marts on the block.

"Business was way down after JetBlue left the building," said the owner of a convenience store three doors down from the Forest Hills Tower. "This is a busy area, but the building was very good for my business."

When JetBlue left Forest Hills for its new headquarters in Long Island City in April, Mini LLC, a small coffee shop in the building, took a big hit and lost many of its customers. The man working at the counter, who said his boss would not let him give his name, said FEMA employees were a welcomed sight and a boon to business.

Matt Davidov, owner of Hot Bialys & Bagels, a block away from the office building, said his shop used to be busy, thanks to JetBlue customers, who accounted for at least 30

percent of his business.

"It's a temporary thing," he said. "But it is still a good thing."

Jason Muss, principal of Muss Development, the real estate company leasing the building, noted that the short-term lease with FEMA will not affect ongoing discussions for the space with other potential tenants, who understand the temporary nature of this unique and critical requirement.

"Throughout our company's history, Muss Development has maintained a commitment to civic responsibility," Muss said. "Forest Hills Tower is a superb Class A venue that perfectly suits FEMA for extending its critical reach throughout our area affected by the hurricane. We are proud to have been able to act swiftly to meet their needs."

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Reflecting FEMA's urgent need to establish a conveniently situated base of operations for overseeing its broad scope of federal emergency-related activities in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Muss and the agency closed the transaction within a 48-hour period.

A FEMA representative said the space is the Joint Field Office for the agency and the nerve center in the response to Hurricane Sandy. It comprises representatives from all the federal, state and volunteer agencies involved in the response and recovery.

The representative also said that while the Joint Field Office is in Forest Hills, the most important work continues to take place within the 13 declared counties of New York, the 31 Disaster Recovery Centers and the more than 1,000 community relations professionals going door-to-door, helping survivors with their



The former offices of JetBlue on Queens Boulevard now houses temporary space for the Federal Emergency Management Agency following Hurricane Sandy. Photo by Steve Mosco

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Few attend MTA fare hearing

Braunstein blasts \$1 new MetroCard fee at Queens meeting on hikes

BY JOE ANUTA

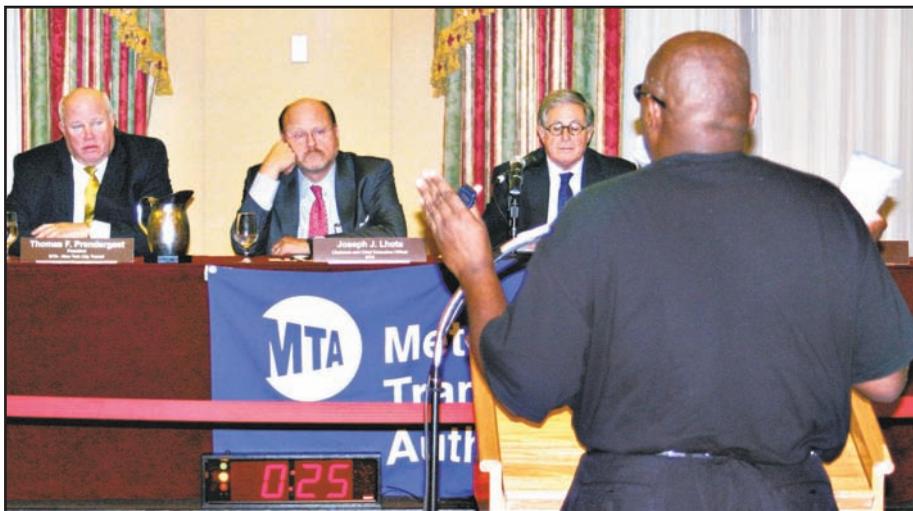
The only hearing in Queens on the proposed fare hikes for public transportation was attended last Thursday by a handful of advocacy groups, a few angry commuters and only one elected official.

State Assemblyman Edward Braunstein (D-Bayside) was one of only 21 speakers at the hearing at the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel in downtown Flushing, and the only lawmaker who spoke on behalf of his constituents.

Braunstein took exception to a portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's four possible proposals, which all include a \$1 fee for purchasing a new MetroCard.

"The decision to charge an extra \$1 for new MetroCards purchased at [Long Island Rail Road] ticket machines defies logic," he said at the hearing.

When LIRR riders purchase a ticket, they have the option to get a MetroCard, a choice that commuters



William Stanford Jr., aka "Mr. X," gives Metropolitan Transportation Authority Commissioner Joe Lhota (back c.) an earful during a public hearing.

Photo by Joe Anuta

from Braunstein's district in northeast Queens use frequently, he said. The machines do not, however, allow riders to refill their MetroCards.

"The only conclusion that can be reached is that the authority is seeking to raise revenue by charging some riders more than others," he said.

In October, the MTA released a set of four proposals to hike fares, each

one tweaking either the base fare, the cost of an unlimited card or the rate of discount for purchasing more than \$10 on a MetroCard.

The current base fare is \$2.25, or effectively \$2.10 with the bonus discount, while the current cost for a 30-day unlimited card is \$104. A seven-day card currently costs \$29, according to the MTA.

At last Thursday's

hearing, where most of the more than 100 chairs in the large room were empty, there seemed to be few concerned citizens.

Christine Lee is a freelance designer from Forest Hills who has to take the subway and bus often. She told the board that a fare increase would be another financial burden that would be difficult to bear.

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Boro groups blast new Council lines

BY JOE ANUTA

The New York City Districting Commission released maps last week that could determine City Council boundaries for the next decade, although the public will not get to comment on what many in Queens see as serious flaws.

The Council has three weeks to object to the proposed district lines before they move on to the U.S. Department of Justice to be officially implemented. Every 10 years a commission of 15 people appointed by the mayor and each party in the Council get together to tweak the districts in response to population changes identified in the U.S. census.

But in Queens, civics and nonprofits took issue with many of the changes, though the head of the commission warned that redistricting is always contentious.

For example, Bayside is divided under the new

maps after the commission kept Bayside Hills in City Councilman Mark Weprin's (D-Oakland Gardens) district and took a few more blocks from Councilman Dan Halloran's (R-Whitestone) district, according to Jerry Vattamala, a staff attorney for the Asian American Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit which advocated for better neighborhood representation.

Elsewhere in northeast Queens, Broadway-Flushing was divided between the more high-density district of Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) and the more residential district of Halloran, irking civics like the Queens Civic Congress.

"I was shocked," said Richard Hellenbrecht, president of the civic, referring to his reaction when he first saw the maps. "We are all scratching our heads wondering what their rationale was for doing some of these things."

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Rich Hill teen wins Siemens accolade

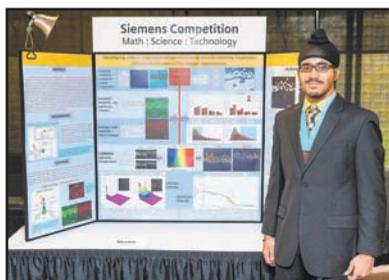
BY PHIL CORSO

A little curiosity went a long way for two teens from Little Neck and Richmond Hill, who were honored as regional finalists in the nation's most prestigious high school science competition in Massachusetts earlier this month.

Both seniors at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, Jongyoon Lee, of Little Neck, and Amanpreet Kandola, of Richmond Hill, received the recognition from their original research out of more than 2,000 teens nationwide in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology.

The students joined with 13 others to compete for the highest science honor awarded to American high school students, according to the Siemens Foundation.

"These students have invested



Amanpreet Kandola, of Richmond Hill, shares his research, which examines various aspects of the human brain.

Photo courtesy the Siemens Foundation

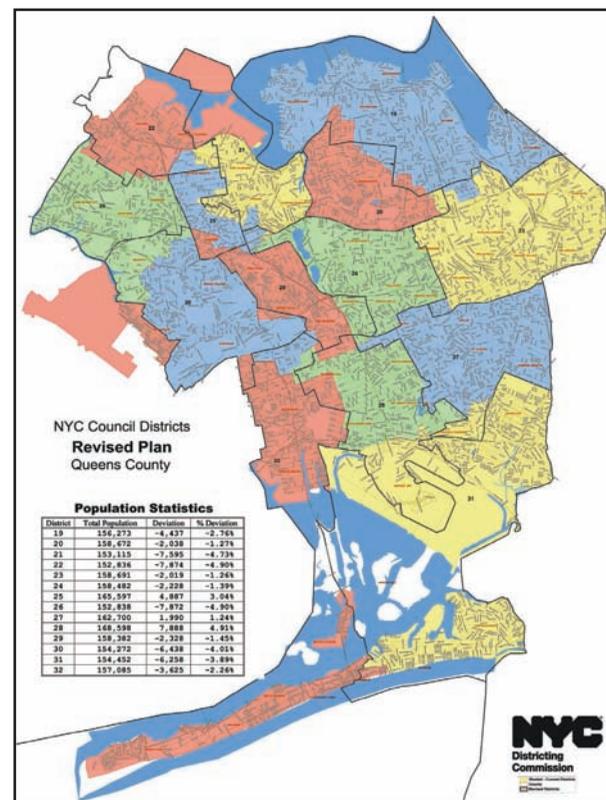
time, energy and talent in tackling challenging scientific research at a young age," said Jeniffer Harper-Taylor, president of the Siemens Foundation. "The recognition they have won today demonstrates that engagement in STEM is an investment well worth

making."

Both students presented their research to expert university judges at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge the weekend of Nov. 2. Though they did not advance to the national finals, a Siemens Foundation spokeswoman said their achievement comes as a tremendous honor.

Lee, 18, said he submitted mathematics research examining the bound on the number of edges that guarantees cycles of a certain length — which could potentially help increase the efficiency of connections between computers and other networks. After traveling to the United States from South Korea at age 10, Lee said he hoped to major in mathematics and become a mathematician after high school.

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Queens groups are not happy with the final City Council lines put out by the city Districting Commission.

Image courtesy Districting Commission

Bill Clinton stops in at Rockaway cleanup

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Former president encourages hundreds of volunteers who spent day digging out Far Rock playground

BY JOE ANUTA

A former president of the United States and hundreds of volunteers from the Clinton Global Initiative descended on the Rockaways Sunday to help dig out an unlucky park that has fallen victim to calamity twice since opening earlier this year.

Former President Bill Clinton strolled around the damaged boardwalk in Far Rockaway, where the surge from Superstorm Sandy bulldozed sand inland, covering the boardwalk area and practically burying Rockaway Park West, and shook hands with the volunteers.

"Thank you for the work you are doing," Clinton told several people as he walked through the site.

Many volunteers surrounded him for group photos.

Claire Weisz is a founding partner at WXY Architecture, which worked on portions of the park, and she was astounded by how much sand the storm had dumped on the play area.

"When I saw pictures, I



Former President Bill Clinton shakes hands with volunteers as he visits the playground cleanup in Far Rockaway. Photo by Christina Santucci

couldn't believe the amount of effort that would be involved. This is a huge amount of sand to move. It's like a beach," she said.

Weisz said she was glad to see her designs slowly be unearthed like an archeological dig.

"It's just gratifying that this can be cleaned up," she said.

It has been a rocky road getting the play area opened.

After advocating for a park in the area for at least a decade, resident and community leaders

thought they were finally getting their wish in the spring.

The park was nearly ready to open March 20, when a vandal somehow hijacked a large construction vehicle nearby and rammed through a chain link fence, smashing much of the children's play equipment.

The damage totaled about \$100,000 and police eventually arrested Allan Swafford, 17, and charged him with the crime, according to ABC News.

It took months for the city Parks Department and contractors to replace the damaged equipment, but Aug. 6 the mayor and community leaders again gathered to finally cut the ribbon on the play area.

The park stayed open for three months until calamity befell it once again.

Superstorm Sandy piled about 18 inches of sand in the play area, closing the facility a second time. Many of the volunteers cited the park's plight as the reason why they decided to come down.

"I was surprised, given the story," said Lilian Ajayi, who runs a Manhattan nonprofit called Global Connection for Woman. "They just built this park."

Ajayi's nonprofit is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, which acts like an umbrella organization, calling its members to action. Ajayi brought a team with her to help dig out the slides and monkey bars that had become inundated with sand.

Justin Donovan, from Maspeeth, had an important connec-

tion that made him want to make the trek down to help out.

Donovan, as a 12-year-old, could not imagine what he would do if his park was partially buried in sand, since he uses it to play basketball when he needs to get out of the house.

"I'd be upset," he said. "There is not other playground in the neighborhood."

Donovan also got to spend some quality time with this grandfather, Pete, who not only drove his son down in a large tour bus, but brought more than 30 other people with him.

And while many of the other bus drivers bided their time inside their vehicles, Pete Donovan was out heaving sand into bucks and hauling away sections of spongy flooring that lined the playground — all with a broken foot encased in a black walking cast.

"This is where I grew up as a little kid," he said with a shrug. "And I had an opportunity to work with my grandson."

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Queens gas stations gouged drivers in LIC, Jax Hgts: AG

BY REBECCA HENELY

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said he would be cracking down on three Queens gas stations he accused of charging excessively high prices in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

The stations — in Long Island City, Jackson Heights and College Point — were named among a list of 13 establishments throughout the state that allegedly charged \$4.74 or more in the days after the storm.

"Our office has zero tolerance for price gouging and we are taking action to send a message that ripping off New Yorkers is against the law," Schneiderman

said in a statement.

Queens motorists experienced much pain at the pump in the days and weeks after the deadly storm hit the Northeast Oct. 29-30. Stations without power and refinery damage led to gas shortages that resulted in most stations being out of commission. Hours-long lines persisted until the city announced even-odd day gas rationing Nov. 9.

Schneiderman said three gas stations in Queens took advantage of the situation at the cost of consumers. He said the Mobil station, at 40-40 Crescent St. in Long Island City, charged \$4.89 per gallon; the Shell station, at 70-18 Northern Blvd. in Jackson Heights,

charged \$5.50 a gallon; and the Delta station, at 130-09 14th Ave. in College Point, charged \$5 a gallon.

The Mobil and the Shell stations did not respond to requests for comment.

A worker at the Delta who declined to give his name said the charges were bogus and that they had no complaints from customers in the days after the storm.

"We never sell \$5 gas here," he said. "We never do that. We're not crazy people like that."

As of Monday, the city's average gas price was \$4.007 per gallon, according to gasbuddy.com, an online pump price tracking

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Players pitch in for Sandy at food drive in Citi Field

BY PHIL CORSO

With Thanksgiving looming, Queens' Major League Baseball team stepped up to the plate for Hurricane Sandy victims throughout the borough.

With help from two of the team's pitchers, the New York Mets hosted a special food drive Nov. 14 at Flushing's Citi Field to benefit hungry New Yorkers. The team collaborated with City Harvest, which works to fight hunger by delivering food throughout the five boroughs, with Mets pitchers Dillon Gee and Bobby Parnell at the forefront.

"I feel like I'm part of New York right now, even



New York Mets pitcher Dillon Gee handles one of many brooms donated to residents affected by the destruction of Hurricane Sandy in southern Queens. Photo courtesy Marc S. Levine/New York Mets

though I live in Texas," Gee said at a news conference during the all-day food drive at his team's ballpark. "It feels good to be able to get up here. I can't imagine what these people are going

through."

It was the second annual food drive of its sort at Citi Field, according to Raquel Pinheiro, manager of corporate partnerships at

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Dad's guilt may burden Meng's political career

BY JOE ANUTA

Jimmy Meng's guilty plea to charges of soliciting and accepting an \$80,000 bribe may not make his daughter, state Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing), vulnerable for re-election two years down the line, but it could bring undue scrutiny when she is sworn in as a congresswoman in January.

Former Assemblyman Jimmy Meng, who represented Flushing from 2005 and 2006, pleaded guilty to wire fraud Nov. 15 and faces a maximum of 20 years behind bars when he is sentenced March 12, according to Brooklyn federal court documents.

The 68-year-old admitted he took an \$80,000 bribe from an acquaintance and promised to use it to influence prosecutors in the Manhattan district attorney's office, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Brooklyn.

But the acquaintance, who the New York Post identified as businessman Eric Hu, began cooperating with federal investigators and even wore a wire to build evidence against Meng.

Hu was facing federal tax charges and approached Meng for help. The former assemblyman said he would give the \$80,000 to prosecutors in the DA's office in order to soften the sentence Hu would receive, according to court documents.

On July 24, while federal agents watched, Meng accepted the kickback hidden inside of a fruit basket, court documents show.

"I am deeply saddened by the events surrounding my father the last several months. Today, he has taken full responsibility for his actions and I support his decision," said the assemblywoman, who once



Jimmy Meng, the father of state Assemblywoman Grace Meng, faces sentencing next year after pleading guilty to fraud charges.

served as her father's campaign manager. "This has been a difficult time for our family and we continue to pray for guidance in the coming months. My family hopes to continue to move past this chapter in their lives."

Meng did not attend the court session and was instead away in Washington learning the ropes after winning a congressional race in Queens earlier this month.

According to David Birdsell, dean of Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, it is a strategy aimed at separating the lawmaker from the deeds of her father.

And as long as Grace Meng herself is not implicated in any wrongdoing, Birdsell believes this is more of a personal tragedy for the assemblywoman instead of a political liability.

"In the absence of any specific charges, I don't see this as a difficulty for her," he said. "Of course, opponents will try to dine out on this, but I don't think they're going to find much on the plate."

But a Democratic insider said that regardless of

whether the assemblywoman is tied to her father's crimes, it will still bring scrutiny on her tenure in office and fund-raising.

"It puts Grace Meng under a microscope. Rightly or wrongly, every action she takes and every dollar she raises is going to be closely examined because she is playing in the big leagues now," the source said.

In court last week, U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch took Jimmy Meng to task for not only accepting the bribe, but also for planning to keep the money for himself.

"Jimmy Meng sought to take advantage of his status as a power broker in the Flushing, Queens, community with only one design in mind — lining his own pockets. Meng dangled the promise of justice for sale, but his claims of special access to prosecutors were nothing more than lies designed to satisfy his greed," she said.

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Zombies stalk Astoria to raise charity money

BY JOE ANUTA

The undead took to the streets of Astoria Saturday, lurching up Steinway Street to participate in a ghoulish pastime while raising money for victims of Superstorm Sandy, although some of the zombies seemed to be more after beer instead of brains.

Hundreds of people of all ages participated in the second annual Queens Thanksgiving Zombie Walk, where enthusiasts of the cult horror genre got to act out a scene that has replayed itself in hundreds of comic books, movies and music videos — the moment legions of reanimated corpses stalk through city streets, feasting on the flesh of the living.

"I'd like to see how people would react during a zombie apocalypse," said Chante Tenoso, an Astoria resident and self-described zombie enthusiast who co-organized the event.

Tenoso hoped that some original artwork by one of the most noted purveyors of zombie literature would help raise money for victims of the hurricane.

Charlie Adlard draws a comic book called "The Walking Dead," which has since been adapted into a prime time television series. He donated some original artwork that Tenoso and Thomas Art, who also organized the event, auctioned off to raise the cash.

Tenoso was dressed

in a white bunny costume drenched in blood, and Saturday afternoon was sitting at a picnic bench filled with makeup in the spacious beer garden at Studio Square, at 35-33 36th St. in Long Island City, turning fresh-faced humans into the living dead.

The bar served as the staging point where participants carefully sipped beer, trying not to upset a gaping facial wound or accidentally dunk an eyeball hanging by its optical nerve.

Rachel Gonzalez had so much fun at last year's zombie walk that she couldn't wait to come again, especially after she found out it would fall on her 9th birthday.

"It was fun," Rachel said of last year's event. "You can scare people."

This year the birthday girl was wearing a pink dress and a sparkling tiara, which stood in stark contrast to her seemingly decomposed, green face.

On the deck above where the zombies milled about, there were some normal bar-goers watching the scene.

"I think it's kind of weird," said Charlie Smith, who was drinking a beer with some friends and watching a football game. "I was surprised that there are that many people interested in such a strange passion."

But the ranks of the undead have been grow-

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Sunnyside residents Nick, 12, and Madeline, 9, Sharkey do their best zombie impressions. Photo by Christina Santucci

Street named for McCarthy

Jackson Hts. road bears moniker of late Blessed Sacrament principal

BY JOE ANUTA

Sister Mary Patrick McCarthy never wavered in her commitment to the youth of Jackson Heights even as the neighborhood changed drastically throughout her four-decade tenure as principal of Blessed Sacrament School, friends and family said at a street renaming last weekend.

About 150 gathered Sunday to christen 94th Street at 35th Avenue Sister Mary Patrick McCarthy Way, many of whom were colleagues, former students or families belonging to the Blessed Sacrament Parish, a Catholic church.

"It's fantastic," said McCarthy's brother John, looking up at the sign. "It's the street we grew up on."

McCarthy was raised on 94th Street just blocks from Blessed Sacrament, which she also attended before joining the Grey Nuns.

The Jackson Heights native began her teaching career at St. Leo School in Corona before taking the helm as principal at Blessed Sacrament in 1967, and it is here that most in the community remember the effect she had on the neighborhood.

"She was a strong fighter for social justice and immigrants in the community," said City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights).

In 2002, when she was approaching her 35th anniversary as principal, McCarthy died of cancer on June 17, but her legacy lived on.

Dromm had heard of her before taking office and recalled one instance when she fought to help the immigrant students who attended the school to learn English.

In the 1970s, the federal government gave out funds for students in need of English classes. But Blessed Sacrament, being a religious institution, was



City Councilman Daniel Dromm (top) unveils a new street name, while receiving support from the Rev. Patrick Burns. Photo by Joe Anuta

not eligible for the cash.

The students who needed the extra instruction would have had to commute to a public school in order to receive it, but McCarthy set up trailers outside of Blessed Sacrament instead so the classes were right at their doorstep.

But what makes McCarthy's addition to the landscape of Queens so fitting is that she embraced the different waves of immigrants coming to the area while keeping her faith, according to Dromm.

Enclaves of Irish and Italian families gave way to Colombian and Dominican and Mexican families. And now Jackson is home to a

large South Asian population as well.

"Our community is becoming more and more diverse and the more open we are to accepting that diversity the better off we will be," Dromm said.

McCarthy helped start nearby Marguerite's Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima Church. She was also very active in civic events, having been involved with the precursor to Community Board 3, the Jackson Heights Civic Association.

CB 3 District Manager Giovanna Reid spoke at the unveiling, and several of McCarthy's fellow Grey Nuns traveled from their headquarters in Pennsyl-

vania to witness the unveiling.

Sister Julia Lanigan recalled McCarthy's zeal for helping the neighborhood and the lively tales she would tell when she visited the Yardley, Pa. location.

"She had more humorous stories about her encounters because she was able to see everything in the light of good humor and good faith," she said.

Blessed Sacrament School closed in 2009 and a year later PS 280 opened at the location.

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POLICE Blotter

NYPD search for robber of man's iPhone in boro

ASTORIA — Authorities were on the lookout for a thief who snatched a man's iPhone in one of Astoria's busiest corridors last month before fleeing the scene, the NYPD said.

The victim, a 21-year-old man, was on Steinway Street and Broadway at 7:04 p.m. Oct. 16 when he showed his iPhone to another man, police said. The second man ended up taking it and running off, police said.

The suspect is white, has blond hair, is about 20 to 23 years old and stands 6 feet to 6 feet 1 inch tall, police said.

He was last seen wearing a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans, police said.



This man was captured on surveillance tape after an iPhone was stolen.
Image courtesy NYPD

Cops hunt for man who burgled boro convent

FOREST HILLS — Police released a sketch of a man wanted in connection with burglarizing a convent in Forest Hills last week.

At about 11 p.m. Nov. 13, the NYPD said the man broke a basement window at the Our Lady Queen of Martyr Convent, at 109-04 72nd Road, and entered the premises.

He left without taking anything, but is still wanted by the cops, the NYPD said.

The suspect is described as a 20- to 22-year-old Hispanic man standing 5 feet 4 inches tall with a thin build, according to cops. He was last seen wearing a dark brown jacket.



Authorities say this man broke and entered into a convent.
Sketch courtesy NYPD

Man, 90, assaulted and beaten up by two men

REGO PARK — Two men robbed and assaulted a 90-year-old Forest Hills man after the shysters gained entry into his house by pretending to be utility workers surveying for storm damage, police said.

The men, described as about 30 to 35 years old, knocked on the elderly resident's door, at Queens Boulevard and 63rd Drive, at about 1:30 p.m. Nov. 13, police said.

They said they wanted to investigate any electrical problems, but after they went in they stole cash and jewelry, the New York Post reported. The old man tried to restrain them, but the men punched him in the face and gave him a black eye, police said.

The victim decided not to go to the hos-



This man allegedly pretended to be an electrician and, with a cohort, robbed a 90-year-old man.
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CLOSING THE BOOK ON ALAN HEVESI

Last week, ex-state Comptroller Alan Hevesi was granted parole. He had been in prison since April 2011 when he was sentenced to one to four years for taking \$1 million in campaign contributions and travel expenses in exchange for pension business while comptroller.

There are many who think Hevesi was given special treatment because of his connections in state government and the powerful positions he held. We will never know all that went on behind closed doors at the parole board, but we think it was a wise decision.

He was denied parole the first time his case came up for review in April.

Hevesi, of Forest Hills, is 72 and, some say, a broken man. Before the scandal that sent him to prison hit, he was one of the most powerful and arrogant men in the state. He will never be powerful again and does not present a danger to New Yorkers.

The decision to bring a felony prosecution and the judge's tough sentence have already shown that no one is above the law. Keeping Hevesi in prison for four full years would have been a waste of taxpayers' money.

The conditions of his parole include a curfew, a ban on traveling out of state without permission and a ban on associating with other figures in the pension corruption scandal. Parole officers can enter and search his home at any time without a warrant.

When the parole was announced, Hevesi's son, state Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, issued what had to be a painful statement:

"My father has publicly acknowledged that he will fully allowed himself to become unbelievably arrogant, entitled and personally corrupt. In addition to the betrayal of the public trust, my father has also taken responsibility for several lifelong patterns that have hurt his family and friends that are unrelated to what happened in the comptroller's office."

Andrew knows corruption in Albany didn't end when his father went to prison, but Andrew's words turned to the moving loyalty of a son:

"I can say without hesitation that I have never loved him more, been more proud of him or been more resolute in aspiring to be a man like him than I am now. He and my entire family are closing the book on this part of our lives."

We also hope the book is closed.



OTHER VOICES

Parks Dept. must maintain trees better

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, another important fact is evident: The maintenance of trees lining city streets needs improvement.

Thousands of trees were uprooted and destroyed by the hurricane, but some of that damage could have been lessened if the city Parks Department would have given regular

maintenance and pruning where necessary and removed trees that were in a weakened state, dead or dying.

The Parks Department is responsible for the maintenance and care of thousands of the city's trees in parks and along streets. Instead of planting more trees, as Mayor Michael Bloomberg has advocated,

it needs to take care of the existing trees. If the Parks Department had done so, there might not have been an innocent young man killed in his home in Flushing on the night of the hurricane.

The Laino family had requested multiple times that the Parks Department remove that tree because it was large and could fall.

What was its response? A lot of bureaucratic garbage. It should have removed that tree without any delay.

More unfortunate accidents like this are going to continue to happen unless the city gets moving and improves its tree care.

*John Amato
Fresh Meadows*

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Politicians must do more to prevent another Sandy

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Is it too soon to be honest? Can we continue reading about what should or could have happened? Surely there have to be reasons why things occur the way they do. Hurricane Sandy making headlines before it arrived provided warnings to all people living in its path.

Perhaps the first answer we need is to why so many people ignored these warnings. Officials from weather services announced their predictions based on technological maps. Local leaders respected their assumptions and advised people to evacuate all areas along the Eastern Seaboard in Sandy's path. This advice in hindsight proved to be necessary for saving lives. Govs. Chris Christie, of New Jersey, and Andrew Cuomo, of New York, along with other individuals made their demands and the appropriate facilities and services were closed or stopped.

With the storm hours away, residents of several communities made decisions they lived to regret or in some cases lost lives in ignoring. If pressed, these people in interviews offer several excuses for not leaving their homes. Many had excuses that over time will represent a lesson for all.

As the storm made landfall, we experienced widespread destruction mixed with fear and awareness never imagined. For those with television access, a series of disasters played out before our eyes. These riveting images of flooding waters, a hanging crane, lost power and massive fires created emotions bordering on surreal.

Within several hours, we witnessed the destruction of people's lives in more ways than we can comprehend. The rattling of windows and doors subject to the wind's fury caused anxiety that stood against the storm's best attempts to

knock us down. For those individuals who were not so lucky, the result was one of dire circumstance.

In our surrounding communities and states, the devastation was unbelievable.

In the aftermath, as morning arrived and with the worst of the storm behind us, these areas became the focus of news channels, representing the realization of one storm's wrath. The concentration of reporting focused on two areas in particular after the storm: New Jersey and Breezy Point.

The New Jersey coast immediately brought about images of a most disturbing nature: lives lost and homes destroyed. In Breezy Point, the image of more than 100 homes lost to a fire gave legions a moment of reflection and indignation.

In conversations with reporters, people would hesitate to detail their own losses, knowing so many

Did our officials really do what was right in the best interest of the public?

lost everything. The indignation came about related to the response from government agencies and law enforcement. Perhaps herein lies our first clue as to what we as citizens can expect in the future.

In the grand scheme of defining our collective experiences of the past several weeks, it is relevant to recognize how many of us feel. Words like "disillusioned" and "annoyed" are bandied about without our being aware we are saying what we say. Questions being asked have no answers until the next calamity.

Did our officials really do what was right in the best interest of the public

or, as many left with nothing in their hearts are asking, is the grandstanding of officials in the face of any natural disaster a reason for a good photo-op? The biggest question is: Can we as citizens believe these people have our best interests at heart?

In a nation often spoken about as being the "best" and "greatest," do we have faith in anyone we place in office? In the middle of what proved to be for many their worst nightmare, concerns of the election loomed on the horizon. The end result is of little importance when so much needs to be done to help people get their lives back in order.

"Getting back to normal" was a war cry used to help us all get past the events of Sept. 11, 2001. It was an event which will scar us for decades to come. The casualties of that day pay homage to the lives lost, but little is mentioned of the

lives changed. Here, too, in the aftermath of a horrendous storm we should all be aware our country needs something more than good leadership or bipartisanship.

To be fair, warnings this time prevented the loss of more lives. Our leaders reacted to the warnings and did what was necessary, but the reality of preventive measures cannot be balanced with the things needed after such disasters. It is the aftermath we need to address at all costs.

If the weather bureau is correct, the possibility of similar storms can be expected. Our leaders, as they assess the damage, should be striving for ways to limit destruction in the future. The safety and well-being of the population demands it and our children deserve it.

Craig Schwab
Glendale

Boro residents requests donations

Given the devastation Hurricane Sandy and the nor'easter wreaked upon city residents, the community of Park Lane North in Forest Hills is contributing aid by way of rallied support and donations of clothing and food from residents and outside contributors.

Aided by City Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) and state Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven), victims have experienced a slow but steady increase in much-needed aid. The PLN board of directors must be thanked, in addition to Superintendent Nicolas Pescetto and his staff for their support. Also, the concerned efforts of the folks at Mark Greenberg Real Estate LLC, PLN's

management company, must also be lauded.

PLN's drop-off hours are Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to midnight, Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. PLN is at 118-17 Union Tnpk., Forest Hills, NY 11375. The front desk phone number is 718-263-4832.

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- Medical items: baby cough medicine, Band-Aids, Neosporin, Ace bandages, Advil and Tylenol.
- Essential items: work gloves; all types of batteries; flashlights; face masks; thick, black plastic, con-

tractor bags; warm blankets; toiletries; and feminine hygiene products.

- Essential food items: bottled water, orange juice, apple juice, granola bars, jelly, bread, gluten-free foods and various soups.

- Cleaning supplies: mops; brooms; shovels; bleach; various cleaning products, solvents and antiseptics; paper towels; and rubber gloves.

- Electronics: any kind of disposable cameras will do.

Anything people feel in their hearts to donate will be much welcomed.

Pete DelPesce
Forest Hills

Time Warner should restore cable

Sections of Hollis Hills and Queens Village have passed their 15th day without Time Warner Cable service.

What is taking Time Warner so long to repair its cable transmission? Whole

sections of the city have gotten back their electricity, yet we still wait and hear excuse after excuse.

On the list of Hurricane Sandy tragedies, Time Warner outage does not even rate, but it has been inconvenient for those

of us who subscribe to this overpriced — since deregulation — service.

No mention of the outage has appeared in any of the local newspapers. Help!

Linda Harrow
Queens Village

Queens store helps hurricane victims

I would like to mention that the Bayside Milk Farm donated a minimum of 20 cases of non-perishable food and water. An off-duty fireman picked the donation up and donated it to the Rockaways and Breezy Point.

I am friends with a

retired fire battalion chief from Queens and he made the pickup arrangement. And, as you know, Sullivan's has been instrumental in collecting, delivering and donating food and services.

Baysiders have come together once again when

our city needed us, and will continue to. I am sure other stores in our area have done their share as well. Just thought I would give them a shout-out.

Denise Boltz
Bayside

Queens voted for Dewey in presidential election of 1944

QUEENS LINE

... the timeline of Queens

The Greater Astoria Historical Society

It is November 1944 and news of the world war fills the papers.

Sgt. Edward McQuillen, of 134-02 134th St. in South Ozone Park, who was reported killed in action in the Marshall Islands and for whom three memorial masses were offered, came home and told how it felt to return from the dead: "We were fighting tooth and nail. A mortar shell lands in the foxhole I just left. It hits another fellow."

The explosion stunned McQuillen and wounded him in the right arm. A

buddy came up and, unable to recognize the body in the foxhole, saw the sergeant's weapon and reported him dead.

McQuillen, a former National Biscuit Co. clerk, had only one regret. He arrived home and missed his fiancée's furlough by one week.

"Love will find a way," he said, vowing to catch up with her.

As for an Astoria tail gunner, he miraculously escaped on a bomber mission. He was hit by Zeroes above Yap Island and forced to bail out. George Christo-

prios, of 32-06 47th St., spent more than 20 hours in the water keeping afloat by his Mae West life jacket. He modestly never told his family of his ordeal, Purple Heart and promotion to staff sergeant.

But in another letter to home, he told his family a further harrowing experience: "We were flying nicely on a mission when suddenly half the tail broke and the plane starts to shake like jelly. In two seconds my chute is on and I'm at the door in a flash. It's a good thing these planes have two tails."

Republicans urge Queens to vote for Gov. Thomas Dewey. The campaign literature declares, "We detest regulation by bureaucrats recruited from radical ranks and on the

public payroll at high salaries. Real America abhors class-hatred and civil-strife and are alarmed by the infiltration of Communist, Fascist and alien ideologies into key positions in our government. The destruction of the American way of life is their goal. Spend-thrift waste and crushing taxation are their tools. Control over our lives is their objective."

The other side publishes "An Open Letter for Thomas Dewey, heir to Isolationism and Hoover Leadership." The Queens Business, Labor, and Professional Men's Committee for the Election of Roosevelt signs the ad, which begins, "Al Smith and FDR have more experience in government in their little finger that you [Dewey] have in your whole body" and ends

with, "We don't know you have got what it takes. You have a lot to learn and a long way to go. We are the only nation large enough and strong enough to choose our destiny and make others follow. You just don't have the experience or the ability to carry through with such a program."

On Election Day, Dewey piles up a 71,900-vote lead and takes Queens as FDR sweeps the nation. It is the second time Queens votes against President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The county has a long erratic record in presidential contests, often backing the loser.

More than 614,000 citizens voted in a quiet and orderly fashion. At that time, it is the greatest popular turnout in borough history.

The late Fannie Hunt, of Flushing, 108, went home to Virginia, the land of her birth.

Born in 1836 as a slave, this woman became later in life a respected member of the community. She helped her husband found a church and built it on land she donated to the town. The Virginia native and her minister husband remain married for 77 years.

After his death, she became blind and had to move from her native Virginia to Flushing. She lived her last 12 years with a daughter, at 43-50 164th St.

She died from a fall. Only 10 days before, she was in excellent health. She left behind many grandchildren and was proud of two great-grandchildren, a sergeant and a lieutenant in the U.S. armed forces.



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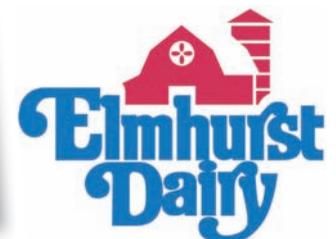
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Ridgewood Y stops smokers from lighting up

BY STEVE MOSCO

The butts stop here. To commemorate the Great American Smoke Out, a nationally recognized day encouraging smokers to set a date to quit, the Ridgewood YMCA welcomed North Shore-LIJ to educate 36 preschoolers about the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke.

The Ridgewood YMCA, at 69-02 64th St., also used the annual awareness event as an occasion to establish a smoke-free outdoor air policy in an effort to protect the public from exposure to secondhand smoke. The YMCA's outdoor air policy prohibits smoking within 15 feet of its entrances or exits.

"The Ridgewood YMCA is committed to the health of our community. This smoke-free, outdoor air policy will ensure that our sidewalks and entranc-



Representatives with the Ridgewood YMCA and North Shore-LIJ celebrate non-smoking with daycare children.

Photo by Steve Mosco

es are free from the harms of secondhand smoke," said Caitlin Moonesar, membership and healthy lifestyles director at the Y. "Our kids,

teens and families will be able to come into the Ridgewood YMCA knowing there will always be clean air in and around the Y."

Making the vicinity of its building a smoke free zone is part of a wider effort by the Y to incorporate smoking awareness among

young minds and their clean lungs.

Nancy Copperman, MS, RD, CDN, director of public health initiatives at

North Shore-LIJ, met with the children to warn them about the ills of smoking and how cigarettes are marketed to them.

Copperman showed the wide-eyed youngsters a picture of a cigarette ad placed at their eye level inappropriately close to ads for candy.

According to Copperman, people are most likely to start smoking in their adolescence and young adulthood. More than 600,000 middle schoolers and 3 million high schoolers smoke cigarettes, according to a U.S. Surgeon General report, and about 90 percent of smokers begin the habit before age 18.

Cooperman said the younger the children are when they start smoking, the more likely they are to become addicted.

The North Shore-LIJ staff visited two classrooms to spread the anti-smoking message. When asked if they knew about the dangers of smoking, children in both classes eagerly yelled out answers such as "They stink!" and "They make it hard to breathe!"

Copperman said she wants to create an environment where young people are informed about the dangers of smoking and believes this will help maintain healthy and clean air for everyone to breathe.

"Our perspective is to promote smoke-free environments so that it will make it easier for smokers to quit and stay quit as well as prevent youth from becoming smokers," she said. "The Ridgewood YMCA has made a public commitment to the health of its members, staff and the residents of Ridgewood to become a smoke-free facility both inside and outside. Ridgewood residents will breathe easy as they will no longer have to walk through a cloud of tobacco smoke to enter or exit."

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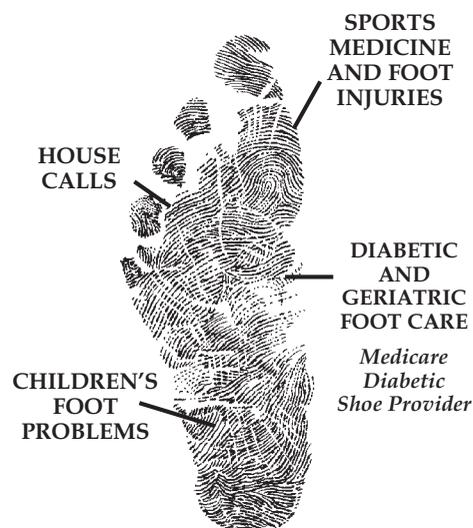
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Hevesi

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pened in the comptroller's office."

After being denied his first shot at parole last year, Hevesi was granted early release by the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Hevesi, 72, has been in prison since April 2011, when he was sentenced to one year to four years in prison for taking \$1 million in campaign contributions and travel expenses in exchange for pension business while comptroller.

Hevesi, who was state comptroller from January 2003 to December 2006, admitted to accepting nearly \$1 million in gifts from Elliott Broidy, the California-based founder of Markstone Capital Partners, a hedge fund that specializes in Israeli investments.

In return for the gifts, Hevesi invested \$250 million in pension fund dollars with Markstone.

Then-state Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, who filed the charges against Hevesi,

said he went on trips to Israel and Italy funded by Broidy.

"I have only myself to blame for what I have done," Hevesi said in a public statement when he was sent to prison in 2011.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who took over the prosecution of Hevesi after Cuomo was elected governor, said Hevesi was "appropriately punished."

The former comptroller also acknowledged the corruption began in January 2003 and continued until December 2006, when he resigned his post after he was found to have misused a state driver to chauffeur his ailing wife.

Among the conditions of his parole, according to the Department of Corrections, is that he will be subject to a curfew, he cannot travel out of the state without permission and he cannot associate with other figures in the pension corruption scandal.

Hevesi was held at the Mid-State Correctional Facility, a medium-security prison in Marcy, N.Y. The former state comptroller also represented Forest Hills and parts of west-

ern Queen in the state Assembly and served as the city comptroller. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor in a four-way Democratic primary in 2001 and finished fourth behind Public Advocate Mark Green, Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone.

Hevesi's son also said his father's willingness to take responsibility for the improper actions has brought the family closer together.

"I have witnessed my father confront his personal failings and overcome his own denial and defense mechanisms in an attempt to regain the fierce integrity that has always defined him," he said. "I can say without hesitation that I have never loved him more, been more proud of him or been more resolute in aspiring to be a man like him than I am now."

"My dad has owned and taken responsibility for his actions, he has been extensively punished for them, and now he and my entire family are closing the book on this part of our lives."

Bodies

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to the NYPD, the man's body was found with gunshot wounds to the head.

Police said there does not appear to be a connection between the two deaths.

The Far Rockaway death comes at a time when the police presence remains at heightened levels. According to a post-storm report by the NYPD, the department has deployed 500 light towers in neighborhoods without electricity, including Far Rockaway.

Storm-impacted areas also see

regular police car and helicopter patrols, with the choppers using spotlights to illuminate darkened areas.

Also according to the NYPD report, crime was down or flat in all categories citywide, with the exception of burglary, which was up 2 percent compared to the same week last year.

Extra police on extended tours of duty are still assigned to the Rockaways and Breezy Point as well as Coney Island and Staten Island.

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Investigators gather around the body of a man discovered in Forest Park last Thursday. Photo by Ellis Kaplan

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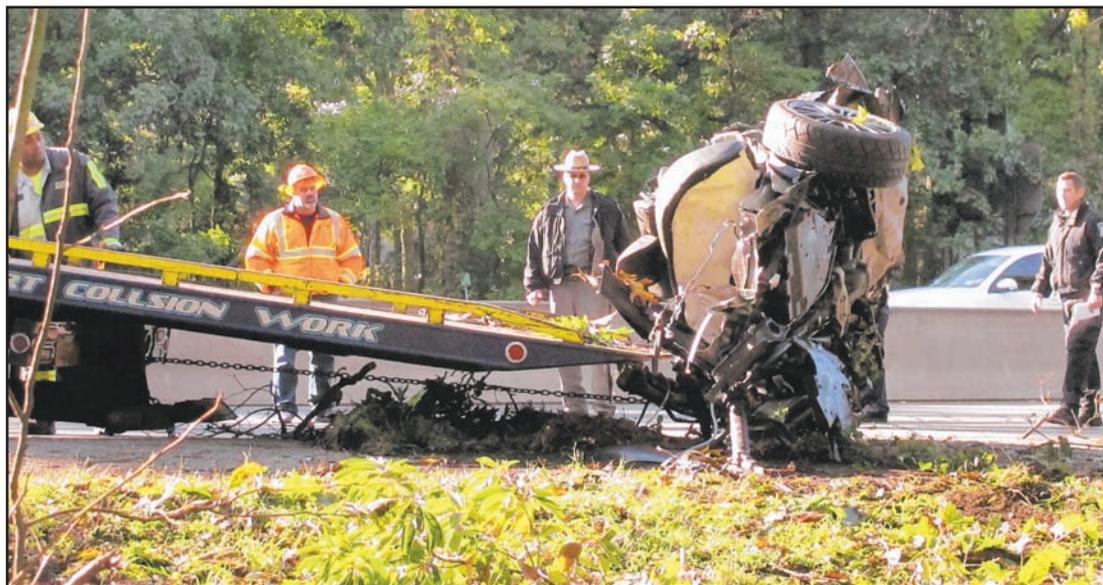
The South Richmond Hill teen who lost control of his souped-up car on a Nassau County highway in a deadly crash last month allegedly had marijuana in his system and has been charged with the deaths of his four friends, the Nassau district attorney announced.

Joseph Beer, 17, allegedly tested positive for marijuana just hours after the 2012 Subaru Impreza WRX STI he was driving at speeds more than 110 miles per hour careened off the Southern State Parkway in the early morning hours of Oct. 8, ripping the car in half, DA Kathleen Rice said.

Darian Ramnarine, Peter Kanhai, Neal Rajapa and Christopher Kahn were thrown from the vehicle and killed. Beer was driving on a learner's permit and was not supposed to be behind the wheel between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Rice said he suffered only minor injuries.

"The sheer magnitude of



A crew clears the car Joseph Beer was driving Oct. 8 when it veered off the road killing its four passengers. The South Richmond Hill teen was charged with manslaughter.

AP Photo/Frank Eltman

this tragedy is unthinkable, and it could have easily been avoided if this defendant had simply made the right choice to drive sober and drive safely," the district at-

torney said. "Instead, we have four promising young lives cut short, another young man facing years in prison, and families that will forever be torn apart by this

horrific crash."

The DA said a blood sample taken from the young man two hours after the crash tested positive for marijuana.

Beer was charged with four counts each of second-degree manslaughter and second-degree vehicular manslaughter, as well as one count each of aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular manslaughter, driving while intoxicated, reckless endangerment, reckless driving and driving a vehicle without a license, according to a grand jury indictment unsealed last week.

Rice said Beer faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

Beer's parents, Patricia and Aadita Beer, were also hit with an unlicensed driver charge for allegedly, knowingly allowing their son to drive without a license, for which they face up to 15 days in jail and a fine of \$300, according to Rice.

Beer is next due in Nassau County court Dec. 11.

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H'Beach

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was a little daunted when he was thrust into the position of community leader.

"I don't know how it all got started," he said Saturday, trying to recall how the building for the local volunteer fire department became the center of the community in the days following the storm.

When the 106th Precinct called the burly electrician and asked what he needed, he requested a car to patrol the neighborhood and bring some sense of calm to the dark streets.

Next he procured a floodlight and it was initially placed in the parking lot of the volunteer fire department, though Gendron later patched the light's generator to power the fire house.

"It became a warming center," he said. "This was the place where people could go to feel safe."

And then, the donations from nearby nonprofits and companies started rolling in.

First it was the office of state Assemblyman Phil Gold-

feder (D-Ozone Park), who provided 1,000 sandwiches. Then cooks at the Resorts World Casino, where Gendron works as an electrician, came with 70 trays of hot food.

"I didn't know what to say," Gendron recalled. "Every time something came in I would get teary-eyed."

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale held several barbecues in the parking lot of the fire department, which by Saturday was also filled with warm clothes, cleaning supplies and volunteers willing to perform manual labor. The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, originally from Taiwan, handed out \$600 debit cards to residents who applied for them.

Gendron said the Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency were extremely helpful, but in the initial aftermath, when the larger agencies were still creeping into the area, it was the residents of Queens and the rest of New York who make the recovery happen.

"We took care of our own through this whole thing," he said.

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The Police Athletic League is looking for volunteers to continue its mission of serving New York City's young people by donating their time and talents to help serve Queens youngsters at PAL's Redfern Cornerstone and Far Rockaway Beacon in Arverne-Far Rockaway, PAL's Edward Byrne Center in South Jamaica and PS 214 in Flushing.

PAL Centers in Queens offer a wide range of opportunities for volunteers of all talents. PAL's Redfern Cornerstone and Far

Rockaway Beacon are looking for people to participate in a center cleanup day. Volunteers are needed to tutor and mentor young people during the after-school program's daily homework help sessions.

In addition, individuals can also donate their time assisting the many special events held at PAL Centers throughout the year. PAL is also seeking professionals to give career advice and talk about their own careers to young people, as well as guest speakers who can share information

on a specific hobby of interest to youngsters.

To become a volunteer or learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit palnyc.org and click on "Get Involved" under the "About Us" tab for an application. Volunteers will go through an application process that includes an interview, a screening and an orientation.

For more information, contact PAL Volunteer Coordinator Alexandria Sumpter-Delves at 212-477-9450, Ext. 390 or volunteer@palnyc.org.

Volunteers

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sponded, then knocked again.

"There's no smell. I can't smell anything," Martin said.

The three looked at each other warily and reluctantly continued to the next apartment, where there was also no answer.

Eventually, the group got hold of a relative of Theodore's, Mary Liz, who lives in the same

building and was listed as a second contact. She invited them in, apologizing for untidiness. "It looks like the hurricane hit in here," she said.

She explained that Theodore was out checking on his father, but was able to list off his medications for the volunteers.

She cheerfully chatted about her storm experience and rolled her eyes about what she said was a poor Federal Emergency Management Agency and Red Cross

presence in the early aftermath of the storm.

But overall, she said, most people were helpful. And she thought what Hazard, Porter and Martin were doing was "so cool."

As the volunteers left, she called to them, "Thank you very, very much for your generosity."

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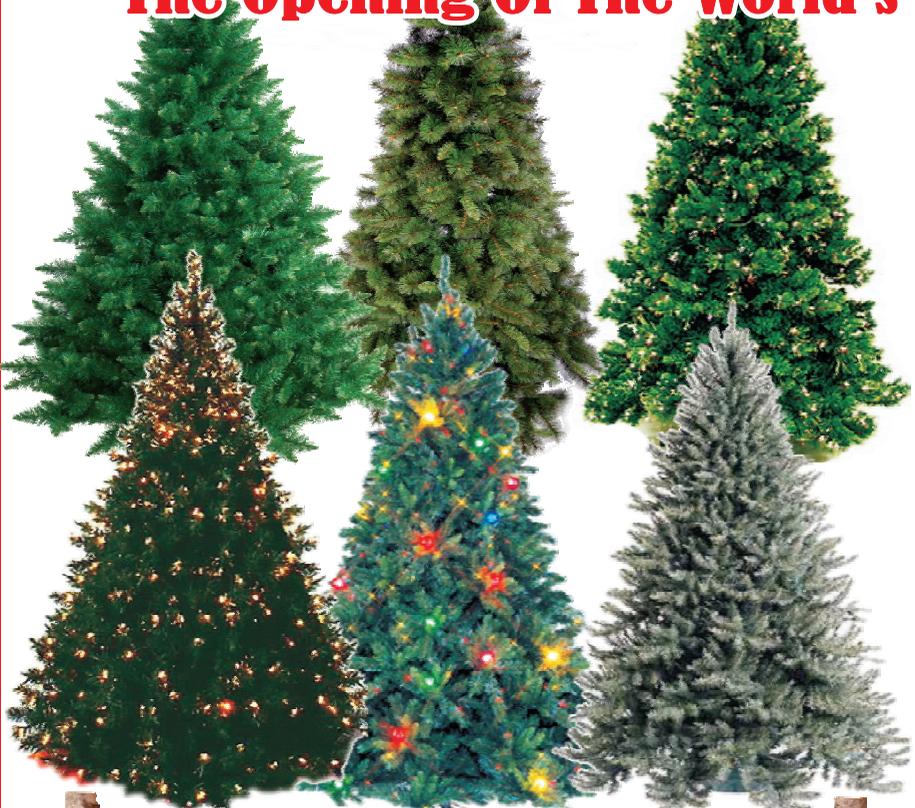
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Mayor reopens more storm-scarred schools



Mayor Michael Bloomberg reopens P.S. 43 in Far Rockaway for students, teachers and staff after storm damage closed the school.
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BY STEVE MOSCO

The road to recovery following Hurricane Sandy now includes a few more school bus stops.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg officially reopened 12 city schools — including five in Queens — ahead of schedule Monday, returning 5,400 students from temporary class sites.

One of those schools, PS 43, at 160 Beach 29th St. in Far Rockaway, welcomed the mayor, along with city Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott, Borough President Helen Marshal, state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-Hollis) and City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) as the students returned to a sense of normalcy.

“We know that at a time of disruption and dislocation for so many New Yorkers, our public schools can be a much-needed anchor for families,” the mayor said at PS 43, also known as the “School by the Sea.” “That’s why we’ve been working so hard to get our schools open again. We still have more work to do, and thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our school engineers, custodians and

facilities staff, we will continue to return our students to their classrooms as quickly as possible.”

The mayor said the Far Rockaway school suffered from severe flooding, destroyed boilers and a damaged roof. During the repairs, PS 43 students attended classes at John Adams High School in South Ozone Park.

PS 43 had not been expected to open until Nov. 30, due to flooding, loss of

SUPERSTORM SANDY

power and heat and other storm damage. Facilities staff pumped water from the basement, installed a generator and temporary boilers and repaired the roof so students could return one week in advance.

“Like many homeowners and small businesses, the school facilities in my district were severely affected by the storm,” said Ulrich, whose district includes Far Rockaway. “I commend the [city] School Construction Authority for rehabilitating these buildings ahead of schedule. I also want to thank Mayor

Bloomberg and Chancellor Walcott for restoring some peace of mind to our children at a time when they need it most. We are making progress every day and will not rest until life gets back to normal for our kids.”

Overall, the city has returned more than 26,000 students from 47 schools to their regular buildings, which were closed for maintenance, had lost power or were used as emergency evacuation sites. To date 7,800 students from 18 schools throughout the city remain at their reassigned sites due to ongoing repair work.

Walcott said custodial crews worked late into the night in order to make sure the schools were ready for students to return.

“Our most important task was getting students back in the classroom as soon as possible,” said Walcott. “Teachers, principals, custodians and facilities personnel have been working around the clock to get the vast majority of students back to their schools, and today we can welcome back 5,400 students to their original buildings.”

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CLEAN-UP CREW

Members of the Young Governors' group of the New Life Community Development Corp. mobilized to help with clean-up efforts in the Jackson Heights and Elmhurst communities in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. City Councilman Daniel Dromm joined more than a dozen young men and women to clean 75th Street and the 37th Road Diversity Plaza from the debris left by the storm.



EPIC TALK

State Sen. Joe Addabbo Jr. (l.) is pictured with Gema Diaz, a representative from the state Department of Health's Medicare-EPIC Program, at Sacred Heart Golden Age center in Glendale in October. Diaz gave the "Changes to EPIC" lecture to its members.



300 EYES

In October, state Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. dropped off 305 eyeglasses collected at his September Recycling Day for Pearle Vision's OneSight Foundation at its Ozone Park vision center.



HERITAGE

State Assemblyman Mike Miller (r.) held an event at the Richmond Hill Block Association in Richmond Hill to honor the contributions of the local Latino community. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, the assemblyman presented awards to six individuals for their contributions to the community.



LIT WALK

More than 150 students, teachers, elected officials and friends walked from Rainey Park, along Vernon Boulevard to Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City in October to raise awareness and advocate for the many benefits of the Queens Library Family Literacy Program.



LET'S PLAY!

In October, City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley joined school officials, parents and students for the grand opening of a new playground at PS/IS 119. The playground was constructed with \$125,000 Crowley allocated in last year's budget.



DEDICATED SPROUTS

Borough President Helen Marshall (c.), City Councilman James Van Bramer (l.) and state Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan (r.) watch as students from PS 78 prepare plantings at the dedication of the Hunters Point Library in October.

Photo courtesy borough president's office



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

State Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. (l.) and state Assemblyman Mike Miller announced that 14.8 tons of electronics, 5,660 pounds of paper, about 5,000 pounds of clothing and textiles, 5.7 tons of household goods and 800 pounds of carpeting were collected at the seventh Recycling Day held in their district in September in Forest Park.



CLEAN-UP TIME

In October, U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley hosted a neighborhood graffiti cleanup with local community organizer Costa Constantinides in Astoria. More than 30 volunteers, including local residents and students, participated in the event that took place at two Amtrak train underpasses.

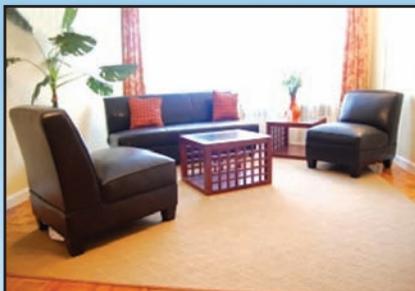


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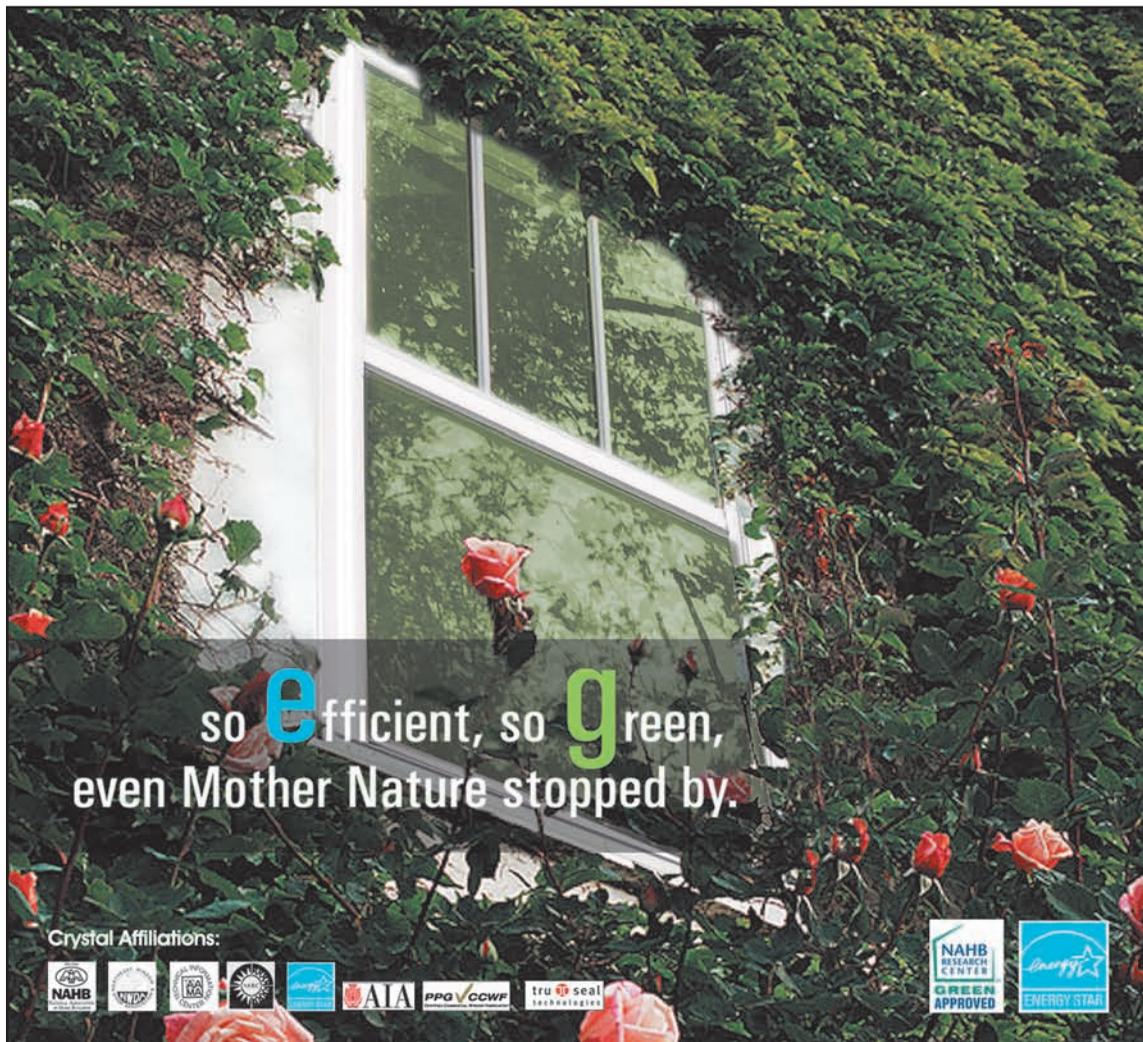
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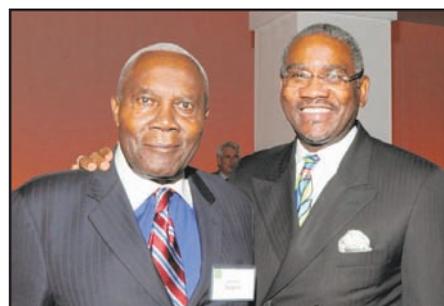
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6 GJDC staffers: Jessica Garcia, Gaitri Lachminaraine, Justin Rodgers, Michelle Andrews, and Caroline Forbes.



7 A thumbs-up to the successful evening: Helen Marshall, Queens Community Board 12 Chair Jacqueline Boyce, and Melva Miller of the Queens Borough President's staff.



8 Deputy Inspector Charles Mcevoy and Detective Richard Lowe of the 103rd Precinct, Manny Caughman of Assemblyman William Scarborough's office, Marc Costa of the 103rd Precinct, and James Vaccaro of GJDC.



9 Holding their handsome awards, BID Executive Directors Laurel Brown, Derek Irby and Simone Price.



10 GJDC staffers Sejan Yun, Mikki Columbus, and Charlene Joseph.



11 GJDC Vice President Andrew Manshel and Taxi & Limousine Commissioner David Yasky.



12 School Chancellor Denis Walcott with Carlisle Towery (c.) and Daniel Greene.

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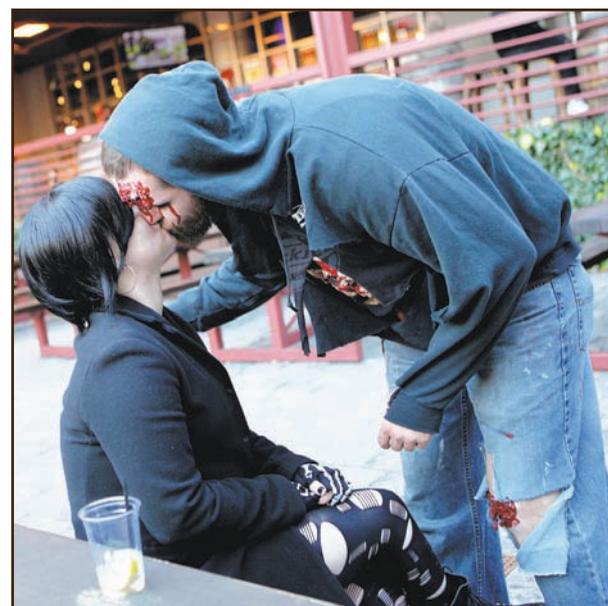
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Hundreds of people dressed as the undead for the second-annual Queens Thanksgiving Zombie Walk. (Clockwise from top l.) Richard Delgado focuses his special effects on gory eyes; organizer Chante Tenoso (front) leaps through the air; Kristin Palker strikes a holy pose; teenagers (l.-r.) Laura De Araujo, Coney Bank and Sienna Quiano play hand games at Studio Square; Alison Grech and Paul Pisarczyz take a moment for romance; Randy Montalvo (r.) does his best zombie impression as Rachel Gonzalez (l.) looks on; Maria Elguera (r.) decorates Eddie Korovich; and pedestrian Kailey Diaz, 7, holds hands with her mother Nancy as she reaches out to greet one of the participants. Photos by Christina Santucci



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Qns small businesses seek info on disaster relief

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Josie Scarpa spent the last two years investing in and building her Howard Beach salon, but when the waters from the canal took over Cross Bay Boulevard during Superstorm Sandy, she was left with thousands of dollars in damaged equipment and a lot of questions.

"We got into the business three days later and tried to salvage what we could," said Scarpa, who estimated she lost about \$250,000 in damaged tanning equipment at the VIP Salon & Spa. "Only the things that were up very high made it. All the tanning equipment was damaged from the saltwater."

Scarpa, who lives in Howard Beach, had significant damage to her home and her car. She also saw how the lives of her eight employees had been turned upside down.



Small business owners listen to a panel of speakers discuss the different kinds of aid available to companies affected by Superstorm Sandy.
Photo by Rich Bockmann

"I was hit in all aspects," she said. "I have one girl, she just got married. She's got two pairs of underwear, the clothes on her back and the wedding dress she was able to salvage."

In the days following the storm, Scarpa rented a chair at another salon so she could get by as she searched for answers as to

how to get her own business back on its feet.

"At this point we have to rebuild," she said. "We're not quitters."

Scarpa joined a few dozen other resilient business owners Friday at Resorts World Casino in Ozone Park, where several elected officials had convened a meeting of city,

state and federal agencies providing disaster relief to small businesses.

"It's a lot and we understand that, so our role is to coordinate and peel it back and make it accessible," said Kevin Alexander, of the Far Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corp.

As a first step, the pan-

elists suggested business owners should register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a federal disaster assistance ID, as some city and state programs will require one.

Some of the assistance being offered includes loans from the city Small Business Services up to \$25,000 to help cover physical damages or even make up for lost business.

The state Department of Labor has a program that pays partial unemployment so employers can save money by cutting back on their staff's hours without having to lay off employees, and another program that expedites unemployment payments to those who lost their jobs because of the storm.

The U.S. Small Business Administration also has several different loan programs available.

Acting District Director Walter Oden said the most important message for business owners was to fill out an application even if they did not think they needed a loan.

"They may be fine now, but you never know what may happen down the road," he said.

Nicola Campbell said she lost about \$40,000 worth of spoiled food and damaged equipment at her restaurant, the Chef Mom Grill and Bakery, in Cedarhurst, L.I.

As she prepared to fill out an application for an SBA loan, Campbell said one of the things she was proud of was that she was able to open her restaurant eight months ago with her personal savings and no debt.

"It's so hard," she said. "But where there's a will, there's a way."

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Business

Astoria brewer brings Asian tea to N.Y.

Beyond Kombucha sells alcoholic drink in different flavors, including oolong, hibiscus and blueberry

BY REBECCA HENELY

Ever since Astorian Spiro Theofilatos opened his business making and distributing the fermented sweet tea beverage kombucha more than two years ago, he has not just aimed to bring the drink to America's East Coast, but to take it in new directions.

"Everything we do is next level," Theofilatos said. "Everything we do is past what people expect."

Beyond Kombucha is run out of 32-72 41st St. in Astoria. The company, which employs eight people, makes several flavors of kombucha, including oolong, blueberry, hibiscus and vanilla rooibos. Theofilatos said the drinks are largely sold to restaurants in the city — especially Astoria, Manhattan and Brooklyn — although they hope to soon be in the organic supermarket chain Whole Foods. The company moves about 100 cases of kombucha a week to restaurants.

"We're in a bunch of places now, though, and it's getting to be more and more," Theofilatos said.

Originally a musician and DJ, Theofilatos toured the West Coast, where he was originally



Spiro Theofilatos owns Beyond Kombucha, a brewery of a unique fermented beverage made from sweet tea.

Photo by Rebecca Henely

exposed to the drink and fell in love with it.

"There was kombucha to be found up and down the coast of California and I never found it in New York," Theofilatos said.

He decided to make his own brews in 2008, trying first with oolong, which people suggested he sell. He first approached the Astoria restaurant Cafe Bar, at 32-90 36th St., about putting it on

the menu in 2008, which it did. Theofilatos opened a brewery and offices in the basement of a building his parents owned a year later.

Beyond Kombucha neverthe-

less hit an early snag when the federal government ruled kombucha, which usually has an alcohol content of around 1 percent or less, subject to federal regulation days after the business opened.

Theofilatos ended up applying for a liquor license and began making some special flavors with more alcohol, like a 3 percent alcoholic drink based on honey kombucha and made with aphrodisiac herbs called "Love Potion."

"It's not like a mixer," Theofilatos said of kombucha. "We don't add vodka. It's the result of fermentation."

Theofilatos said his drinks have about 75 calories and are gluten free.

He plans to expand Beyond's lineup in the future and wants to be on tap at additional bars and restaurants in the city.

"I'm continually innovating," Theofilatos said. "I'm always experimenting with new flavors and new possibilities."

More information on the company, including flavors and where to buy Beyond Kombucha, can be found at beyondkombucha.com.

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Grant Writing+ with Melissa Sandor — Participants will explore how to create a thorough and successful grant proposal during the first session, and gain insight into the inner workings of a professional arts panel during the second session. Registration is on a first come first serve basis.
When: Nov. 28, 6 pm
Where: Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, 4th Floor, Astoria
Contact: (718) 278-0700
Website: astorialic.org

Powerful You! Women's Network — A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.
When: Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm
Cost: Members and first-time attendees \$30, nonmembers \$40; includes lunch
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
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BNI T.N.T. (The Networking Titans) Weekly Meeting — BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI provides positive, supportive

and structured environment to further business through word of mouth marketing. Contact chapter president Martin Koos to arrange a visit.
When: Thursdays, 7-8:30 am
Where: Clearview Park Golf Course, 202-12 Willets Point Blvd., Bayside
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Q GUIDE

TO THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING

DANCING to ENRICH LIFE

Choreographer launches
performance to
improve the well-being
of the borough and the
city's young and old

Dina Denis performs as part of Dance into Light, a choreography project she founded in 2003. Photo by Aehee Kang Asano

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BY ALEX PALMER

Dina Denis, the artistic director of Queens-based dance troupe Dance Into Light/Dina Denis Dance, describes her work less as a performance than a community-building activity. Working with a team of dancers, musicians and other creative folk, she has used dance as a way to explore vitality, personal healing and reaching one's full potential.

These take the form of dance productions, lecture demonstrations and workshops. Most recently, the group used dance, music and narration to explore the lives of everyday New Yorkers in a new work that drew on interviews with volunteers in areas like education, women's rights, mission work and animal care.

The performance, titled LifeFull, premiered at Green Space Studio in Long Island City Nov. 3 as part of the Take Root Series. Though the next performance won't be until June, at the University Settlement in Manhattan, Denis describes the show as an evolving work.

The group had been showing "LifeFull" to various groups around Queens over the past two years as it developed in stages. This included a screening of a video excerpt of the work at LaGuardia Community College as part of the LEAP program through Queens Council of the Arts, at the Topaz Arts Center in Woodside and Langston Hughes Library in Corona.

"We've been kind of showing it every chance we get, including with several open rehearsals," says Denis. "It's really helped build our audience and it's really invested people in the work and seeing the work in various phases, which is completely one of the goals."

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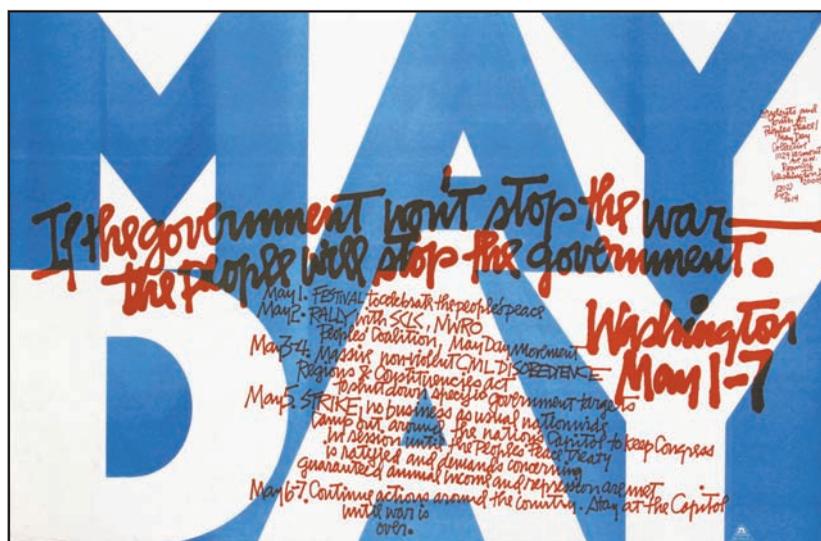
Vietnam War posters show tumultuous time

BY ALAN KRAWITZ

History, politics and art come together to help teach students and the public about one of the most turbulent and controversial eras in American history: the Vietnam War. More than 30 Vietnam War protest posters in addition to photographs and other archival materials are part of a new exhibit at the Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College now through Dec 21.

Queens College alumni who donated and created the posters will return to celebrate the college's 75th anniversary and talk about their experiences during the Vietnam War years for this exhibit. Alumni Mark Levy and Wally Rosenthal, who were also participants in the protests during the '60s and '70s, moderated the presentation last week.

According to Amy Winter, the museum's director and curator, the inspiration behind the exhibit, titled "Posters as History: Teaching History, Politics and Art with Primary Sources," came



Vietnam War protest posters, like this one promoting a May Day rally on Washington, D.C., will be on display at the Godwin-Ternbach Museum through Dec. 21. Courtesy Queens College

from QC Professor Jack Zevin, who teaches secondary education, and Professor Michael Krasner, who teaches political science. The professors received a grant from the Library of Congress as part of their funding to put on the exhibit.

Winter said the professors'

idea was to use the posters as a primary source for teaching how objects serve as evidence to history, as well as their effectiveness in compelling conversation. Professors Krasner and Zevin noted that the exhibit is a prime example of using active learning to increase civic awareness and promote in-

formed citizenship.

"The museum has worked on numerous projects with the Secondary Education Department to further our core educational mission to teach with objects," Winter said. "Art not only cultivates greater expression and literacy, but heightens cultural and social awareness. It is an unparalleled tool for stimulating discussion and debate of important issues."

Queens veteran Ben Chitty, of the local chapter of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and a representative from War-

rior Writers, is expected to attend an Educators' Evening event Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. for local teachers about the use of art and digital materials for online curriculum development.

Moreover, Winter explained that much of the exhibit's importance, in her opinion, is "how his-

tory repeats itself, as in the parallels and relevance of the Vietnam War for our current political climate and events such as wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and the need to understand the ways in which as citizens we can speak up and voice our dissent and opinions to what we may see as unnecessary and unjust wars — and hopefully stop the militarization and escalation of warfare and hostility in our country."

She added, "So art is a vehicle for this. It is concrete and, in the case of posters, highly accessible — being a popular and well-circulated medium."

Other free and public programs that are part of the exhibit include lectures, talks, gallery tours and a film series of iconic Vietnam war films including "Apocalypse Now," "The Killing Fields" and "Coming Home."

For further information on the exhibition and programs, or to schedule a tour, call (718) 997-4724 or visit the museum website at www.qc.cuny.edu/godwin_ternbach.

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Dancing

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In addition to the performance group, Denis applies her approach to dance, focused on human relations and improving quality of life, in other ways such as the Nursing Home and Senior Center Project. The group has been offering weekly classes to seniors, taking place at the Benjamin Rosenthal Senior Center in Flushing every Monday from 2 to 3 p.m. It had been drawing 50 to 60 people a week, and Councilman Peter Koo recently granted the group resources to allow them to continue offering the workshops through the end of the year.

"It's looking at this community of people in our society who maybe aren't as valued, and really trying to use dance as a way to bring vitality to that area and those people, giving that enjoyment," says Denis. "We play lots of '40s

music and pieces from that era which they really recall and enjoy."

Dance Into Light was recently invited to participate in a Women in Dance series on Dec. 12 at the Ailey Citigroup Theater. Presented by Queens-based Legros Cultural Arts, the event will give Denis's group the opportunity to perform some of their repertory from the Nursing Home project, set to the music of Duke Ellington.

In addition to older members of New York City's community, Denis also works with younger members — specifically public high school students who she teaches through a summer intensive program. A certified New York state dance educator, Denis worked with several students from an inner-city Bronx high school who would not usually be able to afford formal dance instruction.

"We're really concerned with how can we make an impact in our lives, how can we help change



Dance into Light performers grace stages throughout the borough, even appearing in schools and senior centers to bring awareness to joys of life.
Photo by Aehee Kang Asano

this state of our world, even if it's a small step at a time," says Denis. "It's great to see how I can use dance as this lifeline and bring it into various areas."

Denis describes the goal for her work as, "looking at ordinary people in our society doing extraordi-

nary things." LifeFull specifically draws inspiration from interviews with individuals who have worked to improve the quality of life for others in the city. Denis went out and conducted video interviews with these people, transcribed their words and began building

a multi-media show around the conversations.

Denis and her three dancers — Lisa Craig, Nicole Scalfani, Nicole Speleti — began by putting movement to words. Steve Scalfani, the group's composer, created a score based around them, incorporat-

ing text and music, as well as live accompaniment. Bits of the voices were pulled out and manipulated into the soundscape.

Denis also reached out to Carrie McCormack to serve as guest narrator, reading portions of the interviews verbatim, while Jane Pinchuck designed the set elements, and Renee Kurz created and designed original costumes.

All members of Dance Into Light are Queens-based artists, and Denis herself was born and raised in Middle Village, though she now lives in East Elmhurst. She has been dancing for about 30 years as a teacher and performing in companies first before founding Dance Into Light in 2003 to focus specifically on exploring dance as an expression of personal healing for both performers and audience members.

"We work extremely collaboratively together," says Denis. "We come in with ideas and everyone just digs in."



FALL CALIENTE

Colombia de fiesta at Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave. in Sunnyside, kicked off Nov. 9 and will continue through Dec. 9. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. Contact (718) 729-3880 for tickets.

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In-laws from Tirana – Written by m. Reppas and T. Papathanasiou. **When:** Through Dec. 2; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 pm; Sundays, 4 pm **Where:** Greek Cultural Center, 26-80 30th St., Astoria **Contact:** (718) 726-7329 **Website:** greekculturalcenter.org

Colombia de Fiesta – With the Mestizo Dance Co. **When:** Through Dec. 9; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 pm; Sundays, 4 pm

Where: Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside **Contact:** (718) 729-3880 **Website:** thaliatheatre.org

Shirley Valentine – The play about a middle-aged housewife who finds herself unhappy and wondering what happened to all the joy in her life. **When:** Through Nov. 29 to Dec. 9 **Where:** Queens Theatre, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona **Contact:** Box Office (718) 760-0064; Administration (718) 760-0686 **Website:** queenstheatre.org

MEETINGS

North Shore Playwrights Circle Meeting – Formerly known as the Playwrights Circle of Great Neck, this open group features discussion, workshopping and writing exercises for playwrights in Queens and Nassau counties. **When:** Every other Wednesday, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Where:** Atria, 96 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck **Contact:** Muriel, (718) 225-7382

THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERTS

Colombia de fiesta with Mestizo Dance Co – Embark on an uplifting journey through Colombia's favorite music and dance holiday traditions! **When:** Through Dec. 9; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 pm; Sundays, 4 pm **Where:** Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside **Contact:** (718) 729-3880 **Website:** thaliatheatre.org

Where: Matted LIC, 46-36 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City **Contact:** (718) 766-8660 **Website:** matted-lic.com

Vietnam War Protest Posters – The exhibition demonstrates how art can be used as a dynamic device to teach and bring history and politics to life for students and public audiences alike. **When:** Through Dec. 21 **Where:** Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing **Contact:** (718) 997-5000

EVENTS

A Night of Comedy with Phyllis Stickney – Phyllis Yvonne Stickney is a world-class artist, producer, director, author, motivational speaker, clothing designer, community activist, businesswoman and surrogate mother to many. Ms. Stickney is best known and respected for her work in film, stage, television and comedy. **When:** Nov. 24, 8 pm **Where:** Black Spectrum Theatre, 119 Ave. at Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica **Contact:** (718) 723-1800 **Website:** blackspectrum.com

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

First Sundays for Families – The Queens Museum of Art and MetLife Foundation invite families of all ages to an exciting array of interactive dance, art and music workshops. **When:** First Sunday of each month, 1:30-4:30 pm **Cost:** Free **Where:** Queens Museum of Art, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park **Contact:** (718) 592-9700

ReGeneration – Despite the near ubiquity of the term "sustainability," there remains significant ambiguity about everything from the actual meaning of the term to overarching solutions to the challenges we face as a community. Technology and behavioral changes including energy production, agriculture, recycling and pollution reduction are all on the table as we work to understand and address the challenge of sustainability. **When:** Through Jan. 13 **Where:** New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., at Avenue of Science, Corona **Contact:** (718) 699-0005 X353 **Website:** nyscience.org

Korean Traditional Illuminated Sutra – The 1,700-year-old tradition of sutra transcription and illumination by hand, known in Korea as Sagyeong, is brought to life in this spectacular exhibition of 55 pieces of elegant calligraphy and painting in gold and silver. The exhibition Samadhi + Art = Sagyeong brings out the beauty and history of this unique art field, which transcends religious boundaries. **When:** Through Sunday, Dec. 30 **Where:** Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Boulevard, Flushing **Contact:** (718) 463-7700 **Website:** flushingtownhall.org

A Disagreeable Object – This exhibition brings together a group of international artists who similarly posit the object in relation to capitalist culture and technology, as well as the gendered oppositions between interior and exterior space. **When:** Through Nov. 26 **Where:** SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City **Contact:** (718) 361-1750 **Website:** sculpture-center.org

Ada Bobnis: Stages, Mountains, Water – Site-specific installation

that transforms the museum's second-floor into a Caribbean landscape. Geometric compositions in hues of blue and green are either painted on the wall or adhered to the glass railing façade in the form of translucent color film. The work is inspired by the Panama Canal, one of the most transformative world events in the 19th century. **When:** Through Jan. 6, 2013 **Where:** Queens Museum of Art, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona **Contact:** (718) 592-9700 **Website:** queensmuseum.org

Caribbean: Crossroads of the World – A first-time collaborating with El Museo del Barrio to highlight over two centuries of rarely seen works from the Haitian Revolution (1804) to the present. The show features some 400 works including painting, sculpture, prints, books, photography, film, video and historic artifacts from Caribbean nations, Europe and the United States. **When:** Through Jan. 6, 2013 **Where:** Queens Museum of Art, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona **Contact:** (718) 592-9700 **Website:** queensmuseum.org

Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition – Each year, Socrates Sculpture Park selects artists to produce outdoor artworks within the Park. Reflective of our time, these artists are making public sculptures that are subtly mysterious, visually compelling, and, at times, provocative. **When:** Through March 31, 2013 **Where:** Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Astoria **Contact:** (718) 956-1819 **Website:** socratessculpturepark.org

Hammer, Chisel, Drill: Noguchi's Studio Practice – Includes about 60 hand and industrial tools drawn from Noguchi's belongings. A handful of his sculptures, finished and unfinished, will be positioned throughout the exhibition as they relate to specific tools or processes, and a 1970 documentary including footage of Noguchi at work at his Pietrasanta studio will run. **When:** Through April 28, 2013 **Where:** The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Astoria **Contact:** 718-204-7088 **Website:** noguchi.org

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- Bolt holder
 - F.B.I. operative
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 - Clinton's birthplace
 - Centers of activity
 - ___-frutti
 - Gov. Landon and others
 - Sentenced to the pen
 - Feet informally
 - Scottish monster's nickname
 - Pours
 - Nest eggs, for short
 - Disheveled
 - Many Olympic athletes, e.g.
 - To ___ the side of caution
 - Hose woes
 - Go for the gold?
 - Wild hog
 - Reply to "Who's there?"
 - Locks in a barn?
 - Diplomat: Abbr.
 - Trainees learn these
 - Burn a bit
 - Car accelerator
 - Silo contents
 - Give off
 - Hotelier Helmsley
 - Eyed rudely
 - Maneater
 - Inverted
 - Clinton's #2
 - E-mail option
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 - Maui dance
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- 'Vette option
- "___ does it!"
- Court plea, for short
- Available
- One who makes a will
- Using Elmer's
- Broods
- Makes a scene?
- Research org.
- Like some chocolat
- Dune buggies, for short
- Me.-to-Fla. hwy.
- Suffix with million
- Halloween bagful
- Infuriate
- Chinese city on the Wei
- Mosque priests
- Pack again, as groceries
- Oven emanation
- Photographer Adams
- Hale and hearty
- Kitchen appliance
- Curl one's lip
- March V.I.P.
- Table salt additive
- Middle of the night
- Fix
- In a bit
- Pauline's woes
- Aromatic herb
- Landscapers' concerns
- Lie in wait
- Dueling tool
- Catch sight of
- Caesar's sidekick
- Folk singer Guthrie
- Jump
- Newsman Rather

GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

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Where: Central Queens YM & YWHA, 67-09 108th St., between 67th Avenue, Forest Hills
Contact: (718) 268-5011 ext. 504
Website: centralqueensy.org

FILM

World with an End Film Festival: The Birds – End of the world through environmental disaster. Speaker: Fr. Robert Lauder Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy St. John's University.
When: Nov. 16
Where: Immaculate Conception Lower Church, Ditmars Boulevard and 29th Street, Astoria

Representing South Asia on Film – A series of screenings and programs.
When: Through April 25, 2013
Where: Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Website: qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/godwin_ternbach

DANCE

Faculty Dance Concert – Presented by the Queen College Department of Drama, Theatre & Dance.
When: Nov. 29 through Dec. 2
Where: Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Contact: (718) 997-5000

Ballet Fitness Fusion – Central Queens YM & YWHA in Forest Hills is now offering a Ballet Fitness Fusion class which will combine the fundamentals of ballet barre work with traditional fitness training. Designed to strengthen and tone.
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POETRY

Poetry workshop – Budding poets perfect the craft with Bob Trabold and Amanda Konstantine Perlmutter.
When: Mondays through Nov. 26, 7:30 pm
Where: Barnes & Noble, 176-60 Union Tpke., Fresh Meadows
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When: Mondays, 7:30 pm
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When: Wednesdays, 1 pm
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Where: Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, 153 St. and Jamaica Ave., Jamaica
Contact: (718) 658-7400 ext. 152;
Website: jcal.org ormyspace.com/gimmeseries

First Tuesdays – Open to all who have a passion for poetry. Organized by the Jackson Heights Poetry Festival
When: First Tuesdays of the month
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Website: jhpfest.org/v2/readings.php

Open Mic Night
When: Last Friday of every other month. Doors open at 9 pm
Where: The Afrikan Poetry Theatre, Inc., 176-03 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica
Cost: \$10
Contact: (718) 523-3312

Poet Society – The Forest Hills senior center presents.
When: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Where: 108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills
Contact: (718) 699-1010

Literary Art, Poetry, Spoken Words Workshop – Create poems using poetic techniques, meter similes and more.
When: Fridays, 4 pm
Where: LeFrak City Public Library, 98-30 57 Ave., Corona
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Contact: (718) 592-7677

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When: Every Saturday evening, 7:15 pm
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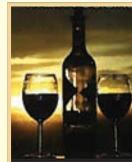
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Science

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“What appeals to me the most is the objectivity of science,” Lee said. “Because of the experiences I have had on the school math team and from research classes, I thought it was a great opportunity to enter into the competition.”

Lee said he was most excited to mingle with other high school students submitting Ph.D.-level research from all over the country.

“These kids are basically doing something no

one else has done,” Lee said. “It is intellectually stimulating to be able to compete against these people with my research.”

Kandola, 17, submitted a biochemistry project he said was inspired by his interest in the brain. His research attempted to identify the neurons and circuits relevant to the formation of specific memories in the brain.

“I was mesmerized by how the collection of cells in the brain gives rise to thought and memory and wanted to gain insight into how the brain works,” Kandola said of his studies, which included more than

two years of research.

Kandola said his favorite subject in school is computer science, because the material learned in the classroom was applicable to real life. Looking forward, the senior said he hoped to major in biochemistry and computer science.

“Everyone was generally impressed by all the research at the competition,” Kandola said. “Everyone’s projects were very well done. It’s a great competition.”

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Redistricting

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Neighborhood Association also took umbrage at the new lines and wanted more of its neighborhood, made up of largely single-family homes, in Halloran’s district.

The commission split Mitchell-Linden, a group of co-ops just north of downtown Flushing, which wanted to be kept whole and in Koo’s more urban district by putting part into Halloran’s district.

The commission had no shortage of input from groups in the area, and former state Sen. Frank Padvan, who represented parts of northeast Queens and is familiar with the neighborhoods, is on the commission and voted for the lines.

An objection from the Council is the only recourse left for groups who want changes made to the lines, according to Vattamala, who suggested the commission did many things right in the process, but ultimately attempted to insulate itself from criticism by making the most substantive alterations to the maps after the public comment period was over.

Carl Hum, executive director for the commission, said the body followed the City Charter, a document which stipulates how the process should move forward, as best it could have.

“It was our interpretation of how the charter lays out this process,” he said.

The commission held two rounds of public hearings in August and October, but did not release the most drastic changes to the maps until last Thursday.

The charter states the commission “shall make its plan available to the public for inspection and comment not less than one month before the first such public hearing.”

And Vattamala thinks that while the commission may have technically followed the rules, it violated the spirit of the charter, since Hum could have had the second round of hearings after making changes more reflective of the final product.

“Where was the inspection and comment on this map?” asked Vattamala.

MTA

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tions like the Straphangers Campaign also testified at the hearing, with representative Jason Chin-Fatt reading off testimonials describing hardships from various riders the campaign had collected.

The campaign and its staff attorney Gene Russianoff have blasted the MTA for hiking fares four times in five years, and

have called on Albany and the city to pump more money into the authority. According to the campaign, about 53 percent of the MTA’s operating costs are covered by fares, the highest percentage in the nation and more than double that of both Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

In addition, the Straphangers referred to alternative revenue-generating proposals, such as tweaking the tolls on bridges around the city, to get more

revenue from the passages that see the most traffic.

Some who testified seemed as if they just wanted someone to vent to. A man known as Mr. X who attends many of the MTA’s hearings spent several minutes verbally berating many of the board members, while others complained of drivers who were not helpful and unpleasant trips they had made by using public transportation.

Zombie

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ing for years, with zombie walks increasing in popularity across the country. And the Queens Thanksgiving Zombie Walk, only in its second year, is gaining more credibility.

A nonprofit dedicated to teaching people the dance from Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” music video in which a clan of zombies per-

forms synchronized moves led by the King of Pop, was on hand to instruct the participants gathered at Studio Square.

The organization, called Thrill the World NYC, attempts to raise money for music education by setting world records by having as many people perform the dance as possible.

An artist who specializes in ghoulish airbrush drawings, Robb Ortel, was the celebrity guest judge

who picked the best zombie costume. Ortel can be seen on the reality television show “Orange County Choppers,” a program following a colorful upstate family and their custom bike shop.

And the donation of Adlard’s original artwork meant the zombie walk was recognized by one of the biggest names in the business.

Citi Field

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City Harvest. But this time around, the focus shifted more toward helping Sandy victims collect items for the Thanksgiving holiday.

After the food drive, Gee and Parnell joined with City Harvest in a drive to Breezy Point to deliver brooms, shovels and bottled water to storm victims, a Mets spokesman said, adding that other members have been visiting affected parts of the city throughout last week.

Hurricane Sandy swept through the New York region at the end of October with severe winds and storm surges that crippled power lines and destroyed homes in New York City, particularly in areas like Breezy Point and the Rockaways. The storm claimed 43 lives through-

out the city, including 11 in Queens, and caused nearly \$50 billion in damages, according to Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Parnell, a Mets relief pitcher, helped rally fans passing through Citi Field last week to drop off the most needed items, including canned fruit and vegetables, plastic jars of peanut butter, cereal and macaroni and cheese in exchange for tickets or deals at the team store.

“For half of the year, we’re up here. We have a lot of friends and co-workers who live up here,” Parnell said at the food drive. “It’s tough. You want to come help these people, but you don’t know what to do. Sometimes, you just feel like you are in the way. To finally get up here and be able to help is a good feeling.”

The food collected at Citi Field went to benefit City Harvest, which has

been providing emergency deliveries throughout the city since Hurricane Sandy hit the region, bringing more than 400,000 pounds of food to victims.

Executive Director Jilly Stephens said City Harvest has worked to coordinate special food distributions and collection drives for victims in heavily damaged areas, including Breezy Point and Far Rockaway.

“There is an increased demand for food as the city slowly recovers from the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, and we are filling our fleet of trucks with food for routes across the five boroughs to help our neighbors in need,” Stephens said.

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Gas

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site.

“These 13 retailers stand out from others in the high prices they have charged and in the size of their price increases,” Schneiderman said.

The attorney general added that the Mobil station had allegedly posted its price per gallon as \$3.89, but when a motorist drove up to the pump, the price was listed at \$4.89 if paid in cash or \$4.99 if paid by credit card. The incident was reported by a consumer who paid nevertheless because he needed the gasoline.

Schneiderman said the stations had been issued notifications of intent to start enforcement against them.

The state’s price gouging law prohibits selling an item or a service for an “unconscionably excessive price” during an “abnormal disruption of the market,” the AG’s office said.

Schneiderman said the notices for the 13 stations are the first of a number of actions against gougers in the state. Not only gas, but essential items like food, water, generators, batteries and flashlights are covered under the law.

State Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Little Neck) and state Sen. Eric Adams (D-Brooklyn) intro-

duced legislation earlier this year ordering all gas stations to post a sign near the pump with the phone number for the New York State Consumer Protection Board to be used by consumers if they believe they have been ripped off.

City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria) said he was calling upon the state to make gouging punishable by up to a year in prison.

“These gas stations, in particular, apparently see fines as the cost of doing business,” he said. “Anyone who would try to profit from another person’s pain during an emergency deserves to face jail time.”

Assemblyman Weprin lifts up ArtAccess autism initiative

BY PHIL CORSO

Surrounded by art-work in the heart of the borough's cultural headquarters, state Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Little Neck) presented a \$5,000 check Friday to the Flushing Queens Museum's ArtAccess program to benefit individuals with autism.

The money, Weprin said, was raised in April at the Illuminate the Unisphere in Pink and Blue fund-raiser in conjunction with the United New York Early Intervention Providers to raise awareness of autism in the borough.

"We know how much this program depends on additional funding sources and hope that these funds will help the museum keep the program going," Weprin said of the donation. "We are grateful to those who contributed and for

their continued support for the program."

Weprin hosted the Illuminate the Unisphere benefit in April and said the first of its kind was a great success. The autism awareness project was created by Annette Schroter, autism advocate and parent of an autistic daughter, and Leslie Grubler, who founded UNYEIP.

"Children with autism are exceptional children. We chose to donate this money because we are already familiar with the great work the [ArtAccess] program does," Grubler said. "We look forward to more of the exceptional work this program does with such exceptional children."

Weprin joined with state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Whitestone) and officials from the Queens Museum to acknowledge the

new funds.

"Arts are usually the first things cut when school districts try and save money," Stavisky said. "We are looking forward to working with folks from the community and colleagues in government to keep programs like this going."

People with autism often require individualized therapy to meet their needs, Weprin said, so raising money to support the Queens Museum's ArtAccess program guarantees that children will maintain the opportunity to receive the care they deserve.

"This is one of the programs we are most proud of," said Tom Finkelparl, executive director of the Queens Museum of Art. "To see how the instructors work with both the kids and families is incredibly moving."

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Molloy players and coaches celebrate the win.

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Archbishop Molloy captures soccer title

BY DANIEL MARTIN

Justin Thompson has been waiting for his Archbishop Molloy teammates to deliver on a promise they made to him at the beginning of the 2012 season.

Thompson, a former Molloy soccer player paralyzed from the waist down by an attacker's bullet in October 2011, sat on the sidelines Nov. 13 as the final seconds ticked off the clock at St. John's University's Belson Stadium.

All Thompson could think to do was smile when the clock hit zero, securing a 1-0 victory over Fordham Prep and CHSAA Class AA city title for the Stanners. His teammates rushed the field and the crowd erupted in celebration.

"They told me they were going to do it, so they didn't lie," Thompson said after the game, still smiling. "It feels good. It's the best feeling."

The crowd began chanting Thompson's name as he was presented the city championship trophy, teammates crowding around for pictures as newly crowned

kings of the city. The title is Molloy's first since they won back-to-back championships in 2008-09 and its 14th overall. This one was worth the wait because of its added meaning to everyone involved.

"It's a culmination of a lot of things for these kids," said Molloy Coach Andy Kostel. "But undoubtedly Justin is a big part of that."

The first 66 minutes of the match were even, back-and-forth offensive attacks. But in the 67th minute, Molloy (17-1-0) got its first glimpse of daylight and capitalized.

Senior Zach Zayas crossed the ball in front of the net down near the end line and junior Mike Mendez drilled the shot into the back of the net, which proved to be the decisive goal. The aggressiveness was something Kostel had been hoping to see from Mendez.

"I said, 'You still have to prove to me that if you have the chance to shoot, you'd shoot,'" Kostel recalls telling him. "He sure as hell

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Holy Cross coach removed

Alleged improprieties put Paul Gilvary on leave from school

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

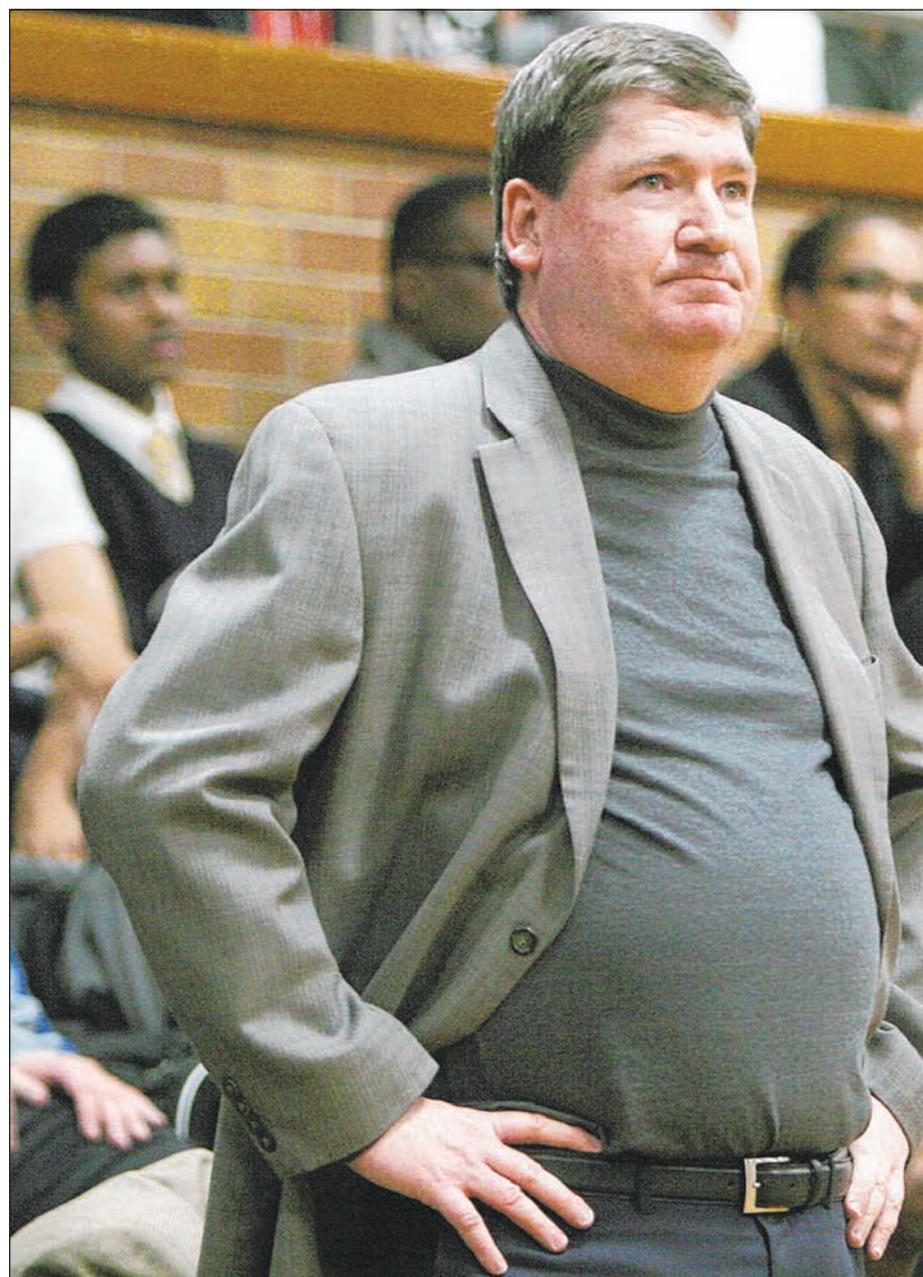
Holy Cross administrators are investigating claims Paul Gilvary, the school's boy's basketball coach and director of admissions, watched his players shower, the New York Post is reporting. He is currently on administrative leave at the all-boys Catholic school and has been removed as coach.

The school has yet to give an official reason for Gilvary being placed on leave. Holy Cross President the Rev. Walter Jenkins posted a statement on the school's website but did not mention Gilvary by name.

It stated that, "Recently, the school was provided with information of potential improprieties that caused us to alert the civil authorities. Civil authorities are investigating the matter, and school officials are fully cooperating with the authorities during this investigation."

The Post reported that an investigation into Gilvary was launched after a teacher overheard three players talking about the alleged shower spying. Gilvary made it mandatory to shower after practices and games and would sometimes come in and talk to players while they were doing so, according to the Post.

Gilvary is a prominent figure in the Catholic High School Athletic Association. He is chairman of the boy's soccer and boy's basketball leagues. He was at St. John's University Saturday night for the CHSAA boy's soccer Class AA semi-



Holy Cross Coach Paul Gilvary watches his team from the sidelines during a game in January 2012.

Photo by Christina Santucci

finals doubleheader wearing a Holy Cross jacket.

"I am currently a employee of Holy Cross High School on paid administrative leave," Gilvary said. "As a currently employee

I am not at liberty to make any comments about my employment, but I do look forward in the future to be able to talk to you about it."

Gilvary declined further comment.

Assistant varsity Coach Lloyd Desvigne said Gilvary, who has coached the Knights varsity team for 16 years, has not been with the

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McClancy sinks rival for title

BY DANIEL MARTIN

The CHSAA Class A boys' soccer championship game looked a lot like this season's first two meetings between St. Joseph's by the Sea and Monsignor McClancy.

The regular season produced two scoreless ties in 160 minutes of soccer. The next 100 still didn't see a goal and forced the game to be decided on penalty kicks. McClancy junior Sebastian Castano, finally in position to produce a winner, needed to convert a penalty kick.

He nailed it.

His shot struck the back of the net to give McClancy a 4-2 victory in penalty kicks and its second straight city title Sunday afternoon at St. John's University's Belson Stadium.

"We were pretty hyped up, but we didn't want to take it to penalties," Castano said. "I was so nervous, I didn't know what to expect."

McClancy (15-1-3) led penalties 1-0 after the first round, when junior Michael Ferrara buried a shot into the upper right corner of the goal. After a second straight miss by St. Joseph's by the Sea (15-2-2), McClancy's George Alissandratos' penalty kick snuck inside the right post for a 2-0 lead. The



McClancy's Sebastian Castano (front) dribbles the ball during a game against St. Edmund's. Photo by Christina Santucci

teams matched each other with two more goals each as James Linehan scored for McClancy to set up Castano for the win.

"In penalties we just told them to relax and have fun," McClancy Coach Mike Sylvester said "We did all we could on the field, but I told them to pick a shot and hit it square, and it worked out for us."

His squad had the best chance in regulation. Mike Ferrera's 35-yard shot deflected off the crossbar after Sea keeper John Gioeli made a leaping save. Sylvester credited the Vikings defense for making his team's life difficult.

"We had a couple chances in regulation and that got us going for a while," he said. "But overall they did a really good job in the back, so our opportunities were limited."

For Sylvester, this McClancy team, built on defense, has been one that will remain with him for a time to come. The Crusaders finished the season with just one loss, going 12-1-3. The win over St. Joseph by the Sea was the exclamation point on the season.

"They're a real special group," Sylvester said. "Since the beginning of the season, we told them we have the one thing they have to do is focus. Our goal was to get in here and win it, and whenever we asked them to do something, they did it. They were rewarded today."

Cardozo volleyball title streak snapped

BY CHRIS BARCA

Benjamin Cardozo's two-year reign atop PSAL girls' volleyball is over.

Its hold on the Class A city championship ended with a 25-15, 25-23 defeat to No. 2-seeded Bronx Science in the semifinals at CCNY Sunday afternoon. Even though this season ended unlike the previous two campaigns, Coach Danny Scarola and his young team decided to celebrate their year with laughs and smiles instead of tears.

"I'm proud of these girls," he said. "We lost eight seniors last year and it says great things about them that they were able to get back to the final four again the next year."

No. 3 Cardozo lost in straight sets, but the match was much closer than the scoreboard indicated. They led favored Bronx Science in the early part of the first set after a blistering start, but they couldn't maintain the early energy. Two different runs of five straight points by Bronx Science put Cardozo's championship hopes on the brink in the second set.

The Judges (10-2) were able to hang with Bronx Science (13-0) for the majority of the second set and even found themselves down 23-22 toward the end. Two Bronx Science points later and the season had ended

in defeat. Scarola felt mistakes hurt his club.

"They had some great blocks late, and we had 10 service errors. We don't normally have 10 service errors in a week," he said. "But we got better and better with each game, these girls will be great next year."

Part of the reason for Scarola's optimism is the play of freshman phenom Alexis Hamilton. The tall California native had a team-leading eight kills and seemed to deliver a clutch kill whenever her team needed her, too. Scarola believes the sky is the limit for her. Hamilton, all smiles despite a tough loss, viewed her freshman season as one filled with tremendous success.

"This year was definitely interesting and really fun," she said. "It was great to get to the semifinals and I'm very happy with our year. If I have fun, then I play well and the same goes for this team."

Departing for Cardozo are six seniors, but with returning stars such as Hamilton and junior setter Zhan Cheng Yin, the Judges should be right back in the championship mix next season.

"We're going to be way stronger, definitely," Hamilton said. "We can win it all next year, I don't see why not."



Cardozo volleyball players gather together for a huddle.

Photo by Chris Barca

Aviation's amazing run ends in final

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Aviation senior goalkeeper George Vlahakis went to each of his teammates and shook their hands as they sat and watched the Martin Luther King Jr. players receive their championship awards.

"I'm proud of all of them," Vlahakis said.

He and his teammates have a lot to look back fondly on despite a 2-0 loss to the top-seeded and nationally ranked Knights in the PSAL Class A boys' soccer final on Randall's Island Sunday. The Knights won their 15th title in the last 20 years and their second straight.

Aviation, seeded No. 19, reached the school's first title game a year after falling to MLK 8-0 in the semifinals a year ago. It beat No. 3 Francis Lewis, No. 6 New Dorp and No. 7 Tottenville to reach the championship

game, after placing in its division during the regular season. Vlahakis believes this game shows the rest of the city the Flyers are for real.

"You can't say it's luck," Vlahakis said. "Two years in a row we made it far."

He gave Aviation (12-5-0) a chance to take home the crown. Vlahakis made three diving saves in the first 20 minutes and another in the second half. It appeared the teams were headed to half time scoreless, but MLK's Ibrahim Lakanobo scored into the lower left-hand corner on a shot across the box for a 1-0 lead in the 38th minute.

The Flyers believed they found the equalizer when Jonathan Jaramillo appeared to head in a cross. The referees ruled it no goal and gave him a yellow card for punching the ball in. Jaramillo said he headed it, but also leaned in with his



Aviation's Kevin Alvarado walks off the field dejected after losing the PSAL boys' championship game against Martin Luther King at Randall's Island field. Photo by Robert Cole

shoulder.

"We were about to celebrate and all our hopes went down," Jarmillo, a junior, said.

That was the best chance Aviation created as the Knights' (17-0-0) speedy backline kept Jarmillo and star sophomore forward Ousmane Barry in check. They were unable to turn dangerous through balls up the sidelines into shots. MLK put the game out of reach when Michael Henry scored in the 78th minute, ending Aviation's miracle run. It didn't stop the Flyers' coach from leaving proud of what his team accomplished.

"It was a Cinderella run," Aviation Coach Mario Cotumaccio said. "Who would think that a team that was seeded 19 would make it to the finals and hang with Martin Luther King?"

Newtown soccer induces high emotion in final loss

BY DANIEL MARTIN

The final minutes of Friday night's PSAL Class B boys' soccer championship brought a dramatic swing of emotions for Newtown and Coach Eric Wozniak, not providing the ending he wanted.

Down a goal in the 78th minute, he watched as Newtown senior Juan Valencia launched a miracle shot off a free kick that snuck into the corner of the goal and tied the score. He thought his team had bought itself new life.

"We thought we would at least push it to overtime and have a great chance there," Wozniak said.

Off the restart, though, New Utrecht senior Grei Mujok scooped up an errant Newtown pass and dribbled past defenders down the right side of the field. He proceeded to bury a shot in the back of the net, for the game-winning goal for fifth-seeded New Utrecht. It handed No. 3 Newtown a 3-2 defeat on Randall's Island Saturday night. It was an unlucky occurrence for the Pioneers.

"Unfortunately, the pass hit the referee and they got the bounce and the kid went down the line and finished the goal," Wozniak said.

Early pressure from Newtown led to the night's first score, this coming from Mujok in the 15th minute. He deposited a rocket into the lower right corner to give the Utes (17-1) a 1-0 lead. More back-and-forth action led to an equalizer from Newtown's Brian Paredes off a header, set up by junior Eldin Mackic on a free kick cross to tie the score at 1-1.

A penalty kick goal by New Utrecht in



A New Utrecht player tries to catch up with Newtown's Ronald Torres in the championship match. Photo by Priyanka S. Katumuluwa

the 61st minute gave the Utes what looked like a safe lead until that fateful 78th minute, when Valencia sent the crowd into a frenzy with the game-tying goal on a free kick from 25-yards out. That set up Mujok's heroics less than a minute later for the win. Mujok was thinking title the whole way.

"Please score, please score, that's all I had in mind," Mujok said he was thinking as he dribbled. "It's the best feeling ever."

Newton (16-2) was left with a feeling of defeat, but a satisfaction about what it accomplished this season. It won the division title after placing fourth last year and winning just one game a year ago. The Pioneers' effort was never in doubt.

"We gave it our all this season," Wozniak said. "We competed every game and we played smart. We left absolutely everything on the field."

title game, where it fell to St. Raymond. Gilvary, according to Desvigne, has taken the situation hard.

"I spoke to Paul several times," he said. "He is very frustrated, annoyed, you name it."

Desvigne said he and fellow assistant Robert Offley were running practices and scrimmages until last

Thursday, when Offley told him new freshman Coach Tommy Marchesini was named the varsity coach.

Marchesini, a former JV head coach and varsity assistant at St. Francis Prep and a Holy Cross alumnus, denied this claim.

As of right now, he said, "I am the freshman coach."

teammates down against Fordham Prep (14-4-0).

"I'm just glad I was able to put it away," he said. "We just did that for Justin. We know he's fighting, so we wanted to fight hard for him, too."

The road doesn't end here for Molloy, who now moves on to the state tournament. It starts a quest for

another championship, a journey from which Thompson, who is hoping to walk again, draws as much inspiration as his teammates draw from him.

"They worked hard for me, so I'm going to work hard for them," Thompson said. "I'm going to give them a championship in a different way."

Christ the King turnovers plague title chance against Bishop Ford

BY JOE PANTORNO

The scoreboard was lopsided and not in Christ the King's favor, but Royals Coach Tyree Allison felt making the CHSFL Class A football title game showed the program is moving in the right direction despite a 49-6 loss to defending champion Bishop Ford Saturday night at Mitchel Field.

"This season our main goal was a change of attitude," Allison said. "I think we did a decent job of that."

While the attitude might have changed this season, there was little to smile about Saturday as Christ the King committed as many turnovers as points scored: six. Star receiver Jordan Fuchs had just three receptions and the rest of the Christ the King (3-7) offense was limited to just 67 total yards by a dominant Bishop Ford defense.

"I have to give it up to Bishop Ford," Allison said. "They have a great team and coaching staff and they were ready for us today."

The Royals' defense had it especially tough as they had no answers for Ford's offense. Bishop Ford's running backs Dante Aiken and Rodney Gonzalez combined for 199 yards on the ground and three touchdowns on



Christ the King players, including Bryler Paige (front), react to the loss. Photo by Christina Santucci

the day. In the air, quarterback Xaviah Mattocks completed two passes on the day, one of them for the opening score of the game, a 48-yard bomb to Malik Warner, who made a diving catch in the end zone. Christ the King (6-4) allowed Bishop Ford to score on seven of its first eight possessions.

"They were extremely tough to play against because they are a very physical team," Allison said. "They have great backs with a lot of speed."

The loss hurts, but Alli-

son, a former NFL player is determined to continue to look forward and move the program in the right direction. He took over a team that won one game last season. The Royals had two regular season victories, but came together to top St. Peter's in the semifinals. That kind of resiliency is a good sign for things to come.

"You can't build Rome in a year," Allison said. "That's the game plan. I know it's going to take time."

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squad since Dec. 10. Gilvary is coming off a season in which he helped lead Holy Cross to the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens title for the first time since 2007 and a trip to the CHSAA Class AA city

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did."

Thompson, who watched Molloy play for the second time this season, proved to be the motivation Mendez needed. He didn't want to let him or the rest of his

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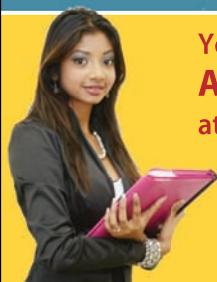


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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS US
Bank National Association,
as Trustee of Citigroup
Mortgage Loan Trust,
Asset Backed Pass
Through Certificates,
Series 2006-AMC1 under
the Pooling and Servicing
Agreement dated as of
September 1, 2006,
without recourse, Plaintiff,
against Gilberto Rosa, et
al., Defendant(s). Pursuant
to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly
dated 12/20/2007 I, the
undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction at the
Queens County Supreme
Court, 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, New
York, in Courtroom #25 on
12/07/2012 at 11:00AM,
premises known as 100-17
87th Avenue, Richmond
Hill, NY 11418 All that
certain plot piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings
and improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in
the Borough and County of
Queens, City and State of
New York, BLOCK: 9286,
LOT: 28. Approximate
amount of judgment
\$501,640.71 plus interest
and costs. Premises will
be sold subject to
provisions of filed
Judgment Index#
07-15649. David S.
Dikman, Esq., Referee
FRENKEL LAMBERT
WEISSMAN &
GORDON, LLP Attorney
for Plaintiff, 20 West Main
St., Bayshore, NY 11706
Dated: October 16, 2012
994064 11/8, 11/15, 11/22,
11/29/2012

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION, AS TRUS-
TEE ON BEHALF OF
MERRILL LYNCH MORT-
GAGE INVESTORS
TRUST 2010-NP1, Plaintiff
-against- MD. SAJJAD
HOSSAIN, ET AL., Defen-
dant(s). Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly entered AU-
GUST 14, 2012, I, the un-
dersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the
QUEENS COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, 88-11
SUTPHIN BOULEVARD,
JAMAICA, NY IN COURT-
ROOM 25 on the 7TH DAY
OF DECEMBER, 2012 at
11:00 A.M. premises
known as 16144 86TH
AVENUE, JAMAICA, NY
11432, further described as

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follows:
BLOCK 9775 AND LOT 12
ALL that certain plot, piece
or parcel of land, with the
buildings and improve-
ments thereon erected,
situate, lying and being in
the 4th Ward, Borough and
County of Queens, City
and State of New York,
known and designated on
a certain map entitled "Map
of property belonging to Ja-
maica Home Providing
Company, Inc., 4th Ward,
Borough of Queens, New
York City, surveyed Novem-
ber, 1915 by C.E. and
City Surveyor, Jamaica,
New York and filed in the
office of the Clerk of the
County of Queens, on De-
cember 2, 1915, as map
No. 3310 as lot No. 2 and
being more particularly
bounded and described ac-
cording to said map as fol-
lows:
BEGINNING at a point on
the southeasterly side of
Union Park Avenue, distant
129.23 feet southwesterly
from the corner formed by
the intersection of said
southeasterly side of Union
Park Avenue, with the
westerly side of 162nd
Street (formerly Union Ave-
nue);
RUNNING THENCE south-
easterly at right angles to
Union Park Avenue along
Lots No. 1 and 9 on said
map, 44.73 feet;
RUNNING THENCE south-
erly parallel with 162nd
Street along lot No. 8 on
said map and other prop-
erty, 64 feet;
RUNNING THENCE west-
erly at right angles to
162nd Street, 15.37 feet to
lot No. 3 on said map;
RUNNING THENCE north-
westerly at right angles to
Union park Avenue and
along Lot No. 3 on said
map, 97 feet to the south-
easterly side of Union Park
Avenue and;
RUNNING THENCE north-
easterly along said south-
easterly side of Union Park
Avenue, 40 feet to the
point or place of BEGIN-
NING.
Approximate amount of lien
\$762,723.86 plus interest &
costs. Premises will be
sold subject to provisions
of filed judgment and terms
of sale. Index Number
2734/07.
VASILIOS C. ANGELOS,
ESQ., REFEREE
DOONAN, GRAVES &
LONGORIA, LLC

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Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
100 Cummings Center
Suite 225D
Beverly, MA 01915

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS,
FLUSHING SAVINGS
BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs.
COLMAR REALTY, LLC,
ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly
filed on September 19,
2011, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public
auction at the Queens
County Courthouse, Court-
room 25, 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on
December 14, 2012 at
11:00 a.m., premises
known as 41-17 48th
Street, Sunnyside, NY. All
that certain plot, piece or
parcel of land, with the
buildings and improve-
ments thereon erected,
situate, lying and being in
the Borough and County of
Queens, City and State of
New York, Block 00135
and Lot 0021. Approximate
amount of judgment is
\$944,123.69 plus interest
and costs. Premises will
be sold subject to provisions
of filed Judgment Index
34715/09.
Nicole L. Bruszewski, Esq.,
Referee
Eric Berliner, Esq., 80 Cut-
termill Road, Suite 411,
Great Neck, New York
11021, Attorney for Plaintiff

**SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW
YORK**
COUNTY OF QUEENS
JOY H. MACK f/k/a JOY
DINKO, Plaintiff, against
SUSAN IGWEGBE,
ONEWEST BANK, THE
BANK OF NEW YORK, as
Collateral Agent and Custodian,
DENISE WATERS,
DOUGLAS WATERS,
SEYNA DINKO, CATALI-
NA FERNANDEZ and EN-
VIRONMENTAL CON-
TROL BOARD and JOHN
DOE 1-10, the names of
the last defendants being
fictitious, the true names
being unknown to plaintiff,
the parties intended being
tenants or persons in pos-
session of the premises,
Defendants.
Index No. 12993/12,
Date Purchased:
06/20/2012
Plaintiff designates
QUEENS COUNTY as
Place of trial. The basis of
venue is location of The
Premises. The Premises is
located at 187-09 Brinke-
rhoff Avenue, Jamaica, NY

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11433.
SUMMONS:
To the above named
Defendants:
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-
MONED** to answer the
complaint in this action
and to serve a copy of your
answer, or, if the complaint
is not served with this sum-
mons, to serve a notice of
appearance on the Plain-
tiff's Attorney(s) within 20
days after the service of
this summons, exclusive of
the day of service (or within
30 days after the service is
complete if this summons
is not personally delivered
to you within the State of
New York); and in case of
your failure to appear or
answer, judgment will be
taken against you for the
relief demanded in the
complaint. Dated: Freeport,
NY, June 19, 2012.
V. ROY CACCIATORE,
P.C., V. ROY CACCIAT-
TORE, ESQ., Attorney for
Plaintiff, 30 South Ocean
Avenue, Suite 202, Free-
port, New York 11520,
(516) 868-1070

**SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW
YORK COUNTY OF
QUEENS Defendants.**
Index No. 9700/2012 Date
of Filing: Plaintiff desig-
nates Queens County as
the place of trial. Venue is
based upon County in
which premises are situat-
ed. **SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS Tax Lien Fore-
closure Block: 12589; Lot:
41**
a/k/a 171-12 140th Avenue
NYCTL 2011-A TRUST
and THE BANK OF NEW
YORK MELLON as Collat-
eral Agent and Custodian,
Plaintiffs, -against-
GEORGE E. BROWN, if
living, and if he be dead,
his representatives, heirs-
at-law, next of kin, dis-
tributees, executors, ad-
ministrators, trustees, devi-
sees, legatees, assignees,
lienors, creditors, and suc-
cessors in interest, and
generally all persons hav-
ing 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, MUNICI-
PAL CREDIT UNION,
MBNA AMERICA BANK
NA, UM CAPITAL LLC, DI-
RECT MERCHANTS
CREDIT CARD BANK,

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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 EN-
VIRONMENTAL CON-
TROL BOARD, NEW
YORK STATE DEPART-
MENT OF TAXATION &
FINANCE, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA IN-
TERNAL REVENUE SER-
VICE, "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 desig-
nate 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 defen-
dants are living, and if any
or all of said individual de-
fendants be dead, their
heirs at law, next of kin,
distributees, executors, ad-
ministrators, trustees, com-
mittees, devisees, lega-
tees, and the assignees, li-
enors, creditors and suc-
cessors 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 appear-
ance, on the Plaintiff's At-
torney(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 ap-
pear 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 Ob-
ject 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

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described in a certain Tax
Lien Certificate dated No-
vember 16, 2011 and re-
corded in the Office of the
City Register for the Bor-
ough of Queens, County of
Queens, on November 23,
2011 in City Register File
Number ("CRFN")
2011000408634 upon
premises described as fol-
lows: ADDRESS:
171-12 140th Avenue
BLOCK: 12589 LOT:..... 4 1
COUNTY: Queens The re-
lief sought in the within ac-
tion is a final judgment di-
recting the sale of the
premises described above
to satisfy the debt secured
by the Tax Lien described
above. Plaintiff desig-
nates Queens County as
the place of trial. Venue is
based upon the county
where the Property being
foreclosed upon is located.
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DANGER OF LOSING
YOUR HOME If you do not
respond to this summons
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copy of the answer on the
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proceeding against you
and filing the answer with
the court, a default judg-
ment may be entered and
you may lose your home.
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to the court where your
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information on how to an-
swer the summons and
complaint and protect your
property. Sending a pay-
ment 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 THOM-
AS 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 DE-
FENDANTS: The foregoing
supplemental summons is
served upon you by pub-
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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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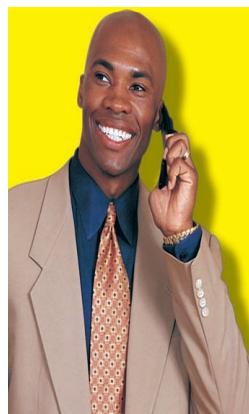
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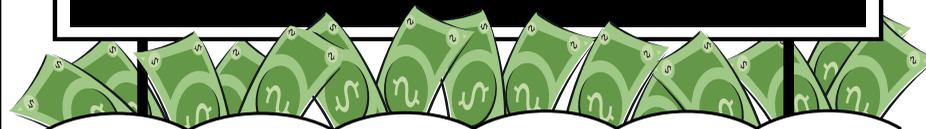
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