

Van Bramer gets No. 2 spot in City Council hierarchy

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Avonte's kin ready to sue city for death

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Avonte Oquendo's mother refused to believe her son was not coming home until she had absolute proof.

Avonte, who had severe autism and was unable to speak, disappeared from his Long Island City school more than three months ago. His disappearance triggered a citywide search in which thousands of volunteers joined his mother and plastered his picture in posters all over the city.

The search for the 14-year-old boy ended Tuesday afternoon when the city's medical examiner confirmed the human remains that were found on the shore of College Point last week were those of Avonte.

The boy's mother Vanessa Fontaine had continued to hold out hope even when police found size 5 1/2 sneakers and size 16 jeans near the boys remains, which were what Avonte was wearing when he ran out a door at his school.

"She did everything she could not to have to recognize this reality," David Peregman, the family's lawyer, told a news conference Tuesday in his Manhattan office.

When police also found Fruit of the Loom underwear near the

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Jamaica mom, kids fatally stabbed

NYPD suspects husband awaiting extradition from Texas killed his family



Romeo Chuc comforts his wife Sara Alvarado, whose niece Deisy Garcia and two daughters (inset) were found stabbed to death in Jamaica. Garcia's husband, Miguel Mejia-Ramos was charged in his wife's and daughters' deaths murders.
Photo by Christina Santucci-Inset (r.) courtesy Fayette County

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

Authorities believe a Jamaica man kissed his young daughters and asked for forgiveness before he killed them, the Queens district attorney said.

Miguel Mejia-Ramos, who was awaiting extradition Wednesday to New York from Texas, was

charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Deisy Garcia, 21, and the couple's toddlers, Daniela Mejia, 2, and Yoselin Mejia, 1, in the second-floor flat on Sutphin Boulevard near 90th Avenue, the DA said.

Mejia-Ramos had been going through his spouse's phone and Facebook account after a

night of drinking Saturday and spotted a photo of Garcia with another man, the DA's office said. That's when investigators believe he snapped.

The 29-year-old father then allegedly confessed to grabbing a knife from a butcher block, standing over his wife and daughters, who were sleeping, and stab-

bing Garcia repeatedly with two knives as she tried to escape before going back for his daughters, the DA said.

Mejia-Ramos then hugged and kissed each girl, asked for forgiveness, and allegedly fatally stabbed them, according to the district attorney's office.

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Seniors get sweet treat

Volunteers decorate cupcakes with SE Queens elderly for MLK day

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A group of volunteers showed their sweet side to southeast Queens seniors earlier this week in honor of the enduring spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

About half a dozen helping hands stopped by the Locust Manor Senior Residence Monday, where they showed the elderly residents a good time and helped decorate cupcakes as part of the Food Bank for New York City's weekend of service.

"We've been serving meals and doing projects like this," said Tiffany de la Torre, senior manager of corporate relations with the food bank. "It's a nice thing to do for the seniors and their families, children, grandchildren — everyone can come together."

The Food Bank is the largest in the country, with a network of more than 1,000 member agencies — charities, soup kitchens, churches, etc. — that aim to feed the 2.6 million New Yorkers who struggle to afford food. The organization has a massive, 90,000-square-foot warehouse in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx, where it collects, stores and distributes millions of pounds of food each year.

At Locust Manor, Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey has been stocking a pantry for the seniors with the goodies she buys from the food bank with a few grants she



Volunteers with the Food Bank for New York set up cupcakes at the Locust Manor Senior Residence. Photo by Rich Bockmann

receives for her charity, Vets Inc. About 40 percent of the residents at Locust Manor are seniors, Sweeting-Lindsey said, and when she heard the Food Bank was organizing volunteers for the day of service, she jumped at the chance to invite them to southeast Queens.

Sweeting-Lindsey, herself a retired U.S. Army major, enlisted as her pâtissier Vanessa Richardson, whom she knew from bake sales at the nearby Allen AME Cathedral, to help

show the volunteers the finer points of decorating the pre-baked cupcakes the seniors adorned.

Taking into consideration dietary restrictions, Richardson brought along low-sugar cupcakes and explained how cream cheese could be used in recipes to cut down on extreme sweetness.

She showed the volunteers how to fill pastry bags with icing and use different tips to help the seniors decorate their sweet treats.

The Food Bank said

that across the five boroughs, more than 300 volunteers lent their hands between Friday and Monday, but help is needed beyond one weekend each year.

Volunteers are needed every day to stock shelves, sort donations at the organization's warehouse and prepare meals for up to 400,000 New Yorkers.

Those interested in volunteering can visit volunteer.foodbanknyc.org or call 212-566-7855, Ext. 8350 for more information.

SUV strikes woman in Maspeth: NYPD

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

A funeral was held Wednesday morning for a 68-year-old woman who was fatally struck by an SUV as she crossed Grand Avenue Saturday morning en route to Maspeth Bingo Hall, authorities and a witness said.

Richmond Hill resident Abel Tinoco, the 28-year-old man who was behind the wheel of the 2002 Mitsubishi Montero SUV that hit her, was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, police said.

Tinoco's license had been suspended for the first and only time in October, according to the criminal complaint filed by the Queens district attorney's office.

Police believe Elmhurst resident Angela Hurtado had been crossing Grand Avenue when the SUV made a left turn from 69th Place and struck her. Only right-hand turns are permitted at the intersection, according to traffic signs in the area.

"The lady was on her way to the bingo hall," said Jose Rojas, 23, who had been getting a haircut at a shop, which looks out onto the street. "She didn't have time to yell because she landed straight on her back. The first thing that hit was her head onto the street."

Rojas said Hurtado was walking along at the time of the accident.

Emergency responders were called to the intersection at 10:52 a.m. and brought the senior to Elmhurst Hospital Center in serious condition, a spokesman for the Fire Department said.

Hurtado was pronounced dead about three hours later at the hospital as a result of the head trauma she sustained, according to the court document.

Her wake was held Tuesday at Gerald J. Neufeld Funeral Home in Elmhurst Tuesday followed by a mass Wednesday morning at St. Bartholomew, where she was a longtime parishioner.



Officers take Abel Tinoco into custody following the fatal crash. Photo by Robert Stridiron

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Queens Village plays host to annual MLK breakfast

Economic inequality major topic for speakers at United Negro College Fund's event at Antun's

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Income inequality was the term on everyone's tongue at the United Negro College Fund's annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast in Queens Village Monday, when speakers invoked the civil rights leader's embrace of economic justice that defined the latter part of his life.

Keynote speaker the Rev. Michael Walrond, pastor of Harlem's First Corinthian Baptist Church, said King's human rights struggle was one against the inequalities inherent in capitalism.

"I speak about poverty this morning because if you know anything about Dr. King, you know toward the end of his life he made a dramatic shift," he told a crowd of several hundred at the Greater New York Inter-Alumni Council of UNCF's

24th annual awards breakfast at Antun's in Queens Village. "He realized that although the fight for civil rights for African Americans was necessary, he understood the parochial nature of that struggle."

"He realized in many ways that our country uses racism as smoke and mirrors," he continued. "The real issue in our country is to deal with the economics that helped frame this country, so that you can't really be a fighter for justice and not talk about how the insanity and dysfunctionality of capitalism reinforces poverty, and in case you do not know you, cannot have capitalism unless you have poverty."

Toward the end of his life, King adopted a political theory that decried materialism and economic exploitation that was viewed even by supporters as radical,



U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and the Rev. Michael Walrond (l.) attend the United Negro College Fund's annual MLK breakfast at Antun's in Queens Village. **See more photos on Page 20.**

Photo by Nat Valentine

but with the Occupy Wall Street movement and the success of recent progressive political campaigns, the idea is becoming more mainstream.

Walrond called King a "messianic-political-social figure" and said the day commemorating his legacy has been lost to compla-

centy.

"I learned a long time ago that if you want to really kill the legacy, the dream of a visionary like Dr. King, the quickest way to do that is to memorialize his legacy, but never continue the journey of his work," he said. "So we have to be hesitant that in these

moments that we are not so overwhelmed with the memory that we do not participate in the legacy."

Walrond is gearing up to challenge U.S. Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-Manhattan) for his long-held congressional seat, and his speech veered toward the political.

"In these days that we are seeing even right now, I don't have to rehearse what is happening in our current social context," he said. "We are seeing a mean-spiritedness that is overtaking Washington politics. We are seeing what happens when ideological purists rule the day. We are witnessing a decline in decency because now there are persons who become oppositional to policies simply because they do not like the messenger."

UNCF is gearing up for its 70th anniversary gala March 6 at the Hilton New

York.

New York's U.S. senators, Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer, also stopped by Antun's to speak about King.

Repeating King's quote that "only when it is dark enough can you see the stars," Gillibrand took the opportunity to plug President Barack Obama's plan for universal pre-kindergarten.

"We know how important universal pre-K would be for the future of this country," she said. "It is wrong that a 5-year-old should show up at kindergarten and not have the basic early childhood education that her more affluent peers have been given."

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De Blasio backs airport staff at LaGuardia protest on MLK Day

BY BILL PARRY

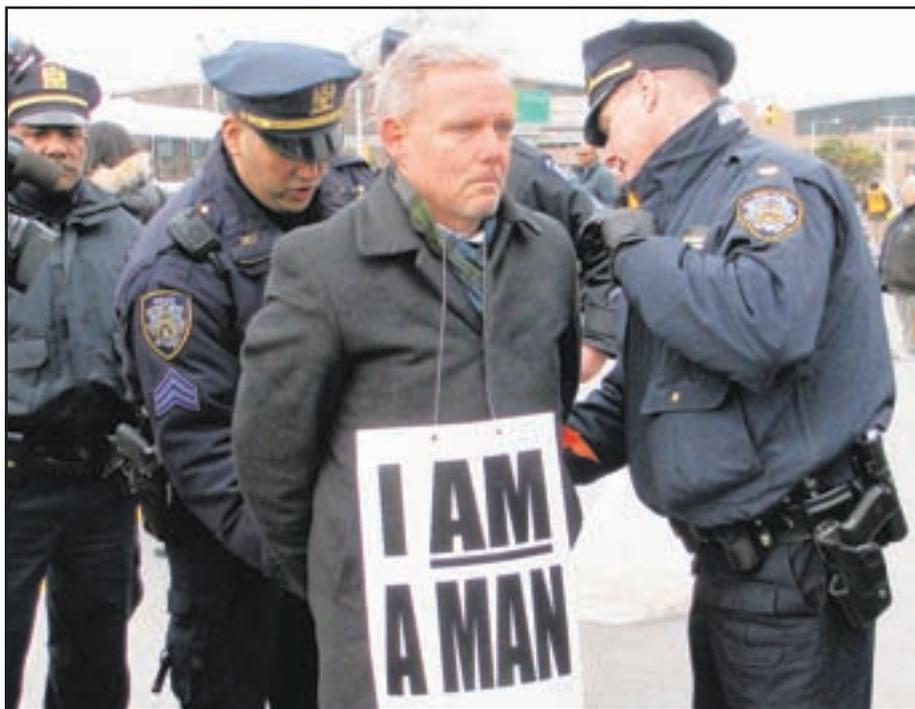
Mayor Bill de Blasio expressed support for airport workers in their struggle against poor working conditions and unfair wages following a rally and protest on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The mayor says the Port Authority should intervene in the way contractors pay Skycaps, security personnel and cleaners at the three major airports.

"Folks have to make a living wage. They have to have decent benefits," de Blasio said. "We depend on them for our safety, in particular obviously the security workers. I'll certainly do all in my power to help them get it."

The comment followed a rally and march to support airport workers Monday that led to the occupation of the 94th Street Bridge approach to LaGuardia Airport and the arrests of 32 union leaders, elected officials and clergy.

More than a thousand gathered at the airport to protest poor working con-



Councilmember Jimmy Van Bramer is among 32 people arrested during a civil disobedience on 94th Street bridge. Photo by Bill Parry

ditions and unfair wages after over 2,000 airport workers had signed a petition demanding MLK Day as a paid holiday. When the Port Authority ignored the request., leaders from the Service Employees International Union called for the

rally and the civil disobedience on the bridge.

Among the 32 arrested for failing to heed orders to disperse were U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel (D-Manhattan) and City Councilmen Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) and

Ruben Wills (D-Flushing). All were bused to the 115th Precinct, where they were given summonses and released.

"In New York City, it is impossible to raise a family, put food on the table and
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LIC blasts MTA on 7 line shutdowns

BY BILL PARRY

Passions ran high at a recent Long Island City rally.

Business owners and cultural directors joined elected officials and concerned citizens to voice displeasure with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's plans to shut down the No. 7 subway line for 22 weekends beginning Feb. 28.

Nearly 200 people attended the rally last Friday in front of Dorian Cafe, at 10-01 50th Ave., at the entrance to the Vernon-Jackson subway station.

Rebecca Trent, owner of The Creek and the Cave

and founder of LIC Eateries, said, "I cannot run a consistently successful restaurant without consistent train service."

The Creek and the Cave is also a comedy club that depends on the No. 7 to deliver customers on weekends.

"You can't have art without an audience," Trent said.

She choked back tears explaining how times are tough even without service suspensions, saying, "Things have been so bad I haven't been able to pay myself since the holidays. I don't know how I'm going to survive this, I do not know and neither do many of my



People at a rally in Long Island City vented their fury at the MTA's plan to shutdown subway service for 22 weekends. Photo by Bill Parry

neighbors."

Richard Mazda, founder and director of The Secret Theatre, said, "If people cannot get here, they will not come here. It is as

simple as that."

Sheila Lewandowski, owner of The Chocolate Factory, agreed.

"It's devastating to imagine how much this is going to cost us," she said. "I'm particularly worried about the restaurants, though. A lot survive on parties and people will cancel the moment they hear of subway shutdowns."

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), who arranged for the rally, said "real people's lives are affected in real ways here. This is not a game, this is about human beings. They are trying to survive and the MTA is try-

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Thousands expected to see Lunar Parade

BY ALEX ROBINSON

This year's Lunar New Year parade is set to be the largest and most multicultural yet, organizers said.

Since its inception in 1996, the parade has served as an exclamation point for the two-week celebration, which begins Jan. 31, and is the main holiday for many Asians.

The parade has grown from 800 marchers in its first year to 8,000 last year. Organizers said more than 100,000 people came to see the parade last year and expect just as many, if not more, this year.

"The last three years the parade has unbelievably grown bigger and bigger," said Peter

Tu, executive director of the Flushing Chinese Business Association, which organizes the parade every year.

Organizers said next year they hope the city will give them a longer marching route as the parade has outgrown the current one. By the time the first group of marchers has reached the finish at Queens Crossing, the last group usually has not started yet, organizers said.

The start of the Feb. 8 parade will be outside the 109th Precinct, at 37-05 Union St., and kick off at 11 a.m. before passing along Union and Main streets and snaking through downtown Flushing.

Organizers said they

have worked hard this year to reach out to non-Asian parts of the community to take part in the celebration.

"It must become a community event and not focus on only Asians," Tu said at a recent planning meeting.

Several different cultural and ethnic groups that call Flushing home have signed up to take part in the parade.

John Choe, director of One Flushing, said his community-based economic development center has been working on reaching out to various parts of the community using social media.

"Oftentimes Lunar New Year is seen as purely a Chinese or Korean event and

we've made a big effort this year to change people's perceptions. Asian Americans have been here as long as other immigrant groups," Choe said. "This is a celebration that is an American celebration. Please come out. This is a community event and we should all celebrate this together."

Those wishing to march in the parade will need to put together a group of at least 20 people and sign up through Tu's office, at 40-48 Main St., Suite 302, by Tuesday.

Choe encouraged parade-goers to leave their cars at home and use public transportation, as available parking will be sparse the day of the parade, one of

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Parade organizers and members of One Flushing meet at a parade planning meeting. Photo by Alex Robinson

Van Bramer, Ferreras land key spots

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Two borough lawmakers appointed to influential leadership positions in Mark-Vivertio's Council

BY RICH BOCKMANN

City Council members Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) and Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst) came out as big winners in the Council sweepstakes when Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan) named the two Progressive Caucus members to a pair of top positions Wednesday.

In addition to retaining his chairmanship of the Cultural Affairs Committee, Van Bramer was appointed majority leader of the Council, the legislative body's No. 2 position, and co-chairman of the budget negotiating team.

"It has always been my goal to play a meaningful leadership role in this new, progressive council," he said. "I look forward to working with all my colleagues to ensure the adoption of budgets that reflect

our progressive agenda."

One of the two most coveted committee chairmanships went to Ferreras, who was named to head the powerful Finance Committee, which puts her in a prominent seat when it comes to negotiating the city's budget.

Ferreras said she was honored to be the first person of color to hold the position.

"At a time when women hold less than 20 percent of the top leadership positions in the national finance industry, this momentous appointment marks an exciting milestone not only for myself and my colleagues in government, but for all New Yorkers, all people of color and all young girls who never before thought that they can grow up and shatter glass ceilings," she said.

Appointing leadership roles and committee chair-



City Council members Daniel Dromm (l.-r.), Melissa Mark-Viverito and Jimmy Van Bramer chat prior to a city Parks Committee hearing last year. Mark-Viverito this week appointed Van Bramer Council majority leader.

Photo by William Alariste/NYC Council

manships was the most watched moves Mark-Viverito has made since she was elected speaker earlier this year. That contest split the Council between the 30 lawmakers who initially pledged their support to the

East Harlem Council woman and the 20 who only fell in line after her opponent, Councilman Dan Garodnick (D-Manhattan), ceded the race.

Both Van Bramer and Ferreras were strong Mark-

Viverito supporters, and the speaker's other backers received plum positions.

Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans), a former transit union leader, was named chairman of the Civil Service and Labor

Committee, while Councilman Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton) was appointed chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson heights) will be in charge of the Education Committee and Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) will head the Veterans Committee.

Mark-Viverito supporter Councilman David Greenfield (D-Brooklyn) was appointed to the powerful Land Use Committee, a position previously held by former Queens Council members Leroy Comrie and Melinda Katz.

Some Queens lawmakers who did not originally support the speaker were appointed to head committees, but others found themselves in lesser roles.

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Organization kicks off campaign to save New York State Pavilion

BY ALEX ROBINSON

As the New York State Pavilion approaches its 50th anniversary, a new organization will be kicking off an effort to preserve the iconic structure at an event Saturday.

People for the Pavilion hopes to bring together interested parties that share the common goal of preserving the historic pavilion, which hosted the 1964-65 World's Fair at Flushing Meadows Corona Park and has stood empty for decades, said Matthew Silva, one of the group's co-founders.

"We want to build something that will be useful for the city for years to come," he said. "It's too fa-

mous and important to continue to neglect."

The Pavilion was designed by architect Philip Johnson and opened in 1964 before closing down after the World's Fair. It is comprised of three observation towers, the largest of which is 226 feet high, and the "Tent of Tomorrow," which has 16 100-foot pillars that supported a 50,000-square-foot roof.

It served as a concert venue in the 1960s for a number of bands, including Led Zeppelin and Fleetwood Mac. It was later used as a roller skating rink and a movie set, appearing in "Men in Black" and "The Wiz," among others.

The city Parks Department recently announced

it could cost more than \$52 million to preserve the Pavilion and \$14 million to demolish it. Parks Department officials said they would be holding a number of hearings this year to get feedback from the public about what should be done with the space.

Silva, a Queens middle school and high school teacher, first got interested in the Pavilion when he held a mini ideas competition in his classroom to come up with a plan for the Pavilion.

He realized he did not know much about the structures that lie just east of Grand Central Parkway and started to do some intensive research on the

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Queens homeowners face 4% property tax hikes

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Queens homeowners will see their property tax bills rise by an average of about \$183 next year on the heels of a hot real estate market.

Property taxes for owners of one-, two- and three-family homes and condos will climb about 4 percent in fiscal year 2015 for an average increase of about \$183, according to the city Department of Finance's preliminary figures.

"This year's tentative assessment roll increases are a reflection of higher sales prices and larger net operating incomes for property owners," Finance Commissioner Beth Gold-



Property taxes on Queens homeowners are set to climb 4 percent in July.

man said. "In addition, significant construction activity in the commercial and multi-family residential markets has created new

market value, further expanding the city's property tax base."

The market for residential properties was heated last year, pushing the city's tax assessments higher. The median sales price for one- to three-family homes in the borough rose 9.8 percent from the fourth quarter of 2012 to \$530,000 during the last three months of 2013, according to a study by the real estate firm Douglas Elliman.

The amount of taxes the city will collect from Class 1 properties — mostly one- to three-family homes and condos — in Queens will rise despite the fact that overall the group has

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Snowstorm thrills as polar vortex chills boro

BY TIMESLEDGER STAFF

Residents in some parts of Queens were faced with more than a foot of snow Wednesday morning after another round of winter weather made its way through the area, leaving behind freezing temperatures that are projected to last until the end of the week.

The National Weather Service reported that snow started coming down between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Tuesday and left several Queens neighborhoods with double-digit snowfall totals by the time the storm finished. South Ozone Park recorded 13 inches of snow by 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, while Fresh Meadows had more than 10 inches by late Tuesday night. Northeast Queens also recorded heavy totals as Whitestone received 8 inches before 8 p.m. Tuesday and Bayside was measured at 10.5 inches early Wednesday morning.

Heavy snow and ice created dangerous road conditions across much of the city and caused some public transportation to suffer delays. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority began encouraging straphangers Tuesday afternoon to head home early and avoid further travel if possible.

"Service on railroads, subways and buses can be curtailed or suspended entirely or on a route-by-route basis depending on snowfall accumulation," the agency warned on its website.

In order to free up transit workers to help with snow removal and cleanup, the MTA cancelled its Fast-track work on the Queens Boulevard lines for the remainder of the week.

After the Tuesday evening rush hour, the Long Island Rail Road began running reduced service on a weekend schedule beginning around 8 p.m.



An NYPD cruiser is positioned at the scene of multiple vehicles involved in separate collisions on the Long Island Expressway during the snowy morning commute.

Photo by Roy Renna / BMR Breaking News

On Wednesday the transit system reported several delays, including on the No. 7 line, the LIRR's Montauk and Port Washington lines and the QM1 and QM25 express buses between Glen Oaks and Manhattan.

The Port Authority said more than 500 flights in and out of John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia airports were canceled Tuesday and Wednesday

due to weather conditions, but both airports were operating close to schedule by Wednesday afternoon with delays of no longer than 15 minutes.

Weather stations at both New York airports also recorded sub-zero temperatures, with wind chills still as low as minus-15 degrees by early Wednesday. The weather service issued a statement around 5:30 a.m. warning of "bitter cold

and below zero wind chills" that could last into Friday morning.

The city had not opened warming centers for the storm, but has doubled its homeless outreach to deal with frigid temperatures, said Christopher Miller, a spokesman for the city Office of Emergency Management.

"We're not opening warming centers, but looking at other measures that will effectively get people out of the cold and their heat and hot water turned on," he said.

The city provides emergency heating assistance to low-income New Yorkers who find themselves without heat. Residents, who could receive fuel delivery or boiler repair once a year during frigid temperatures, should call 311 to see if they are eligible.

OEM also released tips for staying warm throughout the storm, including wearing lots of extra layers

outside and keeping fingertips, earlobes and noses covered to protect against hypothermia and frostbite.

Despite the snow and cold, New York City public schools opened Wednesday, a decision Mayor Bill de Blasio defended during a news conference held Wednesday to address the storm.

"When I heard from the National Weather Service at 10 p.m. that [the snow] was tapering off rapidly, I recall the consensus that we could get the system to work effectively," he said. "You always start with the assumption that you'd rather have school as long as it's safe. Closing school is a very big deal and it has a lot of ramifications."

The city Department of Homeless Services instituted Code Blue procedures, which are designed to protect those without shelter when temperatures plummet.

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Asking for help—when is Home Care or Social Adult Day Services right for you?

Between juggling family life, work and caring for your aging relative, sometimes it may be difficult to ask for help. Many Americans find their lives overwhelming but don't know how to ask for help, let alone realizing that they need help. Being a caregiver for a family member can be physically and emotionally draining. Some people may feel bad or feel like they are giving up if they choose to seek out professional help in caring for their relative.

Firstly, there is no shame in asking for help. Home Care or Social Adult Services is a growing alternative in America. Allowing a caregiver to go to work or run errands, while knowing your loved one is in a safe and supervised environment, can be a huge relief. This provides you, the caregiver, some relief, and can minimize your stress. Also, stress and anxiety can create friction in the home. Bringing your stress down to manageable levels will make your home life, for you and your loved ones, more enjoyable.

Secondly, ask yourself these questions:

- Am I finding myself stressed, angry or tired at the end of the day?
- Is my family member requiring more of my time?
- Is my family member needing more help than I can provide?
- Is my family members condition deteriorating, or becoming more difficult to manage?

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Queens GOPers lambast gov over radio remarks

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Borough Republicans were seeing red this week over comments Gov. Andrew Cuomo made about which GOPers were not welcome in New York state.

Cuomo was on the air late last week with WCNY host Susan Arbetter discussing the divide between moderate and "extreme" conservatives.

The governor said there are GOP candidates running for seats in Albany who are campaigning against legislation such as the gun-control laws the Republican-led state Senate passed last year.

"Who are they? Are they these extreme conservatives who are right-to-life, pro-assault-weapon, anti-gay? Is that who they are?" Cuomo asked. "Because if that's who they are and if they are the extreme conservatives, they have no place in the state of New York because that's not who New Yorkers are."

The comment angered Republicans across the state.

Queens GOP Chairman Phil Ragusa called on Cuomo to retract his statement and apologize to every New Yorker who held such beliefs, regardless of political party affiliation.

"It's shocking, to say the least, that the governor thinks he can tell New



Queens Republicans gather at Borough Hall to chastise Gov. Andrew Cuomo over his remarks that certain GOPers are not welcome in New York state. Photo courtesy Queens Village Republican Club

Yorkers how they should think," he said. "That he would actually outline a litmus test for what beliefs he finds acceptable for people in New York to hold, and what beliefs he doesn't just disagree with, but thinks the people who hold such beliefs should be prohibited from living in the great state of New York, is appalling."

Robert Hornak, the party's executive director, said Cuomo's interpretation did not reflect the broad range of political positions held in Queens.

"Diversity is one of the things that makes New York such a great place to live and raise a family, including a diversity of thought and ideas," he said. "And while there is certainly a diversity of thought within the Republican Party on these beliefs, these beliefs also cross political party lines."

Several Queens Republicans gathered at Borough

Hall Tuesday during a rally organized by the Queens Village Republican Club to express their displeasure.

"Queens County has hundreds of different people, different cultures living harmoniously together each and every day," former City Council candidate Joseph Concannon said. "Why would a governor degrade himself by singling out one group which happens to have a different political view than his?"

Republican Herb Stupp, a former commissioner of the city Department for the Aging, said Cuomo's comments would force from the state "the cardinal, Catholic bishops, orthodox Rabbis and ministers and millions of New Yorkers who support the right to life, traditional marriage, the Second Amendment and the right to self-defense. What a disgrace that people who have traditional viewpoints would be shunned by our governor."

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Man found fatally stabbed near Ridgewood cemetery

RIDGEWOOD — A 26-year-old man was found stabbed to death in front of a Ridgewood cemetery Saturday morning, police said.

Officers were called a little after 2 a.m. to respond to Cypress Hills Street in front of Mount Nebron Cemetery, where they found Brooklyn resident Emilliano Llames, who had suffered multiple stab wounds to his chest and was face down on the ground, the NYPD and the 104th Precinct said.

Llames was taken to Jamaica Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

There was no one immediately arrested following his death, according to cops.

Mount Nebron, a Jewish cemetery on the border of Queens and Brooklyn, is closed Saturdays.

Authorities asked anyone with infor-



Police say a 26-year-old man was found with stab wounds in front of Mount Nebron Cemetery in Ridgewood. Photo by Christina Santucci

mation to contact the 104th Precinct's Detective Squad at 718-386-3004.

Suspect sought in No. 7 groping: Cops

JACKSON HEIGHTS — Authorities were hunting for a man who allegedly groped a 16-year-old girl on a train at a No. 7 station in Jackson Heights Jan. 16, police said.

The suspect went up to the teen on a Manhattan-bound subway at the 74th Street-Roosevelt Avenue stop at about 8 a.m. and allegedly groped her clothed groin and buttocks before running away, the NYPD said.

The girl was not physically injured in the incident, police said.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-9 Hispanic man between 30 and 35, who was last seen wearing a tan baseball cap, black hooded sweatshirt, red turtleneck and sunglasses, according to cops.



Police released this image of a suspect in the No. 7 groping. Image courtesy NYPD

Rich Hill woman stabbed boyfriend to death: NYPD

RICHMOND HILL — A 64-year-old woman is facing up to five years in jail after she pleaded guilty earlier this week to stabbing her boyfriend to death last year, authorities said.

Shirley Forbes, who had a long rap sheet, admitted she stabbed her live-in boyfriend Lee Burrison, 55, inside their home in April.

She pleaded guilty to one count of manslaughter before Queens Supreme Court Justice Dorothy Chin-Brandt, who indicated she would give Forbes five years in jail and three years' supervision at sentencing, which is scheduled for Feb. 24.



A police officer stands guard as authorities investigate the Richmond Hill murder.

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Landmarks blocks Aluminaire House

BY BILL PARRY

A controversial proposal to move an all-aluminum house, built in the 1930s, to Sunnyside Gardens has been quashed by the city Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The Aluminaire House project would have put the architecturally significant house on the corner of 39th Avenue and 50th Street as part of a complex that would include a two-story, eight-unit apartment building at the location of a former playground.

"After a careful review of the proposal, the commissioners concluded that the relocation of the Aluminaire House to the proposed site within the historic district was not appropriate," said Heather McCracken of the commission. "The applicant will have the opportunity to present a revised application to the commissioners."

The proposal met with swift resistance from preservationists, residents and elected officials. More than 40 testified at a Landmarks hearing in October. U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) even funded a bus to take all those who wanted to testify to the hearing.

"We mobilized early on this because it was totally inappropriate for a landmark district, totally out of character for Sunnyside Gardens," Community Board 2 Chairman Joe Conley said.

State Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) said, "Today we stand as a united community to express our satisfaction that our voices were heard. I joined my neighbors in opposing Aluminaire House from the start and testified against it before the LPC because it would be inconsistent with the unique beauty of this part of our neighborhood."

The Aluminaire House was originally built in 1931 as a prototype for prefabricated affordable housing. It was exhibited in the Grand Central Palace hall that used to be near Grand Central Terminal. The house was later donated to the New York Institute of Technology. Last year, the school removed the house from its campus before donating it to Professor Michael Schwarting, who had used it as a teaching tool at NIT.

Real estate developer Harry Otterman had hoped to bring the Aluminaire House to the plot of land he bought in Sunnyside Gardens. Because the lot is in a historic district, developing housing would require the LPC to approve it. He hoped that adding the Aluminaire House to the site would help gain support from neighborhood preservationists who would then

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Sunnyside Gardens residents win a battle against the Aluminaire House moving into their landmark district.

Photo courtesy Michael Schwarting

City extends Rockaway ferry

De Blasio to request proposals for long-term boat service contracts

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Mayor Bill de Blasio's decision to study whether a permanent Rockaway ferry route is financially feasible has residents of the peninsula fantasizing about a boat-fueled revival.

Joe Hartigan, a retired FDNY lieutenant, said he has been advocating for ferry service in the Rockaways for five decades because he believes long subway commutes have led many to abandon the peninsula. He said the roughly 38-minute commute from Rockaway to Wall Street by boat could attract residents from upwardly mobile neighborhoods.

"If the ferry stays, it could be better than Harlem and Hoboken combined," Hartigan said. "I'm also trying to get it into Kennedy Airport so it won't have to be heavily subsidized."

De Blasio's administration announced Tuesday that weekday ferry service between the Rockaways and Lower Manhattan would continue until May, with the city having the option to extend the arrangement until August. The one-way fare will increase from \$2 to \$3.50.

The mayor said the city Economic Development Corp. would issue a request for proposals next month to determine whether a long-term ferry service contract is affordable.

"We are committed to the Rockaways' recovery. From accelerating rebuilding programs to today's ferry extension, we are going to keep our focus on communities hit hard by Sandy to ensure no one is left behind," de Blasio said in a statement.

The city instituted ferry service from the Rockaway Peninsula to Pier 11 at 34th Street in Manhattan when the A train underwent post-Superstorm Sandy repairs in 2012.

The ferry operator,



Rockaway ferry service will continue until May as the city examines whether a long-term contract is feasible.

If the ferry stays, it could be better than Harlem and Hoboken combined.

Joe Hartigan

Retired FDNY Lieutenant

Seastreak LLC, later began stopping at the Brooklyn Army Terminal in Sunset Park.

Officials previously opted to extend the ferry service three times because ridership was high.

State Assemblyman Philip Goldfeder (D-Rockaway Beach) said about 800 riders took the ferry daily this December and ridership practically doubled during the summer.

"I'm optimistic that we're going to have ferry service for a long, long time," Goldfeder said. "The new mayor and borough president are essentially putting their money where their mouth is. They talked about working for the out-

erboroughs and today's extension proved they are willing to do what it takes."

Phil McManus, a Rockaway resident who founded the Queens Public Transit Committee, and others who joined the Committee to Save the Rockaway Ferry said they were thrilled by the mayor's announcement, which came hours before they planned to stage a rally demanding the service's extension.

"There might be a thank you rally," McManus said.

He said a more permanent ferry plan would spur economic development, with merchants feeling confident enough to open new businesses, families seek-

ing to invest in real estate and job seekers enjoying access to a quick commute.

Hartigan said he calculated roughly 10 million people travel from JFK to Wall Street and close to 7 million commute from LaGuardia Airport to Lower Manhattan every year.

He contended that having various routes connect the Queens airports, Willets Point, Astoria, Wall Street, Staten Island and the Rockaways would generate more funding for the service.

"The South Ferry Subway Station renovation was \$500 million after Sandy, add another \$600 million in damages for a grand total of \$1.1 billion for one train station," he wrote in an e-mail. "I could purchase over 220 ferry boats for that same price."

Reach reporter Sarina Trangle at 718-260-4546 or by e-mail at strangle@cn-glocal.com.

Constantinides calls for safety on 21st Street

BY BILL PARRY

Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) held his first press event as the new city councilman for District 22 in Astoria Friday, tapping into the borough's hot-but-ton topic of the month: traffic safety.

Constantinides called for improved safety measures on a notorious stretch of 21st Street during a speaking event that drew nearly a hundred concerned citizens.

"Three weeks on the job and he's already bringing us together," state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) said.

"Queens is changing, and with that great growth, there are changes that need to come," Constantinides said. "This corridor from the JFK Bridge to the Queensboro Bridge needs improved infrastructure."

He said on that stretch

of 21st Street over the last decade there have been seven deaths and 102 people have suffered serious injuries, many of them pedestrians, due to automotive collisions.

"There was a hit-and-run that killed a man on this spot 30 years ago and still this area is in need of safety measures," Constantinides said.

The area surrounding 21st Street and 33rd Road, where the news conference was held, includes Long Island City High School, the Hanac Senior Residence, the Queensview Nursery School and Kindergarten, the Ravenswood Housing development and Queensview North and East.

"Students, seniors, mothers pushing baby strollers — the streets must be safer for them," Constantinides said.

The councilman called on the city Department of



New Councilman Costa Constantinides tackles traffic safety along a notorious stretch of 21st Street in Astoria.
Photo by Bill Parry

Transportation to conduct a feasibility study and move to install countdown clocks for pedestrians, well-maintained crosswalks and traffic lights in the area.

The DOT's slow response has frustrated two

other elected officials who were on hand to lend support.

"The DOT has repeatedly denied my requests for enhanced safety measures at this location and has yet to answer my legal demand

for a report setting forth the reasoning for declining to take action," state Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) said.

"We can't have a city street looking like a highway," Gianaris added. "I

look forward to working together to ensure that everyone who needs to cross 21st Street can feel safe in doing so."

Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), from the neighboring 26th District that includes part of 21st Street, was on hand to lend his support, saying "this is not a highway and cars act like it's some kind of speedway. It's too late to put up a traffic light or a stop sign after someone dies. We need Vision Zero on this street and every street so there's not one more death."

Vision Zero is a set of comprehensive policies developed in Sweden with a goal of zero deaths or serious injuries due to traffic accidents in ten years time.

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UNHAPPY NEW YEAR

The new year has gotten off to a somber start in Queens with homicides and pedestrian fatalities grabbing the headlines.

Murders have multiplied across the borough, from the killing of an off-duty corrections officer in Queens Village to the stabbing of a man in a Ridgewood cemetery to the heartbreaking deaths of a young mother and her two children in South Jamaica.

It's been a bloody run for the first 3 1/2 weeks of 2014.

Through Jan. 21, nine people had become murder statistics in the borough.

And the number of residents run down in Queens has continued to mount even as Mayor Bill de Blasio came to Woodside last week to unveil his plan to make streets safer across the city. He has mounted a multi-agency effort to draw up a blueprint for eradicating traffic fatalities within 10 years.

This is a noble and necessary effort, but in the meantime Queens apparently has won the dubious distinction of having the most pedestrian traffic fatalities in the city.

Since early January, three pedestrians have lost their lives in Jamaica Hills, Maspeth and Bellerose.

De Blasio, elected in a landslide by New Yorkers yearning for change after 12 years of the Bloomberg administration, faces a crucial test.

Can the new man running the town keep violent crimes in check after his strong opposition to the NYPD's use of stop-and-frisk and his selection of a police chief who has vowed to limit the controversial practice?

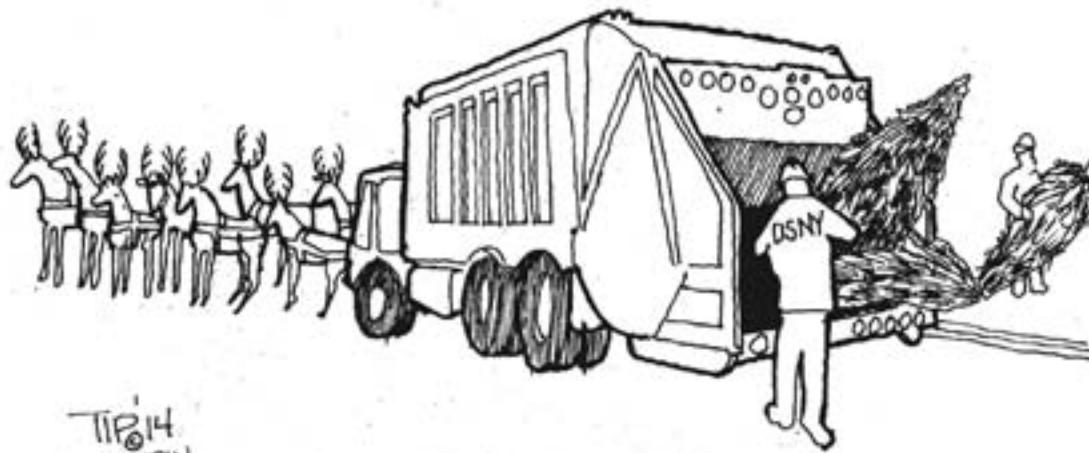
Queens in 2013 was the safest year during Mayor Michael Bloomberg's tenure, with only 56 murders committed.

Some constituents in the borough are waiting in the wings to pounce on the surge in murders as proof that stop-and-frisk is an essential policing tool.

But it's far too early to make that call. Four of the homicides appear to be domestic violence cases and de Blasio is in the early stages of trying to mend frayed relationships between police and the community.

Let's give him a chance. During his visit to Woodside, he contrasted the city's record low 333 murders last year to the startlingly high 286 traffic deaths that occurred during the same span.

De Blasio must act quickly and decisively to curb the violence in the streets and on the roads so he can move ahead with his ambitious agenda for the city.



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In the Jan. 17-23 edition, the Flushing Times printed an editorial expressing concern about the missing cats in the Astoria area as well as pointing out that the spaying and/or neutering of both outdoor stray cats as well as indoor cats that are al-

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De Blasio administration has Commie agenda

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A dangerous pattern of Communist Party “democratic centralism” is apparent in Mayor Bill de Blasio’s administration, as evidenced by his backroom lobbying of City Council members to unanimously vote for his leftist comrade, Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan), as Council speaker under coercion, his seemingly unconstitutional top-down

mandate to amend the terms of a city law on sick-pay requirements for small businesses with only five or more employees — potentially devastating in terms of job losses — in cahoots with the speaker without a two-thirds majority vote of the full Council and his nomination of friend and campaign treasurer Mark Peters as head of the city Department of Investigation.

Now that is a huge conflict of interest.

Of course, these political sequelae may be traced to the hegemony of one party, the Democratic Party, in New York City in terms of registered voters, the fact that only about 22 percent of active registered voters voted in the 2013 municipal elections and that racial minorities — 95 percent of African-American and 85 percent of Hispanic vot-

ers — voted straight down Democratic lines — typical of Democrats— for de Blasio and Leticia James, the city public advocate and third member of the City Hall Triumvirate.

Hence, New York City essentially has a “minoritarian” government in faces, source and liberal special interest agenda, with the Republican and Conservative parties muted. The Democratic Party is equiv-

alent to a Communist party in its general philosophical and socio-economic ideology and in practice.

They tout their ideas and initiatives as progressive, rather than as policies of a collectivist ideology. James Fenimore Cooper warned that “the true theater of a demagogue is a democracy.”

Benjamin Franklin, in Philadelphia, proposed the procedures for removal

of obnoxious leaders: impeachment. In New York state, the governor has the authority to discharge a municipal mayor upon petition of the people. My pen is quivering in my hand.

Semper paratus (Always prepared).

*Joseph N. Manago
Briarwood*

DOE should comply with FOIL

The Freedom of Information Law is an instrument of democracy and sometimes, therefore, a pain, and that is the way it should be. Whether or not it is exercised in a particular situation depends on who may be gored by public disclosure.

The city Department of Education availed itself of the law to get its admittedly error-riddled data about teachers released, proclaiming the public interest, but really for the undeclared reason of damaging their reputation and popularizing its campaign of bullying them. Much as they reveled in ripping off the mask of teachers’ privacy because it suited its goals, the agency hid and continues to hide behind a veil of secrecy to avoid incriminating itself.

The Bloomberg administration has broadcast

to the world its fantasy of fabulous success as a fixer of public education. It has itemized a list of triumphant “reforms” and revolutionary improvements in many areas. Well, the DOE is not exactly renowned for its gift of introspective analysis. Now a professional organization of educators, the United Federation of Teachers, has filed a FOIL request for the release of DOE data that was used to justify some controversial policies.

Yes, that organization is the teachers union, but do not let your skepticism be activated. After all, the data being sought will speak for itself and be accessible to experts from all quarters. But the DOE gets the jitters when oxygen is applied to its machinations. Last year it kicked and screamed when a FOIL request, after the agency threw monkey-

wrenches and land mines in its way, led ultimately to the disclosure of some absurd e-mails pertaining to the ex-mayor’s hand-picked prize of magazine exemplar Cathie Black to be skipper of the system’s 1,700 public schools.

Maybe they misread the act to read the “Freedom from Information Law.” If the DOE is really proud of its legacy under the departed administration, it should welcome and not feel threatened by the public’s consciousness of its sordid mode of operation.

The appointment of the new city schools chancellor gives us solid trust that a fresh and more honorable legacy is just around the corner, ready to be formed.

*Ron Isaac
Bayside*

Fellow writer has it all wrong

Last week a letter writer used five paragraphs to defend his defense of inequality by saying he defends his defense of inequality (“Some people blind to truth about the poor,” Jan. 17-23).

Facts to support his

opinion? Nowhere in sight. Refuting the truth? Unable to do so.

Addressing the increasing obscene pay of CEOs as compared to the decreasing salary of the average American worker? Blind to that fact.

Spewing the same twisted, trickle-down Republican logic while taking full advantage of his thesaurus? Mission accomplished.

*Robert La Rosa
Whitestone*

No more banks, offices needed

The Jan. 17-23 article “BSA greenlights changes to Scobee Diner lot plan” may be a losing bet for those considering opening up a new Citi Bank and dentist’s office.

Within several blocks

on Northern Boulevard in Little Neck are four other banks, including Chase Manhattan, Capital One, Shanan and Queens County Savings along with four other dentist offices. There are also 20 additional vacant first- and second-floor

storefronts.

With the loss of both the Seville Diner in Douglaston and Scobee Grill is the lack of a good neighborhood diner.

*Larry Penner
Great Neck, L.I.*

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CORRECTION

In the Jan. 10-16 issue of TimesLedger Newspapers, the name of Alfred Mayo was misspelled in a story about him taking his life in Kew Gardens.

In the Jan. 17-24 issue of TimesLedger Newspapers, in the story concerning Community Board 7’s executive elections, Barbara McHugh defeated Joshua Sussman to become fourth vice chairwoman and secretary.

De Blasio and Farina should consider trade schools



William Lewis
Political Action

Public education has always been an important issue in New York City political campaigns. That is especially true in mayoral races.

This year our new mayor, Bill de Blasio, has given special attention to it. His appointment of new city Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina brings an administrator to office who has an impressive background, having served as a teacher, principal and deputy chancellor. She probably has one of the best résumés

of anyone who has served as chancellor.

When speaking about what things she wants, she spoke about getting more parental involvement and better teacher training. She has also discussed charter schools without giving an opinion about them.

Up to this point, however, there has been little or no mention of vocational high schools in terms of promoting this type of educational institution.

Vocational schools seemed to work well during the 1940s and '50s in terms of providing an academic education for half a school day and the rest of the school day for students learning trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and auto repair.

Not all students want to spend their learning

time studying academic subjects, but they would be interested in learning building trades. There is a definite need for this line of instruction.

Some degree of emphasis should be placed on this type of education.

Students who graduate from high school with a vocational training background are more able to find a good job and develop a serious attitude toward the job market.

There is a definite need for this type of education. Building trade technical skills will be useful, and learning these skills will encourage teenage students to stay in school. The graduation rate will increase and give us a consistent number of students trained in the building trades.

When looking at the overall development of our public educational system, vocational schools can play an increasingly important role in the future.

It is time for vocational schools to receive some degree of priority in educational needs.

Our new chancellor will have many responsibilities in her new position, but hopefully some of her time can be spent promoting vocational high schools.

Building trade education is not the answer to all public education needs, but it can provide a need for our students and help to improve our city.

Other aspects of this emphasis could be a lessening of crimes within our school system.

Mayor Michael

Bloomberg gave a lot of interest to improving our city educational system. He started out by abolishing the city Board of Education and ran the schools mainly through the office of the chancellor and his own office. A lot more needs to be done.

Teacher training is important but teacher evaluations at times have been overrated. At some point students, especially high school students, have to be held accountable for their academic performance.

As we proceed further into the 21st century, we will be needing a more skilled workforce. Vocational schools can help in this effort. These institutions have helped in the past and can do more so now.

Academic education is

not for everyone. We have to take into account the needs of the students and the needs of society at large.

We are always striving to improve our education system. Building trade schools can go a long way to improving it. It would be a big help if the new mayor and chancellor would give some emphasis to vocational schools.

This year will give us some good races, especially with Gov. Andrew Cuomo up for re-election. It will be interesting to see how the state Legislature will be made up after the fall election. There will be a lot of interest in which political party, Republican or Democratic, will control the state Senate.

Silent film star Francis X. Bushman once lived in Little Neck



The Greater Astoria Historical Society

Francis Xavier Bushman was a film and television actor whose career flourished during the silent film era. Born in Baltimore in 1883, he was perhaps best known for the role of Romeo in the 1916 Metro Pictures production of "Romeo and Juliet" as well as that of Messala in the 1925 silent epic "Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ."

Touted in his heyday as "The Handsomest Man in the World," the strapping Bushman lived in Little Neck early in his career while working as a sculptor's model. In later years, he appeared in television shows, including "Bat-

man" and "Perry Mason." He died in 1966 in Pacific Palisades, Calif., and is interred alongside numerous other Hollywood stars in Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Bushman took up two activities early in his life that would later define his public persona: acting and body building. Although his father wanted him to be a doctor, the young man with the finely sculpted physique developed a passion for acting in his early years and appeared in stage productions in the Baltimore area.

After attending Ammendale Normal Institute in Maryland, the aspiring

actor moved to New York City, where he made his Broadway debut in 1908. On the side he also did modeling, occasionally in the nude. His big break came in 1911, when he was noticed by the now-defunct Essanay Studios while acting in Chicago.

In his meteoric rise to the top, the former Queens resident starred in Essanay and Metro Pictures silents, including the 1915 comedy "The Slim Princess," as well as the lost drama "A Million a Minute" the following year. The crowning achievement of his early career, however, may have been in the role of Romeo in the 1916 production of "Romeo and Juliet," which he also co-directed.

His lavish acting salary enabled him to build a home on Hollywood Boulevard, which he later donated to Sid Graumann, whose famous Chinese Theater now

occupies the spot. Lauded by a contemporary critic as "the best known face and name in the world," life at the top was not without scandal. Bushman was the talk of the town when he left his first wife for "Romeo and Juliet" costar Beverly Bayne in 1918.

After the chiseled actor and his new bride left Metro, however, the Baltimore native's career took a precipitous dive. By the early 1920s, the industry papers wrote him off as washed up. He staged a spectacular comeback in MGM's 1925 production of "Ben Hur," but was soon blacklisted by the studio,

allegedly after a falling out with studio executive Louis B. Mayer. His fortune, once in the millions of dollars, was all but wiped out by the Wall Street crash as the curtain closed on the Roaring Twenties. Bushman would have to find another act.

The former idol lived by the motto "Take things as they come, fear nothing and nobody." Swallowing his pride, he took small acting roles on stage and screen and later on television. In the 1930s and '40s, Bushman even ventured into the world of radio by lending his voice to the CBS series "Those We Love." He

made a cameo in the 1951 thriller "Hollywood Story," and later earned small roles in TV series including "Peter Gunn," "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis" and "Perry Mason," where he played a murder victim in two 1960 episodes.

In 1966, Bushman made a guest appearance in a two-part "Batman" episode as a silent film connoisseur and film festival promoter stalked by The Riddler.

The screen idol of days gone by died of a heart attack weeks after filming. Although much of his silent film work has been lost to time, his multifaceted acting career spanning six decades and his gritty determination in the face of adversity are an inspiration to actors and film buffs.

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Proposal would legalize some basement apartments

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A dearth of affordable housing, as well as a proliferation of converted — and “unapproved” — basement apartments, has led a coalition of Queens community groups and professionals to pursue changes to the way city government defines a legal rental unit.

Rather than pushing for sweeping changes in zoning laws, the Basement Apartments are Safe for Everyone Campaign proposes a new designation, known as an Accessory Dwelling Unit, to legalize basement apartments that adhere to a strict safety code. This designation would be applied only when the dwelling meets mandatory provisions, such as two exits for the apartment.

Drew Goldsman,

the project manager for real estate development spearheading the BASE Campaign, noted that “we want it to be on a case-by-case basis,” where if there is enough light, air and safety, then the unit can be legalized with only minor tweaks and no new major construction.

The idea behind the BASE Campaign was conceptual for the past seven years, with groups such as the Chhaya Community Development Corp., which houses the coalition, carrying out studies in conjunction with academic and community resources to conceptualize the scope of basement apartments in New York’s outerboroughs. The campaign is now moving toward presenting the ADU proposal to the City Council.

The Jackson Heights-based Chhaya CDC noted in one such study that the up to 35 percent of possible illegal modifications in a neighborhood they observed could be legalized

under a possible ADU designation.

Goldsman stressed that the benefit of an ADU code is that another unit will not be added to the house, thus preventing a conflict with zoning laws or construction that fundamentally changes the property.

“We’re not looking to dramatically change the building code,” he said.

Furthermore, an ADU designation would ensure the unit is deemed completely safe, even for children and the elderly. Indeed, demographic trends have pointed to older homeowners moving into their converted basements while deriving rental income from tenants, which is necessary to pay the ballooning mortgage costs associated with homeownership in Queens.

The city has historically been at odds with the idea of basement apartments, yet a blitz of violations issued in the late 1990s failed to stem the tremendous

demand for these units and alternative affordable housing remains few and far between. Proponents of the BASE Campaign believe that legalization is the inevitable and reasonable solution to thousands of potentially unsafe units operating off the city’s grid.

Should the ADU plan be approved by the Council, the campaign hopes to start a pilot program within a limited area. Goldsman noted that there are a number of builders and architects who would be available to craft the code and assist homeowners with compliance.

“We realize this is a complicated issue,” Goldsman said, “and we want to do it right.”

The compliance program would be voluntary, with a moratorium on the issuance of new violations. The city would still carry out enforcement against non-ADU units.

The idea of legalizing cellar apartments as legal dwelling units is not a

new concept, with similar programs implemented in California and Washington state, as well as 17 towns on Long Island. In two particular cases, the Riverhead, L.I., ADU program helps homeowners with monthly costs, while the East Hampton program standardizes and codifies the requirements for a safe unit.

Perhaps the greatest need for ADUs arises from the need to maximize land use in low-density areas, particularly those that would be otherwise prone to sprawl. Though there are concerns about the impact on schools, infrastructure and communities, the fact remains, as Goldsman said, that those residents already exist, albeit uncounted due to their dwelling’s status. Legalization would ensure that those residents are also counted, which would factor into funding for basic city services.

Through extensive field study, the coalition admits that not all basements can be made safe for occu-

pancy.

“We don’t want to fool ourselves into thinking all of these units are safe,” Goldsman said. “We’ve been into some where the landlord is taking advantage of the tenant.”

Goldsman said ADUs would be a net benefit to neighborhoods. According to the coalition, the added income of the unit stabilizes neighborhoods, thus serving as a foreclosure prevention program. These units, in turn, serve as affordable housing. By making them illegal, Goldsman noted, “you don’t allow them to be made safe.”

This is a priority in ensuring the safety of firefighters entering a modified structure in the event of an emergency.

For more information on the BASE Campaign, visit basecampaign.wordpress.com/about/.

Kupferberg center to open Holocaust exhibit at U.N.



Laura
Rahill

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Remember
the Date

On Jan. 27, 1945, Soviet troops liberated more than 7,000 prisoners from the most notorious of the Nazi concentration camps, Auschwitz-Birkenau, in Poland. It is estimated that around 1.3 million people were deported to this camp between 1940 and 1945 and at least 1.1 million perished at the hands of Nazi guards.

Although exact numbers will never be known, it is commonly estimated that 11 million people died

between 1933 and 1945 as a result of Adolf Hitler’s regime. Around 6 million were Jews and the remaining 5 million people belonged to the ranks of the mentally and physically disabled, priests, Gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah’s Witnesses and those who did not accept the leadership of Hitler, to name but a few.

In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly commemorated the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps. A U.N. resolution was then drafted to designate Jan. 27 as the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. The holiday was first officially observed in 2006

and is on calendars around the world.

As we approach the 69th anniversary Monday, it is more important than ever to remember the atrocities that occurred during the Holocaust. The U.N. resolution urges countries around the world not only to commemorate both the survivors and those who lost their lives, but also encourages the development of educational programs about the history of the Holocaust.

Dr. Arthur Flug, executive director of the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives at Queensborough Community College in Bayside, said for him and others working and volunteering at the center that every day

About 11 million people are believed to have died between 1933 and 1945.

is a Holocaust memorial day. The center has hosted Holocaust presentations, photographs, art, documentation, personal survivor narratives and more than 20 exhibits, all free.

The center will open an exhibit at the U.N. Tuesday called “International March of the Living.” As part of this exhibition, students will go to Poland and visit various Holocaust sites. On this journey, they will meet other students to discuss interpretations of the Holocaust. The second week will take place in Is-

rael, where students will have traveled from the dark depths of the Holocaust to the renewal and sun of the young Middle Eastern nation.

Flug said it was essential to remember the Holocaust because the number of survivors is shrinking every year and their personal accounts should be shared with today’s students, who “can become spokespeople for the survivor.”

He added, “When you hear a witness, you become a witness.”

The center’s director

also expressed concern about how the Holocaust is trivialized, saying he saw a protest poster that compared Obamacare to Hitler’s regime.

“In no way is that true by any stretch of the imagination,” he said.

Flug also cited the recent arrest of a Nazi guard responsible for around 700 deaths during the Holocaust, which sparked some backlash from the community, which felt that the past should be left in the past. He pointed out that those 700 people were related to somebody in that same community.

“We have to keep that in mind and take lessons from it,” Flug said.

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Owner ready to fix crumbling Woodhaven store

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Faced with court cases, the landlord of a Woodhaven building that buckled last spring said he is weeks away from repairing the structure.

The roof of 78-19 Jamaica Ave. collapsed April 12, sending bricks and debris tumbling onto the street and sidewalk below. The city Department of Buildings' website noted the site housed a shuttered furniture shop, which had more than 30 open violations with the department, another eight with the Environmental Control Board and an evacuation order to vacate the second floor just before the structure fell apart.

The cave-in damaged part of the Woodhaven-Richmond Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps next door, blocking an emergency exit and kitchen used

by the senior center that rented from the corps. The Woodhaven-Richmond Hill Senior Center has since relocated, saddling the corps with financial strain, according to the executive director of the Greater Woodhaven Development Corporation, MariaThomson.

George Kochabe, who owns the building through 78-19 Jamaica Avenue LLC, hired Casella Construction to fix the building before the collapse on April 12.

When the roof caved, it injured a construction contractor named Hector Vergel, according to a civil complaint his lawyers filed against the LLC in June.

The court documents claim Vergel was rendered disabled and internally and externally injured during the incident.

Six months later, the Fire Department issued a criminal summons charg-



The landlord of 78-19 Jamaica Ave. says workers will begin repairing the building within weeks.

ing Kochabe with failing to comply with the DOB.

His 78-19 Jamaica Avenue LLC is still cited for most of the violations that were present last spring. The company has racked up \$11,000 in fines for the eight unresolved Environmental Control Board infractions and owes another \$14,430 for prior violations, accord-

ing to the DOB website.

Just a few weeks ago, attorneys for the Woodhaven-Richmond Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps initiated a lawsuit against the landlord, according to state Assemblyman Michael Miller (D-Woodhaven).

The assemblyman said the lawyers hoped to spur Kochabe into promptly

making repairs.

Miller said Kochabe recently hired architects and appeared to be working to stabilize the crumbling structure.

"He paid the fines that he had outstanding," Miller said. "He's at this point, taking the right steps to repair the building so we have to give him the opportunity to do that."

Kochabe said he intends to begin a construction project to replace the roof and second floor within a few weeks.

"We'll be starting very, very soon," he said.

As of press time, the DOB website said it had not received demolition or building plans from Kochabe's team, but it has issued permits for a construction fence and sidewalk shed at 78-19 Jamaica Ave.

Fixes could not come soon enough for the senior center, according to Patri-

cia Critelli, the center's program manager.

Critelli said the center has temporarily relocated to the American Legion Post 118, at 89-02 91st St., but the space is much smaller and further from public transportation routes.

Despite offering a shuttle service, the Woodhaven-Richmond Hill Senior Center counts about 30 fewer attendees. Some find it too inconvenient, while others feel uncomfortable in the tighter quarters, according to Critelli.

"There's nothing — no trains, no buses, no stores," she said. "If there's anything that can be done to get this guy moving and fix this building, it would be a God-send."

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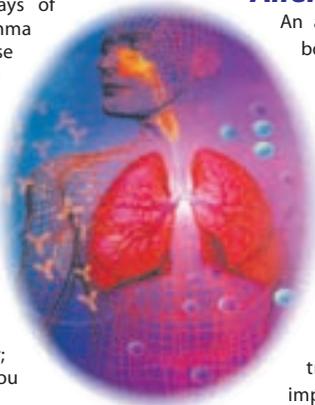
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Volunteers paint Roy Wilkins center during MLK event

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI

More than 80 Habitat for Humanity volunteers and soon-to-be homeowners converged on Roy Wilkins Park Family Center Saturday to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by sprucing up the southeast Queens facility with murals and fresh paint.

Former St. Albans resident Voncille Chaney, who hopes to move into her new Laurelton home with the help of Habitat for Humanity in the summer, was among those pitching in.

"I know our painting is going to inspire people when they come in," she said.

Chaney and her son have been living in Brooklyn with her

11-year-old son Ahmai for the past six years and is anxious to return to Queens. She gushed about the home she is slated to move into.

"I love the backyard. My son is actually going to be able to go outside," she said, explaining that her son is not allowed to hang out in the neighborhood because of violence in the area. "It's very dangerous. There are a lot of shootings, daytime shootings. I would rather preserve his life."

To receive a home from Habitat, the head of the household must put in 200 hours of service, organizers said.

"We partner with great families who just need a hand up and this is a great way to honor that legacy with service," said Neil



a volunteer dips a paintbrush in a cup of water,

Photos by Christina Santucci

Hetherington, the organization's CEO.

Saturday's service project

was part of Habitat for Humanity's annual service weekend, held nationwide to commemorate

MLK Day Monday.

"Every single day is a day of service with Habitat, but this is particularly special," Hetherington said. "One of the great aspects of it is obviously honoring the memory of Dr. King, but it's a renewal of the partnership we have with AmeriCorps."

Between 12 and 15 AmeriCorps volunteers were on hand Saturday, organizers said.

The Roy Wilkins facility was selected after the site hosted former President Jimmy Carter, who spoke to Habitat for Humanity volunteers last year.

"This is also our way of giving back to them and saying thank you," Hetherington said.



(Clockwise from top l.) Tatiana Perry works on a mural of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr; Voncille Chaney flashes a smile; Leonard Nengle uses a ladder to reach the ceiling; Richard Buonomo paints an image of Roy Wilkins; and a woman covers the door jam with paint.

Photos by Christina Santucci

South Ozone Park parish saves for new Mary statue

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Parishioners accustomed to a Virgin Mary statue greeting them at St. Mary Gate of Heaven Parish in South Ozone Park will likely have to wait a year to see the familiar figure.

Donations for a new figurine have been pouring in from across the country since parish staff discovered the statue had been decapitated Jan. 6.

But the Rev. Gerald Fitzsimmons said the parish's first priority is to fix the plumbing in the convent, which is expected to eat up most of this year's capital projects budget.

The priest said the parish pastoral council will convene to discuss plans to replace the Virgin Mary



St. Mary Gate of Heaven Parish receives donations from dozens seeking to help replace a vandalized statue.

and landscape the surrounding greenspace sometime next year.

Fitzsimmons said the parish, at 103-12 101st Ave., is not currently soliciting money for the project, but has heard from close to 70 people seeking to help the church.

"When you're dealing with St. Mary Gate of Heaven, or really any parish in

this area, you're dealing with parishes that have thousands and thousands of families connected with them for decades and decades," he said. "We're getting e-mails from Florida, New Jersey, Long Island, all over."

The priest said he had not begun to assess the value of the 4-foot-tall, marble

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Fedkowskyj mulls running for Markey's Assembly seat

BY SARINA TRANGLE

State Assemblywoman Margaret Markey (D-Ridgewood) may face her first primary in more than a decade.

Dmytro Fedkowskyj, 48, said he is considering entering the Democratic primary for the seat currently held by Markey.

The Middle Village resident said he grew fond of advocating on behalf of people while serving on the District 24 Community Education Council and as former Borough President Helen Marshall's appointee to the city Panel for Educational Policy. He opted to resign from the panel Dec. 31, when Marshall's term expired.

Since then, Fedkowskyj has sat on an education subcommittee of Mayor Bill de Blasio's transition team and grown intrigued

by colleagues' suggestions he should eye the 30th Assembly District seat. The office comprises Maspeth, Woodside and parts of Long Island City, Middle Village, Astoria and Sunnyside.

"I have a passion to advocate and represent people and that's what's kind of winking me towards considering this," said Fedkowskyj, a Community Board 5 member.

After researching what working in the Assembly entails and speaking further with consultants, Fedkowskyj said he plans to make a decision "relatively soon."

"It's a life-changing event. It comes with responsibility; it comes with understanding what the needs are in detail for your district and also understanding what it's going to take to get the job done," he said. "I know what it takes

to do it because I've done it for five years for free."

Fedkowskyj, an accountant, would not comment on how he thinks the district has fared since Markey took office in 1999.

Michael Armstrong, Markey's chief of staff, said the assemblywoman intends to run for re-election. He added that primary elections "are certainly open to everyone."

Markey has secured less than 60 percent of votes cast in the past three elections.

Fedkowskyj, who moved to Middle Village as a toddler and has lived there ever since, said he is not affiliated with any political clubs and has not reached out to the county committee.

The Queens Democratic Committee did not return requests for comment.

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1 Rev. Michael A. Walrond Jr., pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem, serves as the guest speaker for the 24th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Breakfast at Antun's in Queens Village.



2 Phyllis Ball (l.) and Frank Franklin, president of the Greater New York Inter-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund, Inc., present Valdava Sawyer, a graduate of Tuskegee University, with an award.



3 Rev. Henry T. Simmons from Congregational Church of St. Albans, joins Assemblywoman Barbara Clark during the event.

NORTHEAST QUEENS REPUBLICAN CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS DURING BAYSIDE CEREMONY *Photos by Steven Malecki*



4 Former U.S. Rep. Bob Turner (r.) swears in 12 new members of the board of governors for the Northeast Queens Republican Club at the Clearview Golf Club House.



5 Congressional candidate Stephen LaBate (l.) joins (l.-r.) Councilman Eric Ulrich, Kevin Ryan, former U.S. Rep. Bob Turner and Northeast Queens Republican Club President John Watch.



6 U.S. Rep. Bob Turner and his wife Peg smile alongside congressional candidate Stephen LaBate and LaBate's 7-year-old daughter, Maria. LaBate is running for a seat in Long Island.

COMMUNITY LEADERS HONORED AT REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION IN ST. ALBANS *Photos by Nat Valentine*



7 Choreographer Brice Vick (l.) is presented with an award from emcee Roy Paul during "Honoring Remnants of the DREAM Among Us," held at the Presbyterian Church of St. Albans.



8 Event Producer Charles Atilis (l.), who served as commissioner on the Queens County Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, brings together U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks and honorees (l.-r.) Dorita Wiggins-Clark, Ronald Burwell from the Afrikan Poetry Theatre, Yvonne Reddick, Tyra Emerson and Bill Briggs.



9 Emcee Roy Paul stands with Sofia Branch, whose husband John Watsui-Branch of the Afrikan Poetry Theatre recently died.

RICCARDO'S IN ASTORIA HOSTS ASTORIA/LIC NAACP FREEDOM FUND LUNCHEON *Photos by Christina Santucci*



10 Dayna Jeffries (l.) and Margaret Barnes, the fund-raising committee chair, sell raffle tickets at the Astoria/LIC NAACP's MLK Freedom Fund Banquet.



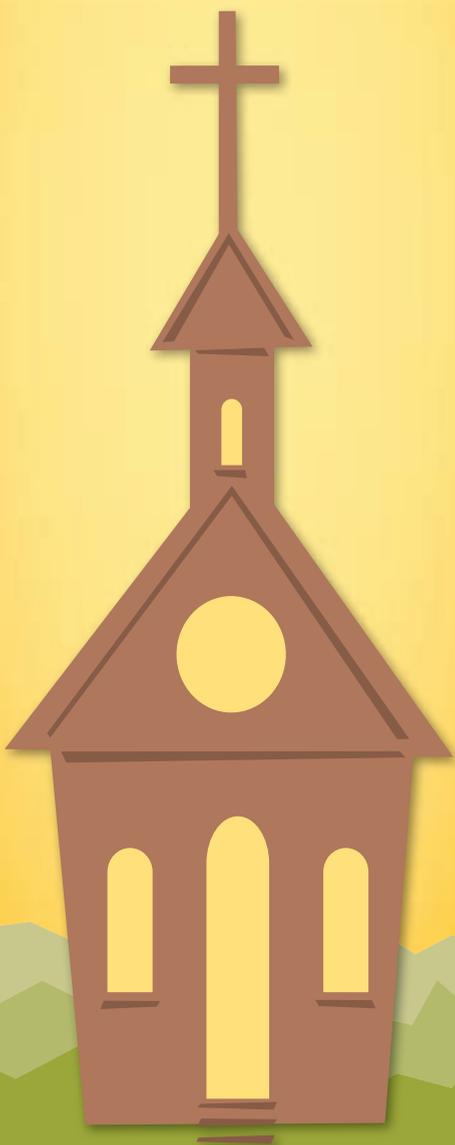
11 Bishop Mitchell Taylor, (l.-r.) Claudia Coger of the Astoria Houses Residents Association, Astoria/LIC NAACP President Marion Jeffries, Floating Hospital Vice President Barbara LaPlaca, Director of Community Outreach Cynthia Davis, Councilmen Jimmy Van Bramer and Costa Costantinides and state Sen. Michael Gianaris gather together.



12 Edwin Cadiz, community liaison for Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, joins Astoria/LIC NAACP Vice President Patricia Fletcher; Cathy Nolan; and Jasmine Gripper from the Alliance For Quality Education.

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Wednesday, January 29, 2014

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9:30–10:00 AM

Thursday, January 30, 2014

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The graduating class taking graduation pictures • Parents and children enjoying our Fall Festival
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Lunch in the cafeteria • Teachers helping students with their daily activities • Creative and academic writing
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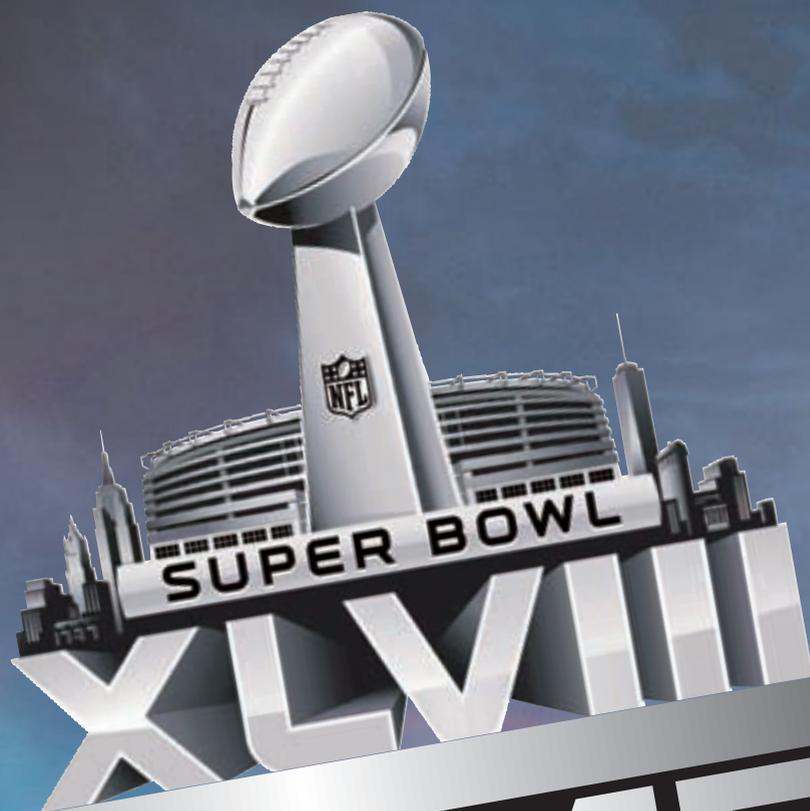
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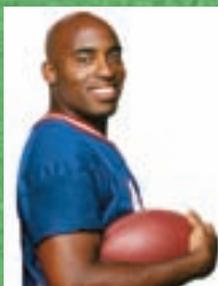
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Family Fan Day

Saturday, January 25th, 11:30am
Kids' Department, Level 7



Looking for ways to score with the entire family! Round up the little ones and check out **Macy's Reading Circle**, hosted by New York football great **Tiki Barber**! He'll read from his book, *Teammates*, and sign your copy of the book when you purchase it at the event. Budding

young artists can have a once-in-a-lifetime experience when internationally-renowned 3D pop artist **Charles Fazzino** begins a mural and encourages kids to make their mark on it. Plus, learn how to shake your pom poms from pro football cheerleaders at 1pm! We'll also have face painting, balloon twisters, glitter tattoos and more!

Upcoming Events at Herald Square

- ✕ Storewide Kick-Off Party featuring The Soul Tigers Marching Band:
Monday, January 27th
- ✕ In Conversation – Sports Panel Discussion:
Tuesday, January 28th
- ✕ Football Fashion Show with Surprise Celebrity Guests:
Tuesday, January 28th
- ✕ Macy's Culinary Council Chefs Home*gating Event:
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- ✕ Silent Auction of Football Memorabilia:
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THE ORIGINAL LADY MARMALADE: Patti Labelle will headline this year's "Super Bowl Gospel Celebration," at Madison Square Garden.

Associated Press / Charles Sykes / Invision

BOWLING AROUND

BY RUTH BROWN

The big game may technically be taking place across the Hudson, but that is close enough for the whole of New York City to catch football fever, with Super Bowl-related events taking place all across town. We rounded up some of the best.

Sing for your super

The annual "Super

Bowl Gospel Celebration" will raise the roof of the Theater at Madison Square Garden Jan. 31. Headlining this year's union of faith and football will be R&B legend Patti Labelle. She will be joined by the likes of Donnie McClurkin, Mary Mary, Natalie Grant, and, of course, the NFL Players Choir.

The Theater at Madison Square Garden (4 Pennsylvania Plaza between W.

31st and 33rd streets in Manhattan, www.superbowlgospel.com). Jan. 31 at 7:30 pm. \$45-\$150.

Pixelated pigskin

Be a football star without working up a sweat, when Astoria's Museum of the Moving Image celebrates 25 years of the "Madden NFL" video game franchise. Five iterations of the game will be available to play — from the original

1988 "John Madden Football" for Apple II, to 2013's "Madden NFL 25" for the Xbox One.

Museum of the Moving Image [36-01 35th Ave. at 36th Street in Queens, (718) 777-6888, www.movingimage.us]. Through Feb. 23. Free with admission.

Kids get their kicks

The Children's Museum of Manhattan is getting in

the Super Bowl spirit with an interactive exhibit. Kids can learn all about the challenging decisions football referees have to make in an instant replay booth, train like a pro in an obstacle course, create penalty flags and puppets, and check out NFL memorabilia.

*Children's Museum of Manhattan [212 West 83rd St. between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan, (212) 721-1223, [*cmom.org\]. Through Feb. 28. Free with museum entry.*](http://www.</i></p>
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Cardboard heroes

Now that's what we call art! The Metropolitan Museum of Art will be displaying "Gridiron Greats" — a collection of 150 vintage football cards, including the super-rare John Dunlop Harvard card, plus others from the same series produced by the Mayo Tobacco

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HOW TO THROW A SUPER PARTY

Get the home team advantage on Super Bowl Sunday

BY RUTH BROWN

So you want to throw a Super Bowl party.

Don't waste time and money on hand-making decorations, renting projector screens or spending hundreds on catering — there are just four things you need to nail to score a touchdown Feb. 2. Here is our foolproof guide to throwing a great party without breaking the bank or having a meltdown.

The guests

It is great if you can keep your guest list exclusive to football fans who want to really watch the game — but you probably can't. People will invite their uninterested partners and their kids, and some people from your office will show up just for the three-layer dip.

The best way to deal with these party poopers is by setting up a second television. Tune it in to the Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet (the Hallmark Channel will also be debuting a Kitten Bowl this year), lay out a supply of snacks, and leave them alone to discuss non-football topics.

The food

Outside of catering your child's birthday parties, this is the one time of year when it is absolutely socially acceptable for adults to indulge in cheesy themed party snacks. Anything that can be shaped like a football — cookies, pizzas, falafel balls, deviled eggs — should be, and as many items as possible should be in team colors. Think blueberries and green grapes for the Seahawks, and Dor-

itos with blue cheese dip for the Broncos.

Focus on foods that are self-service and can be eaten with your hands (or, ideally, one hand as the other should be occupied with a beverage at all times).

Rent or borrow a hotdog steamer and lay out some condiments, and you won't even have to get off the couch while your guests gorge themselves silly. Other ideal finger foods include wings, sliders, hand pies, and jello cups. Dishes you will be tempted to make but should not include loaded baked potatoes, mac 'n' cheese, cake, and salad of any kind.

On a related note — es-

timate how many napkins you will need, then double it, and buy extras.

The drinks

Other than your team losing, the worst thing that can happen is running out of beer halfway through the game.

Stay well stocked in the sudsy stuff and dazzle your friends with your party professionalism by investing in a keg. No need to drop your life savings on a triple-hopped India Pale Ale from a local nanobrewery — this is the Super Bowl; your friends will drink Bud and they will like it.

Don't do cocktails. Just don't.

Entertainment

Make the game audience-interactive by providing your guests with their own penalty flags (you can make one out of a yellow dishcloth, a rubber band, and a small bouncing ball). It is a constructive way to take out your frustrations with the refereeing — and it will encourage your buddies to clean up their own spills!

Want to watch the ads? Keep the party social by creating Super Bowl commercial bingo cards ("gratuitous bikini shot," "talking baby," "talking monkey") or score cards ("instant viral sensation," "waste of \$4 million").



WINGING IT: Food you can eat with your fingers is key to a successful Super Bowl party, no salads! Metro Images

Don't want to watch the ads? Crank up the stereo between plays, and set up a "Rock Band" or "Madden NFL" tournament at halftime.



Jamaican Me Crazy Wings will spice up the game

Skip the Buffalo style ones and opt for jerk seasoning chicken snacks for Super Bowl get-togethers

BY MS CULINARY ADVENTURE
(A.K.A. SUZANNE KUCZUN)

Chicken wings are a classic favorite for sports lovers. You can make them sweet, tangy and of course Buffalo style-spicy. So why not jerk them? These are truly scrumptious and so easy to make. These will surely make you crazy for more. Have a culinary adventure in your kitchen.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds chicken wings (or use your favorite parts)
- 3-6 tablespoons of your favorite Jerk Seasoning depending on how hot you like them (I love Spur Tree Jerk Seasoning- available at Food Bazaar Supermarkets)
- 1 tablespoon of olive or coconut oil.

EASY DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Wash and dry chicken pieces

Put on plastic gloves (this jerk is hot!) and rub jerk seasoning and oil all over the chicken (for extra spice and flavor let it marinate in the refrigerator 2-12 hours)

Place chicken skin side up in a baking pan (don't overlap).

Cook for 45 minutes at 375 degrees or until skin is crispy and dark (you could put it on broil and cook for a few minutes to get desired crispiness).

Let cool for a couple of minutes and eat them up — but have a cold drink close by.

These are delicious and will go fast. Enjoy.

Suzanne Kuczun is the training and communications manager for Food Bazaar Supermarkets. For more of her delicious ideas, check out MsCulinaryAdventure on YouTube.



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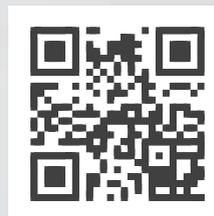
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2009	Honda Accord EX, 40k	65124	\$7,995	2011	Nissan Rogue, 50k	69968	\$13,995
2009	Chevy Cobalt, 56k	65308	\$7,995	2013	Nissan Altima, 16k	82570	\$13,995
2010	Nissan Sentra, 46k	68559	\$7,995	2011	GMC Terrain, 51k	82272	\$13,995
2012	Hyundai Elantra, 15k	79461	\$8,995	2007	Lexus ES350, 53k	56974	\$14,888
2008	Jeep Liberty, 17k	54235	\$9,495	2010	Infiniti G37, 28k	70898	\$18,995
2010	Chrysler Sebring, 38k	61787	\$9,995	2009	Acura MDX, 31k	73459	\$22,888
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Two young visitors play Madden NFL 25 (2013), projected large on a screen, in the exhibition "Madden NFL: 25 Years and Running" on view at Museum of the Moving Image.

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MOVING IMAGE MUSEUM PLAYS BALL

For Super Bowl XLVIII, the Astoria institution creates 'Madden NFL' video exhibition through Feb. 23

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

Late last week, Flushing resident Saul Zeitlin and his son, Jeremy, 3 1/2, hunkered down on the third floor of the Museum of the Moving Image to get a jump on Super Bowl XLVIII festivities.

As they fiddled with a video game console's controls, the latest version of "Madden NFL" exploded in vibrant colors and pumped-up music on the giant screen in front of them.

Zeitlin has played most of the older versions of EA Sports' "Madden" titles for Xbox and was interested in seeing this 25th edition.

"I'm a sports fan and I like to recreate the season, and to predict the season," Zeitlin said. "But as I got older, the games got harder."

A quick glance around the museum's newest exhibit, "Madden NFL: 25 Years and Running," confirmed Zeitlin's theory.

From the first "John Madden Football," published in 1988 for the Apple II and which required players to use the keyboard and a joystick, the rechristened "Madden NFL" videos have evolved from pixelated, flat "athletes" to life-like figures playing the game.

In fact, said Tomoko Kawamoto, the museum's public information manager, "Madden NFL" is more than just one of the most successful video game franchises of all time. It has changed the game it once set out to emulate, including how the TV networks opt to show the broadcasts.

"It's not here's a game trying to look like a football game, but it is affecting how football is shown on TV," Kawamoto said.

It has also pushed other video game developers to up their games, said Carl Goodman, executive director of the museum.

"I've talked to a lot of smart, experienced people in the video game industry, and they all appreciate its complexity," Goodman said. "This is really a mirror of the history of technology and history of the game."

The exhibition includes five versions of the game that can be played on site. Although the early editions allow only one player at a time, later ones were created for two competitors.

Visitors can also check out a timeline detailing the evolution of "Madden NFL."

After being on the market for two years, EA Sports updated the game in 1990, and made it available for the Sega Genesis system. Since then developers have

released a new version every year.

Some of the earlier highlights include the 1992 game, which allowed two-person co-operative play and even had a video ambulance roll out onto the field anytime a player was injured; the 1993 introduction of John Madden's digital voice; the 1994 introduction of real NFL teams; and the 1995 debut of actual NFL players into the video.

Goodman said as the first museum in the world to collect video games, it made sense to host the current exhibition.

"Eight months ago, the museum was named a member of the Super Bowl host community, and we are proud to represent Queens in that group," Goodman said. "At that point, we thought, what can we do in conjunction with what is going to be an exciting time? A number of us then decided to take note of what was happening."



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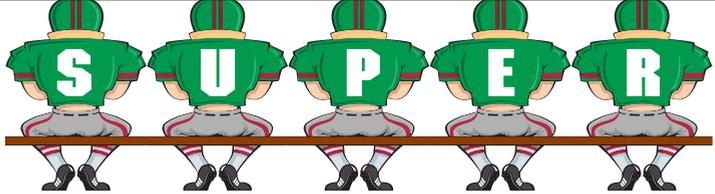
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SUPER BOWL 2014

Events

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company in 1894, and a 1959 set from Bazooka.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art [1000 Fifth Ave. between E. 79th and E. 84th streets in Manhattan, (212) 535-7710, www.metmuseum.org]. Free with museum entry.

Sign of the times

For four days before the big game, the stars will come out before the sun goes down. At a stage set up at Broadway and W. 39th

Street, NFL stars will sign autographs from noon to 5 pm, followed by concerts from local acts at 8 pm. The signing schedule will be released Jan. 27.

Autograph and Concert Stage [Broadway, between W. 39th and W. 40th streets in Manhattan, www.nfl.com/superbowl]. Jan. 20-Feb. 1. Free.

Tony tailgating

This isn't your mother's football fare. An NFL-endorsed, Super Bowl-themed pop-up restaurant called Forty Ate (get it?) will be appearing at the Renais-

sance New York Times Square Hotel from Jan. 27. The kicked-up bar food dishes include "pig skins in a blanket," smoked chicken wings with blue cheese sauce, and a pretzel bread panini. Expect to see NFL players at the tables and NFL artifacts — including the full set of 47 Super Bowl rings — as decor.

Forty Ate, R Lounge at the Renaissance Times Square [714 Seventh Ave. at 48th Street in Manhattan, (212) 450-2014 www.nfl.com/superbowl]. Jan. 27-Feb. 1.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

Tailgate 48 — Celebrity chef Robert Irvine and NYC meat purveyor Pat LaFrieda host a fund-raiser to benefit military personnel with all-you-can-eat twists on tailgating food. Event also includes up to 15 beers and cocktails, live entertainment and door prizes.

When: Jan. 26, from 2 pm to 5 pm

Where: The Garden at Studio Square, 35-33 36th St., Long Island City

Cost: \$125/general admission, \$175/VIP includes earlier admission

Contact: (718) 383-1001

Website: www.studiosquarenyc.com

MONDAY, JAN. 27

J. Cole in concert — The VH1's Super Bowl Blitz: Six Nights and Six Concerts kicks off in Queens with rapper J. Cole. Concerts will be broadcast live on the cable music channel.

When: Jan. 27, Doors at 9:30 pm, concert at 11 pm

Where: Colden Auditorium, Kupferberg Center for the Arts, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing

Cost: \$37.50

Contact: (718) 793-8080

Website: www.kupferbergcenter.org

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

The Garden at Studio Square — Watch the game indoors or outside while enjoying a four-hour open bar, including unlimited Heineken products, specialty cocktails, wine and sangria.

When: Sunday, Feb. 2, from 4 pm to 8 pm

Where: 35-33 36th St., Long Island City

Cost: \$48

Contact: (718) 383-1001

Website: www.studiosquarenyc.com

Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden — Tailgating starts at 4 pm with specials on pitchers of beer and appetizers. Shot specials offered during half-time.

When: Sunday, Feb. 2, from 4 pm

Where: 29-19 24th Ave., Astoria

Cost: No cover

Contact: (718) 274-4925

Website: www.bohemianhall.com

S Prime Steakhouse — Super Bowl XLVIII viewing party includes unlimited gourmet buffet and the game shown on multiple 60-inch plus flat screens TV. Discounted cocktails will be available all night.

When: Sunday, Feb. 2, doors at 5:30 pm

Where: 35-15 36th St., Long Island City

Cost: \$60

Contact: (718) 707-0660

Website: www.sprimenyc.com

O'Neill's — VIP Super Bowl party includes a five-hour premium open bar, appetizers during cocktail hour followed by a sit-down dinner with choice of entree, coffee and dessert.

When: Sunday, Feb. 2, 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Where: 64-21 53rd Drive, Maspeth

Cost: \$125

Contact: (718) 456-4108

Website: www.oneillsrestaurant.com

Vetro — Watch the game and dine on a buffet of American favorites while sipping cocktails from a top shelf open bar. Prizes at halftime and at the end of the game.

When: Sunday, Feb. 2, 6 pm

Where: 164-49 Cross Bay Blvd., Howard Beach

Cost: \$80

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Website: www.vetronyc.com

Bourbon Street — Watch the game on big screens while sampling food from the hot and cold buffets, and unlimited mixed drinks, bottled and tap beer, wine and soda during the game.

When: Sunday, Feb. 2, kickoff at 6:25 pm

Where: 40-12 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Cost: \$45

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Austin's Ale House — Austin's serves up micro draft and bottled beers along with top shelf cocktails and a half-time dinner buffet.

When: Sunday, Feb. 2, kickoff at 6:25 pm

Where: 82-70 Austin St., Kew Gardens

Cost: \$50

Contact: (718) 849-3939

Website: www.austinsteakandalehouse.com



Officials hope Super Bowl attendees use mass transit to travel to the stadium.

You're heading to the game? Jump on a subway or LIRR

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

The MTA, the Port Authority and many other New York regional entities have been working day and night to provide fans headed for the Super Bowl XLVIII Feb. 2 a day to remember.

Now they ask a favor of these sports fan multitudes: Please leave your car at home.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has dubbed Super Bowl XLVIII "the first mass transit Super Bowl."

"Oddsmakers agree that Port Authority facilities are prohibitive favorites to provide great service for Super Bowl XLVIII," said Port Authority Executive Director Pat Foye and Deputy Executive Director Deborah Gramiccioni in a joint statement.

The Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad, New Jersey Transit and the Port Authority Trans-Hudson railway have scheduled a series of extra trains and buses to ensure a smooth trip to the Meadowlands for fans traveling to MetLife Stadium.

"Even if you aren't lucky enough to have a Super Bowl ticket, Long Islanders can still be part of the excitement by visiting Super Bowl Boulevard in Manhattan in the days leading up to the big game," said LIRR President Helena Williams, referring to the Times Square activities prior to the Super Bowl.

"It should be a fun family experience for football fans of all ages," Williams said. "And the LIRR will leave you just steps away from all the action."

Super Bowl Boulevard takes place on 13 blocks from Broadway

north of Penn Station and includes such attractions as seven-story-high toboggan runs.

The LIRR will add extra trains on its Babylon, Port Jefferson, Port Washington and Ronkonkoma branches and extra Babylon branch service Feb. 1 and Feb. 2.

Airports, including Teterboro, Newark Liberty, John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia, will add extra service. Customer Care representatives and dozens of volunteer staff will be available to welcome and guide visitors to their destinations.

For answers to how to reach the Super Bowl, consult mta.info.

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MetroCards sport Super Bowl logo

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

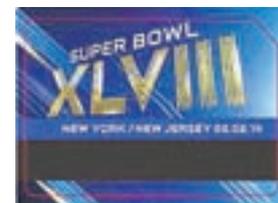
The MTA, joining the excitement leading up to the Super Bowl XLVIII, has come out with special MetroCards decorated with commemorative designs promoting the ultimate football game.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, together with the New York-New Jersey Super Bowl Host Committee, will sell them until Feb. 3, the day following the sports classic.

Buying a MetroCard during this period falls short of guaranteeing the buyer will get one of the special Super Bowl cards on the first try. The commemorative cards were loaded into dispensing machines and booth facilities among the already existing supply of MetroCards.

"There's no better region to host the Super Bowl and no better way to celebrate and promote that fact than by saying it on a MetroCard," said Paul Fleuranges, senior director of corporate communications at the MTA. "The front of our MetroCards has really become a game changer as a new, innovative medium to advertise."

The big game will



The MTA is selling MetroCards with a Super Bowl design. Photo courtesy MTA

be played at MetLife Stadium in Secaucus, N.J., Feb. 2.

The series of souvenir MetroCards features four cards each emblazoned with different logos and all carrying the same message on the back saying, "Together the National Football League and the New York/New Jersey Super Bowl Host Committee are bringing the greatest game to the greatest region."

Distribution of the commemorative cards began Jan. 6 when the series was loaded into MetroCard vending machines and subway station booths. A total of 1 million cards were printed.

The MTA said that those who want the commemorative cards should take note that patrons are not guaranteed they will get a special Super Bowl card by purchasing a MetroCard or one of a specific design.



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New way to order sushi in Astoria

BY BILL PARRY

Astoria's restaurant row on 30th Avenue has a new addition with the soft opening of Pink Nori this week.

The family-owned Japanese restaurant has a unique feature: make-it-yourself sushi. The idea was the brainchild of front man Jesse Tang, a 22-year-old recent graduate of Stony Brook University.

"I'm very picky when it comes to sushi. I love all kinds of fish, but I'm not too crazy about shellfish, especially shrimp. If I like to make it my way, I figured the customer would, too," Tang said.

The innovation became a hard selling point in winning this year's Long Island Youth Entrepreneur Challenge on Tang's second try. The popular contest allows students between the ages of 17 and 22 to submit business ideas to a panel



Pink Nori adds different flavors and ingredients to attract younger crowds. Photo courtesy Jesse Tang

of professionals. Tang will use the \$10,000 prize for marketing his first restaurant.

Pink Nori, at 36-06 30th Ave., is named for mamenori, processed soybean paper that is used to wrap sushi, an alternative to the traditional nori, that is made with seaweed, Tang explained. He has another

innovation in store for his customers: Non-traditional flavors are introduced to other dishes, like sashimi.

"I like to use jalapeno with the yellow tail, salmon with cream and cherry tomato. I use jalapeno and even potato chips," Tang said.

A resident of Fresh Meadows, Tang chose to

open his 50-seat restaurant in Astoria because of its reputation for fine restaurants.

Tang pointed out that "30th Avenue is bustling right now and it's only getting better. The neighborhood is big with young people because it's close to Manhattan but cheaper to live there. It's very big with recent graduates."

He is following in his father's footsteps. Danny Tang, 55, has owned three traditional-style Japanese restaurants and he did not understand Jesse's make-it-yourself sushi idea.

"He thought the idea was crazy, but now he thinks it will catch young people's attention because young people today like to try different things with their food," Tang said.

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Borough green markets offer fresh food all year long

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Winter may be the time of year to pack on a few extra pounds of padding to insulate oneself against the polar vortex, but that doesn't mean you have to put your healthy eating habits into hibernation until the spring.

A handful of green markets across the borough offer fresh food year-round, even in the dead of winter.

"If you go to the supermarket, they still have produce, but it's imported from outside the area," said Dr. Marcy Stein-Albert, who helped establish the year-round greenmarket at Queens Hospital Center in Hillcrest a few years ago. "We make the case that folks should be buying it in season at the market."

Fresh foodstuffs like kale, sweet potatoes, beets and celery are grown in hothouses at upstate farms

and trucked to the lobby of the hospital's ambulatory care pavilion every Friday when the market is open to patients, staff and the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"They come from an hour and a half away and they're picked at the peak of freshness when all the nutrients are there," the pediatrics doctor said. "It's great."

Stein-Albert helped start the market about five years ago as an extension of the pediatric department's healthy lifestyles program, and she said it offers a great alternative to unhealthy habits, such as those that may be reinforced by seasonal affective disorder.

"The vending machines have, let's say, questionable choices," she said.

A pair of the GrowNYC markets whose annual return across the city marks the changing of seasons, are open year-round as



Norma Bermeo shops for carrots at the Jackson Heights Greenmarket, one of a handful of markets in Queens open year-round.

well.

Both the Forest Hills greenmarket, at Queens Boulevard and 70th Avenue, and the Jackson Heights outpost, at 34th Avenue and 78th Street, are open Sundays and accept

food stamps and Women, Infants and Children/Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupons.

The market at Forest Hills, in front of the post office, is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and features exclusive-

ly in the winter beef, pork, chicken and eggs from Haywood's Fresh farm in Columbia County in the Hudson Valley.

The region's Ronnybrook Farm Dairy also offers Empire State milk, yo-

gurt, butter and ice cream.

In Jackson Heights, shoppers who turn exclusively into carnivores this time of year can drop in between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. to peruse offerings such as turkeys from DiPaola Turkeys in New Jersey, grass-fed and grain-finished Angus beef from Maple Avenue Farm in central New York and heritage-breed ducks from Hudson Valley Duck Farm in Sullivan County.

Both markets also host composting events where food scraps can be transformed into nutrient-rich soils to be used by parks, conservation groups, community gardeners and street-tree caretakers — once the ground thaws, that is.

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Miller seeks to keep street parking for N.Y. cars

BY SARINA TRANGLE

State Assemblyman Michael Miller (D-Woodhaven) only wants to see yellow and navy plates when he looks out on the street at night.

Miller said he is finishing a bill that would ban vehicles that are not registered with the state from parking on city streets overnight. He said the prevalence of non-New York license plates in his district has him convinced weeding out unregistered cars would ease parking problems.

"There are some people who look to avoid registration here and New York insurance rates," Miller said. "It's not fair to the people who pay to park here. They pay the higher rate and higher fees."

The measure would apply to any city with at least 1 million residents

and provide exemptions for New Yorkers with homes in other states as well as passes for visitors and vacationers.

Drivers that become residents of the city have 30 days to register their cars with the state. Fees for transferring a car registration run from \$26 to \$140 depending on the weight of the vehicle, according to the state Department of Motor Vehicles website.

People who do not register their cars in New York within 30 days of becoming a state resident can be ticketed.

The NYPD said last year it issued 248,038 tickets for drivers with expired New York registration stickers. The violation costs \$65, according to the city website.

Police handed out 12,422 moving violations for unregistered cars in 2013. The Department of



State Assemblyman Michael Miller plans to introduce legislation prohibiting drivers from parking cars that are not registered in New York on city streets overnight.

Motor Vehicles said such penalties can cost between \$75 and \$300.

The NYPD said it does not enforce registration maintenance for documents issued in other states.

Miller said he has not finished researching how many non-New York cars sit on city streets overnight or put together an estimate of how much registration revenue goes uncollected.

"I know the police officers in my district. They are doing so many other things and looking for these vehicles is just not their priority," Miller said. "We're thinking about who can tow the car. We may get the local marshals involved."

He also has not hashed out the penalty system that would be used to tow unregistered cars and fine their owners.

Community Board 9 Chairwoman Betty Bratton said out-of-state plates are a frequent sight, especially near John F. Kennedy International Airport.

"They're all over the place," Bratton said. "We hear more about cars parked for a length of time ... the cars may be left there for weeks, sometimes months, and they never move."

Andrea Crawford, chairwoman of CB 9's

Transportation Committee, said parking woes were common in Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens, but she did not think the streets were clogged with cars from other states.

"I understand that people register in Pennsylvania or New Jersey for insurance purposes, but if they live here, I don't know if it would change anything," said Crawford. "When you drive around the streets of Kew Gardens, you're not seeing out-of-state plates."

Crawford said CB 9 has been advocating for a residency parking system that would permit drivers to purchase stickers authorizing them to park in their neighborhood while barring others from doing so.

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Lion dancers march along Main Street during last year's Lunar New Year parade in Flushing.

Photo by Christina Santucci

Queens prepares for the **YEAR OF THE HORSE**

Annual parade, performances and cultural events around the borough mark major Asian holiday

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

It's time to ring in Lunar New Year 2014: the Year of the Horse. The spirit of the horse is said to be energetic, bright, warm-hearted, intelligent and able.

In many homes throughout

Queens, families have been getting ready to welcome the Lunar New Year. This is the biggest, most important and most-beloved festival of the lunar calendar, commonly celebrated in the Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, and Malaysian communities, among others.

Cultural festivities — based on age-old traditions and a rich history dating back centuries — begin Friday, Jan. 31, and continue for 15 days.

“We are delighted that we are able to celebrate such a joyous time of the year. Since the inception of this festival at

Flushing Town Hall, the Lunar New Year events have been able to bridge generational divides and unify cultures throughout Queens and abroad,” Ellen Kodadek, executive and artistic director at Flushing Town Hall, said. “It's a wonderful way to kick off the dawn of a new year.”

Many households kick off the Chinese New Year or Luni-solar New Year with a thorough cleaning — sweeping away any bad luck that may have accumulated over the past year. This is considered an important ritual, along with painting doors and window panes in shades of lucky red.

Then, on New Year's Eve, families traditionally gather together and spend the evening chatting and bonding, while preparing batches of Chinese dumplings (Jiaozi). According to ancient Chinese culture, good luck is bestowed upon the one who finds the dumpling that includes a hidden coin.

During this time, certain foods symbolize abundance and

good fortune (something everyone can benefit from), so it's customary to hand out tangerines and oranges to children and guests, while also serving up a Tray of Togetherness — sometimes filled with lotus seeds and lychee nuts — thus ensuring a sweet beginning to the New Year.

Each year, Asians throughout the world celebrate the Lunar New Year, officially called the Spring Festival. And in Flushing, preparations are under way, as the community goes into full-blown celebration mode once again becoming the center of Lunar New Year festivities in New York City.

“As there are more Asians living in Flushing than in Manhattan's Chinatown, it is safe to say that companies, nonprofits, restaurants and residents will all get involved in the fun, which will include street festivals, colorful kites, art, and a magical atmosphere,” Rob MacKay, director of public relations, mar-

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No winter slowdown for Queens theater scene

Have you missed me? It's been several weeks since my last column, and I was hoping for a barrage of letters, e-mails, texts and phone calls seeking my whereabouts and an immediate resumption of The Play's The Thing. After all, I've been writing this column since June 2007, and some of you may have gotten in the habit of reading it.

Whatever!

This season of the winter of our discontent is also awards season. Starting with year-end 10 best lists and the Golden Globes, the professionals in movies, television and theater compete for honors and recognition. It's all very subjective



Ronald B. Hellman
The Play's The Thing

with opinions all over the place, but it means a lot at the box office and in the pay check.

In local theater it's another story. Some words of encouragement and a good review are usually all that it takes. To that end, the TimesLedger last week published its first ever Queens Kudos Awards, judged by QGuide editor and theater buff **Kevin Zimmerman**. Kevin gets around, but by

no means has he seen it all. So if you have your own candidates who merit special praise, let's hear from you. The whole idea, just like this column, is to generate publicity and support for our very active Queens theater community.

Performing on stage and screen can sometimes be hazardous, and not just in the notorious and recently closed "Spider-Man" on Broadway. **Debbie Starker**, creator and editor of "Deb's Web," an online newsletter of local theater happenings, was in a terrible accident in mid-November during a performance of "A Christmas Carol." She fell off a catwalk and broke sev-

eral bones, and now faces months of painful recovery and rehab. Too weak and distracted to attend to her website, which she has published for a dozen years or so, never before missing a week, and all as an unpaid service to us theater people, Debbie deserves our thoughts and good wishes. You can reach her at tistar@optimum.net.

Shakespeare seems more popular than ever, judging by all the recent productions around town. On Valentine's weekend, Feb. 14-16, you'll have four chances to see the bard's enchanting romantic comedy "Twelfth Night," an Aquila Theatre production at Queens Theatre (718-760-

0064).

Not to be missed is the latest tango offering at the Thalia Spanish Theatre in Sunnyside, running week-ends from Jan. 31 to March 23. On Feb. 14, there's a special performance with a wine and tapas reception with the stars of the show. If you want to make all those moves yourself, à la the tango scene in "Scent of A Woman," sign up for Thalia's tango dance workshop which starts Feb. 1.

New York's leading mystery dinner theater group, The Killing Kompany, performs throughout the metropolitan area, making its next stop in Queens on Feb. 1, at Riccardo's in Astoria. The original show

is "The Super Bowl Murders!," just in time for the big game the next day. Call 1-888 SHOOT-EM.

Michael Wolf, one of the most popular of Queens actors and a mainstay of the Douglaston Community Theatre, has e-mailed all his "dearest cohorts" to let them know that he is crossing the border into Nassau County to take a role in "Death of A Salesman" at the Merrick Theatre. Definitely worth the trip.

For all my loyal readers who have made it this far, you have earned your own award.

Contact Ron Hellman at RBHOFC@gmail.com.

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keting and tourism at the Queens Economic Development Corp., said.

The highlight of any Lunar New Year celebration remains the parade through Flushing. This year's Saturday, Feb. 8, event steps off at 11 a.m. near the intersection of 37th Avenue and Union Street. The Flushing Chinese Business Association, which organizes the parade, expects more than 8,000 people to march this year.

But events actually begin this weekend at the Queens Museum with its Lunar New Year Family Celebration.

For the first time, the



A marcher dressed like a Taiwanese warrior in last year's parade.

Photo by Christina Santucci

New York Chinese Cultural Center brings its signature program of traditional and modern dances, such as the Red Ribbon and Double Fan, to the museum. There will also be arts and crafts activities like calligraphy and dough figurine mak-

ing before and after the dances.

"The magic of Queens lies in our unequalled diversity. It means we can celebrate holidays like Dia de los Muertos in the fall and the Lunar New Year in the winter," Tom Finkelpearl, executive director of the Queens Museum, said. "We invite people of all ages to help us welcome the Year of the Horse in true Queens Museum fashion, with a festive afternoon of dance performances and art workshops for the whole family."

Events over at Flushing Town Hall begin on the actual Lunar New Year's Day, Jan. 31, and continue through the end of February or even later.

Highlights include concerts from Korean musicians, a mask-making workshop, sessions on the art of calligraphy and a mash-up of dance performances from China, Taiwan, Korea and beyond.

"Personally, I hope to get in on some of this fun, too, and I plan to attend the Lunar New Year Dance Sampler at Flushing Town Hall on Feb. 16, with my two daughters," MacKay said. "Simply put, there are so many reasons to love Queens, where we have so many authentic cultural activities, and people really get along well."

For those of you who celebrate the Lunar New Year, a word of advice, based on ancient customs: Remember not to clean your home for the first few days of the New Year. If you do any sweeping during this time, you risk sweeping away your good luck in the year ahead.

THEATER CALENDAR

PRODUCTIONS

"This Prison Where I Live"

— The second play in Angela Iannone's Edwin Booth trilogy takes audiences to 1879 when the actor is visited by the ghost of his infamous brother, John Wilkes Booth.

When: Through Sunday, Jan. 26

Where: The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island

Cost: \$15/advance, \$18/at door

Contact: (347) 738-5602
Website: www.titantheatrecompany.com

"The Little Mermaid Jr." —

Join Ariel and her friends under the sea in this adaptation of the Broadway musical.

When: Friday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 2; Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday at 2 pm

Where: Rockaway Theatre Co., The Post Theatre, Building T4, Fort Tilden
Cost: \$10/adults, seniors and children
Contact: (718) 374-6400
Website: www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org

"Not Your Mama's Fairy Tales or: In Real Life, Everything Sucks" —

The TRUF Theater Co. presents an irreverent spin on three classic fairy tales.

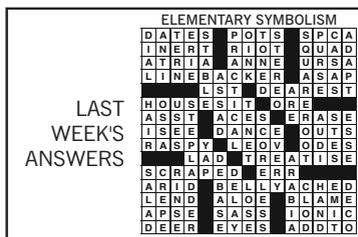
When: Friday, Jan. 24 to Saturday, Feb. 8

Where: The Chain Theatre, 21-28 45th Road, Long Island City
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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By Ed Canty
Turducken



Across

- They're heard at Heathrow?
- "Cheep" homes?
- B.S., e.g.
- "Beat ___ to..."
- "___ Thief" (1950 movie)
- Foe of the Navajo
- Turducken, perhaps
- 'Memory' singer?
- Avoid finishing a sentence?
- 12th graders: Abbr.
- Play for laughs?
- Behaved like a lead balloon?
- Insect you can see in the dark
- Dogma
- Buck overseas?
- Barcelona Olympics prize
- Closing document
- Base for a stew
- Hair goops
- They may reach a bit
- One to one, for one
- Bubbly drinks
- Vietnamese festivals
- Act human?
- London trolley
- Base runner's lot, sometimes
- Babe Ruth, perhaps
- Stable parent
- Sweater?
- Bar bill
- Cuomo's successor
- "Raiders of the Lost ___"
- Nothing much, to farmers?
- Needle point?
- Accord maker
- Ear-relevant
- Mary ___ cosmetics
- Car bomb?
- Cell mate?

Down

- Gross-weight deduction
- Abbrs. on letters to Gls
- Common powder
- "Finally!"
- Astronaut Alan
- Easter beginning?
- Baseballer Slaughter
- Aid in avoiding the draft?
- Actress O'Shea
- Pre-coll. exam
- Like Chaplin's walk
- Amazon business
- Big name in oil
- Naysayer
- Roamin' Catholic?
- Baby bouncer?
- Massage
- Lady and the Tramp, e.g.
- After-dinner sandwich?
- Abrupt way to quit
- Applies polish to?
- One for the road?
- "Thundering" group
- "Beetle Bailey" bellower
- Circus insurance?
- Army band
- Lose zip
- Adirondack lake
- Modus operandi
- Trawler's catch
- Hit bottom?
- "___ Doone" (1869 novel)
- Farmers' needs
- A follower?
- "Drome" lead-in
- New Jersey's ___ University
- Doing nothing
- Señor Guevara
- ___ Kan dog food

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Lunar New Year events

Queens Museum
New York City Building,
Flushing Meadows Corona
Park
(718) 592-9700
New York Chinese Cultural Center program
Jan. 26: Experience Chinese culture up close with traditional and modern dance performances as well as arts and crafts activities. 1 pm - 4 pm, \$8/suggested donation

Flushing Town Hall
137-35 Northern Blvd.
(718) 463-7700, ext. 222
Jan. 31: Young Joo Song Quartet, one of Korea's leading jazz artists, perform at 8 pm, \$15/general admission, \$10/members and students
Feb. 2: Korean Mask Making Workshop, at 1 pm, \$10/general, \$8/members and students, includes materials
Feb. 7: Gamin and Wind & Stone, traditional and contemporary sounds of Korean music, at 8 pm, \$15/general, \$10/members and students

Feb. 8 to March 30: Korean Folk Painting Exhibition includes 60 artworks from the Baraem Art Research Institute in Korea. Opening reception, Feb. 8 at 6 pm, \$5/general
Feb. 9: Make Your Wish

on Hanji, Write New Year's wishes on traditional Korean mulberry paper to create a unique piece of art, at 1 pm, \$10/general, \$8/members and students, includes material
Feb. 10 to March 10: Lunar New Year Exhibition, On loan from the Taipei Cultural Center, these works includes a variety of printing techniques, including silk screen, woodblocks, intaglio and others
Feb. 16: New Year Dance Sampler, demonstrations of dance from China, Korea, Taiwan and India, at 1 pm, free, but tickets are required
Feb. 16: Calligraphy on Silk, learn basic calligraphy and write New Year's wishes on silk fans, at 3 pm, \$10/general, \$8/members and students, includes material
Feb. 23: Live from the POEMobile, performances by Korean poets with traditional music and dance, at 6:30 pm, free

Flushing Parade

Feb. 8: The annual parade steps off at 11 am near the intersection of 37th Avenue and Union Street, then heads down 39th Avenue to Sanford Avenue and then onto Main Street en route to Queens Crossing.

Queens Botanical Garden
43-50 Main St., Flushing
(718) 886-3800

Forest Hills theater troupe stages a fanciful farce

Community acting group First String Players hit the boards with comical show 'Kiss Or Make Up'

BY MERLE EXIT

IF YOU GO

"Kiss Or Make Up"

When: Saturday, Jan. 25, 8pm; Sunday, Jan. 26, 2pm; Saturday, Feb. 1, 8pm; Sunday, Feb. 2, 2pm
Where: Our Lady of Mercy, 70-01 Kessel St., Forest Hills
Cost: \$10
Contact: (718) 268-6143
Website: firststringplayers.org

First String Players hopes to heat things up this season with a comic production to combat the winter doldrums.

Located at Our Lady of Mercy, in Forest Hills, "Kiss Or Make Up," a comedy farce written by Jack Sharkey, is being performed the weekends of Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.

Paul Morisi is producing, while his sister Stef Morisi is directing. Their mom is on the house staff and their dad, Steve, has a role in the show, making this play, as Stef termed it, "a family affair."

Steve Morisi founded the group several years ago after having to move from one venue to another before finding this current home.

Theater runs through the Morisi family's veins.

As a student at Mary

Lewis Academy, Stef acted in shows before turning to running the show.

"My first full-length show directing was 'Beau Jest' in 2012," she said.

Although Mary Lewis Academy is an all-girls' school, boys have been brought in when it comes to filling theater roles. Liam MacLarty was one of them. In this production he portrays a bumbling cop, as he puts it.



Director Stef Morisi (r.) goes over the script with cast members from the First String Players production of "Kiss Or Make Up."

"I love playing these type of character roles," MacLarty said.

The plot of "Kiss Or Make Up" revolves around architect Morgiana Kendrick (Jennifer Toomey), who has found true love at last in Hanley Swope (Johnny Culver). He's a city planner for whom she

has designed the zoo's new crocodile house.

The problem is that, to stop incessant queries as to why she's not married, over the years she has created an imaginary husband and daughter. Now the Treasury Department, in the person of neophyte agent Barney Benson (Ma-

cLarty), is investigating why her husband has not paid taxes.

Morgy cons her neighbor, Kirsten Charlotte "Casey" Delevan (Kellie Alberici), into posing as her daughter for Hanley's visit.

However, Casey's fiancé, Franklin McHugh (James Rosa), a ladies' wear

buyer for a large store, shows up to announce their engagement and she tries to palm off Barney as her visiting brother.

A policeman (Steve Morisi) arrives to investigate a Peeping Tom report, thanks to Barney's inept surveillance as all are attacked by parasitic crocodile crabs just when the fiancé's Bostonian socialite mother, Eloise Fitzpatrick McHugh (Rachael Tole-dorf), shows up to meet her son's intended.

Alberici, who tends to try out for musicals, is just as happy to be part of this comical performance.

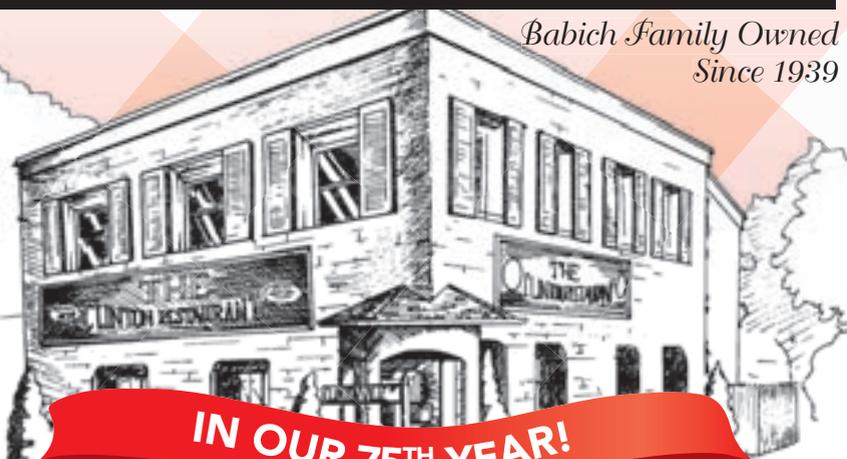
"Theater is more than a hobby for me, and I am looking to pursue the Broadway stage as a possible goal," Alberici said. "As for community theater, it's about meeting new people and adding to the dynamics of acting."

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Queens Council on the Arts celebrates grant winners

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BY KERLERN RAE TUITT

The Queens Council on the Arts will host an open house Wednesday to honor those artists selected for the 2014 Queens Arts Fund and Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide program

This year, the QAF will award \$175,000 to 47 different art organizations and 31 individual Queens artists in the areas of visual arts, theater, multimedia, film, literary arts, dance and music. The grants are given to artists and nonprofits which provide arts and cultural programming specifically to Queens citizens.

"The funds will go to good use for our essential operating expenses, including covering fees for special films and music, and stipends for our staff," said QAF grant recipient Alan Webber, of the Rural Route Film Festival.

The open house will also recognize the 11 artists selected to participate in senior center arts programming through SPARC's competitive application process. The artists were given stipends to host a series of workshops with se-



Andrea Odezynska, director of "Felt, Feelings and Dreams," Alan Webber from Rural Route Films and Marlo Poras, director of "The Mosuo Sisters," display a Kyrgyz shyrak rug that was featured in Odezynska's film. Rural Route Films received a QAF grant this year.

niors in different categories of art including dance, drawing, quilt making, painting and embroidery.

Photographic artist Shari Diamond was chosen to host a 12-week digital photography workshop at the Services Now for Adult Persons in Queens Village. She said she was thrilled to collaborate with other SPARC residents and artists from different centers and to work with the community.

"The group developed a relationship with one another through sharing their lives, through the process of learning photography and having a common interest," Diamond of New York City said.

The free event is an opportunity for artists to meet other artists and QCA program directors, but also to share details about their funded projects.

"If the general public wants to come to a gathering with some of the most creative people in their borough and network, then they are welcome," QCA Managing Director Lynn Lobell said.

The open house takes place at the QCA's office, 37-11 35th Ave. in Astoria, from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 29.

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THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

For the most up-to-date listing of events happening in Queens, check TimesLedger's website at www.timesledger.com/sections/calendar

EVENTS

Lunar New Year Celebration –

Welcome the Year of the Horse with the New York Chinese Cultural Center's costumed folk dancers, Lion Dance and traditional arts and crafts.

When: Sunday, Jan. 26, 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Queens Museum, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: \$8/suggested adults, \$4/suggested seniors and students, Free/children under 12
Contact: (718) 592-9700

Website: www.queensmuseum.org

Lunar New Year at Queens Botanical Garden –

After watching the Flushing Lunar New Year Parade, head to the Garden for more festivities, craft activities and musical performances.

When: Saturday, Feb. 8, 1 pm - 4 pm

Where: Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing

Cost: Free, additional fees for some craft activities

Contact: (718) 886-3800

Website: www.queensbotanical.org

FILM

See It Big! Musicals – The Museum of the Moving Image turns its attention to movie musicals on the big screen. Screenings include, "All That Jazz" on Jan. 24, "The Sound of Music" on Jan. 25 and "Gigi" on Jan. 26.

When: Jan. 24 to Feb. 28

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

Cost: Screenings free with museum admission – \$12/adults, \$9/seniors and students, \$6/children 3 to 12

Contact: (718) 777-6888

Website: www.movingimage.us

"The Gatekeepers" –

Queens Community Cultural Judaism screens the 2012 Israeli documentary, which examines the country's Shin Bet, its Secret Service, through interviews with six former heads of the agency.

When: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 pm

Where: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens, 147-54 Ash Ave., Flushing

Cost: \$5/suggested donation

Contact: (718) 380-5362

MUSIC

Alex Blake Quartet – Blake is a modern bass virtuoso celebrated for his technical mastering of the upright double bass as well as the electric bass.

When: Friday, Jan. 24, 8 pm

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

Cost: \$15/general, \$10/members and students

Contact: (718) 463-7700

Website: flushingtowhall.org

VH1's Super Bowl Blitz with J. Cole –

The hip-hop artist kicks off a week of concerts around the City that will be broadcast live on the cable music channel.

When: Monday, Jan. 27, Doors at 9:30 pm, Concert at 11 pm

Where: Colden Auditorium at Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing

Cost: \$37.50

Contact: (718) 793-8080

Website: www.kupferbergcenter.org

Young Joo Song Quartet –

Song is one of Korea's leading jazz pianist, who now lives in New York.

When: Friday, Jan. 31, 8 pm

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

Cost: \$15/general,

\$10/members and students

Contact: (718) 463-7700

Website: flushingtowhall.org

DANCE

Take Root at Green Space –

The monthly series of providing choreographers a venue to produce their work presents The Moving Architects and Yael Nachajon.

When: Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25, 8 pm

Where: Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Long Island City

Cost: \$10

Website: www.greenspacestudio.org

Cost: \$15

Website: www.greenspacestudio.org

Fertile Ground –

Green Space's series presents five to six emerging and established dance artists each month in a non-curated performance. The evening includes a post-performance discussion with wine and cheese.

When: Sunday, Jan. 26, 7 pm

Where: Green Space, 37-24 24th St., Long Island City

Cost: \$10

Website: www.greenspacestudio.org

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Theater

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Cost: \$18

Website: www.thetruf.org

"Kiss or Make Up" – The First String Players presents Jack Sharkey's comedy of mistaken identity, federal foolishness and desperate romance.

When: Saturday, Jan. 25, 8 pm; Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 pm; Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 pm; and Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 pm

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

Cost: \$10/general seating

Contact: (718) 268-6143

Website: sites.google.com/site/firststringplayers/

"Twelfth Night" – The Aquila Theatre presents Shakespeare's comedy of romance, mystery and mistaken identity.

When: Friday, Feb. 14, 2 pm; Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 pm and 8 pm; and Sunday, Feb. 16, 3 pm

Where: Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. South, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: \$25 - \$49

Contact: (718) 760-0064

Website: queenstheatre.org

"The Uninvited" – This supernatural thriller, presented by the Parkside Players, centers on a charming house in England with a dark secret.

When: Saturday, Feb. 15 to Saturday, March 1; Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, 103-15 Union Turnpike, Forest Hills

Cost: \$17/adults, \$15/seniors, \$10/children

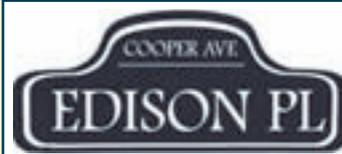
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Website: www.parksideplayers.com

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Parks Department unveils Rockaway Boardwalk plans

Letters spelling out the beach's name along the walkway will be visible from airplanes, tall buildings

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Plans to replace the Rockaway boardwalk may put the peninsula on a map in a whole new way.

The city Parks Department unveiled plans last week to use various tones or etchings on the walkway to spell out Rockaway in letters large enough to be read from airplanes.

John Cori, founder of Friends of Rockaway Beach, said he anticipated the marquee luring tourists and economic activity.

"We're getting our own Hollywood sign," he said. "Millions of people fly to JFK every year and they're going to be French tourists, people from Japan saying, 'What's this Rockaway?' And they'll say, 'We got to check it out.'"

Parks said it had not decided on the color or size of the font, but planned to

spread the letters throughout the 5-mile boardwalk.

The department released renderings of the first phase of its project to rebuild the walkway swept away by Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Designs call for sand berms to be piled between the 40-foot-wide boardwalk and the ocean. Additionally, Parks has agreed to install metal walls called baffles behind the boardwalk to prevent sand and water from drifting onto the street during major storms.

This spring, contractors will begin using sand-colored concrete slabs to resurrect the wooden boardwalk between Beach 86th and 98th streets. Officials said the structure would be more elevated and secure than its predecessor.

Parks has divided the



The city unveiled renderings for the new Rockaway Boardwalk at the January Community Board 14 meeting.

Photo courtesy of the city Department of Parks and Recreation

project into five phases and intends to complete the entire project by Memorial Day 2017.

But the department said it would have to halt construction between Beach 17th and 73rd streets from April to September to ensure that an endangered bird species is not put at risk.

State Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (D-Rock-

away Beach) said he and Community Board 15 were pleased with the plans and park's timeline.

He said Piping Plovers, a stocky, sand-colored shorebird, have been around since before he was born and he understood the need to work around their nesting season.

"I'm hoping we can find a way to alleviate some of the problems that

the plover is causing. If Parks can't work in one area, then let them try to work double time in another," Goldfeder said. "We only get one chance to do it right. While I'd love to get it done as quickly as possible, I'm more concerned that we not only build a beautiful boardwalk, but one that will last and protect the community."

Some Rockaway residents were less forgiving about the 2017 completion date.

Cori said if another community lost its natural attractions, the city would move much quicker.

"Imagine if Central Park closed. All the people that lived along Fifth Avenue and Central Park West would be furious. There would be heads rolling," Cori said, noting that Parks only committed to rebuild the boardwalk af-

ter Rockaway rallied for it. "The sense of urgency is really not that critical for the people who are running the project."

He said the beaches were man-made, not originally a habitat for the piping plover, which could easily be moved to Jamaica Bay.

Zachary Feder, a Parks spokesman, said the moratorium emerged from the department's discussions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He noted that Parks planned to build a temporary walkway between Beach 35th and 39th streets this summer, which would give beach visitors a continuous boardwalk through Beach 9th to 60th streets.

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Business

B'klyn company supplies boro businesses

M. Fine Lumber recycles vintage wood reclaimed from buildings for use in bars and restaurants

BY BILL PARRY

M. Fine Lumber Co. may be in Brooklyn, but its best customers are in western Queens.

"The last couple of years Astoria became the No. 1 purchaser of antique wood followed by Long Island City," Joe Pepe, M. Fine's sales manager, said. "It seems like every day we're filling orders for a new bar or restaurant in those neighborhoods."

And Pepe, 31, should know. He moved to Astoria seven years ago and became a fixture in the nightlife and music scene. He is a guitarist with two bands, Illimanjaro (rock/hip-hop) and Dirty Wings (indy punk rock). Pepe believes his music career helps him with his day job, saying, "Just hanging out in the Astoria nightlife helps you make all kinds of connections."

For example, Pepe likes to spend time at The Sparrow Tavern, at 24-01 29th St., where he became friends with owner Evan Roumeliotis, who was in the process of building a new restaurant. Roumeliotis and his carpenter spent 10 months constructing the

interior of Mars, at 34-21 34th St., using reclaimed and vintage wood from M. Fine Lumber, through Pepe.

Other bars and restaurants dealing with Pepe include Sweet Afton, at 30-09 34th St.; The Strand Smokehouse, at 25-27 Broadway; Olde Prague Tavern, at 28-43 31st St.; Milkflower, at 34-12 31st Ave.; and Sweet DiWine, at 41-15 31st Ave.

"I think the owners are pretty pleased with my connections," Pepe said.

M. Fine Lumber has been recycling vintage lumber in New York City for nearly 80 years and is the leading supplier in the tri-state area. All the lumber is reclaimed from buildings throughout the city. The company purchases the support beams and floor joists, removes all the nails and metal and re-cuts it to custom dimensions.

Bars and restaurants favor the old lumber because it is stronger and more beautiful than any new lumber you can buy, according to Pepe. The material is used to create a rustic look for floors, wall paneling, ceilings and table and bar tops.

"The look became real-



Above: Many of the new bars and restaurants in Astoria turn to a local musician for the antique wood they use for interiors.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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Statue

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statue or how much it would cost for a modern rendition. Because the church and police could not find the head, repairing the Virgin Mary figurine is not an option.

"You wouldn't be able to fashion a model head on it. It would look like a wound," Fitzsimmons said, noting that parish staff

estimate the statue was 50 years old. "Usually you would not replace it with marble, you would do something cast in cement."

He said a parish pastoral council committee would discuss all the logistics.

In the meantime, Fitzsimmons said the church grounds have a few other religious sculptures, including one of the Virgin Mary, that offer passers-by a moment of devotion.

The priest said St. Mary Gate of Heaven did not have security cameras, but officers planned to review surveillance from nearby buildings.

"People are offended and hurt and feel a little bit violated," Fitzsimmons said. "I'm glad the police are taking it seriously."

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Parade

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the busiest shopping days of the year for Flushing businesses.

After years in which service disruptions on the No. 7 train have marred the Lunar New Year parade weekend, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said it would honor a commitment not to disrupt service this year for repairs.

"We thank the MTA for postponing scheduled

repairs to the No. 7 train to accommodate Lunar New Year celebrations. This arrangement was the result of a long negotiation with the MTA that started two years ago," said City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing). "Lunar New Year is one of the most important holidays for our community and by postponing the scheduled repairs until Feb. 28, the MTA has ensured that the public will have access to these important celebrations."

There will be performances and fireworks at

Queens Crossing, where the parade ends at 1 p.m.

After the parade, the Queens Botanical Garden will be hosting a variety of events, including a traditional Chinese tea ceremony, crafts for children and two sets by the New York Chinese Chorus accompanied by traditional Chinese instruments at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Fedkowskyj

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While on the PEP, Fedkowskyj and the four other members appointed by borough presidents often voted as a block, but were overpowered by the eight PEP members selected by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He frequently opposed plans to phase out schools and collocate new schools on existing campuses.

Yet Fedkowskyj said

he has supported mayoral control of the schools and wants to work on improving the centralized administration setup when it comes before the state Legislature in 2015.

"A lot of school communities feel shut out of the process, so we have to improve that," he said.

Lucy Accardo, a District 24 CEC member, said she met Fedkowskyj as a parent looking for assistance at the council meetings and was impressed with his organization and

transparency.

"I really hope he does consider running," she said.

Fedkowskyj would not be the first product of the District 24 CEC to pursue an Assembly seat.

In 2010, CEC President Nick Comaianni lost the Democratic primary to Assemblyman Michael Miller (D-Woodhaven).

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Council

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Crowley (D-Middle Village) will head the Fire and Criminal Justice Committee and Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) will be in charge of the Committee on State and

Federal Legislation.

Councilmen Peter Koo (D-Flushing) and Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) were named to head subcommittees under Land Use, and Councilmen Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica), Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) and Paul Vallone (D-Bayside) were each appointed chairmen of differ-

ent subcommittees.

Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) was one of a few lawmakers who was not named to chair a committee.

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Pavilion

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space. He soon decided to make a documentary about the history of the Pavilion.

"I spent about a year and a half trying to convince people to make a story about this building. After I did that for a couple years, I realized this story was going to die if someone didn't make this film," he said. "In doing the film, I started to create this network of people interested in seeing something done with it."

People for the Pavil-

ion emerged from that network.

Silva will also be announcing a Kickstarter campaign at the event Saturday to help fund his documentary, "Modern Ruin: A World's Fair Pavilion."

Saturday's event will take place at the Queens

Theater, at 14 United Nations Ave. S., at 2 p.m.

The organization plans to introduce itself, give a history of the Pavilion and provide details as to what its plans are going forward. Silva said People for the Pavilion hopes to function similarly to Friends of the High Line, a nonprofit that successfully worked with the Parks Department to create a public park on an elevated train line in western Manhattan.

"Ultimately what I want it to be is open to the public. Those towers are amazing and having them open to the public would be terrific," Silva said.

Taxes

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fewer properties than it did the year before.

The one significant increase in the borough came in the number of condo units available, which are up 1.17 percent. The market for condos is surging — up nearly 150 percent year to year — and many rental-building owners are finding it lucrative to convert their properties to condos.

Across all property types, the borough's assessment will rise more than

6 percent to \$26.6 billion, the highest of the outerboroughs.

Rental properties, which are assessed based on revenues, and co-ops, which are evaluated based on comparisons to similar rental properties, will see their tax bills go up 7.7 percent.

Commercial properties, which pay about 38 percent of the property taxes in the borough, will have their assessments rise 10.49 percent.

Each year the city assesses every property in the five boroughs as of Jan. 1. Owners of one-, two- and

three-family homes and condos have until March 17 to challenge their values, while March 3 is the deadline for all other properties.

The Finance Department and the city Tax Commission will hold outreach sessions in each borough in February to answer questions property owners may have about their assessments.

The Queens meeting is scheduled for Feb. 4 at the Queens Business Center in Jamaica, at 144-06 94th Ave., from 10 a.m. until noon.

Snow

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When in effect, DHS doubles its outreach efforts to assist homeless New Yorkers and provides shelter to any family or individual, regardless of whether they formally qualify for

housing.

Lisa Black, assistant commissioner of government and community relations for DHS, said the department had 12 vans searching for homeless people instead of the usual five or six.

As the storm set in Tuesday, she said the 311 line fielded 27 calls about

homeless individuals, up from the typical 10 to 12 on any given winter night.

"The public is really the best information source we have on days like this," Black said.

On Jan. 21, 51,649 individuals stayed in shelters compared to 51,371 people last Friday.

Aluminaire

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influence the LPC, according to Dorothy Morehead, a longtime real estate broker in the Gardens and a member of Community Board 2. "I thought it was an ingenious plot, but it didn't work," Morehead said,

Otterman refused to

comment.

"That's what we were hoping for," Conley said. "Now we're hoping the LPC stands by their decision through the appeals process."

Conley added that if Otterman wanted to unload the property the Community Board would like to acquire it and return it to its original state as a play-

ground.

"We're hoping to establish more greenspace — we'd love to open it back up to the public," he said.

Gianaris added, "Victories like this one cannot be understated as we seek to preserve the character of our neighborhoods as more and more people flock to western Queens."

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Molloy's Jason Cethoute drives to the basket.

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Defensive adjustment propels Molloy to win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The basketball players decided what defense to play in the second half against St. Francis Prep an easy one for Archbishop Molloy Coach Mike McCleary. It also was the right one.

The Stanners planned on switching between man-to-man and zone, but they allowed a backdoor layup to the Terriers' Brian Haggerty on the opening possession of the third quarter. McCleary called time out.

"I figured it was better to go to the zone at that point," he said.

The switch led to a huge third quarter that propelled Molloy to an eventual 76-67 home win over visiting St. Francis Prep in CHSAA Class AA boys' basketball last Friday night. Molloy kept the Terriers out of the paint and turned a huge rebounding advantage into transition points. St. Francis Prep's nine-point lead quickly turned to a 53-43 Stanners' advantage with 55 seconds

left in the third quarter thanks to a 13-0 run.

"We just had to play better defense," Molloy sophomore Aaron Walker said. "We were losing our man, so we went to the zone and we just went with it for the rest of the quarter. It worked."

Walker scored 16 of his team-high 21 points in the second half. Columbia-bound point guard C.J. Davis had 16 of his 20 points after the break and added nine points, nine assists and five steals. He tallied nine points during the game-changing run. Jason Cethoute added 14 points.

"Every time we needed a play made, he makes it," McCleary said of Davis. "He's playing like our best player."

St. Francis Prep, which led 32-27 at the half, thought it wasn't aggressive enough against the zone. The team moved the ball, but didn't really start attacking the seams in the defense until the fourth quarter.

"We were just swing-

Silva tops All-Queens team

St. Francis Prep's Franco Purificato named Coach of the Year

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Some familiar programs did some big things on the soccer pitch in Queens.

St. Francis Prep bested rival Archbishop Molloy 1-0 for its second CHSAA Class AA inter-sectional title in the last three years before falling in the Catholic state final. Monsignor McClancy took home its third straight CHSAA Class A city crown.

Over in the PSAL, Aviation did not make another magical run to the title game, but reached the semifinals for the third straight season along with division winner Bryant. Here are the players who made it another banner year in Queens:

All-Queens boys' soccer player of the year: Brandon Silva, St. Francis Prep

The senior midfielder spoke about how this was his team after winning a title as a support player as a sophomore. Silva then went out and made it his and the Terriers' year. He scored the winner in a 1-0 victory over Molloy in the city final. Silva, whose season ended with a red card in the start championship game, also recorded an assist on the winning goal in the semifinals against Fordham Prep.

All-Queens boys' soccer coach of the year, Franco Purificato, St. Francis Prep

It was by no means smooth sailing to the city title for the 15-year coach. Purificato kept the Terriers together as they over-

came injuries, suspensions and a rare loss to Xaverian. St. Francis Prep wasn't the clear favorite to win its sixth CHSAA 'AA' city title, but Purificato had his team together and playing its best soccer when it mattered most.

All-Queen's Boys' Soccer first Team
D Eric Alerte, Archbishop Molloy

Defense is the Stanners' calling card and it

remained that way because of the senior's work on the backline. His smarts, instincts and physical play helped Molloy allow just four goals during the reg-

ular season.

M Daniel Gutierrez, Bryant

The senior was the engine to the Bryant offense. Gutierrez dished out 19 assists and scored four goals. One of those scores came in a playoff win over Newtown. He made those around him better.

M Edgar Hernandez, Aviation

Hernandez put together a big-time season for an Aviation team that reached the PSAL Class AA semifinals. The senior scored 13 goals and dished out 13 assists and tallied a score in a quarterfinal victory over Bronx Science.

GK Chris Kilcarr, St. Francis Prep

The senior was one of the city's most athletic net minders, covering plenty of ground. His best performance came against Fordham Prep in the semifinals, when he made three sensational saves to secure a 2-0 win.

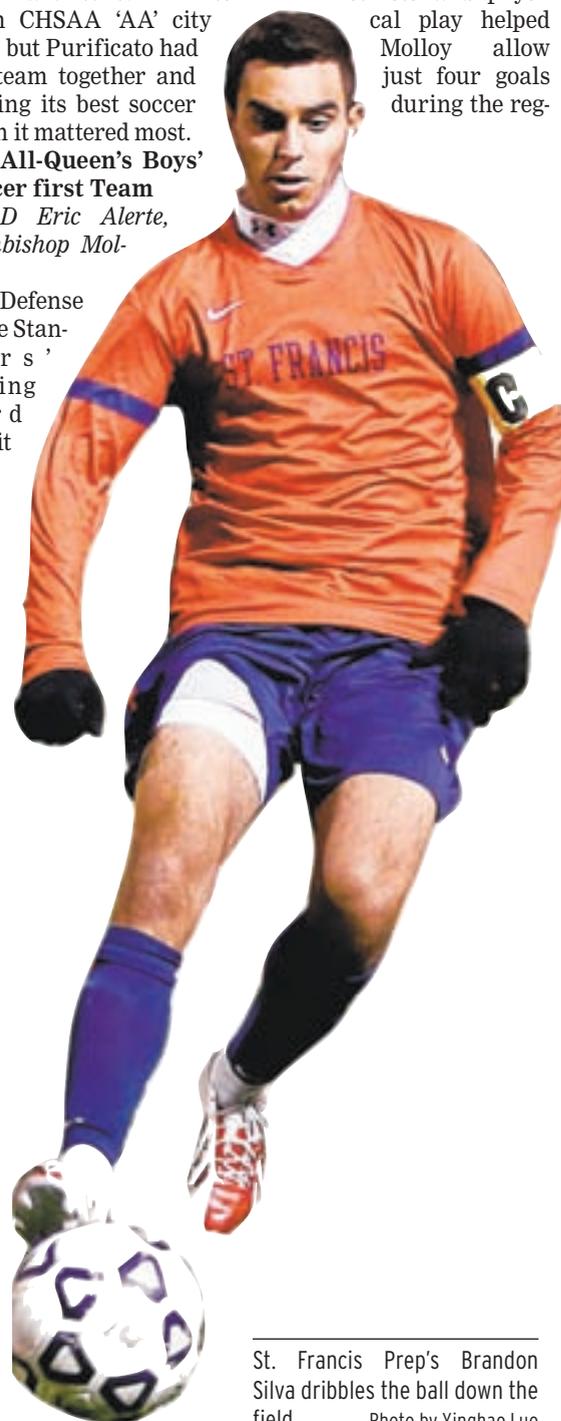
M Denes Kostel, Archbishop Molloy

Kostel remained one of the city's most explosive scorers. The senior overcame an early season concussion to notch 13 goals, including the winner against St. Francis Prep to secure the Brooklyn/Queens division title.

F Richardo Llanos, Bryant

Llanos posted the best season of his career with a team-leading 18 goals along with three assists. The senior recorded a hat trick in an early win over Aviation that set the tone for an unbeaten regular

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St. Francis Prep's Brandon Silva dribbles the ball down the field. Photo by Yinghao Luo

Cardozo grinds out win over Iona Prep

Ron Naclerio's Judges remain unbeaten after hard-fought victory at Big Apple Invitational

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Benjamin Cardozo Coach Ron Naclerio doesn't want his unbeaten team to stop enjoying winning even when the way they play doesn't make it feel like they did.

"What I was trying to harp on was never mess with winning," he said. "Don't ever get tired of winning and don't lie to yourself when we're trying to correct mistakes when we are winning."

The Judges boys' basketball team didn't play at their best in a frantic, hard-fought 38-31 victory against Iona Prep during the Big Apple Invitational at Baruch College Saturday night. There was plenty to correct — 24 percent shooting and 16 turnovers — but

Cardozo did win enough even when it wasn't at its best.

"We always find a way to win the game," senior forward Francisco Williams said. "At the end of the day if we are playing bad, we have to pick each other up."

He and frontcourt mate Carl Balthazar dominated the glass against an undersized Gaels team, playing without star Matt Ryan (hip). The 6-foot-7 Balthazar scored six points and grabbed 17 rebounds, tied for the fourth most ever at the event, to earn most valuable player honors. Williams had seven points and 12 boards and Rashond Salnave added eight points.

"We had to do whatever we had to do to get the ball back and not let them



Cardozo's Francisco Williams leaps over an Iona Prep defender during the game at Baruch College. Photo by Yinghao Luo

get shot," Balthazar said.

The Judges' best stretch came heading into halftime. They went into the break on a 6-0 run to take a 20-14 lead. Iona (9-6) got within 34-29 left in the game, but Williams, Salnave and Elijah McNeely combined to make five of six free throws to seal the win.

Cardozo's length kept the Gaels on the perimeter, where they shot just four of 22 from three-point range. Isaiah Ice led Iona with 13 points. Poor shooting plagued both teams. Cardozo (16-0) missed put backs and connected on just one three-pointer.

"Every time you come to Baruch, the rim seems like the toughest shooting rims alive, like the metal has extra iron in it," Na-

clerio said. "Unless you totally swish it, shots that you think are going in roll around the rim and out."

It is performances like this one that has the longtime coach describing the season as a roller coaster despite the team's record. Cardozo has made progress in wins over Construction and Brooklyn Collegiate and then struggled on other nights.

"It's like we are rolling, we get a little higher, we come back, we get a little higher, we come back," Naclerio said.

They never come completely down, still finding ways to come out on top.

"Let's get out of here with the win," Williams said. "That's all that really matters."

Close competition sparks interest in CHSAA boys' hoops season



Joseph Staszewski

Block Shots

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The parity in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens boys' basketball will make for a fun finish for the league's Queens teams.

In recent years, it's been pretty much a forgone conclusion who will compete for the title and likely reach the intersectional semifinals with Christ the King and Bishop Loughlin being the heavy favorites to make the title game.

Those schools are expected to be there again, but teams like St. Francis Prep, Archbishop Molloy and a suddenly surging Holy Cross believe they are

certainly in the mix midway through the year.

"There is no dominant team that is winning every game," Stanners senior C.J. Davis said. "Everybody is having either close games or an upset."

It will make for plenty of standing room-only crowds in Queens' gyms Friday nights when any of these teams square off, just like the Jack Curran Gymnasium last week when the Stanners faced off against St. Francis Prep. Molloy remained a game back of Christ the King and Loughlin for first-place, but has already lost to both. Then again, the Stanners only beat last place Xaverian just 53-49.

"I think anyone can win our league," Molloy Coach Mike McCleary said.

St. Francis Prep has recent losses to Holy Cross

and Molloy on the road, but can still make a late surge with plenty of home games coming. The Knights are currently playing their best basketball of the season after a slow start. They beat the Terriers and Iona Prep and suffered a narrow 59-53 defeat to early Archdiocesan and city champion favorite Cardinal Hayes, the only team without a league loss. The Queens teams are a combined 40-16 overall and 25-11 in league play.

"There is definitely more parity, without a doubt," SFP Coach Tim Leary said.

The legendary headman said his kids, who won just two league games last season, believe they can compete and win any contest they play now. The Terriers fell 72-59 to a Rawle Alkins-less Christ the King team and saw a tight game

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Francis Lewis hands Spellman first loss at Rose Classic tourney

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Francis Lewis' main goal is to win a PSAL Class AA city championship, but it also wants to show it is one of the best girls' basketball teams in New York City along the way. That means winning big non-league games along with its division games.

An impressive 66-52 victory over previously unbeaten Cardinal Spellman during the Rose Classic Super Jam at Nazareth Sunday is exactly what they were looking for.

"They were undefeated and we were trying to make a statement because we are young," Francis Lewis sophomore guard Sierra Green said. "We want teams to know we are coming for them."

She scored 12 of her 18 points in the first quarter. Robyn Francis tallied

12 points and Chi La Bady added 10 for Lewis (16-1). Jade Vega paced Spellman (13-1) with 16 points and Nijah Morgan added 14. The Patriots, and especially Bady, bottled up Michigan-bound wing Maria Backman and held her to just seven points.

"Maria is such a piece of their team," Lewis Coach Steve Tsai said. "We wanted to make sure we didn't get hurt. I think we did a good job of that."

The Patriots led by eight after the first quarter and scored the first six points of the second to grab a 29-18 lead. Bady had her way attacking the hoop in the middle two quarters.

"She kept getting to the basket," Green said.

Lewis led by as much 53-35 midway through the fourth quarter after Green buried her fourth three-pointer of the game, con-

verted a layup and Robyn Francis drove to the hoop for two to thwart any hope of a Spellman comeback.

St. Rose (N.J.) 60, Archbishop Molloy 40: Aryn McClure and Taylor Ilishaev Kurs scored 11 points each for Archbishop Molloy at the Rose Classic Super Jam. Nyasha Irizarry added seven points.

Molloy expected St. Rose, one of New Jersey's top teams, to be physical on defense, but they were more aggressive than anticipated. The Stanners never looked comfortable offensively.

"We have played a lot of physical teams so far," McClure said. "We have to get use to being aggressive back."

Molloy (8-7) survived a hard-luck shooting first half down just 25-15, but was eventually undone by a

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Queens native Holley heads to Florida after coach leaves

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Abraham Lincoln defensive tackle Thomas Holley dreaded his phone call more than a month ago to Florida football Coach Will Muschamp to tell him he was committing to Penn State.

Holley, a Queens native and Jamaica resident, had much better news to relay this time after Nittany Lions Coach Bill O'Brien left to lead the Houston Texans. He was decommitting from Penn State and heading to Florida.

"It was actually funny because I was calling Coach Muschamp and I was getting ready to tell him I was going to commit," Holley said. "He was like, 'Thomas, don't pull my chain. Are you for real?'"

Holley's world took a surreal turn in late December, less than two weeks after he gave his verbal commitment to Penn State and O'Brien. The coach's exit, along with defensive line Coach Larry Johnson heading to Ohio State, left Holley searching for a new school even after O'Brien told Holley he wasn't leaving before jumping ship.

"It was tough even when I was hearing about it and thinking that O'Brien was staying and he's gone," Holley said.

Added Lincoln Coach Shawn O'Connor, "He



Jamaica resident Thomas Holley is now slated to play football for Florida. Photo by Steve Solomonson

looked a little stressed out when O'Brien left."

Holley spoke with new Nittany Lions Coach James Franklin, but did not want to go through the whole recruiting process again and try to build new relationships with National Signing Day just two weeks away. Holley, one of the nation's top prospects, already had a close bond with Muschamp and Florida. The Gators were a close second to Penn State originally, but were further from home.

"It is just too difficult and too much," Holley said about getting to know a new staff. "I said just stick to what you know."

He said he has a chance to battle for a starting job right away on a Florida team that graduates a number of players on defense. Holley will also get to compete in the Southeast Conference, considered the best in college football.

The 6-foot-4, 305-pound Holley is the No. 3-ranked player at his position and

63rd overall in the nation by rivals.com. Holley, who had 67 tackles and seven sacks this season, helped lead Lincoln to the Public School Athletic League City conference football city title. He has played just 21 football games in his career after shifting his focus from basketball two years ago after transferring from Christ the King.

Holley competed along with some of the nation's top players in the Under Armour All-American game in St. Petersburg, Florida Jan. 2. He helped lead his team to win and got to dump a water cooler full of Gatorade on head Coach Steve Mariucci. Holley thought the experience would only help him be ready for what lies ahead in his career.

"It's just preparing me for college because that's what you are going to be doing everyday, especially playing in the SEC at a school like Florida."

All Queens

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season.

D Joe Lobosco, St. Francis Prep

The senior has been a stalwart on the backline during his three years on the varsity. The stopper brought an energy that was palpable to his teammates during their city title run.

M Juan Carlos Obregon, Christ the King

Obregon was the pace-setter at midfield for the Royals and it was usually fast and effective. The senior midfielder was the offensive catalyst. He scored seven goals and recorded 11 assists.

F Cesar Oviedo, Christ the King

The Royals took off once Oviedo returned from injury late in the season

and reached the semifinals. The creative and speedy senior forward recorded a team-leading 13 goals and was a dynamic force on the pitch.

M Brian Paredes, Newtown

The senior midfielder was one the borough's best clutch scorers. Paredes scored 18 goals and dished out six assists. He found the back of the net twice in an upset win over Cardozo in the post season.

GK John Young, Archbishop Molloy

Young flourished as Molloy's full-time keeper after splitting time a year ago. The much-improved senior with great instincts helped the Stanners post 12 regular season shutouts and reach the CHSAA Class AA title game.

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F Shaïem Allahmorad,

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M Nicolas Touros, Francis Lewis

F Rony Zino, Benjamin Cardozo

M Leo Dalesandro, St. Francis Prep

Molloy

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ing the ball around," SFP forward Jordan Santiago said. "Nothing was happening."

Added Davis: "I felt like they were thinking a lot. When you got somebody thinking a lot, they are iffy on taking a shot or making a move."

It was Santiago, who scored 23 points, and finally came alive in the final frame. Shane Herrity added 19 points and Michael Field chipped in 10.

The Terriers (12-5, 7-4) pulled within 64-59 on a Santiago layup with 3:23 remaining in the game, but



St. Francis Prep's Jordan Santiago shoots. Photo by Ken Maldonado

Gabe Kilpatrick answered with a three-pointer. SFP Coach Tim Leary thinks his team, which plays just six players regularly, may be hitting a wall physically after a fast start to the season. The Stanners (10-3, 6-2) had their way on the glass.

"We just need to be physically tougher," Leary said. "You saw what happened. They beat us up off the boards."

The victory was a big one for Molloy, which is coming off consecutive losses to Christ the King and Bishop Loughlin. It remains a game back of those teams for first place with the win. The Stanners' veterans are continuing to mess with their talented young players, like Walker, Isaac Grant and D'Ante Warren. The Stanners think their young players will only help them get better as the year progresses.

"They help us a lot," Walker said of the veterans. "At the end of the season we can be good."

CHSAA

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against Bishop Loughlin get away on the road.

"Anytime you have parity like this it makes every team better because you have to play hard and learn every game," Christ the King Coach Joe Arbitello said. "I think it will prepare the Brooklyn/Queens teams better for the playoffs."

St. Raymond and Iona

Prep have struggled behind Cardinal Hayes in the Archdiocese. It leaves the door open for three or more Brooklyn/Queens teams to reach the intersectional semifinals in March. Positioning yourself to do so makes every one of these January and February games that much more important.

"It's always a war no matter what game you play," McCleary said. "It's fun to play the games period."

It should be plenty of

Rose Classic

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hot shooting St. Rose team, which connected on 10 three-points in the game.

Kat Phipps led the Purple Roses with 20 points and helped give them a 44-21 lead after three quarters.

The Stanners were coming off a 70-64 victory over Osborne (Ga.) Saturday. Irizarry scored a game-high 26 points and Kaitlyn McMahon in the win.

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4	3	1	6	5	2	8	7	9

Week 31

Murder

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Their bodies were discovered by Garcia's 12-year-old cousin and other relatives Sunday evening in the Jamaica apartment the extended family shared, relatives said.

"I don't know what happened if the husband killed the kids," Garcia's uncle Romeo Chuc said Monday morning. "I cannot understand what happened."

Chuc said he arrived home around 5 p.m. Sunday with his 12-year-old and 10-year-old sons, and the door to the room that Garcia shared with her husband and the toddlers was closed.

"My son said, 'Why do the babies not come and play in the living room?'" Chuc said, explaining that he thought the children were probably sleeping. "After that my baby says, 'I have to go inside. I have to check what happened, why the babies not come out.'"

Chuc said when his older son, Rene, opened the door around 7 p.m., he spotted the two toddlers on the

floor with their faces covered by a blanket. Garcia was also on the floor with what relatives believe was a new kitchen knife by her side, said Chuc's wife Sara Alvarado, Garcia's aunt.

Investigators recovered four knives with what appeared to be blood on them at the scene, the DA said.

Authorities named Mejia-Ramos as a suspect Monday and released information about two vehicles he was known to drive to the U.S. Marshals Service, which then distributed the vehicles' description to Texas police. Authorities had been on the lookout in Texas because of the state's close proximity to Mexico, where Mejia-Ramos was born, and the Queens DA's office believes he was headed for the border.

Through the investigation, Mejia-Ramos was nabbed in Schulenburg, Texas, which is about 250 miles from the U.S. border with Mexico, police said.

Officials said that after one of the vehicles was spotted in Texas about halfway between Houston and San Antonio, a traffic stop was set up and he was tak-

en into custody without incident. A spokesman for the Fayette County sheriff's office said Mejia-Ramos was arraigned and held without bail Tuesday, and that he had lacerations to his upper torso when he was arrested.

The Queens district attorney's office expected Mejia-Ramos to be arraigned on murder and criminal possession of a weapon charges in New York Friday, and a wake for Garcia and the children was scheduled for Thursday evening at her church, Iglesia Naciones Unidas en Cristo in Jamaica.

Relatives said Garcia, who was originally from Guatemala, was studying English at York College and described her as a good mother.

"She was a good person. She was a Christian. She went to church," Alvarado said in Spanish through a man who translated for her. "She cares for her two daughters."

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Avonte

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remains, Perecman asked Fontaine if Avonte had any underwear of that make. She responded she did not know. Perecman asked her why she had not looked in Avonte's drawer to find out.

"She said 'I don't want to,'" Perecman said.

Only when the city's medical examiner confirmed the remains that were found were those of Avonte did she accept her son was gone forever.

A detective who became close with the family after Avonte vanished delivered the news to Fontaine.

"It's Avonte. It's Avonte," Perecman quoted Fontaine as saying when she called him crying on the phone Tuesday afternoon.

Perecman said the family planned to move ahead with a lawsuit against the city Department of Education after DNA tests confirmed the boy's remains were found 11 miles from where he disappeared.

"I am convinced in my heart of hearts, had prompt reaction occurred, had some of this cascade of errors not occurred, if the police would have been called, they would have went outside and they would have found Avonte before this happened and he'd be home right now," Perecman said.

Fontaine filed a notice of claim in October that she planned to sue the city



An NYPD dive unit wades into the water in Powell's Cove in search of remains belonging to missing autistic teen Avonte Oquendo.

AP Photo/Jason DeCrow

and DOE for not preventing Avonte's disappearance from his Riverview School on 51st Avenue.

Now that Avonte's death has been confirmed, Perecman said the lawsuit Fontaine intends to file will be changed to a wrongful death claim.

"The last thing in the world anyone should ever think as they kiss their child goodbye before they go off to school is that that is the last time they'll see them," he said.

Newly appointed city Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña issued a statement Tuesday, offering condolences to Fontaine and her family.

"Today our school community is in mourning. Losing a child is a parent's worst nightmare, and I cannot imagine the grief that Avonte's family must be going through," she said. "As chancellor, I am determined that we learn

every lesson we can from this terrible tragedy and do everything in our power to prevent incidents like this from ever occurring again."

Police found most of the boy's remains after a four-day search that started after a teenager found an arm in an area near Powell's Cove Boulevard and Endeavor Place and notified the authorities.

Perecman said no one has come forward to claim the \$95,000 reward the family pledged to anyone who found their son.

The family's lawyer thanked the police, volunteers and the media for keeping the story of Avonte's disappearance alive for months after he vanished.

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Protest

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send your child to college on a minimum wage salary," Van Bramer said. "It is a disgrace that employees at our city's airports work tirelessly without health benefits and on minimum wage salaries."

Van Bramer, the son of union parents, added, "My act of civil disobedience on the 94th Street Bridge outside of LaGuardia was out of solidarity with airport workers who are being treated unfairly. I support the workers' efforts to unionize and believe wholeheartedly that their ongoing campaign to secure living wages is a fight worth waging."

Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan) voiced her support during the rally, saying "the Council stands

united to support you airport workers in your demand for dignified work and respect."

Flanked by Councilmen I. Daneek Miller (D-Jamaica), Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton) and Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria), the speaker added, "We have seen mobilization across this nation of fast food workers, car wash workers and now airport workers. We will ensure that we stand with you."

Many of the workers shared their stories.

"We are fighting for our lives out here," Lenora McKeever said.

An ID checker for PrimeFlight at LaGuardia, she claimed to have received only one raise in nine years at the airport.

"I spend so much time in Housing Court trying to keep from being evicted. It's a struggle to keep a roof over my head," she said.

Prince Jackson, a se-

curity officer at JFK said, "Four years ago I started making \$8 an hour. I'm still making \$8 an hour. It is not a living wage."

All the workers are employed by private companies under contract with the Port Authority. Many of the elected officials at the rally cited record profits for the airlines as well as record numbers of passengers using JFK and LaGuardia as further reason to adjust the wages.

City Public Advocate Letitia James said, "We urge the Port Authority to do the right thing or there will be consequences. A new day has come to the city of New York. It's time to end poverty wages in New York City."

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7 train

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ing to kill us."

The MTA said the shutdowns are necessary infrastructure projects aimed at improving the No. 7 line, including an updated communication and signaling system, replacing critical track panels and reconstruction inside the Steinway Tube under the East River that was damaged during Hurricane Sandy.

"We understand that these service disruptions are inconvenient to the cus-

tomers who depend on the 7 train and we appreciate their patience," said MTA Transit President Carmen Bianco. "We have made every effort to schedule these projects simultaneously to get as much work done as we can during these periods."

Elected officials were angered by the agency's lack of communication prior to the announcement last week.

"The No. 7 runs through the heart of my district and I found out from a reporter," Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) said. "They did not

go to officials, community boards, business owners. The MTA never talked to anyone, they just gave notice and that's wrong," Van Bramer said.

Borough President Melinda Katz found the lack of communication frustrating.

"Ultimately we're trying to bring businesses to Queens, not drive them away," she said.

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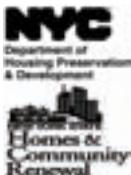
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		3		\$37,852 - \$46,440
		4		\$37,852 - \$51,540
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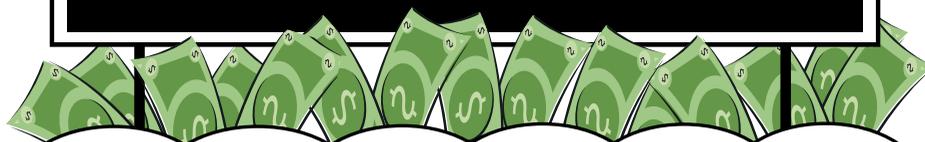
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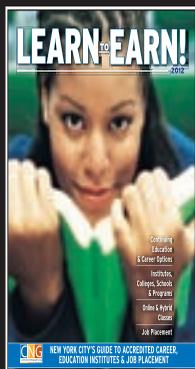
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALTA SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff, against **MARIA MARSZAL AS ADMINISTRATRIX AND HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF TOMASZ MARSZAL, EMMA M. MARSZAL AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF TOMASZ MARSZAL, PIOTR MARSZAL AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF TOMASZ MARSZAL, TOMASZ M. MARSZAL AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF TOMASZ MARSZAL, et al,** Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8/17/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on 01/31/2014 at 10:00AM, premises known as 1077 SENECA AVENUE, Ridgewood, NY 11385 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3578 Lot 68. Approximate amount of judgment \$701,043.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 17691/12. Gregory J. Newman, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: December 19, 2013 1075483

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS NYCLT 2012-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COL-LATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs against **EFSTATHIOS TSAFTARIDES, et al** Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 21, 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 28th day of February, 2014 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 9936 and Lot 32 on the Queens County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known

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as 88-02 188TH STREET, QUEENS, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 22,549.23 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 6603/13. **JOSEPH MISK, ESQ.,** Referee. **Phillips Lytle LLP** Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614 (* QUEENS VII - *)

Part At a IAS, Part 36, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in a for the County of Queens, at the Courthouse thereof, located at 25-10 Court Square, LIC, NY 11101. Date : New York, on the 8th day of January 2014. PRESENT: Hon. Diccia T. Pineda-Kirwan Justice of the Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Application of **MYRIAM ORTEGA,** the holder of the twenty-five percent of the outstanding shares of the stock of **ROOSEVELT CAR and LIMO, INC.,** a domestic corporation -against- **ROOSEVELT CAR and LIMO, INC.,** and **JULIO LLIGUICHUZCA, JUAN NAULA, and LUIS PASTUIZACA,** the holders of the other seventy-five percent of all outstanding shares, Respondent(s) INDEX NO. 22917/13

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Upon the annexed Verified petition of **MYRIAM ORTEGA,** the holder of twenty-five percent (25%) of all outstanding voting share of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** a corporation incorporated and existing under the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York, verified on December 3, 2013, and upon the affidavit of **MYRIAM ORTEGA,** sworn to the 27th day of November, 2013, **LET** the Defendants, **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC., JULIO LLIGUICHUZCA, JUAN NAULA, and LUIS PASTUIZACA,** show cause at, Part CMP of this Court, to be held at the Court House thereof, located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on the 6th day of February, 2014 at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, or as soon there-

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after as counsel can be heard, **WHY** an Order should not be made and entered herein,

1. Pursuant to CPLR § 1104-a (a), dissolving **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** located at 42-23 35th Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11101, due to Respondents' illegal, fraudulent and oppressive actions towards the Petitioner, and wasting, looting and diverting of corporate assets and/or property for non-corporate purposes. The liquidation of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.** is the only feasible means whereby Petitioner may reasonably expect a fair return of her investment, and is necessary for the protection of the rights and interest of the Petitioner;

2. Pursuant to CPLR §6401, appointing a temporary receiver of certain property, records and assets of the business of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** to wit, all books, rents, profits, revenue, monies, accounts, payroll, ledgers, accounts receivables, gross and net sums, financial and income statements, checkbook(s), bank accounts, receipt, shareholders' minutes, and all contracts between **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.** and any and all third-parties, upon such grounds that Plaintiff, **MYRIAM ORTEGA,** as a shareholder of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** has an apparent interest and right in and to said property, records and assets, which are the subject of the action herein, and there is danger that said property, records and assets will be lost, materially injured, destroyed and/or disposed, and upon such other and further grounds that the Defendants have engaged in fraudulent, illegal and oppressive conduct against Plaintiffs, wrongfully and improperly transferred management control of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** misappropriated, wasted, looted and diverted profits, revenue, monies, records and assets of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** and interfering with operation, management, development, furtherance and decision-making of the business of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** the foregoing conduct causing irreparable injury and damage to **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** and the shareholders thereof;

3. Pursuant to CPLR §6301, enjoining the Defendants, their servants, agents, predecessors suc-

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cessors, or any persons under the dominion and/or control of any or all of the foregoing, during the pendency of this action, from: selling and attempting to sell any and all assets of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,**; exercising and asserting dominion and/or control over any and all corporate actions and assets, records and books of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,**; acting in their respective capacity as officer, director and/or agent of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** interfering with the operation, management, development, furtherance and decision-making of the business of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,**; and enforcing the sale, transfer, assignment and/or hypothecation of the stockholders' agreement to any and all third-parties; and

4. For such other and further relief as may be just, proper and equitable, including cost, disbursement and reasonable attorney's fees to abide this motion.

ORDERED, that pursuant to BCL § 1106(a), that **Julio Lliguichuzca, Juan Naula, and Luis Pastuizaca** shall, on or before the return date of this Order to Show Cause, furnish to the Court, and serve on Petitioner's attorneys, a schedule of the corporate assets and liabilities of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** and the name and address of each creditor and claimant, including any with unliquidated or contingent claims and any against whom the corporation has unfulfilled contracts; and it is further

ORDERED, that pursuant to BCL § 1104-a (c), that in addition to all other disclosure requirements, **Julio Lliguichuzca, Juan Naula, and Luis Pastuizaca** shall, no later than (30) days after the day of this Order to Show Cause, make available for inspection and copying to Petitioner or her attorneys, under reasonable working conditions, such corporate financial books and records as **Julio Lliguichuzca, Juan Naula, and Luis Pastuizaca** may have maintained for **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** since its inception on or about April 10, 2013; and it is further

ORDERED, that pending hearing of the Order to Show Cause, **Julio Lliguichuzca, Juan Naula, Luis Pastuizaca,** their servants, agents, predecessors suc-

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cessors, or any persons under the dominion and/or control of any or all of the foregoing, shall not sell, transfer, encumber, or secrete any of the assets of **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** or remove any of said property from the State of New York; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published in: The Astoria Times, a newspaper in general circulation in the County of Queens, once in each of three weeks before the time appointed for the hearing thereon; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Order to Show Cause and the papers on which it is based, shall be served upon **ROOSEVELT CAR & LIMO, INC.,** the respondents the New York State Tax Commission and Upon The Attorney General in the manner, and within the time, prescribed in BLC §1106(c), which shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service.

ENTER J.S.C. Hon. Diccia T. Pineda-Kirwan Filed: January 09, 2014 County Clerk Queens County

INDEX NO.: 1544/2013. Filed Date: 12/20/2013. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE. MORTGAGED PREMISES: 13712 226th Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. (SBL #: 13131 - 44). 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. U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE LXS 2007-12N, Plaintiff, -against- **GRETA PEART A/K/A GRETA C. PEART, COLIN E. PEART A/K/A COLLIN E. PEART,** if living, and if dead, the 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 defendant 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 husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each and every person

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not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in and the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives 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 verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, **MICHAEL G. PEART, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE,** 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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NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$ 350,000.00 (with

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an amount not to exceed \$ 402,500.00) and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Queens on April 12, 2007, at CRFN Number 2007000188976, covering premises known as 13712 226th Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413 - BL #: 13131 - 44.

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 Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO THE DEFENDANT COLIN PEART, the foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. DENIS J. BUTLER of the State of New York, Oswego County, and dated November 26, 2013. The property in question is described as follows:

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Dated: New Rochelle, N.Y. December 16, 2013. McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C. /s/.....

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