

## Avella/Liu race turns nasty in final stretch

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## Late Ben Fried honored on sign at 43rd and Bell

BY KELSEY DURHAM

Dozens gathered in Bayside Monday to honor one of the community's most beloved members by permanently embedding his name in the neighborhood for all to remember.

A street sign at the corner of Bell Boulevard and 43rd Avenue now bears the name of Benjamin Fried, a late community advocate who began making his mark in Bayside more than 80 years ago at a location just across the street

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43rd Avenue near Bell Boulevard in Bayside has been renamed in honor of late community advocate Benjamin Fried. Photo by Kelsey Durham

# Bar patron stabbed on Bell Blvd.

REELING THEM IN



Young fishermen drop their lines at the Bayside Snapper Derby held at Bayside Marina. **See more photos on Page 20**  
Photo by Ken Maldonado

## Whitestone man arrested in attack at Safari Beach

BY KELSEY DURHAM

Bell Boulevard, which draws crowds of revelers who visit the bars and restaurants on summer nights, was rocked by a brutal stabbing late last week.

A Whitestone man was charged with attempted murder last week after he allegedly slit a man's throat before stabbing him multiple times during a fight at a Bayside bar, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

Authorities said Curtis Ward, 29, was arrested Aug. 22 in connection with an incident at Safari Beach Club, at 40-05 Bell Blvd., in which a man was left in critical condition after an altercation turned violent.

Ward was charged with attempted murder, criminal posses-  
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# Pols tout college savings bill

## Rozic replicates Israel's House bill to get \$500 tax credit per child

BY KELSEY DURHAM

In an effort to combat what many middle-class families say is a becoming a growing financial burden, two Queens lawmakers have written legislation that would reduce the cost of applying for college.

U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Melville) and state Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D-Flushing) announced in Douglaston Tuesday their collaboration on a bill that would provide families with a \$500 tax credit per year for each child applying to higher education institutions. The credit is aimed at helping balance the cost of college preparation that can include admissions tests, applications and college visits.

Israel introduced the bill in early 2013 on the federal level, but with the legislation having trouble moving in Congress, Rozic wrote a word-for-word version of the bill that she plans to introduce into the Assembly during the next session.

"There's a lot of talk in our country about student loan debt and the high cost of going to college, but there's not enough talk about just preparing to go to college," Israel said. "This will accompany my federal legislation to provide tax credits."

Israel said many families can face costs upward of \$2,500 just from applying to one college, includ-



U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (c.) and state Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (r.) announce bills proposed to ease the financial burden of applying to college. Photo by Ken Maldonado

ing ACT and SAT tests, AP courses in high school and the cost of visiting schools and paying for gas and hotel rooms to do so.

He and Rozic said the tax credits take some of the burden off students of any age applying to colleges and give them more opportunities to reach out, especially to private universities.

"College affordability is an issue working- and middle-class families continue to struggle with every year," Rozic said. "The application process has become a financial burden and this will not only provide financial relief, but will open up and give kids

Families can face costs upward of \$2,500 to apply to one college.

more options to apply for more schools."

Grace Yoon, executive director of the Korean American Family Service Center, said she and her organization strongly support the legislation put forth by Israel and Rozic and said it would make a difference in helping students further their education.

"We strongly believe in

the values of higher education, but we face challenges," Yoon said. "I sincerely support this bill and I think it just makes sense."

Israel said there are no stipulations regarding who can receive the tax credits and said college applications of any age are eligible to receive the money, not just students leaving high school.

"College is essential to success and we should be supporting that success," he said.

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# Murray Hill bridge to be rebuilt again

BY ALEX ROBINSON

A Murray Hill bridge, closed for years to be rebuilt only to be deemed unsafe and remain shuttered, will soon be reconstructed a second time, officials announced last week.

The city Department of Transportation said a new design for the 149th Street Bridge is in the final planning stages and the new design for the structure is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

DOT officials shared the project's progress with state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing), City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) and state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) last week at a site visit.

"I want to thank [DOT] Commissioner [Dalila] Hall and her staff for visiting the 149th Street Bridge and making its successful completion a top priority," Stavisky said. "The business owners and residents here have been kept in the dark about the status of the bridge for too long and I'm

glad that this new administration understands the importance of transparency and communication. I am pleased that the rebuilding process is on schedule and look forward to celebrating the opening of this bridge at the end of next year."

Once the plans for the bridge are finalized, DOT will start the procurement process to find a contractor to build the bridge. A DOT spokesman said construction is expected to start in 2015 once a contractor is selected.

The bridge, which connects Roosevelt and 41st avenues over Long Island Rail Road tracks, has been closed to vehicular traffic since 2010. The bridge's original reconstruction was completed in May 2011, but it was never reopened as it was deemed unsafe because of cracks the city discovered.

The city is now suing the contractor it hired to design and build the bridge, Gandhi Engineering, for damages "as a re-

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The 149th Street Bridge remains closed. Photo by Alex Robinson

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# Sunnyside named as a Bike Friendly Business District

## First nabe in Queens to get designation from safe streets advocate Transportation Alternatives

BY BILL PARRY

Bicycles ruled the streets of Sunnyside Saturday afternoon as the neighborhood was designated a "Bike Friendly Business District," the first in Queens.

Transportation Alternatives, the safe streets advocacy group, was behind the event that recognized more than 70 Sunnyside business owners as "Bike Friendly."

"It was a huge success with 50 cyclists and another 20 on foot," T.A. Queens Organizer Celia Castellan said. "We took them on a tour of the neighborhood with stops at six of the 70 Bike Friendly businesses. It's a phenomenal business district where so many residents are friends with the mom-and-pop shops, it really makes it one of the

friendliest neighborhoods on Queens Boulevard."

Sunnyside landed the designation because of the number of entrepreneurs who know that a network of bike lanes and bike parking creates more vibrant streets, boosting the local economy. Many of the stores and restaurants offer discounts to 12,000 Transportation Alternatives members.

The event, co-sponsored by the Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District, began with a gathering at Bliss Plaza, a newly created public space under the No. 7 station at 46th Street and Queens Boulevard.

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), who lives in the historic Gardens district, said, "The launch of Sunnyside's very own Bike



More than 50 cycling enthusiasts take part in a tour of Sunnyside.  
Photo courtesy Transportation Alternatives

Friendly Business District is an opportunity for our neighborhood to showcase

its diversity as well as its eclectic mix of shops, restaurants and cafes. As rid-

ership climbs in our city and the cycling infrastructure grows here in western Queens, Sunnyside hopes to capitalize by highlighting all we have to offer. I encourage you to cycle into Sunnyside and take advantage of all the deals offered at our bike-friendly businesses. There is no doubt you'll be back for more."

The group set out on a tour of the neighborhood with stops at six establishments along the way.

The first was Aubergine Cafe, at 49-22 Skillman Ave., where owner Gary O'Niell said, "It's important that people get out of their cars and get on their bicycles because the more bicycles there are on the road, the safer it will be for everyone on the streets — plus it's healthy, there are a lot of great reasons why we should all be on bikes."

The tour also visited Arriba Arriba, Cafe Columbia, Go Natural, Bar 43 and Jack's Sunnyside Ale House.

"Designating Sunnyside as a Bike Friendly Business District means that we're committed to making the neighborhood safe, accessible and fun for everyone," Sunnyside Shines Executive Director Rachel Tjieme said. "I am encouraged to see so many local businesses signing on to this important cause."

Transportation Alternatives joined with merchants in advocating for a transformed Queens Boulevard with dedicated bike lanes that would make the roadway a more people-friendly corridor with local merchants taking the lead on street safety.

"Western Queens is  
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# Avella takes on party in primary

Independent Democratic senator defends decision to join power-sharing coalition in Albany

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Tony Avella did not get into politics to make friends.

The two-term state senator of Bayside has been locked in one of this year's most hotly contested primary battles against former city Comptroller John Liu after he ruffled the feathers of Queens Democratic leadership when he joined the Independent Democratic Conference in February.

"I think this whole thing is disgusting," Avella said of the race in a recent interview at TimesLedger Newspapers' offices. "It's the party bosses who are trying to disenfranchise somebody who the people in this district have elected. I think this is politics at its worst."

Avella was first elect-

ed to the City Council in 2001 to represent northeast Queens after working as an aide in the Koch and Dinkins administrations. He developed a reputation as a gadfly over the years, calling out powerful politicians and publicly refusing perks that came with elected office, such as Senate parking placards and Council pay raises.

"I don't go along with the political crowd for the sake of going along with the political crowd," he said. "There's a political axiom — don't rock the boat and we'll take care of you later — but meanwhile you're sacrificing the interests of the people. I don't believe in that and it has gotten me into trouble on occasion."

He unseated former Republican Sen. Frank Padavan in 2010 with significant fund-raising help from



State Sen. Tony Avella is seeking re-election in District 11. By Alex Robinson

the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, which donated more than \$190,000 to Avella's campaign, a move Democrats later regretted when Avella bolted to the IDC.

Avella said he joined the IDC, which controls the Senate in a power-sharing agreement with Republicans, because he was fed up with sitting in the minority conference.

"The Democratic conference was absolutely dysfunctional," he said. "It had two people who were indicted. It wasn't a place where I was comfortable and there was no agenda other than one day we'll be in the majority so we should just sit around and wait for that to happen."

He contended being an IDC member enabled him to pass legislation and get more funding for his district, and since he joined the breakaway group

he has gotten eight bills through both chambers of the state Legislature and has amassed \$6.5 million in capital funds for his district. His bills that have passed include one that put a two year moratorium on exterminating 2,000 mute swans as well as a bill that mandates the state's transit authority to produce annual reports about trying to reduce noise.

Avella now faces Liu, a fund-raising powerhouse who has two citywide campaigns under his belt and has the backing of the Queens Democratic organization.

The former comptroller has vastly out-raised his opponent, according to campaign finance filings. Liu has amassed more than \$630,000 since the beginning of the race and Avella has raised \$213,000.

"I don't have to raise  
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## Candidates explain platforms at Bay Terrace debate forum

BY ALEX ROBINSON

A big name was missing from the roster of candidates at a forum in Bay Terrace Tuesday night.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has refused to debate his challengers in his reelection campaign, did not attend the event hosted by the Bay Terrace Community Alliance, but two of his Democratic primary opponents did.

"I think New York is a first-rate state that has third-rate politics." Democratic candidate Zephyr Teachout told a room of residents at the Bay Terrace Garden Jewish Center. "There's an old boys club in Albany and I want to go in

there and rip it out."

Teachout said some of her priorities were banning hydraulic fracking in New York state and investing more in public transportation.

She ripped into Cuomo for closing the Moreland Commission before it had finished its work investigating corruption in the state Legislature.

"He's broken so many promises about corruption in Albany," she said.

"Not only did he fail to pass the reforms, but he created an anti-corruption commission which he then shut down when it got too close to his own friends," she added.

Cuomo's Republican

challenger, Rob Astorino did not attend the forum, but his running mate for lieutenant governor, Chris Moss, dropped by to stress their message of cutting taxes and creating jobs.

When asked by moderators if he supported a provision in the state budget that offered additional protections to school collocations, Moss said he was "not familiar with the specific legislation," but that he supported charter schools.

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) and his primary opponent, former city Comptroller John Liu, attended the forum.

When asked about  
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## Republicans want to take state in another direction

BY JUAN SOTO

Before some of the Republican candidates for statewide and local office reached the Queens Village Republican Club Tuesday, the audience was warming up for the rally.

"Hey, hey, ho, ho — Andrew Cuomo's got to go," they chanted, as well as, "2-4-6-8. We are gonna save the Empire State."

The crowd was enthusiastic.

"This is not a regular meeting," said Philip Orenstein, president of the club, at 263-15 Union Turnpike. "This is a rally, folks."

About 100 people participated in the rally at the oldest Republican club in



The Queens Village Republican Club, the oldest such in the nation, held a rally with several of the statewide and local office GOP candidates.

Photo by Juan Soto

the United States, funded in 1875, to meet Republican and Conservative candidates Chris Moss for lieutenant governor, John Cahill for state attorney general, Bob Antonacci for

state comptroller, Grant Lally for Congress and Maureen Koetz for state Assembly.

There was also support during the event for the  
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# Dems recruit Liu to depose incumbent

Former city comptroller makes run for state Senate pushing better bus service for NE Queens

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Despite a deal between the mainline Democrats and the Independent Democratic Conference to reunite, former city Comptroller John Liu said his primary opponent, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bay-side) is not to be trusted.

In February, the incumbent joined the IDC, which controls the Senate with Republicans, angering Queens Democrats and sparking Liu's challenge.

"You can say you're in favour of something, but if you then take actions that make it impossible for what you are supposedly in favor of to see the light of day — that is outright duplicitous," Liu said of Avella in an interview at TimesLedger Newspapers' offices.

Liu blasted Avella for what he said was propping up a coalition that failed to pass progressive legisla-

tion such as the Dream Act and the Women's Equality Agenda.

"You can say you're for women's equality until you're blue in the face, but if you vote in favor of the Republican leadership, [who] you know is not going to let this bill come up for a vote, then that's where we differ," he said.

Liu was first elected to the City Council in 2001 to represent northeast Queens.

He became the first Asian American elected to citywide office in 2009 when he won the comptroller race.

Liu never really stopped campaigning after he tumbled out of the 2013 mayoral race in fourth place following a campaign finance investigation that snarled his bid and resulted in the conviction of an aide and a volunteer. The former comptroller was never



accused of any personal wrongdoing.

After the race, he continued to hold a tireless public schedule attending events across the borough, fueling rumors he was considering a run for Congress. He also landed a gig teaching municipal finance at Baruch College, a job he intends to keep if elected in September.

The former comptroller entered talks with the Queens Democratic Party leadership to run against Avella and officially launched his campaign for District 11, which covers northeast Queens, at the beginning of the summer.

He has since put together a broad coalition of support from many Queens

elected officials, including three of the borough's congressional members and Borough President Melinda Katz. He has also amassed more than \$500,000 in funds, according to campaign finance filings, far out-raising Avella.

Liu has rolled out a number of policy announcements over the last couple months, outlining his priorities in education, transportation and a number of other areas.

The Senate candidate, who chaired the Transportation Committee during his time on the Council, proposed an expansion of bus service in northeast Queens.

"People have too often referred to northeast

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Former city Comptroller John Liu is challenging state Sen. Tony Avella in District 11. Photo by Alex Robinson

## State Senate hopeful Avery promises to end term limits

BY JUAN SOTO

Queens Village attorney Munir Avery is a newcomer to politics, but he is not a stranger to government.

He wants to unseat indicted state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-Hollis), contending the incumbent will focus on his own legal battles and not on the state Legislature.

A former counsel to state Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz (D-Flushing), Avery decided to run when he saw Smith caucusing with a break-away faction of Democrats, known as the Independent Democratic Conference, which entered a power-sharing agreement



MUNIR AVERY

in the Senate with the Republicans.

"I wanted a Democrat in office," said Avery, who if elected would become the first Muslim senator in New York. "I felt it was time

to run."

Smith faces a federal retrial in January 2015 on bribery charges for allegedly trying to find his way onto the Republican line as the GOP contender in the mayoral 2013 race.

He has maintained his innocence.

"Malcolm [Smith] is going to be an ineffective whether he wins or loses into the future," said the Senate hopeful, an expert on elder law.

He found his way into politics because of family pressure. He pointed out that his father and uncle converted to Islam in the 1960s, and since then "they have been trying to get

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## Comrie vows to move city's agenda in Albany

BY JUAN SOTO

Leroy Comrie is back on the campaign trail. It did not take him long.

Months after completing his third term in the City Council and dropping out of the borough presidential race, he announced his intention to run against embattled state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-Hollis).

The former councilman and the senator came out of the same Democratic Party and had a close relationship, but Smith's legal problems pushed Comrie to run.

"I introduced him to his wife," said the Senate hopeful during a recent interview at the TimesLedger



LEROY COMRIE

Newspapers offices.

"People in the community felt embarrassed by him [Smith] and they understand the need to have an effective state representative as critical," the can-

didate said. "I am not happy about it, but it is something I resign myself to do."

Smith faces a retrial on bribery federal charges for allegedly conspiring to pay his way onto the ballot as a Republican in the 2013 mayoral race.

He has maintained his innocence.

Comrie, special assistant to Borough President Melinda Katz, referring to Smith's federal charges, said "it is sad that this has had to happen." He stepped down as deputy borough president after throwing his hat into the ring.

He faces Smith and Queens Village attorney Munir Avery on the Sep. 9

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# Supreme Court Justice dismisses Willets Point lawsuit

Plaintiffs challenge legality of megamall on former site of Shea Stadium, promise to appeal decision

BY ALEX ROBINSON

Opponents of a proposed megamall on the former site of Shea Stadium vowed to appeal the decision by state Supreme Court Justice Manuel Mendez to throw out their lawsuit against the city and the project's developers last week.

The megamall is slated to be built as part of a \$3 billion redevelopment of Willets Point into a new neighborhood with commercial, retail and residential space.

"Plaintiffs believe that the decision misunderstands the common law doctrine that prohibits any non-park use of parkland without the specific and explicit approval of the state Legislature," said John Low-Beer, an attorney representing the group of

park advocates, civic leaders, small businesses and state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside).

The lawsuit argued the megamall could not legally be built on the proposed site without the consent of the Legislature, as it is mapped as parkland on city maps.

Low-Beer contended a 1961 statute, which allowed for the construction of the New York Mets' Shea Stadium on the site, could not apply to the new megamall.

"Plaintiffs do not believe that the state Legislature, when it passed the law permitting the construction of Shea Stadium, intended to allow construction of a shopping mall," Low-Beer said in a statement. "Plaintiffs will appeal and believe that this decision will be reversed on appeal."

Lawyers representing the city and developers



State Sen. Tony Avella launched a lawsuit in February claiming the city needs the state Legislature's approval to build a megamall on a site designated as parkland.

said the megamall fit into the recreational uses allowed under the statute, as it would serve a public purpose. They also trumpeted the economic and environ-

mental benefits of the redevelopment project.

"Today's decision is a win for Willets Point and all of Queens," said a spokesman for developers Queens

Development Group, a joint venture between Related Cos. and Sterling Equities. "The ruling is unequivocal in saying that the project is consistent with state law

and rejecting every argument to the contrary.

"More important, the decision reinforces the support that the City Council and a wide array of community stakeholders have given to this project. It is a significant step forward in the effort to create a new Willets and reverse 100 years of pollution. This \$3 billion private investment — the largest investment in Queens history — will revitalize an area that has been neglected for far too long and will include the creation of thousands of jobs and affordable housing."

The city and developers were also facing another pending lawsuit by a group of Willets Point business owners called the Sunrise Cooperative, challenging the legality of the development.



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# Liu unveils his plan for veterans in boro

BY JUAN SOTO

Standing only a few feet away from the Korean War Veterans Memorial at Kissena Park in Flushing, Democratic state Senate candidate John Liu unveiled his four-point plan to improve and expand services for Queens war veterans and their families.

"They did so much for our great nation," said the former city comptroller, flanked by World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. "My plan intends to help the people who, without them, we probably wouldn't be here today."

Before his veterans plan, Liu introduced in recent weeks his vision for education, transportation and women's equality.

The Senate hopeful said that one of the top priorities for his plan would be to establish a veterans center in Queens in collaboration with the state Department of Veterans Affairs.

His idea is to have the state develop the capital construction project. The community center would serve as a "one-stop shop" for services, including a place to find healthcare and employment assistance.

"I look forward to being a champion for our veterans in the state Senate," he said. "That's the least I could do."

Liu, in addition, wants to establish a veterans

MetroCard, calling on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to provide discounts, similar to those for seniors and students, for people with military service.

The candidate, who faces incumbent Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) in one of the Sept. 9 Democratic primary's most competitive races, also wants Albany to allocate funding for employment assistance programs and to create a database that would connect employers with veterans based on their skills and experience.

According to Liu, New York state is home to 900,000 veterans and has the fourth largest number of veteran-owned small businesses in the country, only behind California, Texas and Florida.

That is why the Senate hopeful said Albany should promote tax-free zones to start a business. In his plan, veterans retired from active duty would not have to pay property or business taxes for a three-year period.

Liu also wants New York state to increase its budget allocation for housing and health services. The former Flushing city councilman said the increase in funding should be at least proportional to the state's growing population of veterans.

"We must do better for

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State Senate hopeful John Liu unveils his four-point plan to help war veterans and their families.

# Parks must prune more: Pol

Avella wants better tree care in Queens despite high marks in audit

BY KELSEY DURHAM

In a recent audit by city Comptroller Scott Stringer, Queens was heralded as the model borough whose Parks Department tree pruning practices should be followed by the rest of the city, but one area leader is skeptical of that finding.

After seeing the report, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) questioned whether the results were something Queens should be proud of or if they signaled the need for change within the borough's Parks Department operations.

In an audit made public by Stringer's office Aug. 17, the comptroller revealed that Parks offices in four of the five boroughs, excluding Queens, failed to properly prune tree limbs or provide the maintenance needed.

It also found that the borough offices in Manhattan and Staten Island failed to review vendor invoices before making payments to ensure contractors were only paid for pruning eligible trees, which Stringer defined as those with a diameter of 5 inches or greater when measured at the height of an adult's chest.

Queens was the only borough, Stringer said, that had no issues with its pruning practices or how they were reported. According to Stringer's report, 41.8 percent of all trees eligible for pruning across the city, equivalent to 204,825 trees



A tree lies on the ground where it struck and killed a pregnant woman last year.

out of 490,417 total, were in Queens.

"Pruning operations in Queens are a model for the rest of the city," Stringer said. "The Parks Department needs to implement reforms that will help protect all taxpayers, boost services and ensure greater safety in all neighborhoods."

But despite the praise,

Avella said he was skeptical that tree pruning in Queens has been as successful as Stringer reported.

"Although I'm glad [Stringer] found the response of the Queens Borough Forestry Department to be much better than that of the other boroughs, the Parks Department has certainly failed to provide proper tree maintenance

and speedy stump removals throughout all five boroughs in the city of New York," Avella said.

The senator argued that the Queens Parks Department has ignored the needs and desires of residents by continuously planting new trees, despite opposition from the community, and failed to care for them as needed.

Last year, a 30-year-old pregnant woman was killed in Flushing's Kissena Park after a tree fell over and landed on top of her while she sat on a park bench. Avella called the death a preventable tragedy and asked the mayor's office to suspend its Million Tree Program, whose goal is to add more greenery to the city, and instead funnel those resources into maintaining existing trees to prevent them from becoming dangerous.

"This lack of care has had costly consequences," Avella said this week after seeing the audit report. "I have stated time and time again the Parks Department must better address, and not just respond to, the hundreds of tree concerns that are reported in Queens on a daily basis. The bottom line is that being the best in a bad situation is still not good enough."

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## Bridge

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sult of breach of contract and professional malpractice," according to court documents filed in state Supreme Court.

The city's suit contended the firm failed to build a bridge "sufficient for its in-

tended purpose of carrying vehicular and pedestrian traffic."

The bridge opened back up to pedestrians in summer 2012, but was still closed to vehicular traffic, much to the chagrin of adjacent business owners, who said they have suffered financially because of the construction.

A number of business owners in the adjacent area said the reconstruction cannot come soon enough, as they have lost up to 30 percent of their profits while the bridge has been closed.

"As a small business owner, I empathize with the local merchants and understand the frustrations that

they have had to endure because of its closure," Koo said. "Unfortunately, this bridge has to be rebuilt as public safety must be our top priority."

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The appraisal and the Deed and Project Summary are available for public examination at the office of HPD, 100 Gold Street, Room 5-A4, New York, New York on business days during business hours.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on September 22, 2014 at Second Floor Conference Room, 22 Reade Street, Manhattan, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached on the calendar, at which time and place those wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed sale of the Disposition Area pursuant to Section 695(2)(b) of the General Municipal Law and Section 1802(6)(j) of the Charter.

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# POLICE Blotter

## Video of suspect in attempted rape released

ELMHURST — Police were looking for a man in connection with the attempted rape of a 23-year-old woman in Elmhurst early in the morning of Aug. 16, the NYPD said.

The woman was walking along Gleane Street near Elmhurst Avenue at 4:50 a.m. when the suspect allegedly came up behind her and punched her in the head, police said.

The man then allegedly forcibly touched her and ran off, according to the NYPD.



The NYPD released this image of a man suspected in an attempted rape.

Photo courtesy NYPD

## Sneakers, wallet stolen in S. Ozone Park: NYPD

SOUTH OZONE PARK — Police were searching for a man accused of tugging off a 23-year-old's sneakers and wallet and running away from the South Ozone Park block, the NYPD said.

The Police Department said the suspect approached the 23-year-old victim near Lincoln and 135th streets at 6:15 p.m. July 29, pulled off his shoes, swiped his wallet and fled.

The victim was not injured, according to police.

The NYPD released an image of the suspect allegedly using a debit card taken during the heist.



Police released this image of a man suspected of stealing a victim's sneakers and wallet.

Photo courtesy NYPD

## Police look for 17-year-old Ridgewood girl

RIDGEWOOD — Police were searching for a missing teen last seen at a home in Ridgewood,

The NYPD said 17-year-old Melissa Giraldo was last seen around 11 a.m. Aug. 24 on Weirfield Street near Wyckoff Avenue.

She is described as a Hispanic female approximately 5-foot-7 and 150 pounds with a medium build, light complexion, brown eyes and long brown hair.

Giraldo was last seen wearing a black dress with hearts on it with a red belt and black shoes, the NYPD said.



MELISSA GIRALDO

## Motorcyclist dies on the Belt Parkway

SOUTH JAMAICA — Police were investigating an accident on the Belt Parkway that left a motorcyclist dead.

According to the cops, the fatal accident occurred Wednesday shortly before 4 a.m. on the eastbound Belt Parkway between Rockaway Parkway and the Van Wyck Expressway.

When officers and emergency respondents arrived at the scene, they discovered a man lying on the ground in the Belt Parkway and a yellow Suzuki motorcycle nearby.

The 24-year-old victim was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.



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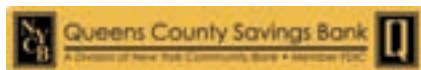
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## Students of Distinction

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### Alexander Ramroop

#### Humanities and Arts High School

Alexander Ramroop was the 2014 Valedictorian at Humanities and Arts High School and recipient of an Advanced Regents Diploma. He completed his studies obtaining a 93.8 GPA, and is a member of the school's Honor Society.

Alexander participated in a program with the College Summit, a national non-profit organization, and 21st Century Video Production at Queensborough Community College. On weekends Alexander took enrichment courses through Queensborough Community College's Project Price program.

Outside of scholarly pursuits, Alexander is interested in Fashion Design and the theatre. He attended a 3-day acting camp at Pepperdine University, CA, and was a member of his school's HA! Theater Company.

Among his achievements is participation in the Student Government and being selected as a College Summit Peer Leader.

Principal Rosemarie O'Mard states "He is dedicated, smart, and has integrity. We congratulate him on his accomplishments."

### Neha Shah

#### High School for Arts and Business

Neha was 2014 Valedictorian of the High School for Arts and Business. Throughout her high school career, Neha was a consistent National Honor Society inductee and received outstanding achievements in all her major subject areas. She also obtained perfect attendance throughout high school. Her 93.5 GPA, excellent Chemistry and Physics Regents scores as well as having earned 1640 on her SATs are just a few indicators of her exceptional academic success.

Always eager to get a leg up on her education, Neha participated in College Now courses through Queensborough Community College. Among the courses was Intro to Micro-Computers, Advisory Microsoft Office, and English 101. At High School for Arts and Business, Neha took AP English Literature and Composition and AP Psychology.

As a high school junior Neha was a member of the Rocket Club in which members built rockets and launched them to find out the velocity at which they traveled and the apex height that the rockets reached.

Neha was vigorously involved in her school. She participated in the Culinary Club, the Drama Club, and was a valued member of the girl handball team, for which she won a certificate of recognition.



Neha loves helping people. She would like to create an organization to raise awareness for bullying. She would love to travel around the world and donate money to charities such as the Red Cross and the Food Harvest.



### Mayer

#### Achildiyev Ezra Academy

Mayer Achildiyev, a member of the National Honor Society, was Ezra Academy's 2014 Valedictorian. Mayer clearly excels in all his subjects—earning

99 on the Global Regent, 97 on the Biology Regent, 97 on the Chemistry Regent, 92 on the Physics Regent, and 98 on the US History Regent. Among the challenging courses he took were American History Honors and Political Science Honors. He also passed AP Psychology and AP Calculus.

Mayer is an involved member of his school. For example, he served as Debate Team captain, was Editor-in-Chief of the Senior Yearbook and wrote for the school newspaper. Mayer was Junior Vice President and Senior Vice President.

Among the academic teams Mayer joined are the Euro Challenge, Science Olympiad and Moot Court teams. As a member of the Moot Court Team, Mayer participated in the MTA Debate Tournament.

Mr. Leonard Morochnick, Math and Science teacher, taught Mayer Chemistry, Physics, and Calculus. He is proud to say, "Mayer's achievement is not merely due to his natural qualities, it is equally due to his dedication and hard work. He does not simply complete his homework assignments, but he probes the subject well beyond the basic curriculum."

Mayer has elected to pursue a career wherein he takes care of others; he hopes to become a doctor. Toward that end, Mayer applied to the Sophie David Program of CUNY and CUNY's Macaulay Honors Program.

### Aura Agudelo Rivera Cathedral High School

Aura Agudelo Rivera, originally from Colombia, came to New York when she was nine years old. Unable to speak a single word of English, her tenacity to acclimate into her new home was met with success. Aura was the top-ranked student and a proud earner of an Advanced Regent's Diploma. She maintained a 4.0 average, was inducted into the National Honor Society, and was selected for membership into Cathedral Scholars.

Aura participated in her school's Medical Gateways program through which she received first-hand experience at Beth Israel Medical Center Surgical Cardiac Intensive Care Unit and NYU Medical Center, and Cornell Medical College. Aura also attended the highly competitive The Cooper Union Summer Internship Program.

Her drive is not limited to the sciences. She participated in the Art club and was a member of both the school newspaper and yearbook. In addition, she was a member of the Upward Bound Program at John Jay College.

What does Aura see for her future? She says, "I hope I can give back to the community, so that girls and boys who have the same dreams as me will one day accomplish them, too. As a surgeon I want to reach out to those in need of medical assistance but who cannot afford it. One of my goals is to join a U.S. aid organization where doctors volunteer and travel to different third-world countries to help those who need them the most. I hope to bring a grain of change to this world that so very much needs it."



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# Young tennis fans flock to USTA for Kids' Day

Family event in honor of Arthur Ashe features mini-match sessions with pros, concerts and more

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Young tennis fans descended on the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center Saturday eager to go racket-to-racket with the pros during the annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day.

After traveling from New Hampshire, the Leclerc family was thrilled when 8-year-old Emily wound up facing twin brothers and professional American doubles players Bob and Mike Bryan at the mini-match sessions pitting pros against kids.

Karen Leclerc eagerly snapped photos of her daughter swinging on the court from nearby bleachers.

"She liked it so much she got in line and wanted to do it again," Leclerc said. "The Bryan brothers are my favorite so when they came on the court I couldn't even believe it."

The annual Kids' Day is a precursor to the national US Open Tennis Championships that offers youth the chance to learn from the pros, watch players warm up and partake in a slew of non-tennis-related activities.

The day pays tribute to Arthur Ashe, a pioneering black player who contracted HIV from a blood transfusion he received after having heart surgery. Proceeds from Saturday's event fees will go to a foundation Ashe helped create to offer youth low-cost tennis, life skills and education programs across the country.

This year's festivities had Kiara Baker, 13, and Renee Campbell, 13, abuzz.

The two said the Washington, D.C., Department of Parks and Recreation group they came to Kids' Day with did not depart until 3 a.m. Friday.



Musa Pirzada, 4 (l.), plays tennis against the Bryan brothers.

Photo by Sarina Trangle

And they weren't planning on heading out until they had seen Serena Williams warm up.

"We're probably not going to leave the park until it's 1 [a.m.]," Kiara said.

The friends detailed their plan for securing Williams' autograph once the US Open tournament began.

"I usually come down before it ends," Renee said,

while ticking off the other tennis stars she had sign a ball. "She's a good tennis player and she just blocks out all of the craziness."

Still, the stadium had plenty to offer those who

were not fans of the sport.

Children rushed to play volleyball against adults on stilts using a giant inflatable tennis ball.

Kids laughed while struggling to keep orbiting discs balanced on sticks.

And they lined up for an obstacle course tasking them with weaving a tennis ball around cones, jumping through a rope ladder and then serving at a target.

"It's good," Gabriel Nieves, 9, of Fresh Meadows, said of the several activities around him. "I'm here to have fun."

The tennis center also hosted a slew of musical performances, storytellers, balloon artists and face painters.

Reach reporter Sarina Trangle at 718-260-4546 or by e-mail at [strangle@cnglobal.com](mailto:strangle@cnglobal.com).

## Tennis gives borough its star turn at the US Open

BY BILL PARRY

For the third straight year, the Queens Economic Development Corp. will staff an information and referral kiosk at the US Open to generate business for the borough's restaurants, hotels and cultural institutions.

Every year the two-week Grand Slam tennis tournament brings nearly a million visitors to Queens.

"We're hustling up the borough," QEDC Director of Marketing & Tourism Rob MacKay said.

Trained volunteers from the Queens Chamber of Commerce and the Queens Tourism Council will hand out guidebooks like "Queens in Your Pocket," bike maps, recreational opportunities, hotel listings and a guide to the best 60 restaurants.

"We really started to



Queens Economic Development Corp. President Seth Bornstein (c.) poses with elected officials in front of his kiosk at the US Open.

Photo courtesy QEDC

make inroads last year," MacKay said. "We heard from many people who said they didn't like their hotels in Manhattan last year, and when they heard that Queens accommodations can be \$200 less per night,

they became really interested. There was two guys from Nebraska that stood out. When I told them about the Z Hotel in Long Island City, they booked rooms for this year right there on one of their smartphones."

The United States Tennis Association provides the kiosk free of charge in a central part of the grounds at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

"We're right in between the two stadiums the entire time, just like the ones that sell the \$500 hot dogs and the \$25 bottles of water," MacKay said.

The exposure that Queens gets every summer, thanks to the US Open, is unmatched, according to MacKay.

"You can't beat the TV coverage. Each time they go to a commercial it's a bumper shot of the Unisphere or the New York State Pavilion," he said. "We're in everyone's living room across the country for two weeks, you can't beat that."

Meanwhile, the USTA threw the inaugural Queens Day celebration Aug. 20. The event is part of the community outreach the USTA agreed to do when City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst) negotiated a deal that allowed the National Tennis

Center to lease 0.68 acres of public land in order to expand.

The USTA is paying \$10.05 million for the 20-year package.

In addition to musical performances and other borough-centric entertainment, the USTA hosted a brunch for seniors from the 21st Council District.

"I am proud to have played a role in bringing Queens Day to our borough's largest park," Ferreras said. "It was such a joy to see so many local residents take part in this special day, especially for our senior citizens. I'd like to thank the USTA for their continued support for our community."

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# HOUSE THE HOMELESS

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer's recent column about how he and his family fell into homelessness should remind us that we have been quick to demonize of Queens shelter residents.

After the city moved 21 families into the former Pan American hotel in June without notifying elected officials or the community, the outrage was palpable. The city flubbed the job and angry protests were held as irate residents rose up against their new neighbors who had been bused into the shelter.

The tone of the first two rallies was so incendiary that the city Department of Homeless Services took the children to the movies to protect them from the verbal venom of the third round.

Now a picture is beginning to emerge of the 188 families who live in the Elmhurst shelter. Some 60 percent of the adults have jobs, according to one estimate, which means they belong to the swelling ranks of the working poor. This does not gibe with the stereotype of the welfare recipient who refuses to work and lives life on the dole.

In Van Bramer's case, he wrote in an op-ed column Sunday that his father was a journeyman pressman but was drinking heavily and his family ended up homeless in Woodside with nowhere to go. Van Bramer was a baby.

His story is similar to what has happened to many people forced into the emergency shelter system 40 years later, but few would ever dream that the Sunnyside councilman had spent weeks as a baby in a Harlem shelter.

At the root of the city's record high homeless population is the lack of affordable housing.

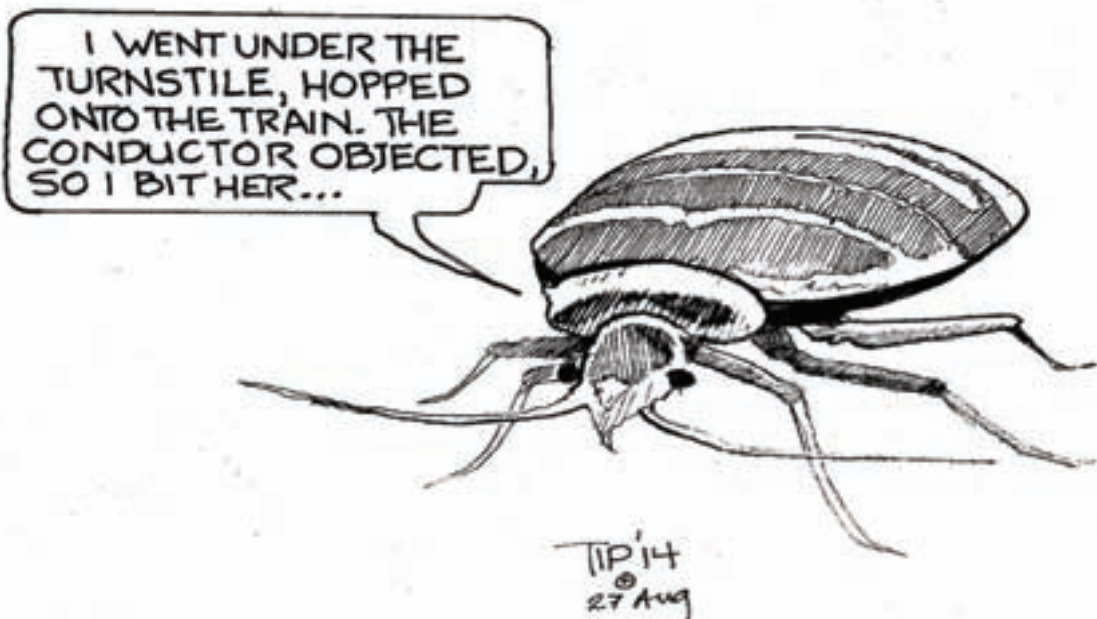
Mayor Bill de Blasio has pledged to build over 10 years 200,000 affordable units, most of which would be carved out of existing housing. This is the tale of two cities: those who can afford to live here and those who can't.

Income inequality is a big part of the equation, but the affordable housing crisis is creeping up the economic ladder and clawing at the middle class. Manhattan rents have driven people to western Queens, where gentrification is transforming former industrial tracts and making this side of the river more expensive.

Some developers have agreed to set aside affordable housing in a few Long Island City buildings, but Queens needs more relief. Resistance to affordable units in some pockets of the borough is blocking progress.

Unlike the new renters and buyers flocking to Queens, the Pan Am hotel residents have few choices.

Let's hope Van Bramer can put his own experience to work in helping the city find homes for shelter residents. He's already taken a big step.



## OTHER VOICES

### Vets BBQ was the biggest and best yet

This year, my annual veterans barbecue was bigger and the best yet. We had an astounding 100 veterans, men and women, from my district come out for a Saturday afternoon in Howard Beach.

This number is bigger than any number of attendees in the past, and I am thrilled my office and I were able to reach that many veterans to recognize and honor them for their service.

As the ranking member of the state Senate Com-

mittee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, I make it a priority to extend my own services to the veterans of our state and to show my appreciation for their dedication to our country.

It was amazing to see such a wide range of people come together for a casual afternoon outside my district office. We had a local duo perform live music for the guests, including some old-time favorites that brought a few people out of their chairs to dance. To eat we offered lasagna, penne a

la vodka and more thanks to generous donations. The conversations that could be heard around the tables as people enjoyed their lunch were some that could not be heard in most places.

My thanks to my staff, Pat Connelly and Coleman Post 2565, Fran Scarantino, Laura Lee and Richie, Roger Gendron, Mike Sarter, Howie Kempf, Rileys Yacht Club, Howard Beach Motor Boat Club and the following food contributors: Russos on the Bay, Aldo's Pizza, Prima Pasta, McDonald's, Sugar Bun, The Rail, Gino's

Pizza, Bruno's Ristorante, Lenny's Pizza, Ragtime, Frenasia, CrossBay Diner and Pasticceria la Torre bakery. Without their generosity, this event would not have been possible.

It is my hope my staff and I will be fortunate enough to keep the tradition alive and host another barbecue next summer for our nation's bravest.

All the best,

Joseph Addabbo Jr.  
Senator  
(D-Howard Beach)

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# Court was wrong in backing Willets shopping mall

The lower court's decision approving a 1.4-million-square-foot shopping mall at Citi Field does not inspire judicial confidence ("Judge nixes Willets suit," Aug. 22-28).

The court held a mall on parkland will not result in an alienation or removal of parkland because the property is only being leased to the developers. Ignored and not mentioned at all is the so-called lease for 99 years.

The notion that there is a distinction between a 99-year lease of public parkland and a sale, with the result that by virtue of the lease the city retains control over the property, is devoid of reality and common sense. The city has no expertise in operating a shopping mall, nor will it in any meaningful manner exercise control over the property.

For all practical pur-

poses, it is a sale and should have been viewed as such.

The court held the stadium lease on parkland provided the city "notwithstanding any other provision of law, general, special or local" could "from time to time enter into contracts, leases or other rental agreements, etc.," as a result of which the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure did not apply to the mall.

ULURP was not the law when the stadium agreement was entered into in 1961, and the notion its language clearly applied to laws not then in existence does not make sense and would come as a complete surprise to legislators that they had for infinity given up their legislative prerogatives.

The ULURP legislation did not contain any grandfather clauses excluding from its requirements pre-existing laws that would for all practical purposes make

ULURP inapplicable.

The notion that a shopping mall on parkland "will serve the public purpose of improving trade or commerce" is nonsense. Receiving a \$99 million subsidy, a close to a \$50 million tax abatement and Willets Point property worth about a billion dollars for \$1 makes it clear the only purpose a shopping mall will serve is to line the pockets of the billionaire developers.

Perhaps the most egregious part of the lower court's decision is that it bought into the developers dog-and-pony show that without the mall the public will not benefit from the removal of "urban blight from Willets Point."

Apart from the fact that that argument had no legal relevance to the issues before the court, the public will recall to the extent that there was any blight it was caused by the city that col-

lected sewer rent notwithstanding there were no sewers and collected real estate and other taxes and failed to repair the area's infrastructure.

The public will also recall that even though the court chose to ignore it, the developers accepted the 2008 approved Willets Point plan, which did not include a shopping mall. If they were acting in good faith, they could have proceeded with that plan and the so-called blight obliterated. They did not do so because they never intended to do so and had other plans in mind.

The mall had nothing to do with the 2008 Willets Point plan and the court should have understood that.

It should be noted that in support of its claim the city retained control over the parkland — a lease and not a sale — the court pointed out the developers

"will be penalized \$35 million and the remediated property [Willets Point] can be taken back by the city and given to another developer."

That is what will occur. Greedy as the developers are, they are not stupid. They are billionaires who sole interest is the shopping mall and not Willets Point. Affordable housing is a money loser, and since \$35 million is pennies to the developers, they will walk away and, as the court pointed out, other developers can seek the job.

Since affordable housing has been placed on the back burner until 2025, some 17 years after the approved 2008 plan, even with a new developer generations will have transpired before Willets Point will have been remediated, if at all. As a result, there will be winners and losers. The public will be the loser and the winner will be the

developers who will have the shopping mall, which was all they cared about to begin with. In failing to recognize this, I believe the court was short-sighted.

The matter will now proceed to the appellate level, and one hopes the five state Supreme Court justices on that bench will see the issues more clearly and let right be done.

Finally, fault lies in a City Council that delivered to billionaire real estate developers the keys to the city treasury, consistently short changed and trampled upon the integrity of Flushing Meadows Corona Park and views real estate interests as their true constituents and the little people be damned.

This sordid saga does not inspire confidence in good government.

*Benjamin Haber  
Flushing*

## Don't be quick to claim brutality

The New York Police Department made 150,000 arrests in four years. I believe during that time there was only one arrest in which the perpetrator died.

I am sure many of

these arrests involved a fight where the perpetrator and the police were hurt as a result of the perpetrator's refusal to surrender peacefully.

How can anyone claim police brutality?

How can anyone not admit that this is a fantastically good record?

*John Procida  
Flushing*

## Finish renovating PS 162 now

Children are looking forward to the upcoming school year: new backpacks, school supplies and clothes. Teachers are hard at work decorating classrooms to create a positive experience for their students.

But PS 162 is surrounded with scaffolding and

shrouded in dark mesh at all entrances and exits. As children enter these dark, foreboding areas, it looks more like a prison than a welcoming school.

The scaffolding was put up more than one year ago and the work has not yet been completed. I have been in contact with Com-

munity Board 11, but have had no reply.

Is this any way for our children to start the school year?

*Beatrice Gallagher  
Bayside Beautification  
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An article in the Aug. 15-21 edition misidentified an ex-elected official convicted of accepting bribes from Parkway Hospital CEO Dr. Robert Aquino. Former state Sen. Carl Kruger was sentenced to seven years behind bars in the case.

A story in the Aug. 22-28 issue of TimesLedger Newspapers about the Queens Library board should have said that eight trustees were fired. We regret the error.

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# People can learn a thing or two from Ben Franklin



**Kenneth Kowald**  
■  
**I Sit And Look Out**

Sometime during the wonderful education I received in New York City schools, I became aware of Benjamin Franklin. In those days, you learned a great deal about the poor kid from Boston who made it big in Philadelphia and was one of the Founding Fathers.

I read little by Franklin himself, however, either at JHS 73 in Maspeth or Newtown High School.

But I remember that at some point many things Franklin said and wrote began to make a great im-

pression on me. It seems he rarely said something with aggressive definitiveness. Rather, he was given to saying "I believe," "It seems to me" or "Perhaps."

Clearly he was a man open to the world around him, who did not shut himself off from any influences. And that, I believe, helped to make him the great American icon in his own long life and in the centuries since.

I do not know whether Franklin ever set foot in what is now Queens. The nearest he may have come — at least before we became a country and the capital was New York City — was a meeting at the Conference House on Staten Island, during summer 1776, in a last-ditch attempt to stave off a war between England and its colonists. It failed, of

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course, but they tried. You can visit the Conference House; it is worth doing.

Franklin's remarkable career makes him, to me, the quintessential American. He was a Renaissance man in so many ways. His ability to listen to others, to try to understand them, to try to persuade them is something that in this age of expletives and screaming would seem much in

order for many people — including, I fear, almost every politician in our divisive country — to think about and emulate.

Franklin lived a long life and, I feel sure, he was not always happy with what was happening in the world. But he was a man of the world in the truest sense, and he wanted to see progress, not the bitterness of partisan strife. He even

had the tragedy of a son, William, the last royal governor of New Jersey, adhering to the crown position. The son went into exile in England. They never reconciled.

Even as the U.S. Constitution was nearing a vote, he made it clear he would agree to it, although he felt it was not ideal. He said so on the floor of the Constitutional Convention. You can read what he said. It is worth doing. Franklin, like so many of his contemporaries, could be articulate and persuasive.

But then, Franklin was wise enough to know that human beings are not ideal and do not always, if ever, do the ideal thing.

That flawed Constitution he voted for has given us the best nation in the history of the world, I think. I

believe he knew that might be the case.

Let's think about that this September, as we remember Constitution Day Wednesday, Sept. 17.

I wonder just how many teachers will note that day with their classes. After all, didn't we just spring full-grown from the atmosphere with no past at all? So is observance of Constitution Day necessary? I would hope it is.

I believe. It seems to me. Perhaps. Not ideal, but I will vote for it.

All wiser and better than my way or the highway, you jerk.

Don't you think so?

Thank you, Ben.

*Read my blog No Holds Barred at timesledger.com.*

## Blacks, Hispanics lag behind whites, Asians on tests



**Prem Calvin Prashad**  
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**New Voices**

In a report released Aug. 14, city students made modest gains on state English and math examinations. The boost was touted by the de Blasio administration as a reflection of the city's successful implementation of Common Core standards, now in its second year since its inception in New York state.

The information in the report is broken down by Grades 3 to 8 as well as by demographics. These numbers reflected an increase from 2013, where students struggled with the new state tests.

Yet despite these gains in almost all grades, there remains an appalling dis-

parity in the scores of black and Hispanic students and their white and Asian peers. This is undressed in the city Department of Education report.

In 2014, nearly 50 percent of Asian and white students, who comprise just a third of city public school students, earned a "proficient" score on the ELA. Two-thirds of Asian students and 55 percent of white students were proficient at math.

Just 18 percent of black and Hispanic students scored "proficient" on the ELA and black and Hispanic students were 18.6 percent and 23 percent proficient at math.

Students with disabilities and English language learners also scored low on these standardized tests. Just 3.6 percent of ELLs met state standards in English, a slight increase from the previous year,

and 14 percent of these students scored proficiently in math, up 3 percent from the previous year, but still dramatically behind all city students.

The Common Core differs from conventional standards in that it encourages the use of more challenging materials to foster critical thinking as well as composition and supporting claims with evidence, according to the report. Math instruction focuses on the more practical and everyday uses of math concepts.

Last year, the state realigned its standardized testing to be more in line with Common Core, with an admission that the state's students were not being prepared adequately for college.

English language learning is of crucial importance for immigrants or the children of immigrants.

Only 18 percent of black and Hispanic students scored 'proficient' on the ELA, and those same students were 18.6% and 23% proficient in math.

As was the case with generations of immigrants before them, public schools were for many their first encounter with English in a structured setting. Schools were also instrumental in instilling civic values, critical for participation in American society.

What these statistics show is a dearth of educational opportunities for immigrant students. Effective ELL programs, whether adhering to the Common Core or otherwise, need to be a priority of this mayoral administration, as have the implementation of other

Common Core standards and universal pre-kindergarten.

With English fluency, these bilingual students will possess skills highly desired in today's job market. Current growth in the city's middle class is driven by college-educated young professionals moving to the city for career opportunities, and there needs to be a priority to empower city students to also compete for these jobs.

The universal pre-K initiative was a centerpiece of the de Blasio campaign. While this will be effective

in cultivating good habits and structure, the weakest link remains middle schools, which are unable to properly prepare students for high school admissions, deepening the segregation in the school system, notably at the specialized high schools, where admission is by standardized tests.

While the mayor's vision to help students at an early stage is laudable, this administration must bridge the gap between childhood and young adult education. In addition, there needs to be an admission that English language learning in this city is at a crisis.

A rising tide may lift all boats, but with so many of our students already underwater, satisfaction in incremental gains is not nearly enough to tackle this ongoing crisis.

The full report can be found at schools.nyc.gov.





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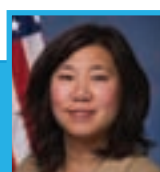
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# Queens Museum displays Monument Quilt

BY BILL PARRY

The field behind the Queens Museum was turned into a sea of red cloth last week as stories from survivors of sexual and domestic violence were stitched together on 200 quilt squares.

Larger than two basketball courts put together, the Monument Quilt was on display as part of a national project to create a public healing space for survivors of rape and abuse.

"These survivors suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome just like our veterans of war," artist and activist Rebecca Nagle said at the Aug. 20 event. "There are memorials and programs that help soldiers reconnect and recover, but there is none of that for rape and abuse victims, so we are providing that public space where survivors can be supported and up-

lifted."

Nagle and fellow artist Hanna Brancato are the co-directors of Force: Upsetting Rape Culture, an advocacy and arts group that travels the country with Shameek Dream, a healer in residence. The Baltimore-based trio made Flushing Meadow Corona Park their 10th stop in their current two-week tour through the south and northeast.

Queens residents mingled with the curious, who were taking in qualifying matches at the US Open at the adjacent USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

The Queens Museum brought the project to the borough after hosting workshops for Latina women in the neighborhood, organized by Immigrant Movement International and Violence Intervention Program Inc.



Workers and volunteers at the Queens Museum lay out sections of the Monument Quilt, created by Latina women in New York City.  
Photo by Thomas MacMillan

"We have workshops in each city where survivors express their stories on quilt panels that will be

joined with others," Nagle said.

Over the next two years, more panels will

be added to the Monument Quilt so it will cover 1 mile of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.,

with thousands of squares that will spell out "NOT ALONE."

"The quilt is a platform to not only tell our stories, but work together to forever change how the U.S. responds to rape," Nagle said. "We are creating a new culture where survivors are publicly supported rather than publicly shamed."

Both Nagle and Brancato are survivors.

"I am not broken by my experience," Nagle said. "But I do realize that what is broken is the country that I live in."

The Monument Quilt is modeled after similar projects that swept the country during the AIDS crisis of the 1980s. More information is available at [monumentquilt.org](http://monumentquilt.org).

Reach reporter Bill Parry by e-mail at [bparry@cnglocal.com](mailto:bparry@cnglocal.com) or by phone at 718-260-4538.

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# Council takes step to end Rikers culture of violence

BY BILL PARRY

The City Council has moved to end the culture of brutality that exists at Rikers Island as well as other New York City jails.

By a unanimous 47-0 vote, the Council passed legislation that would require correction officials to release quarterly reports documenting information about inmates being held in solitary confinement.

"Brutality at Rikers Island has been well-documented," the bill's sponsor, Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), said. "This sends a message that we will not tolerate the violation of anyone's constitutional rights, be they incarcerated or not."

Dromm spent 2 1/2 years fighting for the quarterly reports that will detail



Rikers Island is facing a humanitarian crisis because of its culture of violence, according to the city comptroller. Photo by

Ken Maldonado

the number of people who have been placed in solitary, the reason for their confinement, the length of their stay and their mental health status.

"I don't think that I want to eliminate it altogether. I want to reform it and limit its use. The information will shed some light on the abuses," Dromm said.

The move comes on the heels of a U.S. Justice

Department, secret three-year investigation that exposed brutality, violence and excessive use of solitary confinement, especially against teenagers and the mentally ill, at Rikers Island, the nation's second largest jail.

The investigation's findings were presented in a graphic 79-page report by U.S. Attorney Preet Bharrara Aug. 4. The report said the city Department of Correction "relies far too heavily on punitive segregation as a disciplinary measure, placing adolescent inmates — many of whom are mentally ill — in what amounts to solitary confinement at an alarming rate for excessive periods of time."

New York state recently placed strict limits on the use of solitary con-

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## 5Pointz demolition underway

BY BILL PARRY

The long-awaited demolition of 5Pointz began last Friday morning with heavy machinery punching a huge hole in the back wall.

Dozens of art lovers and tourists looked on quietly along Davis Street as the contractors proceeded, and among them was Meres One, the curator who helped make the graffiti mecca famous around the world.

"He just wanted to see this day arrive himself," his spokeswoman Marie Cecil Flageul said. "We've spent the last nine months looking at all the white-washed art on its walls, so the fact of the matter is we couldn't wait to have the building be gone. 5Pointz died on Nov. 19, for us it's just a cemetery now and seeing the artwork through the paint has been unbearable this whole time."

Their pain will last for several more months because the demolition process will take awhile, according to owner Jerry Wolkoff.

"This is going to take three or four months," he said. "The plan is to start with all of the smaller buildings along the perimeter. We'll clear that out to create the space needed for heavier machinery that will tackle the main building."

Wolkoff had to wait nine months while the proper permits were issued for the demolition.

"I had no idea it would take so long to get the paperwork in order, but now we're in action and I hope to start digging the foundation for my buildings in early spring," Wolkoff said.

A federal judge gave Wolkoff the green light last fall to tear down the former Neptune Building ware-

house complex when he ruled against the 5Pointz artists' attempts to save their aerosol artwork that had covered the outside walls since 1993.

Wolkoff ordered the graffiti murals to be covered with paint in the early morning hours of Nov. 19, ending the era.

Once the demolition is complete, Wolkoff will build two luxury high-rise towers with 1,100 apartments with 20 percent of them affordable housing. Included in the \$400 million project is 50,000 square feet of retail space, a new public park and space for the artist community's return.

"I keep saying they'll come back because they know I loved their work," Wolkoff said. "These are going to be the coolest buildings in New York City and they're going to want to be a part of it."

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# Liu blasts IDC mailers

John Liu's campaign has filed a complaint with the city Board of Elections, claiming glossy mailers sent out by the Independent Democratic Conference's PAC in support of his opponent, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Avella), were illegal campaign contributions.

Liu's camp said the fliers would put the IDC Initiative over the legal \$16,800 limit any committee could contribute to a single candidate for an election since it had already donated \$10,000 to Avella.

"This illegal campaign donation is another example of Tony Avella cashing in on his betrayal of the Democratic Party, and this time he got caught," Liu's spokesman, Austin Shafran, said.

Avella's campaign said the fliers were sent out independently of the incumbent and his staff.

"(Neither) Sen. Avella nor his campaign have any knowledge or role in any outside or independent activities," Avella's campaign spokesman, Jason Elan, said.

Martin Connor, an at-



John Liu's campaign called mailers paid for by the Independent

torney representing the IDC Initiative, said the purchase and distribution of fliers was legal as they were an independent expenditure and not a contribution.

"It's not a contribution," Connor said. "It was an independent expenditure with no coordination or consultation with the candidate's campaign or the candidate."

## Bedbug scare on N train

A conductor on an N train in Brooklyn reported being bitten by a bedbug earlier this week.

The conductor of the Coney Island-bound train

reported the bite Monday afternoon. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority said the train was removed from service and exterminators were notified.

Bedbugs were also found on the No. 5 train earlier this summer.

—Kelsey Durham

## JFK Dems celebrate Aug. 19 birthdays

Aug. 19 is when political lions come out to play ... at least in Queens.

The JFK Regular Democratic Club of Queens held a rare summer meeting last week to celebrate several Democratic operatives' coincidental Aug. 19 birthdays.

The birth date is shared by Borough President Melinda Katz, City

Council Deputy Majority Leader Jimmy Van Brammer (D-Sunnyside), Fresh Meadows District Leader Yolanda Delacruz-Gallagher, JFK Club President Jeffrey Gottlieb and former President Bill Clinton.

But the former commander-in-chief did not partake in pizza and cake with the central Queens club, which spans Briar-

wood, Fresh Meadows, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Kew Gardens Hills and Richmond Hill.

Katz gave the headlining speech of the evening.

She discussed efforts to add more school seats, establish a new library board of trustees and brand the borough.

—Sarina Trangle



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# Van Bramer family once lived in a city homeless shelter

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## Councilman writes op-ed hoping to quell protests for sake of children who live at Pan Am Hotel

BY BILL PARRY

After watching and reading accounts of protests and town hall meetings against new homeless shelters in East Elmhurst and Elmhurst, City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) kept quiet because the controversy lay outside his district.

Then he decided to act after taking part in an administration meeting at City Hall, where a deputy mayor spoke about the crisis in western Queens.

"Lilliam Barrios-Paoli talked about the number of children who are homeless and how disheartened she was at the public reaction at the Pan American Hotel," Van Bramer said. "She said we had to get to a better place where people understand what these families have gone through. I thought, what if I tell my

story and dispel the myths and stereotypes."

So he wrote an op-ed piece that disclosed a family secret about how when he was a boy his Woodside family became homeless and had to live in a shelter for six weeks.

"My family's journey into and out of homelessness began like so many others then and now," Van Bramer wrote. "Dad was drinking heavily, money got tight, some poor decisions were made and a family teetered on the brink of despair as a result."

The family of four eventually moved into a small tenement apartment and his father, who was 25 years old at the time, was able to stabilize his life with the help of friends.

"Even though I was an infant at the time, I thought it was important to tell my story so people could



City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer stands outside his childhood home in Woodside. Photo courtesy Van Bramer

see this can happen to just about anyone," Van Bramer said. "I want people to be more compassionate and give people a hand up when they're down."

He hopes that people

who protest against the shelters at the Pan American Hotel and the Westway Motel have a chance to read his essay.

"I hope they remember that no one wants to be in a

shelter, no one wants to be homeless," he said. "If we humanize and put a face on the homeless, it makes it harder for people to yell at them."

Van Bramer hopes the

children living in the Boulevard Family Center in the Pan American Hotel have a chance to read it as well.

"Maybe it could be an inspiration for them so they think, 'We can do this, we can get to a better place,'" he said. "Now, after working hard to put myself through St. John's, I'm a councilman and a homeowner. Not everyone stays homeless. They can go on to do great things."

Van Bramer added that both of his parents had reservations about sharing the family secret.

"My dad wanted to make sure it didn't hurt me and my mom is more private," he said. "But they both felt that if it would help anyone in that situation, then we should, and I'm glad they agreed with me."

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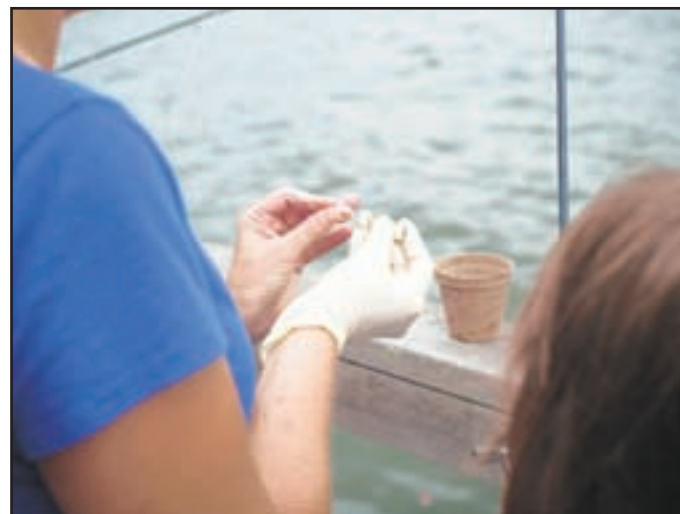
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## Fishing in Bayside

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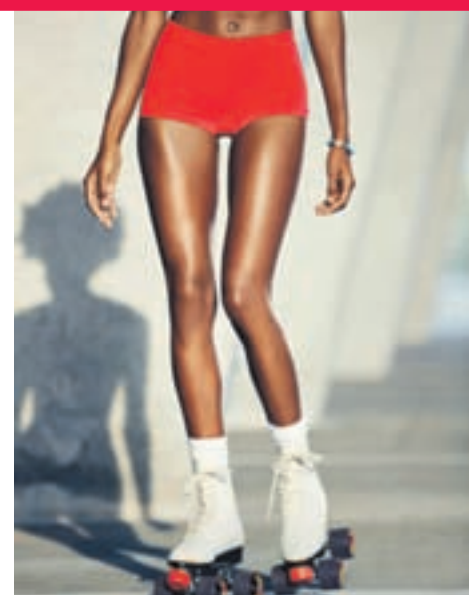
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# BACK *to* SCHOOL





## BACK TO SCHOOL

## Technology rules the classroom today

From smartboards to tablets, educational equipment goes well beyond desktop computers

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

As another hectic school year looms near, things are looking up for tech-savvy local public schools. Teachers and students are benefiting from innovative changes, but sadly many classrooms are still feeling like they're left out in the cold due to ongoing budget restrictions that limit resources and supplies.

Expressing its individuality on the Web, one happy school — PS/IS 208 in Bellerose — is proud to launch a new School Portal as an extension of its community. The user-friendly portal even makes for a fun student experience.

This valuable re-

source was developed in conjunction with the city Department of Education's Division of Instructional and Information Technology, which empowers New Yorkers and the city agencies that serve them with innovative technology solutions.

Enhancing communication between faculty, parents, students and the city, the portal offers a wealth of information. A major feature is its ability to immediately update information about daily and special events, ranging from parent associations and senior leadership team meetings to school exam schedules, celebrations and other time-sensitive information.



Rayhan Uddin speaks with students about Hillcrest HS's Virtual Enterprise Program.

And at PS 244 in Flushing, educational/tech tools are making a big differ-

ence. "We use smartboards in every classroom throughout the building. We also use laptops and iPads at times. Each teacher

has their own laptop to use, and document cameras are used regularly to project student work to review or books to share and read together," said Principal Bob Groff. "We recently got a grant through our city councilman, Peter Koo, to overhaul our technology for \$100,000."

Using this money, Groff said he has replaced more than 50 desktop computers and another 55 laptops, all of which were six years old.

At Richmond Hill High School, design, engineering and forensics students use technology to develop skills sought by the marketplace.

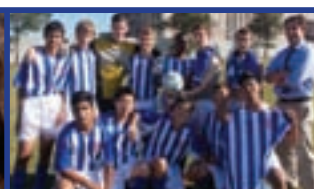
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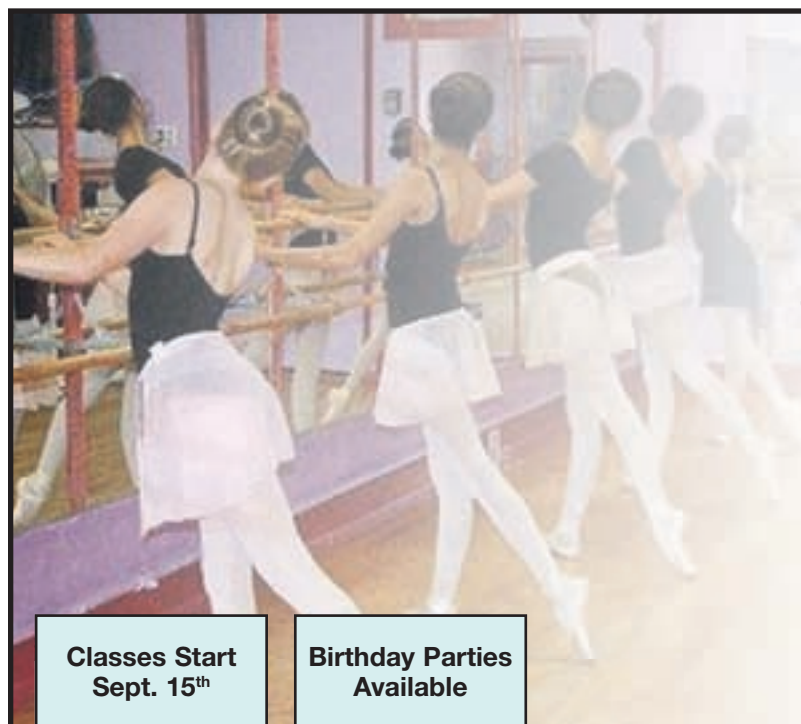
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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Fashion that goes from catwalk to classroom

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Anything goes for back-to-school.

Fashion trends for Queens' fashionistas consist of a colorful, cool mix of retro styles that echo the 1970s, '80s and '90s — even for boys.

Hip teens and college kids who want to get the best bang for their bucks should check out a great store called Buffalo Exchange in Astoria. It offers stylish second-hand clothing, accessories, boots, shoes, bags and baubles. You'll also find new merchandise.

It caters to men and women and its merchandise is more fashionable than your regular thrift store. At the buy counter, it hand-picks the most desirable items from the public that can be resold.

With the help of store manager Rocco Paone, owners Kirsten Block and daughter Rebecca

run their popular store with the hottest back-to-school trends in mind.

"Buffalo Exchange is unique because clothing and accessories are bought, sold and traded locally with store customers," said Alyson Lutynski, area manager. "Bring in your former favorites for trade or cash on the spot! Our ever-changing inventory includes designer labels, vintage, jeans, leather, current basics and one-of-a-kind items."

"Our clothing is by the community, for the community. Buffalo Exchange stores are located in the heart of progressive, urban neighborhoods, minimizing pollution, congestion, habitat loss and urban sprawl. Eighty percent of our clothing and accessories are bought directly from local customers."

Prices range widely depending on label, style, condition and other factors. Many items average around \$15. Designer jeans are



higher in price, but their prices are far lower than retail.

"Current 'hot' trends for guys and gals preparing for the upcoming school year is any-



New York City designer Bonnie Young's fall 2014 line (l.) includes overcoats in muted tones. Blue Elephant in Forest Hills stocks gold shoes (above) in at variety of styles.

Photos courtesy Shawn Punch and Mirielle Maor

thing denim. All hues of blue are in. Whether it be denim jackets, rompers, overalls or classic jeans, denim is in high demand," said Lutynski.

"Skinny leg jeans are classic staples for our stores, high-waist and distressed styles are in de-

mand. We cannot get enough of the overall look — this will be a huge hit for the upcoming school year. Plaid trousers, jogger pants and loose, over-sized knit sweaters will be on many students' wish

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Whether it's bad for the kids or good for the parents, we can all agree education is highly important in today's world and, thankfully, we live in a country that upholds that value.

Although education in America is far from free, it is readily available to almost everyone through

different government initiatives, but this was not always the case. Here is a brief history of education in America.

**Laura Rahill**  
Remember the Date



In colonial times, education was privately taught for upper-class, white children and was certainly considered a boy's pursuit.

Both boys and girls were taught basic lessons like reading, writing, simple math, poems and prayers and the boys went on to study more advanced and academic lessons that would benefit them as they took on their roles in life. Some boys even traveled to England to advance their education.

Girls, on the other hand, were taught the basic lessons they would need to assume responsibility for the home. They also learned music, French, art, needlework, cooking, nursing and social etiquette. Children of poor families did not receive these types of education but rather took on apprenticeships so they could learn a skill and provide for themselves and their families.

The growth of middle-class businesses in the 1700s led to the demand for grammar schools, which afforded children a secondary education in a broader range of subjects, like engineering, navigating, book-keeping and foreign languages.

These types of schools were the first kind to accept female students and pro-

vided subjects accordingly, like training on how to be a lady, whose characteristics were deemed important at the time.

During the second half of the 18th century, academies began to pop up in an attempt to combine English and Latin grammar schools through separate English and Latin departments in one school.

The primary language in these schools was English and females were allowed to attend. These types of schools became the most popular choice for education.

The 19th century saw a move away from schools that were completely private to schools that were available to the common masses. This brought about a somewhat more inclusive society. It was believed

a more educated society had the ability to preserve social stability and lower crime and poverty.

Common school advocates worked to establish a free elementary education accessible to everyone and financed by public funds. By 1918, compulsory school attendance laws were in place for elementary-age children in all states.

By the 20th century, state-controlled, free, public education was law. Kindergartens were in most public schools by 1910.

All racial, religious and ethnic groups had access to the same type of education in the same environments as segregation declined.

From 1900-96, the percentage of teenagers who graduated from high school increased from about 6 per-

cent to 85 percent. By the 1920s, the invention of the automobile let states consolidate schools into larger districts. School buses allowed for the expansion of the public school system by transporting students in rural areas to school. The first school buses were horse-drawn and the modern school bus came about in the 1950s.

Although the standard of education today is always being challenged, we are lucky enough to live in a country that can challenge it and constantly try to make it better.

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Each district has a superintendent and a family advocate charged with responding to parents' concerns. Queens has two high school superintendents who supervise the principals of high and secondary schools in the borough.

In addition, parents in each district elect a Community Education Council, an advisory panel, to represent them. CEC members have little formal power but some are effective advocates for parents.

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# Students at PS 244 always eat their broccoli

This Flushing elementary school was first in nation to offer all-vegetarian meals at lunchtime

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Who needs meat when you can have tofu or black bean and cheddar quesadillas for lunch—or how about a helping of tasty falafel?

Students at PS 244 in Flushing agree and say, “Yay for veggies!”

For generations, parents have been pushing kids to eat their vegetables. Now, some city schools are starting to urge students to do the same.

But so far, only one has achieved its healthful eating goal.

The Active Learning Elementary School is the first in the city and the nation to serve all-vegetarian cafeteria meals, starting a veggie lunch revolution.

Since the school, at 137-20 Franklin Ave., decided to nix meat and less healthy fare, the result has been dramatic. Along with increased focus and energy, attendance and test scores have improved.

According to Amie

Hamlin, executive director of the NY Coalition for Healthy School Food, what your child eats for lunch is a major factor in his or her development and can have an effect on both learning and growth.

“We know that children will eat healthy food if they have the education to understand why it’s important and the food environment at school and at home to reinforce those messages,” said Hamlin, who believes that healthy, unprocessed plant foods help to prevent common diseases later in life, but also help children to get sick less often.

She said the coalition is proud to have assisted PS 244 in the transition to a healthy vegetarian menu.

“We are especially impressed by the fully plant-based choices available,” she said. “They contain no cholesterol and are low in total and saturated fat. Just the prescription for helping kids to concentrate better

in school, be less disruptive and to be in a better mood.”

PS 244 Principal Bob Groff also weighed in: “We serve a variety of plant-based items for breakfast and lunch each day. Our lunch options range from the superhero wrap with spinach, mozzarella cheese and tomato to a curried chickpea recipe created by our food service cook.

“The students are engaged in weekly health and nutrition classes to learn more about the fruits and vegetables they eat and engage in food tastings to try new things that they have never seen before. The combination of students learning about the foods and then being able to taste them before having them served in the cafeteria makes a big difference,” he said.

They bring this information home and tell their parents what they like. As a result, Groff said parents come in all the time, mentioning how their child asked them for broccoli at



PS 244 students hit the salad bar during lunchtime.

Photo courtesy PS 244 staff

the grocery store or brown rice instead of white rice.

“We believe that this focus on health and nutrition, combined with a dedicated staff and strong

curriculum, has been the major reasons why we have almost a 97 percent yearly attendance rate and why TALES is such a high-performing school.”

In 2012-13 it was ranked the No. 11 school in New York state, according to test scores, and again this past

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## NYC Public Schools Calendar 2014-2015

### SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 4**

First Day of School

**Early dismissal for Non-District 75 kindergarten students and partial time for Pre-Kindergarten.**

**Sept. 08**

First Full Day for Non-District 75 kindergarten students and Pre-Kindergarten public school students.

**Sept. 16**

Elementary School Parent Conference

**Sept. 17**

High School Parent Conference

**Sept. 18**

Middle School Parent Conference

**Sept. 25**

Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)

**Sept. 26**

Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)

### OCTOBER

**Oct. 13**

Columbus Day Observed (Schools Closed)

**Oct. 23**

Pre-kindergarten Non-Attendance Day

### NOVEMBER

**Nov. 4**

Election Day

**Nov. 5**

High School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 7**

High School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 11**

Veterans Day (Schools Closed)

**Nov. 12**



Hillcrest HS teacher Brian Denton (r.), checks classwork with Reyes Ali (l.) and Swarsatie Singh.

Elementary School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 13**

Elementary School Afternoon

Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 17**

D75 School Programs Evening Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 18**

D75 School Programs Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 19**

Middle School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 20**

Pre-kindergarten Non-Attendance Day

Middle School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

**Nov. 27 - Nov. 28**

Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)

### DECEMBER

**Dec. 25 - Jan. 2**

Winter Recess (Schools Closed)

### JANUARY

**Jan. 5**

School resumes

**Jan. 19**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Schools Closed)

**Jan. 26 - Jan. 29**

Regents exams

**Jan. 30**

Fall Term Ends for High School

### FEBRUARY

**Feb. 2**

High School Chancellor's Conference Day

**Feb. 3**

Spring Term Begins for High School

**Feb. 17 - Feb. 20**

Mid-winter Recess (Schools Closed)

**Feb. 23**

School resumes

### MARCH

**March 2**

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Head to the doctor's before going to school

Summer is a time when kids and parents get to take a break from the school year routine and have a moment to enjoy some ice cream, the outdoors and family time. But parents know that just as everyone begins focusing on fun, it's already time to begin planning back-to-school to-do lists and prepare for the coming school year.

Back-to-school tasks for parents of pre-teens and teens often include such items as stocking up on school supplies, purchasing some new wardrobe items, coordinating extra-curricular activities and organizing fall schedules. But getting prepared to go back to school also presents a great opportunity to talk with your child's health care professional about

recommended vaccines for your pre-teen or teen boys and girls.

As children get older and become pre-teens and teens they can be at risk for other diseases for which vaccines are available. Children tend to have fewer regular visits with their health care professional as they get older and visits are usually for sports physicals or because of illness. These types of visits, in addition to wellness checkups, can be used as an opportunity to ask about vaccines.

"Many parents know to vaccinate their children when they are younger, but there are some parents that may not know that there are vaccines that are also recommended for older children," said Beth Battaglini, chief executive officer of HealthyWomen. "The school year can be hectic, so I encourage parents to use the summer break to make appointments with their child's health care professional or take advantage of



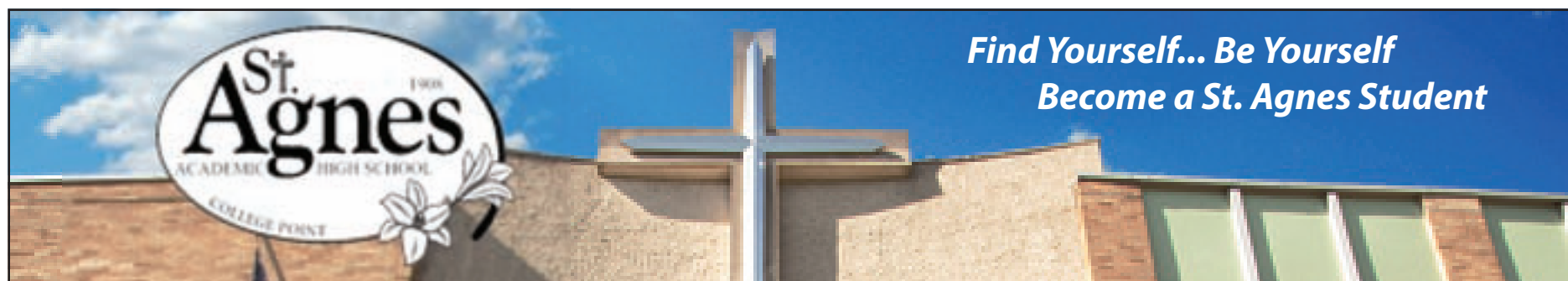
already scheduled appointments to discuss vaccines and their dosing schedules that are recommended for their pre-teens and teens."

Vaccines are recommended not only for children, pre-teens and teens, but across an individual's entire lifetime to help maintain health and wellness. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccines

to help prevent more than 15 diseases, and has vaccination schedules that cover children, pre-teens, teens, and adults. According to the World Health Organization, vaccines help prevent more than 30 infectious diseases worldwide.

To learn more about vaccines for all stages of life, people are urged to talk to their health care professional and visit [www.LifetimeOfVaccines.com](http://www.LifetimeOfVaccines.com). The website provides information from Merck about the importance of vaccination, how vaccines are developed, approved and manufactured, and infectious diseases for which there are vaccines. It also offers a resource that can be used when talking to a health care professional about vaccination.

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# Technology

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Information Technology HS in Long Island City offers students four academies: Apple and Cisco networks, as well as Web design and video production.

## NYC Connected Foundations and NYC Connected Learning programs

Originally funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the NYC Connected Foundations and NYC Connected Learning programs have served schools across the city.

"The discounted broadband provided through this program continues for a total of five years, with many students/families still benefiting from this aspect of the program," said Harry Hartfield, deputy press secretary for the DOE.

The DOE plans to sustain many of the educational aspects of NYC Connected foundations, which are currently at Queens Academy HS, Queens Satellite HS for Opportunity, Young Adult Borough Center

at John Adams, YABC at HS for Art & Business and North Queens Community HS.

"We have implemented a survey of program participants to both gather best practices information about the NYC Connected programs and update its data about broadband use and adoption citywide," said Hartfield. "Data obtained through this effort will be used to inform future policies and initiatives."

One of those initiatives, Solar One's Education program, provides dynamic sustainability lessons focused on environmental literacy, renewable energy, and actions students can take that will have an immediate, tangible effect to improve their urban environment. Working with hundreds of schools and community organizations in all five boroughs, Solar One provides K-12 Education through the Green Design Lab.

Sarah Pidgeon joined in 2009 as one of two educators. Now, with more than 10 educators on board, she is thrilled to be able to offer education programs to more NYC schools each year. She is excited about the growth of Solar One's Green Design Lab Program and passionate about inspiring NYC students to bring sustainability into their schools and communities.

The Education Program promotes experiential learning opportunities through science, technology and design. Using the urban environment as a laboratory, Solar One's programs introduce K-12 students to hands-on, real-world experience and support the development of creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

"The Solar One program provides our students and staff the opportunity to authentically engage with real-world problems, and it gives our young people time, space and resources to grapple with exciting hands-on projects. It brings clean technology and issues in energy to life for our school," said Hope Barter, principal of Energy Tech HS Queens.

As a result of Solar One education programs, students understand their role in reducing New York's carbon footprint and making it a healthier, greener city. Many schools have reduced their energy use and costs through the Green Design Lab, with some schools achieving energy reductions of more than 10 percent.

"We will be in eight high schools this fall, and likely more schools during spring. We will be working with three Queens schools: Energy Tech HS, HS for Construction Trades, Engineering, and Architecture and Queens Vocational HS," Pidgeon said. "These schools will be working with us for all of next year. We will work with students on projects like building a mobile solar charger, conducting an energy audit of the school building and



A smartboard hangs in the front of a classroom at Ozone Park's newest school on 90th Street and 101st Avenue.

Photo courtesy Councilman Eric Ulrich's office

designing and testing mini wind turbines. Not sure about other new technologies in Queens schools this year."

With an eye toward the future and a particular emphasis on real-world application of classroom knowledge, the high school program offers students the opportunity to explore emerging green technologies as well as career pathways in sustainability. Solar One educators work side-by-side with classroom teachers at partner schools to deliver hands-on activities and provide professional development training.

Many city schools have been going green. According to the DOE, they could not do it without the help of community-based organizations that have an environmental purpose in the community and provide a wide range of specialized information, resources and training to help make schools the greenest they can.

Sustainability education provides teachers with the real-world applied learning models that connect science, technology and math with envi-

ronmental, economic and social systems.

Green Education Foundation is a nonprofit committed to creating a sustainable future through education. In September, the Sustainability Initiative will unveil a new sustainability coordinator designation form and annual sustainability plan process in conjunction with the Green Schools Alliance.

The Sustainability Initiative works with more than 20 different organizations to provide training and resources to our schools.

Initiated in 2010, DoITT's NYC Connected programs used federal Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grants, as well as matching funds from an array of public and private partners, to provide complimentary programs to underserved New Yorkers.

These programs provided residents with access to computers, broadband and an array of training programs and resources to support digital literacy, academic achievement and job readiness. Together, these initiatives have served

28,467 public school students with free computers, training, other resources and more.

Transforming information into improved classroom practice, while stimulating, capturing, validating and disseminating innovation, the DOE's Achievement Reporting and Innovation System provides city educators with a single place where they can find important information to use to accelerate student learning.

All city schools have ARIS except for charter schools. ARIS is a first of its kind system that applies assessment, analytics and reporting tools with education goals.

DOE said new software came out last year called SCHOOLNET. Teachers have the option to use it to gauge students on Common Core and compare their class with district schools. It houses all periodic assessments and has interactive tools for students.

Helpful software called Reading Tracker has been around for years and is an optional tool for teachers.

According to DOE, Research shows that teacher

collaboration improves student achievement.

Founded in 2013, coursekicker.com is an online collaboration network for K-12 teachers. Here, they can connect and build a professional learning network to share best practices and ideas and can save time using the lesson discovery engine to quickly find and share great lessons recommended by peers.

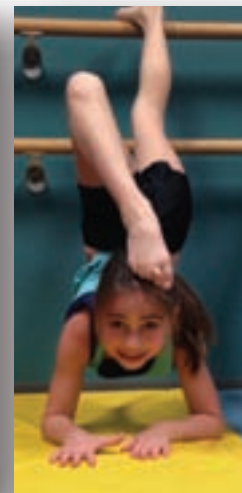
As part of the BigApps Challenge, CourseKicker has created a professional learning community, where teachers can pose "challenges" and generate solutions from their peers. A challenge begins a collaboration to solve problems, improve teaching techniques or enhance lesson plans.

"We've made extraordinary strides bringing some of the most advanced technology available to schools across the five boroughs — we have over 250 iLearn schools now and hundreds of others continue to innovate in amazing ways every day," Hartfield said.





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## Fashion

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list this fall," she said.

And leather items are highly coveted as well: broken-in leather jackets, shorts, pants, dresses or skirts.

"Guys are returning to 'bucket hats' with fun prints and motifs, and everyone loves backpacks! Backpacks are super popular right now, based on their versatility: classic silhouettes in basic colors, or more edgy, updated looks made with various materials like leather, plastic or canvas," Lutynski explained.

All of these trends can be found at Buffalo Exchange. It buys all day, every day, searching for unique items or current trends. Vintage or classic items are a staple in the store and are found alongside current pieces. Desirability is the No. 1 reason

an item is purchased.

To sell, bring in any items you have no use for and come to the buy counter. From there, a buyer will review the selling process with you, offering insight regarding the buying decision with you along the way. If an item is purchased for the store, it will assign a selling price.

Of the price, it offers 50 percent in store trade or 30 percent in cash on the spot, with a valid government photo ID.

"We strive to offer our customers a variety of desirable styles and trends at a great price," she said.

On bustling Austin Street in Forest Hills, Blue Elephant store owners Udi and Nava Maor have been welcoming back-to-schoolers for 21 years.

"We cater to everyone, from babies to young adults, selling them high-quality, supportive shoes that fit correctly and look stylish. We offer Italian and other



Buffalo Exchange's Astoria store sells new and used clothing for both men and women.

Photo courtesy Buffalo Exchange Ltd.

European companies, such as Geox, Naturino and our own brand, Blue Elephant [made in Italy] — all leather with great support," said Udi. "We love being in Forest Hills. We are located in

an area filled with a lot of history, great shops, amazing restaurants — overall a wonderful neighborhood to be in."

Udi says there are customers who need a certain

type of shoe for their uniform, such as black or blue shoes.

"We make sure to bring in comfortable shoes, like stylish Mary Janes or cute flats for girls and striking

lace-Ups, Velcro or slip-ons for boys.

"Something really trendy for girls now — whether it's a shoe, sneaker or flat — is metallic silver and gold, as well as vibrant colors like fuchsia and purple. When it comes to boys who love their sneakers, colors like orange, blues, silver and green are the way to go," he said.

The owners know that all parents like a shoe to look better than a sneaker, so they bring in sneakers that have that "shoe look," which is popular for boys at the moment.

Queens-based designer Laquan Smith weighed in: "Varsity and collegiate gear with a twist."

He said he "envision[s] more kids wearing their favorite college jersey and dressing it up to make a cool, comfortable and effortless style."

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## Lunch

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year. According to Groff, 81 percent of students got 3s or 4s on the state ELA exam and 84 percent got 3s or 4s on the state math exam.

Christian Alberto Ledesma is a teacher who also functions as director of school wellness at PS 244. He is involved with organizing, programming and securing grants for its Wellness programs.

"TALES was founded with a mission: to provide a rigorous academic education as well as provide students with the information they need to live happy, healthy lives. Our partners at FAN4Kids provide an excellent education to our kids in fitness and nutrition. I really love their food-tasting lessons, which allow students to taste healthy foods and teaches them where in their community they can buy these



The cafeteria at PS 244 is filled with veggie eating students during breakfast and lunch.

Photo courtesy PS 244 staff

foods," he said.

"We've had many parents tell us that their students come home talking

about the food they taste in school and wanting to go buy it. Our partners at the NY Coalition for Healthy

School Food did a great job at working with the Office of School Food in creating healthy menu options."

Ledesma pointed out that there have been many studies that show that healthy, fit kids do better

in school and these kids are living that example.

"The combination of our staff's work, committed parents, great partnerships, and wonderful kids has allowed TALES to be successful," he said.

Community-based organizations, like Edible Schoolyard NYC, partner with public schools to build gardens and kitchen classrooms, where children can engage in hands-on learning. Their goal is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and environment required to make healthier choices and change eating habits.

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D75 School Programs Evening Parent Teacher Conference

**March 3**  
D75 School Programs Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

**March 11**  
Middle School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

**March 12**  
Middle School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

**March 18**  
**Elementary School Evening Parent Teacher Conference**

**March 19**  
Elementary School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

**March 26**  
High School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

**March 27**  
High School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

### APRIL

**April 6 - April 10**  
Spring Recess (Schools closed)

**April 13**  
School resumes  
**April 14- April 16**  
NY State English Language Arts (ELA) Exams

**April 22 - April 24**  
NY State Mathematics Exams

**April 23**  
Pre-kindergarten Non-Attendance Day

### MAY

**May 6**  
Middle School Parent Conference

**May 7**  
High School Parent Conference

**May 13**  
Elementary School Parent Conference

**May 25**  
Memorial Day (Schools closed)

### JUNE

**June 2**  
Regents exams

**June 4**  
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**June 9**  
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**June 15**  
2nd June Clerical Shortened Day

**June 16 - June 24**  
Regents exams

**June 25**  
Regents Rating Day

**June 26**  
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# FDNY rescues woman on bike with puppy

Corona Tigers firefighter makes extra effort to save a 5-month-old Pomeranian named Charlie

BY BILL PARRY

A Queens bicyclist and her 5-month-old Pomeranian puppy were rescued in dramatic fashion by the FDNY's Corona Tigers last Thursday after they were struck by a city Parks Department sanitation truck in Corona.

Stefanie Campos was riding a bike, with her puppy Charlie in her backpack, when they were struck by the garbage truck just after 5 p.m. at 104th Street and 43rd Avenue, officials say.

That is when firefighters from Engine 289 and Ladder 138, who were heading to a water main break, came upon the scene finding the woman and her dog lying in the street. EMS members arrived and took the woman to Elmhurst Hospital Center with minor injuries, according to the FDNY.

Firefighters from Ladder 138, including Lt. Michael Decolibus, attended to Charlie, who was bleeding and appeared to be severely injured.

"It sounds like a cliché, but he's literally looking up at you with those sad puppy eyes and your heart goes out to it," Decolibus said.

One of the firefighters suggested they take him to a veterinarian a few blocks away. They put Charlie inside a small open-top cardboard box and a firefighter carried it on his lap in the fire rig. The veterinarian said the dog was in poor condition with injuries to his hips and legs, but she did not have the capabilities to treat the puppy in her office, suggesting they take him to BluePearl Veterinary Partners Specialty and Emergency Hospital in Forest Hills.

Doctors there stabilized Charlie, saying he had three fractures and substantial bleeding, but no internal injuries. Charlie underwent hip surgery on Saturday morning following a PayPal fund-raiser by Frankie's Friends, a charitable pet foundation. The short "Save Charlie" campaign netted over \$6,700, mostly due



A veterinarian at Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners looks after Charlie, the 5-month old Pomeranian puppy.  
Photo courtesy Blue Pearl

to one anonymous donor that sent \$5,000.

BluePearl matched 25 percent of all donations for Charlie's care. A representative said the puppy was doing well and is in full recovery.

Campos was able to take Charlie home Wednesday after he was discharged from BluePearl. Her brother, who had been riding with her when she crashed, went to the Corona Tigers' firehouse, at 97-28 43rd Ave., to collect her bike. He told the members they were grateful the firefighters stepped up to help the puppy.

"It certainly makes you feel good to know we could help the poor helpless dog," Decolibus said. "I think that's what we're supposed to do, a life is a life."

While the Parks Department is investigating the accident, the NYPD says there have been no summonses or charges issued involving the crash.

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Democratic Primary election.

He said the incumbent has lost the credibility and respect he had in the state capital.

"He [Smith] can't realistically repair the damage he has done in Albany with his colleagues," said Comrie.

The former three-term councilman from southeast Queens has the backing of most elected officials from southeast Queens as well as from several labor unions, including 32BJ, the buildings service workers union. He was also endorsed by U.S. Reps. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica), Grace Meng (D-Flushing) and Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) and Sen. James Sanders (D-South Ozone Park). This week he added the endorsements, among others, of the Bricklayers and Allied

Craftworkers Local 1 and Tile, Marble & Terrazzo Local 7.

Comrie insisted that it is crucial for the district, which stretches from Laurelton and Queens Village to Jamaica and Forest Hills "to have someone in the seat" in light of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's reluctance to call special elections. "We can't afford to have an empty seat" in the next legislative session, which will be weighing on rent control and mayoral control of schools.

The candidate said he is happy about running.

"The campaign is going very well, actually," said Comrie, who headed the Queens delegation in the Council. "A lot of folks are happy to see me run because they appreciated my quality of service when I was at the City Council."

The southeast Queens lawmaker said: "I want to be part of the major issues" occurring next year in Al-

bany, including the mayoral control of schools.

"The mayoral control bill eliminated real parent involvement," he said. "That has to be changed because it even eliminated school boards and the opportunity for the communities to participate."

He said that as a city councilman he found out that "you are controlled by the state. You need to get state authority to have education reform, or issues about foreclosures."

Comrie will also call for a law making the bank industry "more transparent" with the foreclosure process, which has hurt southeast Queens.

In addition, he promised, if elected, to force airports, including John F. Kennedy International Airport, to better monitor noise and air pollution in their surrounding communities when "planes are taking off and landing."

## Avery

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more Muslims involved in the political process."

Avery said: "That's why my father asked me to run and I said yes."

He enjoys being on the campaign trail.

"I am having more fun that I thought I would," he said during a meeting with TimesLedger Newspapers. "It's fantastic."

Avery said his campaign is a grassroots operation with his organization going block by block in the district to "get the vote out." The candidate said that in the northern part of the 14th District, which stretches from Queens Village to Jamaica and Forest Hills volunteers went to 20 mosques "for voter registration drives and voter education."

He said as the Sept. 9 Democratic primary gets

closer, "more people are paying attention to the campaign."

Avery, who was also the director of constituent affairs for former City Councilwoman Diana Reyna, expects a big voter turnout.

"I think we are going to have the highest voter turnout for an off-year election," he said.

His top priority, if elected, will be to build and fully fund senior centers.

"We need places for our seniors to stay active," he said.

He will also promote plans to provide free legal aid to low-income families.

"There are seniors losing their homes because of high water bills and taxes," said Avery, who was an assistant district attorney in Queens. "And they need help."

He has won the backing of the Unite Here! Local 100, a food service and restaurant workers union; the

Muslim Democratic Club, a New York City-based organization "dedicated to helping to elect responsible Democrats to local office;" and the Alliance of South Asian American Labor, an organization made up of members from local unions affiliated with national and international unions.

Avery said that two of the main differences with his opponents are his support for term limits and for campaign finance reform.

"Term limits is the only way to make sure new people are able to get into the system," he said. "A lot of people get complacent .... The longer you are in a position, you become sort of a bubble."

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Chef Tony Mantuano (l.) serves some of the Mediterranean dishes available at The Wine Bar. Mexican dishes offered up Maya include grilled tacos and street-style corn on the cob. Chef Masaharu Morimoto's array of sushi options that will be available at Aces.

Photos by Merle Exit

# US OPEN

## serves up more than tennis

*From upscale dining to burgers, the Flushing Meadows Corona Park tournament has dinner covered*

BY MERLE EXIT

The scene at Arthur Ashe Stadium's Aces restaurant was a culinary

delight as the US Open's culinary partner displayed the array of food offerings tennis fans can nosh on at this year's event.

From grilled steak tacos doused in chipotle sauce and tomatoes to dark chocolate and butterscotch pie to organic kale salad

with pine nuts, there is something for everyone's taste at the Open.

"We work all year long trying to bring our

game up higher because we have guests from all over the world," said Jim Abbey, regional executive chef for Levy Restaurants, which serves as the USTA's food service provider. "The players come from all over the world as do the fans so we try to have an experience for them each and every day."

Dining options range

from a sit-down meal to food court-like Food Village and even includes the first food truck to make an appearance at the US Open.

"Morris Grilled Cheese Truck will be located on the premises at Court 17, featuring a sandwich with truffle cheese, truffle butter and caramelized onions and shallots," said Abbey.

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# Flushing House poet to share his creations

Leon Zuckrow, a 97-year-old resident of Flushing House, will read from his first book of poetry, "Love & Death & Love."

The public is welcome to attend the free reading, which takes place on Sept. 8, between 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., in the large game room at Flushing House, 38-20 Bowne St., Flushing.

Free refreshments will be served.

"Love & Death & Love," published by iUniverse, will be available for purchase after the reading.

The 95 poems, all without titles, were written over a 45-year period.



LEON ZUCKROW

Many of the poems focus on how he came to terms with the death of his first wife. As he passed through later

periods of loss and grief, the poems explore how he once again bounced back, found new companionship and love, and went on living.

Zuckrow's writing style can best be described as lyrical and classical, rhymed and metered poetry, with occasional free verse interspersed, all drawn from the author's emotions, observations and inner thoughts, as he contemplates the major milestones in his life.

Zuckrow, born in Philadelphia, Aug. 26, 1917, has lived in New York for most of his 97 years.

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## sudoku

Answers in Sports

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6	1	2						4

Hard #5								
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Fill in the grids so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There should be no repeats; which means that no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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# Respite from the city offers culinary delights

Hudson Valley's Fish & Game celebrates locally sourced products worth the trip from Queens

BY SUZANNE PARKER

HUDSON, N.Y. — While secure in the knowledge that this borough is the epicenter of the culinary universe, even a Queens foodie needs a vacation.

For our special holiday meal, we headed to the Hudson Valley, to worship at the temple of locavorism — Fish and Game.

The Hudson, N.Y. sport is the endeavor of Zak Pelaccio. Early in his culinary career, Pelaccio did a stint in kitchens in Malaysia and Thailand. He applied what he learned to building his reputation at two attention grabbing restaurants he opened in New York City. The first, Fatty Crab, was a gastro-pub serving mostly Southeast Asian small plates. That was followed by Fatty Cue, a Williamsburg barbecue joint serving smoked meats seasoned

the Southeast Asian way.

Seeking a different lifestyle, Palaccio moved, with his family, to a farm in Old Chatham, N.Y. As an advocate of the sustainable agriculture movement, he sought to open a restaurant that reflected his values. The

result was Fish & Game, a collaborative venture with co-chefs Jori Jayne Emde, and Kevin

Pomplun, and their partner, Patrick Milling Smith.

The restaurant is nestled in an historic Hudson blacksmith shop, gorgeously repurposed. It somehow manages to graciously combine whimsy, in the form of over the top taxidermy, with beauty and charm.

Although Fish & Game marks a distinct departure from the Southeast Asian flavors prominent in Pelaccio's previous eateries, there is something dis-



Fish & Game offers a wide assortment of options in its bread basket.

Photo by Suzanne Parker

tinctly Eastern going on. Only a set seven course tasting menu is served, changed weekly, in synch with the availability of local seasonal ingredients. Each course is served precisely arranged on

a various handmade dishes and with utensils selected for optimal presentation. This style of serving closely mimics the Japanese kappo (set meal) in which each component is chosen by the chef

as much for appearance as flavor.

The first thing to dazzle us was the rustic bread basket. Three fragrant, chewy breads—panne levain (sourdough), Parker house rolls, and a whole grain bread made with faro, came with divine aged butter. It was a herculean test of will not to gobble the whole lot.

Seeking the optimal dining experience, we ordered the wine pairing that goes with the tasting menu. It costs \$85, as much as the tasting menu itself, and includes about a 2.5 ounce pour of thoughtfully chosen libations with each course.

The first arrival was a seared sardine with dill and horseradish, posed in a shallow pool of beet borscht with currant juice. The accompanying Kohler-Ruprecht Riesling's dry limey undertone paired perfectly with the fish. It was followed by

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## EVENTS

### Farmer's Market Fridays

— Fresh, local and seasonal products available every Friday.  
**When:** Fridays, 8:30 am - 4 pm, through Nov. 21

**Where:** Queens Botanic Garden, Main Street and Dahlia Avenue, Flushing

**Contact:** (718) 886-3800

**Website:** [www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org)

**Yoga on the Beach** — Beginner hatha yoga class. Bring a mat, large towel or blanket.

**When:** Saturdays, 8 am - 9 am, through Sept. 6

**Where:** Beach 108th Street and Boardwalk, Rockaway Beach

**Cost:** Free

**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

### GrowNYC Greenmarket —

Farm-fresh vegetables and seasonal produce available every Saturday.

**When:** Saturdays, 8 am - 4 pm, through Nov. 22

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

**Contact:** (718) 956-1819

**Website:** [www.socratespark.org](http://www.socratespark.org)

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### Sunday Tai Chi in Socrates Sculpture Park

— Certified instructors from the Taoist Tai Chi Society lead these weekly classes.

**When:** Sundays, from 11 am - noon, through Sept. 28

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

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** (718) 956-1819

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### Million TreesNYC TreeLC

**Workshop in Queens** — Help water and care for 110,000-plus new street trees. Children are welcome. Registration is required.

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 4, 10 am - 1 pm

**Where:** 104th Street and 37th Drive, Corona

**Cost:** Free

# MORE THAN TENNIS

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Grilled cheese sandwiches range in price from \$10 for the classic up to \$13 for one made with truffle cheese.

Other choices this year include Pat LaFrieda Meat Co. with its filet mignon sandwich, meatball hero and Italian sausage hoagie (\$10 to \$15), Liberty Pier Seafood Co.'s \$17.50 lobster roll, the Carnegie Deli's sky-high pastrami sandwich and Mexican food from Manhattan's Maya.

Chef Richard Sandoval, who was once a professional tennis player, brings his brand of Mexican comfort food, including tacos and street-style corn. Maya choices will set you back \$6 to \$15.

But plenty of old favorites will be making a return visit to Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

"This is year three and I'm happy to be back," said Chef David Burke of Champions Bar & Grill. "One thing that we had added this year is the hanging bacon, candied bacon with black pepper and a maple glaze."

Nearly all of Champions dishes are coming from local sources, and include appetizers, salads and soup.



The organic kale salad topped with toasted pine nuts will be offered at Aces. Photo by Merle Exit

One not so local offering will be the Kobe beef surf and turf.

TV Food Network's Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto, who showcases his famous hand-crafted sushi at Aces, kept his presentation short and sweet.

"I have sushi. Nothing new," said Morimoto. "This sushi is the freshest you can get."

Sushi bar entrées start at \$19.

When pressed, he did acknowledge a couple of additions to the seafood menu: Montauk wild striped sea bass and sweet garlic-lime shrimp.

Chef Tony Mantuano, from Bravo TV's "Top Chef Masters," has the Mediterranean flavors covered at the Wine Bar.

"We're back with some of our dishes such as my famous flaming ouzo shrimp and local Brooklyn Salzarula family hand-

crafted whole (Italian cheese) burrata," said Mantuano.

There will be plenty of beverage options to wash it all down.

Sip champagne on the Moët & Chandon Terrace, down a few brews at the Heineken House bar, located above the Food Village, or go old-school with a grown-up drink at Baseline Cocktails.

Or you can settle in at the Grey Goose Bar and sip one of the US Open's signature cocktails the honey deuce. This concoction of vodka, lemonade and a touch of raspberry liqueur is topped with melon tennis balls and served in a commemorative glass all for \$15.

And, if for some reason, none of this sounds appealing, no worries.

You can head to the Food Village and chow down at Hill Country Barbecue, Prime Burger, Franks & Fries or Piazza Centro Pizza & Pasta. Food Village prices range from \$6 to \$15 per item.

Then when you are finished, treat yourself to a heaping serving of Ben & Jerry's ice cream or a Cowboy Pie Cup — dark chocolate, pecans and butterscotch — at Hill Country Barbecue for \$6.50.

**Contact:** (718) 760-6803

**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

## MUSIC

**The Replacements** — The Minneapolis-based band brings its 1980s alternative sound to Forest Hills. Also

**When:** Friday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 pm

**Where:** Forest Hills Stadium, Forest Hills

**Cost:** \$59.50

**Website:** [www.foxparks.com](http://www.foxparks.com)

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### Jason Mraz and Raining Jane in All Five Boroughs —

The Grammy award-winning singer performs shows in each borough including this stop in Queens.

**When:** Friday, Sept. 19, at 8 pm

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

**Cost:** \$75 - \$25

**Contact:** (718) 793-8080

**Website:** [www.kupferbergcenter.org](http://www.kupferbergcenter.org)

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## FILM

### Movie Night at Crocheron Park

— Bring a low chair or blanket for a showing of "Despicable Me 2."

**When:** Friday, Sept. 5, at 8 pm

**Where:** Crocheron Park, 35th Avenue and Cross Island Parkway, Bayside

**Cost:** Free

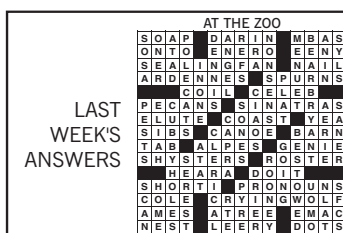
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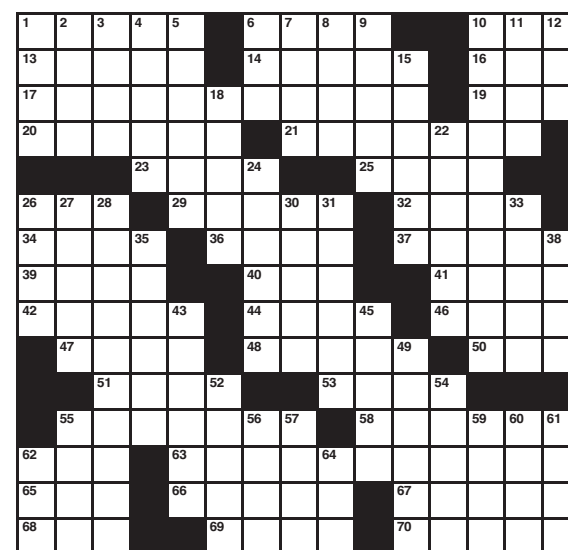
*By Bill Deasy*

## Fine Feathered Friends



### Across

1. Native American pole
6. "When I Was \_\_\_\_" ("HMS Pinafore" song)
10. Authority at home
13. Ebony's partner
14. "M\*A\*S\*H" character
16. Sod buster
17. Pirate's pet desert
19. Org. for Ginsburg and Thomas
20. Grabs some z's
21. He wrote The Praise of Folly
23. Lever 2000 competitor
25. "The \_\_\_\_ McCoy"
26. It doesn't go full circle
29. Spheres of interest
32. Old Icelandic saga
34. Anthony who married J. Lo
36. Morton product
37. Word after stinking
39. Secret target?
40. \_\_\_\_'easter
41. Bad spots for teens?
42. Flightless New Zealanders
44. Transitional word
46. Record problem
47. Stevie Wonder's '\_\_\_\_ She Lovely'
48. Camel lot?
50. "Game, \_\_\_\_, match!"
51. Like a fine Merlot
53. Religious schism
55. Fished like a caveman
58. Put the pressure on
62. Beverage measured in spots?
63. Anti-war mail
65. Row boat need
66. Sugar partner, in a verse
67. Unsavory one



68. "Little Giant" Mel
69. \_\_\_\_ gin fizz
70. Roots author Alex

### Down

1. Waiters' rewards
2. Office for Obama
3. Went really fast
4. Proved to be human
5. Mr. Magoo's problem
6. Gallery hangings
7. Add punch to punch?
8. Jewish calendar month
9. Senegal seaport
10. Helpful moving birds
11. Flash \_\_\_\_ (impromptu gatherings)
12. Split \_\_\_\_ soup
15. Tend to the bird feeder
18. Russian royals
22. Plaid fabric
24. Wilderness home
26. Uncontrolled
27. Geometry r's
28. Birds separating
30. Hilo hello
31. Cause of some fractures
33. Tomorrow singer
35. Recoil in distaste
38. Stayed fresh
43. Bed and home attachment
45. Bro's daughter
49. Rob Roy need
52. Hints of rain
54. Tank fish
55. Center of government
56. Villain's forte
57. Art \_\_\_\_ ('20s style)
59. Part of an angler's gear
60. Prairie Indian tribe
61. Award presented by Chris Berman
62. "A Bridge \_\_\_\_ Far"
64. To Kill A Mockingbird author

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# Arresting movie captures top prizes in LIC

## Chain NYC Film Festival honors former Sunnyside director's murky look at police officers in 'Patrol'

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

Filmmaker Rich Devaney is satisfied if after a screening of his short movie "Patrol," audience members cannot put into words how they feel.

"I wanted it to settle in their stomachs and have the images stay in their heads," said Devaney. "I wanted to affect them."

The movie clearly affected the judges of this year's Chain NYC Film Festival, who awarded "Patrol" best narrative short, best cinematography and best director at its closing night award ceremony last week.

"It was really ambitious and extremely well made," said Kirk Gostowski, co-founder of the Chain Theatre. "It is really dark. Everyone who saw it is talking about it."

The 15-minute film follows the actions of two NYPD officers who tread a morally gray area while on their beat.

"Patrol" came about after Devaney — who now lives in Brooklyn after a half dozen years

of residing in Sunnyside — read one too many stories about police departments around the country faced with corruption charges, accusations of violence against community residents and even charges of injuring or killing people.

But one night the issue became more than just a bylined story to Devaney.

While filming his first feature, "Brooklyn Bound," back in 2003, one of the guys helping out on the crew left the set at the end of the day and never returned.

"It was a Sunday and we had worked all day," said Devaney. "On his way home, he got shot in the back by a cop and died."

"Patrol" is loosely based on a real incident involving a young woman who, after having one too many drinks one evening, was escorted home by police. She later accused the officers of sexual assaulting her.

In Devaney's fictionalized account, the audience only sees the two cops — the director steps into



Rich Devaney (l.) and Tommy Guiffre play two NYPD officers in Devaney's award-winning short film "Patrol."  
Photo courtesy Rich Devaney

the role of the less ethically challenged one — first at a diner then outside of an apartment building.

It is clear something out of the ordinary has happened, but nothing is shown or even stated.

Actually, Devaney opted to use long stretches of silence rather than fill the film with dialogue.

"Silence is almost a character in it," said Gostowski.

Devaney also decided to shoot each scene in one take rather than cut between the two officers as they spoke and reacted with each other. He believes by editing clips together the filmmaker encourages the audience to remember they are watching a

movie.

Keeping the action rolling and from the same point of view, Devaney actually allows the viewer to be a voyeur, said Gostowski.

Although something bad, or perhaps even illegal has occurred, Devaney is not interested in creating caricatures of good cop, bad cop.

"I want to humanize these officers," he said. "They are police officers but they are also men. I want to look at what it is in the mind that breaks that line of morality."

With the success of "Patrol" in Long Island City, Devaney hopes the film will be accepted into other festivals and receive a wider audience. And he hopes future viewers are conflicted enough after the screening that it prompts them to action.

"Whether it's more penalties for officers who abuse their powers or more training on how they should react in certain situations," said Devaney, "something has to change."

## Kurtis Blow is honored

State Sen. Malcolm A. Smith (D-Hollis) presented rap icon Kurtis Blow with a proclamation honoring him as a pioneer of rap music and in gratitude for attending the 10th annual Jump & Ball Basketball and Double Dutch Tournament Aug. 23 at Daniel M. O'Connell Park in Hollis.

Blow is best known for his hit singles "The Breaks" and "Basketball."

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the release of "Basketball."

"Kurtis Blow is a significant and important figure in rap music, and we were thrilled to have him at Jump & Ball," Smith said. "Everyone was really excited to meet him, and I think it's wonderful that he wanted to give back to his community by participating in JBX, which is an important event for the youth of southeast Queens and beyond."



Rapper Kurtis Blow shows off the proclamation he received during last weekend's 10th annual Jump & Ball Basketball and Double Dutch Tournament.  
Photo courtesy Sen. Malcolm Smith's office

## Dining

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a pair of pan roasted heirloom golden cherry tomatoes with a few diminutive squares of pasta, mustard seeds and threads of scallion. The satisfying pop of the mustard seeds was the salvation of this otherwise overly precious dish. Its fizzy companion was Farnum Hill Dooryard cider, a very dry, slightly funky local brew.

Next came a couple of roasted new potatoes with a wild mushrooms, garlic scape (the stem of a garlic flower) topping a generous schmear of pommes alligote (super creamy mashed potatoes). To drink was a mushroom tea — how Japanese can you get? — and a 2010 Buronfosse Côtes du Jura L'Hôpital that hinted of grappa.

Succulent striped bass perched above corn and Calabrian pepper in a curry sauce decorated with nas-

turtiums and coriander flowers. It was righteously paired with a complex fruity Sicilian wine, Vinu-jancu, by I Vigneri, an agricultural collective dedicated to indigenous grapes, natural cultivation and an obsessive attachment to the terroir of Etna.

The final savory course was luscious slices of very rare duck breast over an eggplant puree with epazote, mini-cubes of kohlrabi and a ground-cherry—a nice touch. This allied with a Vinirari, a bold, Alpine Italian wine made by Giulio Moriondo, a passionate micro-vintner who tends his small parcels of old vines and makes wine in the cellar of his house.

A pre-dessert, cucumber sorbet, cleansed the palate, followed by the "real dessert," a slice of peach/green peppercorn cake with anise hyssop, black garlic sabayon. We preferred the refreshing sorbet to the overly complicated cake.

Its drinking buddy was a Wolfer Goldgrube Riesling, which shares properties with a sauterne.

### The Bottom Line

Such attention to detail doesn't come cheap, and your value equation needs to factor in quality over quantity. If your idea of a memorable restaurant meal is a massive well-aged steak with some familiar sides, this is not your kind of place. If, on the other hand, you embrace a cerebral dining experience, lovingly and meticulously contrived with a profound respect for sustainability, Fish & Game will rock your world, if you can get a reservation.

*Suzanne Parker is the TimesLedger's restaurant critic and author of "Eating Like Queens: A Guide to Ethnic Dining in America's Melting Pot, Queens, N.Y." She can be reached by e-mail at qnsfoodie@aol.com.*

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# Why do we need fiber?

Many food products boast added fiber on their packaging. Breads, cookies, beverages, and so much more contain extra fiber in response to the public's growing desire to consume foods with high levels of dietary fiber, which medical professionals claim is an essential element to a healthy diet. Despite that publicity, many consumers remain in the dark about the role fiber plays in the body.

### About fiber

Many people are aware of the importance of including fiber in the diet, but few people understand the importance of dietary fiber. Fiber is an essentially indigestible substance that is found mainly in the outer layers of plants.

Fiber will pass through the human digestive system virtually unchanged from when it was consumed and without being broken down into nutrients. Fiber is classified into two types: insoluble fiber, which will not dissolve in water, and soluble fiber, which can be dissolved. Insoluble fiber is typically found in whole grain products, dark leafy vegetables, green beans, wheat bran, corn bran, seeds, nuts, and skins of fruits and vegetables. Soluble fiber comes from foods like oats, nuts, fruits, and dried beans.

### Fiber and digestion

Fiber is essential to digestion. The Harvard School of Medical Health advises people should get between 20 to 30 grams of fiber each day, though many people do not consume that much fiber. Fiber adds bulk in the digestive system, which helps soften stool and flush out the intestines. It assists in making bowel movements more frequent, preventing constipation. A diet high in fiber helps reduce the risk for hemorrhoids and diverticular disease.

### Fiber and weight loss

Fiber is often associated

**Soluble fiber** has been shown to help lower blood cholesterol concentrations by decreasing the absorption of cholesterol and bile acids in the small intestines.



Many people are aware of the importance of including fiber in the diet, but few people understand the importance of dietary fiber.

with improving regularity, but that is not its only role. Fiber, particularly soluble fiber, that can be slowly digested will prolong the digestive process, helping to keep the stomach fuller longer. Feeling full can help a person eat healthy portions. Fiber-rich foods are also less calorie-dense. This means you can eat more and feel fuller without consuming tons of calories. Increasing fiber consumption may help those looking to lose weight.

### Fiber and blood sugar

The slow absorption of carbohydrates also regulates the absorption of sugar into the bloodstream. This can prevent sugar spikes that may be dangerous to those with diabetes. It also may be

able to help reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine in May 2000.

### Fiber and cholesterol

Soluble fiber has been shown to help lower blood cholesterol concentrations by decreasing the absorption of cholesterol and bile acids in the small intestines. When less bile acid is absorbed, the body must use stored cholesterol to make more, lowering blood cholesterol as a result. The American Heart Association reports greater reductions in low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, cholesterol among people who consume diets high in soluble fiber compared to diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol alone.

### How to increase fiber consumption

Here are some of the best ways to increase the number of grams of fiber consumed on a daily basis:

- Eat more bran, as bran has the highest fiber content of any food at about 25 to 45 percent.

- Consume whole fruit instead of juice. Whole fruits have more fiber in them and fewer calories than juices. Eating fruit can help you to feel fuller longer.

- Pass up on refined flours. Opt for whole grains whenever eating bread, cereal, and baked goods. Try to aim for grains that have at least three grams of fiber per serving.

- Increase your consumption of beans. Beans are relatively inexpensive, filling, and tasty. Plus, they pack a great deal of fiber, protein, and other important nutrients.

- Take a fiber supplement if you feel you are not getting enough fiber in your daily diet. Gummy fiber chews can be tasty ways to get fiber.

- Opt for fresh fruit and vegetables for snacks over processed foods.

# Fried

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from the intersection now named in honor of him.

Fried, who died in March 2013 at 98, opened Benn's Hardware, at 42-29 Bell Blvd., in 1933, beginning his 67-year relationship with the neighborhood he called home.

"My father's opportunities and experiences were to help the community of Bayside," said Jack Fried, Ben's son. "He was always involved in the community."

Standing on the corner of the street, Jack Fried spoke of his father the way many others remember him: the "mayor of Bayside" whose shop was often called the "Little City Hall."

He described some of his father's proudest achievements, including organizing a rally for thousands of people who protested the city's decision to close the FDNY's Engine Co. 306 in Bayside because of budget issues.



Residents and elected officials celebrate a street renaming in honor of Benjamin Fried. Photo by Kelsey Durham

Within a few days, the fire station was the first in the city to be reopened, Jack Fried said. Because of the help he gave the Fire department, Ben Fried was named an honorary chief, and the ceremony to rename the street in his honor included a posting of the colors from the FDNY.

He also remembered his father's passion for helping children, shown in his determination to organize an annual holiday parade where children marched down Bell Boulevard and received gifts.

At Monday's street renaming, City Councilman

Paul Vallone (D-Bayside), who spearheaded the initiative to rename the intersection in Ben Fried's honor, surprised his son by announcing he would be bringing back that annual holiday parade starting this year.

Several other elected officials and community advocates — including state Assemblyman Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside), Councilman Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens), former Community Board 11 Chairman Jerry Iannece and CB 11 District Manager Susan Seinfeld — also turned out to speak in re-

membrance of Ben Fried, and Borough President Melinda Katz called the large crowd a great tribute to him that showed how many people loved and respected the Bell Boulevard fixture.

"Ben was a leader of his time," Katz said. "When merchants needed a leader, when we needed someone to stand up to DSNY, Ben took the lead. This street renaming is a very small part of how we can say thank you and because of this sign, generations to come will ask who Ben Fried was and we'll be able to tell them he was a great leader to be respected."

After the sign bearing the name Benjamin Fried Boulevard was unveiled, the late community advocate received a round of applause from those in attendance as they paid tribute to the many positive changes he brought to their community over the years.

"I hope that this sign will entice others to fight to make Bayside even better than he did," Jack Fried said.

# Liu

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Queens as a transit desert," he said.

Liu lauded the effectiveness of express bus service and said he would work to create transfers for commuters who go from buses to the Long Island Rail Road.

"Express buses are a really good solution," he said. "If you really want

to ease the congestion into Manhattan and other parts of the city, you have to give people incentives. You can't just penalize them."

He said he has seen strong support, particularly in the areas he used to represent in the Council that are now part of Avella's district, which covers Bayside, Whitestone, College Point, Bay Terrace, Douglaston, Hollis Hills and part of Flushing.

# Avella

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the type of money he is because he has to overcome the negative aspects of his campaign and he has to beat an incumbent," said Avella who has publicly stated his aversion to fundraising. "I just have to get re-elected."

"Raising money incurs favors," Avella added. "I only raise what I need so I'm not beholden to anybody except the people who

elect me."

A deal between Democratic leadership and the IDC to form a new coalition in the Senate has halted primary challenges to other IDC candidates, but has done little to deter the Liu campaign.

"This is all nasty insider politics by the party bosses," Avella said. "If there was such an effort to get a Democratic majority in the Senate, why is there still this effort in Queens to continue this and be very nasty about it?"



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# Business

## New watering hole on tap for Sunnyside

Vivire's three owners hope to attract a younger crowd due to area's changing demographics

BY BILL PARRY

A new neighborhood bar is set to open Sept. 4 on a once-desolate stretch of empty storefronts along Greenpoint Avenue in Sunnyside.

The ownership team originally wanted to open a sports bar, especially for the soccer crowd, but changed their minds midway through a gut renovation of the property, at 41-21 Greenpoint Ave., that was formerly home to Lowery's Medical Supplies.

"The main idea was to do a soccer bar, but we realized how much the neighborhood is changing with all the young professionals that are moving into the southside of Sunnyside," owner Javier Garcia said. "Even though this stretch of Greenpoint was empty for years and years, there is so much potential here and I felt what it really needed was a nice bar. The kind of bar that can lead a renaissance over here — besides, there are plenty of other places where you can watch a soccer game."

Garcia and his partners, Andrew Renfro, an



Javier Garcia stands outside Vivire, set to open Thursday night.

Photo by Bill Parry

engineer from Manhattan, and Rick Villa, a contractor from Brooklyn, will open Vivire two doors away from Thalia Theatre.

Garcia knows the neighborhood best, having

lived on 41st Street for the last three years after moving from Woodside.

"I fell in love with Sunnyside and I wanted to make the first bar that I owned a really special one," he

said. "I told my mom I was no good for school and left college in Ecuador in 1997. I learned bartending really well and have been doing it ever since."

Vivire has exposed

brick walls decorated with large oil paintings of cityscapes and vintage wood rafters everywhere. A contracting partner of Villa's, known as "The Irishman," was in charge of the re-

claimed wood.

"These rafters are all wood beams from 1845 that I removed from a townhouse on Wooster Street that we renovated," Mark Swift said. "You can't get wood like this anymore because all the trees are on steroids."

The native of County Monaghan, Ireland, went on to explain that the wood for the bartop counter was from 1900.

"I counted 168 rings on that tree — you just can't get wood like that anymore," he said.

There are plenty of other vintage pieces in Vivire, including an old moonshining still.

"I'm not saying where I got it, but I will say I know people in strange places," The Irishman said.

Garcia said visitors to his bar will find a fine selection of scotch, wine and beer.

"You'll have better choices than at the usual pub," he said. "But the best part is you won't have to cross Queens Boulevard anymore — so many residents fear crossing that road at night."

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

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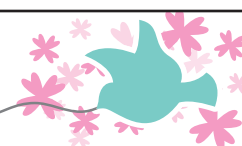
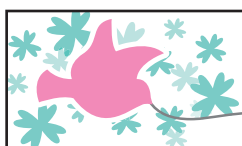
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# Sports



Maria Kirilenko returns the ball during her game against Maria Sharapova, kicking off the US Open.

## Fans flock to US Open for very best of tennis

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The opening days of the US Open again brought thousands of people from across the country and around the world to enjoy spectacular tennis, cuisine and a unique atmosphere.

"It's a great way to spend a weekday because I am not at work," said Jackson Heights native Matthew Glassman, who has gone to the Open for more than 30 years. "It is beautiful grounds, great tennis friends. It's hard to describe. It's a multicultural smorgasbord."

The opening ceremonies at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Monday featured brothers Bebe, Marvin and Carvin Winans singing the national anthem and a performance by Fitz and The Tantrums.

John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova, the 1984 men's and women's champions, helped to remotely light the Empire State Building in the tournament's colors of green, blue and yellow. Mayor Bill de Blasio also greeted fans.

The sports stars took to the courts early. Maria Sharapova, Venus Williams, Sloan Stephens, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray all won their matches on Day 1. Tuesday brought the first real highlights as 15-year-old American Catherine Bellis upset No. 12 seed Dominika Cibulkova.

Defending women's champions Serena Williams cruised to an easy win and fan favorite Roger Federer won easily with NBA basketball great Michael Jordan in attendance. The variety of players to see was what makes the opening week of the US Open the best time to come out, in many people's eyes.

"For the tennis fan the opening week is nicer," Kew Gardens native Norman Munkholm said. "For the tourists, they want to see the stadium and watch Roger and Serena."

The tournament could have a future star in Bellis. She put a smile on plenty of people's faces and she was the beneficiary of the added seating, including

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## Holy Cross looks balanced

Knights football has 50/50 receiver/running back duo this season

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Holy Cross stars Jordan Francklin, Brandon Pelzer and Brandon Jackson have moved on to the college ranks.

What's left, however, is one of the deepest and most balanced Knights football teams in recent years.

"We don't have those kind of guys, but we have a lot more depth in all our positions," legendary Holy Cross Coach Tom Pugh said.

It is on offense where the Knights will benefit the most from that, allowing them to be more dynamic. They ran the ball nearly every down last season and were still able to reach the CHSFL Class AAA semifinals for the first time since 2009 before losing to Cham-inade.

The Holy Cross attack will again be based around the run with the return of the entire offensive line that includes Will LeClaire, Jeremy Medina Prince, Richard McCarthy and Justin Acevedo.

All of them are 250 pounds or more. The Knights saw running back Prince Klutsey transfer to Lincoln. They will still be pounding the run game with Chris Manfre on the goal line and Aaron Griffin and Deaon Pierce. They also hope fullbacks Mike Beccarelli and Edwin Villegas will help open up an improved passing game.

"It's going to be based on run, but we are definitely going to have a 50/50 receiver/running back type duo," senior receiver Paul Yodice said.



Holy Cross players Chris Manfre (l.r.), Calvert Springer and Paul Yodice at pre-season training.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

He and 6-foot-5 junior Amed Bahr, who transferred from Xavierian as a sophomore, are both sure-handed, deep threats. Junior varsity call-up Jason Vargas will also contribute to the aerial attack.

The beneficiary of all these weapons is junior quarterback Joshua Evans. He was called up late last season, but struggled. Pugh held him out of the playoff win over rival St. Francis Prep because he didn't see a confidence in his eyes.

That has changed after a summer of playing in 7-on-7 games with the team and the knowledge that the starting job is his. Evans has also put on some muscle in the weight room.

"He's blossomed into a solid kid this year," Pugh said. "I see a kid getting confidence."

The Knights still have plenty of that in their defense despite the loss of Pelzer and Francklin at linebacker and Jackson, a ball-hawk cornerback. Cross still has plenty of playmakers, starting with cornerback Calvert Springer, who had seven interceptions last season. Bahr and the 6-foot-4 Michael Charles join him in the secondary at safety.

"I feel like I have a safety valve at line backer with him back there," Manfre said of Springer. "I know if I mess up he will be right behind me."

McCarthy and Joe Webb return on the defensive line, but Pugh is still looking for someone to play linebacker alongside Manfre. The senior has enjoyed stepping into a bigger leadership role and his teammates appreciate what he means to the club.

"Best replacement linebacker," Springer said jokingly about Manfre. "We need him. He's very important."

Pugh made sure to also stress the impact made by punts returner Sal Di-Camillo. He fielded all 43 chances he had last season, didn't fumble one and never called for a fair catch. He can also play receiver and

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# New SJU team seeks familiar soccer goals

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

The St. John's University men's soccer team lost several key players in the offseason, but the Red Storm are ready to face the challenges ahead with hopes of returning to the NCAA Tournament.

"No matter what, there is always a new look," St. John's Coach Dave Masur

said. "We have some great players coming back to help our team, and we have guys that have been here, so we have a lot of guys that know what it takes to be successful at the level we are trying to play at."

The Red Storm lost five starters from a team that went 11-7-2 and 3-4-2 in the Big East. St. John's has to make up for the absence of

leading scorer Sean Sepe, who transferred to Akron, and graduated starting goalkeeper Rafael Diaz, from last year's team, which lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to Virginia. During the first couple weeks of practice, the team is trying to adjust to some of the new faces.

Some of the players hoping to fill in the gaps are freshman Andrew Mannon, who scored in the exhibition match against Drexel last weekend, and former Molloy standout Anthony Viteri, who also wants to help the hometown team.

In goals, freshmen Andrew Withers, Francisco Rojas and redshirt freshman Conor McElhinney will all be looking to fill in for Diaz.

"We've all gotten to know each other pretty well," senior defender Tim Parker said. "It's been good, there's a lot of new faces, so we are all trying to get used to each other. From what I've

seen, it's pretty sharp."

Along with getting used to playing with different teammates, the veterans are showing the new players what is expected when part of a program like St. John's. The veterans setting an example on offense are senior midfielder Jimmy Mulligan, who was second on the team with four goals last year, and senior Daniel Herrera, who was third on the team with three goals. Parker, a finalist for the Hermann Trophy, and Jordan Rouse lead the defense.

St. John's thinks it has enough to continue its tradition of reaching the big dance.

"I think the tournament is a goal that we have at the end of every year," Parker said. "We have to teach the new guys that is an expectation, and once we get to the NCAA Tournament we have to take it game by game."

During the season, the new-look Johnnies will be



St. John's player Eric Mirkov with the ball during a pre-season game against Drexel.  
Photo by Robert Cole

tested often. They play seven teams that appeared in the NCAA Tournament during the 2013 season. It's all part of building your résumé for the tournament selection committee.

"Teams that go to the tournament always have good schedules," Parker said. "We try to make the best schedule that we can. I think those kind of games will help us and give us experience later on."

Despite the new look on the field and the losses of key players after a solid 2013 season, Masur and the Red Storm will use a challenging schedule and senior leadership to get the team where they want and expect to be.

"Goals are always to win every game, get the NCAA, win a Big East Championship, get the Final Four, and hopefully win a National Championship," Masur said.

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# Columnist picks Queens stars to watch in fall 2014

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**Joseph Staszewski**  
*Block Shots*

**A**nother Queens high school sports season is getting set to start.

New stars emerge and old ones put the finishing touches on their careers, so here is a look at the players I think you should keep an eye on during the upcoming fall season.

## **Terrence Chavis, Flushing football**

Chavis helped the Red Devils to a historic campaign a year ago. Flushing went 9-3 and reached the PSAL City Conference semifinal for the first time. The current senior was a pick part of that run by

throwing for 1,371 yards and 17 touchdowns.

A lot more of the offensive burn will fall on Chavis with graduation of a large group of key seniors.

## **Medina Mulic, Christ the King girls' soccer**

The junior midfielder is one of the best all-around girls' soccer players in the city. Mulic, a two-time All-Queens first team selection by TimesLedger Newspapers, scored goals and dished out assists last season to help lead the Royals to a third straight CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens Division I title.

Her speed, strength and skill should continue to frustrate defenses all season.

## **Chris Manfre, Holy Cross football**

Manfre did his thing with Brandon Pelzer at running back and next to Jordan Francklin last



MEDINA MULIC

Photo by Ken Maldonado

season. His role grows exponentially with the latter two lost to graduation.

Manfre, an All-Queens First Team selection by TimesLedger, has proven to be an effective runner and playmaking defender. The senior will now be given a

chance to really shine for the Knights.

## **Alexa Trunz, Bayside girls' soccer**

Trunz quick helped everyone at Bayside forget about the loss of leading scorer D.J. Glazer to Marist. Last year, the current senior tallied 19 goals and dished out eight assists. She also had the knack of scoring late and when her team needed her most.

The forward helped lead Bayside to a third straight Queens A-IV division title. Look for her to pick up where she left off.

## **Juan Carlos Obregon, Christ the King boys' soccer**

The senior midfielder was a dangerous force, a speedy and athletic Christ the King offense last season as a junior. Obregon tallied seven goals and 11 assists last season as the Royals reached the CHSAA Class

AA intersectional semifinals.

Oregon may be asked to score more this year with Christ the King losing leading scorer Cesar Oviedo to graduation.

## **Chris Ray, Archbishop Molloy boys' soccer**

Ray has shown a knack for scoring big goals in the past. He had a playoff winner two years ago and the deciding score in a victory over St. Francis Prep last season. The senior will become one of the focal points of the Stanners' offense this season with the graduation of Denes Kostel.

Molloy wants to regain the CHSAA Class AA Intersectional title after losing to St. Francis Prep in last year's final.

## **Pamela Arce, Bryant girls' volleyball**

Arce stepped up in a big way last season when more responsibility was

placed on her. The setter was fifth in the PSAL with 151 assists during the regular season to help Bryant finish on top of the Queens A North/East division.

The senior will look to improve on her play and help the Owls make a deeper playoff run after a first-round exit last season.

## **Jessica Vishnudat, St. Francis Prep girls' volleyball**

She may have been playing behind plenty of star last year, but Vishnudat may have made the play of the Terriers' season. The right-side hitter's dig of Duke commit Leigh Meyer in the CHSAA state final swung the match's momentum.

SFP went on to win its first crown since 1986. Plays like that will be needed more consistently this season.

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## Open

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grandstands, put around Courts 3, 4 and 5. It allowed a large contingent of fans to cheer her and help push her to victory.

"I love it when people watch me. It gives me more energy and makes me play better," she said.

One star you will not see in Queens this year is defending men's champion Rafael Nadal. The three-time tournament winner had to pull out early be-

cause of a wrist injury. While Queens fans would love to have had Nadal in the draw, they knew they are going to see great tennis either way.

"In the past the best match of the tournament has not been the final match," said Woodside resident Allison Alberts, who was joined by her year-old son Beau. "You might see the best match tomorrow. It doesn't have to be one of the stars."

Fans also got to enjoy added food options, including an expanded menu in the club areas at new stops

on the main grounds that included Pat LaFrieda Meats, a Mexican stand called Maya and the Morris Grilled Cheese food truck near Court 11.

It's options like these that help create a unique experience for all those in attendance. Fans can sample different food and drinks, watch tennis at the courts or on the multiple television screens around the grounds while enjoying the sun.

"It's like being in your living room, but on a much larger scale," said Glassman.

## Holy Cross

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running back if need be. It's that kind of versatility that has Cross feeling confident in its chances this season despite one of the hardest schedules the program has ever had, according to Pugh.


The Knights have an

early day with defending champion St. Anthony's and regular season matching up with rival St. Francis Prep. It will be tough, but Holy Cross wants to get a step further than last season and compete for a title with a deep and talented group.

"There is no big names, but as a team we can come together," Manfre said. "I'd

rather have a team than two or three superstars."

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# Stabbing

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sion of a weapon and two counts of assault, the DA said

According to the criminal complaint filed by the Queens DA, Ward got into a verbal dispute with a 34-year-old man some time between 12:40 a.m. and 12:55 a.m. last Friday morning and was asked by a bouncer to leave the bar.

Ward allegedly left but returned soon after and approached the victim, grabbing him by the head and slitting his throat, according to the DA.

The complaint said Ward used the phrase “no respect” while he attacked the victim.

The DA said Ward continued to stab the man multiple times in his torso after he fell to the ground. The victim, who was not identified, was taken to New York Hospital Queens, where he received 70 stitches to his

neck and 100 stitches to his torso, the DA said.

The victim also needed surgery to reattach the tip of his ring finger on his right hand, according to the complaint, and to repair damage to a punctured spleen as a result of the stabbing.

The first reports of the stabbing on the TimesLedger Newspapers website set off a firestorm on social media, and many of the commenters appeared to know the accused.

The DA’s complaint said that when the defendant was shown surveillance video from the night of the attack, he allegedly said it was him on the tape.

A man speaking on behalf of the Safari Beach Club, who wished to remain anonymous, said this week that the stabbing was an isolated incident and a rare outburst of violence at the bar.

According to the NYPD, the 111th Precinct in Bayside has recorded

just one more felony assault this year than during the same time in 2013, up to 40 from 39 the year before. The precinct has not had a murder case this year or last.

Ward was arraigned Saturday and was due back in Queens Criminal Court Sept. 5, the DA said.

Back in June 1992 Patrick Bannon, a bouncer at the then-Palm Club on Bell Boulevard, shot and killed an off-duty city housing police officer who was trying to break up a fight and murdered another man in the same brawl.

Many clubs and bars on the strip, which was known around the city as a hotspot, closed their doors after the shootings, but in recent years Bell Boulevard has staged a strong comeback with many new restaurants and bars opening up.

# Republicans

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New York Police Department, “America’s greatest police force.”

Moss, the Chemung County, N.Y. sheriff, was introduced by former U.S. Rep. Bob Turner, who was hailed as a hero after winning the seat in 2011 in a predominately Democratic area covering Queens and Brooklyn. Turner told the crowd how everyone thought he was going to lose the battle to take Democrat Anthony Weiner’s seat after his resignation.

“We did it before, and we can do it again,” said Turner to the cheering audience.

The Republican candidates said that to win on Election Day, Nov. 4, “we

must go to places that we usually don’t go to,” said Moss, gubernatorial hopeful Bob Astorino’s running mate. “Bob [Astorino] and I are going everywhere, and we are winning some people over.”

He asked the audience if New York state was “winning or losing the battle.” He answered for them: “We are losing the battle. Over the last four years, we lost 400,000 jobs, people are leaving the state, and taxes are bad.”

Cahill, who wants to replace Democrat Eric Schneiderman, said the attorney general “has been silent in all important issues.”

He criticized the “chief law enforcement officer of the state” for not standing up for Mayor Bill de Blasio’s plans to close charter

schools, “for the corruption in Albany” and for Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s decision to close the Moreland Commission, an anti-corruption panel that was created by Cuomo in 2013.

“Where was the attorney general?” Cahill asked. “Silent Eric Schneiderman,” answered the crowd.

He told his supporters to “go out and call 10 friends to vote, and those 10 friends to call 10 friends. This is how we are going to win.”

For the candidates, New York state needs to cut taxes, create jobs, fight corruption in Albany and reduce spending.

“This race is not about Democrats or Republicans,” Cahill said. “This race is about being a New Yorker.”

# Dromm

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finement for juveniles, but the reform does not apply to city jails. Dromm thinks his bill will change the way the DOC operates by forcing transparency.

“I couldn’t move the legislation forward under the former mayor because I believe his administration was responsible for the mess we’re cleaning up now,” Dromm said.

He also singled out the president of the correction officers union, Norman Seabrook, for stonewalling reforms at Rikers Island.

“I’ve done four tours of Rikers and at the last one Seabrook interjected during my Q&A,” Dromm said. “He began to shout, ‘This

jail belongs to us, it does not belong to the Department of Mental Health.’ It’s a pattern of his and it sets a tone for his members. If he feels free enough to treat elected officials like that; the message works its way down to the officers that it’s OK to treat inmates like that as well.”

Seabrook was away at a convention along with his senior staff and was unavailable for comment, but he did send word through a spokesman Wednesday that there had been 14 fights broken up on Rikers Island during the previous 24 hours.

Last week city Comptroller Scott Stringer issued a separate report, called a ClaimStat Alert, that showed that 2,245 personal injury claims were

filed against the DOC in fiscal year 2014, an increase of 37 percent from the same time a year earlier, and 114 percent higher since fiscal year 2009.

“The culture of violence detailed in recent reports on Rikers Island has made it clear that we are potentially facing a humanitarian crisis in our city’s largest jail,” Stringer said. “Reducing violence in our jails is critically important, not only for the inmates and correction employees, but for taxpayers who are on the hook for millions of dollars in settlements and judgments every year.”

The head of internal investigations at Rikers Island, Deputy Commissioner Florence Finkle, resigned Aug. 22. No explanation was given.

# Forum

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his membership in the Independent Democratic Conference, Avella said he joined the break-away group to get things done for his district..

“Unfortunately, as a member of the Democratic conference, you couldn’t get anything done,” Avella said. “And you didn’t elect me to sit there and twiddle my thumbs in the last year in the Senate. You elected me to get things done for the district and the entire state.”

The IDC controlled the Senate with Republicans for the last few years until a recent deal was reached to form a new power-sharing agreement with mainline Democrats.

Moderators asked Liu about the campaign finance investigation into his 2013 mayoral bid, as

well as more than \$500,000 in unpaid fines for illegal posters his 2009 campaign for comptroller allegedly put up.

Liu said he is fighting the fines in court, as they were unfair and that the probe into his mayoral campaign was politically motivated and did not result in even an accusation against him.

“I am now standing before you as the most thoroughly investigated candidate in New York City,” Liu said.

Attendees got some comic relief when Randy Credico, a comedian and Democratic candidate for governor, took the podium to deliver his political impressions.

“I’ll be honest with you. Every month or two, I smoke a joint,” he said. “I’m the only politician who will admit to inhaling and I will inhale in the future.”

U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Melville) and his Repub-

lican opponent Grant Lally also made pitches as to why they should serve Congressional District 3.

Israel touted legislation he has been trying to pass which would create pay equity between men and women.

“My opponents in Congress have said Congress should not get involved in that issue. It’s a workplace issue,” he said. “But the same people support the Supreme Court decision that says the Supreme Court can get involved in a woman’s decision on contraception in a work place. We can do better than that.”

Lally, who is also running on the Conservative and Libertarian party lines, blasted the incumbent for having sponsored only two bills that have become law in his seven terms.

“Whether you like that legislative record or not, he’s had 14 years to do it and I think that’s long enough,” he said.

# Jumpline

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# Vets

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the people who put themselves in the front line for us,” said Liu.

It is unclear how much the plan would cost because it has to be worked out between the state and city agencies needed to implement it.

“Unfortunately, too often, even after coming

home from the battlefield, many veterans are forced to fight thickets of red tape just to gain access to scarce resources and limited services,” said Liu.

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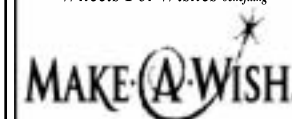
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answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 4th day of August, 2014, Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s), 25 Northpointe Parkway, Suite 25, Amherst, NY 14228 TO: MATOMU HANAYA, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Leonard Li-vote of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 11th day of July, 2014 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, Mortgage dated June 28, 2007, executed by the defendants, Matomu Hanaya, Jong Chul Lee and Jee Hyun Lee, as mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as mortgagee, to secure the sum \$516,000.00, which mortgage was duly recorded in the Queens County City Register's Office on July 10, 2007, under CRFN: 2007000351340. Said Mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as memorialized by an Assignment of Mortgage, which was recorded on September 2, 2008, under CRFN: 2008000347619, in the Queens County City Register's Office. The property in question is described as follows: 42-35 190 STREET, FLUSHING, NY 11358 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Third Ward, Flushing, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of 190th Street, (formerly known as Lawrence Avenue) distant 100 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Northern Boulevard (formerly known as Broadway), with the easterly side of 190th Street; RUNNING THENCE Easterly at right angles to 190th Street, 100 feet; THENCE Northerly parallel with 190th Street, 39.63 feet; THENCE West-



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erly again at right angles to 190th Street, 100 feet to the easterly side of 190th Street and; THENCE Southerly along the Easterly side of 190th Street, 39.63 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to

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unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. \$1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who has filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 4, 2014 Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s) 25 Northpointe Parkway, Suite 25 Amherst, NY 14228. The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 299019

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS** Index No. 703583/2013 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT..... COUNTY OF QUEENS

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CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -vs- SALOME MAZARD, INDIVIDUALLY AS HEIR AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN MAZARD A/K/A HERMANN MAZARD, DECEASED; HERMANN MAZARD, JR., AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF HERMAN MAZARD A/K/A HERMANN MAZARD, DECEASED; ALEXANDRA MAZARD, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF HERMAN MAZARD A/K/A HERMANN MAZARD, DECEASED; PATRICK R. ETIENNE, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF HERMAN MAZARD A/K/A HERMANN MAZARD, DECEASED, if living and if she be dead, and all Persons who are wives, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; CITIBANK, N.A.; NYC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE-PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU PAYMENT AND ADJUDICATION CENTER OF QUEENS; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants. Mortgaged Premises: 88-26 193RD STREET, HOLLIS, NY 11423. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on

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the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. That this action is being amended to include the possible heirs of Nathalie Hervieux, as said individual could not be located. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged

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premises. Dated: April 9, 2014 /s/ Mark K. Broyles, Esq. FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff Office and P.O. Address 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 232-7400 SECTION: BLOCK:10457 LOT:15 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of QUEENS, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein. TO THE DEFENDANT, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Sidney F. Strauss, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated May 6, 2014 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage. The premises is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly side of 193rd Street formerly Hollis Park Boulevard, distant 202.56 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of 193rd Street with the southerly side of Hillside Avenue; being a plot 110 feet by 100 feet by 110 feet by 100 feet. Premises known as 88-26 193rd Street, Hollis, NY 11423.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS** Index No. 704659/2013 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT..... COUNTY OF QUEENS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, -vs- RODRIGO TORO, if liv-

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ing and if he be dead, and all Persons who are wives, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees, and successors in interest all of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; MORAIMA C. DELSALTO A.K.A. MORAIMA DELSALTO; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants. Mortgaged Premises: 78-10 CYPRESS AVENUE, RIDGEWOOD, NY 11385. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): ...YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons

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and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. ...That this action is being amended to include possible heirs of Rodrigo Toro, as said individual could not be located. That this action is being amended to include New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and United States of America as necessary parties. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. Dated: ..... May 19, 2014 /s/ Mark K. Broyles, Esq. FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff Office and P.O. Address 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 232-7400 BLOCK: 3558 LOT: 30 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of QUEENS, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein. TO THE DEFENDANT, except RODRIGO TORO and MORAIMA C. DELSALTO A/K/A MORAIMA DELSALTO, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

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To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Leonard Livote, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated June 10, 2014 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage. The premises is described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the Second Ward of the Borough of Queens, of the City of New York, in the County of Queens and State of New York, known and designated as lot number 249 and part of lot number 248 on a certain map entitled, "Map of South Williamsburgh in Newton belonging to William Taylor," surveyed by Thomas W. Field and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, August 1st, 1854 as Map Number 240 and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection at the westerly side of Cypress Avenue (formerly Cypress Hills Plank Road) with the northerly side of Marshall Place, (formerly Lafayette Avenue); Running thence westerly along the northerly side of Marshall Place, 117 feet; Thence northerly at right angles to Marshall Place, 24 feet; Thence easterly 110 feet 3 ½ inches, to a point in the westerly side of Cypress Avenue, distant 24 feet 11 inches northerly from the point of beginning. Thence southerly along the westerly side of Cypress Avenue, 24 feet 11 inches to the point or place of beginning. Premises known as 78-10 Cypress Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385.

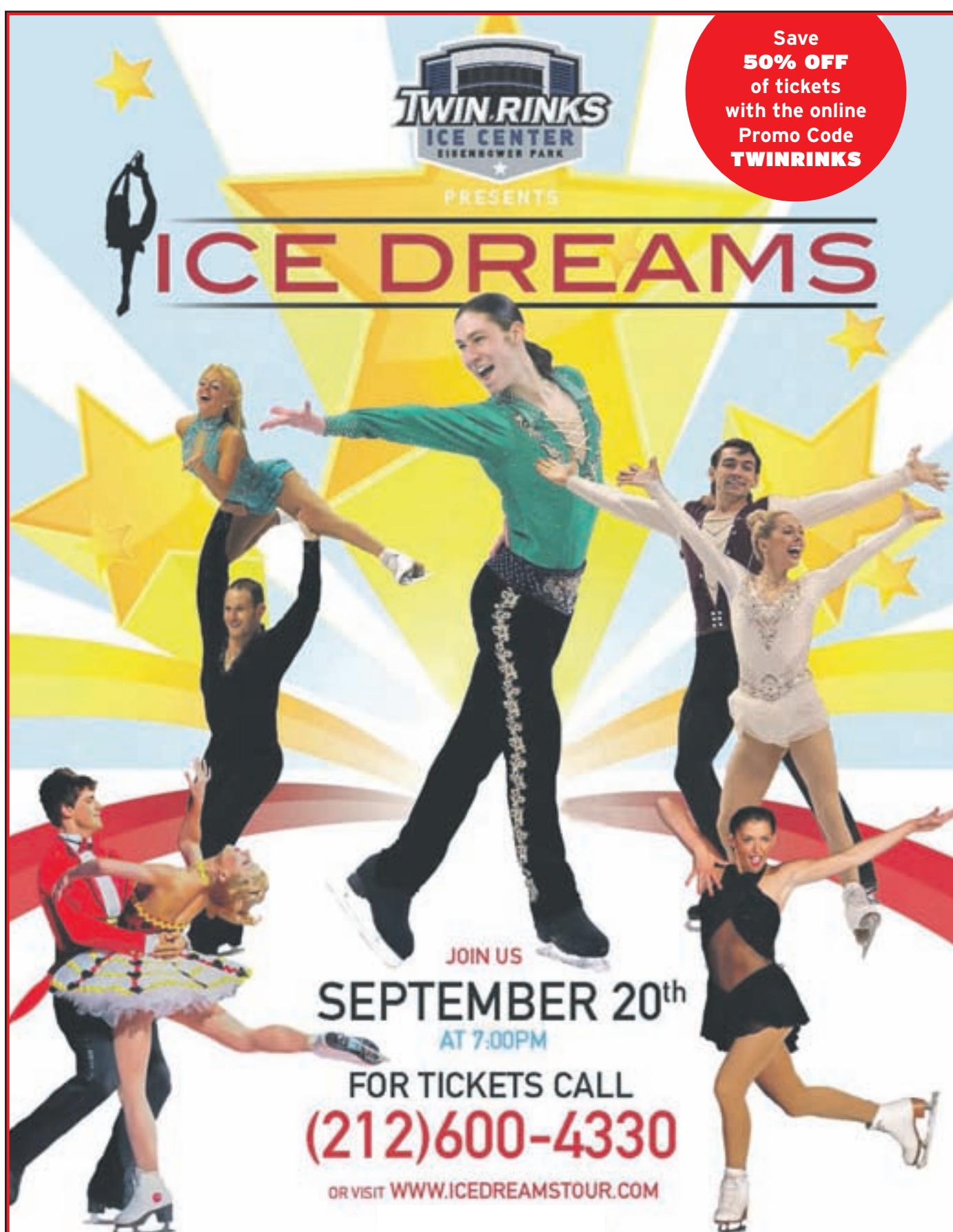
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