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Mystery music bugs Flushing from far away

BY JOE ANUTA

Residents of a serene North Flushing block spent six weeks tracking down the elusive source of blaring music — and were shocked to find it across a river and more than a mile away.

Peter Condiles lives near the corner of 33rd Avenue and 149th Street in a leafy section of Flushing where lawns, driveways and carefully manicured bushes are the norm.

It was a quiet place to grow
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Council doles out Halloran cash

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David Kincaid performs Irish songs from the Civil War during a Tribute to the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, held at the Poppenhusen Institute in College Point. **See more photos on Page 24.**

Photo by Christina Santucci

Embattled lawmaker has funding slashed in wake of scandal

BY JOE ANUTA AND RICH BOCKMANN

Lawmakers kept a promise this week to give out earmarks to nonprofits and schools on behalf of embattled City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone), but this year his share of the pot was greatly diminished.

Halloran's funds were wrested from his control following his April 2 arrest on charges he attempted to get state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-Hollis) a spot on the Republican line in the mayor's race through bribery.

But Councilman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) announced Tuesday he and his Queens compatriots were guided by Halloran's citizen budgeting process, where residents of the district
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Whitestone exit sparks spat

Malba Gardens block wants one-way streets, off ramp closed for good

BY JOE ANUTA

A group of Malba Gardens residents want cars taking the last exit from the Whitestone Expressway diverted to another street or stopped altogether.

Alfredo Centola, president of the Malba Gardens Civic Association, is pushing to have 4th and 5th avenues made one-way from 147th Street to the Whitestone Expressway service road and opposes the reopening of the temporarily shuttered 3rd Avenue exit, although his plan is not popular with the rest of the neighborhood.

The one-way arrangement would prevent cars and commercial trucks getting off the exit from turning eastward down those streets, which he said are populated with children who often play outside. The exit currently is closed while crews refurbish the Whitestone Bridge, but it is set to open again in early 2015.

"We're looking to get this street changed to a one-way with traffic going toward the bridge," he said. "Once they open that exit, there is going to be a flood."

In 2010, the city Department of Transportation did a study and found that 107 cars per hour traveled eastbound down 5th Avenue and caused two accidents between 2004 and 2008. More than 30 percent of those cars were speeding



Alfredo Centola (l.) and neighbor Sylvia Kanellos stand in front of the now-shuttered 3rd Avenue exit, which they say brings all manner of problems onto their residential street.

as high as 38 mph, the study showed.

The department found no imminent danger and decided to leave it up to Community Board 7 whether or not to go ahead with the change.

If the two avenues were switched, the only option for cars heading east would be to take 3rd Avenue, which the study showed was even more fraught with problems.

Six accidents occurred between the service road and 147th Street between 2004 and 2008, two of which caused the only

injuries identified in the study. A maximum of 152 vehicles per hour traveled eastbound down that road, which runs between Francis Lewis Park and a row of houses. Speeding data was not available.

Centola believes the ultimate solution would be to permanently close the 3rd Avenue exit.

"With the exit closed now, everybody was worried that there was going to be a headache," he said. "But it has been working out fine."

That assertion was disputed by CB 7 Chairman

Gene Kelty, who said they have been receiving complaints about backup on the detour route.

The board previously conducted a survey that found residents along the avenues in question supported the one-way conversions and exit closure, while homeowners in the surrounding blocks who also used the thoroughfares did not. CB 7 does not support Centola's idea of closing the exit on a permanent basis, Kelty said, but will revisit the one-way conversions once the exit is reopened.

Students at QCC learn from comfort women

BY PHIL CORSO

History traveled more than 6,000 miles to meet face-to-face with students at Queensborough Community College.

Over the past year, students at the Bayside campus were able to hear the horrific stories of Korean and Chinese comfort women, who were kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery for the Japanese army during World War II. They were scheduled to take the lessons one step further this week when the women from South Korea flew to New York to meet the students in the company of college officials and elected leaders.

"Our students—several of whom had never heard of the Korean comfort women—were visibly shaken by what they learned during these interviews," said Dr. Arthur Flug, executive director of the Kupferberg Holocaust Center and Archives, where the students were to have met the women

in person Thursday. "The reactions are the same for our Holocaust survivor student interns who study the history of the Holocaust, interview survivors and then share their stories with others, ensuring that when the last survivor is gone their stories shall not be forgotten."

Nine students at Queensborough took part in one of the college's newest East Asia history internship program, pairing them up with comfort women with the ultimate goal of keeping their stories alive. The program was launched in partnership with the advocacy group Korean American Civic Empowerment in the fall.

"It is a very important project for all of us," Queensborough President Diane Call said. "This is an opportunity for our students to learn about history and the prejudice that can lead to horrifying results."

Hephzibah Premkumar was one of the student

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Queensborough Community College student Alexander Crombez (c.) shares his story of speaking one-on-one with Korean comfort women earlier this year.

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Bell Boulevard set to shut down for BID's Weekend Walk

Group hopes DOT-sponsored event will bring foot traffic and attention to member stores on strip

BY PHIL CORSO

Bell Boulevard will be closed for an entire day this September for what the Bayside Village Business Improvement District announced as Bayside's first weekend walk event.

Lyle Sclair, executive director for the BID, said his group signed on to the city Department of Transportation event earlier this year with hopes of bringing more foot traffic and attention to the busy commercial strip without the distraction of busy traffic.

"This is our chance to showcase what Bell has to offer," Sclair said of the event at a BID meeting in Bayside.

On the last Sunday in September, Sclair said sections of Bell Boulevard will be closed to vehicles so merchants can take to



The rock band, Chicken Head, entertains the crowd outside CJ Sullivan's during the second annual Bayside Village Arts and Crafts Fair.

the streets. Unlike a typical street fair, Sclair said the Weekend Walk event will only be open to Bayside BID members so they can show off their businesses through demonstrations, contests, sales, shows and

more.

Restaurants along the boulevard will offer outdoor café services without having to acquire additional permits or fees, the DOT said. Other businesses will be hitting the sidewalks to

showcase special sales and demonstrations, according to BID Chairman Dominick Bruccoleri.

"The hardest part of this whole thing is to get the merchants involved," Bruccoleri said. "That has

always been our main goal through all the different events we have put together."

The event was just one of several on the BID's agenda for the upcoming year, Sclair said, as the group looks to build on its momentum gained during the first half of 2013.

"Our accomplishments lie in the sheer number of events we have done so far," said Sclair, who joined the BID in the middle of 2012. "We have been working to make sure every event supports what everyone is doing individually and seeing how the BID can leverage that."

The NYC Weekend Walk program was launched through the DOT and is available for business districts throughout the five boroughs. It was included in Mayor

Bloomberg's World Class Streets initiative to promote new ways to use public spaces throughout the five boroughs.

The city said 23 total sites were slated for the 2013 season, which goes from May through October.

The BID was listed by the city as one of several community partners working to make the Weekend Walk program more robust in the borough, joining with the Astoria Park Alliance, Sunnyside Shines BID and other city groups.

Weekend Walks have already been happening throughout the city during the last five years, including spots in Astoria and Sunnyside, the DOT said.

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Bayside Marina bouncing back after Sandy

After making facility operational, crew still pays out of pocket to fix extensive damage to buildings

BY PHIL CORSO

It will take more than a prayer to keep the Bayside Marina afloat, the owners said.

The annual blessing of the fleet was held recently at the northeast Queens marina, marking the beginning of another summer season on the open water. But this year, the lingering effects of Superstorm Sandy left the Bayside Marina crew working harder than ever to open on time with repairs still weighing heavily on the owners' checkbooks.

"It's basically like putting a Band-Aid on a gunshot wound," Bayside Marina President Martin Munch said. "Thank God it's been holding for now, but there are still other issues."

Munch said the Bayside Marina took a beating when Sandy smashed its way through Queens. Electrical wiring was demolished with more than \$75,000 sustained in damages, one building's roof caved in, another building lost a chunk of its exterior wall and some parts of the docks were left in shambles, which cost more than \$35,000 to fix.

"We are operational, but we did need to spend a lot out of pocket to get there," Munch said of the marina, which can accommodate 130 boats and currently has about 120 crafts. "It depends on what other stuff fails. If our electrical service decides to stop, we're basically done."

The marina's holding tank for boats' waste water was also damaged and has been filling up quicker than in the past because of what Munch said might be a broken pipe underground. The docks also were the target of the storm's wrath, he said, as the high tides left parts of the structure at Mother Nature's mercy, which nearly floated away.



(Clockwise from top) The Bayside Marina can hold about 130 boats; marina President Martin Munch gives a tour of the repairs completed and still remaining at the facility after Superstorm Sandy; Munch holds his cell phone with a photo showing flood waters washing over the marina's entrance ramp during the superstorm; eight months later the water of the Little Neck Bay have receded to normal levels; and even an ice storage container was damaged during the storm, Munch says.

Photos by Carol Alvarado and Christina Santucci

Insurance covered some of the damage, but the marina crew of about 10 workers still spent the entire winter making repairs to meet the May 1 deadline for the start of the season with little to no help, Munch said. According to the Marina president, he and his crew shelled out

more than \$100,000 of their own money to get the facility operational and they are still battling for any funding they can get.

"We have been breaking our backs to get this place open," Munch said. "This is a lot of people's enjoyment. It's a fine line between what you can and

can't do."

After the storm, the marina put in funding requests with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but the owners were denied because the facility is considered a city Parks Department concession. Munch said Parks has been working with them

to find money for repairs, but the returns have been sparse.

"We have had some help, but the work is still ongoing," said Munch, who pointed out that the dock structure is still in need of repairs.

"We have it put together and it is safe," he said.

"But in all honesty, if we get hit with another good storm, there is nothing to say that it's not going to break apart."

Parks holds the license agreement on the Bayside Marina, but Munch and his team manage the facility while also working at full-time jobs elsewhere. The arrangement was why Munch said funding has been hard to come by for the northeast Queens gem, which Munch said pre-dates the construction of the Cross Island Parkway. A winter storm wiped out the marina in 1992 and after it was rebuilt, the facility opened in his current form in 1994, Munch said.

Slips are rented to boat owners who hail from throughout Queens and Long Island and use their crafts for fishing, waterskiing, sailing and even just plain old relaxing, Munch said. The marina also rents out four 14-foot Carolina Skiffs, small boats with motors. Each year the facility hosts a Snapper Derby where children compete in catching the most fish. This year's event is scheduled for Aug. 24.

"It's a labor of love for all of us. It isn't what everybody thinks," Munch said. "We are trying to work with Parks, but their hands are tied to a certain point."

Storms have only become more severe over the years, and Munch said he was well aware of the future risks at the Bayside Marina. But for now, he said, they were fully operational and ready for the season.

"This year we'll keep our fingers crossed," he said. "You hope for the best. But at the end of the day, it's all up to Mother Nature."

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Avella bill would chill development in parks

BY JOE ANUTA

A new state bill would force private companies that set up shop on parkland to replace the greenspace somewhere else at three times the size, which could make Flushing Meadows Corona Park less enticing for development projects.

The state Parks Department prefers any park plots that are leased or sold by the government to be replaced, according to a handbook distributed by the agency, although a swap is not technically required.

"I was shocked to find out the procedure is not actually codified into law," state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) said outside his office Tuesday.

The lawmaker's proposed legislation would also require at least one portion of the replacement parcel to be as large as the land being taken away and the entire exchange to take place within a 1-mile radius.

Avella said the 3-1 ratio is designed to make it more difficult to take away taxpayers' recreation space, which has become a hot-button issue for Flushing Meadows.

The New York Mets are proposing to put a 1.4-million-square-foot mall on a Citi Field parking lot that is leased parkland, the United States Tennis Center hopes to soon absorb 0.68 acres of

the greenspace into its tennis center lease and Major League Soccer used to have its eye on 13 acres of Flushing Meadows to build a soccer stadium, though league officials now appear to be considering other options.

"Unless we have legislation like this, the Mets will get what they want and MLS will get what they want," he said.

Avella's bill comes on the heels of another piece of legislation introduced by Sen. Jose Serrano (D-Manhattan) this year, but Serrano's proposal does not include the 3-1 ratio.

Leasing or selling parkland, a process called alienation, already requires the state Legislature to sign off on the deal. But swapping the land is merely ensconced in common law, meaning the courts have consistently ruled in civil cases that the quid pro quo take place.

But in at least one instance, replacement land was never provided.

"State Parks recognizes, in rare instances, that there may be valid reasons to alienate particular parklands when the substitution of other lands is not possible or appropriate," the Parks handbook states.

As an example, the department pointed to a 2000 alienation in the Westchester town of Rye in order to accommodate the

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Sen. Tony Avella (l.) explains his parkland replacement bill outside the lawmaker's office. Photo by Joe Anuta

Weprin, Simotas earn \$\$\$ for jobs outside Assembly

BY RICH BOCKMANN

State Assembly members David Weprin (D-Little Neck) and Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) earned six-figure salaries last year from their jobs outside Albany, recent filings aimed at shedding light on state officials' outside incomes show.

State lawmakers take home a base salary of \$79,500 working in Albany's part-time Legislature, and many have side jobs such as lawyers or financiers — even actors — a situation government watchdogs say may create conflicts of interest.

"How much time do they direct to these outside activities?" asked Bill Mahoney, a spokesman for the New York Public Interest Research Group. "Certainly a big part is that it's always possible that an individual is doing little work for a lot of money."

"Conflicts of interest may arise from a lack of



State Assembly members Aravella Simotas and David Weprin made more money from outside jobs last year than from their salaries for serving in Albany.

focus or whether they're earning more than the average person who's not a lawmaker would," he added.

State officials had previously filed disclosure forms that redacted their outside incomes, but under new rules the state's

Joint Commission on Public Ethics published the complete forms for all 211 members of the Legislature on its website. Officials did not have identify how much they made at a job if their income was less than \$1,000.

Weprin, whose career

includes a number of high-ranking positions in finance and regulation, made as much as \$250,000 in 2012 as the senior vice president of finance at Sterne, Agee & Leach, a Park Avenue investment banking and brokerage firm.

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Shafran reveals income in Council race

BY JOE ANUTA

A candidate hoping to fill the spot of embattled City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) released a financial disclosure statement Monday, and two opponents followed suit.

Austin Shafran made between \$100,000 and \$250,000 working as the vice president of public affairs for the Empire State Development Corp. in 2012, a position he resigned from in January, according to the filing, which is required paperwork for anyone running for office.

He is running against Douglaston attorney John



Austin Shafran, who is running for the seat held by City Councilman Dan Halloran, released his personal financial disclosure statement this week.

Duane; Flushing urban planning consultant Paul Graziano; party-backed Flushing attorney Paul Vallone; and former Halloran Chief of Staff Chrissy Voskerichian, of Flushing in a Democratic primary for a district covering Little Neck, Bayside, Douglaston, North Flushing, Whitestone, Auburndale and College Point. Republican Dennis Saffran is also in the mix.

"The purpose of this is to pull back the veil of secrecy so voters can see where a candidate's personal finances are coming from,"

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Council cuts three boro lawmakers' discretionary budgets

Halloran, Wills and Koo get less funds to spread around, while Crowley has large chunk restored

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A trio of Queens City Council members had their discretionary funding budgets cut this year, while five lawmakers got double-digit increases to dole out to non-profit groups.

Councilmen Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone), Ruben Wills (D-South Jamaica) and Peter Koo (D-Flushing) all saw reductions in their discretionary expense funds, according to the number crunchers at the government-watchdog group Citizens Union. As opposed to capital funding, which generally goes to improvements at schools, the expense part of the discretionary budget funds operations at a variety of nonprofits.

The decision on how to divvy up Halloran's share was made by Queens Delegation Chairman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) in conjunction with Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) after the northeast Queens lawmaker was arrested in April on



City Councilmen Dan Halloran (r.) and Peter Koo discuss issues affecting their districts in this file photo. Both lawmakers had their discretionary funding budgets cut this year.

corruption charges.

The \$364,000 in expense funding doled out on his behalf was about \$51,000 less than he distributed last year.

Wills was stripped of his ability to allocate discretionary funds last year after the state attorney general's office filed court documents claiming he had been uncooperative with an investi-

gation into a non-profit he controlled. No charges have been brought against Wills.

His funding dropped \$6,000 to about \$572,00, according to the Citizens Union data.

Koo's pot of almost \$500,000 was \$3,000 smaller than last year's. The Flushing lawmaker may have angered Quinn by endorsing one of the speaker's oppo-

nents in her bid for mayor.

Critics have contended for years that Quinn uses the so-called member items to keep Council members in line.

"This speaker has not hesitated to use member items, it appears, to award her favorites and punish those people who have not been as cooperative," said Susan Lerner, executive director of the good-government group Common Cause NY.

A Council spokeswoman said decisions concerning funding allocations for Halloran's and Wills' districts were made by the speaker's office in consultation with Comrie.

Lerner said Common Cause would prefer to see a need-based formula that distributes funding among Council districts and stricter guidelines for how they are parceled out within the districts.

According to the Citizens Union's analysis, the entire council's discretionary expense budget grew by more than \$650,000

this year.

Council members Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills), Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst), David Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens), Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) and Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) all had their budgets increase by \$50,000 or more.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) had her budget increased by \$126,000, which is still more than \$150,000 shy of where it was two years ago.

Her budget was slashed by more than \$286,000 last year, and at the time her spokesman blamed the "political favoritism" that drives the funding process.

Councilmen Peter Vallone (D-Astoria), James Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows), Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) and Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton), who this year replaced his mentor, James Sanders, Jr., saw either a slight increase or none in their discretionary expense budgets.

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Limping burglary suspect hits Queens homes: NYPD

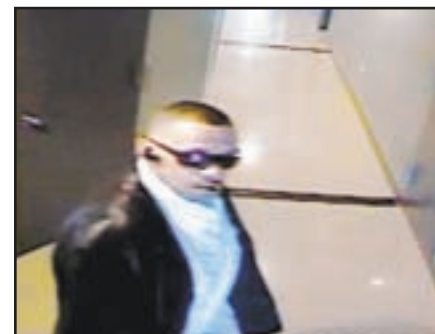
FLUSHING — A walking cane did not stop a suspected bandit from making a clean getaway from burglaries all over Queens, the NYPD said Wednesday.

Cops released surveillance footage of the man — wanted in connection with five incidents — and described how he allegedly used a set of keys to open an apartment door, enter a room inside and later hobble off with a sack of valuables, according to police.

In addition to a previously reported March 30 incident, when the suspect allegedly made off with an undisclosed amount of property from a Blossom Avenue residential complex in Flushing, the suspected swindler allegedly struck four other locations, police said.

Sometime between 4:30 p.m. May 3 and 1:30 a.m. May 4, the man allegedly entered an Elmhurst apartment building near the corner of 46th Avenue and 79th Street through the door and snatched jewelry and cash, police said.

The next day he allegedly struck again at a Forest Hills building near the corner of 72nd Road and 112th Street between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 11 p.m., according to cops.



Police released a surveillance image of a man they said was a suspect last month.

Image courtesy NYPD

After taking a month off, the suspected burglar walked through the threshold of a Woodside home near the corner of 37th Road and 54th Street June 12 between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. and allegedly made off with foreign currency and electronics, police said.

And between June 12 and 19 he somehow gained access to a Sunnyside apartment building near the corner of 43rd Avenue and 42nd Street and again allegedly purloined jewelry and cash, the NYPD said.

Flushing man found dead in car's backseat: Police

FLUSHING — A man who slept off a night of drinking in the backseat of his car was found dead in the Broadway section of Flushing Saturday, police said.

Ronald Siracuse's wife found the 50-year-old unresponsive in the backseat of their vehicle, parked near the corner of 32nd Avenue and 160th Street, and called cops about 7 a.m., according to a police source.

The two had been out to a party the night before, and his wife left Siracuse in the car to sleep off the drinks he had consumed after they returned home, the source said.

EMS responded to the 911 call Saturday morning and took Siracuse to Flushing Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to the NYPD.

The medical examiner will determine the cause of death.



Police said Ronald Siracuse was found dead in the backseat of a car in his Broadway neighborhood (pictured).

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CORPORATE ACCOUNTS WELCOME

South Asian groups sue BOE over ballots

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A pair of South Asian community groups last week filed a federal lawsuit against the city Board of Elections for failing to provide voters with Bengali-language ballots as it has been required to do since 2011 under the Voting Rights Act.

A spokeswoman for the board said the ballots will be in place for the Sept. 10 primary for the city's elections, but the lawsuit claims the community groups had been told that in the past.

"The board has made many promises before. Now we want assurances," said Glenn Magpantay, democracy program director for the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, which, along with CHHAYA Community Development and a Queens resident, filed the suit in Brooklyn Eastern District Court.

In October 2011, the director of the U.S. Census Bureau determined Queens was covered under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires jurisdictions to provide assistance to language-minorities once they reach a certain threshold.

This provision of the civil rights legislation had previously required the city to provide ballots

in Spanish, Chinese and Korean, and following the 2010 census it determined Queens had enough South Asians to require ballots. Bengali was chosen as the language.

The BOE, however has not provided Bengali ballots in the four elections since the designation.

"The reason we couldn't implement the Bengali ballots last year was because, as per our vendor, there were technical issues in getting the scanner and ballot marking device to read the ballots," said BOE spokeswoman Valerie Vazquez.

The board is planning to use the old lever-style voting machines for the Sept. 10 primary, but Vazquez said the vendor would have been ready with the ballots had the electronic machines been used.

The lawsuit claims the community groups were given verbal assurances the ballots would be ready for the November 2012 general election, but they were never put in place.

Vazquez said the board in 2012 adopted an interim plan that would provide assistance such as interpreters at poll sites until the BOE could have full implementation for the 2013 election cycle.

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Sen. Toby Stavisky and Assemblyman David Weprin (second from l.-r.) call on the Board of Elections to go above and beyond the U.S. Voting Rights Act requirements at a June 2012 news conference.

Lancman outlines Council plans

Former assemblyman switches gears to run for Gennaro seat

BY JOE ANUTA

Former state Assemblyman Rory Lancman is hoping to take the skills he learned in Albany and apply them to the City Council.

The father of three is running for the seat of term-limited City Councilman James Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows) that covers

Briarwood, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Jamaica Hills, Jamaica Estates, Pomonok, Electchester and a portion of Jamaica and hopes to draw on his experience representing the area in the state Legislature from 2006-12 and his civic activism beforehand.

Lancman was known as a fierce labor advocate in Albany, and was the chair of the Subcommittee on Workplace Safety.

"Most of the work I did before I was in the Assembly was city-level work," Lancman said in a recent interview, citing his 16 years as a member of Community Board 8 and his time serving on various civic organizations.

On education, Lancman would like to see smaller class sizes and protections against co-locating schools in city buildings, causes he said he already fought for in Albany.

"Jamaica High School is a perfect prism through which to look at that issue," he said, citing the city's decision to shutter the institution as an example of failed Bloomberg administration



Former Assemblyman Rory Lancman is eyeing the seat of City Councilman James Gennaro.

education policies. "The Department of Education let Jamaica High School bleed to death. I thought that was terrible."

But with a new mayor, chancellor and turnover in the Council, the Hillcrest resident said lawmakers have a real opportunity to alter the course of the DOE's policies.

The issue of affordability faces all Queens residents whether they are purchasing groceries, paying rent or taking transportation both public and private, Lancman said. The city has slowly divested in

the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and CUNY — where Lancman went to college — for example, and could do more to offer reasonable rents to low-income New Yorkers.

"I would love for the city to expand affordable housing opportunities. And that includes direct subsidies, loans and grants to people who develop it," he said, adding that some incentives do not necessarily have to come out of the administration's coffers, such as requiring affordable housing components for large development proj-

ects that need permits or zoning modifications to break ground.

In addition to several neighborhoods, the the 24th Council District also includes a southern portion of Flushing Meadows Corona Park, which Lancman said he would be happy to represent.

The former lawmaker is toying with ideas to make the nature preserves surrounding Willow Lake more attractive to the community by offering more outdoor activities.

But other development in the greenspace crosses the line, he said.

Lancman rallied against the original expansion of the United States Tennis Association's Flushing Meadows tennis center in the early 1990s, and said parkland needs to be legitimately replaced for him to accept the USTA's current proposal to absorb less than an acre into its footprint.

He also does not support a soccer stadium in the park and said he would rather see developers build it in the parking lot of Citi Field where a 1.4-million-square-foot mall is being proposed by the New York Mets.

The Council recently passed two pieces of legislation that would create an inspector general for the NYPD and expand a citizen's right to sue the department over alleged racial profiling, both of which Lancman supports.

Avella

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expansion of a children's library, which overstepped municipal parkland.

Sen. George Latimer (D-Port Chester) represents the area and said in that case the encroachment

was justified and might not have taken place if the library was required to buy land elsewhere.

"I think the senator's bill has tremendous merit, but there may be cases where a waiver of the law might be necessary," he said, citing situations where small villages and towns might have trouble

finding triple the replacement land in their limited jurisdictions.

The Legislature is currently out of session for the summer, meaning Avella's bill will have to simmer while developers continue plans to build in Flushing Meadows unless the governor summons the lawmakers back to Albany for a

special session.

But should it eventually become law, the alienation process would more closely align with federal standards.

Any parkland that is federally regulated, as portions of Flushing Meadows are, must be replaced with land "at least equal" to the lands being taken away.

METER MADNESS

Queens has a starring role in the Muni-Meter meltdown bedeviling the city. There is a constant stream of complaints to community boards across the borough from motorists trying to appease the temperamental meters so they can perform simple tasks such as buying a newspaper or having a cup of coffee.

And the drivers are not the only ones on the losing end. Shop owners in heavily-metered areas like Bayside, Forest Hills and Whitestone are watching their businesses suffer as shoppers blame the merchants for the Muni-Meter nightmare. And employees are spending so much time searching for working meters that they often arrive to work late, drawing fire from unsympathetic employers.

Among the biggest complaints are broken meters, machines that run out of paper after the driver has paid for a ticket and meters that won't accept quarters because they are already full.

Earlier this year, this newspaper did a spot check and found nearly half of the meters in the Whitestone Village area would not accept coins on a given day while several others were not working at all.

The Muni-Meter problem has become so widespread that it was discussed at a service cabinet meeting involving community boards from around Queens.

The solution is elusive.

The only recourse for the frustrated driver is to call 311 and report the number of the broken Muni-Meter. When one driver called the number recently to report a rash of broken meters near Bell Boulevard, she was told to phone in the numbers of all the non-functioning machines — an impossible task, since she feared being ticketed and was already late for work.

The din over the Muni-Meters became so loud that the City Council stepped in, passing a bill which required the city Department of Transportation to reprogram the machines to play by the rules and only take required payment. And Queens Councilman James Gennaro pushed through a law to allow motorists to cancel tickets handed out while they waited to feed the meter during a five-minute period.

The Muni-Meters were designed to raise revenue for the city, but shoppers and small businesses are being unfairly targeted. The DOT should hire enough inspectors to keep the Muni-Meters repaired and set up a complaint center with a special number motorists can call directly to report malfunctioning machines.

The Muni-Meter fiasco has gone on far too long.



OTHER VOICES

Pols and staffs should not be secretive

I called my city councilman, Peter Koo (D-Flushing), in June. I wanted to know if he voted for or against the two community safety bills that were passed.

The staffer who answered the phone refused to tell me how Koo voted. She said it was a policy not to answer questions like mine. I asked her if that was Koo's policy or someone else's. She danced around that question.

I was shocked by this attitude. I reminded her that Koo works for me and everyone else in the district, not the other way around, and we have a right to know how he is representing us by his votes.

She tried to tell me to look online for the voting results. Has anyone ever tried to navigate through these websites?

To her credit, the staffer tried to walk me through, but still could not

get me to the page where the results were posted. I laughingly told her that, in the few minutes that we unsuccessfully tried to find these results online, she could have just told me how he voted.

This lack of accountability and secrecy is shocking to me, not to mention arrogant. I reminded the staffer that we the people pay your salary and you have a legal and moral obligation to tell me where Koo

stands on the issues.

I wonder if anyone else has had this experience with Koo or any other Council member or other elected representative.

By the way, I found out that Koo voted against these two bills.

But that is not the point, is it?

*Martin Bender
Flushing*

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Parks must clean up Olde Towne burial ground

An open letter to city Parks Commissioner Veronica White:

The Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground is in Flushing on 46th Avenue between 164th and 165th streets. It is a 19th-century cemetery where approximately 1,000 souls rest. Many of the dead are children, victims of epidemics. Most of the interred are African Americans or indigenous Americans.

The site, desecrated by the city in the 1930s in order to make a playground and wading pool, is under the auspices of Parks. I am the co-chair of the conservancy that advocates for

this hallowed place.

I was shocked during a recent visit to the cemetery to discover that the vegetation that was planted at the site, during the restoration that took place several years back, was overgrown and choked with weeds. The lawn had finally been mowed after being so overgrown, but the cut grass had browned and was thick over the site, making the grounds unkempt looking.

Some of the cut grass was scattered over the memorial disk at the center of the site. There was a huge limb that had fallen and was blocking one of the pathways. Another limb was hanging precariously

from a tree. There were piles of garden debris all over the site. There was litter and refuse receptacles had not been emptied.

Both permanent plaques detailing what the site is about had been marked with graffiti. The rock wall, which contains some names of known interred people, has been vandalized and vegetation is beginning to cover up the names on the stones. Sections of interior fencing were missing. At the 165th Street entrance, bags of garbage were piled up. Some of the bags were opened, apparently by animals. I found the appearance of the cemetery unacceptable and

disrespectful.

After I made several calls, there was a positive response to address the problems at this cemetery. On the morning of July 2, about two dozen Parks people showed up at the Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground and began to clean up the site. By that afternoon, things were improved, but there is still work to be done. The conservancy is thankful for the work done so far.

Your department is responsible for maintaining this burial ground. It is apparent that this site had been neglected by your agency. We fear the neglect may have been intentional.

This must change immediately and the cemetery must be maintained on an ongoing basis. This is not only for the sake of the surrounding neighborhood, but for the sake of all those souls who rest at this holy place. This problem must not be allowed to reoccur.

We are inviting you to visit the Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground at your earliest convenience. Please contact me so the conservancy can arrange to meet you at the site. The conservancy would like you to see how beautiful and tranquil this place is.

We would also like to speak with you about ongoing issues at the site, includ-

ing maintenance problems, signage concerns and the need to restore the headstones that were willfully destroyed by the city many years ago. The site must be recognizable as the resting place that it is, just as Flushing Cemetery across the street is recognizable as a resting place.

The dead must be respected and remembered by us all, no matter where they are buried.

*Mandingo Osceola Tshaka
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Do not curtail stop-and-frisk

The City Council's passage in June of the inaptly named Community Safety Act is a reckless action which will handcuff the police, lead to more drugs and guns on our streets and victimize the poor and minority citizens the Council claims to protect.

Queens Council members must vote to sustain Mayor Michael Bloomberg's promised veto of this dangerous measure.

The act would open the door for countless lawsuits against police anti-crime strategies under a broad and unclear definition of "bias-based profiling," and create an inspector general to second-guess these police tactics.

The profiling provision would empower judges to issue orders blocking law enforcement practices said to have a "disparate impact" based upon race or a host of other factors, including sex, age, disability and housing status.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, Police Benevo-

lent Association President Pat Lynch and others have warned that the profiling bill is so vaguely and poorly written that it could bar police from identifying the race, sex or age of suspects; force the removal of anti-crime security cameras from housing projects and high-crime areas because they disproportionately recorded members of racial or ethnic minorities; bar the deployment of officers to a minority community in response to a spike in crime in the community; and bar the monitoring of gang members because of the disparate impact based on sex and age, since nearly all gang members are male and under 30.

The act was brought to the Council floor under an unprecedented "discharge vote" engineered by Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) and Council Democrats, who allowed the bills to bypass the normal committee process.

This maneuver, which choked off debate and pre-

vented any testimony by Kelly, Lynch and other police and union officials, highlights the shortsightedness of what the Council has done.

While the act is apparently aimed at crippling the Police Department's stop-and-frisk program, it goes beyond that in allowing for lawsuits against a vast array of NYPD policies and tactics.

Even if it were limited to stop-and-frisk, however, it would still be unacceptable, for that program has been an important part of the policing strategy that has reduced the city's crime rate over the last 20 years.

Of course these stops must be courteous and civil, but the bottom line is that they get guns off the street and save lives. Those fighting to end stop-and-frisk are imperiling the communities they claim to be and ought to be protecting.

*Dennis Saffran
Douglaston*

Sign up for 9/11 health funds

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 affected all of us, but survivors and the brave first responders, many of whom risked everything to provide emergency aid, have suffered incomparable health problems and financial loss in the years following this tragedy.

Recognizing that many of the victims of 9/11 continued to suffer in the aftermath of the attacks, I and a number of my colleagues in the New York congressional delegation authored the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. The Zadroga Act provides health care and economic compensation to first responders and survivors.

But time is running out to apply for economic benefits under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. If you are a 9/11 survivor or first responder and discovered as of Oct. 3, 2011, that you have an injury or became sick as a result of the 9/11 attacks, you must register for economic compensation by Oct. 3, 2013. If you lost a loved one, compensation may also be available to the family members of first responders and survivors. You can find out more about the VCF and apply by visiting vcf.gov.

Research has shown that first responders and survivors who were exposed to dangerous toxins that entered the air at Ground Zero have significantly higher cancer risks, respiratory problems and other medical concerns.

While the World Trade Center Health Program portion of the Zadroga Act

provides coverage for eligible first responders and survivors — and recently coverage was extended to additional types of cancer that have been linked to toxins from Ground Zero — there are likely many out there who are eligible for economic compensation as a result of lost productivity, pain and suffering. That is where VCF comes in.

I and my congressional colleagues worked hard to pass the Zadroga Act and will continue to fight for strong funding. I encourage anyone who became sick or injured as a result of the 9/11 attacks and suffered economic losses to apply for compensation.

*Carolyn Maloney
U.S. Representative
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S. Asians, Indo-Caribbeans convene to bolster community



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New Voices

Two weeks ago, South Asian and Indo-Caribbean activists met in South Ozone Park to discuss a wide range of topics pertinent to the Indo-Caribbean community at the first Indo-Caribbean Convene, a space provided for activists and community leaders from Queens to discuss matters of faith, culture, justice and community.

The event was held June 23 at the Al-Ihsan Academy, at 130-08 Rockaway Blvd. I spoke with the event's organizer, Shabana Sharif, on the objectives of

the convene, as well as issues facing Indo-Caribbean and South Asian communities in Queens.

The convene was primarily a space to share ideas and strengthen relationships among community advocacy groups in Queens. Sharif notes that many of these groups work in separate spaces, a fact that is not surprising, given the geographic distribution and demographics of South Asian communities in Queens.

What made the convene unique was that it was the first attempt at encouraging those involved in their communities to meet, foster partnerships for the future and perhaps find both gaps and overlaps in their efforts.

Both the necessity and the effectiveness of partner-

ships forged at the ICC were demonstrated when an LGBT activist was attacked at a local bar hours after the event. The activists and the groups involved in the event organized social media outreach and a swift response rally in support of the victim.

Though immigrant communities across the city have a number of common issues, a few issues take priority in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park. Safety for the Sikh community remains an issue more than a decade after Sept. 11, particularly due to ignorance about their beards, turbans and clothing.

Sharif also identified the ongoing surveillance of the Muslim community by the NYPD as an issue that affects the community.

The closure of the Aq-

The Indo-Caribbean community, by virtue of generations of separation from the Indian subcontinent, varies significantly in culture, food, accents and language, which can lead to a sense of alienation.

ueduct flea market and subsequent construction of the Resorts World Casino is also a sore point, as it has brought pawnshops and other related businesses into the community. These problems, combined with a rapidly growing population and a new generation facing domestic violence and substance abuse, presented the need for greater community engagement and

outreach.

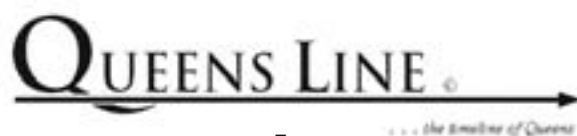
The convene consisted of three sessions, with two simultaneous workshops, panels and discussions. Various community and activist groups presented each, with topics ranging from financial literacy to gender justice and intercultural understanding.

At the interpersonal understandings seminar, three Indo-Caribbean activ-

ists reflected on acceptance and cultural differences between the South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities. The Indo-Caribbean community, by virtue of generations of separation from the Indian subcontinent, varies significantly in culture, food, accents and language, which can lead to a sense of alienation between those of the South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities.

The hopeful spirit of participants was reflected in the event's tagline: "Being the Change." It is the hope of Sharif and other participants that events like the ICC empower those involved in their communities to have the support they need to work for positive change.

Little green men visited Queens in summer of 1952



The Greater Astoria Historical Society

The year 1952 will be remembered as the summer of UFOs on the East Coast. Since the 1947 sightings of unidentified flying objects over Roswell, N.M., Americans from various parts of the country had been reporting seeing strange phenomena in the night skies.

July 1952 was a banner month for close encounters. On July 18, the Star-Journal advised readers, "If you see a flying saucer, call Mitchel Field [on Long Island] right away. That's official. It's a complete reversal of policy on the part of the big Air

Force base. The number to call is Garden City 3-4000. Tell the operator, 'I want to report a flying saucer.'"

"The Air Force promises you won't get the brush-off. Major John Barron, public information officer at Mitchel Field, said today that all flying saucer reports received locally will be relayed to Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio. They will be 'co-ordinated' there — which means that Air Force technicians are taking the flying saucers seriously. In Dayton, Captain E.J. Ruppelt, head of Op-

eration Bluebook, the Air Force group studying reports of unidentified aerial objects, said ground radar had tracked some aerial objects at speeds ranging between 1,500 and 2000 miles per hour.

"We're convinced that persons making these reports actually see something in the sky," Ruppelt said. "But what they see is another question."

On the night of July 19, there were several reports of strange lights in the skies over Washington, D.C. Radar at the capital's airports picked up strange objects traveling at high speeds. And on July 23, the Star-Journal broke the news in a banner headline: "3 Astounded Astoria Housewives Spot Queens' First Flying Saucer."

A strange globular

Several borough residents reported seeing flying objects.

object glowing with its own light was seen gliding "higher than any plane could go" across the starlit skies of Queens at 10:35 last night" by three local residents.

Florence Carver admitted she could not be sure she had seen one of "those flying saucers, but it certainly was the strangest object I've ever seen in the sky."

Emily Stone and May Curbs were also with Car-

er and bear witness to the strange flying disc. The women agreed the mysterious object was a round disc, larger than a star and reddish-orange in color.

"It couldn't possibly be a plane," Mrs. Carver said indignantly. "We certainly know what a plane looks like, here in Astoria. But this thing was far too high for any plane, and it was going too fast. And it's easy to see that it was perfectly round."

The following day, on July 24, the Star-Journal's count was up: 50 sightings of saucers had been reported in the past five days by Queens and Long Island residents.

The account by Mrs. Daniel Etheridge was typical. Shortly after midnight on the night of July 23, she saw what she described as

a "fireball" circling over Flushing.

"It was orange with a small green glow at one edge," she said. "It was very high and moving at a speed that an ordinary airplane could not match."

And as the reports came flooding in, Astoria's claim to be first in the flying saucer stakes was called into question.

Francis Exkeben, of Fresh Pond Road in Maspeth, reported he spotted an "oval-shaped light, blue-green in color, and faster than any airplane," over Maspeth July 15.

"Perhaps these things are a new type of jet plane," he wrote.

For more information, call 718-278-0700 or visit astorialic.org.



Bob Friedrich
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On Point

I don't care to go back to the bad old days of New York City, when crime was rampant, city streets were filled with folks thinking it was acceptable to sleep on sidewalks, squeegee men assaulted drivers stopped at red lights and our town was headed down a long spiral of despair. The City Council's short memory is about to drag us back to those days with the passage of Intro 1079 and 1080, which end stop-and-frisk and creates an NYPD inspector general.

Notwithstanding that the NYPD, under Commissioner Raymond Kelly, is

considered the best trained police force in the nation, the Council's actions will undermine the NYPD's ability to fight crime and have lasting repercussions on our city. Contrary to their assertions of wanting a safe city, these same Council members have eviscerated the NYPD's budget and manpower over the past decade.

Nevertheless, the NYPD has been able to continue its successful track record of reducing crime in our city and transforming it into the safest large city in America. It did not just happen by accident: Hard work, accountability and creative policing have dramatically reduced crime in areas that have historically had high crime rates.

In 1990, nearly 2,300 people were murdered in New York City. In 2012, it was just under 400, or 6.5 killings per 100,000 people. In nearby Philadelphia,

it was 21.2 killings per 100,000. In 2012, there were 83 stops per 1,000 people in New York City. In Philadelphia, it was 132 and in Chicago 139. The use of firearms by NYPD officers is significantly lower than in other major U.S. cities. When the facts are presented, NYPD's crime fighting success rate is undeniable. But none of this matters to Council members having no law enforcement experience and sitting in a Council drowning in corruption and malfeasance exposed almost daily by the press.

And now these same individuals are telling us how best to run the finest police force in the country. Give me a break.

Certainly, stop-and-frisk can be debated, but characterizing it as profiling simply based on raw data does not prove it. Should police resources be used in crime-free or crime-ridden neighborhoods?

The City Council's actions will undermine the NYPD's ability to fight crime and have lasting repercussions on our city.

Incredibly, this new law passed by the Council would bar police from relying on race, national origin, color, creed, age, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, disability, housing status, etc., from being "the determinative factor in initiating law enforcement action."

So if police get a call that a crime has been committed and the suspect is white, age 21 and walks with a limp, none of this can be used by the police arriving at the scene of the crime to help determine who may have committed the crime? This is lunacy run amok.

And to make matters worse, the bill makes it

easier to sue the city based on the use of these determinative factors. Another payday for enterprising attorneys.

The mayor will veto this bill, but the bill passed with enough votes to override the veto. However, the mayor only needs a single Council member to switch his or her vote for the veto to be sustained. Although seven Queens Council members voted for the bill, the PBA has focused its efforts on flipping the vote of only one lawmaker. That person is Mark Weprin, who is also my councilman. Perhaps it's because his district covers the more conservative voting enclaves of eastern Queens and sits adjacent

to the districts covered by Councilmen Dan Halloran, Peter Koo and James Gennaro, all of whom voted against this bill. Instead of siding with these Council members and Public Safety Committee Chairman Peter Vallone from Astoria, Mark Weprin has chosen to align himself with the NYPD's harshest critics, Council members Charles Barron and the bill's sponsor, Jumaane Williams, in support of the legislation..

Councilman Mark Weprin may be out of step with the majority of the community he represents. But he has a chance to undo the damage and become the hero of the day and stop the bill's enactment. If he votes to uphold the veto, the bill will not become law. Although Weprin has no opponent in the upcoming election, voters can let him know that we do not want to go back to the bad old days.

Do not underestimate underdog mayoral candidates



Tom Allon
■
Mayoral Spin Cycle

was so often labeled an underdog by the media when I ran for mayor last year that I jokingly told my friends I was thinking of changing my first name to "Longshot."

Such is the indignity faced by some smart and decent people now toiling for long hours in the brow-beating summer sun in their seemingly quixotic attempts to become mayor of New York City.

Just a quick reminder for those with short-term memory loss: 12 years ago a political neophyte who was unknown outside New York's financial and philanthropic world catapulted

to the mayoralty in 2001.

In July 2001, no one — including insiders like me — thought Michael Bloomberg had a shot at becoming the next leader of New York. But his strong and well-financed campaign, led by brilliant strategist Kevin Sheekey, was aided by the aftermath of Sept. 11 and outgoing Mayor Rudy Giuliani's endorsement and immense popularity.

This year, however, the conventional underdogs lack Bloomberg's game-changing wealth and it is hard to imagine a scenario where one emerges to win in November.

But here I would like to praise these underdogs for their talents and ideas, not write them off as so many have done erroneously in political punditry in the past.

On the Democratic

side, you essentially have five career politicians who make up the top tier — Bill Thompson, Christine Quinn, Anthony Weiner, Bill de Blasio and John Liu — and then two other long shots: Sal Albanese and Erick Salgado.

Albanese had a distinguished career as a city councilman from Brooklyn for more than a decade and, in 1997, ran a strong mayoral campaign for the Democratic nomination, finishing third behind Ruth Messinger and Al Sharpton.

Albanese, a former school teacher, then spent more than a decade in the private sector before he decided to make another run for City Hall. He has some sound, centrist ideas on education, transportation and public safety, but because he is trailing badly in the early polls, he receives

scant attention from the media and political insiders.

I got to know Albanese up close during the race and I was impressed with his thoughtfulness, integrity, courage and desire to help his city. Hopefully, he will get more attention and perhaps spike upward in the polls.

Salgado is a passionate, feisty candidate who also wants to help his city, but his right-leaning views on some issues will likely marginalize him in a Democratic primary, where almost everyone runs to the left. He jumped into the race after I jumped out, so I did not get a chance to meet him at one of the countless mayoral forums, but I admire his gumption to run a real outsider campaign.

On the GOP side, it looks like a two-person race for the nomination between

billionaire businessman John Catsimatidis and former Giuliani deputy mayor Joe Lhota.

On the fringes in the Republican primary is a man named George McDonald, who has had a successful run in helping alleviate New York's homeless problem in the past two decades. His Doe Fund gets formerly homeless people jobs and helps restore their dignity.

Although McDonald is considered a long shot, hopefully his ideas on battling poverty will help the next mayor combat the rising problem of homelessness and inequality.

On the Independence line, there is former Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, who is banking on being the only minority in a three-way general election in November.

As Catsimatidis pointed out a few months ago,

"Adolfo Carrion could be the Ross Perot of this campaign," referring to the third-party presidential candidate in 1993.

Carrion is a centrist, pro-charter school, pro-business and pro-real estate candidate who has experience from his work in the Bronx and as an urban affairs policy person in the Obama administration.

But what Carrion does not have is a major party line and thus is likely, at best, to be a spoiler in November.

Beware political top dogs. They often end up in the dust bin of history.

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Wildlife agents round up flocks of geese near JFK

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Federal wildlife agents removed hundreds of geese thought to be a hazard to air safety at Kennedy Airport last week, but an animal-rights activist who filmed them said the government is setting the fowl up as a red herring.

In the four years since Capt. Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger landed US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River after an apparent bird strike, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has removed thousands of Canada geese in New York City.

On June 2, agents removed 231 geese from the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge near JFK and took them to a poultry processing facility, a spokeswoman for the USDA said.

"For aviation, Canada geese are among the most hazardous birds. Although goose-aircraft strikes aren't common, more than half are with multiple geese and three-quarters have an effect on the flight or cause damage," said USDA spokeswoman Carol Bannerman.

David Karopkin, founder of the advocacy group GooseWatchNYC, got wind of the culling and headed to the Jamaica Bay reserve with his video camera. He recorded agents removing the geese in what he called a hollow showing of safety efforts.

"The potential for a bird to collide with an airplane has served as the justification for this colossal effort to kill geese and other birds. To that we say 'shenanigans,'" he said. "It doesn't seem to have any impact on safety. They're just touting that what they're doing is about safety."

In the wake of the "Miracle on the Hudson" accident that occurred after Sullenberger took off from LaGuardia Airport,



A Canada goose sits in a cage as it is removed from the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

Photo courtesy David Karopkin

the National Transit Safety Board issued a report concluding a bird strike was the probable cause and made a number of recommendations, including one that airports develop and implement a wildlife hazard management plan.

Working with the Port Authority, the city has opened its parks to the USDA and the U.S. Department of the Interior, which oversees the National Parks Service, has done the same for the Jamaica refuge.

Agents remove the migratory geese in June and July when the birds are molting and have young goslings they will not abandon.

Karopkin contends the removal of the birds does nothing in the long term and said there are other things the government could be doing.

"If the leaders truly cared about air safety,

there are other initiatives that would improve public safety," he said. "Killing geese is probably somewhere near the bottom of the list."

Karopkin cited alternatives, such as modifying the habitats near airports with grasses the geese do not like so they will go somewhere else, but Bannerman said the birds have in the past torn up grasses planted by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The USDA said its wildlife agents began treating goose eggs near LaGuardia Airport with oil in 2001, and since then the agency has had to remove fewer birds.

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West Nile mosquitoes found in Pomonock by city agency

BY JOE ANUTA

West Nile-infected mosquitoes were discovered in the Pomonok area of Queens and officials urged residents this week to take steps to avoid infection.

The disease-carrying insects were part of the first batch discovered this season by the city Department of Health, which confirmed Monday no human infections had been logged this summer.

Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley wants to keep it that way.

"Now that West Nile virus has returned to New York City, it is important to take simple precautions to protect you and your family," he said in a statement. "Be sure to wear mosquito repellent when outdoors,

and cover your arms and legs if you're outside at dawn or dusk."

West Nile comes in two varieties. The first induces a typically nonfatal fever or headache, but the virus can also cause potentially deadly neurological infections like encephalitis or meningitis.

Young children and the elderly are especially vulnerable to serious cases of West Nile and should take extra caution, according to a lawmaker who represents the Pomonok area.

City Councilman James Gennaro (D-Fresh Meadows) suggested using insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or products that contain an active ingredient known as IR3535. Oil or lemon eucalyptus is also effective, but

is not suitable for children under 3, according to his office. Homeowners should also try to eliminate standing pools of water, where the pests typically congregate, which could include clogged roof gutters.

Queens has an infamous relationship with West Nile.

Officials discovered the country's first case of the virus in College Point in 1999, and the Health Department has been waging annual battles against legions of the blood suckers ever since.

This time around, the department said it has treated Pomonok catch basins, another favored haunt, and have laid numerous traps for the bugs.

NYPD gasses subway stations to test effects of a poison attack

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

At subway stations citywide, scientists pumped harmless gas into more than a score of tunnels in an effort to find out what might happen in a poison gas attack underground.

It was not that anyone expected gas in the subway system, either in an attack or by accident.

The experiment, brought about by the city Police Department, was carried out for three days starting Monday. It was aimed at finding out the risks of airborne contaminants in case of chemical, biological or radiological agents flowing into subway tunnels.

The tests were carried



The NYPD and scientists were testing harmless gas within city subway stations.

out between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. in all five boroughs by scientists and the NYPD.

"The NYPD works for the best but plans for the worst when it comes to potentially catastrophic attacks such as ones employing radiological contaminants or weaponized anthrax," said Police Commissioner Ray Kelly.

The NYPD and scientists of the Brookhaven

National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y., carried out the testing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8, 9 and 10.

Scientists from the Argonne National Laboratory, of Downs Grove, Ill., and Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico were observers.

Small amounts of a harmless and colorless gas called perfluorocarbons were released inside and outside subway stations with the scientists measuring the flow of the gas by temporary installation of special boxes outside stations and on streets.

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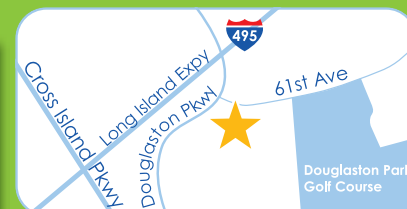
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Boro's GOP hopefuls rally in support of police

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Queens Republican City Council hopefuls gathered outside Borough Hall Wednesday to back southeast Queens candidate Scherie Murray, who voiced her opposition to two NYPD reform bills the Council passed two weeks ago.

"The bottom line is, the NYPD has enough oversight," said Murray, who is mounting a challenge to Councilman Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton) in the November general election.

Richards voted last month for the two bills comprising the Community Safety Act, one that would create an inspector general to oversee the police department and another that broadens the definition of biased-based profiling and leaves the city open to civil lawsuits challenging the NYPD's practices.

Murray, a Jamaican immigrant and Rosedale resident, said that with an internal affairs bureau, five district attorneys and two federal courts there are



City Council candidate Scherie Murray speaks in opposition of two NYPD reform bills.

Photo by Lisa Autz

already plenty of checks and balances on the NYPD. She did say, however, that she thought officers needed better training when it comes to street encounters.

"As an African-American young woman from Jamaica, I'm afraid for my brother and I'm afraid for my partner. I feel

there are certain areas they can't go without being stopped," she told TimesLedger Newspapers. "They need to promote better street encounters. Their motto is 'Courtesy, Professionalism and Respect.' They should say 'hello' and get to know me, and vice versa, but that should be addressed

internally — not with more oversight."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has vowed to veto the bills, and the police unions are looking to back candidates challenging those lawmakers who voted in favor of them, particularly the profiling one.

Roy Richter, president of the Captains Endowment Association, said his union has already endorsed Councilmen Peter Val-lone Jr. (D-Astoria) and Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), who voted against the bills.

Ulrich accused his colleagues who supported the bills of "pandering in an election year."

Richter said his union had been in talks about endorsing Councilman Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens), but decided not to after Weprin voted in favor of the profiling bill. The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association said it handed out thousands of fliers at the Bayside Long Island Rail Road station last week urging them to pressure the council-

man to change his vote.

Weprin said he voted for the bill to send a message to City Hall that he would not stand for racial profiling. He said 70 percent of his district is comprised of people of color and it seems most everyone stopped is either black, Latino or South Asian.

Richter said the captains union has not yet endorsed any Council challengers in Queens, but said in no uncertain terms the union will not back anyone who voted for the profiling bill.

GOP hopefuls from Queens running for City Council seats Dennis Saffran, Craig Curuana, Alex Bilshteyn, Dan Peterson and Sunny Hahn showed up to support Murray in her southeast Queens bid and speak in a unified voice opposing the Community Safety Act.

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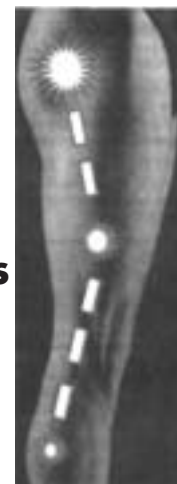
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He is survived by three sons, five grandchildren;



JOHN CASH

and a sister-in-law.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Anne Church, at 120 Ela St. in Barrington. Interment will be private at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Former Councilman McCaffrey dies

BY CHRIS ENGELHARDT

Former City Councilman Walter McCaffrey, who represented Sunnyside, Woodside and Long Island City for nearly two decades, died Wednesday. He was in his mid-60s.

McCaffrey died early in the morning and had been suffering from complications after a recent car accident several weeks ago, according to Liz Goff, a friend for many years. McCaffrey, a longtime Woodside resident, represented the 26th Council District and lost his seat due to term limits in 2001.

The news came as a major shock to a number of elected officials, including Borough President Helen Marshall, who said his death was a huge loss for Queens. Marshall said it was an honor to work with him.

"When he stood in the Council chamber to speak,

everyone listened," she said. "He was a very good lawmaker who left his mark on New York City government and the communities in Queens that he loved and represented so well. He has left us too soon."

Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), who knew McCaffrey for nearly 20 years, described him as "one of the smartest and most clever elected officials in the history of western Queens."

"Walter knew politics and the district better than just about anyone," he said. "He knew how to run campaigns and also navigate the hands of government with great intelligence and deftness."

Bramer added that he was "enormously proud" to have celebrated the Boulevard of Bravery in Woodside, which he said was one of McCaffrey's last legislative accomplishments in office.



WALTER MCCAFFREY

"Together we renamed that portion of Queens Boulevard in honor of firefighters who died on 9/11," he said.

U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) said he was also saddened to learn of the passing of McCaffrey.

"Walter will long be

remembered for his dedication to public service and his profound commitment to improving the lives of the people of Queens," he said. "My thoughts and prayers are with Walter's family during this difficult time and I join the entire community in mourning the loss of a true champion who fought tirelessly to build a better, stronger Queens."

Goff, who knew McCaffrey for more than 30 years, said he was incredibly active as a councilman and that he served as chairman of Community Board 2 before being elected to public office.

"If someone said to him, 'What's happening with this or that? he never said 'I have to get back to you'. He always had the answer," she said. "He was totally in touch with everything that was going on."

Goff said McCaffrey spearheaded a program in

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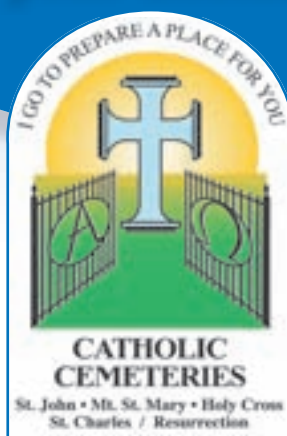
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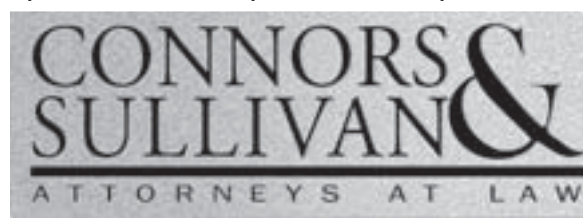
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Teachers accuse Elmhurst principal of racism

BY CHRIS ENGELHARDT

The city Department of Education is investigating the principal of an Elmhurst high school who allegedly made racist remarks about two teachers who were later fired, a DOE spokesman said.

Two teachers at Pan American International High School, at 45-10 94th St. in Elmhurst, filed discrimination claims June 24 with the DOE's Office of Equal Opportunity against Principal Minerva Zanca, contending they were mistreated because of their race and had their civil rights violated.

According to discrimination claims, John Flanagan, a Spanish teacher, and Heather Hightower, an ESL-science teacher, who are both black, alleged they were denied tenure during the 2012-13 school year and later fired by Zanca after

biased teacher observations, unwarranted insults and harassment. Zanca gave them unsatisfactory ratings and both teachers were later dismissed.

A third employee, theater teacher Lisa-Erika James, who is black, also filed a discrimination claim, alleging she was targeted by Zanca, who pulled funds for the theater program and put them toward Smartboards at the school. Although James was not fired, she left the school.

Zanca, who is white, arrived at the school last September. The school serves immigrant students, many of whom are black and Latino. She joined the DOE as a Spanish teacher 24 years ago, and previously taught English, journalism and ESL at the high school level. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Marymount Manhattan College, a Master's degree in journalism



Kevin Powell (c.), president of BK Nation, leads a rally outside city Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott's office in Manhattan to protest Elmhurst Principal Minerva Zanca's alleged discrimination against several teachers.
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from Columbia University and another Master's degree in Counseling Education from St. John's University.

In a written statement sent to the Office of Equal Opportunity June 24 by the school's assistant principal, Anthony Riccardo, he alleged Zanca made racially charged remarks

about Flanagan and Hightower after observations of the two teachers.

After Flanagan's observation Dec. 18, he was informed he had received another unsatisfactory rating. Zanca allegedly asked Riccardo, "Did you see his big lips quivering?"

Riccardo also wrote that Zanca said Hightower

"looked like a gorilla in a sweater."

Zanca was not available for comment.

Riccardo's statement also claimed Zanca would determine whether or not a teacher would receive an unsatisfactory rating even before entering a classroom.

On Monday, teachers and staff from the school, representatives from the United Federation of Teachers and other advocacy group members rallied outside city Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott's office in Manhattan to protest Zanca's alleged discrimination.

City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst), who represents Elmhurst, sent a letter to Walcott calling for an immediate investigation.

"The allegations brought against Ms. Zanca are very serious and con-

cern me deeply," she said. "I have zero tolerance for racial discrimination, especially from someone who is supposed to be a steward of the values we cherish."

Kevin Powell, president of BK Nation, a new nonprofit focused on progressive, multicultural and national issues, also called for an investigation. Powell said Tuesday that Riccardo has also been dismissed from the school.

"Any kind of bigotry should not be tolerated," he said. "We want all three teachers to have the opportunity to continue to teach there if they so choose. And Riccardo, we don't want him to be penalized for having the courage to come forward."

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Elmhurst Hospital Center Hosts First Annual Pediatric Health and Safety Fair

Successful event raised awareness on preventable injuries and emphasized the best ways to access services

On Wednesday, June 12, 2013, Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) hosted its First Annual Pediatric Health and Safety Fair. Sponsored by Healthfirst, the event, aimed at parents and caregivers sought to raise awareness of preventable injuries and to educate the community as to the steps they can take to prevent injuries. Most childhood injuries, (including accidental ingestions, burns, pedestrian injuries, and falls) are preventable; yet make up a large percentage of physician consults and emergency room visits. Elmhurst Hospital Center is committed to the mission of educating the community with the goal of preventing childhood injuries. The FDNY, Parks and Recreation, GrowNYC and the New York State Department of Transit Safety Education Division all participated in the event held outside of the hospital on 41st Avenue. The pediatric health and safety fair featured numerous health and safety lectures from participating organizations as well as from EHC's Pediatric Department and Food and Nutrition, which included a cooking demonstration. Cito the Clown was also on hand to entertain the children.

About Elmhurst Hospital Center: Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC), part of the New York City



Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), is the major tertiary care provider in the borough of Queens. The hospital is comprised of 545 beds and is a Level 1 Trauma Center, an Emergency Heart Care Station and a 911-Receiving Hospital. It is a premiere health care organization for key areas such as Surgery, Cardiology, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine, and Renal and Mental Health Services.

Elmhurst Hospital Center serves an area of approximately one million people in a community recognized as the most ethnically diverse in the world. Last year, EHC received close to 700,000 ambulatory care visits as well as receiving over 130,000 Emergency Room visits, making it one of the busiest hospitals in New York City. Over 4,000 babies were delivered at Elmhurst last year alone—the most in this region. Ensuring accessible health care is our priority.

Former Niagara president to take helm at St. John's

St. John's board of trustees said the Rev. Joseph Levesque, the former president of Niagara University, has been elected interim president of the nation's second-largest Catholic University to replace the Rev. Donald Harrington, who announced his retirement in May.

Levesque, the former chairman of St. John's board, will take over the position Aug. 1.

During his tenure as head of Niagara University, nearly \$100 million was invested in new construction under Levesque's master plan for the 160-acre institution located near Niagara Falls, N.Y.

A Vincentian priest, Levesque earned a doctorate in theology at the Catholic University of America and returned to Niagara,

where he had been a lecturer in the religious studies department. After serving as dean at Niagara, he became president of St. Joseph's Seminary, then moved on to be the provisional superior in the Vincentian Community and assumed the presidency of Niagara in 1990.

"We are confident of a seamless transition as Father Harrington steps down as president at the end of this month and know that over the coming academic year Father Levesque will continue to build on his outstanding record of accomplishment," the board said.

The trustees also said they will be conducting a national search over the next few months to fill the position of president permanently.

Harrington made the surprise announcement that he was retiring in early May after two New York Magazine articles accused him of accepting gifts and taking vacations arranged by an influential fund-raiser for the school who committed suicide during her trial on charges of stealing more than \$1 million from St. John's.

At the time he was lauded by the board, which said "the tenure of Father Harrington as president has been a period of unrivaled growth, expansion and achievement for our university."

The board said Tuesday it is "in the process of completing its internal investigation and will update the university community concerning that matter later this summer."



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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO ORGANIZE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

A little organization goes a long way. Not only can it lead to career success and personal productivity, but as students head back to class this fall, it can also provide health benefits and increase student security. Security in schools is a major concern for Americans, with 60 percent of respondents in a recent nationwide survey of 1,000 U.S. adults stating that they worry about the security of their children's belongings in a school setting.

"Implementing smart storage and organization habits now will position students for a successful school year," says Rebecca Smith, vice president of marketing for Master Lock. "Not only can you relieve

some of the stress of worrying about your kids losing important homework assignments or having their valuables stolen at school, but you will have more free time to enjoy together."

Follow these tips for a smooth transition into the new school year.

1. Mix and fix your routine

Sit down with your family and evaluate your daily routines to ensure they are organized and effective. Identify aspects that no longer work and discuss ways they can be adjusted. If getting the kids fed and out the door in the morning is your biggest challenge, do as much as you can in the evenings to prepare for the next day.

Lay out clothes in advance, cook and freeze breakfast options that can be easily thawed and served while you attend to other items. If organization is more of an afternoon struggle, create checklists that outline household chores, homework and other responsibilities to keep kids on track after school.

2. Be involved

Keeping the family organized and safe begins and ends with regular communication and parent involvement. Carve out a time at night to not only get kids started with homework, but to be available for questions, look through their backpacks and ask them to review their day so you are up-to-date with

their regular activities. Discuss their security routines by reminding them to lock up belongings while at school and to lock the door when they return home afterwards.

3. File everything

"A place for everything and everything in its place." In keeping with this famous and wise phrase, create a filing system that organizes everything from administrative documents and report cards to study guides, test scores and great achievements. Keeping all these items in a secure, central location will make it easy for you and your children to access important information, such as school records and contact information. Schedule

time every few months to go through the documents to discard unnecessary items and ensure that your system remains as organized as possible. Consider a cloud-based digital organization and storage app and website for access to important information on-the-go. Storing documents and other private data online is not only convenient, it also eliminates the risk of losing hard copies of key items.

4. Keep backpacks light and secure

A child's backpack should weigh no more than 10 to 20 percent of his or her total body weight, UMass Memorial Medical Center pediatrician Dr. Safdar Medina said during

a recent interview posted on Worcester.com. When worn improperly or packed with too many heavy items, backpacks can cause pain, restrict circulation and can lead to posture problems. To keep backpacks light, ensure your children have secure locks for school and gym lockers so they are comfortable storing books and other valuables in these places while at class. Use folders or lightweight expanding files to store homework in one place and eliminate carrying heavier materials like plastic binders. Designate a backpack docking station near your home's entryway to encourage kids to unpack and leave them rather than carry

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How to dress for success this fall on campus

A guide to college fashion trends and styles

College students are cash-strapped and time-crunched. So how can they look fashionable while juggling their studies, campus activities and a part-time job? Integrating basic items into their wardrobes is a start and adding pops of color with accessories can transform a standard outfit into a standout style.

Building off fashion staples

"For both guys and girls, jeans, jackets and T-shirts are, of course, all staples for a college student's wardrobe," says Peggy Blum, fashion program coordinator at The Art Institute of Austin.

Blum says that this fall, "blue is heralded as the new black." Warm reds and oranges, pastels, taxi cab yellow and loden green are also trendy hues.

And while skinny jeans still rule the denim world, expect to see them in neon colors, or with

printed or bleached treatments. Blum recommends that students seeking a more comfortable fit choose "boyfriend" jeans, which feature more relaxed styling.

Blum suggests that college students invest in bold-striped T-shirts, with stripes that vary in width. She adds that prepster-style shirts are a fresh look for both men and women this fall.

Also in style — wide-leg jeans and an overall masculine look, says Emilia Valle, program coordinator for fashion at The Art Institute of Houston-North.

"The look for the returning college student is definitely a coat or jacket with a strong masculine look. From pastels — yes, pastels even in fall — to traditional men's fabrics and some punk flair, this upcoming season is full of overcoats to complete a strong polished style," Valle says.

Accessorizing: from shoulder bags to footwear

Army style, denim and long shirt-style jackets are easy ways to accessorize an outfit, according to Blum. "For girls, pink coats are predicted to be a hit this fall straight from the runways."

Other must-have accessories include printed smartphone cases, sporty sneakers or cut-out oxfords and strong gold-tone neckpieces to complete the look while complementing a summer tan.

Blum adds that college students are trending away from backpacks and moving toward all-day bags. "A streamlined multipurpose tote will fit any student's daily must-haves and is appropriate for campus to work or travel."

Valle mentions that choosing a large leather tote will add a touch of class to a student's overall look. "A large leather tote will work fab and still keep you in style."

Thrifty looks: fashion on a budget

Students on a tight budget might wonder how they can incorporate fashionable pieces into their wardrobe. Valle suggests mixing old and new to create a fresh, budget-friendly look.

"Remember, consignment and thrift stores can make a fashion budget stretch longer, and of course you can help out the planet in the process by recycling someone else's retro fashion pieces," she adds.

And the runway trend toward disheveled grunge styles should be helpful to those seeking recycled pieces. "A nod to grunge every now and then works this season," states Blum.

Looking fashionable while attending college doesn't have to be time-consuming or budget-breaking. By choosing a few staple items and adding colorful accessories, students can make it to class on time and on-trend.

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them around the home. Finally, don't forget to provide a lightweight backpack lock to deter pickpockets and keep valuables secure.

5. Create a homework hub

Do your kids work best in the kitchen, living room or an alternative location? Identify an area where they can concentrate well and outfit it with any supplies or items they might need for various assignments. Use creative storage solutions such as a shoe organizer for art supplies or mason jars to hold pens, pencils, scissors and more. Having all the tools necessary to complete a given project in one area will limit distractions and time wasted attempting to locate that missing calculator.

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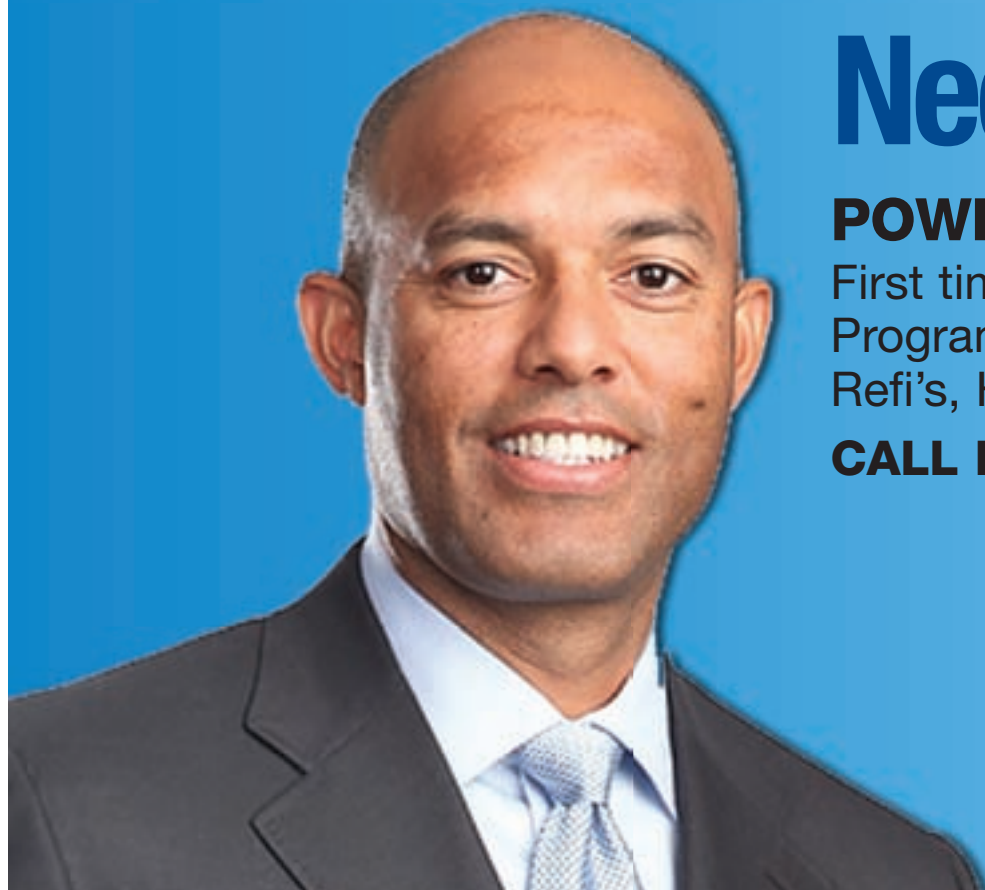
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Compare your project to designing a small indoor room such as a kitchen, den or bathroom. Approach your patio design with a similar strategy but realize that an outdoor space, regardless of its size, can be multi-functional. First, figure out what you would like to see in the space to make it as functional as possible given the space you have to work with in your design. Often, a larger impression can be achieved by utilizing materials that offer the most versa-



tility. For example, consider an interlocking concrete pavement system, which is a very durable and aesthetically pleasing alternative to traditional materials such as patio block and poured or stamped concrete.

Use of larger sized pavers, certain pattern designs and a centrally placed inset of a circular or diamond-shaped pattern arrangement are ways to make a smaller space look bigger. Also placing the pavers diagonally can, depending on the configuration of the patio, result in a wider perception.

When incorporating a refreshment bar or cooking area, consider "bumping out" these areas from the main patio configuration and surround these

sections with garden beds or pathway approaches. For on-demand casual seating, think about a perimeter seat wall or a bench seat notched into a wall system. Both can be built from rock-faced wallstones and allied products from a supplier of hardscape materials.

If stairs are needed to step down onto the patio from a back door, opt for ready to install, cast stone treads in natural colors such as those available in 48" and 72" individual lengths or as a pre-packaged staircase kit from distributors of Cambridge hardscape products. The cast stone alternatives are a more affordable substitute for custom-cut natural bluestone and more durable than wooden steps.



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benefit is that these components will match or correlate with pavers or a wall system in your overall design. Cover them with an attractive, pre-packaged, two-column pergola without taking up any additional ground space.

If you have always wanted a fire pit and there isn't any room for one in your allotted patio space, build one just off the patio itself where it will be accessible a few steps away but visible to family and friends on the patio. Cambridge Fire Pits measuring 50" and less come round and square in an array of textures and colors with grills, spark screens and covers. They are also in pre-packaged kits ready to build. Want to stimulate other senses

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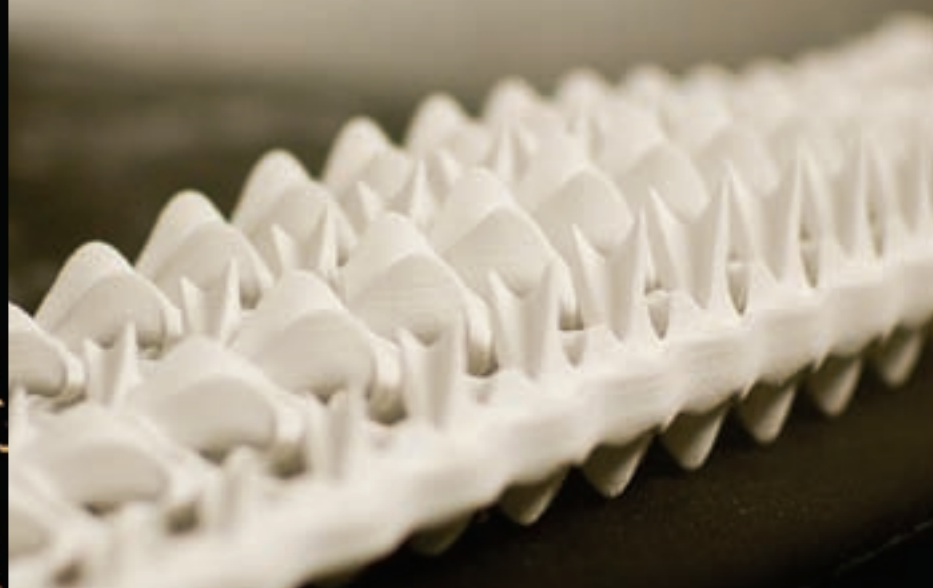
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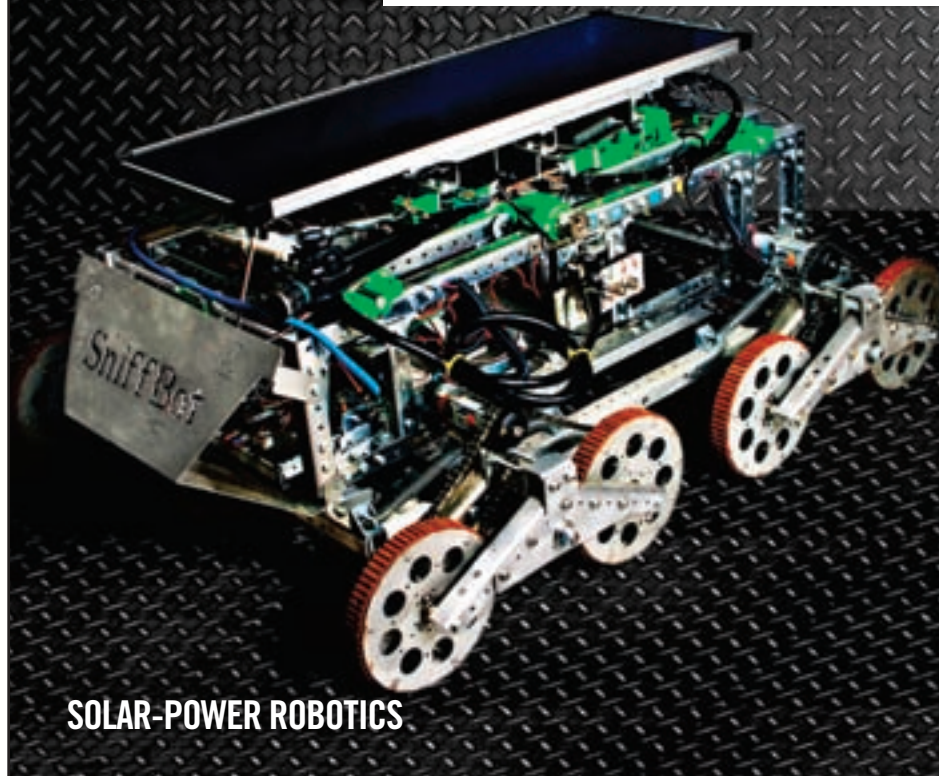
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BRIDGE AND TUNNEL *art show*

Long Island City Artists bring together varied creations from around the boro

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Where artists go, transformation follows.

Many New York City residents have benefited from art and the creative process — especially

children who are exposed to it.

"We have to fight for the creative arts (not just performing arts) to be an integral part of education if we want to develop creative thinkers and problem-solvers," says Queens artist and

parent, Carol Crawford, who advocates for and believes passionately in "the healing and peace-promoting aspects of art."

Crawford, and her Long Island City Artists group, are the force behind a new exhibit highlighting works from Queens' artists.

The multi-venue traveling art show called Bridging the Gap made its first stop at historic Flushing Town Hall in late June

and will run there through Sunday. On display are 50 contemporary works by 40 local artists, revealing the borough's signature diversity through his or her unique vision. The artists originally hail from all over the United States and other countries but now call Queens home.

"We wanted the show to reflect that we were 'bridging the gap,' by including artists from many neighborhoods in Queens and give a more balanced representation of the borough as a whole," said Amy H. Winter, director of the Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College, who, along with Long Island City Artists, put together the show.

Their goal is to reach out to

IF YOU GO

Bridging the Gap

Where: Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing
When: Now through Sunday, July 14;
Artist talk on Saturday, July 13, 2 pm
Gallery Hours: Saturday and Sunday from Noon - 5 pm
Tickets: \$20 per adult plus 1 child, \$10 each additional child
Contact: (718) 463-7700, Ext. 222
Buy tickets: http://www.flushingtownhall.org/events/?cat_id=1006

residents and make them aware of what exciting things are out there, and make them feel welcome.

"As I viewed the works, I was
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When: Saturday, July 13, 2 pm and 4 pm; Sunday, July 14, 2 pm and 4 pm; and Monday, July 15, 2 pm and 4 pm

Where: MoMAPS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., Long Island City

Cost: \$10/adults, \$5/students and senior citizens

Contact: (718) 784-2084

Website: www.momaps1.org

Outdoor Cinema at Socrates

Sculpture Park – Every Wednesday evening at sunset, weather permitting, Outdoor Cinema presents an international festival of open-air cinema, music, dance and food. Each film begins with performances by local musicians and dancers that celebrate the culture of the film.

When: Wednesdays through Aug. 21, 7 pm

Where: Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 956-1819

Website: www.socratessculpturepark.org

EVENTS

Bridging the Gap Artists Talk

– In conjunction with the current Queens-based artists show,

Long Island City Artists Tony Buczko, Ann Cofta, Paul Farinacci, Mary Teresa Giancoli, Norma Greenwood, Robert Lobe, Mary Pinto, Nancy Rakoczy and Carla Reyes will be on hand to discuss their works.

When: Saturday, July 13, 2 pm to 4 pm

Where: Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 463-7700

Website: www.flushingtownhall.org

Outdoor Yoga Class at Gantry State Park – Join The Yoga Room for a free class held outdoors with the Manhattan skyline as a backdrop. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. Beginners welcome.

When: Sunday, July 14, 10 am - 11:30 am

Where: Pier One at Gantry Plaza State Park, 47th Road and Center Boulevard, Long Island City

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 786-7962

Website: www.the-yoga-room.com

Farmer's Market at Queens Botanical Gardens – Every Friday get fresh and local produce, nuts, coffees and more.

When: Fridays, 8:30 am - 4 pm

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St. Albans celebrates its musical history at 11th jazz festival

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Weekend of performances highlights neighborhood's tuneful legacy as well as its lyrical future

BY LISA AUTZ

St. Albans, the southeast Queens mecca for jazz musicians, pays tribute to its musical heritage with the 11th annual St. Albans Jazz Festival this weekend at St. Albans Memorial Park.

Organized by The Black Spectrum Theatre Co. and Jazz Knight Inc., the festival nurtures the community's cultural jazz atmosphere with tributes to the past and celebrations of today's artists.

The neighborhood, once home to legendary names in jazz from the 1920s to '60s such as William James "Count" Basie, "Fats" Waller and John Coltrane, always looks for ways to foster the musical traditions of its past.

"The festival grew out of conversations from the jazz greats that once thrived and still live in St. Albans," said Carl



Bill Jacobs takes a bow after performing at the St. Albans Jazz Festival in 2011.

Clay, founder, CEO and executive director of Black Spectrum The-

atre, the Jamaica-based, African-American theater production

company that has organized the jazz fest for 11 years.

Every year the jazz festival switches its lineup to incorporate new, local artists.

"We have people submit music every year and together we listen and decide who to choose for the festival," Clay said. "We try and make it as open as possible. We have had musicians in the past such as Roy Ayers and the Bartletts."

On Friday, July 12, R&B artist Melba Moore headlines the show along with artists from Black Spectrum Theatre's Talent for Tomorrow Tour.

Saturday, July 13's performance pays tribute to St. Albans jazz icons Micheal Lawson, Dave Jackson and Donald Blackman and features musicians Ed Jackson, Mike Flythe's Atomic Band, U4ouria and Bill Jacobs' Ensemble.

The festival is sponsored by insurance company Wellcare-A Healthcare, CWA Local Union 1182, City Councilman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) and Borough President Helen Marshall.

The councilman's annual family event will also take place at the park Saturday at noon, when children can participate in crafts, games and music.

"It's a tribute to the rich culture of St. Albans. We urge people to come out and bring a blanket," said Clay.

IF YOU GO

St. Albans Jazz Festival

Where: St. Albans Memorial Park, Sayres Avenue and 173rd Street, St. Albans

When: Friday, July 12, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, July 13, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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THEATER CALENDAR



PRODUCTIONS

"Macbeth" – The Queens Players return to the Secret Theater with Shakespeare's tale of myth, magic and corrupt ambition.

When: Through July 27, Thursday through Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 7 pm

Where: The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City
Cost: \$18

Contact: (718) 392-0722
Website: www.secrettheatre.com

"Fiddler on the Roof"

Maggie's Little Theater presents the long-running Broadway hit based on Sholem Aleichem stories, which tells the tale of a poor Russian milkman at the turn of the 20th-century as he struggles with a changing world. It includes such standards as "If I Were a Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset" and "Matchmaker, Matchmaker."

When: July 13 - 14 and July 19 - 21; Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 2:30 pm

Where: St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place, Middle Village
Cost: \$18/adults, \$15/seniors and \$12/children 11 and under

Contact: (917) 579-5389
Website: www.maggielittletheater.org

"Rockaway Café – The Comeback!"

– The Rockaway Theatre company celebrates its return following the devastation following Hurricane Sandy with this musical revue.

When: July 19 - 21, July 26 - 28, and Aug. 2 - 4, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 3 pm

Where: Fort Tilden Building T4, Barret Road, Rockaway

Cost: \$20, \$15/seniors, students and children under 12
Contact: (718) 374-6400

Website: www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org

"The Tempest" and "Love's Labour Lost"

– Queens-based Hip to Hip Theatre Company presents two Shakespeare plays in repertory in various parks throughout the borough. New this year, "Kids and the Classics," a program offered 30 minutes prior to each show, consisting of theater games

and a fun introduction to the plays.

When: July 24 through Aug. 15, Wednesday - Sunday, 7:30 pm

Where: Venues include Flushing Meadow Park, Crocheron Park Bayside, Cunningham Park and others. For a complete schedule visit the group's website.

Cost: Free

Website: www.hiptohip.org

"Jesus Christ Superstar"

– The Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice rock opera tells the story of Jesus Christ's final days before his crucifixion.

When: Aug. 2 - 4 and Aug. 7 - 11; Wednesday through Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 2 pm

Where: Gregorian Hall, 244-44 87th Ave., Bellerose

Cost: Advance purchase \$18/adults, \$15/seniors and \$7/children; At the door \$20/adults, \$17/seniors and \$9/children

Contact: (718) 989-2451

Website: sgtg.org

"Les Misérables"

– The streets of Paris come to Queens in this Broadway Blockbusters Production of the hit musical based on Victor Hugo's book.

When: Aug. 2 - Aug. 4 and Aug. 8 - Aug. 10; Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 3 pm

Where: Immaculate Conception Center Theater, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Little Neck

Cost: \$25/general admission, \$35/VIP seating

Contact: (516) 650-3231

Website: www.thejosephinefoundation.org/

broadway-blockbusters

"Anything Goes" – The HCJ Teen Drama Group presents Cole Porter's musical about romance and gangsters on the high seas. Songs include "You're the Tops," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," and the title number.

When: Aug. 8 - Aug. 11, Thursday at 7 pm, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, and Sunday at 3 pm

Where: Holy Child of Jesus Parish's Monsignor Murray Auditorium, 111-11 86th Ave., Richmond Hill

Cost: \$10, \$8/children under 12
Contact: (718) 847-1860

"Les Misérables" – The JC Players offer the borough's second production of the iconic

musical based on Victor Hugo's novel.

When: Friday, Aug. 9, 8 pm, at Glendale United Methodist Church, 66-14 Central Ave., Glendale;

Also on Saturday, Aug. 10 and Aug. 17, 8 pm; Sunday, Aug. 11 and 18, 3 pm, at Community United Methodist Church, 75-15 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village

Cost: \$18/adults, \$15/seniors on Sunday matinees only, \$12/children 12 and under

Contact: www.jcplayers.com/contactus.html

"Play On!" – The First String Players take on Rick Abbot's comedy about a theater group trying to put on a play while everything that can go wrong does.

When: Saturday, Aug. 10, 8 pm; Sunday, Aug. 11, 2 pm; Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 pm; Sunday, Aug. 18, 2 pm

Where: Our Lady of Mercy, 70-01 Kessel St., Forest Hills

Cost: \$10

Contact: (718) 268-6143

Website: firststringplayers.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

St. Andrew Avellino Theatre Group

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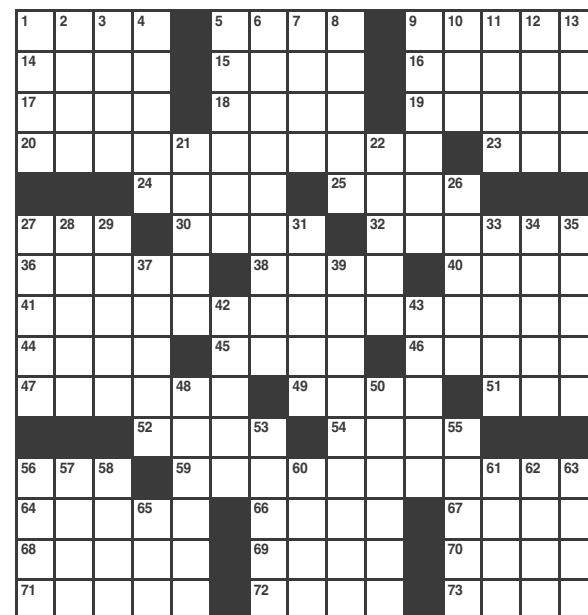
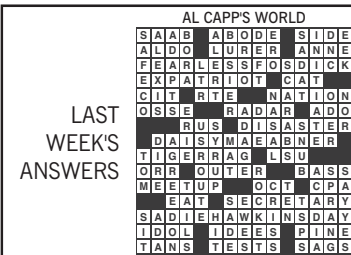
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By Ed Canty

The Big Apple

Across

1. Remain unsettled
5. 20% of MCCLV
9. Atkins diet no-nos
14. Pack away
15. Muddy up
16. Ready for anything
17. "No problem"
18. "The ____ Love" (Al Jolson tune)
19. Craze
20. Busy area of Manhattan
23. It precedes "the land of the free"
24. Hindu Mr.
25. Scuttlebutt
27. GI's cureall pill
30. Stains
32. Marchers' beliefs
36. Vaughan of jazz
38. 15-ball cluster
40. Numero uno
41. Big Apple tourist attraction
44. NASA subj.
45. Calculus calculation
46. The Little Mermaid
47. Batik artist's skill
49. E.P.A. concern
51. Doctor's charge
52. Glow
54. Something often twisted apart
56. "60 Minutes" aier
59. Big Apple landmark
64. Monopoly purchase
66. Like a good loser?
67. Civil War's Robt. ____
68. Battery terminal
69. It helps you get a leg up
70. Great review
71. Pop choice
72. Fringe
73. PGA part



Down

1. Attention-getter
2. Case for tweezers and such
3. Standard
4. Hardly Mr. Cool
5. Singing Bing
6. Vanquisher
7. In ____ of (replacing)
8. Trojan War epic
9. Cell phone feature
10. Miss. neighbor
11. Attorney General Janet
12. French cheese
13. Christmas tree topper
21. Hindu holy man
22. Talk show host Lake
26. Potato, e.g
27. Syrian president
28. Easy mark
29. Orange container
31. Hotel amenities
33. Printing flourish
34. First name in perfume
35. Newspaper section
37. Skylit lobbies
39. A loud and persistent noise
42. Tidal bore
43. Bread boiled and baked
48. Cores
50. Creamsicle color
53. Cavern, in poetry
55. Met offering
56. Crack from dryness
57. Shade of white
58. VCR button
60. Impact sound
61. "Poor me!"
62. Tach units
63. Sharp
65. Asner and Begley

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ART SHOW

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struck not only by the highly developed technical facility of the artists, but the originality and distinctly personal quality of the art,” said Winter. “Some pieces are directly related to the artist’s past or present reality: images of memory or observation — whether actual or metaphorical — that evoke home, family, friends or cultures.”

The exhibit seems to have tapped into something Queens residents were looking for.

“The gallery saw over 100 people at the opening reception, and the exhibit looks terrific,” said Executive & Artistic Director, Ellen Kodadek. “It’s great to see such a vibrant and diverse group of works representative of the talent in Queens, gracing our gallery spaces.”

The message is clear: There is creative life outside of Manhattan, well

beyond the frontier of Long Island City. So, local artists have united to celebrate the fact that on the other bank of the East River there exists a thriving creative community, actually, one that is similar to the famous bohemian hub known as La Rive Gauche or Left Bank of Paris. In an earlier era, it was a place where great artists, writers and philosophers gathered and worked.

As you gaze at the artwork, you may experience an almost spiritual connection to the portraits, landscapes, narratives, and formal studies created in all media, and in a potpourri of styles — sensitively and passionately painted, drawn, fabricated, constructed, photographed and conceptualized.

“If the artist is true to herself or himself, she or he will incorporate whatever riches are part of their cultural roots. Their chosen



Diptychs from the New York series of “In Reference To” project © Alejandra Regalado.

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form becomes their soul’s handwriting,” said Crawford, whose own work is on display. “It’s a love poem, and a meditation on the poignancy of life experience and the passage of time.”

Since moving to Queens from Manhattan in 1970 and raising four children in Forest Hills, Crawford, who serves as LICA’s president, said, while proudly establishing her studio here, she has become involved with “an amazing group of creative artists.”

She says she came up with the idea for the show, and the reason behind it was “a desire to unite the Long Island City area — now such a hotbed of artists from Queens and Manhattan — to the rest of the borough,” whose diversity is “wonderful, the essence of New York City.”

LICA’s fund-raising team applied for and secured a grant from Queens Council on the Arts last fall, in order to make it happen.

“We draw from life, not

replicate it. In ‘The artist,’ I’m dealing with memory. It’s a recollection and musing about the youth,” Crawford explained.

Mary Giancoli’s beautiful photographic images explore ancient rituals and dances, filled with mysticism, and still carried out today, as well as the efforts of a women’s group to become self-sufficient.

“My work showcases traditions and rituals of the Feria de Huipil, a festival celebrated in Cuetzalan,

Puebla, Mexico,” she said.

Here time stands still. Giancoli said “the task ahead is to preserve these traditions and improve the quality of life of the indigenous people.”

“What is undoubtedly true, as seen in this show, is that visual art — like music and poetry — is deeply connected to our identity and spirit, and that it is alive and well in Queens,” said Winter.

“Just as musicians, from Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald and other jazz legends called Queens their home, there is today a society of visual artists in neighborhoods throughout the borough that share a special history and a vibrant present, that we are proud to call our colleagues and friends.”

The show then will be divided into two smaller exhibits with stops at LaGuardia Community College, L.I.C., from Sept. 12 to Nov. 20, and at Queensborough Community College’s Art Gallery in Bayside, from Nov. 7 to Jan. 19, 2014.

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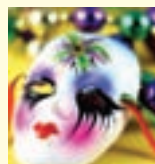
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Business

Fresh Meadows store attracts a wide clientele

The Dance Shop outfits customers for fancy footwork in mediums ranging from ballet to flamenco

BY BIANCA FORTIS

Despite never having been a professional dancer, Ben Hahn has devoted most of his life to those who are.

"I love the arts as an audience member," the 67-year-old said.

Together with his wife Deborah, a professional dancer who was in "A Chorus Line" in 1982, Hahn owns The Dance Shop, a dancewear store in Fresh Meadows.

In the 1970s, the Hahns owned a dance studio and realized students had to travel to Manhattan for their gear. So in 1977, they opened their store.

The shop regularly sees customers from all over the New York metro area. One customer, Hahn said, came to the store from Massachusetts. Customers also range widely in age and reflect the ethnic diversity of Queens.

He said he even has had some famous customers, including Altovise Davis, the third wife of Sammy Davis Jr., and Pepa of the hip-hop trio Salt-n-Pepa.

He chalks that up to his large inventory. The store carries most major brands, from Capezio and Bloch to



Sansha and Mirella.

The store has dance and footwear for almost any form of dance, including ballet, tap, flamenco and belly dancing. It also sells praise and liturgical dancewear for church which, Hahn said, is becoming increasingly popular.

All the members of the sales staff are involved in dance in some way, as former or current dancers or teachers. That is the first requirement for a job at the store, Hahn said. This

ensures staff members are knowledgeable about what dancers need.

This is especially important for footwear like toe shoes, which must be carefully fitted lest a dancer hurt herself while en pointe.

"They can't be a little too hot or a little too cold," Hahn said about the way dance shoes must fit. "They have to be like Goldilocks."

When he was in his 30s, Hahn enrolled in ballet classes to learn the needs of

dancers firsthand, but he quit after a year and a half.

"I wasn't proficient," he said.

But he did learn a few lessons.

"I learned why you need a good fitting slipper, so you don't slip on your tour jetés," he said.

Over the years, Hahn has faced many of the challenges of running a small business. One of these is keeping up to date with trends and styles. Another is competition from the In-



Ben Hahn (l.), who owns The Dance Shop in Fresh Meadows, says he must keep up-to-date with current trends, including the dance shoes dancers prefer. Donja Joseph (above) assists dance student Ryan Messer, 11, with finding new tap shoes. Photos by Bianca Fortis

ternet and bigger stores.

"In 1977, nobody was open on Sunday, not Macy's — nobody," he said. "Now they're open on Christmas, they're open on Thanksgiving. It's such a competitive landscape on that level."

As for the rewards that have come with his 36-year-old business, Hahn immediately mentions the people he works with.

"Be they rich or poor, they're all interested in the art," he said. "They're either doing something

for themselves, or they're doing something for their children. But they're generally people that are giving and see more to life than the mundane that so many people have to deal with."

The Dance Shop is at 188-06 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows. For more information, visit danceshopqueens.com.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Powerful You! Women's Network — A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.
When: Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm
Cost: Members and first-time attendees \$30, nonmembers \$40; includes lunch
Where: Giardino, 44-37 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston
Contact: Gayle Naftaly, gnaftaly@accessoffice.net, (718) 217-0009
Website: powerfullyou.com

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

BNI T.N.T. (The Networking Titans) Weekly Meeting — BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI provides

positive, supportive and structured environment to 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
Contact: Martin Koos (516) 488-8877, Ext. 15

BNI Peak Professionals Chapter — 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 Lydie Pellissier, chapter president, to arrange a visit.
When: Wednesdays, 7-8:30 am
Where: Fame Diner, 176-19 Union Tnpk., Fresh Meadows
Contact: Lydie Pellissier, (718) 276-8986
Website: bniouterboros.com

The Eastern Queens and Long Island Networking Group — This unique business networking group discusses today's challenges and helps form alliances.

Relationships are built. Facilitator is Gayle Naftaly, rainmaker, entrepreneur, coordinator, leader and organizer with contacts.
When: Second Wednesday of every month
Cost: \$20, includes food from Marcella's Pizzeria of Glen Oaks. Payment benefits the Ronald McDonald House of L.I.
Where: Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, 267-07 76th Ave., New Hyde Park
Contact: Gayle Naftaly, gnaftaly@accessoffice.net, (866) 391-2780
Website: accessoffice.net

Noise

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up and live.

"At least it use to be," he said.

On May 11, Condiles was awakened by loud music pulsating through the walls of his home.

When the racket returned the following weekend, he began walking around the neighborhood, thinking someone might be throwing a party.

But the sound seemed to be playing tricks on him.

"You go around the corner and there it is, but you go around another and you don't hear anything," he said.

Condiles next suspected the late-night din could be emanating from a karaoke club on Union Street, but another weekend's search turned up nothing.

Main Street? Linden Place?

Just when the lifelong Flushing resident thought he had cornered the source of his sleepless nights, the



Onlookers marvel at the wall of speakers mounted to the trunk of a car parked in Willets Point. Photo by Peter Condiles

sound would vanish.

Condiles called 311 to report the nuisance, but when he was contacted by the city Department of Environmental Protection, the man on the other end of the line wanted to know where the sound was coming from.

"I don't know," Condiles recalled saying before he was told there was nothing the agency, which

measures decibel levels to verify noise complaints, could do.

DEP later said the agency is responsible for issuing violations and would need to know the offending party to do a sound test, but would follow up with Condiles' request.

Condiles had been in contact with another neighbor also seeking the source of the pumping bass, Flush-

ing activist Paul Graziano, and the two spent several evenings driving around, ears tuned to the night air. They went as far as College Point Boulevard before they agreed the sound must be coming from farther away, across the Flushing River.

After another unsuccessful venture into Corona, on June 21 Condiles stumbled upon hundreds of people congregated in Willets Point, a gritty area of junk yards and auto shops across from Citi Field and more than 1 1/2 miles from his house.

"There were between three and five cars or vans. Each one had its trunk or back doors open and maybe 20 or 30 speakers on the doors," he said. "They were all playing the same thing."

Condiles and Graziano believe the combined amplification power of the souped-up speakers had sent sound waves bouncing across the Flushing River, off of building facades and into their quiet enclave — and they want the parties,

which have been driving neighbors nuts, to stop.

Deputy Inspector Ronald Leyson, commanding officer at the 110th Precinct, said police had already driven the pop-up parties — which may be organized through social media — from around Meadow Lake inside Flushing Meadows Corona Park several months ago.

Now that they have migrated to Willets Point, the precinct has started to do patrols and issue summonses.

Last Friday, officers confiscated a car, he said.

But Graziano hopes the NYPD can put a stop to the gregarious gatherings altogether.

"Who knew you could hear something like that from across a river and through downtown Flushing?" Graziano asked. "It has got to end. I have had enough."

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Ballots

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lawsuit, however, claim there were too few interpreters at polling sites and confused voters waited in lines for Chinese interpreters.

Plaintiffs seek to have the BOE adopt a comprehensive compliance plan that would detail the measures the board has put in place for future elections to make sure it is in compliance.



City Board of Elections spokeswoman Valerie Vazquez holds a print-out of the votes made by an electronic filing machine in this file photo. Vazquez said the board had previously not been able to provide Bengali-language ballots due to the difficulty of getting the electronic machines to read the ballots.



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The popular call-in talk show Ask the Lawyer with Mike Connors has a new radio home: **AM970 The Answer and WMCA 570AM**. "We could not be more pleased to add Mike to our line up," stated Jerry Crowley, Vice President and General Manager for both stations. He continued to add, "**Ask the Lawyer** and Attorney Connors fit right in with our Live and Local programming and our commitment to great radio." Mike Connors, founder of **CONNORS & SULLIVAN**, hosts **Ask the Lawyer** which will now be simulcast on **Saturday evenings from 6PM to 7PM on AM970 The Answer as well as WMCA 570AM**.

On air, Mike not only answers listeners' legal questions relating to elder law and estate planning, but also he shares his passion for history, politics, and religion interviewing special guests in **Connors' Corner**. "The time is right to shift to **AM970 The Answer and WMCA 570AM**. By being on both stations at the same time we are able to expand the reach of the program," Connors said.

About MICHAEL N. CONNORS: Connors has been a resident of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, since 1954, and currently lives there together with his wife Elizabeth and son Michael. After his 1972 graduation from Pace University, Attorney Connors served in the United States Army with the Military Police in Germany. Upon his honorable discharge he enrolled in Brooklyn Law School, graduating in 1979. Attorney Connors opened his private practice in Bay Ridge in 1981 and then formed **CONNORS & SULLIVAN** in 1986. He now spends much of his time educating the community on estate planning through regular seminars focusing on asset protection and taxation. He specializes in **Trusts and Estates** with a strong emphasis on **Estate Planning** and **Elder Law**. For more than 30 years he has been explaining the importance of wills and estate planning. Attorney Connors also served on the New York State Governor's Advisory Committee for the Aging for more than 15 years. He is the former National Judge Advocate General for the Catholic War Veterans and serves on the Board of Directors for the Civil War Round Table of New York City as well as for the Manhattan Chapter of Legatus International.

About AM970 and WMCA 570AM: Both stations are owned by Salem Communications (NASDAQ: Salm). **AM970 The Answer** is the radio home of Guardian Angels founder and famed broadcaster Curtis Sliwa, as well as hosts Dennis Miller and Michael Medved, among others. **WMCA 570AM**, "The Home of the Good Guys," is New York's #1 Christian Teach and Reach radio station. **WMCA** features some of the most influential names in Christian Broadcasting, including Chuck Swindoll, Dr. Charles Stanley, Greg Laurie, Kevin McCullough, and Bishop Roderick Caesar.

Halloran

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voted to fund certain capital projects, as they doled out a portion of the cash.

“I was pleased to have had the opportunity to work with my colleagues in the delegation to ensure residents can continue to thrive, and the funds we provided will make sure the quality of life in these communities remains strong,” said Comrie, leader of the borough’s delegation.

For example, Halloran’s constituents voted to fund capital projects at the Poppenhusen Institute and MacNeil Park, and as a result Comrie and the delegation dished out a combined \$350,000 to them, while a series of schools received money to upgrade classrooms.

The funding was initially left in limbo following Halloran’s arrest, but Comrie later assured cash-starved nonprofits in the district that he would follow through with voters’ wishes.

Halloran’s discretionary money is divided into two categories. Expense items typically fund opera-

tional costs at nonprofits or little leagues, for example, while a separate capital stream funds upgrades to schools or construction projects. Comrie was in charge of the capital side.

This year Halloran’s expense and capital allocations combined fell by about \$2.5 million, according to a report by the good government group Citizens Union Foundation.

The lawmaker’s expense funds were cut from about \$415,300 last year to some \$364,000 this year, putting him dead last out of the 51 members, according to the report.

His capital expenditures were slashed from \$4.3 million last year to about \$1.8 million over the same period.

The report ranked Halloran’s capital allocations second to last, ahead of only Councilwoman Diane Reyna (D-Ridgewood).

But Reyna’s office disputed the report, indicating her office had received roughly \$4 million in capital dollars.

Citizens Union conceded in the document the difficulty in parsing out funds for individual members due to the convoluted bookkeeping practices of

the Council.

While Comrie and the delegation adhered to the participatory budgeting process for the capital side, they appeared to have used nearly the same list for expense allocations from last year, aside from a few organizations outside the district and other citywide initiatives, according to an analysis by TimesLedger Newspapers.

Many organizations in the district received less than last year, although a few got a boost, including Quality Services for the Autism Community, where Halloran was recorded offering a cooperating witness with the FBI a no-show job, according to a criminal complaint in his corruption case from Manhattan federal court.

Halloran said he was “grateful” that the funds made their way to his constituents but thought some groups were overlooked when the delegation simply copied the expense list from last year.

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Side jobs

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Simotas earned a salary as high as \$150,000 as a commercial litigation attorney at the Manhattan law firm Bickel & Brewer.

Neither lawmaker responded to a request for comment.

Good-government groups said the disclosures shine a brighter light on lawmakers’ outside activities and leave it up to voters to decide whether an ethical line has been crossed.

“First of all, just the idea that we have this kind of detailed information is a significant step forward that allows the public to see what kind of outside income their elected officials have,” said Susan Lerner, executive director of Com-

mon Cause New York.

Lerner said it makes perfect sense that someone who was, say, a dentist prior to getting elected would be interested in and have specific knowledge of the regulations concerning the industry. Revealing those personal experiences, she said, helps voters to better understand their representatives’ motivations.

“It’s not necessarily a bad thing. You don’t want anyone who doesn’t have any life experience. It’s when you have a situation where the public isn’t really clear on what their influences are when it becomes problematic,” she said. “It’s up to the people to make their own value judgments on whether those are good, bad or indifferent.”

The filings list a host of personal financial information, including gifts,

income from rental properties and interest from stocks in excess of \$1,000.

Assemblyman Michael DenDekker (D-Jackson Heights), for example, listed he was employed as an actor by three film studios last year, but he did not disclose any Hollywood income.

The sometimes actor did cite a personal concern last year when he released a statement lauding changes to the state Lottery that made it easier for winners to cash their tickets.

DenDekker’s JCOPE filings show he won somewhere between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in the lottery last year.

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McCaffrey

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1991 to combat prostitution in Long Island City, and he worked with several police precincts to ensure the program was effective.

“Long Island City was a sewer when Walter came in,” she said. “I worked on the project with him. I kept records of prostitutes who were arrested.”

McCaffrey was in-

volved in a number of efforts in Dutch Kills, an area within Long Island City. Between 1995 and 1998, he helped to fund four major capital projects for \$1,859 to improve the Dutch Kills Playground area. According to the city’s Parks and Recreation website, its asphalt ballfield was renovated between 1995 and 1997, a roller rink was established between 1996 and 1997 and the playground underwent an overall reconstruction in 1997 and 1998. He also

funded a \$678,780 renovation of Lou Lodati Park in Sunnyside in 1995.

Goff, as well as elected officials, said that McCaffrey left an indelible mark in the communities he served and will never be forgotten.

“Nobody worked harder and was more hands-on and honestly concerned about people than Walter,” she said.

Comfort

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interns who participated in the video interviews earlier this year and spoke with Ok Sun Lee, who told her story of suffering at the hands of soldiers in the Japanese Imperial Army during the war.

“I can never fully understand how Ok Sun Lee felt, but I know she thought of her family each day and feared for her life,” Premkumar said.

The exact number of how many women were kept as sex slaves has been

a topic of debate, but Chejin Park, of the Korean American Voters’ Council, said it ranges between 20,000 and 200,000 depending on the source.

Controversy has long been at the center of the comfort women story and several of Queens’ elected officials have been fighting to recognize the memory of the victims.

City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) has long been pushing to name a street in his district in honor of the comfort women, but has yet to achieve that goal.

State Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing)

joined with state Assemblymen Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside), Ron Kim (D-Flushing) and Charles Lavine (D-Glen Cove) last week at Queensborough to present a resolution honoring the college’s resource center for working on behalf of the comfort women.

It was a resolution that state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) came out in support of earlier this year, saying it was crucial for the state to recognize the horrific events as a part of history.

“We owe it to them,” Avella said of the victims. “And Japan owes it to them to apologize.”

Shafran

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he said. Shafran’s form indicated he is a northeast Queens Democratic district leader, but otherwise was mostly blank.

The former spokesman for the state Senate Democrats and Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-Hollis) does not have any outstanding debts, does not own any real estate, does not have any business investments and has no interests in trusts, other beneficial accounts or stocks totaling more than \$1,000.

The forms are pored over by the city Conflict of Interest Board, which says

the law’s design is to “provide accountability on the part of the public servants, and to help ensure that there are no prohibited conflicts of interest between city employees’ official responsibilities and private interests.”

Two of Shafran’s opponents also released their forms, but the paperwork was not officially due until after TimesLedger’s deadline and others in the field pledged to disclose the information once they are complete.

Vallone made between \$106,000 and \$135,000 at two family law firms, as a broker at Valley Rock Realty and by collecting court fees, according to the disclosure

statement.

He also was past president of the Bayside Whitestone Lions Club, president of the Clinton Democratic Club, a member of Community Board 7, and treasurer of the Astoria Civic Association.

Graziano’s form indicated he worked as a special assistant for state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), and earned between \$5,000 and \$44,000.

He has between \$10,000 and \$88,000 in debt, according to the form.

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Chris the King's Sierra Calhoun is weighing her college options.

Royals' Calhoun narrows colleges

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Phoenixville, Pa. — Sierra Calhoun has been meticulous about her recruiting.

The Christ the King rising senior wing had a laundry list of the nation's top women's basketball programs as suitors. She had narrowed them to three, before her final travel ball season truly began. Calhoun is down to defending national champion UConn, Notre Dame and Duke after recently eliminating Tennessee from her final four.

She has felt no need to let programs she doesn't want to go to hang around. Instead, Calhoun, the No. 10-ranked prospect in her class by ESPN, wants to narrow her focus to help her make the best decision possible. There will be no more slicing of schools and she has visited all three unofficially already. Her college choice is on its way.

She just doesn't know when.

"I don't really know," Calhoun said. "I could make my decision tomorrow, before the season or in the season."

UConn doesn't seem to have an advantage, according to Calhoun, despite brother Omar coming off a successful freshman season with the Huskies men's squad. The two played two years together at Christ the King, but Calhoun seemed to want to leave her brother out of her decision to shape her future.

"I'm just looking to pick the best program for me," Calhoun said. "He chose the best program for him."

One advantage she got from Omar was watching firsthand what it's like to be a high-profile recruit. Her Gauchos travel team coach, Earl Elliott, thinks Calhoun and her family have learned from Omar's recruiting process and have been intelligent throughout hers.

"They have a real feel

Castano named boro's best

Aviation's Michael Fischer selected as top coach after team's success

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The death of legendary Archbishop Molloy baseball Coach Jack Curran was the backdrop of the 2013 baseball season in Queens.

His Stanners played all season for him, but came up short of a city title. Benjamin Cardozo saw star Adrian Castano drafted and then signed by the Detroit Tigers and Keith Rogers emerge as a standout. John Adams and ace Anderson DeLeon still earned the title of the borough's best PSAL team and Aviation provided the year's biggest turnaround story by going from five wins to 13. St. Francis Prep Holy Cross and McClancy all had strong seasons.

Here are the players considered the best in Queens:

All-Queens Baseball Player of the Year: Adrian Castano, Benjamin Cardozo

The five-tool senior put together quite a résumé this spring. Castano moved to centerfield full-time and hit .514 with a .633 on-base percentage and slugged .865. The lefty scored 17 runs and stole 17 bases to help the Judges to a Queens A East division title. Castano, now playing for the Detroit Tigers in the Gulf Coast League, was also the PSAL Wingate award recipient for baseball.

All-Queens Coach of the Year: Michael Fischer, Aviation

No one produced more of a feel-good story this season than Avia-

tion. The Flyers produced a complete turnaround by increasing their win total from five to 13 and earn a second place finish in the PSAL's Queens A East division. Fischer helped develop aces Elias Martinez and Junior Ramirez, who were the keys to their winning ways. He never let his team get comfortable with their success, always keeping them focused on the next goal.

All-Queens Baseball First Team

C Danny Ammirati, Holy Cross

The Knights' team MVP made things happen with his bat and cannon right arm. The senior hit .337 with 20 runs scored and collected 19 RBIs. Behind the plate he threw out an amazing 80 percent of the attempted base stealers against him.

P Donovan Armas, Archbishop Molloy

The Villanova-bound Armas had a stellar season on the mound. He went 5-1 with a 1.87 ERA and average 9.5 strikeouts per game. The hard-throwing righty tossed the Stanners past Stepinac in an elimination game and into the CHSAA championship tournament.

SS/P Anderson DeLeon, John Adams

DeLeon doubled as the Spartans' ace and stud shortstop. The junior hit .404 with 14 runs scored and 14 RBIs. He also went 7-0 during the regular season with a minuscule 0.32 ERA and 86 strikeouts in 44 innings of work.

SS/P John Izquierdo, John Bowne

The senior showed off a consistent bat to a tune of a .512 average, .618 on-base percentage and by slugging .698. Izquierdo, who also picked up three wins on the mound, scored 14 times and drove in 11 runs.

P Adonis Lao, Bryant

The senior was one of the city's more unsung players. Lao posted a 5-1

stolen bases and you have a player who makes things happen.

2B/P Chris Piteo, Archbishop Molloy

The Maine-bound Piteo went 5-3 on

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Cardozo's Adrian Castano was chosen as All-Queens Player of the Year.

record with a 1.40 ERA and 75 strikeouts. He also hit .460 and put up a .680 slugging percentage, thanks to his five doubles and three triples.

SS Bobby Perretti, St. Francis Prep

Perretti provided a big-time spark in the Terriers' batting order. The senior No. 3 hitter batted .352, slugged 632 and drove in 19 runs. Add in his superb glove at short and 15

Hilltoppers softball coach Ginny Peiser retires

Former TMLA player Campuzano to take over position after moving up from junior varsity squad

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Mary Louis varsity softball Coach Ginny Peiser has retired from the bench to devote more time to the G.O.A.L.S. youth softball league she founded in 2009. Junior varsity Coach and former TMLA all-city player ToniAnne Campuzano will take over next season, according to school Athletic Director Joe Lewinger.

Peiser's passion has always been to help as many kids as possible learn the game of softball, and she will get a chance to do that more. She spent 12 years at the Jamaica Estates school, including 10 as the varsity coach. She and Lewinger were talking about the possibility of her needing to step away if she could not give a full effort to the Hilltoppers.

"It just became more

and more difficult for me to devote time to," Peiser said of Mary Louis. "I love being a coach. I love coaching the kids, but what I want to give back is a lot more than in just one place. I'd rather help hundreds of girls than just a handful."

The G.O.A.L.S. league, which gives girls ages 9 to 12 a rare chance to play fast pitch softball on grass and dirt, will be expanding its program, requiring more of Peiser's time. It is adding a 1,800-square-foot facility where league members can come to get pitching and hitting lessons and also tutoring when needed. Peiser wants to be available to the girls as she hopes to increase the overall quality of softball in Queens.

"Softball in Queens the last couple of years has gone downhill," she said about the quality of play-



Mary Louis softball Coach Ginny Peiser is retiring after 12 years at the Jamaica Estates school.

Photo by An Rong Xu

ers in the borough.

Peiser applauded Lewinger's choice of Campuzano, a 2005 graduate and one of her former players, as her replacement. Campuzano has been the JV coach for the last three seasons and played college softball, including at the Division I level at St. Francis College, before it disbanded the program. Lewinger is excited about the energy and experience she will bring.

"She tries to instill that confidence she had as a player, pushing the girls to a level of expectation and confidence," Lewinger said.

Campuzano said she had been hoping this opportunity would come her way if and when Peiser eventually chose to leave. The 25-year-old is looking forward to the challenge. She takes over a TMLA team that went 2-10 in

league play last year and finished last in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens. She and junior varsity Coach Megan White have talked about trying to build an even closer bond between the two teams and provide the girls a fun and energetic atmosphere.

"We want them to get a real sense of family and a real sense of a team," Campuzano said.

The fact that she has been around the program will ease the transition in her mind. She coached the seniors on next year's team when they were on the JV. They know what to expect from her and what is expected of them.

"They know what practices are going to be like," Campuzano said. "They now there will be a lot of running. It makes it a lot easier."

Former Dozo hoops star shoots for spot on NBA roster



Joseph Staszewski
Block Shots

James Southerland's quest to make an NBA roster is still alive even though he didn't hear his name called at the Barclays Center or get to shake Commissioner David Stern's hand on draft night.

The former Benjamin Cardozo and Syracuse University star could have been selected by the San Antonio Spurs with the 58th pick in the second round, but was asked to go overseas this year with no guarantees of a roster spot for the following season, according to Judges Coach Ron Naclerio.

Southerland declined

their offer and when the draft concluded, he had 11 teams, including the Spurs, calling him to join their Summer League roster.

It ended up leaving the 6-foot-8, 215-pound Southerland with not just one Summer League team, but two. He will play for the rebuilding Philadelphia 76ers in the Orlando league starting July 7 and then suit up for the Golden State Warriors in the Las Vegas version beginning July 12.

Both clubs leave Southland with a good chance to make the roster. Philly is still shaping its roster and the Warriors love shooters.

"I told James, 'If you hit shots, you will be there,'" Naclerio said.

Southerland's biggest advantage is he will be reunited with point guards



Syracuse's James Southerland is slated to suit up for the Philadelphia 76ers in the Orlando league as well as the Golden State Warriors in the Las Vegas version.

AP Photo/Gene Puskar

he is familiar with and who know they can make each other look good. With the 76ers he will be paired with former Syracuse teammate Michael Carter Williams, the club's first round draft pick. In Golden State, Southerland will play with former AAU teammate Scott Machado. Naclerio is confident that even if those two teams don't work out, there could still be more opportunities for Southerland.

"Not only does he have a chance to make Philadelphia and/or Golden State, there are nine other teams that supposedly want him," the coach said. "He could play for A and B and end up signing with C, D or E."

If a team does take a chance on Southerland, it will be getting a versatile player who can stretch the floor with his shooting, es-

pecially at his size. He had a breakout senior season with the Orange last year and helped them reach the Big East title game and the NCAA Final Four. Southerland averaged 13.3 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. He shot .450 percent from the field and .398 from 3-point range.

Southerland had a game that fits the NBA style of play. Now it's just a matter of finding the organization that is the best fit for him. He's in a good position to do that with Philadelphia or Golden State. His NBA dream could come immediately this way instead of his having to wait for the season.

"You know you can shoot," Naclerio said he told Southerland. "Just shoot the ball. Now it's just time to do it."



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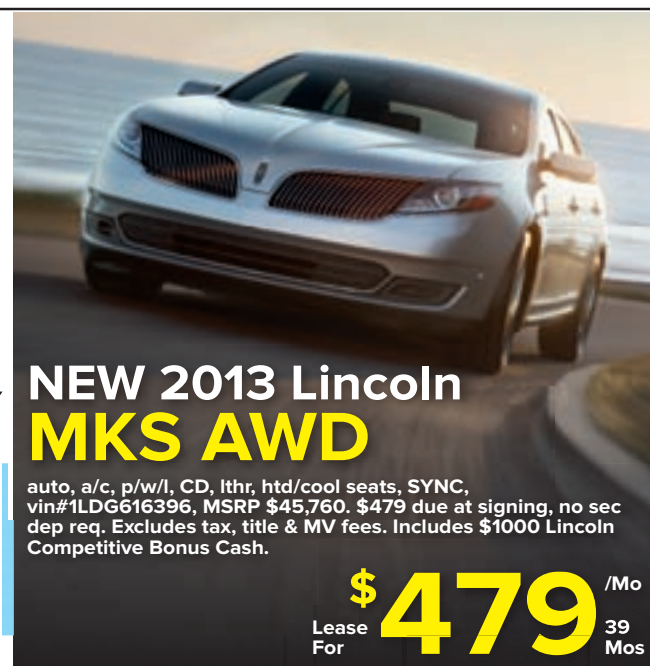
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Calhoun

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for what’s going on,” Elliott said.

Whatever program lands her is getting a complete and versatile player. The 6-foot Calhoun prides herself as being a combo guard who can also play

the small forward if needed. She’s worked hard on improving herself as a point guard, though Elliott will most likely be a shooting guard in college.

Calhoun calmly got her Gauchos’ travel team into its offense and looked to attack the basket more last weekend at the Blue Chip USA Invitational at

the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, where she led her team to victory in the Platinum bracket.

“That’s what makes her special, she can do so many different things,” Elliott said. “She is definitely comfortable handling the ball. We just have to get her more comfortable running the offense.”

He feels that will come quickly for someone with Calhoun’s basketball IQ. It will only add to her abilities to rebound and defend another team’s top player.

She isn’t treating this summer any differently despite being so close to her college decision. Calhoun believes she isn’t done proving herself and loves to compete every time she steps onto the floor.

“I may be in a different place,” Calhoun said. “But I’m not in a different mindset.”



TOP COP KICKS OFF CRICKET

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly poses with two members of the Brooklyn Lycans, which were ranked second in last year’s NYPD Cricket tournament. Kelly tossed the coin to kick off the 2013 event at Flushing Meadows Corona Park June 27, which he said will contribute to building stronger relationships between the community and law enforcement. This year more than 100 youngsters aged 14-19 will compete on 12 teams for the title.

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Baseball

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the mound with a 2.25 ERA and was a hard luck 1-0 loser in the Stanners’ final game. He provided a consistent bat and some punch, including a homer in playoff win over Stepi-nac.

3B/P Junior Ramirez, Aviation

Ramirez was a huge reason for Aviation’s turn-around. The senior hit .514 with 12 RBIs. On the mound he posted a 7-1 record with a 0.91 ERA. He fanned 77 batters in 46 innings of work.

P/1B Keith Rogers,

Benjamin Cardozo

This year was a coming out party for Rogers, who became the Judges’ ace after an injury to Connor Doyle. The junior won all six games he pitched and had a 0.57 regular season ERA. Rogers hit .435 with 17 RBIs, 13 runs scored and eight doubles.

P Taso Stathopoulos, St. Francis Prep

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108-15-17 Corona Ave. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/4/04. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 103-08 Roosevelt Ave., Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: General.

8K5SL, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 03/15/2013. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 5532 Fox Hollow Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33486. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

FSA CAPITAL LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/8/10. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brian Pun, 36-36 Main St., Flushing, NY 11354. General Purposes.

GILBERT COWEN ENTERPRISES LLC, a domestic LLC currently known as GILBERT COWAN ENTERPRISES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/12/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 147-42 230th St., Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. General Purposes.

Name of LLC: Ditmas Park 18 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 9/13/06. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 108-18 Queens Blvd., Suite 302, Forest Hills, NY 11375, Attn: Barry Rudofsky. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of EGA REALTY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on

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06/21/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 163-14 Cryders Ln., Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of GE HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/28/2013. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 52-13 Van Loon Street, Apt. 4, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of GES Auto LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/22/13. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: GES Auto LLC, 111-55 77th Ave., Apt 1F, Forest Hills, NY 11375, Attn: Eduard Yusupov. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KPL 1 LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/18/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal address: 104-06 Otis Ave Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ETN F A S H I O N S ENTERPRISES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/14/2013. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Pattarawadee

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Jantarasiri, 147-24 16th Rd., Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: WE LOVE THE KIDS 2, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/02/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Jamieke Spruill, 110-45 159th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BISTA LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/06/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 42-42 80th St., Apt. 2R, Elmhurst, New York 11373. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 57-07 49th PLACE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/19/13. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2075. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Neil Soni, c/o House of Spices, 127-40 Willets Point Boulevard, Flushing, New York 11368-1506. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: M3D CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/24/2013. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 149-05 79th Ave., Suite 622, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LN LITTLE NECK LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/22/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 44-59 Kissena Boulevard, Suite 6J, Flushing, New York 11355. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MOBIUS PARTNERS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/05/2013. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 3044 29th Street Unit 3N, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: HONGTAI BROTHERS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2013. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 136-40 39th Ave., Ste. 508G, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LITTLE TULIP EARLY LEARNING CENTER L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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04/22/2013. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: KA F CHAN, 3937 Little Neck Pkwy., Little Neck, NY 11363. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: IMPERIALISTIC REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/20/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 45-06 Robinson Street, 1-Fl., Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LUMA CEREBUS ENTERPRISE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/10/2013. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 22-73 Steinway St., Apt. 17, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: KHALIER WATCHES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/14/2013. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Khalid Lewis, 110-42 158th St., Jamaica, NY 11433. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: F I N E G I R L PRODUCTIONS LLC.

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Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/15/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 86-25 Van Wyck Expressway, #416, Queens, NY 11434. Purpose: For any film production purpose.

Notice of formation of Manitoba Project LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/12. Office loc.: Queens Cty. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 4265 Kissena Blvd., #306, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of MEGA HOUSE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/5/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 36-36 Main St. #2SE1, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Vilvitsena LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/3/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 3343 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities.

PLAM CONSULTANTS LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/4/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 605 Crossbay Blvd., Broad Channel, NY 11693. General Purposes.

Notice of Qualification of KDP Realty, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/24/13. Office location: Queens

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County. Princ. bus. addr.: Kaufman Astoria Studios, 34-12 36th St., Astoria, NY 11106. LLC formed in DE on 6/29/04. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Thomas D. Kearns, Olshan Frome Wolosky LLP, 65 E. 55th St., NY, NY 10022. DE addr. of LLC: c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ANGUILLA CIRCUIT (DIVORCE) A.D. 2013 Suit No. AXA HMT 2011/0014 BETWEEN MINGZHU CEN NG Petitioner AND KWOKCHOY NG Respondent. NOTICE OF HEARING TAKE NOTICE that the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage filed on the 7th day of April 2011 will be heard by the Judge at the High Court of Justice the Valley, Anguilla on the 24th day of July 2013 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard. **AND TAKE NOTICE** that you may attend in person or by your solicitors, if you fail to attend such order will be made as the Court may think just and expedient. Dated the 28th day of June 2013, Valencia R. Hodge Of HODGE'S LAW OFFICE. SOLICITORS FOR THE PETITIONER

Notice is hereby given that an on premises license, #TBA has been applied for by FH Station House LLC d/b/a Forest Hills Station House to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 106-11 71st Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on June 12, 2013,

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bearing Index Number NC-000459-13/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) JENNIFER (Middle) YICHEN (Last) WANG. My present name is (First) YICHEN (Last) WANG (infant) My present address is 240-50 68th Ave., Little Neck, NY 11362-. My place of birth is People's Republic of China My date of birth is July 22, 1997

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS 99 CORONA FUNDING ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff, Against NISTHAUZ GROUP, INC.; et al, . Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 2/8/2007, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY in Courtroom #25 on 7/26/2013 at 10:00 am premises known as 40-23 99th Street, Corona, New York 11368. ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Block 1608 Lot 52. Approximate amount of lien \$480,400.98 plus interest and costs; premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 5695/06.

Neil Patrick Fenton, Esq., Referee
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