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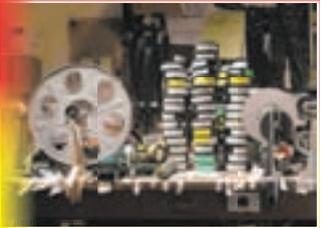
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Siblings apply to landmark 9/11 firehouse

BY BIANCA FORTIS

On a clear day, firefighters in Squad Co. No. 288 can see the top of One World Trade Center from their fire house in Maspeth.

That view serves as a reminder of the firehouse's close association to the events of Sept. 11, 2001: 19 firefighters stationed there died as a result of the terrorist attacks.

The building's unique history is why two former Maspeth residents are working to have it designated as a landmark by the city.

They have personal reasons, as well.

"It has to do with our love of Maspeth and all things that relate to the town as we grew up knowing it," said Steve Fisher, who came up with idea for the designation.

He stressed the building's
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HOLY WATER

St. Bartholomew's pastor Rick Beuther talks to 10-year-old Christopher Mizhuri and his fish, Robert, during a blessing of the animals ceremony on the steps of the Elmhurst church.

Photo by Christina Santucci

Council passes 5Pointz permit for lux housing

Developers agree to 210 affordable units

BY BILL PARRY

Long Island City's 5Pointz came one step closer to a date with the wrecking ball Wednesday afternoon after an agreement was reached between the City Council and building developers David and Jerry Wolkoff.

G & M Realty, which is owned by the Wolkoffs, agreed to several major givebacks so as to secure the proper special permit that will allow it to build a bigger luxury housing complex than the zoning laws currently allow on the site of the Aerosol Art Center,

at 22-44 Jackson Ave., City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said in a statement. Demolition is expected to begin before the end of the year.

The new building complex will have two towers, one 47 stories tall and the other 41 stories. They will combine to make 1,000 units, and 210 of those apartments will be made into affordable housing, an increase from the original proposal of 75 units.

As part of the agreement, the Wolkoffs committed to building and staffing the building with
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Candle blamed in fire: FDNY

Woodside woman, 57, killed in early morning blaze on 74th Street

BY BILL PARRY

An unattended candle was the cause of an early morning fire in Woodside Monday that took the life of a 57-year-old woman, police and fire officials said.

The blaze tore through a two-story home at 42-20 74th St. at 3:30 a.m., according to the Fire Department.

Stella Balcazar was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center in cardiac arrest, and she was pronounced dead later in the morning, according to the FDNY, a spokeswoman for Elmhurst Hospital and her relatives. An unidentified, 20-year-old man also suffered third-degree burns and was taken to Weill Cornell Medical Center, a spokesman for the FDNY said.

Seven other people, including three firefighters, were transported to Elmhurst Hospital Center with injuries that were considered non-life-threatening, according to fire officials. The blaze was brought under control at 5 a.m., according to the FDNY.

Relatives of the victim and tenants of the 74th Street home consoled one another on the street Monday morning.

"She was a beautiful person," said Balcazar's niece Jelitza.

Juan Carmona, 23, said he had been renting a room in the home for the past three years and, when



Fire officials and police investigate a fatal fire on 74th Street in Woodside.



Juan Carmona (r.) comforts another resident of the burned home after learning of Stella Balcazar's death. Photo by Christina Santucci

he smelled smoke early Monday, raced outside. After he reached the street, the fire became more intense, he said.

"We really don't know how the fire started," Carmona said, after he had collected bags of clothes and paperwork from inside the charred home accompanied

by authorities.

Jae Kim, 73, whose backyard borders the rear of the home where the fire took place, said she heard a commotion at about 3:30 a.m.

"The lady was making a lot of noise," Kim said.

She and her husband walked to the corner of 74th

Photo by Christina Santucci

Street and 43rd Avenue and saw the street blocked off by police and fire vehicles.

"Too much fire is coming out," she said.

Another neighbor, Gopal Krisna, 33, said he would often greet Balcazar.

"I've never been inside, but we said hello every day," said the 44th Avenue resident.

Krisna said she would offer him food during barbecues and he would instead accept a beverage since he is vegetarian.

"She was a very nice lady, very warm," he said.

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Laurelton welcomes Doe Fund to Merrick

BY RICH BOCKMANN

There does not appear to be any hard feelings between George McDonald and City Councilman Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton).

The former Republican candidate for mayor and the councilman, who backed Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) in the Democratic primary, laughed and shook hands Tuesday as they announced the expansion of McDonald's nonprofit, The Doe Fund, to Merrick Boulevard.

"It's my pleasure to be here today as I announce my retirement from partisan politics," quipped McDonald, who came in third place behind John Catsimatidis and GOP nominee Joe Lhota in the party's primary. "So now that the election is over, I'm not representing any political party. I'm representing what I believe is the best of New York City."

Richards' predecessor had previously set aside money for The Doe Fund,

which provides jobs and support to people struggling with issues such as homelessness and addiction, in the Rockaways section of his district. This year the councilman allocated funding to expand the program to tidy up Laurelton's small business corridor.

"This is sort of an offensive to take back Merrick Boulevard and make sure it reflects the beauty in this community," the councilman said. "Fridays through Sundays are normally the worst days out here, partly because Sanitation is not picking up the garbage as frequently as they used to."

Two Doe Fund workers are now slated to clean the business row between 219th Street and Francis Lewis Boulevard two days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Laurelton is notable for both its well-preserved stock of Colonial Revival-style homes and the attractive landscaped malls that run down the centers of its side streets, but residents

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City Councilman Donovan Richards (c.) announces The Doe Fund is coming to Merrick Boulevard in Laurelton. Photo by Rich Bockmann

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The Cliffs at LIC rocks grand opening celebration

Club owner touts facility as one of the largest in the country with space for 500 climbers at once

BY BILL PARRY

More than 2,000 people, who were mostly young, athletic and tattooed, attended the long-awaited grand opening of a huge rock climbing venue in Long Island City Saturday.

The Cliffs at LIC became one of the nation's largest gymnasiums with more than 30,000 square feet of space in an old warehouse, at 11-11 44th Drive. The state-of-the-art venue features fiberglass climbing walls that are 60-feet high, some with a hydraulic system that changes the angle for a more challenging climb.

More than 500 climbers can scale the walls at the same time. Beside rock climbing, which has grown in popularity over the last decade as a fitness workout, there are cardio machines

and free weights. The Cliffs at LIC also has a retail shop featuring apparel and equipment.

Owner Mike Wolfert had hoped to open last May, but ran into construction delays and legal problems stemming from his May 16 arrest on bribery charges. Wolfert allegedly tried to pay off a building inspector to lift a stop-work order that caused a five-month delay, court records show. The inspector was an undercover investigator from the Department of Investigations, according to the records.

Wolfert allegedly handed the investigator \$94 in cash, and then two weeks later Wolfert allegedly handed over two envelopes containing \$500 each when the investigator told him the stop work order had been lifted, according



Climbers scale the 60-foot-high walls at the grand opening of The Cliffs in Long Island City.

Photo courtesy Mike Wolfert

to a criminal complaint filed by the Queens district attorney's office. Wolfert was hit with an additional misdemeanor charge of "unlawful continuance" for

allowing work on the venue to continue while under the stop work order, the New York Post reported.

Wolfert would not speak about the case, ex-

cept to say, "I still look forward to telling my side of the story."

Instead, he described the opening of The Cliffs at LIC, which featured DJs,

circus performers, a high-wire act and beer from Rockaway Brewery.

"It was fantastic, all kinds of fun," Wolfert said. "I can't believe we're finally open and we're way ahead of our projections on memberships."

The Cliffs offers daily, monthly and annual memberships. In addition, the rock climbing mecca employs 45 people, but Wolfert expects that number to double by next year. Wolfert has another club in upstate Valhalla but wanted to get established in Long Island City after watching the housing boom in recent years.

"LIC is such an exciting market," Wolfert said, "it's the right place at the right time with all the young people moving in."

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Fed shutdown hits boro

Mayor says Sandy victims could have to wait longer for funding

BY RICH BOCKMANN

As the country entered the second week of the federal government shutdown with no end in sight, members of the Queens congressional delegation said their constituents were feeling the impact.

"The GOP shutdown is hurting millions of Americans including children, seniors, veterans and small businesses," U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) said. "The House Republicans continue to waste valuable time dealing with many of the important issues facing our nation, such as improving the economy, immigration reform, raising the debt ceiling and gun control, just to name a few."

On the issue of immigration reform, U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) would certainly agree. The congressman was among several arrested Tuesday for protesting lack of movement on immigration reform.

"I believe in my heart that this is one of the most critical human rights issues facing us today," he said in a statement. "Unfortunately, one of the many consequences of this Republican shutdown is the fact that pressing issues like the urgent need to address our nation's broken immigration system have been forced to the back burner. In standing with my colleagues and dedicated advocates, we are helping to give a voice to those who would otherwise have none."

Employees at federal offices across the borough were going without paychecks, although some said they had the understanding they would be paid once Washington got back to work.

"People have families to take care of, mortgages and childcare to worry about," said one employee at the Social Security Ad-



Guards turn away visitors to the Social Security office in Jamaica after the federal government shut down. Photo by Ken Maldonado



U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (second from r.) marches with congressional Democrats during an immigration rally in Washington. AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana

ministration office in Jamaica who asked not to be identified.

Employees at the office who process claims and answer calls to the agency's 800-number were still at work, but those who staff the part of the office that distributes cards were told to stay home and guards outside the office were turning away visitors.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the shutdown could delay distribution of federal aid for Superstorm Sandy to areas

including the Rockaways.

"Because Community Development Block Grants and other types of federal aid require approvals and constant correspondence with federal officials, we have been advised that delays in vital and mandatory tasks are inevitable," Bloomberg said during his radio program Sunday, according to the transcript provided by his office. "If, for example, you're a business owner in the Rockaways, this could mean a longer wait time to get

grants and loans — prolonging what has been an already difficult and cumbersome process for so many."

"In addition, critical infrastructure projects that rely on federal funding — dunes replenishment and coastal protections to help safeguard millions of New Yorkers — may see additional delays," the mayor added. "Moreover, despite all approvals being in place, the federal government has yet to release the second

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Braunstein bill bars online revenge porn

BY PHIL CORSO

A northeast Queens lawmaker has teamed up with another state legislator from across the aisle to draft a bill cracking down on the sharing of sexually explicit pictures, also known as "revenge porn."

The legislation, introduced in part by state Assemblyman Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside), was written in response to a new wave of photo-sharing fit for the 21st century, where intimate pictures originally taken with an expectation of privacy are later disseminated in the form of revenge. Braunstein announced the bill along with state Sen. Joseph A. Griffo (R-Rome), making what the lawmakers called revenge porn a criminal act.

"Disseminating sexually explicit images that were shared with an expectation of privacy can cause lasting damage to victims and should be a crime," Braunstein said. "Passage of this legislation would make it clear that New Yorkers will not allow this type of harassment to continue. With the proliferation of cellphones and social networking, this problem will only get worse if we do not take immediate action."

The lawmakers said they drafted the bill to suit the present day, when seemingly everyone lives

on the screens of their smartphones and sometimes share sexually explicit photos with one another. The term "revenge porn" derives from an act in which originally consensual explicit images are widely dispersed without permission, an act that could be damaging to a person's reputation or physical and emotion well-being, the elected officials said.

Braunstein said the bill would make the act a Class A misdemeanor, leaving offenders subject to a \$30,000 fine.

"This so-called phenomena of 'cyber-revenge' is a tawdry form of exploitation. From what we know, the majority of its victims are women who don't know that their images and likenesses have been bartered and sold over the Internet," Griffo said. "Currently, these victims have limited options when their pictures, taken with their consent, were posted online. They would have to enlist a lawyer and threaten to sue the person responsible for sharing the photo or the website hosting them, for invasion of privacy."

Assemblyman Francisco Moya (D-Jackson Heights) also introduced a package of bills with a similar goal of letting victims file civil lawsuits against anyone who posts private images in public.

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Legislation introduced in part by state Assemblyman Ed Braunstein seeks to combat a practice known as revenge porn, where damaging photos are made public.

Meng hosts Forest Hills talk on Iran

Group discusses new President Hassan Rouhani's plans for nuclear program in Middle East nation

BY BIANCA FORTIS

A federal lawmaker brought attention to the strained relations between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran this week by hosting a public forum at the Forest Hills Jewish Center this week.

In 2010, the advocacy group United Against Nuclear Iran used a billboard to bring attention to the fact that the American heavy machinery manufacturer Caterpillar was operating in Iran through a foreign subsidiary. The billboard was placed outside the company's headquarters in Peoria, Ill., according to UANI Executive Director David Ibsen.

"Every employee, every manager, every executive, every potential partner, every bondholder who drove into Caterpillar's headquarters saw that billboard," Ibsen said.



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) participates in a forum via Skype. Photo by Bianca Fortis

The awareness tactic was reported on by The Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times, effectively distributing the image of the billboard around

the world. The head of Caterpillar called UANI the next day, Ibsen said, and the company ended its ties to Iran soon after.

The Caterpillar cam-



Mark Wallace, a former ambassador to the United Nations, speaks on behalf of United Against Nuclear Iran. Photo by Bianca Fortis

aign is an example of the type of reputation damage that UANI uses to isolate Iran economically and sever it from financial, credit and business markets, Ib-

sen said.

The office of U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing), who sits on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Subcommit-

tee on the Middle East and North Africa, hosted UANI officials Monday to discuss Iran's relations with the United States at the Forest Hills Jewish Center.

In August, Hassan Rouhani replaced the former Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has been criticized for refusing to close the country's nuclear program which American leaders say will be used for developing nuclear weapons. Iranian leaders maintain that the nuclear program is for generating electricity.

Ahmadinejad has also become known for other controversial policies and statements, such as calling the Holocaust a myth.

David Wallace, CEO of UANI and a former United States ambassador to the United Nations, said world leaders are judged by their first 100 days in office and

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Hillcrest in Jamaica Hills tops UFT survey on crowded classes

BY PHIL CORSO

Hillcrest High School and Oakland Gardens' Benjamin N. Cardozo High School were listed as two of the city's top offenders when it comes to overcrowded classrooms, a United Federation of Teachers survey said.

The union based its findings on a compilation of grievances filed by chapter leaders at schools throughout the city and reported that there were 6,313 complaints of overcrowded classes during the past year, compared to 6,133 the prior year. More than 1,000 of those classes were found in Queens, with nearly 400 each at Hillcrest and Car-



Hillcrest High School is one of two borough schools to make the United Federation of Teachers' list of those with the most overcrowded classrooms throughout the city.

dozo, the UFT said.

The survey also found the city's average amount of students in a class for early grades reached a 14-

year high with more than 24 in Grades 1 and 2 and 25 in Grade 3, the highest since 1999.

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Queens pols call on Bloomy to drop co-location plans

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is moving full steam ahead with his educational agenda in the waning days of his administration, and a coalition of Queens leaders Tuesday denounced his efforts as an attempt to impose his policies on his successor.

In June, the city Panel for Educational Policy approved plans that will significantly impact Queens schools as late as the 2015 school year, and the panel is scheduled to vote at the end of October on nine proposals that will go into effect under the next mayor's watch.

"This is only an oppor-



City Councilman Leroy Comrie (c.) and about two dozen leaders from Queens call on the Bloomberg administration to withdraw proposals to co-locate schools in the borough.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

tunity for the Department of Education to usurp the next administration, let's be clear about this," City Councilman Leroy Comrie

(D-St. Albans) said Tuesday on the steps of Borough Hall, where he was surrounded by about two dozen

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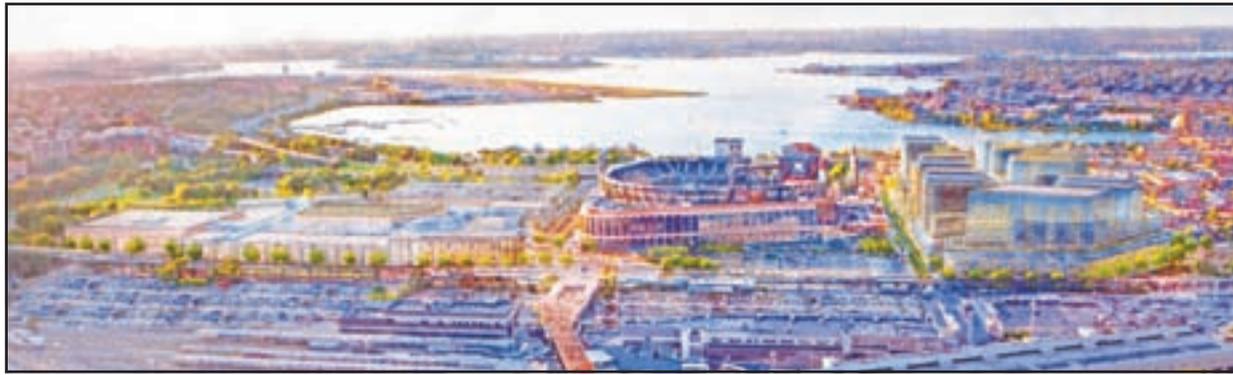
City Council approves Willets Point project

BY PHIL CORSO AND JOE ANUTA

The City Council approved the controversial \$3 billion redevelopment plan at Willets Point Wednesday, giving a green light to the project that supporters say will transform the blighted Iron Triangle area with housing and a new mega mall.

The 42-3-1 vote marked the end of a second round of a contentious public approval process, ultimately giving Sterling Equities and the Related Cos. the go-ahead to move forward. As concessions, developers will give the Flushing Meadows-Corona Park Alliance a total of \$15 million and another \$2.6 million to a rooftop farm to be built at the mega mall, according to Council hearings.

City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst) first opposed the plan but came around after



The City Council voted in favor of the massive redevelopment project to turn Willets Points into a hub for business and economic activity in Queens.
Image courtesy city Economic Development Corp.

making sure the project offered adequate affordable housing.

“After many long years of reviewing this proposal and taking my district’s needs into account, I am confident that this development will be a win for my constituents, a win for Willets Point and a win for the great City of New York,” she said. “For the first time in history, the 21st Council District will finally have affordable housing, and

in addition, all the other community benefits made possible through the agreement between the administration and developers will undoubtedly have major positive impact for my constituents.”

The developers now have clearance to begin cleaning the contaminated soil on 23 acres of the property before building a hotel and retail along 126th Street and then constructing the mall.

But some observers believe that groups representing tenants of the Iron Triangle will take the matter to court.

Philip Lippman, of the Save Willets Point organization, said the area has been long neglected by the city and those who work at the site deserve better.

“The city has never built roads, sewers or even given basic services which every other neighborhood in New York has received,

such as snow removal or garbage removal,” he said. “Business owners have been offered a very small compensation that won’t even cover their moving costs. The amount offered to them is contingent on whether they sign this month or next month, and if they do not sign and agree to move, they will receive no compensation at all and will just be evicted.”

The Council had already approved the Willets

Point redevelopment project in 2008, but when Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s administration announced this spring that it had selected the joint venture as the developers, it was revealed the new plan included a 1.4-million-square-foot mall to be sited in the western parking lot of Citi Field.

The development discussion became a much greater, defining aspect of Bloomberg’s 12 years in office and came before the Council in the final months of his tenure.

“Today’s City Council vote is a critical milestone in the history of Willets Point, which for generations has been known as a contaminated ‘valley of ashes,’” Bloomberg said. “Now, thanks to the collective efforts of our administration and local leaders, we can begin cleaning up and transforming Willets

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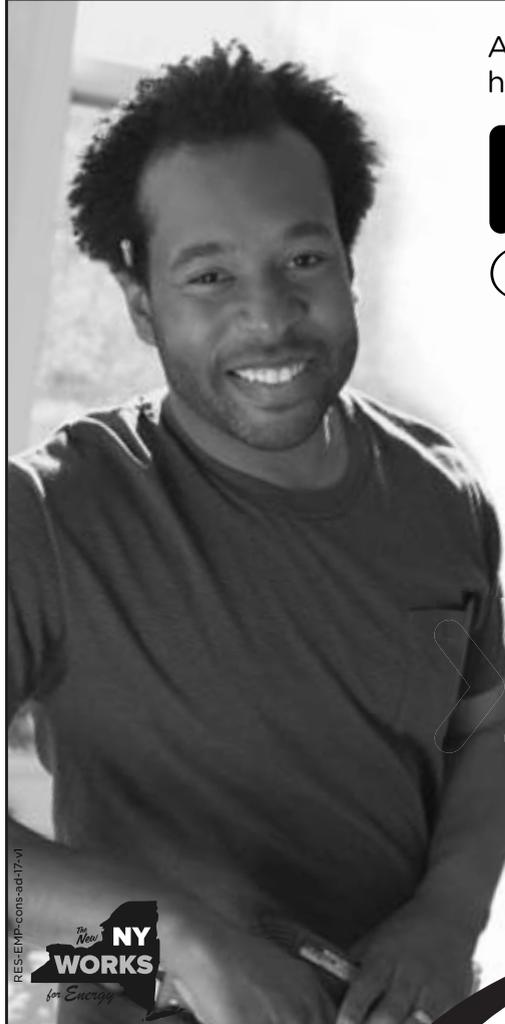
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Authorities converge on Astoria street: Neighbors

ASTORIA — Astoria residents said police swarmed 29th Street Friday afternoon to respond to a report of a stabbing at a multi-family detached home between 34th and 35th avenues.

“There were like six helicopters and three-fourths of the local precinct here,” said resident Roman Turkovsky.

Neighbors said cops arrived at about 4:30 p.m. with several vehicles positioned along the street, as at least one helicopter circled above.

Christina Vasconez and her 12-year-old son Allen said they saw a female neighbor come out of her home with wounds on her back and arm followed by her two children.

“Her shirt was bloody,” Allen said. “We saw the police were out. The lady left in the ambulance with her two kids.”

A spokesman for the FDNY said fire officials received a call about a stabbing



Police converged on 29th Street in Astoria Friday afternoon, residents said.

Photo by Christina Santucci

at about 4:25 p.m., and after an ambulance arrived at the scene, emergency responders transported one person to Mount Sinai Hospital Queens.

Authorities continued to comb the area for a short time after they arrived and then ended the search, residents said. It was unclear who or what they were looking for.

\$1M Rockwell painting swiped from Maspeth facility

MASPETH — A painting by well-known American artist Norman Rockwell was stolen from a Maspeth art shipping and storage facility last month, police said.

Authorities believe the work, which is titled “Sport” and is about 28 inches in height, was taken from Welpak Art Moving and Storage, at 58-60 Grand Ave., around 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

Welpak provides fine art shipping and climate-controlled services like storage, transportation, crating, packing, installation and shipping and caters to museums, art galleries, foundations, private collectors and art dealers, according to its website.

Rockwell’s oil on canvas painting, which police say has a gold-colored wooden frame, had been sold earlier this year

by a private collection in Birmingham, Ala., for more than \$1 million at Sotheby’s, the New York Post reported.

Painted in 1939 and signed by the artist in the lower right corner, the image shows a man in a row boat wearing a yellow rain jacket and holding a fishing pole, police said.

In 1939, the work was used as a Saturday Evening Post cover, authorities said.



Police released an image of the Norman Rockwell painting “Sport.”

Image courtesy NYPD

NYPD mechanic charged with drunk driving: Cops

FAR ROCKAWAY — An off-duty NYPD auto mechanic was arrested last week and charged with driving drunk, authorities said.

Bradford Martin, 53, was arrested in Far Rockaway’s 100th Precinct just before 10 p.m. Oct. 4 and charged with driving while intoxicated and reckless driving, police said.

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Agency to consider Rockaway rail revival

BY BIANCA FORTIS

Proponents of reactivating the abandoned Rockaway Beach railway got a boost of support from the transit planners last week.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority released its 20-year capital needs assessment, which says opening up the Rockaway Beach branch of the Long Island Rail Road could be an option to consider.

The rail line has been inactive since 1962.

The report outlines the necessary projects the MTA will have to undertake in order for the transit system to operate safely and reliably from 2015-35.

It mentions the “possible option” of using abandoned rights of way, including the Rockaway Beach branch. It says reactivating the line “could help reduce land acquisition and construction costs and facilitate construction time in densely developed areas.”

Supporters, including state Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (D-Rockaway Beach) lauded the mention as a step forward for their cause. They believe reactivation could help encourage economic development throughout Queens, among other benefits.

“The MTA has heard our calls for smart investment in existing Right of Ways to improve transit infrastructure, create jobs, while helping each family in Queens and across the city in their daily commutes,” Goldfeder said.



The MTA included the proposed reactivation of the Rockaway Beach Branch of the Long Island Railroad in a list of projects it would consider undertaking.

Philip McManus, founder of the Queens Public Transit Committee, said the report provides a “psychological boost” to his side.

“I think it’s great that the MTA is starting to think bigger,” he said. “If this is the greatest city in the world, we need to get our act together.”

Reactivation of the line does face a few roadblocks, however.

In 2001, the MTA released a feasibility study that determined reactivation of the line was impossible due to overwhelming costs, *The Wave*, a newspaper in the Rockaway Peninsula, reported.

But a request to the MTA for a copy of that study was unsuccessful; a spokesman for the agency said no study was completed.

A more pressing problem for reactivation activists is a proposal to develop part of the rail line into a linear park, the “Queen’sWay,” akin to Manhattan’s High Line.

A feasibility study for that proposal, funded by a grant from the governor’s office, is under way.

Supporters of the park plan believe the conversion would improve the quality of life of the community.

And yet another group, primarily residents of Woodhaven, are opposing both projects out of concerns for safety, privacy and decreasing property values.

Report lists MTA priorities

Reduced congestion on Queens Blvd. line part of 20-year plan

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The MTA’s Queens Boulevard subway line is the second-most congested in the city, and the agency plans to address borough straphangers’ blues by investing in a 21st-century switching system and considering other solutions such as enhanced bus service and upgrades to nearby Long Island Rail Road stations.

The subway corridor that carries the E, F, M and R trains is second only to the Lexington Avenue line in terms of overcrowding, and planned developments in Long Island City and downtown Jamaica only promise to exacerbate the problem.

Add to that projected growth at the end of the No. 7 line in Flushing, and northern Queens is one of four hot spots the Metropolitan Transportation Authority identified in its 20-year evaluation where demand will exceed operating capacity unless improvements are made.

The agency’s \$106 billion 20-year Capital Assessment report lays the foundation to roll out a communication-based switching system on the western end of the Queens Boulevard corridor.

“Currently available on the L line and being installed on the 7 line, CBTC will allow more frequent train service on crowded corridors such as the Queens Blvd. line,” the report read.

The assessment, conducted every five years, does not commit funding to projects, but it serves as the guideline for the agency’s five-year capital plan.

The MTA said it will also consider other projects off the subway line that could relieve congestion underground. One of the ideas is select bus service, a system of dedicated bus lanes that makes travel much faster and more reli-



The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says re-opening the Elmhurst Long Island Rail Road station could help alleviate congestion on the Queens Boulevard subway line.



Straphangers wait for the approaching F train in the Queens Boulevard subway corridor, the second-most congested in the city.



The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says prioritizing the expansion of select bus service to the borough will help alleviate crowding.

able than on conventional buses. It takes about 38 minutes to ride the E Train from Jamaica to midtown Manhattan, but to ride a bus from Jamaica to Flushing — a trip about half the distance — takes 40 minutes.

“Many riders may have destinations within the borough that could be better served by enhanced bus services ... augmenting

capacity on clogged subway lines,” the report read.

Gene Russianoff of the New York Public Research’s Straphangers’ Campaign, however, said he would have preferred to see the assessment give more concrete plans for the special bus service.

“Right now the Needs Assessment is way too vague on the fate of this promising expansion and

improvement of bus service,” he said.

Improvements along LIRR lines, including the construction of a new station in Elmhurst, could help relieve crowding on Queens subways, according to the MTA’s report.

“In response to significant population increases in Queens, the LIRR would be in a position to serve a newly re-opened station in Elmhurst, on the Port Washington branch,” the report said.

The 148-page assessment said lengthening station platforms at Kew Gardens and Forest Hills, which are currently long enough for only four cars, would also shorten the length of time trains have to wait at the stations.

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City mulls naming boro street after famed Tuskegee Airmen

BY RICH BOCKMANN

York College in Jamaica is home to CUNY's aviation school, and students there may soon have some inspiration close by from those who paved the way for their high-flying aspirations.

The City Council is considering a proposal to rename South Road, the street separating Jamaica and South Jamaica, after the Tuskegee Airmen, the famed World War II pilots who overcame racism and served their country with distinction.

"I think a street ... in a black neighborhood would be an inspiration to not only black children, but to all children to be inspired and to say, 'I can do it, too!'" airman Dabney Montgomery testified last week at a Parks Committee hearing about the street renaming proposal.

Montgomery, who was almost lynched as a young



Tuskegee Airmen Dabney Montgomery (l.-r.) and Wilfred DeFore join Councilman Ruben Wills (second from r.) and Patt Terrelongue (r.) at a City Council hearing on a proposal to rename South Road after the famed pilots.

Photo courtesy Ruben Wills

man for trying to vote in the South and provided security for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1965 march to Montgomery, Ala., brought to the hearing a 1925 report by the U.S. Army War College that said black pilots were physiologically ill-suited to be pilots.

The elderly vet, dressed in a dark suit and wearing a blue Tuskegee cap, told committee members how the pilots had to

struggle not only to overcome stereotypes, but also dealt with heavy German gunfire and the onslaught of ash brought on by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius near their camp.

"Behind that was this report that black men could not take it and could not stand terrific bombardment by the enemy," he said. "It was in this atmosphere that in our minds

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Queens Village man charged in Woodside murder: NYPD

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged in the shooting death of a South Jamaica resident near a Woodside strip club early Saturday, police said.

Dwayne Johnson, of Queens Village, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of 25-year-old Allah Howell, the NYPD said.

Police were called at about 4:15 a.m. Saturday to Perfections Nightclub, at 62-05 30th Ave., where they found Howell with multiple gunshot wounds, according to cops.

Howell was taken to Elmhurst Hospital, where he was pronounced dead,



Police investigate the fatal shooting near a Woodside strip club.

Photo by Christina Santucci

police said.

On Saturday, police set up a crime scene area on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway service road, including a U-Haul facility, and officers were also positioned in the lot of the

Bulova watch company's service center, at 1 Bulova Ave.

One worker at the famed watch shop was not surprised by the violence.

"This is every year," he said.

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DOE NEEDS EARLY COMMUNITY INPUT

For decades, a 6-acre lot in Whitestone has sat vacant, but now education officials are considering the location as a spot to build a new high school.

Former plans for the plot included a 55-home development by Whitestone Jewels LLC and a sports complex, an idea which the Malba Gardens Civic Association floated in 2011. The site, however, which was previously owned by the Catholic Youth Organization, has only held some tennis courts and a swimming pool left over from the youth organization, which shuttered in 1988.

On Saturday, a group of 150 people — mostly Whitestone residents — attended a petition rally along 5th Avenue in hopes of galvanizing opposition to the possibility that the site could be used for a school, saying it would cause traffic and lower home values in the area. Residents also complained that the city did not seek community input when selecting the lot for review.

Much like those in opposition to a proposed school at the former site of Keil Bros. Garden Center and Nursery in Bayside, community members believe they have been left out of the process.

The city Department of Education says that when determining where to place new schools, the city School Construction Authority conducts initial surveys of potential sites, sending representatives to the area to make assessments as proposals are drafted.

Afterward, the plan is brought to the community for review.

This was the case when SCA officials went to Community Board 11 about the Keil Bros. site, and education officials said a plan for the Whitestone location had not yet been presented to neighborhood leaders, as it was still in the early stages.

While the effects of any new school on the surrounding area cannot truly be estimated until proposals are released, the Department of Education's plan will surely face additional scrutiny because of perceived secrecy of the process.

The city needs to give people who will be living around the schools an opportunity earlier on to voice their opinion by alerting the community that a site is being considered.

Transparency is key.

This will ensure a better relationship between the education officials and residents, whose children will likely become students in schools that the DOE plans to build.



OTHER VOICES

Reform runoff elections to cut costs

The runoff election for city public advocate Oct. 1 drew only about 6.5 percent of registered Democrats citywide. The election cost about \$13 million. This works out to about \$70 for every vote cast.

When I went to vote at my polling place in Bayside, there were five people at the table with four interpreters sitting in an adjacent lobby, plus one person directing voters to their respective district table. That is 10 people for one elec-

tion district. Repeat that similar scenario in all five boroughs and one can see how the cost of this election adds up for this low-turnout election.

This system needs to be overhauled. The process for voting in municipal elections must be re-examined and modified to cut costs. I do not blame the people employed to work at the polls on Primary Day for this. They were just trying to do their jobs.

There are other ways of handling the process,

including having instant runoffs, thus avoiding the need for a separate runoff election. Many people think there should be no runoffs at all. It is not the fault of the candidates if many people seek a particular office, making it harder for any individual candidate to rack up a large plurality of votes.

That \$13 million spent on this runoff election could have been used to hire more teachers, sustain after-school programs for children, give better ser-

vices to our senior citizens or plant and care for additional trees to enhance our communities. The list goes on and on.

As citizens, we need to insist that wasteful spending be curbed and that well-thought-out strategies for voting procedures be put into place in order that all voters have their voices heard in the most effective way.

Henry Euler
Bayside

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Republicans must stand up to Tea Party

If it wanted to, the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives could immediately end the government shutdown it has caused.

While Americans wait, more than 800,000 federal employees have been furloughed; millions more are working without pay; vital federal services, programs, facilities, national parks and monuments have been suspended or closed; federal intelligence and federal law enforcement agencies are understaffed; and cities and communities where federal facilities are located tens of thousands of small businesses with federal contracts and the hundreds of thousands of workers they collectively employ are being hurt. Some of these businesses may not recover.

Constituents ask how much longer is the shutdown going to affect me? Why did things come to this and who is responsible for this mess? What needs to be done to reopen the

government?

We have reached this impasse because of the war Tea Party Republicans in Congress are waging on the Affordable Care Act. Frankly, it is hard to tell whether it is just that they do not like the ACA or all things Obama.

Republicans are a 234-201 majority in the House. Democrats are a 54-46 majority in the U.S. Senate. The 49 members of the House Tea Party Caucus account for only 20 percent of all House Republicans. The five members of the Senate Tea Party Caucus make up 10 percent of Republican senators.

Nonetheless, these minorities have cowed their GOP colleagues into going on the impossible mission of undoing the historic health care reform Congress enacted and President Barack Obama signed three years ago, that already has three years of implementation under its belt, that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled constitutional 16 months ago

and that voters affirmed 11 months ago by re-electing Obama by 5 million votes along with a 332-206 landslide victory in the Electoral College against a Republican who pledged to repeal Obamacare.

Yet, the Tea Party still wants a repeal of the law that is making affordable, quality health care insurance accessible to tens of millions of Americans regardless of pre-existing conditions, age or employment status.

During my 15 years in Congress, any member addressed a law they did not like by fulfilling their legislative oversight responsibility to monitor that law's impact or by seeking to negotiate adjustments they thought would improve the law. Not so with congressional Tea Party Republicans. They have bullied the House Republican leadership and bulldozed a majority of the Republican conference into incorporating their ideological objections to Obamacare into

the continuing resolution that would otherwise fund the government for a period of time while the House and Senate, Congress and the White House, Democrats and Republicans, work out their differences on the budget for the 2014 fiscal year.

Again and again, the president said he is willing to discuss any Republican proposal designed to improve the ACA. The fact is the ACA itself is an example of what can happen when both sides listen to each other. It is modeled after the Massachusetts health care program proposed by a Republican governor and authored by a Republican think tank. ACA includes more than 160 proposals House or Senate Republicans made in committee.

If the president and congressional Democrats give in to the hostage taking and extortion tactics of Tea Party Republicans in this instance, there is no doubt they would use the debt limit negotiations

a week from now or next year's budget process to dismantle other laws and programs they do not like, like Social Security and Medicare. We cannot allow a small faction of our government to wreak such havoc on our nation. The long-term ramifications of this kind of brinksmanship are grave. We have already had a taste of the consequences.

So, here we are. The shame of it is that there are enough votes in the House to pass a clean continuing resolution. Until the Obama presidency, enacting clean continuing resolutions were the norm. Congress has done so 45 times since Ronald Reagan was president. House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) has voted to approve a clean continuing resolution numerous times. The federal government had been operating under a clean continuing resolution all year long.

Last week, 200 House Democrats sent Boehner a letter calling for a floor

vote on a clean continuing resolution. More than 20 House Republicans have said they would vote yes. Together, this is enough votes for passage. Given the majority Democratic Senate, Congress could quickly enact it and the president just as quickly sign it into law. The government could be fully reopened. All federal employees could return to work as federal agencies, services, programs, national parks and monuments resume operation.

Plus, a bipartisan predicate will have been laid for raising the debt limit and preventing a default without another deliberately engineered crisis.

I hope House leadership will soon put our country's economic stability above its party politics. That is what I am fighting for until this is resolved. We should all be.

*Gregory Meeks
U.S. Representative
(D-Jamaica)*

Hold vote to end gov't shutdown

There is a lot of blame and finger-pointing for the recent federal government shutdown. Today, I am offering a common-sense solution.

Originally, Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, who are in the majority, offered a resolution to temporarily continue governing operations. It had two conditions: fund the government at a level that many Democrats felt was insufficient, and then defund and delay the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare.

I could not support those conditions, particularly using a shutdown of the federal government to effectively repeal the Af-

fordable Care Act.

Now I have been advancing a common-sense compromise that would reopen the federal government immediately. We should vote on a budget that agrees to the original funding level proposed by Republicans, but does not defund or repeal the Affordable Care Act. This extension would give us the time to negotiate long-term budget issues while keeping our government open.

If you are on the far right, you will disagree with me that we should not defund or repeal the Affordable Care Act. If you are on the far left, you will disagree with me that we should accept, even tempo-

rarily, the Republican-proposed budget levels.

But I believe most people whom I represent do not want to use the Affordable Care Act to shut down services they are paying for with tax dollars, and they expect I will work hard and responsibly to keep the government open while negotiating our differences.

There are enough votes in Congress to pass this compromise. I have urged House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) to bring it to a vote. People can vote for or against it, but we owe the American people a vote.

*Steve Israel
U.S. Representative
(D-Melville)*

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Boro Germans in 1914 hoped the kaiser would win

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Over summer 1914, Europe plunged into its first continent-wide war since the days of Napoleon. In the United States, public opinion was divided over the war. German and Irish Americans were the country's two largest ethnic groups.

Germans tended to support the "fatherland" and the Irish were resentful of the United Kingdom's centuries of exploitation and repression of their homeland. Although the American government officially adopted a position of neutrality, it became a

position increasingly difficult to maintain. Its banks were lending money to the British and exports to the Allied nations soared.

On Oct. 3, the Daily Star reported on the saga of the Katherine Parks, a British freighter that was tied to a pier on Newtown Creek after the harrowing experience of being stopped and boarded by sailors from the German navy cruiser Dresden.

After the Germans found nothing more dangerous or valuable than the ship's cargo of quebracho wood, a type used in the manufacture of an extract

for tanning leather, they released the ship. It was lucky. Within a few months even passenger ships were sunk.

On Oct. 15, Charles Edward Russell, a "noted Socialist writer and lecturer," who was also his party's candidate for the U.S. Senate from New York, addressed the Queens County Labor Lyceum in Ridgewood. He asked his audience to imagine a line from New York City to Harrisburg, Penn., and said that was the length of the current battlefield in France. He continued on to note that the war was increasing the national debts of the participants by some \$60 million a day.

On Oct. 19, the Daily Star ran a story on a mas-

British boat was searched by Germans before coming to Newtown Creek.

sive "German Day" celebration that took place the previous Sunday night at Astoria's Schuetzen Park, a 7-acre picnic ground and beer garden that stood at the intersection of Broadway and Steinway Street. Some 3,000 German Americans from Queens showed up to sing "America" and "Die Wacht am Rhein" ("Watch on the Rhine") to the accompaniment of an orchestra and cheer speakers who defended the kaiser.

Held in conjunction with a similar celebration in Brooklyn, the Astoria demonstration was one of the largest ever held by German Americans in the United States. The event

was held under the auspices of the United German Societies of Queens, whose president, Hermann Koch, presided over the festivities.

Donations for the Red Cross serving with the German and Austrian armies were solicited, and during the evening Koch announced that \$3,850 — about \$85,000 in today's money — had been raised.

In the beer hall festooned with both the colors of Old Glory and the red, white and black of the German imperial flag, the crowd listened to speakers in both English and German, who predicted ultimate victory for the kai-

ser's forces. They blamed the U.K. for instigating the war over jealousy of Germany's growing economic and military power.

Among them was Alphonse Koelble, president of the New York State German American National Society, who said, "Only when the Zeppelins get to London and England suffers the agony of war will we have peace. The millions of people who have suffered because of English aggression: the Boers, the Indians and the people of Ireland are crying for German victory in order that they may be avenged."

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City should stop hurting small businesses with tickets



Bob Harris
The Civic Scene

they are sneaking in.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says it wants to hike fares again about 8 percent, but I read that the MTA now has more than \$1.9 billion in surplus. It has taken in more revenue due to an improved economy and lower costs in energy, debt service and health insurance for employees and retirees. Fare costs have risen by 29 percent since 2007, which is twice the cost of inflation, so why is the MTA still planning to raise rates?

In the outerboroughs, the cost of parking at a meter is 25 cents for 15 minutes. It is higher in Manhattan, but that is Manhattan. The cost used to be a quarter for 20 minutes. A proposal to increase rates was made and people complained, as did the City Council members, so it was shelved about year ago. After a few months, the city raised the

parking charge to what it is today and there were few or no complaints.

Well, the quarter for 15 minutes is annoying and expensive. People don't want to pay 50 cents to run into a store, so often they just put in a quarter and then the ubiquitous meter people give them a ticket.

The cost of the meter and the threat of a ticket are probably hurting neighborhood businesses because people instead go to a large store with a free parking lot and shop there. Is the few dollars the city makes from meters and the tickets worth hurting local economies?

A recent newspaper story told of overflowing city garbage cans in Astoria. I also see them on Union Turnpike. The city saves money by reducing the number of sanitation workers and then cuts down on street garbage can pickups.

MTA fare costs have risen by 29 percent since 2007, which is twice the cost of inflation, so why is the MTA planning another hike?

This saves the city money but makes our neighborhoods disgusting.

Regretfully, shopkeepers on business strips have to form business improvements districts so trash is swept up, the overflowing city garbage cans are kept clean and customers will patronize neighborhood stores. The city is saving a few dollars, but at what expense to the small mom-and-pop stores in a community that are trying to survive?

A money-maker for the city but not the local stores is the flood of tickets

given out to shopkeepers by the city Sanitation and Consumer Affairs departments. Some tickets can cost neighborhood shops hundreds, even thousands of dollars. The city is so rotten that inspectors ticket violations separately. Why can't Consumer Affairs give a warning first?

Yes, a sidewalk should be kept clean, but a couple of papers on a clean-swept sidewalk are not always negligence by a shop keeper but the often the result of wind or a thoughtless pedestrian. The city is making too much money from

our small business owners who are the backbone of our economy and our neighbors.

Then there is the corporate welfare by the state and federal governments. People complain that individuals or families get too much welfare, but the federal government gives farmers huge amounts of money to not grow crops or as subsidies for crops grown. Help farmers if there is a catastrophe, but do not give billions of dollars as corporate welfare. Our nation and economy cannot survive with this practice.

Then there are the New York state tax breaks to the horse racing industry and the film companies which make movies in New York. The government should only help those who need help, and not tax me to give free money to favored industries.

Term limits force political change, which is a good thing



Tom Allon
Mayor
Spin Cycle

It's an interesting quirk in the political world that some elected offices are term-limited while the vast majority are not.

In New York state, you can be a legislator for 40 years or more, winning your district election every two years, generally with no real opposition. The powers of incumbency are so great that more people are indicted or die in office than lose to challengers in contested elections.

The same is true of Congress and the U.S. Senate, a legislative body which has come under intense criticism in recent years for its ineffective ways, most recently high-

lighted by the government shutdown.

The maxim these days is that most people like their U.S. representative but disrespect Congress and some of that may be attributable to the crippling polarization and long tenures that we are seeing in this large legislative body.

But in New York, as we are seeing this year, city officials turn over every eight years — except for the 12-year anomaly due to the overturning of term limits for a brief time in 2009. In 2014, we'll have a new mayor, city public advocate, city comptroller and almost half of the City Council.

This fresh energy and ideas will hopefully infuse the city and build on the successes of the past few decades. There has been an incredibly strong mayor leading New York for most of the past 30 years and the city has gone from being

thought of as ungovernable in the Lindsay era to a model of growth, safety and economic vitality to large cities around the world.

It is worth pausing for a second to think about the breathtaking changes the city has experienced under the steady and innovative guidance of Mayor Mike Bloomberg and his talented group of deputy mayors and commissioners.

As New York University Professor Mitchell Moss eloquently wrote in a recent New York Observer article, there may be a yearning for change in some quarters of the city's Democratic Party, but history will be kind to Bloomberg's legacy.

The visionary public health changes — particularly the once-controversial smoking ban in public places — have not only extended life spans in New York, but also influenced other cities around the world to adopt

these life-saving measures.

The rezoning of large swaths of the city — particularly the long-underused waterfront — has led to the revitalization of many neighborhoods, particularly in Brooklyn and Queens.

The increase in park space and large tracts of open space, including the High Line in Manhattan, has made this a better and more enjoyable city for those who live here and the ever-increasing stream of tourists.

And the list goes on.

Bloomberg will go down as one of the greatest mayors in city history.

But now, because we should all believe that the arc of history is constantly bending toward progress, Bloomberg's successor gets to pick priorities and ways to make our city a better place for all.

If it is de Blasio, which seems likely with the

huge recent 50-point poll lead, then we can expect more attention paid to the middle class and the poor. De Blasio will champion the rights of middle-class workers and those trying to raise themselves up to the middle class.

There is no doubt the city has improved in many ways in the past few decades, but there are still too many New Yorkers who struggle to make ends meet. Those New Yorkers will have a champion in de Blasio, and it'll be interesting to see what he can do to help them while also ensuring that sectors such as Wall Street and the wealthy want to stay in the city and not look to more favorable tax states.

Change is generally good, and term limits symbolize the political equivalent of change. It is probably time to explore term limits for our legislatures,

too, whether in Albany or Washington.

When you're in a job that's too secure and immune to change, sometimes it leads to bad habits and forgetting the will of the people who elected you in the first place.

So when you vote in November and observe as a whole new team takes over the reigns of the city, remember that in the long-term, change is good, even if there may be some initial bumps in the road.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

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Chelsea Market developer to open LIC location

Artisanal Brands Inc. is first to sign on with planned corporate headquarters and a cheese café

BY BILL PARRY

The developer behind Manhattan's Chelsea Market is busy transforming an old Long Island City warehouse, and one premium cheese maker said he has already inked a deal to move in.

Jamestown Properties acquired The Falchi Building, at 31-00 47th Ave., last year for more than \$80 million, property records show. The former Gimbel's warehouse has more than 650,000 square feet of mixed-use office space and takes up an entire city block. Filings with the city Department of Buildings show plans to install a new store front in the building's lobby and renovate several floors.

Jamestown is in talks with vendors from Long Island City's food-production incubator Entrepreneur Space to take up residence within the location, Queens Economic Development Corp. spokesman Rob MacKay said.

One big name to sign a long-



Construction is under way at the Falchi Building in Long Island City.

Photo by Bill Parry

term lease is Artisanal Brands Inc., makers of the Artisanal Premium Cheese brand popular in

many city restaurants, according to the company's founder.

Artisanal will move its en-

tire headquarters into The Falchi Building and open a ground floor retail space, with a cheese aging

facility, as well as the first artisanal cheese cafe, according to company founder and CEO Daniel Dowe.

He expects the retail facility to be open in time for the holidays this year with the cafe to follow at year's end.

The two-year-long search for a property that was suitable for Artisanal's headquarters led its founder to the warehouse section of Long Island City, just south of LaGuardia Community College.

Dowe said he is not concerned the location might intimidate cheese enthusiasts.

"We're going to bring a whole new dimension to the neighborhood," he said, adding, "it's a transformational neighborhood that's changing and gentrifying quickly."

Reach reporter Bill Parry by e-mail at bparry@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4538.

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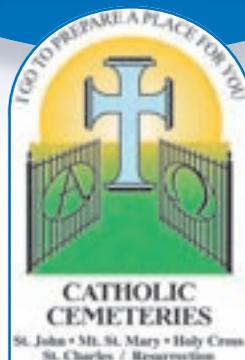
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MidVil bakery hit with \$25K fine: Commission

BY BIANCA FORTIS

The owner of a Middle Village bakery says he is being harassed after he and his wife were hit with \$25,000 in fines by the city Commission on Human Rights for allegedly refusing to hire a woman because she is black and for posting a discriminatory advertisement on Craigslist.

Saputhanthri said the commission's decision has already affected his business. His shop has been egged, he has received phone calls in which callers call him vulgar names and he has seen fewer customers lately.

And, he said, the allegations are just not true.

"I am not racist," he said. "We are living in the 21st century."

In September 2011, Framboise Pastry, at 64-59 Dry Harbor Rd., posted a job ad seeking a counter girl

on the website craigslist.org, according to a court order provided by the commission. A woman named Jamilah DaCosta applied to the job listing and was asked to come in for an interview after e-mailing with the owner of the bakery, AJ Saputhanthri.

DaCosta was interviewed by Saputhanthri's wife, Patty Meimetea, who allegedly asked questions about her race, DaCosta said, according to the public documents. When DaCosta told her would-be employer she was Jamaican and Lebanese, Meimetea allegedly said she would upset her husband if she hired a black person because she would scare away customers, the documents said.

Meimetea said she would have offered her a position at the back of the bakery had there been one available before allegedly pointing out to DaCosta



The Framboise Patisserie bakery in Middle Village was recently fined \$25,000 by the city Commission on Human Rights.

Photo by Bianca Fortis

the photos on the walls of the store, which pictured only white people, DaCosta said, according to the court order.

The bakery owner also allegedly told the prospec-

tive worker to apply for a job at Rego Park Pastry, because they did not care what the counter girls there look like, DaCosta said, according to the documents.

DaCosta filed a com-

plaint with the Commission in December 2011.

The Commission's Law Enforcement Bureau found probable cause that the allegations were true, according to the court order. The

bureau also determined that the original advertisement violated the city's human rights law because it expressed a gender-based preference.

According to the documents, the bakery owners said the position had been filled by the time DaCosta went in for her interview and that they suggested she go to the Rego Park bakery in an attempt to help her find a job.

A hearing was held in front of an administrative law judge in March. Meimetea and Saputhanthri were not present, but they were represented by an attorney, according to the documents. They offered no documentary evidence to counter what DaCosta said, according to the court order.

Saputhanthri, who is Sri Lankan, also said he has always employed peo-

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Center to hold conference to help women find work

BY BIANCA FORTIS

The Center for the Women of New York will host its 26th annual World of Working Women Conference Friday, Oct. 18. The goal of the conference is to address one subject: how women can find jobs. The event will be held at the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, at 135-20 39th Ave. in Flushing. There is no registration fee to attend.

Founded in 1987, the nonprofit strives to be a one-stop, walk-in resource center for women.

The keynote speaker at the conference will be Melinda Katz, a former city councilwoman who is currently running for Queens borough president.

There will be a two-hour morning panel, moderated by TimesLedge Newspapers Editor Roz Liston, which will feature a number of esteemed guests: Julie Cordero, vice president of operations for Reddy-Care Physical Therapy; Gillian Gutierrez, a program analyst for the



Queens Borough President candidate Melinda Katz will be the keynote speaker at the 26th annual World of Working Women conference.

Women's Bureau Region II office of the U.S. Department of Labor; Cassandra Hill, community relations director for Delta Air Lines; Pauline Kuyler, a psychiatrist at the Queens County Mental Health Association; Denise Doyle, recruitment manager at Nontraditional Employment for Women; Gloria Martin Amaya, community district manager at New York Life; and Nancy Baldwin, director of the engineering department at Northrop-Grumman.

Following the panel

there will be a three-hour job fair, featuring representatives from companies, government agencies and educational organizations available to discuss employment opportunities.

The conference will also include workshops on a variety of subjects, including how to start a new business, planning for financial security, writing résumés and using social media to find a job. There will also be information available about membership to the center and career training classes and programs.

The event will conclude with a "reality" fashion show, in which participants will be selected from attendees. The fashion show is slated to be run by an organization called Fashion Societe.

For more information, visit cwny.org or call 718-793-0672.

Reach reporter Bianca Fortis by email at bfortis@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4546.



Council Member Daniel Dromm (front l.) holds the commemorative sign with Richard Italiano's family (l.-r.) son Brian, wife Carol, grandson Nicholas, daughter Cristina Stellmann, grandson Michael Richard and son-in-law Michael.

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Jamaica Bay birds get ready for winter journey south

Cormorants and egrets abandon East Pond to feed elsewhere in preparation for trip to Gulf Coast

BY MICHAEL GIVANT

On a fall-like Friday early in September, a cold front moved through the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, a stopover for migrating birds on their annual southward journey.

On the east side of the refuge at a blind overlooking Big John's Pond, photographers are snapping pictures of small shorebirds feeding at low tide. Looking at tiny, feeding semipalmated sandpipers, spotted sandpipers and yellowlegs — all small shorebirds — I understand why Kevin Karlson, a shorebird expert who held a walk here two weeks prior, calls them “marsh mice.” That is just what they look like.

Nearby at a clearing in the huge East Pond, my eyes hardly believe what they are seeing. What looks like a million cor-

morants are moving their black necks and heads in different directions. They resemble dancing eels. The number is probably 400. They all take flight at my appearance.

Further down the shoreline are 14 great egrets and four snowy egrets all clustered up. An osprey flies over the pond looking for fish. It is a sign the water is shallow enough for them to hunt. At the pond's south end, I see a solitary sandpiper, which does not remain for long. Taking off, the bird gives its characteristic high call.

At the East Pond all the cormorants and egrets are gone, possibly feeding elsewhere and fueling up for their long journeys to Florida, the Bahamas, Cuba and the Gulf Coast. There are at least a dozen mute swans all looking like headless white masses while their



A solitary sandpiper in the muck at Big John's Blind at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge looks for aquatic insects and crustaceans.

Photo by Michael Givant

long, tube-like necks and heads are submerged.

A few momentarily raise their heads out of the water holding long strands of vegetation, upon which

they feed. Sounds of unseen birds come from the dense vegetation and trees. Soon the sounds become higher and louder, as if they are a warning that a predator is

in sight. I see a small bird in the air that does not appear to be a falcon.

The sounds stop. Why? Back at the blind by Big John's Pond, I watch

several semipalmated sandpipers feeding in the mud. A photographer who has been there all day wonders how they can feed for so long. These 6.25-inch birds winter from South Carolina to Northern Brazil and need the energy provided by aquatic insects, bugs, crustaceans and worms.

Then I notice some tiny warblers to which the others have stopped paying attention. These tiny warblers are named redstarts and are black with orange streaks on their sides and tail.

The eye-catching birds have been here for hours and the photographers have become somewhat blasé about them. The redstarts are barely visible against dried leaves on mud and flit fast to a stick where they again do not rest for long.

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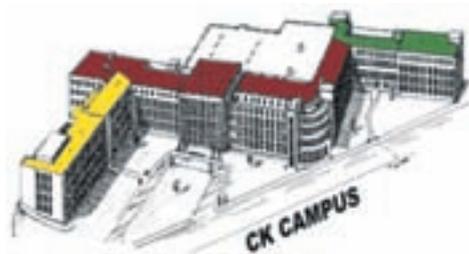
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All members of the CK Campus participated in making the day an enjoyable experience. Christ the King High School students were on hand to help children enjoy the festivities. Students from Middle Village Preparatory Charter School, which is located on the CK Campus, wrote and illustrated charts and books about animals and the fall harvest through their research in science class, which were then donated to the Daycare and Pre-K programs for future lessons.

“This year’s Harvest Festival was a collaboration amongst all the members of the CK Campus,” said President Michael Michel. “This is the first of many events to come that will bring together the different programs within the Campus, thus creating a close community environment for all.”

Christ the King Campus is comprised of Christ the King High School, with nearly 900 students; Christ the King Continuing Education, which offers classes to adults and children; Christ the King Community Daycare, which provides daycare to children starting at 6 weeks as well as a Pre-K program that offers three hours of free education to children 4 years of age; and Middle Village Preparatory Charter School, which is an independent public charter school, serving grades 6 through 8.





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Engineer's photos show the damage to a property on 32nd Street, which borders a medical facility being built in Astoria.
Photos courtesy Rob Draghi

Builder to sue residents over access to Astoria lots

BY BILL PARRY

The developer of an Astoria medical facility is planning to take several homeowners to court to access their properties and fix problems residents say occurred during construction of the 8-story structure.

Pali Realty, which is building the Medical Ambulatory Care Center, at 23-25 31st St., is seeking a court order so it can gain access to the homeowners' backyards, something the owners have refused to provide because of extensive damage they say the construction has caused.

Pali Realty is represented by Driscoll Group Inc., led by lobbyist Bill Driscoll.

"In order to comply with the BSA ruling we have to go on to our neighbors' property to make the changes that they requested," Driscoll said. "We'll go to court later this week seeking permission for access."

When the building was 80 percent complete in July 2012, an auditor found that the facility was too large

and violated the local zoning law, and 10 months later, the city Board of Standards and Appeals ruled that work could continue.

But, because the building is oversized, there is no room to safely work on the rear of the facility, so access to the neighbors' yards is necessary so as to build a scaffold.

The homeowners charged that the BSA ruling allowing construction to resume gave away the only bargaining chip they had in the fight to be re-compensated for damage.

"Fix our houses and we'll give you access," said Robert Draghi, whose home is at 23-26 32nd St. He said that five homes at the rear of the construction site have developed large cracks to their foundations that residents contend began when Pali Realty began the building's steelwork in 2012.

"They've never made any restitution for the damage they've caused," Draghi said, adding, "They wanted their building their way, and they just don't care about the rest of the community."

City Councilmember Peter Vallone (D-Astoria), who represents the area, came to a conclusion in March that he preferred that the construction continue saying, "That's a very difficult situation. I'm extremely unhappy about it but unfortunately, there's no right way to do anything about it."

However, the Astoria homeowners have some help from state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside).

"I often go out of the district, even to other boroughs, because so many city agencies and the mayor's office turn a blind eye to these abuses," Avella said.

Avella went on to point a finger at his colleagues in government, saying, "It's my opinion that the real estate businesses in this city are so powerful that politicians are afraid to jump into the fray."

Avella joined homeowners at two small rallies in May and again last month, which he and residents hoped would draw some attention to the problem.

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"Christ the King High School's open house provided perspective students and their families the opportunity to tour our school and view personally the first class programs and facilities our school has to offer," said Principal Peter Mannarino. "The tremendous turnout of visitors is a testament to the hard work and efforts put in by the faculty and administration to make Christ the King a pillar of academic excellence."

Pictured below are CK teachers guiding perspective students on a tour of the school.
(Photos courtesy of Harisch Studio)





St. Mary's Stars

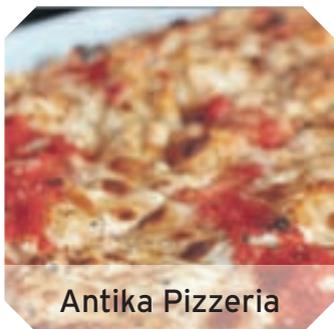
Residents and visitors of St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children were treated to a visit by entertainer Nick Cannon last Thursday, as well as several other musicians and performers. (Clockwise from top l.) Members of the group, 4Count pose for a photo with Randy (c.); Cannon (l.) chats with St. Mary's resident Linda; the Wonder Broz hand out autographs; Gabi Wilson performs for the crowd; children take in the show from the sidelines; and youngsters Avery (l.) and Yahya (r.) learn dance moves from members of 4Count.

Photos by Christina Santucci



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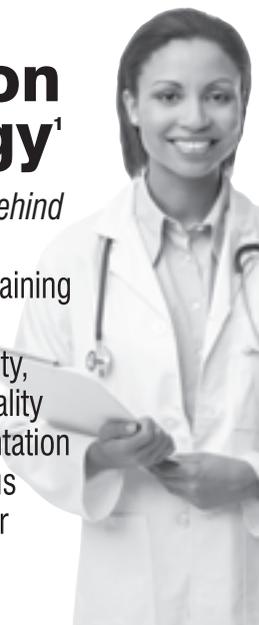
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Sunnyside C-Town set for its opening day

BY BILL PARRY

A new supermarket is slated to open up in Sunnyside Friday morning.

C-Town, a large and fully renovated store, is replacing a Foodtown, which ceased operations at 41-25 Greenpoint Ave. in December.

"The neighbors are extremely excited because it was such a long wait for them," said the store's manager, Victor Batista.

He noted that many Sunnyside residents are elderly and have a hard time getting to an Associated supermarket three blocks away.

Workers were stocking shelves Tuesday morning with brand-name groceries and the store's own Krasdale label.

"We're also trying to incorporate more organic products and more international foods as well," Batista said.



The new C-Town, at 41-25 Greenpoint Ave., is expected to make its debut this week. Photo by Bill Parry

The manager added that the store's new facade, equipment and flooring represent an upgrade over Foodtown, whose contentious closing occurred last winter when the property owner, Maysa Realty, refused to renegotiate the lease and allowed it to expire.

Nearly 30 long-term employees, mostly local residents, were reassigned to other locations in other boroughs, according to Foodtown.

None of those former workers have applied for positions in the new supermarket, according to Batista who said, "I have met

people who used to work here. If anyone were to come looking for work, we'd definitely consider them."

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

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Ozone Park rezone approved by two community boards

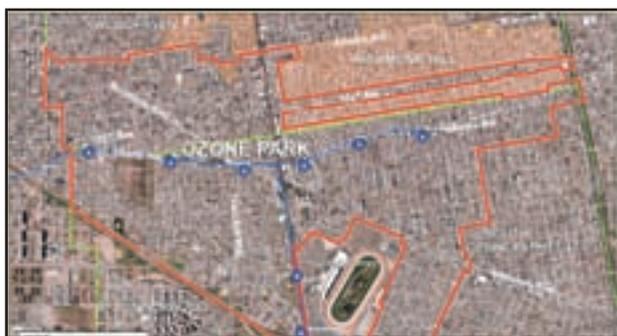
BY BIANCA FORTIS

To help curb the surge in development affecting Ozone Park, the city is attempting to rezone the neighborhood so rules better reflect the neighborhood's residential character.

Those plans took two steps forward recently when both Community Boards 9 and 10 voted to approve the proposed maps.

According to the Department of City Planning, the rezoning effort was undertaken in response to concerns that the current zoning regulations do not reflect established building patterns or guide new development to appropriate locations.

The goal of the proposed rezoning is to reinforce the residential character of the neighborhood's 530 blocks, direct some residential and mixed-use development to areas where there is mass transit and prevent commercial businesses from encroaching



The above map shows the boundaries of the areas that would be affected by a rezoning of Ozone Park.

Map courtesy Department of City Planning

into residential areas.

Currently, Ozone Park is divided into seven zoned districts, which were implemented in 1961.

According to City Planning, recent building trends have led to detached one- and two-family houses being demolished and replaced with multi-family buildings.

On Tuesday, City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) encouraged the CB 9 to vote in favor of the changes, which he said were long overdue.

The board did approve them later that evening,

and CB 10 had already voted in favor of the plan last week.

Ulrich said city planners studied the neighborhood block by block and corridor by corridor to ensure the new maps accurately reflect the residential character of the community and allow for growth and development along the commercial strips of Rockaway Boulevard and 101st and Liberty avenues.

"I can tell you as someone born and raised in Ozone Park — my office is still there — it is positive

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Police search for shooter in Springfield Gardens slay

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

A 29-year-old man died after he was shot five times in front of a Springfield Gardens deli early Saturday, police said.

Emergency responders were called to 184-09 140th Ave. at about 1:30 a.m., found the victim and brought him to Jamaica Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, authorities said.

The NYPD said no one was immediately arrested and the investigation into the unidentified man's death was ongoing.

Naz Hajje, manager of King Deli Grocery Corp., in

front of which the shooting took place, said he was surprised by the violence.

"I've been here two years and never a problem," he said.

He had closed up for the night at midnight Friday — about an hour and a half before the murder — and said he plans to shut the store earlier now, at about 9 or 10 p.m.

Residents of the area said they heard between five and nine gunshots before police swarmed the street and an ambulance arrived.

Cora Thompson, who has lived less than a block away since 1996, said she

first heard three shots, then three more, before a third set that sounded more distant.

"That's the first time I have ever heard anything like that and I was scared," she said.

Minutes later police were on scene, she said.

"My house was bright like as if I put the light on," Thompson said.

Tyreek, 15, estimated that he heard five or six shots and described the Springfield Gardens neighborhood as quiet.

"Every once in a while we hear gunshots, but no one pays attention," he said.

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QUEENS LIBRARY FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL GALA AT WATER'S EDGE IN LONG ISLAND CITY. *Photos by Ken Maldonado*

1 Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (fifth from l.) is joined by Joe Ficalora (second from r.), president of the Queens Library Foundation Board, and former Assemblywoman Melinda Katz (r.) to present members of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation and Spiros J. Voutsinas (third from r.) with City Council proclamations.



2 Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (sixth from l.) and Mayor Michael Bloomberg (eighth from l.) are joined by Queens Library officials, including CEO Thomas Galante (l.), and honorees at the Long Island City gala. The Stavros Niarchos Foundation was honored for its commitment to public libraries and support of disaster relief efforts at Queens Library and worldwide.



3 Honoree Spiros J. Voutsinas, (l.) president of Atlantic Bank, is greeted by Joe Ficalora, Queens Library Foundation Board president.

TONY ARCABASCIO SERVES AS FEATURED SPEAKER AT QUEENS VILLAGE REPUBLICAN CLUB DINNER. *Photos by Steven Malecki*

4 Aurelio "Tony" Arcabascio, who is running as a Republican for Queens borough president, addresses the crowd at the Queens Village Republican Club's Columbus Day Dinner.



5 Philip Sica, (l.) president of the Queens Village Republican Club, is joined by (l.-r.) Queens Borough President candidate Tony Arcabascio; QVRC's Chairman of the Board James Trent, City Council candidate Alex Blishteyn, City Council candidate Joseph Concannon and QVRC Vice President William Horowitz.



6 President of the Queens Village Republican Club Philip Sica speaks during the beginning of the event, held at Trattoria Lucia Italian Restaurant in Bellerose.

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA HOLDS FUND-RAISING FASHION SHOW IN ELMHURST. *Photos by Walter Karling*

7 Barbara Egas struts her stuff at the Italian Charities of America's event



8 Rodica Soos, (l.) the assistant manager of the Dress Barn in Glendale which furnished the ensembles, poses with volunteer models Maria Thomasand, Joey D'Ambrosio, Luz Sedano, Samantha Calderone, Amelia Belcastro, Barbara Egas and Ana Rivera. The annual benefit fashion show was held at the ICA's building on Queens Boulevard in Elmhurst.



9 Model Maria Thomasand swings her jacket over her shoulder.



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Qns. College president resigns after 12 years on job

BY TIMESLEDGER STAFF

Queens College President James Muyskens will be stepping down from his position at the end of this year.

Muyskens spent nearly 12 years as president of the four-year college, which is part of the City University of New York system.

During his tenure, the 20,000-student school was ranked second out of 378 schools in the "Lots of Race/Class Interaction" category of Princeton Review's "Best 378 Colleges" book. The category is described as reflecting the amount of class and cultural diversity at the school.

"President Muyskens has led Queens College with grace and skill throughout his 12-year tenure. He has been a leader of the first rank, an inspirational guide for the college and its students. Queens College and the City University of New York are much in his



Queens College President James Muyskens says he will leave his post at the end of the year. Photo by Christina Santucci

debt," interim CUNY Chancellor William Kelly said in a statement.

Muyskens announced his resignation Sept. 30.

State Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Whitestone) said the long-time president "provided steady leadership and a vision for the future."

"He was a visible pres-

ence in Queens College and the Queens community," she continued, saying that Muyskens sent a positive message to students, faculty and the community.

State Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D-Fresh Meadows) also offered her best wishes to the outgoing president and vowed to work closely with his successor.

"It has been a privilege working with President Muyskens," she said. "He has been a great leader for Queens College and our community. I want to thank him for his open-door policy, constant dialogue and partnership. I wish him the best and look forward to welcoming and working with the next president of Queens College."

Muyskens oversaw \$107 million in renovations to Powdermaker and Remsen halls, according to a statement from CUNY. He hired more than 300 professors and had a hand in updating the school's undergraduate general education curriculum.

"President Muyskens has left an indelible mark on Queens College," said Queens Borough President Helen Marshall in a statement. "When he took over, just around the time I became borough president, he immediately began to put the college on a firm

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“PTAs, PTOs, booster

clubs, fund-raising committees and other community organizations are, 98 percent of the time, not covered by a school district’s insurance policies,” said Rob Nuccio, president and chief executive officer of RV Nuccio & Associates. Nuccio has nearly 40 years experience in the insurance industry. “When a lawsuit occurs as a result of something that happens at an event, the private citizens running the event and organization can find their personal assets at risk — home, vehicles, personal

savings and even future wages.”

In trying to support their school financially, parents may find their own finances jeopardized. When a situation occurs, organizers may not only be at risk from legal action by injured parties, the school district itself may also draw the organization into legal problems, Nuccio said. And while this type of lawsuit is not very common, when it does occur the financial impact can be devastating, with awards tallying millions of dollars.

“That’s not to say you shouldn’t volunteer to support your school,” Nuccio said. “It’s just imperative that you take steps to protect yourself and everyone in your organization. And while anyone can sue for any reason at any time in the U.S., regardless of state volunteer protection laws, protecting yourself can go a long way toward reducing your risks.”

Nuccio offered some advice for school volunteer groups:

- Get insured. “Your school district’s insurance

almost certainly doesn’t cover your organization,” he said. “Insurance is easy to get, affordable and absolutely necessary. In most cases, less than \$200 a year will buy you \$1 million in coverage for issues ranging from bodily injury to product liability.” Types of events/situations that require insurance include carnival rides or games, holiday fairs, babysitting, food sales, door-to-door fund-raising sales and more.

- When using an outside vendor for attractions

like pony rides or bounce houses, make sure the vendor is properly insured, and require them to provide trained staff to operate the attraction. Never let a volunteer manage the attraction.

- Keep events on school property. Never host something at a volunteer’s home or place of business.

- For product sales, avoid door-to-door selling, and encourage parents to never leave children unsupervised when selling products.

- During car washes, never let anyone other than the owner of the vehicle drive it. Keep car washes small, manageable and tightly controlled.

- At a craft fair, don’t sell items that are small enough to choke a child.

- Avoid dunk tanks. Instead, substitute another

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EDUCATION



More high school students are taking online classes and career training as part of their education.

Online education becomes more popular with students

Two popular trends in American education are growing more common for high school students nationwide: online learning and career technical education courses.

Once considered an option for higher education only, online learning continues to attract younger students in kindergarten through 12th grade. In particular, full-time virtual public schools, that afford students the opportunity to learn anytime and anywhere there is an Internet connection, are a growing form of K-12 education.

An estimated 275,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grades are getting their entire education online from full-time virtual public schools like Baltimore-based Connections Academy, according to "Keeping Pace with K-12 Online & Blended Learning," a report by Evergreen Education Group. Still, other students are choosing innovative new blended schools like Nexus Academy, where online learning is combined with unique, brick and mor-

tar campuses.

Why are kids opting to go to school online? The reasons are varied.

Connections Academy's 2013 Parent Satisfaction Survey showed when ranking the most important reasons for moving to an online school, 50 percent of parents said their child does not learn well in a traditional school, while 43 percent expressed the need for flexibility. Forty-two percent wanted a change from their current school environment and 37 percent wanted a safe learning environment. Plus, virtual public schools and blended schools are often tuition-free and part of the public education system.

At the same time, interest in Career Technical Education is blossoming - and for good reason. The U.S. Department of Education found that students enrolled in CTE programs have a high school graduation rate of more than 90 percent, compared to the average national freshman graduation rate of 75 percent. Additionally, 70 percent of students concentrating in CTE areas

stayed in post-secondary education or transferred to a four-year degree program.

Responding to the growing demand for CTE and online learning, Connections Academy recently expanded its traditional college-prep curriculum to include a series of Career Technical Education courses - all delivered online. Now, in addition to college prep, virtual school students can take courses like Introduction to Law, Accounting, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Medical Terminology and more.

"Career education isn't a new idea, but increased awareness for CTE, coupled with the delivery online and to younger high school students, is really exciting," said Dr. Patricia Hoge, chief academic officer for Connections Academy. "Providing career education, even introductory courses, is a great way for students to 'try-out' a career that interests them. And because courses like ours are delivered online, they provide more flexibility and person-

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Borrowing to pay for college is commonplace today as the Chronicle of Higher Education reports that more than 60 percent of America's 20 million college students rely on student loans to finance their education. A college student today graduates with an average of \$24,301 in student loan debt, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which also projects that there are approximately 37 million Americans who have out-



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standing loan accounts.

While many students believe that loans are worth the investment in their fu-

ture, a growing number of borrowers are defaulting on their student loan debt. The Federal Reserve Bank

of New York estimates that about 5.4 million student loan borrowers have at least one past-due student

loan account.

Economists and policy-makers alike worry about the long-term impact on recent graduates burdened with loan debt - many of whom may face challenges down the road in securing financing to buy a house or start a business.

To help parents and students learn more about college financing, FindLaw.com, a website for free legal information, offers a free, downloadable mini-guide on student loan debt. Here are some additional tips:

- Start early, really early. From the moment your child is born, start putting away a little bit each month toward his or her education. Use a state-run 529 plan or an IRA Coverdell account to save for college education tax-free. Regardless of when you start saving for

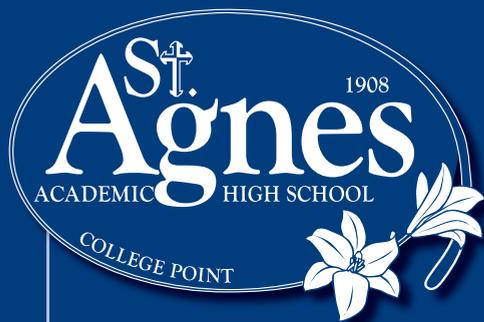
college, it's never too late to put money aside to pay for college expenses.

- Apply to colleges you can afford. Carefully weigh the costs and benefits of an expensive school to a less costly institution. Students who graduate with little or no debt may have more freedom to take career risks, such as moving to a new city or taking a low-paying internship that offers valuable work experience.

- Explore financial aid options. Research and apply for all financial aid opportunities, even if you think you may not qualify. You can apply for federal student loans by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

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Online

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alization for students while their teachers are better able to focus on the needs of individuals.”

Educators also say two factors may be boosting student demand for both e-learning and CTE courses: the desire for 21st-century skills and workforce readiness as well as the request for scheduling flexibility for older students to pursue internships and/or part-time employment.

Currently 14 million students are enrolled in

CTE courses - encompassing every state, with programs in nearly 1,300 public high schools and 1,700 two-year-colleges, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Many traditional brick and mortar schools and districts are also making the new online CTE courses available to their students.

Educators and employers see CTE courses as helping the country address our challenges of economic development, student achievement and global competitiveness. Students love their real world relevance, mixed with core academics.

Loan

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from colleges and universities, pay close attention to the financial aid programs offered by each school to determine which offers the best option to finance your college education.

- Research scholarships. Continuously apply for scholarships throughout your college years to defray expenses. Keep your eyes open for opportunities. Professors, for example, are often aware of scholarship opportunities and are an excellent source for references when applying for certain scholarships or aid packages.

- Consider the job prospects for your major. Before declaring a major, research post-college career prospects. What types of jobs are people getting with the major you're interested in? How much are they making in your part of the country?

For example, if you need to take out \$50,000 in student loans to obtain a degree that results in a job that typically pays about \$35,000 per year, you may want to rethink your major.

- Understand your loans. Not all student loans are the same. Some have higher interest rates. Some offer different terms to defer payment while a student is pursuing another degree. Some allow you to start paying the interest immediately, while you're still in college, to lower the loan's

overall cost. Before considering student loans from a private lender, seek information and apply for federal student loans such as Stafford, Perkins and PLUS loans. Also talk to your college to see if it offers an institutional student loan program. Private loans can come with higher interest rates and more fees, so it's best to explore your options.

- Think twice, parents. Parents who co-sign for a child's loan are responsible for that debt in the event that their son

or daughter can't pay it. While you may want to help your child achieve his or her dreams, don't put your retirement years in jeopardy by cosigning on expensive private loans with high interest rates. Instead, help your child start building a positive credit history in his or her teenage years and teach kids to take financial responsibility for the debt they incur.

To learn more about student loans and student loan debt, visit FindLaw.com.

Fundraiser

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form of watery fun. Invite participants to throw wet sponges at the principal or favorite teacher. Be sure the principal wears safety goggles to shield eyes from possible debris in the sponge.

- Keep events small. Avoid events that will draw 1,000 or more people. The larger the event, the more difficult it will be to manage risk.

“Finally, although it should go without saying, never host any school-related activity that involves firearms, fireworks, bon-

fires, alcohol or pyrotechnics,” Nuccio said. “The risks associated with those things will far outweigh the fund-raising benefits.”

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Personal academic advisement is a key ingredient of the Queensborough Academies. Every new student – freshman or transfer – is assigned an Academy Adviser who becomes their personal guide throughout their college career at Queensborough through program planning, selection of courses, understanding of degree requirements,

and more. The Academy Adviser is the “go-to” person for many issues related to student success. The initiative matches every full-time student to an adviser based on their area of study in one of the five Academies: Business; Liberal Arts (including Education and Criminal Justice); Health Related Sciences; Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA); and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

On the heels of this new initiative comes the brand new Queensborough Academies subsite, designed to provide current and prospective students with access to information on curriculum, transfer agreements and potential careers.

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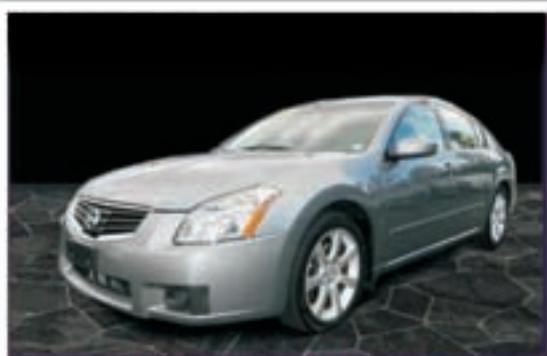




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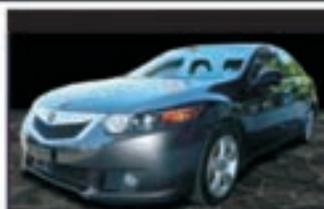
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The Senior Steppers show off their moves at SNAP.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

Avella greets boro's seniors

BY PHIL CORSO

State Sen. Tony Avella joined Virginia Werner, Bellerose's Miss New York Senior America 2013, to greet seniors at the Services Now for Adult Persons center in Queens Village Monday.

Werner was chosen as the winner of the Miss New York Senior America organization's annual honoring of senior women of achievement and has been dubbed a role model of the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of all senior Americans, Avella said.

Reach reporter Phil Corso by e-mail at pcorso@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4573.



Miss New York Senior America 2013 Virginia Werner speaks to visitors as state Sen. Tony Avella looks on. Photo by Ken Maldonado

Airmen

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we said we will fight ... and we not only fought but we won!"

Patt Terrelongue, president of the Claude B. Govan Tri-State Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., said she grew up in the Jamaica area, where many airmen and their families moved to in the 1950s.

She said the veterans were on par with the famous jazz musicians who called southeast Queens

home in terms of the admiration the Tuskegee Airmen inspired.

"Having that positive reinforcement, we always felt blessed," she said. "They guided us. They nurtured us, even though we were wild children."

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica), who is sponsoring the bill to rename the stretch of South Road between Merrick Boulevard and Remington Street "Tuskegee Airmen Way," said the area is one notorious for prostitution, drugs and gangs, but

thinks the proposed street name would help to uplift the area.

"To rename South Road to something as noble as Tuskegee Airmen Way does more to help us just re-brand, if you will, but helps us to let all the young men and women that are coming up know that this is something to look forward to," he said.

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



THEY LIGHT UP THE SCREEN

New exhibit at Museum of the Moving Image focuses on film projectionists

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

Photographer Joseph O. Holmes has spent the last couple of years capturing the waning era of purveyors of a once robust industry: movie house projectionists and their work spaces.

His new show, *The Booth: The Last Days of Film Projection*, opened last Friday at the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria and includes almost three dozen images of movie projectionists.

"I've done several projects on work spaces that are out of view of the public," said Holmes. "I find it fascinating that there are work spaces that people never see. It's only when I started visiting theaters that I heard this was going away."

Add 35mm film to the list of 20th-century objects that won't see too much of the 21st century.

By last year, nearly two-thirds of the movie theaters in the United States had converted to digital projection. Instead of a case of film reels holding the latest blockbuster releases, cinemas receive a piece of equipment similar to a computer hard drive that contains the movie.

A digital projectionist keys in a code and, voilà, it's show time.

"It is way less expensive for distribu-



Photographer Joseph O. Holmes captures Manhattan Film Forum's projectionist Ed Ko (above) in the theater's projection booth. Holmes also made this image (top) of the editing table at the Avon Theater in Stamford, Conn.

Photos courtesy Joseph O. Holmes

tors to send digital prints," Holmes said.

Holmes admits most audience members, including himself, wouldn't be able to tell the difference between the film and digital versions, unless the film had been scratched along its journey.

of their working hours in dark, cramped rooms, usually alone, watching the roll of film flutter its way through the projector.

"The biggest surprise for me was the diversity of the projectionists," Holmes said. "They ranged in age from their 20s up to their 70s. I was surprised to see young people in what is a dying industry."

Diverse also describes the paths that brought each of the subjects in Holmes' show to the projection booth.

Some were taking their place in the family business, Holmes said. Others had simply stumbled into it.

An image of Fred Baez is included in Holmes' show. Baez has worked at the Museum of the Moving Image for a little more than 17 years. He falls into the stumbled-into-it category. He had been working as an assistant manager at a multiplex theater and was trained on how to run the projector.

"I just really took a liking to it," Baez said.

But he quickly realized there was more to the job than just being able to thread the film through the machine.

Non-digital cinemas run the film from the projector onto a piece of equipment called a platter. The platter is a large

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Concert strikes chord with harmonica enthusiasts

Forest Hills resident Jia-yi He is world-class musician on a mission to earn instrument more respect

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN



Jenny He (l.) and her father, Jia-yi He, perform a duet on harmonicas during one of their concerts.

Photo courtesy Jia-yi He

Give musician Jia-yi He 30 minutes, and he'll help you master the basics of playing classical, blues, jazz and country tunes just by breathing.

Forest Hills resident He is one of the top musicians in the world on the harmonica. He has released CDs, had composers dedicate symphonies to him and next week returns to Carnegie Hall to accompany the Japan Harmonica Association in its debut at the venerable concert hall.

"I was 11 years old when I started playing," He said. "Unlike with the piano or violin, where you have to start when you're little to master, with the harmonica there is no age limit."

He picked up his harmonica habit after watching his older sister play a tremolo one. Unlike the small harmonica people think of cowboys playing around the campfire — which is actually a diatonic harmonica — the tremolo is much larger and uses a

double reed to produce its sound.

Each reed is tuned slightly different from a single reference note. This allows one reed to create a somewhat sharp sound and the other to produce the slightly flat notes.

"It is just like the piano," He said. "One [reed] is like hitting the white keys and the other is like hitting the black keys."

The third major type of harmonica is called the chromatic and uses a button-activated slid-

ing bar to redirect air from the mouthpiece to the reed.

But next week's concert will focus on the tremolo harmonica and specifically Japan Harmonica Association President Chiang-Ming Cheng's innovated method

of playing it.

Cheng developed a performance style that allows the musician to play the melody and harmony on a single instrument.

"People say his concerts are like an education," He said.

He's daughter, Jenny, who often accompanies her father on the piano at his concerts, hopes the learning doesn't stop with one type of harmonica.

"It looks like a very simple instrument," she said. "But that's not true. The more techniques they learn, the more they can push the instrument."

By altering their breathing and manipulating their tongues and lips, musicians can produce different types of sounds, Jenny said.

The technical term is note bending and it involves having the musician vary the air pressure that moves across the reed.

He demonstrates as he pulls another one of his 300 harmonicas from a case in his Forest Hills home. *Continued on Page 44*

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The Complete Howard Hawks – The Museum of the Moving Image celebrates legendary Hollywood director Howard Hawks with two months of screenings. Hawks created iconic films in every genre including "His Girl Friday," "Scarface" (1932), "The Big Sleep" and "Rio Bravo." **When:** Through Nov. 10, for complete schedule check out MOMI's website **Where:** Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35 Ave., Astoria **Cost:** Screenings are included in the cost of admission: \$12/adults, \$9/seniors and students, \$6/children 3 to 12 **Contact:** (718) 777-6888 **Website:** www.movingimage.us

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Biala: Vision and Memory – The first comprehensive survey of Janice Biala's work, known for her charming interiors, still-lives and landscapes. **When:** Through Oct. 26; Monday - Thursday, 11 am - 7 pm; Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm **Where:** Queens College Godwin-Ternbach Museum, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., 405 Klapper Hall **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 997-4747 **Website:** qcpages.qc.cny.edu/godwin_ternbach

Silent Beaches, Untold Stories: New York City's Forgotten Waterfront – An interdisciplinary exhibition exploring the city's waterfront areas that are remote, neglected or little known to the public. **When:** Through Nov. 9; Tuesday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm; Saturday, Noon - 5 pm **Where:** St. John's University, Dr. M. T. Geoffrey Yeh Art Gallery, Sun Yat Sen Hall, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica Estates **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 990-7476 **Website:** www.stjohns.edu/academics/centers/yehgallery

Longitude, Latitude, Attitude – A photography exhibit by Maureen McTigue and John Rennhack exploring sites from

that the harmonica is not a toy but a serious instrument on par with anything else played in an orchestra. But, Jenny said, that doesn't mean it cannot also be fun.

"Anyone can play it," she said. "As long as you can breathe you can play it. And for older students, that allows you to still express yourself."

The Japan Harmonica Association concert at Car-

around the world. **When:** Through December; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 am - 4 pm; **Where:** The Poppenhusen Institute, 114-04 14th Road, College Point **Contact:** (718) 358-6322 **Website:** www.poppenhuseninstitute.org

Isamu Noguchi/Qi Baishi/Beijing 1930 – This exhibition marks the first time Noguchi's figurative ink scrolls have been displayed alongside works by the master ink painter, Qi Baishi, whom Noguchi studied with in 1930 Beijing. **When:** Through Jan. 26, 2014 **Where:** Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Road, Long Island City **Cost:** \$10/adults, \$5/students and seniors, Free/children and museum members **Contact:** (718) 204-7088 **Website:** www.noguchi.org

EVENTS

It's My Park Day – Join the West Cunningham Civic Association in planting daffodil bulbs and pulling weeds in Cunningham Park. Volunteers will also pick up trash and put down mulch. Bring gloves. **When:** Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 am - Noon **Where:** Cunningham Park, Francis Lewis Boulevard and Union Turnpike, Jamaica Estates **Contact:** (718) 217-6452 **Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

Peking 1930 – Writer and historian Paul French, author of "Midnight in Peking," seeks to explain Peking in 1930, the city itself, the people who live there and the effect both had on the art of Isamu Noguchi. **When:** Sunday, Oct. 13, 3 pm **Where:** Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Road, Long Island City **Cost:** \$10/adults, \$5/students and seniors, Free/children and museum members

negie Hall is on Monday, Oct. 14, at 8 pm. A free, pre-concert event will take place at Turtle Bay Music School, 244 E. 52nd St., on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 5 pm. Free tickets for the Carnegie Hall show will be available at the Oct. 12 concert. For more information, e-mail hejiayi@yaho.com.

Reach news editor Kevin Zimmerman at kzimmerman@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4541.

Contact: (718) 204-7088 **Website:** www.noguchi.org

Louis Armstrong House Museum 10th Anniversary – The anniversary bash includes live performances, Creole cuisine based on Armstrong's recipes and the first showing at the house of the Armstrong Life Mask, which was recently restored. **When:** Tuesday, Oct. 15, beginning at 6 pm **Where:** Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona **Cost:** \$30, \$45 and \$100. Tickets must be purchased in

advance. **Contact:** (718) 478-8274 **Website:** www.LouisArmstrongHouse.org

Halloween Harvest Festival – This annual tribute to the season includes artist-led costume-making workshops, live music, face painting and the Canine Costume Contest. **When:** Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 am - 3 pm, rain or shine **Where:** Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City **Cost:** Free

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

Harvest Fest & Pumpkin Patch – Queens Botanical Garden celebrates the season with its third annual Harvest Fest. The family-friendly event includes entertainment, crafts vendors, children's activities and a nature walk. You can also decorate your own pumpkin in the Pumpkin Patch. **When:** Sunday, Oct. 20, from 11 am - 6 pm

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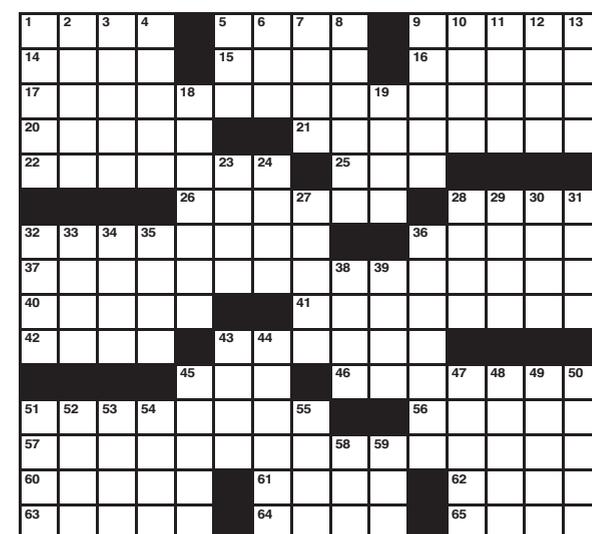


Across

- Largemouth, for one
- Spheres
- Lint
- Soothing plant
- Part of a yard
- Eagle's nest
- Lion's title
- ___ a happy note
- Appraise once again
- School boards?
- Banned agrochemical
- Lie at rest
- Roper undertaking
- One signing off
- Aladdin associate
- Obi-wan Kenobi portrayer
- Sound, as a bell
- Little Rock's state
- Eye sore
- Tiny swimmer
- Wacko
- SWAT team members
- Dessert of chilled fruit and coconut
- Brightest stars
- Anne and Elizabeth I, e.g.
- Arm bones
- Genealogist's work
- Just beat
- On the ball
- Auctioneer's cry
- Crystal ball user

Down

- Makes bread
- Dress style
- Weather balloon



- Utah lilies
- Broadway opening?
- Decay
- Nobel physicist Niels
- Knight mares?
- Goethe's soul seller
- Cataract site
- Prod
- French son
- Lawyers' charges
- Hot, in Vegas
- Shade of green
- "___ Only Just Begun"
- Some houses are built on it
- Heart, for one
- Brown alternative
- Aces, sometimes
- Actress Kudrow
- Not as much
- Questions
- Pub serving
- Mouse to a hawk
- Unhealthy chest sound
- Chewing like a beaver
- Coffee dispensers
- Sacred image: Var.
- Sunday event
- Numbskulls
- Landscape painter Claude
- Walesa's people
- Steer clear of
- Kitchen appliance
- Passover meal
- Greenish-blue
- Think (over)
- The "B" of N.B.
- Raise
- Bushy do
- Sushi selection
- "Waking ___ Devine" (1998 film)

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Concert

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Hills apartment. As He blows into the harmonica, it sounds exactly like someone plucking the strings of a violin. A quick shift around and the noise coming from the instrument is of a mandolin.

Through his concerts and his teaching at Manhattan's Turtle Bay Music School, He hopes to convey

Michelin dubs 20 borough restaurants très bon

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BY SUZANNE PARKER

Michelin has just released a list of “Bib Gourmands” restaurants.

These restaurants were defined by Michelin’s inspectors as “Favorites for Good Value.” Bib Gourmand restaurants offer two courses and a glass of wine or dessert for \$40 or less (tax and gratuity not included), and are often of most value to a city’s residents, who regularly dine in neighborhood restaurants.

Of the 138 recipients of the designation this year, 20 are in Queens. Of the 20, you read about 18 of them first in the Dining Out column of this newspaper.

Here’s the list:

Alobar (New American), 46-42 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City, 718-752-6000

Andy’s Seafood & Grill (closed)
Ayada (Thai), 77-08 Woodside Ave., Elmhurst, 718-424-0844

Basil Brick Oven Pizza (Pizza), 28-17 Astoria Blvd., Astoria, 718-204-1205

Bistro 33 (New American), 19-33 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, 718-721-1933



Salt & Fat’s dish of Prince Edward Island mussels with Thai oyster sauce and Chinese sausage, topped with a frizz of crisply fired shallots. The Sunnyside eatery was among 20 Queens restaurants to be named a “Bib Gourmands” by Michelin.

Bunker (Vietnamese), 46-63 Metropolitan Ave., Ridgewood, 718-386-4282

Casa Enrique (Mexican), 5-48 49th Ave., Long Island City, 347-448-6040

HinoMaru Ramen (Japanese), 33-18 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, 718-777-0228

Hunan House (Chinese), 137-40 Northern Blvd., Flushing, 718-353-1808

Hunan Kitchen of Grand Sichuan (Chinese), 42-47 Main St., Flushing, 718-888-0553

Il Poeta (Italian), 98-04 Metropolitan Ave., Forest Hills, 718-544-4223

John Brown Smokehouse (Barbeque), 10-43 44th Drive, Long Island City, 347-617-1120

Little Pepper (Chinese), 18-24 College Point Blvd., College Point, 718-939-7788

Lu Xiang Yuan (Chinese), 42-87 Main St., Flushing, 718-359-2108

Mamak House (Malaysian), 35-20 Farrington St., Flushing, 718-886-4828

Ornella (Italian), 29-17 23rd Ave., Astoria, 718-777-9477

Salt & Fat (New American), 41-16 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, 718-433-3702

Tang (Korean), 196-50 Northern Blvd., Flushing, 718-279-7080

Uncle Zhou (Chinese), 83-29 Broadway, Elmhurst, 718-393-0888

Zabb Elee (Thai), 71-28 Roosevelt Ave., Woodside, 718-426-7992.

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Penne Fantasia
(Shrimp & crab meat sautéed in a shrimp bisque sauce)

Penne Deliziosa
(Eggplant, zucchini, broccoli & fresh mozzarella in a light red sauce)

Penne Scarpiello
(Chicken & sausage sautéed with mushrooms & balsamic vinegar)

Penne Florio
(Baby shrimp sautéed w/ mushrooms, peas & asparagus in a virgin olive oil & garlic)

Penne Fortunati
(Onions, mushrooms & capers in a virgin olive oil)

Penne Caruso
(Onions, mushrooms, peas & prosciutto in a pink cream sauce)

Penne Gamberoni
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PROJECTIONIST

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horizontal wheel that collects the film after it runs past the machine's light — it basically serves as the take-up reel like those in old-school 8-track tape players. Once a film has been rolled onto the platter, the projectionist is able to restart the movie without having to rewind it. Of course, being a piece of machinery, sometimes the platter misfires and the film doesn't roll into a nice, neat package.

"If something goes wrong you can destroy the print," Baez said. "These [films] are becoming artifacts and we have to treat them like artifacts."

Several of Holmes' pieces include relics of an earlier time in film projection.

One shows an editing table with magnifying glass and white glove. Projectionists often examine each frame of the film for scratches and use the glove

to remove dirt and grime from the reel. Another shows a viewing area with a recliner, folding chair and a TV tray table placed in the middle. In one of the larger prints, Holmes captures photographs of family members that one projectionist puts on display when he is working.

But Holmes also focuses on the projectors themselves. Many are behemoths that nearly fill the small rooms while others are missing pieces from the machines.

"There were some places with string, chicken wire and gum holding the projectors together," Holmes said. "There was one where the guy had to bang on the side of the projector to get the light to work."

Holmes' pieces also include portraits of projectionists usually sitting in a chair or on a ledge in their work space surrounded by film cases. The images were created at theaters

and drive-ins in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New York, including Big Cinemas Bombay Theater in Fresh Meadows, the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria and the Kew Gardens Cinemas.

"I had a great time visiting these places," Holmes said. "All of them really enjoyed talking. I guess it must be a lonely profession."

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IF YOU GO

The Booth: The Last Days of Film Projection

When: Through Feb. 2, 2014

Where: The Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria

Cost: \$12/adults, \$9/seniors and students, \$6/children 3 to 12, Free/children under 3

Contact: 718-777-6800
Website: movingimage.us

THEATER CALENDAR

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PRODUCTIONS

"Love's Labors Lost" –

Easy Leap Theatre Company presents an all-female version of Shakespeare's comedy about a group of young men looking to outsmart love.

When: Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 pm
Where: LaGuardia Community College's Little Theater, 31-10 Thompson Ave., Long Island City

Cost: Free but register by e-mail to rsvp-lpac@lagcc.cuny.edu

Contact: (718) 482-5151
Website: www.lagcc.cuny.edu/LPAC

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" –

The Queens Players present the Shakespeare comedy re-imagined in a circus setting.

When: Through Oct. 12, Thursday to Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 3 pm

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

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

"Arms and the Man" –

Standard Bear Productions and Byronic Women presents George Bernard Shaw's satire on the ironies of war and the fallacies of romantic idealism.

When: Through Oct. 13, Wednesday - Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 3 pm

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

Contact: (718) 392-0722
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"A Midsummer Night's Dream" –

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presents its version of the Shakespeare comedy with a twist. Except for the role of Puck, each actor won't find out what part they are playing until names are drawn in front of the audience each night.

When: Oct. 18 through Nov. 3; Thursday at 7:30 pm, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 4 pm, Monday, Oct. 21 show at 7:30 pm

Where: The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City
Cost: \$15 - \$18

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

"The Graduate" –

Queens Theatre opens its season with a live performance by radio theater company L.A. Theatre Works of the theatrical adaptation of the classic 1960s novel and film.

When: Oct. 25, Oct. 26 and Oct. 27

Where: Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. South, Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Cost: \$49/general seating, \$25/rear seating

Contact: 718-760-0064
Website: www.queenstheatre.org

"Guys and Dolls" –

A musical fable of Broadway based on the stories by Damon Runyon. This classic American musical includes such standards as "Luck Be A Lady Tonight," "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat" and the title number.

When: Nov. 2 to Nov. 17, Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 3 pm

Where: Bay Terrace Jewish Center, 13-00 209th St., Bayside
Cost: \$20/adults, \$18/seniors and children under 12

Contact: (718) 428-6363
Website: www.

"Legally Blonde, The Musical" –

FSF Community Theatre Group presents the Broadway musical version of the hit movie about a L.A. sorority girl who follows her man to Harvard Law and learns being true to oneself is always in fashion.

When: Nov. 3 to Nov. 17, Saturday at 8 pm, Sunday at 3 pm

Where: Free Synagogue of Flushing, 41-60 Kissena Blvd., Flushing

Cost: \$18, \$15/seniors and children 10 and under
Contact: (718) 428-8681
Website: www.fsctg.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 –

The Andean Players in Flushing has been staging high-quality theater for half a century. It is now recruiting to fill various positions, including director, set-designer, choreographer, lighting and sound director. There are openings for make-up, costumes, fund-raising, ticketing and refreshments.

Contact: theandeanplayers@gmail.com, put "support"

When: Mondays, 5:30 pm workshop for children 8 to 11; 6:30 pm workshop for all ages 12 and up

Where: Resobox, 41-26 27th St., Long Island City
Cost: \$25/adults, \$20/students
Contact: (718) 784-3680
Website: www.resobox.com

Free Line Dance Lessons –

Free line dance lessons given by professional dance instructor, Bernardo, every Monday.

When: Mondays, 1 pm
Where: Pomonok Senior Center, 67-09 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing
Contact: Jennifer Buljan (718) 591-3377

Events

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Where: Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing
Cost: \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/children and students. Some events including Pumpkin Patch, pony rides and face painting are an additional charge.

Contact: (718) 886-3800
Website: www.queensbotanical.org

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, through Nov. 22

Where: Queens Botanical Gardens outside the Gardens' fence on Dahlia Avenue near Main Street.

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Revenge

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Griffo said New Jersey and California already had similar laws on the books addressing the issue and he hoped New York would join the list.

Under current state law, it is only illegal to share pictures taken without consent, Braunstein said, explaining that the new legislation would also include photos taken con-

sensually with the elicited expectation of privacy.

The lawmakers said it would be better to criminalize the act rather than to leave it a civil matter as trials could take a greater toll emotionally and financially for both parties. Braunstein also said websites might be less likely to share harmful images if the act were criminalized.

"This bill sends the strong message that New York will not tolerate this devastating form of vir-

tual sexual assault," said Mary Anne Franks, associate professor of law at the University of Miami School of Law, who helped draft the bill. "Additionally, this bill demonstrates that it is possible to clearly prohibit a narrow category of malicious conduct while respecting legitimate First Amendment concerns."

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5Pointz

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100 percent union workers, including members of SEIU/32 and the Building Trades Council, which will add an estimated 1,000 new jobs in Long Island City, according to Van Bramer's statement, 800 union construction jobs and 200 full-time union jobs for building workers.

"As the son of union parents, nothing is more important to me than building pathways to the middle class," the councilman said.

Van Bramer added that Long Island City residents would get preference for the affordable units.

The councilman also touted a commitment to local artists as part of the agreement. G & M Realty agreed to increase the amount of artist studios and gallery space to 12,000 square feet, which will be available to the artists at "reasonable rents." The Wolkoffs will also plan to offer 5Pointz leader Jonathan "Meres" Cohen the opportunity to curate nearly 10,000 feet of art panels and walls in the building.

However, none of these concessions will placate the artist community, according to 5Pointz spokeswoman Marie Cecile-Flageul, who said, "As artists we must do what we can for ourselves as a community because we cannot count on elected city officials to stand up for us."

In addition, Cecile-Flageul condemned the notion of the public hearings.



The final countdown starts for 5Pointz.

"The hearings have been a real letdown," she said, adding that "the Council members spend 90 percent of their time on their BlackBerrys. It's a dog-and-pony show."

The artist community turned the block-long complex of factories and warehouses into a world-famous art installation over the last 20 years. Its popularity climaxed during the hip-hop rage but had fallen off after the 2009 collapse of an outdoor stairway that critically injured a 37-year-old jewelry designer named Nicole Gagne.

The city started to pressure the Wolkoffs over safety issues and the artists' free reign at the iconic landmark was never the same in terms of their access to certain areas of the complex became more restricted.

Local Project, a community-based nonprofit that helped hundreds of new artists get assimilated into the underground art scene, is one of the several groups that have been forced out of the graffiti mecca.

The group's direc-

tor, Carolina Penafiel, was overcome with emotion when informed of the agreement.

"It's so very sad, the whole situation," she said, adding, "when I think about it my heart breaks. It's like seeing your grandmother's house getting torn down. It's just memories now."

In another City Council vote, The Halletts Point vote passed 45-1. Councilman Charles Barron was the sole vote against the project. That plan will bring a new \$1 billion development called Astoria Cove, something developer Lincoln Equities has been planning since 2009, to the East River waterfront. The massive residential complex will feature nearly 2,000 residential units. The mixed-use towers will be situated alongside Astoria Houses and bring along much-needed amenities like a grocery store, retail and plans for a school, according to the developer and representatives from the community, who have long complained about a sense of isolation.

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“Twelve years of [Mayor] Michael Bloomberg, and hundreds of thousands of students start the school year in oversize classes — while many of them will stay in oversize classes for weeks or months,” said Michael Mulgrew, UFT president. “At the same time citywide averages for classes in first-, second- and third-grade are at the highest they have been in 14 years. It is time to take this issue seriously.”

The UFT survey put Cardozo near the top of the city’s most oversized high school classrooms with 385, second only to Hillcrest High School’s 400. Jackson Heights’ IS 145 also cracked the union’s list of middle and elementary schools suf-

fering from oversized classrooms with 29, the highest number in that category.

“We need to stop playing games with our kids’ future and start getting serious about overcrowding in our city’s classrooms — a chronic issue that this Department of Education has ignored for too long, at the expense of hundreds of thousands of city school children,” said Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President. “Investing in new schools and classrooms will require shared sacrifice and the sustained commitment of all New Yorkers. But doing nothing is not an option — not when the cost will be measured in lost learning and squandered opportunity for our children.”

The numbers exceeded contractual limits in accordance with the UFT’s

contract, Mulgrew said, which limits class size to 18 students in pre-kindergarten classrooms, 25 in kindergarten, 32 in Grades 1 through 6, 33 in junior high and middle schools and 34 in high schools. The end result, the UFT said, is that more than 230,000 students citywide spent part of all of their days in overcrowded classrooms.

“All our students, especially our youngest children, desperately need smaller class sizes,” Mulgrew said. “And in any school where the administration knows it is under a mandate to reduce class sizes to the contractual limit, there is no excuse for letting students stay in an oversize class through Thanksgiving or even the new year.”

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many of their achievements occur during that time period.

Recently Iran has agreed to enter into talks with the United States to come to an agreement over the country’s nuclear program within the next few months, but so far there has been no change in Iran’s policies related to the program, Wallace said.

“If he wanted to end this nuclear program and truly wanted to make a deal with the West, he could have done that on his first day in office. Now it’s his 65th day,” Wallace said about Rouhani Monday.

Wallace said if there is no deal by the 101st day of Rouhani’s presidency, his group will continue to advocate imposing more economic pressure on the country.

Meng was not present at the event because she was called to Washington, D.C., but she did make an

appearance in Forest Hills via a Skype call.

“I’ve been dealing with a lot of the serious and sobering issues of the Middle East today,” she told the audience. “And nothing is a higher priority for me and you in this space other than ensuring Iran does not achieve nuclear weapons capability.”

Meng said earlier in the year she co-sponsored a bill that would strengthen sanctions against Iran.

“While I don’t oppose our pursuit of diplomacy, I must insist that we remain clear-eyed and realistic about the Iranian threat,” Meng continued. “The regime is nothing if not duplicitous. And President Rouhani has himself in the past used negotiations as a cover for the regime’s continued pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability.”

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installment of Sandy recovery funds — and this shutdown should not be used as an excuse to further delay funds that have already been appropriated.”

U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) said congressional Democrats could use a legislative maneuver known as a motion to discharge — the same that was used in the City Council earlier this year to allow a vote on the Community Safety Act — to bring about a vote on a no-strings-attached continuing resolution to end the shutdown.

“I think that it’s going to be left up to 24 or more moderate Republicans who are starting to say more and more that they want a clean vote on the CR so we can put the government back to work,” he said, noting that the procedure would take until at least Nov. 15 to go into effect. “It’s really a last option. I hope something gets resolved before then.”

Access

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Draghi said he was surprised Avella continued

to work with homeowners, after he dropped his bid to be borough president in August.

The Medical Ambulatory Care Center is slated

to provide outpatient care for those able to walk and are not bed ridden. A two-story underground garage, which will hold 135 cars, is also part of the facility.

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Business

Bookshop is Astoria's newest indie seller

Store on 31st St. hosts literary events such as readings, writing workshops and author appearances

BY RICH BOCKMANN

John Jacob Astor's name has been purged from the library he founded, but a new book shop gives a shot in the arm to the literary scene in the neighborhood that bares his moniker.

"It's a general-interest store with a little bit of everything," said Lexi Beach, who opened the Astoria Bookshop on 31st Street with her partner, Connie Rourke, this summer. "I hope that as we grow, we'll gradually start tailoring the shop to meet the needs of the community."

Astor, after whom the western Queens neighborhood was named, was a 19th-century business tycoon who, upon his death, bequeathed part of his fortune to found the Astor Library, which would later merge with several others to form the New York City Public Library.

Book-buying options in Astoria had dried up when the Seaburn Bookstore turned its last page in 2011. But when Astoria Bookshop opened in September, it joined fellow indie bookseller Enigma Bookstore, which set up shop in July, and now the neighborhood has a book scene that is in



Astoria Bookshop is the neighborhood's newest indie bookseller.

Photo courtesy Lauren Mirsky



Astoria Bookshop hosts literary events all month long.

Photo courtesy Lauren Mirsky

full swing.

Beach, who had been working in the publishing industry for years, said she did some demographic research that showed Astoria would be a great place for a

book store.

"The area has a lot of what you need to make it work: families with young kids, creative professionals, a community that supports small businesses,"

said Beach, whose favorite book is William Goldman's "The Princess Bride."

The Astoria Bookshop, at 31-29th 31st St., has an online shop, and Beach said she finds many customers

choose to purchase their titles over the Internet and then pick them up in the store.

The store is also a hot spot for the neighborhood's up-and-coming literary scene, hosting events like writing workshops, book club meetings and readings with the borough's own Newtown Literary Journal.

Beach said Susan Kain, author of "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking," got an enthusiastic reception when she stopped

by the store recently to discuss her book.

"I think it speaks to a lot of people," Beach said. "It addresses a subject that hasn't been talked about a lot: how our culture is geared toward extroverts. The book shows through a lot of research and data that you're not doing it wrong if you're not changing your personality."

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

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, 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: www.accessoffice.net

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to further business through word of mouth marketing. Contact Lydie Pellissier, chapter president, to arrange a visit.
When: Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 am
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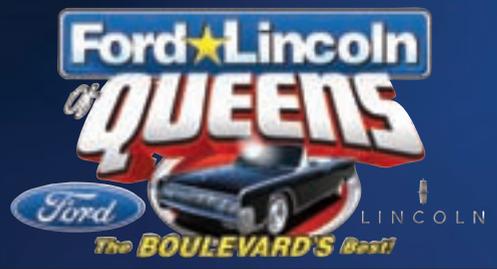
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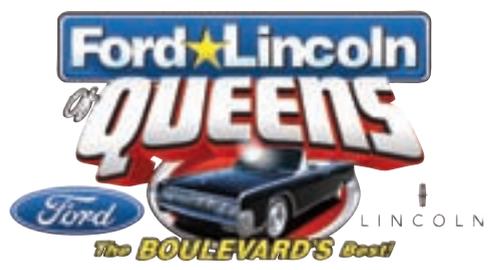
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Firehouse

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role as a “living memorial” to 9/11. There were 51 children who grew up without fathers because of the terrorist attacks, all of whom are connected to Squad 288 and the firehouse, he said.

The building, along with the Maspeth Memorial Park located next to it serve as a meeting place for families of the Bravest.

Maxine Fisher said she and her brother recently attended a picnic hosted at the firehouse during which the families of former and current firefighters participated.

“They broke bread together,” she said.

According to the city Landmarks Preservation Commission, landmark designation means a building has special historical, cultural or aesthetic value and that it is an important part of the city’s historical and architectural heritage. The designation can help protect a structure from inappropriate changes or



Steve Fisher shows off a shirt he made to advocate for giving a firehouse in Maspeth landmark designation.

Photo by Bianca Fortis

demolition.

The firehouse, which was built in 1913 and first used in 1914, will celebrate its centennial next year, Steve Fisher said.

While this particular firehouse is not in any imminent danger of being torn down, the siblings have seen other fire houses around the city demolished, Maxine Fisher said.

And although Maspeth is the oldest settlement in New York City, it is home to

only one landmark: a single lamppost on 53rd Avenue. The Fishers have already submitted an application to the commission to grant the special status to the building.

The commission initially rejected it, saying the firehouse lacked architectural distinction, according to Elisabeth de Bourbon, a spokeswoman for the Commission.

It does not have the features, style or other qualities of other firehouses that have been landmarked, she said. While the facade of the building may not be as ornate as others, the siblings believe it is the original one. They said they responded to the initial rejection and are waiting to hear again from the commission.

“I jumped on board with my brother’s project because of my deep and abiding love for this town,” Maxine Fisher said. “It not only houses the memories of people I love and have known and lost, but it is still a place that has the feel of the heartland.”

Co-location

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educators, elected officials and presumptive electeds, all of whom likely believe Democratic mayoral nominee Bill de Blasio will win in November. “We’re here to make sure they stop trying to impact education beyond their term.”

Each year the panel, which is made up of a majority of mayoral appointees, votes on proposals such as co-locations and school closures, and each year they are met with vocal opposition from school communities. The administration counters that the voices missing from the discussion are those of parents who choose not to enroll their students in struggling schools, and stands behind its policies of offering more school choices.

Earlier this summer the panel approved plans to eliminate grades and co-locate schools at three western Queens institutions, plans that are scheduled to be carried out during the next mayor’s first two years.

“The city’s next administration should be able to start with a clean slate, not be forced to inherit co-location proposals that may not align with future reforms,” Councilman Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) said.

One of the more contentious proposals — and one that has been a hallmark of Bloomberg’s agenda — has been co-locating schools. Critics say the practice causes tensions between two school communities that have to share common spaces such as gyms, auditoriums and lunch rooms.

There are a pair of proposals to co-locate Success

Academy charter schools with two schools in south-east Queens slated to be decided on at the upcoming Oct. 30 PEP meeting

Another plan would co-locate a technical education high school with Long Island City High School, which has had two different principals in the past two years and avoided closure two years ago.

Costa Constantinides, the Democratic candidate for Astoria’s District 22 Council seat, said the Bloomberg administration was being relentless in reforming a school it had set up to fail.

“Well, it’s like that chef at that restaurant across the street coming out and saying, ‘The food sucks,’” he said. “Well frankly, you’re the one who cooked it.”

Muyskens

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footing for a new century of growth and progress ... On behalf of the people of Queens County, I extend best wishes and gratitude to Dr. Muyskens for his invaluable service.”

After he steps down, Muyskens plans to continue teaching in the 2014-15 school year.

A nationwide search will begin for a new president in fall 2014, according to the CUNY statement. Dr. Evangelos Gizis, former Queens College provost, will serve as interim presi-

dent.

A graduate of Central College in Iowa, Muyskens began his CUNY career at Hunter College as an assistant professor of philosophy and went on to become chairman of the school’s Philosophy Department.

Rezone

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and will have a positive impact on Ozone Park for the next 50 years until we get around to doing this again,” Ulrich said.

One concern CB 9 board members raised was whether the zoning changes will allow for more parking spaces.

City Planner Tom Smith said the changes will not necessarily lend to an increase in commercial parking because the theory

behind the plans is that more people will walk to the business districts.

The changes could, however, encourage builders to create more residential parking, he said.

“The market would probably drive the developers of those additional residential units to provide parking behind them,” he said. “So it doesn’t speak directly to the commercial parking situation, but it does provide a little bit of incentive.”

Next, Borough President Helen Marshall and

the Queens Borough Board have 30 days to review the proposal. If approved, the plans are sent to the City Planning Commission for 60 days and ultimately the Council for 50 days. If the Council votes to approve the plans, they would become legislation and would take effect immediately.

For more information about the zoning changes, visit nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/ozone_park/index.shtml.

that there was probably no one in the building who could vote for him in the Republican primary, but that he would welcome their vote in the general election — appeared to strike a chord with voters with his stance that stop-and-frisk could be curtailed if more people had work.

“No matter what your political philosophy is,” Richards asked, “who could disagree with that rationally?”

of the 229th Street Block Association. “I’m sincerely hoping that the Doe Fund will become a household word on making Laurelton what it used to be.”

In August, McDonald participated in a mayoral forum not far from where he stood Tuesday on the corner of Francis Lewis and Merrick boulevards. He was booed loudly for his criticism of former Congressman Anthony Weiner, but McDonald — who joked

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ple of color, including black people.

A misunderstanding of court proceedings and poor legal advice from an attorney led to the court’s decision, he said Wednesday.

Ultimately, the court awarded \$10,000 to DaCosta in compensatory damages

for mental anguish. Meime-tea and Saputhanthri were also assessed a \$10,000 civil penalty for discriminating against DaCosta and a \$5,000 civil penalty for the discriminatory counter girl ad, according to the court order. They are also required to attend anti-discrimination training.

Saputhanthri said that to appeal the decision he would have to take the case

to the state Supreme Court, which would be costly.

“I am disappointed,” he said. “I don’t know what to do. How are they going to give a fine like this to a small business? I am a simple man, but I am not uneducated.”

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Doe Fund

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say that once you venture onto the artery of Merrick Boulevard, it is a different story.

“Laurelton has always been known for its beautiful streets. On a grassroots basis every house tries to do its very best and then when you get to the boulevard there has been a change,” said Bonnie Huie, president

Willets

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Point into a new neighborhood that, when fully realized, will be anchored by nearly 6,000 new housing units, including more than 2,000 that will be reserved for low- and middle-income New Yorkers.”

Bloomberg said the

project would usher in a new era of modern infrastructure and commercialization along with 7,100 permanent jobs as well as 12,000 construction jobs in the coming years.

Had the partnership not proposed to build the mall, it could have proceeded without an additional review process.

But because the plan

required parking spaces to be moved from the proposed mall’s footprint to the actual Willets Point district — a use not originally envisioned — Sterling and Related had to go back for a second round.

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Flushing shuts out Utrecht

Two goal-line stops helps Red Devils score second straight victory

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Flushing defense refused to crack against New Utrecht before helping to break the game wide open.

The unit provided the Red Devils with two goal-line stands and three fourth-quarter interceptions, including one it returned for a touchdown, in a lopsided 27-0 win over the visiting Utes in PSAL city Championship division football Friday afternoon. The victory gave Flushing its second straight win af-

ter a disappointing loss to Canarsie.

"We are trying to get a donut," Flushing safety Kevaun Dunn said of the team's plan to shut out the New Utrecht offense. "They came in here thinking we were going to lose. No, we are not going to lose."

It was the senior who helped ensure it. He blitzed and pressured New Utrecht quarterback Richard Wright into an incomplete pass on fourth and goal from the 2-yard line early in the fourth quarter with Flushing (4-1) leading just 14-0. The defense also halted

the Utes on fourth and goal from the 7-yard line early in the second quarter. The second stand, however, was a turning point, according to Red Devils Coach Jim DeSantis.

"When you get a goal-line stand, fourth and goal on the one and you don't let them in, that is huge," he said.

Dunn, who is also an excellent kicker and receiver, wasn't done there. In the fourth quarter he returned an interception 65 yards up the right sideline for a touchdown to provide the final margin. It was

his second pick of the season. Keron Hermitt and DeShawn Scott also added interceptions against New Utrecht (3-2).

"I just wanted a touchdown," Dunn said. "I just wanted to run, trying to get a score on the board."

Flushing running back DeAndre Lomax-Ross has been doing that all season and this game was no different. The senior carried the ball 16 times for 176 yards and two touchdowns. His 4-yard scoring run helped give Flushing a 7-0 lead on its opening series. A 28-yard touchdown pass from Terrence Chavis to Adam Singleton extended the lead to 14-0 in the third quarter.

Lomax-Ross eventually broke open the game after the fourth-quarter, goal-line stand. Four plays later, he scampered for a 78-yard touchdown up the right side to make the score 21-0 with 7:28 to go in the contest.

"When I run the ball, I just think, 'I got to score,'" the elusive Lomax-Ross said. "I got to score, get as many yards as possible. Don't go down easy."

He team has gotten back up after falling to Canarsie, a loss DeSantis blamed on disorganization in the coaching staff that day. Flushing has momentum again heading into this week's matchup with Queens rival Campus Magnet, which has struggled so far this season.

"We cannot lose to a team that is going to be 0-5," Dunn said. "That is going to make us look bad. We got to go in there and fight."



Cardozo's Maria Lardas (l.) tries to get the ball from Bayside's Alexa Trontz.
Photo by Ken Maldonado

Bayside beats Dozo with late game tally

BY ANTHONY PARELLI

The clock was ticking down as Bayside's Madeline Zambri got her foot on the ball during a scramble in the box and sent it toward the net. She immediately panicked and felt it was going wide.

"I thought I missed," Zambri said. "I saw a white jersey and just saw the goal in front. I swore I missed it."

It couldn't have been further from the truth.

Instead, the freshman's shot found the back of the net with just 15 seconds left in the contest to give unbeaten Bayside a thrilling 1-0 win over host and rival Cardozo in PSAL Queens A-V girls' soccer last Thursday. It was the second heart-breaking loss it handed the Judges this season after the Commodores won the first meeting 2-1 in overtime.

"I thought it was a very high level high school game," Cardozo Coach Tim Demirayak said. "Our team

played very well. Bayside is one of the top teams in the city and we competed evenly with them for almost the entire match."

The defenses kept scoring to a minimum. Throughout the first half, Cardozo put offensive pressure on Bayside, registering eight straight minutes in opposition territory, but the Commodores' defense held strong.

"I'm a firm believer that offense scores all the points, but defense wins championships," Bayside Coach Maggie Kassimis said. "I think we did a great job to hold them off in some shaky moments."

Bayside appeared to be a different team in the second half, going on the offensive and keeping pressure on the Judges. It ultimately resulted in the late goal-scoring opportunity.

"I lit a fire underneath them," Kassimis said of her halftime speech to her team that had grown confident over the season. "I

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Flushing's Francisco Ortega (front) leaps in celebration of Adam Singleton's touchdown.

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Legacy of Vince Lombardi honored at SFP

Hall of Fame Green Bay Packers coach taught players to persevere and to pursue their dreams



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Vince Lombardi hasn't been on a football sideline in more than 40 years, but his principles about life are still relevant today.

It is one of the reasons the Hall of Fame Green Bay Packers coach was a perfect candidate to be recognized last Wednesday as a Hometown Hall of Famer at St. Francis Prep, the place where his passion for football began, according to his grandson John. The award is the 77th of its kind given out by the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and during an afternoon ceremony, a plaque

in Lombardi's honor was unveiled in front of an auditorium filled with students, faculty and numerous alumni.

Lombardi, a 1933 graduate and All-City player at St. Francis Prep when the school was in Brooklyn, stood for giving everything you had to achieve what you are passionate about and working with others to do so. Anything less was unacceptable to him.

"He made you better than you ever thought you could be," John Lombardi said.

That is what coaching is about. It's about making your players both better athletes and people after they leave you. You can't get better without something to strive for, and winning is a reward for learn-



John Lombardi, grandson of football Hall of Fame Coach Vince Lombardi, stands beside a plaque at St. Francis Prep honoring his grandfather.
Photo by Ken Maldonado

ing the lessons that coaches teach. Lombardi was an all-time, anytime great when it came to that.

"He would have been an excellent leader today," legendary St. Francis Prep football Coach Vince O'Connor said.

inspired them to work as a team for each other, not just their individual gain as one too many young athletes do today.

"He did not coach a team of players," said Rutgers football Coach and SFP alum Kyle Flood said. "He coached every individual within that team and I think it is a lesson that anyone in teaching and coaching can be served well to study at all times."

Throughout the afternoon, many of Lombardi's famous sayings regarding life and football and the ideals he lived by were brought up. They included chasing excellence, perseverance and teamwork. He was an example of how to do it all. What he taught wasn't foreign to St. Francis Prep running back Jus-

tin Guerre, it is something he has heard from coaches throughout his life.

"They sound very familiar," he said.

The long-term reason for the plaque is the hope that it will inspire more young people, not just the football players, to strive to be whatever they want to be and to inspire students to believe they can get there. It is the coaches' jobs to help make that happen in any small way they can.

"He's got a life and a record of achievement that I think people can look to and take some inspiration from and help them get to where they want to go," John Lombardi said.

Apply some of Lombardi's principles and you just may be on your way.

Healthy Christ the King team falls to Fordham Preparatory

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Christ the King got a glimpse of what its full team is capable of against Fordham Prep, last season's city runner up. However, the strong performance did not translate into a win.

The Royals, completely healthy for the first time since Sept. 17, fell 2-1 to the Rams in CHSAA Class AA boys' soccer at Juniper Valley Park last Thursday. Fordham scored the game-winning goal when Pat Murray headed in a Max Moesner corner kick in the 68th minute. Despite the defeat to one of the league's best teams, the game showed Christ the King's potential.

"We are right there," Royals Coach Ovid Cusu said.

He saw star striker Cesar Oviedo and midfield-



Christ the King's Cesar Oviedo dribbles toward the net.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

ers Nicholas Lakahn, Mike Ortiz and John Nunez all miss time following a grueling loss to Archbishop Molloy last month. But, Oviedo made his presence felt against Fordham after Alex Cannicotti scored to give the Rams a 1-0 lead in the 12th minute. It was just Oviedo's second game since missing time with a hamstring injury.

"Cesar is a big piece,"

Cusu said.

The senior constantly attacked the goal and helped create numerous scoring chances with midfielder Juan Obregon. Oviedo tallied the tying goal in the 30th minute. He ran onto a through ball from Obregon and kicked it passed the keeper and into the lower right corner of the goal for the Royals (4-5-1).

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Penalty breaks SJU's streak against Providence College

BY JOHN TOLIS

St. John's University saw something it hasn't seen in 24 years, and it wasn't a welcome sight.

The Red Storm men's soccer team's 1-0 loss to Providence last Saturday night at Belson Stadium marked the squad's first defeat at the hands of the Friars since 1989. Providence broke No. 11/14 ranked St. John's' 23-game unbeaten streak against the Rhode Island school and gave the Johnnies their first home loss of the season when Anthony Baumann converted a penalty kick in the 78th minute.

"I thought it was a good game both ways," St. John's Coach Dr. Dave Masur said. "Unfortunately things didn't go our way."

St. John's' defense, which was anchored by



St. John's University player Jordan Rouse (c.) gets in the box and looks to score.
Photo by Yinghao Luo

center back Tim Parker and senior goalkeeper Rafael Diaz, held down the Friars offense for most of the game. The one slipup came when SJU's Jordan Rouse got a piece of Baumann in the box, resulting in a Friars penalty kick. Baumann then made St. John's pay for its mistake.

Despite having 12 shots in the game, the Red Storm couldn't capitalize. St. John's' (5-4-1, 0-2-1)

best chance came in the 44th minute, when former Francis Lewis star Danny Bedoya put a shot past Friars goalie Keasel Broome, but Baumann stopped it at the line and batted it away for a corner kick.

The Friars (7-1-2, 2-0-0) kept Diaz busy in the second half, especially Thomas Ballenthin, who floated the ball toward the net. Diaz grabbed the ball, but

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Royals

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"I was just thinking I've got to finish, got to get the team back in the game," Oviedo said.

The Christ the King assault didn't stop there.

Obregon sent a cross into the box, but Oviedo kicked it right in the hands of Cameron McGowan, the Fordham Prep goalkeeper. McGowan spoiled an even

better opportunity shortly after that in the 37th minute. A streaking Oviedo blasted a high shot that McGowan made a punch save on. In the second half, Jonathan Asmal just missed heading in an Oviedo cross minutes before the Rams took the lead.

"It was very frustrating," Oviedo said. "When [momentum] is on your side, you want to finish. You want to put the team away."

The Royals weren't able to do so against a Rams (10-1-0) team coming off a loss to St. Francis Prep and a win over Molloy. CK feels that when its players are healthy, the team can compete with squads in the upper echelon of the CHSAA.

"All we do when we get together is pray for health," Cusu said. "God gave us health, gave us signs we could do better, and hopefully we stay healthy for the playoffs."

Bayside

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think that they played so well this year that sometimes winning can get the best of you."

For Cardozo the play of sweeper Kelly Bouzi was critical to keeping Bayside off the board for the majority of the game.

"Kelly Bouzi is one of the best sweepers in the city," Demirayak said. "She's been a starter for



Cardozo's Giuliana Roselli protects the ball from Bayside's Kayla Triana.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

four years and she holds down the fort for us."

Cardozo goalie Rebecca Fakas also made three spectacular saves as time ran down late in the game, but Zambri's shot snuck by her. It left the Judges shocked and dejected and Bayside elated as their undefeated season rolls on.

"I told them that Cardozo is a great team and this is their house and they're not going to give it to you," Kassimis said. "You have to go earn it."

SJU

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fell to the ground and the ball appeared to be over the line. Diaz's body stopped it from across the goal line and referees ruled that it was not a goal.

In the final 12 minutes of the match, St. John's again had quality chances. It put five shots on net, including one in the 82nd minute when Marco Bourdon almost got the ball past Broome.

The loss contributes

to the Red Storm's slide since entering Big East play. St. John's is currently 0-2-1 in the conference and will have some work to do to bounce back if the team wants to make a postseason run.

"I think we need to just keep doing things we've been doing and be a little sharper upfront," Masur said. "[The team is] getting balls to key areas, a little more consistent, but I thought we played a little well tonight actually."

Despite the slow start in the conference play, Diaz still thinks this St. John's

group has a chance at a Big East title.

"We just have to stay positive," he said. "We have a good group of guys and we're going to be fine for the next game and we're just going to refocus to the next team."

The defense is top-notch for the Red Storm, but Masur still thinks "everything" needs to be better, which means offense and defense. Still, Diaz believes his team will rebound.

"It's easy to put your head down and it's harder to keep fighting," Diaz said. "I think this group has it."

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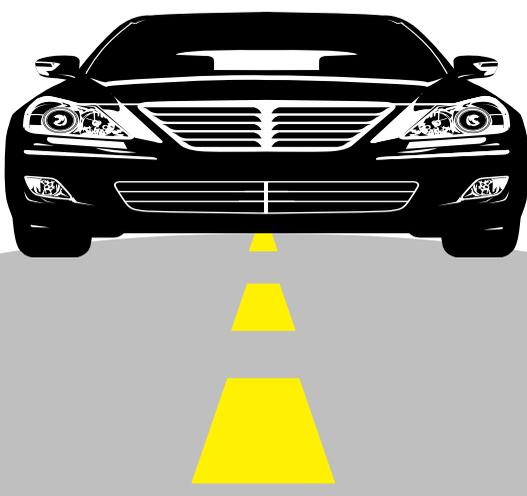
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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on September 19, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000821-13/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) FADIL (Last) HOTI. My present name is (First) FADIL (Last) HADZOVIC. My present address is 3257 44th St., Apt. 1F, Astoria, NY 11103. My place of birth is Montenegro. My date of birth is June 30, 1982.

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COL-LATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs against PAMELA PALANQUE NORTH, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 7, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom #25, Jamaica, NY on the 25th day of October, 2013 at 10:00 AM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 11015 and Lot 0016 on the Queens County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as 114-22 199TH STREET, ST. ALBANS, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 13,038.88 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 7630/09.

PAMELA JORDAN, ESQ., Referee.
Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
1400 First Federal Plaza,
Rochester, NY 14614
(* LAURELTON - *)

INDEX NO.: 5635-2012. AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICE. MORTGAGED PREMISES:

97-18 135TH RD., OZONE PARK, NY 11417. (BL #: 11518-182). Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF QUEENS

ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff, -against- RUTH MORENO A/K/A

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RUTH E. MORENO, MARIO MORENO A/K/A MARIO A. MORENO, both if living, and if dead, their respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective spouses or widows, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the persons, tenants, occupants, or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$ 499,648.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Queens on February 9, 2007 at CRFN No. 2007000078223, covering premises known as 97-18 135th Road, Ozone Park, NY 11417 - Block 11518; Lot 182.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants RUTH MORENO AND MARIO MORENO, the foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. HOWARD G. LANE of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed on August 16, 2013, with the Complaint in the County of Queens, State of New York.

The property in question is described as follows: ALL of his interest in that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of 135th Road, 140.44 feet Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Southerly side of 135th Road and the Westerly side of Hawtree Avenue;

RUNNING THENCE Southerly at right angles to 135th Road, 100 feet; THENCE Westerly parallel

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with 135th Road, 4.35 feet; THENCE Northwesterly along a farm line as laid down on Map No. 1 on Stenberg Bros. Homes filed 7/24/24 No. 4518, 32.28 feet; THENCE Northerly again at right angles to 135th Road, 78.04 feet to the Southerly side of 135th Road; THENCE Easterly along the Southerly side of 135th Road, 28 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Dated: New Rochelle, N.Y. August 13, 2013.....

McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

B y :
/s/ _____
Leroy J. Pelicci Jr., Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff

145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-226-5697 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the holders of the Certificates, First Horizon Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series FHAMS 2007-FA5, by First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank National Association, Master Servicer, in its capacity as agent for the Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Plaintiff,

-against-

Dudley Saintilus, if living and if he be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Wesley Mills Defendants.
Index No. 702149/2012

S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

Index No. 702149/2012

S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the

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Mortgage premises is situated.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$351,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on

August 21, 2007, in CRFN 2007000431801, covering premises known as 167-09 Foch Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11434.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: Williamsville, New York July 10, 2013 /signed/

By: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq., Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff
53 Gibson Street
Bay Shore, New York
11706 (631) 969-3100
Our File No.:01-047255-FOO

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS

Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, Plaintiff

-against- Scott Gordon Esq., as Limited Administrator of The Estate of Katherine E. Adams, her respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant, who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Lenora T. Miner as heir to the Estate of Katherine E. Adams, United States of America, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Palisades Acquisition V, LLC Assignee in the Interest to Discover Bank, GMAC, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Defendants.

Index No.: 10-20647
Filed: 8/13/10

SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Sum-

mons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Reverse Mortgage to secure payment of an amount, up to \$469,324.50 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on August 24, 2005 in CRFN 2005000475731, covering premises known as 183-45 Camden Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11412.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: Bay Shore, New York August 11, 2010

Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman, & Gordon, LLP

BY: Todd Falasco
Attorneys for Plaintiff
20 West Main Street

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SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW
YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS

CAROLYN SAUNDERS,
Plaintiff,
-against-
BOLADE OHEMA,
Defendant.
Index No.: 13206/2012
Date Purchased: 06/22/12
Plaintiff designates Queens
County as the place of trial.
The basis of venue is
CPLR §§ 503 (a) and (c).

SUMMONS

To the above-named De-
fendant:
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mons, to serve a Notice of
Appearance on the Plain-
tiff's attorney within twenty
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against you by default for
the relief demanded in the
Complaint.
Dated: ...New York, New York
June 8, 2012

BRIAN K. ROBINSON,
ESQ.
/s/ Brian K. Robinson
..... By: Brian K. Robinson,
Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
61 Broadway, Suite 1030
.....New York, New York
10006
(212) 269-2091

To: Bolade OHEMA
115-94 231st Street
..... Cambria Heights, N.Y.
11411

SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW
YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS

CAROLYN SAUNDERS,
Plaintiff,
-against-
BOLADE OHEMA,

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Defendant
Index No.: 13206/2012

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff CAROLYN SAUN-
DERS, by her attorney,
Brian K. Robinson, Esq.,
complaining of Defendant
herein, respectfully allege
as follows:
1. That at all the times
herein mentioned the
Plaintiff and the Defendant
were of full age and resi-
dents of Cambria Heights,
County of Queens, State of
New York.

2. On or about November
3, 1986 the Plaintiff and the
Defendant acquired owner-
ship of premises
115-94 231 Street in Cam-
bria Heights, County of
Queens, State of New York
(hereinafter "the premis-
es"). A copy of the Deed
with respect to the premis-
es is annexed as Exhibit
"A."

3. Pursuant to said Deed,
the Plaintiff and the Defen-
dant acquired the premises
as tenants in common.

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4. That the Plaintiff and the
Defendant are each seized
of and entitled to an undi-
vided one-half interest in
the premises.

5. The parties to this action
do not own any lands in
common other than the
premises described in this
Complaint.

6. Upon information and
belief, there are no general
or specific liens against
any undivided share in the
premises, except the mort-
gage lien held by Fleet Na-
tional Bank/Bank of Ameri-
ca.

7. Upon information and
belief there are no tax liens
filed against the premises
as a whole.

8. Plaintiff resides on the
premises.

9. Defendant does not re-
side on the premises.

10. Plaintiff has assumed
all financial responsibilities
related to the premises
since the year 2006, with-
out aid or assistance from,

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or contact with, Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff de-
mands judgment for a par-
tition and division of said
premises according to the
respective rights of the par-
ties interested herein; or, if
partition cannot be had
without prejudice to the
owners, then for a sale of
the premises and a division
of the proceeds between
the parties according to
their respective rights, after
payment of the tax and any
other liens and the costs
and expenses of this ac-
tion, and for such other and
further relief as may be just
and proper under the cir-
cumstances.

Dated: ...New York, New York
June 8, 2012

.....BRIAN K. ROBINSON,
ESQ.
/s/ Brian K. Robinson
..... By: Brian K. Robinson,
Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
61 Broadway, Suite 1030
.....New York, New York
10006
(212) 269-2091

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
ss.:
COUNTY OF QUEENS)

Carolyn Saunders, being
duly sworn, deposes and
says, I am the Plaintiff
named in the instant ac-
tion, and as such I am fully
familiar with the facts and
circumstances herein.

I have read the foregoing
Verified Complaint and the
contents are true to my
own knowledge, except as
to those matters, therein al-
leged to be upon informa-
tion and belief, and as to
those matters, I believe
them to be true.

Dated: ...New York, New York
June 8, 2012
/s/ Carolyn Saunders
CAROLYN SAUNDERS

Sworn to before me this
8th day of June 2012

/s/ _____
Notary Public

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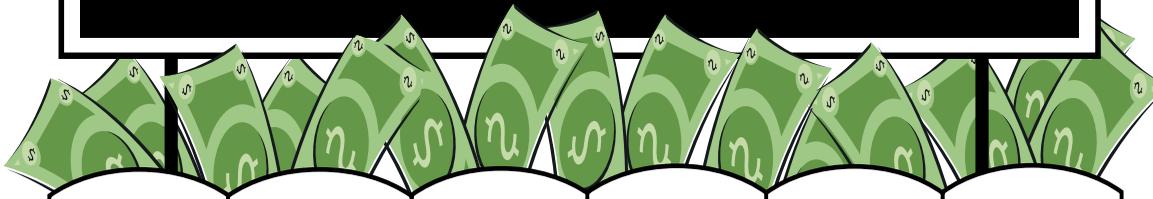
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