

Jamaica Bay survived storm much the same

BY JUAN SOTO

Superstorm Sandy was more devastating to humans than to nature.

But that is not to say nature was immune to the aftermath of the hurricane that crushed the Rockaways and pushed infinite tons of wreckage to Jamaica Bay's shoreline.

"A lot of debris came into Jamaica Bay," said Dan Hendrick, producer of the documentary "Jamaica Bay Lives."

Soon after Sandy swept parts of the eastern coast, boats, refrigerators, sofas, pushed docks and other rubbish surfaced in and around the 20,000-acre wetland estuary.

"Fortunately, some of the debris was pulled out," Hendrick said, referring to the extensive work to repair the damage led by organizations such as the American Littoral Society, the Jamaica Bay Ecowatchers, the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the National Parks Services. "But a lot of it is still underwater."

According to a report by the American Littoral Society, a coastal conservation organization, the superstorm had "no significant shift in sand placement and no damage to

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Breezy Point rebuilds slowly

Neighborhood struggles to overcome barriers to repairing ruined houses

BY ALEX ROBINSON

In the second year since Superstorm Sandy ravaged Breezy Point and destroyed hundreds of houses, the community has seen a scurry of rebuilding. And to the scorn of many residents, the effort has happened with little help from the city's Build it Back program.

Two Years Later

Breezy Point, which was originally a community of 2,836 houses, lost 350 homes in the storm. Some 130 of those homes burned to the ground in a fire that started during the storm. Flooding and winds flattened the other 220 on the narrow sandy peninsula which sits on the tip of the Rockaways.

Thousands of homes were damaged and there were very few in Breezy Point that were completely untouched by the flooding.

While few dwellings had been rebuilt in the first year since the storm hit, more than 270 homes are either rebuilt or in the process, according to Arthur Lighthall, the general manager of the Breezy Point Cooperative.

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Rubble sits in an empty lot where a house once stood, two years after Sandy struck Breezy Point. **See coverage on two-year-anniversary of Sandy on Pages 1-5.** Photo by Chris Palermo



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Standing tall on stilts

Broad Channel residents still await more FEMA relief

BY DEBBIE COHEN

Broad Channel was hit hard by Superstorm Sandy two years ago with six-foot water surges and torrential wind and rain. Many homes and businesses were badly damaged, and some small bungalows were demolished in this coastal area.

But over the past year, most of the businesses and some homes have bounced back, along with houses that are still being rebuilt, many on stilts as a preventive measure against future storms.

Mayor Bill de Blasio held a news conference in Broad Channel last week, saying significant progress has been made on the city's Hurricane Sandy recovery effort. He pointed out there has been new Build It Back goals put in place now that Amy Peterson, director of the Mayor's office of Housing Recovery, has been in charge.

"What has made Build It Back work since the mayor's overhaul is increased flexibility for homeowners and an increased presence by our staff in Sandy-impacted communities," Peterson said. "We have made over 2,800 offers to Queens residents and we are committed to streamline the pre-construction process and target those applicants who require counseling."

According to Samuel Breidbart, a spokesman for the NYC Housing Recovery Office, Build It Back was in Broad Channel Oct. 21 to assist a community cleanup of storm debris in Jamaica Bay.

"The point of access to the bay was behind a Build It Back home to be rebuilt at 10-24 Cross Bay Blvd., only now accessible because the damaged home was recently demolished to make way for reconstruction," he said. "The Broad Channel Civic Association and Jamaica Bay Ecowatchers were on hand with volunteers from the Parks Department and Build It Back."



During Sandy a boat docked in the middle of the street on Cross Bay Boulevard in Broad Channel. Photo by Debbie Cohen

During the news conference, the mayor committed to 1,000 construction starts and 1,500 reimbursement checks by Dec. 31. He also announced a new procurement that will dramatically expand design and construction capacity to further expedite the pace of recovery.

Jayne and John Galimi, Cross Bay Boulevard residents in Broad Channel whose house was demolished by Hurricane Sandy, said they finally got the help they needed when they got in touch with Peterson. Before that the wheels were moving very slowly — too much red tape, along with lost paperwork.

"Now Build It Back is rebuilding our family's house and it will be ready by this Christmas and my husband and our five children are overjoyed," said Jayme Galimi. "My new house will now be

storm-proofed and it will be raised 12 feet above ground. The construction work started in August 2014 and we will be back there before we know it."

Jayne Galimi said that it would have cost her and her husband about \$400,000 to rebuild and FEMA only helped with some rental assistance. She said when Sandy struck, the family ran upstairs as 5 feet of water came gushing in on the first floor, but then the upstairs started shaking and the side of the house came off and they knew they had to leave.

"This is a tight-knit community and everyone helped out," she said. "When Sandy first hit, we really didn't think it would be that bad, but we learned from it."

The Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department on Noel Road had severe damage from 7 feet of water from Sandy. Ed Wilmarth, chief of the department, remembers that night when he helped to rescue residents and all the fire trucks sustained water damage.

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Rockaway ferry faces its last run this week

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Rockaway won't let its Sea-Streak ships go down without a fight.

Rockaway's elected officials said they were scheduled to meet with Mayor Bill de Blasio this week to pitch plans for continuing ferry service that served as a lifeline in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

SeaStreak began operating boats from Beach 108th Street to the Brooklyn Army Terminal and downtown Manhattan shortly after the storm washed over the A train tracks, cutting off subway service to the peninsula.

As of press time, ferries were slated to dock Oct. 31 because funding for the route did not make it into the city budget.

U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) drafted a letter signed by several state and city officials requesting a meeting with de Blasio about the ferry.

"I want to talk about the Rockaways in a holistic way... and how we can make sure transportation-wise, and infrastructure-wise, and economic development-wise,

and protection-wise, we improve," Meeks said, declining to identify which funding streams he was eyeing or the nuances of his argument for the ferry.

State Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) said the request for a meeting was initially turned down, but the mayor agreed to meet with elected officials after plans for a homeless shelter on the peninsula surfaced.

"I will remain optimistic," Addabbo said, noting he hoped at minimum a six-month service extension could be arranged, which would buy him time to secure state funds for it. "In [de Blasio's] estimation, the ferry was a stop gap measure. In my opinion, it was a necessity even before Sandy. Transportation is deplorable for my residents."

Many Rockaway residents pushed for the city to find the \$5 million estimated annual cost of the route in the \$75 billion budget at rallies, protests and press conferences.

De Blasio's office has said it did not think the ferry was financially sustainable.

But Rockaway residents pointed out the area's ferries

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Rockaway residents view the ferry as a critical lifeline in case of future storms or natural disasters.

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Rockaway shop owner has angels on her side

Blue Bungalow had a good summer as people started to return to the beach at 116th St.

BY BILL PARRY

The Blue Bungalow is doing fine now, but it's been a hard two years since Hurricane Sandy's storm surge nearly wrecked the popular boutique that sits at the southern end of 116th Street in Rockaway Beach. The two women who own, and create most of the home decor items sold in the shop, nearly lost the business along with their Rockaway homes.

"And we were one of the lucky ones," Liz Smith-Breslin said. "We lost our inventory and most of our personal belongings. All of our computers and home office were in the basement and when it flooded, we lost an awful lot. We were closed for that month before Christmas because of the damage and because there was no power, but no one was coming to Rockaway then and the people that were here weren't going shopping for any gifts."

Both she and co-owner

Jeanne Jamin were forced out of their homes for several months because of damage from the Oct. 29, 2012 hurricane. The two women shared a bond that transcends physical property, losing a loved one on 9/11.

They lost the same man.

"I was engaged to her brother, Mike Andrews," Smith-Breslin said. "He went to work that morning at Cantor-Fitzgerald and never came home."

The two women went in to business together, opening The Blue Bungalow in 2007. Both immersed themselves in creating artwork that was inspired by their loss. Sadly for her, Smith-Breslin had two other devastating losses. Her little brother B.J. was murdered for his jewelry, at age 19, two years before the attacks at the World Trade Center. Then she lost her father the day after the storm.

"Dad didn't want to evacuate his bungalow on 92nd



Liz Smith-Breslin (l.) with co-owner Jean Jamin in front of their 116th Street boutique.

Photo courtesy Liz Smith-Breslin

Street because he always loved a good storm," she said. "He had trouble breathing and was taken by ambulance and he died Nov. 1. We never knew he was in trouble because there was no cell phone service. We couldn't even have a wake or a

funeral for him because there was no place to hold it."

Smith-Breslin turned adversity into a strength.

"I just try to keep going forward, gaining strength from the losses in my life," she said. "I feel like they're with me all

the time, that their spirits are behind this store."

The two women were forced to be innovative after they reopened The Blue Bungalow.

"We're always running discounts and specials, but it's always tough for a mom-and-pop shop like this competing against big stores," Smith-Breslin said. "Now that Rockaway has been revitalized people are coming back now. This summer was much better than last, but the boardwalk's not all the way back and that's like a boulevard for us."

She added that 116th Street, a commercial strip that includes all of the traffic from the Rockaway Park subway stop and many bus lines, could be doing much better. "There's an effort underway with the 116th Street BID, and they're trying hard," Smith-Breslin said.

In the two years since the storm, The Blue Bungalow has expanded to include a spa and a photography studio.

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Howard Beach not ready for storm

Condo owners stunned as water swept buildings before area was declared a flood zone

BY DEBBIE COHEN

No one thought New York would ever get hit on Oct. 29, 2012 with a major hurricane like Superstorm Sandy, especially residents in Howard Beach and Lindenwood. We were not told to prepare, evacuate or that we were even considered to be a flood zone as other neighborhoods in the tri-state area were. So we sat back and waited very calmly until the inevitable showed up on our doorsteps. At around 6:30 p.m. I heard the winds howling, rain pouring down and screams with the sound of breaking glass coming from the back of my Lindenwood condominium building on 79th Street, so I ran onto my terrace, which is on the third floor to see what all the commotion was about.

The backyard of the building was flooded with more than 5 feet of water and some male neighbors were yelling for everyone to get out of the basement apartments, as they proceeded to smash windows and doors to rescue residents



A tree gets uprooted in Howard Beach the night of Sandy.

Photo by Debbie Cohen

and their pets. Floodwaters came crashing into their apartments at an enormous speed yet no one was hurt.

But in my amazement, along with other neighbors

who were standing out on their terraces, we watched cars submerge under water in the back parking lot and on the street and then everything went black – no electricity. Cars

were floating down the street and we all knew our cars were a total loss.

The smell of gasoline permeated the air as the cars were going under, taking their

last breath. I, along with several neighbors started to call 911 and the Fire Department anticipating a gas explosion and that fire might erupt at any moment, but no one would come because of the floodwaters. They said they needed a boat to come and they were inundated with panicked calls. Finally hours later, one fire truck arrived in the area and luckily there were no fires.

Ralph Lanoue, my neighbor who previously lived over in the next building, said that we might have to climb up to the roof if the waters keep rising.

"I have a couple of flashlights and a ladder if we do have to go to the roof," Lanoue said later in the evening. "I am shocked we were not told to evacuate in Howard Beach – this is crazy!"

Other neighbors were screaming and frightened as we all watched the horrors and devastation from Sandy, but it was only the beginning. We didn't have to go to the roof, but our hallways were flooded and mold was setting in with

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Sandy fund-raiser canceled

Haunted house event was designed to help victim

By Debbie Cohen

A good deed turned into a neighborhood fiasco when a friend tried to come to the rescue of Kimberly Engel, a Howard Beach resident, raise funds for her Sandy-stricken home.

Complaints made to the city Department of Buildings and to the 106th Police Precinct over the last two weeks stopped the 100th Street home from being turned into a haunted house fund-raiser. It was scheduled to start on the weekend of Oct. 17.

Paul "PJ" Marcel, who lives in Lindenwood, came up with the idea to assist his friend and was stunned when he heard about the complaints, which included two violations listed on the DOB website. The violations are



Paul Marcel stands with his military truck that he used to rescue people during Sandy on the side of Kim Engel's home on 100th Street in Howard Beach.

Photo by Debbie Cohen

listed as "Illegal Use: Residential Space-Used as Business and "Illegal Commercial/Manufacturing Use in Residential Zone."

Marcel said he put a huge amount of his own money into the house to make it look spooky and he was going to hire actors from the NY Film School to replicate actors in Halloween movies.

"It seems there are haters in the neighborhood who did not want this project to come into fruition and it's too bad because I wasn't going to keep any money," Marcel said. "I just want to try to help a friend."

He said he advertised the event for weeks on Facebook, along with the Howard Beach Civilian Patrol, which he is a member of. Marcel was going to charge \$10 for tours and give all proceeds to Engel and if someone was not able to afford the fee, he was going to let them in for free.

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Peninsula's health falls two years after tempest

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Two years after Hurricane Sandy tore ashore, Rockaway residents' access to health care remains strained, but the storm has left more people with stress, anxiety and depression, a study said.

Doctors of the World, an international medical humanitarian organization that established a free clinic in the Rockaways after Sandy, released the results of a four-month-long analysis last month. It relied on surveys taken by about 400 Rockaway residents.

The report found that the peninsula's geographic isolation and lack of public transit contributed to Rockaway's federal designation as a medically underserved area and a health professional short-

age area prior to the storm. But the closure of several private practices, the stress of rebuilding homes and other lingering concerns exacerbated the situation.

"We expected to find low-income communities with poor health outcomes and poor access to healthcare services, which we did. But we also found that the deficit in affordable services is impacting everyone," said Noah Barth, program manager with Doctors of the World's Rockaway clinic.

The study found 65 percent of survey respondents noted their health has not changed since the storm, and 23 percent described it as having declined.

About 66 percent of those surveyed reported they felt stressed, depressed or anx-

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Rookie cop wounded in ax attack improves

BY JUAN SOTO

The rookie cop who was seriously injured in the head by an ax-wielding Queens Village man is in stable condition and will now undergo rehabilitation after leaving Jamaica Hospital, hospital officials said Wednesday.

The attacker of the four rookie uniformed officers on Jamaica Avenuede was inspired by Islamic terror groups and acted alone, Police Commissioner William Bratton said after the Oct. 23 violent episode.

Zale Thompson, 32, was shot dead after he injured two of the four police officers with an 18-inch hatchet, according to Bratton, who said the rookies were posing for a photo after they were approached by a photographer.

Three days later in an unrelated incident, a police officer fatally shot a Flushing man who lunged at him with a box cutter.

The Jamaica confrontation on the busy and commercial street also left an innocent bystander, a 29-year-old woman, in critical condition after she was hit by a stray bullet fired by the cops, said the police commissioner.

"It appears just from the electronic forensics that this is something he had been thinking about for some time," Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence and Counterterrorism John Miller said.

He pointed out the Queens Village man was inspired by the recent attack on the Canadian Parliament.

Bratton, who described the man as "self-radicalized," said Thompson was inspired by groups like Al Qaeda and Islamic State.

"It would appear at this time that he was self-directed in his activities," the police commissioner said.

Police shot and killed Thompson during the seven-second violent encounter at 162nd Street and Jamaica Avenue. According to Bratton, the man, without speaking a word and unprovoked, swung the ax at Officer Joseph Meeker, 24, striking him in the arm.

Then he continued attacking the cops, hitting Kenneth Healey, 25, in the head.

Police officials said the

other two rookie cops fired their weapons at Thompson, fatally shooting him. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Both Meeker and Healey were taken to Jamaica Hospital. Meeker was released from the hospital last Friday.

Healey, with his head bandaged, was released from the hospital and taken to a rehabilitation center in Queens, a spokesman for Jamaica Hospital said.

One of the police bullets hit the 29-year-old woman in her lower back, Bratton said. The injured bystander was rushed to Jamaica Hospital, where she underwent surgery and was recovering from her wounds. She was listed in stable condition, Bratton said.

The four officers graduated from the Police Academy July 8 and were assigned to the 103rd Police Precinct in Jamaica.

Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, said, "this illustrates once again that at any time, any place, anywhere a police officer could be set upon."

Days after the ax incident in Jamaica, a police officer from the 109th Police Precinct in Flushing fatally shot a 29-year-old man when he tried to attack another cop with a box cutter, police officials said.

The incident occurred in the morning of Oct. 26 near the corner of Kissena Boulevard and Ash Avenue, authorities said.

According to the police, hours before the fatal shooting, the man had gone to New York Hospital Queens complaining of chest pains. He was released but went back to the medical center, this time armed with the knife and demanding syringes, the NYPD said.

When two uniformed cops approached the suspect on Kissena Boulevard, he pulled out the utility knife and attempted to attack one of the officers, the NYPD said.

Police said one of the cops shot twice at the suspect, hitting him once in the torso.

He was rushed to New York Hospital Queens, where he was pronounced dead.

BP gets Ebola update

Health Dept. official briefs community board leaders

BY BILL PARRY

Concerned about misinformation surrounding the Ebola virus, Borough President Melinda Katz reached out to the city Department of Health, which responded by sending Dr. Jessica Kattan to brief her and the leaders of Queens' 14 community boards so they could update their members.

"Whenever there's a vacuum of information, it results in disinformation," Katz said. "That's why I thought it was important to hear from the Department of Health. I want to be sure we're protected here in New York City."

Katz disclosed her recent communications with the White House and officials' concerns about Queens because it is home to JFK International Airport, one of only five airports in the United States that allow flights from western Africa to land. The others are Washington's Dulles, Chicago's O'Hare, Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta and Newark airports.

Kattan, a city medical specialist with the DOH, briefed the leaders in the Borough Hall conference room and then answered a range of questions.

"This is the largest Ebola outbreak in history and the



Dr. Jennifer Kattan briefs community board leaders at Borough Hall.

Photo by Bill Parry

first outbreak in western Africa," she said. "The outbreak is worsening, but local and international governments are taking steps to help."

The doctor explained that Ebola is a viral disease that cannot be treated with antibiotics. It is zoonotic, meaning the virus may be carried by different animals such as primates or fruit bats.

The symptoms include fever, headaches, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and unexpected bleeding. The symptoms appear two to 21 days after exposure. "There is no proven cure and no vaccine," Kattan said.

Ebola is spread if there is

direct contact through broken skin or mucous membranes with the eyes and mouth with a sick person's body, blood or bodily fluids, including but not limited to urine, saliva, feces, vomit or semen or contaminated objects like needles and syringes, she told the leaders.

"It is not spread by air and it's not contagious before symptoms appear," Kattan said.

She also said people who are here illegally and get sick will not be asked by hospital staff about immigration status. People without insurance coverage or money should know that they will be seen regardless of the ability to pay.

During the Q & A portion of the briefing, the borough president pointed out that the way the virus is spread was explained differently in literature the Department of Health distributed. The flier says you can get the virus by touching a person who is sick with Ebola.

"I think the problem here is it says touching," Katz said. "Exchanging bodily fluids is a completely different dynamic. This says something completely different."

Kattan nodded in agreement and said that she would report that to the Department of Health.

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Alan Hevesi returns to spotlight

BY SARINA TRANGLE

Former state Comptroller Alan Hevesi made his first post-prison public foray Monday when he took the podium at a Central Queens Y lecture series he regularly attends.

Hevesi gave an hour and a half talk on national politics at the Rabbi Simon Hevesi Jewish Heritage Library in the YM-YWHA of Forest Hills. The 74-year-old ex-lawmaker began his presentation by criticizing the weak federal oversight of the 13 colonies and worked his way up to current elections, where he predicted Republicans would bolster their majority in the House of Representatives and take the U.S. Senate. Hevesi then assailed the partisan rancor and onslaught of campaign



Former state Comptroller Alan Hevesi speaks at the Central Queens Y.

Photo by Sarina Trangle

spending by corporations and private groups initiated by the landmark Citizens Union Supreme Court case.

"There is a consequence. Candidates for office are obligated to their contributors," he said. "Republicans, a substantial number, deny climate change... Why? Because they're getting money from big oil, from energy companies, from

the coal industry, from people who have a vested interest and don't want to be regulated."

The dozens in the audience seemed to receive Hevesi warmly, with one woman urging a reporter to be nice to him saying, "He's a grandpa now" and another asking him for his autograph after the talk.

Hevesi resigned as state comptroller in December 2006. A plea deal spared him time behind bars for having a state driver chauffeur his ailing wife.

Then in October 2010, he pleaded guilty to investing \$250 million in pension funds with the private equity firm Markstone Capital Partners in exchange for \$1 million in gifts, campaign donations and paid trips to Italy and Israel.

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Gianaris seeks third term vs. familiar foe

BY BILL PARRY

State Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) is running for a third term in District 12 against a man he doesn't like. The feeling is mutual.

"He talks well but he's accomplished nothing," independent challenger Anthony Aldorasi said. "He spends too much time up in Albany. He's not in touch with his constituents and doesn't see that our lovely neighborhoods have deteriorated."

When Gianaris heard of the comment he said, "I'm not going to respond to my opponent. He's got all sorts of problems of his own that he should be answering for. I'll let him deal with his own issues."

Aldorasi is the former Principal at IS 141 who was removed by the city Board of Education in 2007, accused of corporal punishment of three students and harassment of a



State Sen. Michael Gianaris (l.) faces challenger Anthony Aldorasi in the Nov. 4 election.

Photo courtesy Michael Gianaris and Bill Parry

teacher.

"I made it the top performing school in District 30 and I had a spotless record for 27 years," he said. "A city arbitrator acquitted me and 18 months later I was told to go back. Chancellor Klein wanted Arne Duncan's job in the Obama administration and

didn't want negative press. He offered another job, but I chose retirement."

Aldorasi claimed the chancellor "played politics" and now he's trying to be in politics. He's writing a memoir that has drawn interest from HBO but put the whole project on hold while he runs against

Gianaris.

"I'm still an educator, so I'm in this to stop Common Core --- it's a plague on our schools," Aldorasi said, adding that helping the middle class and senior citizens is high on his list.

Gianaris is proud of his record in helping seniors. This

past year he secured funding in the state budget to increase the income ceiling for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption from \$29,000 to \$50,000 so more seniors can afford to stay in their homes.

As for his other accomplishments, Gianaris said, "I've been working hard for western Queens. We've done a lot to improve mass transit, made the streets safer and improved the environment. Smoke stacks are coming down. Better air quality means less cases of asthma and emphysema, and we're expanding Mt. Sinai Hospital so you don't have to go to Manhattan for your health care needs."

As for Aldorasi's charge that neighborhoods have deteriorated, Gianaris gestured toward the Long Island City skyline and said, "Look around you at all this construction, there cranes everywhere. Western Queens is growing by the day and we have to make sure the infrastructure keeps up."



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People fall prey to these scams involving Green Dot MoneyPak cards, receiving phone calls claiming they are collecting debts from either a utility company or the Internal Revenue Service.

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Police at the 111th Precinct said utility companies like ConEdison or Verizon "will never ask you to buy a money card or complete a wire transfer to pay balances on your account."

Authorities said the IRS does not ask taxpayers to pay balances with a money card or wire transfers either.

Police also said calls from people claiming to be foreign lawyers or doc-

tors saying a loved one was arrested or injured and needs money transfers are scams.

Police also said that if a caller is asking for personal information, "hang up and call the company yourself using the telephone number in your bill."

According to the NYPD Prevention Alert, some victims are receiving calls from fake IRS workers telling them they owe back taxes, "and if they do not make an immediate payment using a Green Dot MoneyPak card, they will be arrested or deported."

As a precaution, the police offered several tips, including telling residents to be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payments for any reason; not to give unsolicited personal or financial information; and never transfer money or provide debit or credit card numbers to people one does not know.

Man shot at Flushing karaoke bar

FLUSHING — He must have sung a bad note.

A sushi chef was shot in the leg at a Flushing karaoke bar early Wednesday morning, police said.

The 24-year-old man had been singing in a private room at Club Home Run, at 140-08 Holly Ave., with others around 1:23 a.m., when four men allegedly came into the room with a gun and told everyone to sit down, according to police.

The chef boldly swore at the man holding the gun, who then allegedly shot him twice in the leg, police said.

Police said the four men fled from the bar in a white vehicle.

The victim was rushed to New York Hospital Queens in stable condition.

Police said the investigation into the incident was ongoing.

Dog taken with stolen car returned: Cops

JAMAICA — There was a happy ending in South Jamaica.

Four officers from the 113th Precinct were able to recover a stolen 4-year-old Yorkshire Terrier inside a car that was also reportedly stolen, according to police.

Police said they recovered both the dog and the car after arresting four people for allegedly stealing the vehicle that had the anti-theft Lojack system installed.

Cops from the 113th were able to locate the suspects after getting the alert from Lojack.

They located the car at 110 Road in Jamaica. After approaching the car, the officers arrested the driver of the automobile and the three passengers.



Police officers pose with the Yorkshire Terrier they recovered after the car the dog was in was stolen.

Photo courtesy NYPD

Got tips?

Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477), text 274637 (CRIMES) and enter TIP577 or log on to nypdcrimestoppers.com.

St. John's welcomes its first lay president

BY SARINA TRANGLE

As officials helped Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw out of his suit and into a royal red robe adorned with St. John's presidential medallion and a symbolic staff, hundreds welcomed the university's first lay president in its 144 years.

Dignitaries from the Vatican and Philippines, where Gempesaw grew up, clapped in the crowded Caransecca Arena during the investiture last week.

Gempesaw, who previously worked as provost and executive director of Miami University, officially took the helm of the Jamaica Estates-based school July 1. But at Friday's ceremony, he emphasized his commitment to the school's Vincentian history and his priorities for the coming years.

"Embracing the Vincentian mission is easy and natural for me because, like so many St. John's students both today and in the past, I am an immigrant," Gempesaw said, referring to schools established in the tradition of St. Vincent de Paul, who established a Catholic order dedicated to assisting the poor and educating those in need. "Like many immigrants, I came to this country full of hope and determination. I was raised as a Catholic and attended a Jesuit institution for grade school, high school and college."

Gempesaw recalled his move to the United States 34 years ago, beginning with a bus ride from Port Authority to West Virginia University, where he paid a steeply discounted rent by sleeping in a

fellow graduate student's living room.

"Well, being an economist, I accepted the half rent offer and that living room became my home," Gempesaw said.

Rev. Bernadito Auza, permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, said he had long collaborated with St. John's professors in his role as the pope's ambassador to the U.N. welcomed the new leader officially, and more colloquially.

"As a Filipino, like the new president of this university, I am very, very proud," Auza said.

A St. John's sophomore, alumnus, psychology professor, trustees, fellow Vincentian university leaders, including the president of Adamson University in Manila, the nation's ambassador to the United States and consul general in New York lauded the school's 17th president.

Gempesaw said he would form a strategic priorities work group in the coming weeks to engage the university community in developing a framework for implementing priorities and assessing progress on these goals.

He said he sought to focus on student success by bolstering mentoring, career counseling and job placement services, retaining the best staff, improving the learning environment and expanding community and global partnerships, in part by opening more programs abroad.

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



St. John's University President Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw dons regalia associated with his new position. Photo by Sarina Trangle

Citi Bike is on the way

Docks to be installed in LIC beginning in springtime

BY BILL PARRY

Citi Bike is coming to Queens. The popular bike-sharing program will expand into Long Island City beginning in the spring with the installation of 10 docking stations throughout the neighborhood.

"We want these blue bikes here as soon as possible," City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said. Stations will be located at several spots in Queens Plaza, Murray Playground and the East River Ferry terminal.

Further expansion of Citi Bike will include Astoria and eventually Sunnyside.

"Today brings welcome news for all of us who fought so hard to bring bike share to western Queens," state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) said.

Long Island City was supposed to be part of the original Citi Bike roll-out, but Hurricane Sandy destroyed much of the equipment that was stored in flooded warehouses.

"There were many broken promises and delays along the way, but there is no such thing as a citywide program that does not include the great borough of Queens," Van Bramer said. "We're going to have a lot of fun with these blue bikes and people will have a way to explore Queens in a whole different ways. They'll visit our cultural institutions, eat in our restaurants and explore the wonders of the waterfront."

Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg made the announcement at the Queensbridge Houses Tuesday.

"We have worked hard these last 10 months to get Citi Bike on track for the long term," she said. "New Yorkers deserve a system that's more reliable and convenient, that reaches more neighborhoods and remains affordable."

Trottenberg announced that former MTA Chief Jay Walder would return to New York and run a restructured Alma Bicycle Share, the company that has operated Citi Bike since its start in May 2013, as its new chief executive officer. He takes over a nearly bankrupt program that was beset by technical glitches but



Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg announces that Citi Bike is coming to Queens. Photo by Bill Parry



A D.O.T. map shows that the bike-sharing program will eventually include Sunnyside. Photo by Bill Parry

still had more than 100,000 city residents who signed up and rode a combined 14.7 million miles, according to the DOT.

"Citi Bike has been a tremendous success and I am thrilled to be joining the bike share revolution," Walder said. "Bike sharing has become such an important ingredient of urban life. With the backing of a deeply committed private investment group, and a seasoned leadership team, we will not only grow Citi Bike, but we will also improve and enhance operations and software reliability."

Walder, who was born and raised in Rockaway Beach, further explained that the system would expand from the current 330 stations and 6,000 bikes to over 700 stations and 12,000 bikes by the end of

2017. This will be done with a \$30 million infusion of private capital as well as an increased sponsorship commitment from Citi of \$70.5 million through 2024.

The expansion will also include an increase in the cost of yearly membership in the program, from \$95 to \$149. A date for the price hike announcement will be announced soon.

"This is about delivering the bike share program New Yorkers expect and deserve," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "We believe in Citi Bike's potential as a fixture of new York City's public transit system. It can make our neighborhoods more accessible, help us achieve our sustainability goals, and bridge inequities in our transportation network."

★ ★ CONGRESS ★ ★

DISTRICT 7 Maspeth, Ridgewood, Woodhaven, Sunset Park and the tip of Manhattan

Nydia Velazquez (D)

The first Puerto Rican woman elected to the House in 1992, she is the ranking member of the Small Business Committee.



Jose Luis Fernandez (R)

Fernandez is a trained pianist, businessman and radio host who lives in Brooklyn.



Allan Romaguera (C)

Romaguera is an international banking consultant who lives in Park Slope.

Not available

DISTRICT 3 Nassau, Suffolk, Whitestone, Bay Terrace, Douglaston, Little Neck and Bellerose.

Steve Israel (D)

Elected in 2001, he is a member of the House leadership and chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He is also running on the Independence and Working Families lines.



Carolyn Maloney (D)

First elected to Congress in 1992, Maloney is a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee and the House Oversight Committee.



Grant Lally (R)

Lally is the managing partner of a Long Island law firm who represented George W. Bush in the 2000 Florida recount. He is also running on the Conservative line.



Nicholas S. Di Iorio (R)

Prepared to be a Catholic priest before moving to New York to work in the health care industry at Pfizer.



DISTRICT 8 Howard Beach, parts of Ozone Park, Bedford-Stuyvesant and Brighton Beach

Hakeem Jeffries (D)

Jeffries, a freshman congressman, is on the House Judiciary and Budget committees.



Alan Bellone (C)

Bellone is president of a silk screening and embroidery company.



DISTRICT 14 East Elmhurst, Woodside, Jackson Heights, parts of Flushing and the Bronx

Joseph Crowley (D)

In 1998 Crowley was elected to the House, where he now serves as vice chairman of the Democratic Caucus



Elizabeth Perri (R)

A conservative Republican, she works at accounts receivable at a Manhattan plumbing firm.



DISTRICT 37 Sunnyside, Ridgewood, Long Island City, Astoria and Woodside

Catherine Nolan (D)

Nolan was elected to the state Assembly in 1984 and sits on the Ways and Means, Rules, Veterans' Affairs and Corporations, Authorities and Commissions committees.



John Kevin Wilson (Lib)

An actor running on the Libertarian Party line, he is challenging Nolan for the third time.



★ ★ STATE SENATE ★ ★

DISTRICT 11 Whitestone, College Point, Bayside, Douglaston, Little Neck, Bellerose, Fresh Meadows

Tony Avella (D)

After serving in the City Council for eight years, Avella was elected to the state Senate in 2010.



Paul Gilman (G)

The College Point resident is running as a Green Party candidate on drug and environmental issues.



DISTRICT 12 Astoria, Sunnyside, Long Island City

Michael Gianaris (D)

After 12 years as the city's first Greek American in the Assembly, he was elected to the Senate in 2010.



Anthony Aldorasi

The former principal of PS 141, Aldorasi is a native of Astoria and running on an education platform.



DISTRICT 15 Most of the Rockaways, Howard Beach, Ozone Park, Woodhaven, parts of Maspeth, Glendale, Forest Hills, Rego Park and Kew Gardens

Joseph Addabbo (D)

After serving seven years on the City Council, the Ozone Park native was elected to the Senate in 2008.



Michael Conigliaro (R)

A Rego Park resident, he manages the office of a real estate law firm.



★ ★ ASSEMBLY ★ ★

DISTRICT 40 Flushing, Murray Hill

Ron Kim (D)

The first Korean-American elected to state office, Kim is seeking his second term.



Philip Gim (R)

The Chinese-American businessman is challenging Kim for his seat for the second time.



Upstart makes run for Maloney's seat

BY BILL PARRY

In her 21 years on Capitol Hill, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) has sponsored more legislation than any other member of Congress. Eleven of the bills she has proposed have been enacted into laws.

"In a Republican-controlled House, I have been able to pass more bills into law than 98 percent of my colleagues," she said in remarks relayed to the paper by a campaign official since she was in Poland. "And I am proud to have passed more than 60 measures into law, both as stand-alone bills and as pieces of larger packages, including five this year."

Now, as she runs for re-election in District 12, Maloney's record is under attack from her challenger, Republican Nick Di Iorio, a 28-year-old former seminary student.

"If you look at her record in how many bills that have passed next to all that she's proposed, then you see

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Challenger Nick Di Iorio mocks U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney's efforts to bring a panda to the city.

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MIXED RECOVERY

Two years after Hurricane Sandy roared into Queens and gouged out its beachfront neighborhoods, the rebuilding is finally gaining some momentum.

The superstorm took its most devastating swipe at the Rockaway peninsula. Breezy Point, the narrow spit of land at the eastern tip that was home to 2,800 residents, lost 350 houses to fires and unforgiving waves whipped by wind from three sides.

But today more than 270 homes have been rebuilt or are on their way to becoming habitable.

Progress was excruciatingly slow in the first year after the superstorm, when the Bloomberg administration put in safeguards to avoid the bureaucratic nightmare that followed Hurricane Katrina in 2005, only to unwittingly snarl the process in New York City.

Since Mayor Bill de Blasio took office in January, the recovery pace has quickened under the city's controversial Build It Back program. Reimbursement checks are trickling in to homeowners who footed the bill for their own renovations, but thousands more are awaiting relief.

He has promised repair work will begin on

1,000 more houses before year's end and that 1,500 reimbursement checks will be distributed.

The numbers don't tell the story of the human toll that Sandy took on Queens residents, however.

Some homeowners whose houses were destroyed are still bunking with friends and relatives, while others were forced to delay work on their homes until FEMA issued flood maps to determine how they must rebuild. And there are owners who do not qualify for government help.

Despite the odds, Rockaway residents are returning to the beach communities where they have lived for years, buoyed by stubborn hope and an indomitable spirit.

In Broad Channel, the gateway to the Rockaways that was nearly flattened by Sandy, many of the businesses and homes have come back. Some of the houses have been rebuilt on stilts to protect from surges.

And Howard Beach, where horrified condo owners watched rising waters occupy their buildings, has now been declared a flood zone. Storm warnings will be routine in the future after total silence before Sandy.



OTHER VOICES

Third parties bring new ideas

For over a half century, Democrats and Republicans have taken turns at presiding over the economy, guiding and managing our national debt, deficit and social programs to the brink of bankruptcy. We have spent many decades switching seats but changing nothing. Both parties continue to debate how to spend money we don't have and ignore the fiscal crisis we face. We have been repeating the process of voting for one or the other expecting different results, a process Albert Einstein called "insanity."

There is no doubt that a majority of citizens disapprove of the path our country is on. Let me suggest a course of action that would make this election remarkable. Vote for candidates from a party other than Democrat or Republican. Non-incumbent candidates will have fewer ties to the established corrupt network of lobbyists, may have a different perspective of their role as representatives, may be innovative and offer new ideas. Whatever kind of government the new candidates create, it can't be any worse than

what we have now. If the new candidates are ineffective, we can replace them at the end of their terms. Elections and voting are the best tried and true means of term limits.

By reducing the number of incumbents that are elected, we are sending a message that no one in congress is indispensable. What is indispensable is our constitutional right to vote and elect those who will best serve their constituents.

*Ed Konecnik
Flushing*

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Police still stand for public safety

It is true that it is legal to videotape any police encounter in a public place. However, it cannot be done in a way that interferes with the officers performing their duties. This includes getting so close to the officers that they feel that they can no longer safely perform their duties. There is no definitive “distance” currently in the law, it is a matter of judgment on a case-by-case basis determined by the officer involved in the encounter.

The general public sometimes does not understand that police officers need to maintain a zone of safety while conducting an investigation or while performing an enforcement operation or encounter.

The training that you highlighted in your recent article states some of these points as well. In that aspect it is

a positive thing that is being brought to the attention of the general public. They should know that it is their right to videotape police in public places and how to do it so that it is safe for all parties involved.

With technology being what it is, including the use of cell phone cameras, there is no need for anyone to get too close to an officer while he or she is performing their duty. Cameras have zoom features and, if not, they can not compromise the safety of the officers in order to get a “better angle or shot.”

Police Commissioner William Bratton has ensured that police officers have extensive training on the rights of civilians to videotape them in public.

Our officers also see the tapes that are highlighted in the media and on

social media sites. Not every encounter that is taped depicts the NYPD in a professional manner and some officers don’t always act in a professional manner. That being said, the overwhelming majority of officers act in a highly professional manner under extreme circumstances every day. What is seen on an edited clip on the news or YouTube does not explain the entire encounter in the vast majority of cases. The public does not understand that some use of force shown in some videos is within the law and NYPD guidelines and only focuses on what is being commented on by the person taking the video. All facts and circumstances must be taken into consideration before judgments can be made.

In today’s age of technology, I don’t think that a police officer is go-

ing to act any differently when they observe a member of the public videotaping them. This is a daily occurrence and I can’t remember a scene I have responded to in recent history that cell phones haven’t come out as soon as a police encounter begins. This coupled by security cameras that are located on businesses and homes is all a part of “doing business” in this day and age.

The NYPD will be moving forward with “body cameras” for police officers in the near future. This will enable the NYPD to show an encounter from our viewpoint as well.

*Ronald D. Leyson
Deputy Inspector
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110th Precinct
Elmhurst*

Queens DA targets domestic abuse

I want to commend the Times Ledger for its thoughtful and informative editorial on domestic abuse (Oct. 24, 2014). The editorial highlights two horrific crimes in which women and children were killed. In both cases the defendants are awaiting sentencing and are facing very long prison terms.

The City has seen a significant decrease in violent crimes, but domestic abuse continues at an unacceptable rate. In response, the Queens District Attorney’s Office has redoubled its efforts to stop the violence, to hold offenders accountable, to protect victims from further abuse and to aid families in crisis with appropriate services and programs.

Our Domestic Violence Bureau has specially trained prosecutors and investigators who are dedicated to building

the strongest possible cases against abusers. Our office has become a leader in the successful use of “evidence-based prosecutions.” Cases are built around a myriad of evidence and in many instances victims do not need to testify at trial. We are diligent about collecting every shred of evidence — medical records, 911 calls, police and witness accounts, cell phone site data and digital photographs showing the victim’s injuries and gives judges a greater perspective when it comes to setting bail and issuing orders of protection. The results speak for themselves.

Our office has the highest domestic violence conviction rate in New York City and the lowest dismissal rate.

We also take more pre-indictment domestic violence pleas than the rest of the City combined Domestic Violence

Awareness Month is coming to a close, but all year long we are focused on stopping the violence. Thank you again for sharing crucial information about the Queens Family Justice Center. Open since July of 2008, this is a walk-in center that houses a host of service providers that can help domestic abuse victims and their children obtain food, emergency shelter, counseling, civil legal assistance and other vital support services. There is on-site child care and all services are free regardless of what language you speak or your immigration status. The phone number of the Center is (718) 575-4500.

Once again, thank you for an enlightening editorial.

*Richard A. Brown
Queens District Attorney*

City’s finest on the line

The four rookie police officers who were attacked by a machete wielding maniac in Queens did what they needed to do to defend themselves and protect the public. Three of them were injured, one seriously, and they managed to bring down this lunatic with gunfire.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all four of these brave rookie officers and their families, and we hope for a speedy recovery for all of those injured officers.

Our police officers are the best and always put their lives on the line in order to protect the citizens of this city. God Bless all of them, along with our brave firefighters and EMS. They are the lifelines of this city.

*John Amato
Fresh Meadows*

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CORRECTION

Queens Borough historian Jack Eichenbaum is scheduled to guide a tour through Willets Point Saturday, Nov. 8. The date was incorrect in last week’s story. We regret the error.

Wake up (later) and smell the coffee



Tom
Allon
■
*Mayoral
Spin Cycle*

old agrarian practices.

I am the parent of two teenagers and a 20-year-old and I have witnessed first hand what many scientists are now pointing out is an avoidable epidemic: chronic sleep deficits in high-school students.

New research shows that the circadian rhythm of most teenagers prevents them from falling asleep before 11 or even 11:30 p.m. because of hormonal changes. Gone is the ordered schedule of a 9 or 10 p.m. sleep time, which allowed our youngsters and preteens to get nine to 10 hours of sleep before awaking for an early start time for school.

These hormonal changes are compounded by an overloaded after-school schedule for many teenagers, coupled with a few hours of homework each night. Consequently,

our teens typically average only 6-8 hours of sleep during weeknights, a full 1-3 hours less than what doctors say is optimal for brain function and for cognition and fine motor skills. In places where teens start driving to school their junior or senior year, studies show that children who have less sleep are 40 percent more likely to crash their cars than their better-rested peers.

So, here in New York, what can we do?

It's quite simple: move the start time for all high schools to at least 9 a.m. (ideally, since most kids commute an average of a half-hour, we'd shift to 9:30 a.m., but that may be too late to accommodate a full school day and after-school programs). This extra hour each day would allow teens to get an extra hour of sleep and

they will function better, retain more of their studies and also be healthier, both physically and mentally.

This would also be a better system for working parents because their kids would be getting home an hour later. Also, it would be better for our over-taxed transit system, because it would stagger teens morning commutes behind the busiest period of rush hour, and they would presumably also go home later than peak travel times at the end of the day.

Our new mayor just accomplished a truly transformative reform by adding a new grade to our K-12 public school system — universal pre-K.

But now he and Chancellor Carmen Farina can do something very swiftly to help the other end of the education spectrum: our high-school students.

With absenteeism and graduation rates still at unacceptable levels, this "Start the School Day Later" reform will undoubtedly lead to higher test scores, better graduation rates, and better mental health in our overly-stressed adolescents.

So, let's finally change the school start time from an agrarian imperative to a 21st century scientifically improved one — 9 a.m. for all.

It's time to wake up (later) and smell the coffee — 9 a.m. start times will improve the quality of life of our teens, our working parents and our transit system.

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

Looking ahead toward crucial 2016 political year



William
Lewis
■
*Political
Action*

well in the Democratic presidential primaries against Obama.

When the primaries ended it was Obama who had the necessary number of delegates to win the nomination at the national Democratic convention, and go on to win the presidential race against Republican Senator John McCain.

The question is will Clinton have opponents running against her in the 2016 Democratic presidential primaries? If so, will Hillary Clinton prevail and become the presidential nominee of her party, or will 2016 see a rerun of 2008 with a new candidate taking the nomination?

In the Republican Party, it appears to be a wide-open race with various governors and U.S. Senators interested.

The Republican candidate for president four years

ago, former Governor Mitt Romney, may be interested in running again.

However, the 2016 presidential primaries and the national party conventions are a long way off and a lot can happen before and during these events.

It will be an important political year in 2016, both nationally and at the state and local levels. The results of those elections will have a strong impact on how our nation's political, social and economic directions proceed.

During the next year, candidates for public office will be organizing, as will prospective presidential candidates in both major parties. The next two years should prove to be a turning point in American election history.

Here at the local level in Queens County, next year also will be a year of preparation.

The Democratic Party currently holds all the county offices for U.S. Congress, state senate and state assembly. Most of the holders of these offices will be running for reelection in 2016.

Next year, the Queens Republican Party will be having their party county convention to elect their county officers and possibly establish some party policy.

Right now the Queens County Republican Party Chairman is attorney Robert Beltrani, who according to the county by-laws, as Executive Vice Chairman has moved up to become County Chairman after the death of County Chair Phil Ragusa. Next year he will have the job of getting the Queens Republican Party ready for local races in 2016, as well as helping to prepare for the national presidential campaign.

A former chairperson of the Rockaway Republican Club, Margaret Wagner may be taking an important role in working to end the conflicts between various groups within the Queens Republican Party. She, among others, will be assisting in the efforts to build a united county party organization.

Next year the Queens Republican Party will be holding its convention in September, after the primaries have ended. Up until that time the 18 assembly districts will be organizing according to designating district leaders and county committeemen. It is these leaders who choose the county officers to run the county party during the following two years.

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Joseph Crowley (l.) and Elizabeth Perri

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Crowley in ninth run faces GOP opponent

BY BILL PARRY

U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) is seeking re-election for the eighth time in the 14th Congressional District, which covers large sections of Queens and the Bronx. As vice chairman of the Democratic Caucus, he holds the fifth-highest ranking post in House Democratic leadership.

That's part of the problem, according to his challenger, Elizabeth Perri, a Republican from the Bronx. "I think he's a mouthpiece for the Obama administration," she said. "While other Democrats are separating from this administration, Crow-



ley continues to be a rubber stamp for the president."

Perri is a district leader and a community activist involved in schools. She entered the race at the request of Bill Newmark, the Bronx Conservative Party chairman. "I have my conservative views on things and that's never going to change," she said.

From his seat on the House Ways and Means Committee, Crowley is able to work directly on issues of importance to the residents of the 41st District. The Woodside native and Queens College graduate believes in keeping Medicare and Social Security strong, improving health care for all Americans and creating a tax code for American families and small businesses.

Crowley began serving in Congress in 1999.

"He's held the seat for quite some time and that's part of the problem,"

Perri said. "I see his face publicly at events, but I don't see him getting much done in Congress."

Crowley was not available for an interview but his spokesman Alex Florez said, "Congressman Crowley remains focused on an agenda that reflects the values of his constituents. Whether he's fighting to raise the minimum wage, helping New Yorkers get back to work through on-the-job training, or improving our quality of life by making airports better neighbors, he's committed to continuing to work on those issues that matter most to the people of his district."


Perri, who works in an accounts payable and accounts receivable department in a Manhattan plumbing firm, said more needs to be done to boost the economy and reduce unemployment. "I was raised with old-fashioned conservative values and I've lived here for 38 years, and raising two sons, frankly I don't like what I see around here."

She fell short as a candidate for state Senate District 34 in 2012, losing to Jeffrey Klein in the general election. In 2013, Perri received 8 percent of the vote in last November's race for Bronx borough president against Ruben Diaz, Jr., who won easily with more than 89 percent of the vote.

As for the campaign against Crowley, the challenger said, "So far it's going pretty good."

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NAACP urges voters to nix proposition on redistricting

BY JUAN SOTO

The Jamaica branch of the NAACP called on all New Yorkers to vote no on Proposal 1 when they head to the polls on the Nov. 4 Election Day.

Proposal 1 would amend the state Constitution when it comes to redrawing the state legislative and congressional lines after every ten-year census change.

"Proposal 1 takes us back to the dark ages of discrimination,"



said Leroy Gadsden, president of the Jamaica NAACP branch. "We refuse to sit idly by and watch others run back the hands of time on progress in America."

If the proposal is approved, it would establish a 10-member commission. Both the majority and the minority leaders of the state Senate and the Assembly

would each appoint two individuals to the now six-member commission.

The remaining two members would be appointed by those eight individuals. The last two appointees cannot be enrolled in either the Democratic or Republican parties.

Beginning in 2020, a 10-member redistricting commission will be established.

"If the proposal is approved, a redistricting commission will be established to determine lines for legislative and congressional districts," according to the text of the proposal.

Gadsden pointed out the proposition on the ballot "is so convoluted that the average attorney or politician cannot interpret it."

The president of the NAACP Jamaica branch said the proposition was rushed through the state Legislature without public hearings.

If passed, the 10-member

commission will hold 12 hearings throughout the state, and New Yorkers must be able to "to access and review the commission's draft redistricting plans, relevant data and related information" before the first public hearing is held.

During the campaign, there was not much public discussion about Proposal 1.

Before sending a redistricting plan to the state Legislature, seven out of the 10 individuals in the commission must approve the plan.

"If they cannot agree on a plan, each house of the Legislature [Senate and Assembly] will be free to complete their own plan, which will basically be about incumbent protection," Gadsden said. "The incumbent protection plan will be submitted for the governor to sign into law," he added.

Gadsden said the last governor to veto a redistricting plan was Franklin Roosevelt.

York College renames arts center for Bassin

BY JUAN SOTO

Donald Vernon graduated from York College in 1990. Long before he moved his tassel from right to left, he led a group of students to lock the school campus down to protest tuition hikes.

"During that time, it was my opinion that President [Milton] Bassin did not care about us," Vernon said. "But, in fact, reflecting on it, I realized President Bassin was the best parent I ever had."

Vernon was one of the guest speakers during the ceremony held at the CUNY Jamaica campus dedicated to the renaming of the college's arts space as the Milton G. Bassin Performing Arts Center.

"Without Milt Bassin's leadership, the York College campus may never have been built," said Marcia Keizs, president of York College.

Bassin, who served as president from 1971 until his

retirement in 1991, was instrumental in arranging the college's move from Bayside to its current location. He was a strong supporter of a tuition-free City University of New York.

Elected officials, including U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica), family members, school officials and alumni, attended the celebration at the 50-acre campus located in the busy downtown Jamaica area.

"It is thanks to his tenacity that we now enjoy this state-of-the-art campus and celebrate the success stories of nearly 30,000 graduates," said Keizs, referring to Bassin, who died Aug. 13, 2012.

During Bassin's tenure, \$200 million was spent on construction of the actual campus. It now has six buildings. He was the longest-serving president of York College, one of 11 senior colleges of the

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Unique event space opens next week in Astoria

An old Greek soccer club is turned into a learning annex and comedy club in one place

BY BILL PARRY

A new hybrid performance art and teaching venue called Q.E.D. opens in Astoria next week and the owner plans on giving "mixed-use" a whole new meaning. In the daytime the 1,200-square-foot-space will have classes and in the evenings there will be comedy shows and guest lectures.

"Nobody has ever heard of a place like this," owner Kambri Crews said. "It's a comedy club, a learning annex, a community center and a performance space all rolled into one. I call it an afterschool for adults."

She got the idea when she picked up a child she mentors from an afterschool program. "I always wondered why she wanted to leave when there was all this fun stuff to do. I figured I'd make one for adults," Crews said.

Some of the daytime classes at the venue, at 27-16 23rd Ave., will include greeting card

writing, an introduction to sign language, a humor writing class, flower arranging and pickling.

"We want to have a class in how to carve a turkey before Thanksgiving, but first I need somebody to cook me one," Crews said.

At night, Q.E.D. will rely heavily on all things comedy, according to Crews, who is a writer, producer and publicist. The club opens Nov. 2 with an open-mic comedy night followed by Frank Conniff's Cartoon Dump on Monday. It will be the actor/writer's first New York appearance.

On Nov. 4, Q.E.D. will host stand SNL Writer Showcase. "Saturday Night Live's co-head writer Bryan Tucker will be here with several of his writers and one cast member to discuss the behind-the-scenes work on a show like that," Crews said. Colbert Report writer Eric Drysdale is scheduled for the following week.

Most shows will cost less



The hybrid performance space opens in a former Greek soccer club at 27-16 23rd Ave.

Photo courtesy Kambri Crews

than \$10.

"We want to stay open and be affordable, but we don't want to go bankrupt," Crews said.

Crews has lived in Astoria for 15 years since marrying comedian Christian Finnegan.

"This is the longest I've

ever been in one place my whole life. This is my home," she said.

The name Q.E.D. is an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "quod erat demonstrandum" which translates to "that which was demonstrated." Other class ideas include; Star

gazing for dummies, story telling, balloon twisting, knitting or crocheting, the History of Queens and Ukrainian Easter Egg Design. Teachers will receive \$20-\$50 depending on the length of the class, and if they'd like, they could sell their own merchandise and keep all the proceeds.

The new age community center will include a café space for coffee, pastries and pre-made sandwiches that will be catered. The storefront has a curious history, according to Crews.

"This used to be an old Greek soccer club," she said. "Some old guy told me it used to be an illegal gambling operation and sure enough when I was cleaning the basement, I found all kinds of poker chips and lots of playing cards."

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Arthur Klein, 87, of Hollis Hills

Arthur Klein, a founding member of the Hollis Hills Jewish Center and the former executive vice president of The Lefrak Organization, died Oct. 21 in Deerfield Beach. He was 87.

Klein, who was born in Brooklyn and lived most of his life in Hollis Hills, was the man behind the scenes who put the deals and numbers together for developer

Sam Lefrak in the building of Lefrak City in Elmhurst.

"Sam was the visionary," said Klein's daughter, Sherri Klein. "Artie was the numbers guy."

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ARTHUR KLEIN

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Klein, who was born on Aug. 20, 1927, graduated from Baruch College, served as a sergeant in World War II and was an accomplished CPA.

Known as hardworking and humble, he was described by his daughter Sherri "as a prince among men."

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Debra Klein; another daughter Andra; and grandchildren Lara and Marc.

Klein was a member of the Boca West Country Club in Boca Raton, Fla., and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Hollis Hills Jewish Center, 210-10 Union Turnpike, Hollis Hills, N.Y. 11427.



The northwest corner of the main building at 5Pointz is nearly gone already.
Photo by Bill Parry

5 Pointz demolition begins at warehouse

BY BILL PARRY

5 Pointz will be a memory within a couple of weeks now that demolition crews have attacked the main building. It's the final step to remove the old warehouse complex that became famous and attracted aerosol graffiti artists from around the world from 1993

until last November when owner Gerry Wolkoff ordered the walls to be white-washed.

"We started on the five-story main building on Monday," Wolkoff said. "It should be gone in two weeks and then we will start the clean-up process. We'll start digging the foundation in early

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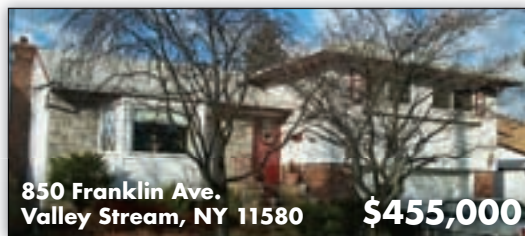
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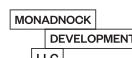
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(From l. to r.) Jose Peralta, Daniel Dromm, Frank Buonagurio and Michael Dendekker pose in front of Frank's Pharmacy in Jackson Heights during the official reopening of the drugstore.
Photo by Juan Soto

Jax Heights drugstore opens for biz after fire

BY JUAN SOTO

Frank's Pharmacy is filling out prescriptions once again after rising from its ashes.

The Jackson Heights drugstore went up in smoke six months ago when a devastating fire engulfed the Bruson Building at 75th Street and 37th Avenue.

Frank Buonagurio, the Astoria-born owner, thought about retiring after the blaze destroyed his family business, but decided to rebuild after all.

"This is like family to me," he said.

Other businesses and offices were also forced to relocate or close. Plaza College, which also operated from the Bruson Building, for example, is now at its new campus in Kew Gardens.

Frank's Pharmacy opened its door in 1991, and soon became a favorite of the neighborhood.

"You are the 'Cheers' of pharmacies," said state Sen. José Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) during the official reopening of the pharmacy just two blocks from his prior location at the Bruson Building. "Here, everybody knows your name."

After the catastrophic fire, Buonagurio retrieved prescriptions for his senior customers, filled them at a friend's family drugstore in Ozone Park and delivered the medicines himself.

"He knew seniors needed their medicines that same night," said City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights). "He picked up the medicines and made the deliveries."

Just hours after the fire, Dromm said, "Frank stepped up to the plate and met his customers' needs by tak-

ing orders on his cell phone."

Peralta and Dromm proclaimed Oct. 25 "Frank Pharmacy's Day."

State Assemblyman Michael DenDekker (D-East Elmhurst) did not want to miss the official reopening of the drugstore, but he was not there as an elected official.

"This is not my district," he said. "I am here as a customer. Just picked up my prescription," he pointed out, taking a bag of medicines out of his pocket.

Neighbors and customers were glad to see Frank's Pharmacy back in business.

"He is an icon in the neighborhood," said John Murphy from Jackson Heights. "Everytime you are in there, you are enveloped with love."

Edilma Bastides, also from Jackson Heights, has been a customer at Frank's for decades. "He is very compassionate with people," she said. "He always has the heart to help people."

Once the official ribbon-cutting ended, there was a party inside the 2,300-square-foot establishment. The pharmacy distributed refreshments and treats for its customers. There were also prize raffles for both, adults and children.

"Everyone did what they could to ensure that we would be back on our feet as soon as possible," Buonagurio said. "I consider myself a lucky man," said Buonagurio, an Astoria native.

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1 bedroom	\$2,167	135	2 people	\$76,012 - \$110,880
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2 bedroom	\$648	10	4 people	\$24,000 - \$33,560
2 bedroom	\$835	53	2 people	\$30,412 - \$33,600
2 bedroom	\$835	53	3 people	\$30,412 - \$37,600
2 bedroom	\$835	53	4 people	\$30,412 - \$41,950
2 bedroom	\$2,368	63	2 people	\$82,903 - \$110,880
2 bedroom	\$2,368	63	3 people	\$82,903 - \$124,740
2 bedroom	\$2,368	63	4 people	\$82,903 - \$138,435
2 bedroom	\$2,684	36	2 people	\$93,806 - \$110,880
2 bedroom	\$2,684	36	3 people	\$93,806 - \$124,740
2 bedroom	\$2,684	36	4 people	\$93,806 - \$138,435
2 bedroom	\$3,300	153	2 people	\$114,926 - \$154,560
2 bedroom	\$3,300	153	3 people	\$114,926 - \$173,880
2 bedroom	\$3,300	153	4 people	\$114,926 - \$192,970
3 bedroom	\$743	3	3 people	\$27,600 - \$30,240
3 bedroom	\$743	3	4 people	\$27,600 - \$33,560
3 bedroom	\$743	3	5 people	\$27,600 - \$36,280
3 bedroom	\$743	3	6 people	\$27,600 - \$38,960
3 bedroom	\$959	9	3 people	\$35,006 - \$37,800
3 bedroom	\$959	9	4 people	\$35,006 - \$41,950
3 bedroom	\$959	9	5 people	\$35,006 - \$45,350
3 bedroom	\$959	9	6 people	\$35,006 - \$48,700
3 bedroom	\$2,729	12	3 people	\$95,692 - \$124,740
3 bedroom	\$2,729	12	4 people	\$95,692 - \$138,435
3 bedroom	\$2,729	12	5 people	\$95,692 - \$149,655
3 bedroom	\$2,729	12	6 people	\$95,692 - \$160,710
3 bedroom	\$3,160	7	3 people	\$110,469 - \$124,740
3 bedroom	\$3,160	7	4 people	\$110,469 - \$138,435
3 bedroom	\$3,160	7	5 people	\$110,469 - \$149,655
3 bedroom	\$3,160	7	6 people	\$110,469 - \$160,710
3 bedroom	\$4,345	26	3 people	\$151,132 - \$173,880
3 bedroom	\$4,345	26	4 people	\$151,132 - \$192,970
3 bedroom	\$4,345	26	5 people	\$151,132 - \$208,610
3 bedroom	\$4,345	26	6 people	\$151,132 - \$224,020

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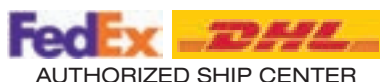
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Hevesi

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Hevesi spent roughly 20 months in prison and was paroled in December 2012.

After his talk, Hevesi said he is barred from holding elected office, but has no further restrictions, such as campaigning or donating to candidates. No former colleagues or relatives have asked him to get involved.

But he described central Queens as welcoming.

"They voted for me for 23 years in the Assembly," said Hevesi, who began a 35-year political career as Forest Hills' assemblyman and then was elected to the posts of city and state comptroller.

Hevesi ran for mayor in 2001, but

was defeated in the four-way Democratic primary.

"They've been loyal and supportive through thick and thin, so there's no anxiety to go out in public in New York City or in my neighborhood."

Hevesi said he attends lectures at the Jewish heritage library, which is named after his grandfather — the chief rabbi of Pest in Budapest — and he decided to speak when asked.

"I thought, 'Let me try. It's been a while,'" Hevesi said.

He would not comment on city or state elections and issues, but said he still pined for politics.

"I miss it tremendously," Hevesi said. "I had a great career, and a couple of bumps in the road. I accomplished a lot. I'm proud of that. I had not intended to retire."

Ebola

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Community Board 7 Chairman Eugene Kely admitted to being confused by the symptoms of Ebola.

"I had five of them when I had a salmonella infection," he said. "I had fever, headaches, muscle pain, vomiting and diarrhea, so I could've been shoved into a tent with people telling me I'm not going anywhere for 21 days? We have to make sure that people aren't being shoved into a tent with somebody that actually has it."

There have been no Ebola virus cases in Queens and only one in New

York City but North Shore-LIJ Health System announced it will pursue the development of a biological containment unit to further improve its preparedness and response to infectious disease outbreaks.

"In light of the public's anxiety about Ebola, it's clear we need to develop a more-permanent solution to meeting public health needs in the event of a major infectious disease outbreak in the future," President and CEO Michael Dowling said.

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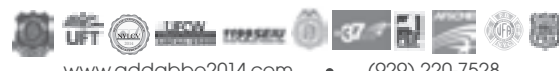


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Marcia Keizs addresses the attendees during the dedication of the Milton G. Bassin Performing Arts Center.
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York

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CUNY system.

York was inaugurated in 1967 and while waiting for the move to Jamaica, it was located on the campus of Queensborough Community College in Bayside. The old Montgomery Ward department store in Jamaica also housed temporary classrooms for the academic institution.

And only three years after Bassin became president, plans for the permanent campus in Jamaica were drafted.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller vetoed the plan because of a statewide fiscal crisis.

"He assembled a coalition of the college community, education activists and elected leaders throughout Queens to ensure York would survive the fiscal crisis of the 1970s and build a campus right here in Jamaica," the current York College president.

"As long as he was the leader of this institution, not only was he the father of the institution, he was the father of all of the students," said Vernon, a practicing attorney with an office in downtown Jamaica.

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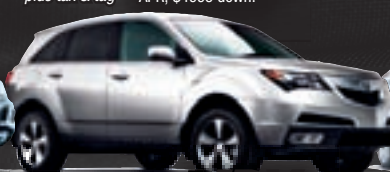
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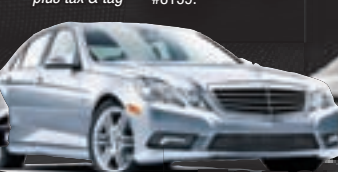
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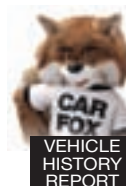
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Maloney

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that she's the worst legislator in the House," Di Iorio said. "We deserve serious, sober representation in Congress. Instead Carolyn Maloney introduces hundreds of junk bills that go nowhere. She just throws them up against the wall to see if any stick."

Di Iorio held a news conference last Friday on the steps of City Hall where he was joined by a campaign worker dressed in a panda costume. Maloney made a trip to China last August in a bid to bring a panda bear to a New York City Zoo.

"We are here because this is a serious campaign that has to address and is addressing serious issues," Di Iorio said. "But Carolyn Maloney is focused on other things. She wanted to adopt a panda, so I've taken care of that."

Maloney would not comment on the stunt, preferring to stand by her record.

"From the East Side Access and Second Avenue Subway to the Kosciuszko Bridge, I have been delivering billions of dollars for the largest infrastructure projects, not just in New York, but America," she said. "I authored the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act that has helped care for

the responders and survivors of 9/11." In this term, as part of the Violence Against Women Act renewal, Congress passed the Campus Sexual Violence Eliminate Act that Maloney authored to deal with sexual assault on college campuses. "This year, I also successfully fought to reauthorize the Debbie Smith Act program, which has been called by some as the most important anti-rape legislation ever signed into law," she said.

Di Iorio was not impressed.

"Carolyn Maloney is not concerned with the serious issues of the day, she doesn't understand aspects of foreign relations," he said. "She doesn't have the capacity. As a former financial contractor with Pfizer, I know how important the tax code is and Carolyn Maloney doesn't even know how it works."

To illustrate that point, the Di Iorio campaign has an ad that shows U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa (R-California) explaining to Maloney how a 401K works, while a committee was in session.

"We face a crisis here in the city and nationally and she's just not up to the job yet she keeps winning by the widest margins in the country," he said.

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ARTISTS CREATE TO FIND ANSWERS

**Community Art Project
at Flushing Town Hall
includes works examining
life's biggest questions**

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Community Art Project's fourth annual art market event is in full swing at Flushing Town Hall Gallery with works by 55 international artists on display and available for purchase through Sunday.

Last week, a festive opening night brought a bevy of visitors who were wowed by the eye-catching selection of 200 one-of-a-kind pieces, including paintings, prints, ceramics and sculpture, jewelry and installation artworks curated by ARTichoke NY.

CAP was created to contribute to the cultural revival of art in the Queens community and to bring the arts closer to the general public.

On display you will find ceramics created by Korean-born artist Sohee Kim Conover.

She said she is interested in enhancing the natural possibilities of the ceramic medium by focusing on profound questions regarding life and death.

Conover is fascinated by the nature of life as well as the fine line between life and death.

"What makes the will to live so strong within all living beings, and how are life and death connected and are they in essence really so different?" Conover asked.

Visually her ceramic work refers to these questions through the use

and abstraction of natural forms. The Farmingdale, L.I. resident most recently began refocusing on ceramics, entering into graduate studies at Long Island University. She said her new body of work "simulates the human form in various psychological states."

After graduating from university in Korea in 1992, Conover considered coming to America to continue her fine art studies. She said the cultural limitations placed upon women in Korean culture made her wish to pursue a professional career in the arts somewhat unattainable, so in 1994 she decided to attend the University of California at Berkeley, where she studied English and learned to make her way in America.

Like all artists, she has been in a constant state of growth, struggling to develop and fine-tune her skills and ideas.

Her first solo exhibition in 2006 was comprised of a series of large-scale abstract oil paintings.

Brooklyn artist Jongil Ma's work has been featured in numerous New York City exhibits, including Queens' Jamaica Flux: Workspaces & Windows at Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, and at Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City, where he was awarded a fellowship.

In past years, Ma's primary focus has been large-scale woven wooden sculptural installations. He said each piece constitutes a unique response to a specific space.

"These pieces take hold of a public space using pre-existing architectural and spatial dynamics and transform it with multiple viewing possibilities," he said. "The wood strips are subject to enormous physi-

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This piece was created by ceramic artist Sohee Kim Conover.

Photo courtesy Sohee Kim Conover

New American food finds home in Glendale

'Hell's Kitchen' contestant Vinny Arcadi of Maspeth opens Room 55 in neighborhood

BY SUZANNE PARKER

On an obscure corner in Glendale there is a magnetic location for restaurant startups. About 13 years ago, a corner deli straddling residential and commercial zones was transformed into a tiny traditional Italian restaurant called La Tavernetta. It became a destination for Italian food lovers in-the-know until it departed for greener pastures in Forest Hills.

La Tavernetta was replaced by Tazzina, an eatery with a self-proclaimed Nuevo Italian menu, and a more upscale look and feel. After developing its own following, Tazzina followed in its predecessor's footsteps, migrating to Forest Hills.

Maspeth native Vinny Arcadi is the latest chef/owner to occupy this site



Arcadi's signature prime dry-aged filet.

Photo courtesy Suzanne Parker

with his venture Room 55. The name is a nod to his Culinary Institute of America graduation date, May 5, 2000. He is also an alumnus of the cooking show "Hell's Kitchen."

Although snug in the extreme, Arcadi has made the space hand-

some and welcoming. The only thing lacking is sheer curtains to diffuse the nighttime glare from the self-storage facility across the street. If you are seated in its path, it hits you with tanning salon intensity.

The restaurant's website proclaims that they

offer "Modern American Cuisine featuring Quality Prime Meats, Amish Pork and Poultry, and super fresh fish." They serve dinner six nights a week as well as Italian-style prix fixe Sunday dinner. With their recently acquired wine and beer license, they

have begun offering a nice selection of bottles and holding special wine pairing events.

We didn't quite grasp the menu's distinction between "Appetizers" and "Small Plates." It seemed like either one could serve either purpose, so we mixed and matched. We paired Arcadi's signature prime dry-aged filet with Grandpa Tony's escarole salad. The steak was described parenthetically as "5 oz" with a \$19/38 price tag. So how much does the \$38 version weigh? No clue was given nor did it reappear under entrées. Never mind all that. The beef was sublime. It came in lush thick slices with a cabernet reduction and Roquefort aioli. Never mind a fork, you could cut it with a sharp stare. The escarole salad, fresh and piquant, was a nice

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IF YOU GO

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HUMAN CAPITAL

Fri 11/7, 8:30pm, Bow Tie Port Wash.

Two of Italy's leading actresses star in this neo-noir thriller that twists love, class, and ambition into a singular, true-life story. Winner, 7 Donatello Awards (Italian Oscars)!



BESIDE STILL WATERS

Fri 11/7, 8:30pm, Bow Tie Roslyn

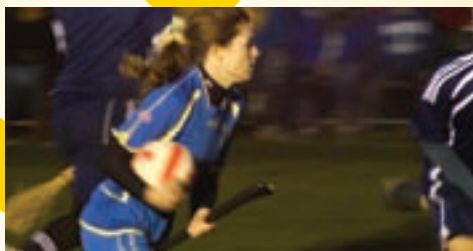
Filmmaker Q&A In this *Big Chill* for Gen Y, a group of childhood friends reunite to comfort each other, rekindle old flames, and drunkenly stumble down memory lane.



YOU MUST BE JOKING

Sat 11/8, 8:00pm, Soundview PW

Special Guest Q&A In this edgy comedy of reinvention, Barb is an aimless 27-year-old paralegal who is inspired to pursue her lifelong dream of comedy.



MUDBLOODS

Sat 11/8, 5:30pm, Soundview PW

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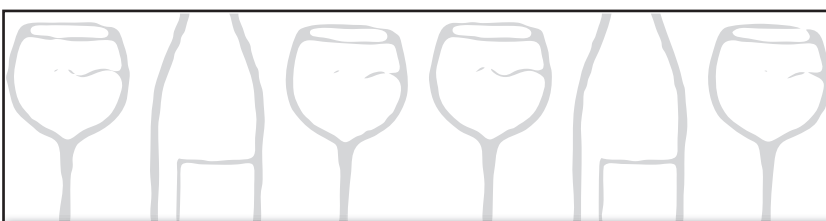
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When: Nov. 1 through Nov. 16, Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm

Where: Bay Terrace Garden

Jewish Center, 13-00 209th St., Bayside

Cost: \$22/adults, \$20/seniors and children under 12

Contact: (718) 428-6363

Website: www.theatrebythebayny.com

"Thoroughly Modern

Millie" — Based on the 1967 movie, this musical comedy tells the story of a small-town girl, who moves to New York City to marry for money

rather than love.

When: Nov. 2 through Nov. 16, Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm

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

Cost: \$18/general admission, \$15/seniors and children 12 and under

Contact: (718) 428-8681

Website: www.spotlightonstage.com/fsfctg.htm

"In the Bones" — The world premiere of Cody Daigle's drama focuses on the aftermath of a returning

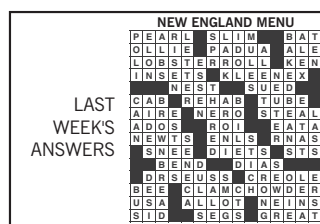
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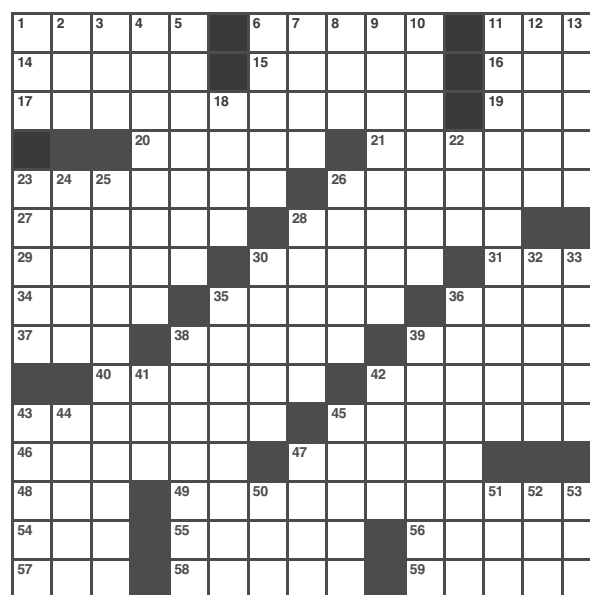
By Ed Canty

Me(n)tal Work



Across

1. African capital
6. "Haste makes waste," e.g.
11. On, as a lamp
14. Amount of evidence?
15. 7 to 10 on the Beaufort Scale
16. Chicago-Detroit dir.
17. Where lab dishes may be stacked?
19. A patient response?
20. "American Pie" destination
21. Dilly-dally



49. How to flunk an ROTC inspection?
54. Driving support?
55. Quartz used in marbles
56. Striped critter
57. Typical USNA grad.
58. Man of La Mancha
59. Clear, as a disk

8. Baba, for one
9. French copper
10. Coop flier
11. Flop, figuratively
12. As a whole
13. Giggle
18. Nights before the big day
22. "There once" follower
23. Sly character?
24. Part of TSE
25. Collectibles, perhaps
26. Stop
28. Bridge support
30. 4-H functions
32. Ending for air or sea
33. Photo files, in computer lingo

35. Having a good reputation
36. Exotic dancer
38. Some may be hidden
39. A warm heart to heart talk (yiddish)
41. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
42. After-bath powder
43. "The final frontier"
44. "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!" singer Sherman
45. Dinner bird
47. "Beetle Bailey" dog
50. Acted like a sap?
51. Org. for frequent strikers?
52. Triage sites, briefly
53. "Norma ____"

Down

1. Look for answers
2. "The Sweetheart of Sigma ____"
3. Computer monitor, for short
4. Kicks back, in a way
5. Became attached to
6. Moorehead of "Bewitched"
7. Stun

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Hard #13

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Hard lessons learned in a humorous way

Black Spectrum Theatre stages adult comedy 'A Bowl of Chilly Foreign Mind' in Jamaica

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

As clichéd sayings go, you don't always know what you've got till it's gone covers territory from the commonplace to life-changing events.

Rather than spending your time seeking out bigger and better people, objects and desires, focus your energy on making the most out of what you already have.

You may not have much, but at least it is yours.

It's a lesson that a young Jamaican woman, named Chilly, learns in the most difficult way in Kerry Ann Gill's comedy "A Bowl of Chilly Foreign Mind" now at the Black Spectrum Theatre through Sunday.

Gill has created a breezy, adult comedy, akin to a sitcom one might find on a basic cable channel, that follows the story of runaway bride Chilly on her quest for a better life in New York City.

Well, it is a life that Chilly believes will be better than the one she currently shares with her safe but boring fiancé Frankie.

So it doesn't take much for Chilly to ditch Frankie — without even a note — and follow the handsome and wealthy American tourist, Courtney, back to Brooklyn.

Once stateside, Chilly quickly learns Courtney may not be the man he claimed to be back on the Caribbean beaches.



Atika Greene beautifully captures the self-serving Chilly, who does not consider anyone else before she acts. Greene then capably demonstrates the changes Chilly goes through once Courtney morphs from

Mr. Right to Mr. Wrong.

Chilly is not a nice person, so you enjoy seeing her comeuppance at first, but then you start to feel sorry for her, which is a real testament to Greene's acting ability.

Dianne Dixon as

Above, Atika Greene (l.) as Chilly and Dianne Dixon as Megan play a scene in "A Bowl of Chilly Foreign Mind" at the Black Spectrum Theatre. At left, George Letrell (l.) as Frankie refuses to share a letter from Chilly with Megan.

Photos by Kevin Zimmerman

Chilly's best friend Megan offers plenty of real laughs.

Whether it is watching this buxom young woman shake her booty as she cleans the house or express her true feelings to Frankie after a night of some serious drinking, Dixon lights up the stage each time she steps onto it.

And as Courtney's landlord Pursey, actor Rudy Shaw makes the most of this lecherous and blind middle-aged man.

When Chilly first shows up from Jamaica,

Pursey is dismayed she arrived without even a bottle of the island's iconic alcoholic beverage.

"I would pretend to like you just for the rum," Pursey tells Chilly.

Shaw also comes close to stopping the show when he lets loose with a version of Jamaica Reggae artist Beenie Man's hit "I'm Drinking Rum & Redbull."

One of the funnier bits involves Pursey's less than perfectly matched outfits. Whether it is the zebra-striped slacks and leopard-print shirt,

IF YOU GO

"A Bowl of Chilly Foreign Mind"

When: Thorough Sunday, Nov. 2
Where: Black Spectrum Theatre, Roy Wilkins Park, 177th Street and Baisley Boulevard, Jamaica
Cost: \$25
Contact: (718) 723-1800
Website: www.blackspectrum.com

or the patchwork tuxedo he dons, Pursey's clothing gets crazier and the laughs get bigger as the play moves on.

"My fashion style is a movement," he says.

Yes, the audience is laughing at him, but Shaw is absolutely controlling the joke.

And while Pursey may not be able to see, he definitely knows what is going on.

After Chilly breaks down and says her job as an old woman's caretaker makes her feel like a slave, Pursey says, "Welcome to America. You can live free in Jamaica, but you can't live free here."

Pursey also makes Chilly realize she is responsible for her own happiness and needs to make her own way in life.

Chilly may earn money through menial labor and live in a basement apartment, but it is her job and her home.

And it doesn't always have to stay that way if she doesn't want it to.

THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Halloweenfest on the Mall — Join the 207th Street Block Association as it celebrates the season with "Betty" the witch telling stories, handing

out treats and watching the trick-or-treaters go by.

When: Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 pm - 7 pm

Where: 208th Street and 42nd Avenue mall

Cost: Free

Children's Halloween

Costume Party — Sponsored by the United Community Civic Association, this party for children under 12, includes hot dogs, soda, popcorn and prizes. An adult must accompany every child to the party.

When: Friday, Oct. 31, from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Central Restaurant and Lounge, 20-30 Steinway St., Astoria

Cost: Free

Boo at the Zoo — Enjoy creepy critters, haunted

habitat, spooky crafts and trick-or-treat stations and more. On Nov. 1 and 2, the first 200 zoo-goers each day will get to pick and decorate their own pumpkin.

When: Friday, Oct. 31, from 3 pm - 4:30 pm; Saturday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 2, from 11 am - 4 pm

Where: Queens Zoo, 53-51 111th St., Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, \$5/children 3 - 12; On Saturday and Sunday,

children 12 and under dressed in costume and accompanied by an adult will receive free admission.
Contact: (718) 271-1500
Website: www.queenszoo.com

Pumpkin Smash 2014

Get one last kick from your Halloween decorations at the NYC Compost Project pumpkin smash. Pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns and gourds will be smashed and then turned into compost. Refreshments,

raffles and more.

When: Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where: Sunnyside Greenmarket in Torsney Playground, 43rd Street and Skillman Avenue

Cost: Free

Website: www.nyc.gov

Canine Costume Carnival

Enjoy some post-Halloween fun including the dog parade, music, raffles and more.

When: Saturday, Nov. 1, from
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Queens needs better theatrical treats

Not all tricks, but borough still suffers from lack of state-of-the-art performance spaces

Happy Halloween to all you trick-or-treaters! Let's see if I have any goodies for you before you slip into your costumes. Perhaps a poll will keep you interested — Election Day is almost here and it seems these days that almost all political decisions are based on what those in office think the electorate thinks.

Here's my poll. Tell me how many of these play titles are familiar to you: "Venus in Fur," "Clybourne Park," "Good People," "Other Desert Cities," "4000 Miles," "Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike," "Detroit" and "God of Carnage".

How many have you seen?

And what do you know of these playwrights: **Christopher Durang**, **Sarah Ruhl**, **John Patrick Shanley**, **Tom Stoppard**, **August Wilson** and **Amy Herzog**?

According to American Theatre magazine, published by Theatre Communications

Group, those plays and playwrights were among the most produced in our country in the last year or two. If you're a Manhattan theatergoer, you probably hit these lists out of the park. But if you rely on what you can get to see in Queens, it's more likely you struck out. (Baseball references courtesy of the World Series.)

The reality is that most theater in Queens, and on Long Island, is limited to comedies and mysteries that are generally known to you, as well as hit musicals from Broadway's golden age. Challenging and edgy contemporary work, available Elsewhere, USA, seldom gets produced on this side of the East River. There are a few exceptions, so seek them out.

I often wonder why some projects seem to take off, while others lie dormant. A case in point, highlighted in my columns and in a couple of this



Ronald B. Hellman

The Play's The Thing

paper's recent editorials, is to do something about the lack of modern, comfortable and plentiful theater venues in Queens, especially compared to two of our neighbors (one to our south, the other to our west). Sorry, no action yet to report.

But in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, a relic from the 1964-65 World's Fair — the New York State Pavilion — with apparently no practical use, is being promoted for restoration at a cost of as much as \$70 million (presumably from taxpayers). There seems to be a lot of support for this proposal, including from the borough president's office. By compari-

son, the Colosseum, one of the great works from the Roman Empire, constructed 70-80AD, and a worldwide tourist attraction, is undergoing a face-lift for a privately donated \$35 million.

Two playwrights I left off the list of most produced are being represented by two of our major local groups. **The Gingerbread Players**, playing at St. Luke's Church in Forest Hills, has "Three Sisters," by **Anton Chekhov**, on Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 8-16. The quality of this company and this classic play, along with a ticket price of a mere \$12, makes this a bargain not to be missed. Don't get them confused with "The Gingerbread Lady," **Neil Simon's** dark comedy, which is offered by the **Douglaston Community Theatre**, now in its 64th year, running on weekends Nov. 14-22 at the Zion Episcopal Church.

Michael Wolf, the presi-

dent of DCT and an all-around popular guy, ventures into East Williston for a role in the rarely performed "The Big Knife," by **Clifford Odets**, playing Nov. 8-23 at the Community Church.

One of the biggest of musical blockbusters, **Rodgers & Hammerstein's** "South Pacific," gets a showing Nov. 1-16 at the Bay Terrace Garden Jewish Center, by **Theatre by the Bay** in Bayside. Back in Forest Hills, the long-lived **Parkside Players** present "The Foreigner," a clever comedy by **Larry Shue**, Nov. 22-Dec. 6, at the Grace Lutheran Church.

There you have it, four churches and a synagogue.

You might want to try **The Killing Kompany** for one of their comedy/murder mystery dinner shows at Riccardo's in Astoria on Nov. 7. They're in a catering hall.

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Artists

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cal pressure and stress, evoking conflicting sensations of excitement and trepidation. The tension of the gracefully curved lines, delicate joints, and temporal forms speaks to the fragility of human relationships, as well as to the balance in nature."

You can see his past installation at www.ma-jongil.com

In his recent project, the Korean-born artist's questions revolve around issues similar to Conover and the meaning of existence.

Some of his questions include "the origin of life, how whole beings are constructed and what forces control our most fundamental behavior, such as our will to live."

In his two pieces, Ma starts to connect these questions to the behavior of matter on a most fundamental level, beginning with the atom.

He started to question "our ontological whole after watching the be-



Above, visitors explore the works on display at the fourth annual Community Art Project at Flushing Town Hall. Artist Joo Hyun Kang painted this piece (l.) titled "Dragon."

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havior of our cosmos, beginning with the birth and death of stars.

"One galaxy eats an-

IF YOU GO

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other. Similarly invisible to our naked eye, microscopic organisms are in a constant interdependent power struggle, attempting to invade and control one another, then becoming absorbed into a larger whole," he said. "Who am I in relation to this larger incredibly complex interdependent context of the physical matter of which I am made? In this context, how do I understand anger or sadness? How can I know if what I believe to be my sentient self is controlling my behavior, or if this is actually the microscopic atoms controlling me for their own well being?"

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Room55

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antidote to one too many Caesars. The combination made for a sumptuous starter for two, or could just as easily be a satisfying meal for one.

Pan-seared duck breast, another signature, didn't disappoint, although they could've lightened up on the salt. The abundant slices of well-seared rosy meat were sweetly enhanced with a brandied cranberry glaze. Squash risotto and sautéed baby spinach were perfect companions.

Monkfish pot pie demonstrated Arcadi's inventiveness along with his skill. Monkfish and root vegetables are sandwiched between layers of puff pastry in an earthy sauce. This dish appeared to be a new introduction to the menu, and seems destined to become another menu mainstay.

Desserts here are house made, and for the indecisive (or greedy) can be ordered in flights of three. You can't go wrong with any of them. When we kvelled about the desserts, our waitress confided that if you arrive at the restaurant early in the morning, their pastry

chef serves breakfast coffee and pastries.

The Bottom Line

Is there magic in the air at the corner of 88th Street and 75th Avenue, or just delicious cooking smells? Whatever it is, it seems to conjure restaurant success. Hurry over to Room 55 before they, too, heed the siren song of more spacious quarters.

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.

Theater

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soldier's suicide.

When: Nov. 6 through Nov. 22, Thursday - Saturday at 8 pm, Saturday at 2 pm

Where: Astoria Performing Arts Center, 30-44 Crescent St., Astoria

Cost: \$18, \$12/seniors and students

Contact: (718) 706-5750

Website: www.apacny.org

"The Cottage" — Sandy Rustin's homage to Noël Coward's English comedies, which had its world premiere last fall in Astoria, returns to Queens for another run.

When: Nov. 6 through Nov. 16, Fridays at 8 pm (with a Nov. 14, 2 pm matinee), Saturdays at 2 pm and 8 pm, and Sundays at 3 pm,

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

Cost: \$25 - \$42

Contact: (718) 760-0064

Website: www.queentheatre.org

"Three Sisters" — The Gingerbread Players present Anton Chekhov's play about the decay of Russian's privileged class.

When: Nov. 8 through Nov. 16, Saturdays and Sundays

Where: Saint Luke's Church, 85 Greenway South, Forest Hills

Contact: (718) 268-7772

Website: www.gingerbreadplayers.org

"The Gingerbread Lady"

— Neil Simon wrote this dramedy about a recovering alcoholic lounge singer, which was the basis for the Marsha Mason movie "Only When I Laugh."

When: Nov. 14 - 16 and Nov. 21 - 23

Where: Douglaston Community Theatre, Zion Church Parish Hall, Church Street, Douglaston

Contact: (347) 239-6262

"Damn Yankees" — The George Abbott and Douglass Wallop classic musical comedy includes the standards "Whatever Lola

Wants," and "You Gotta Have Heart."

When: Nov. 14 through Nov. 23, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, Saturday, Nov. 22 at 3 pm, and Sunday at 3 pm

Where: Rockaway Theatre Co., Building T4, Fort Tilden, Rockaway

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Contact: (718) 374-6400

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MEETINGS

North Shore Playwrights

Circle Meeting — Formerly known as the Playwrights Circle of Great Neck, this open group features discussion, workshopping and writing exercises for playwrights in Queens and Nassau counties.

When: Every other Wednesday, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Atria, 96 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck

Contact: Muriel, (718) 225-7382

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noon - 2 pm

Where: Rockaway Freeway Dog Park, 83-02 Beach Channel Drive, Rockaway

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 318-4000

Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Copland School of Music's Youth Choir perform the 1971 piece about faith and doubt.

When: Saturday, Nov. 1, at 8 pm, and Sunday, Nov. 2, at 3 pm

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

Cost: \$15 - \$25

Contact: (718) 793-8080

Website: www.kupferbergcenter.org

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Surviving

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its rotten stench.

I finally went in to fall asleep with my two dogs; a Pomeranian and Chihuahua in a cold, dark apartment. In the early morning, the floods had receded and everyone ran to see if their cars were working or if they had been washed away. My Chevy Impala was on the sidewalk flooded with water. Most cars were dead, a few cars started. Mine started, but lasted about one week and then died from water and rust damage and I had to junk it.

I then raced to a friend's house in Brooklyn, not realizing there would be gas shortages and how badly damaged my car really was. My car kept stalling on my way to Bay Ridge and it finally died near my friend's house due to an empty gas tank and broken odometer. My friend ran to get me gas, waited on a gas line and realized she did not have a gas container and then ran back to tell me that the gas attendant thought she was crazy.

The AAA towing I have would not come to help nor would anyone else, so I was stranded at a bus stop two blocks from my friend's house and the nightmare was starting because I needed to get home to save my dogs.

For five days I could not get gas nor transportation back to Lindenwood due to shortages from electrical outages at the gas stations and I did not have a gas container, which was a valuable commodity at that time, and I have since learned to always have a couple on hand.

I was ready to walk over the Belt Parkway in Brooklyn, more than 14 miles, to get home because I thought my dogs were dying. Finally, my friend and I found a Shell gas station on Cropsey Avenue in Brooklyn and we waited over four hours to fill up a five-gallon metal canister, which someone gave me after hours of searching.

What I did not realize is how dangerous a gas station can become when gas is being rationed during a crisis and people need it for their gen-

erators and their cars. Fights were commonplace on the gas line. One woman thought another woman was cutting the line and she wanted to cut her and gouge her eyes out and other people were trying to break into the line with their cars. The police had to break up the melee.

News reports said people were bringing guns and knives to the gas stations; I wondered if I was living in a civilized society. Things were beginning to become surreal. One report said a man stabbed another man to death for cutting in front of him on the gas line in Brooklyn. I wondered if things would ever return to normal.

When I finally did get gas, we had to find someone to drive me to my car because there was no public transportation and the police officer would not let anyone without a car walk in the street with gas-filled containers. But did make it home and my dogs were fine.

The gas, electric and heat were turned off, however, so I went to a friend's home in

Fresh Meadows with my dogs to stay for over three months until my building was fixed and the utilities were back on. And we both continued to wait on gas lines, where we met some strange people.

As I was running to wait on the gas line, one man said, "I like your metal gas container and you look good as well."

I just wanted to sink to the ground. Was this now the place to meet people at the gas station? Is this what people are doing to get their minds off Sandy? A ridiculous analogy I thought to myself.

FEMA did help me and a bunch of my neighbors with rental assistance and car grants, but many in Howard Beach and other areas are still waiting for reimbursement from their insurance companies, FEMA and the NYC Build It Back program. FEMA has given to date \$13.6 billion to New Yorkers since Sandy hit.

Many of my Lindenwood neighbors lost thousands of dollars of their valuables; homeowners and renters alike. I say it could have been worse

in Lindenwood. Some people in Queens and other boroughs lost their lives due to Sandy.

Superstorm Sandy was the largest recorded Atlantic Hurricane, which resulted in approximately \$70 billion of damage in the United States. It approached the New York area as a Category 1 hurricane, then it weakened to a tropical cyclone with wind gusts of 80-100 miles per hour and then was strengthened by a full moon and rising tides, according to reports.

Lindenwood and Howard Beach are now listed in the flood zone areas, according to FEMA. State Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. (D-Howard Beach) said Howard Beach will be better prepared if another storm hits us in the future.

"Some homes are being built on higher ground and we will now evacuate if another storm heads our way," Addabbo said. "Build It Back had some flaws in the beginning, mainly with the loss of paperwork, but now things are getting on track and people are getting help and that's what I want to see."

Fund-raiser

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Engel said it was a good deed that Marcel was planning.

"He called me up and said, 'I want to do this fund-raiser for you' and I said sure," Engel said. "I stayed during Hurricane Sandy and first water rushed in my basement and then into my first floor. FEMA only paid for a furnace, washer and dryer, and a hot water heater. My insurance really didn't pay much."

She said she might try to reach out to Build It Back

for help, but Engel said she might have to sell her home, which was in her family for more than 20 years, because she cannot afford the thousands of dollars in repairs.

Marcel said he doesn't think there will be any more attempts at fund-raisers, but he might consider something in the future.

"Engel is living in Pennsylvania now with her daughter and it's a shame because she can't afford to put any more money into this house," he said. "I even arranged insurance on the house in the event of someone getting hurt during the Halloween event."

Marcel is also known for his bravery during Sandy, when he rescued people in Howard Beach out of their flooded homes with his 1994 M-35 A3 military vehicle. He said he warned everyone a few days before the storm hit, but people didn't want to listen.

"Next time head the warning of an emergency," Marcel said. "You never know what can happen, and I can't save them all, but I am going to try. I am better prepared if there is a future storm - I only wish somehow I can help my friend with raising funds for her house."

Health

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ious because of Sandy, particularly those in ZIP code 11694, which includes Rockaway Park and Belle Harbor, where many homes were ravaged. The study noted that 80 percent of residents in that ZIP code reported storm damage to their homes, compared to rates under 50 percent in other areas.

As the two-year anniversary of Sandy approached, the Mental Health Association of New York City announced it would offer a free, cognitive behavioral therapy program online to those still coping with mental health issues stemming from the storm.

About 12.3 percent of those surveyed said they needed medical care at some point during the past year, but did not receive it. Of these, 23.4 percent earned \$16,000 or less annually and another 21.3 percent earned between \$23,000 and \$56,000, which suggests a structural deficiency in existing care for those with insurance, the study said.

Several respondents commented on the need for more emergency facilities. And many in ZIP code 11691, which includes Far Rockaway, complained about the distance to

quality general care facilities, the study said.

Peninsula Hospital in Far Rockaway closed in April 2012, shortly after filing for bankruptcy. This left Rockaway's 115,000 residents with one 257-bed hospital, St. John's Episcopal in Far Rockaway.

Hurricane Sandy whipped through the peninsula Oct. 29, 2012, which shuttered several private clinics and doctors' offices, although the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center, which offers care at a sliding scale, remained open.

Doctors of the World established its free clinic in October 2013 and has since served about 700, Barth said.

"We're working on providing care and filling out access gaps for the most vulnerable populations," Barth said. "But that's not going to provide the comprehensive care for the entire community... and that's why we did this study to quantify the needs for policy makers."

Barth urged anyone interested in volunteering or supporting the clinic to email it, at rockawaysclinic@doctorsoftheworld.org.

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



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Dogs get ready for their annual Woofside Halloween Pet Parade in Woodside.

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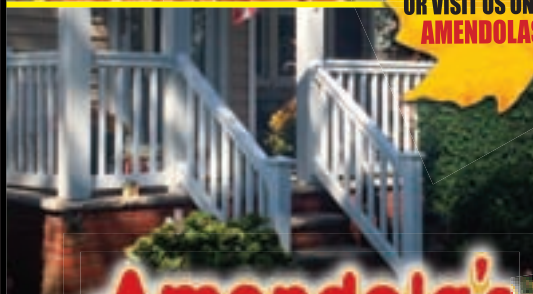
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"From a community and home owner point of view, we've seen a tremendous amount of work," Lighthall said.

Build it Back, which uses FEMA funds to rebuild houses or reimburse home owners who have already done it themselves, has only completed one project to date in Breezy Point, Lighthall said. The program was launched in June 2013 to facilitate the rebuilding of homes, but has been snagged by a confusing applications process, inadequate coordination and delays in executing construction agreements, a recent report by the city Department of Investigation said.

More than 90 percent of households still seeking help from Build it Back citywide have not received any assistance yet, the report said.

"It's frustrating enough to have to contend and deal with the bureaucracy in some of the city agencies, but it's even more frustrating to try to offer some support or help to someone who is in the Build it Back program," Lighthall said. "Nothing seems to be getting done."

The program's single-family initiative, which serves people in one- to four-family homes, has received more than 20,000 applications since its inception. As of September, 6,000 of those households had withdrawn their applications or become unresponsive.

Repair work had been scheduled to begin on only 554 homes citywide as of the beginning of September, and just 520 reimbursement checks had been issued.

Maritza Mure has been waiting for the Build it Back program to rebuild her waterfront home, which was demolished by the city after floodwaters tore it apart.

"I thought was going to

be a faster process," she said. "It's so slow moving. They should have given each family a chunk of money and let them build a house. They've wanted to control it so much because of what happened in Katrina, but we're the ones left out of our own homes."

The single mother of three, who was a longtime resident of the Rockaways and lived in Breezy Point for eight years, now resides in Long Island while she waits for her turn.

"It's been very hard on my kids. They've been in Breezy Point since they were little and that was all they knew," she said. "Coming out here was quite a shocker. They lost everything they had."

She said Build it Back has not even given her any kind of time line for the reconstruction of her home.

"The city needs to take care of the people who lost their homes," she said. "We're not looking to cash in on things. We just want our little homes back."

Mayor Bill de Blasio recently defended Build it Back, saying a lot of progress has been made since his administration overhauled the program.

The mayor said the Build it Back program had not begun constructing a single house before he took office, but since then there have been 727 construction starts and 878 reimbursement checks sent across the city as of late October.

De Blasio committed to start building on an additional 1,000 houses across the city and said the program would distribute 1,500 reimbursements by the end of 2014.

The mayor's promises gave little hope to Elle Healey, whose house was damaged in the storm, but was not to the point that it needed to be demolished and rebuilt. She said contractors working with Build it Back finally came a few weeks ago to do some work on her house, but did not complete repairs and gave her no indication of when they would

be back.

"It's a sham," she said of the program. "It's really horrible what they're doing."

Many Breezy Point homeowners have given up on Build It Back all together.

Jimmy and Noreen Dengler were told they would not qualify for the program, because they did not buy flood insurance after they were granted FEMA money to deal with damage caused by Hurricane Irene a year before Sandy struck.

The Denglers are set to move into their brand new home in Breezy Point next month after two years of wrangling with the city, FEMA and insurance companies to get their house leveled and rebuilt.

"The process has been very rough," Jimmy Dengler said.

The family had 6 feet of water in their living room after the storm and had to tear down their home and completely rebuild it.

On top of figuring out how they would finance their new home, the Denglers had to wait for flood maps to be released by FEMA to know how they could rebuild. Those maps were not finalized until spring 2013.

"I don't know what's worse - FEMA giving us hope and snatching it away or letting us just meddle through on our own," he said.

The family has moved to four different residences while it went through a long struggle to rebuild.

The Denglers said they were initially worried that other families might not rebuild in Breezy Point, which would possibly depress the area and lessen the value of their own home. But families have begun moving back into their homes and the small tight-knit community - where passers-by say hello to each other and residents rarely lock their doors - has started to get back on its feet.

buildings in New York and everyone's going to want to live there and that's going to help all the local businesses. Everybody's going to be happy."

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Bay

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existing plants."

But one of the post-Sandy major consequences at the surface of the bay was the breach at the 45-acre freshwater West Pond, a home and migratory stop for about 300 species of birds.

The American Littoral Society said 61 species are declining in numbers, including egrets, red knots, American oystercatchers and herons.

"The storm breached both the East and West Ponds of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, but these were artificial ponds and not part of the bay's original marshes," said Don Riepe, director of the northeast chapter of the American Littoral Society.

The ponds were inundated with saltwater. The breach transformed the West Pond into a tidal lagoon.

"One of the two ponds just turned into a lagoon," Hendrick said. "The freshwater went away and the number of bird species was reduced."

The bay's landscape contains a variety of native habitats that includes a salt marsh, upland field and woods.

But Sandy didn't changed Jamaica Bay as a whole.

"There was no significant

change to the bay's topography, other than to the West Pond," said Hendrick, also author of the book "Jamaica Bay."

"Outside of pushing old docks and other debris onto the marshes and shorelines, Superstorm Sandy had little effect on the Jamaica Bay ecosystem," Riepe said.

The author and producer said Jamaica Bay has become a laboratory of ideas for climate resilience in urban sites.

"We are looking at the bay as a lab for ideas," Hendrick said. He pointed out that one of the scenarios being discussed is the possibility of building tidal gates across the bay "which will have a phenomenal cost."

After Sandy hit, there were calls to balance the environment with construction developments.

"Jamaica Bay can teach us lessons on how to better balance nature and developments," Hendrick said.

Sandy basically left human desolation behind.

"The storm was more of a human tragedy as homes were lost and flooded," said Riepe.

"Water came into the bay and went out," Hendrick said. "But there is no question so many people and communities were affected."

Reach reporter Juan Soto

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"I remember driving up in water that was up to the fire truck's windshield and one of our fire trucks burned up because of an electrical short," Wilmarth said. "All of our vehicles that we have now were donated to us, but we are still waiting for FEMA monies for two years."

He said that the department is now carrying 35-foot extension ladders, instead of the previous standard 24-foot models, and they are now better prepared in the event of another storm.

State Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (D- Ozone Park) said that originally Build It

Back was riddled with problems from lost paperwork to long delays and people were dropping out and giving up.

"Now since the mayor's overhaul, they are finally taking steps in the right direction," he said. "It has really been moving within the last four months, and we have over 7,500 build back cases in my office. Build It Back is in my office every Thursday and I want to see every family back in their own home as soon as possible"

The Galimis are glad they never gave up on the process.

"My husband wanted to give up and I said no, what have we got to lose?" she said. "It paid off. We waited two years and now it's all worth it."

cost analysis comparisons.

Joe Hartigan, a retired firefighter and ferry advocate, said the \$5 million cost amounted to a sliver of the city's budget.

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did not run on weekends or as frequently as other routes, which they believe skewed

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spring as soon as the ground thaws a bit."

In its place will rise two luxury residential high-rise towers, one 47 stories and the other 41, containing 1,100 rent-

al apartments. The \$400 million project will include 50,000 square-feet of retail space, a new public park and space set aside for the artists' return.

"I say it all the time, they'll come back," Wolkoff said. "I feel good because I know this is good for the community. They're going to be the coolest

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Sports

MLK's message remains powerful

Be the best you can be at whatever you're called to be.

It is the challenge Martin Luther King III, the eldest son of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., posed to Benjamin Cardozo students at an assembly last Thursday afternoon.

He was there to meet Cardozo boys' basketball coach Ron Naclerio because his dad, Emil Naclerio, a surgeon at Harlem Hospital, helped save Martin Luther King Jr.'s life after he was stabbed in 1958. Emil Naclerio did so by performing a complicated surgery at a time where not just King, but the world needed him most. He extended King's life and his involvement in the civil rights movement.

"Today I was thinking about if something went wrong how so many things today would be different," Ron Naclerio said. "Those extra 10 years a lot of things got started



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that continued."

The coach talked about learning how much hatred there is in the world from listening to his father tell stories about the flack he took at the time for saving King's life because people's views did not match King's. Verbal barbs were also thrown at Ron Naclerio during his youth over it.

"There were a lot of doctors who may not have even operated," Martin Luther King III said. "Others, particularly doctors in the South, I'll do it and make sure he doesn't survive."

His family's message of doing your part to make the world a better place can be

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Martin Luther King III gives a speech to students during an assembly at Benjamin N. Cardozo High School. Photo by Chris Palermo

Gaining perspective

McKennon learns from difficult year away

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jaquan McKennon is in a better place personally after the worst experience of his life.

The Thomas Jefferson senior guard, who lives in St. Albans, Queens, said his parents always told him how tough the world could be. It wasn't until he lived a school year without heat, running water and other amenities that he believed it and grew from it.

"I listened to them, but I didn't know it was that serious," McKennon said. "It just made me more grateful. It made me more humble."

He only has himself and his support group to blame for being in such a position and doesn't shy away from that. McKennon chose to leave St. Raymond for Cardozo after his sophomore season because the two-hour commute to and from the Bronx each day was taking a toll on him physically and academically. He never made it to Cardozo, because his family ultimately decided there were going to be too many distractions if he stayed in Queens.

McKennon, on the advice of a former coach, went to National Christian Academy, a prep school in Maryland. It was one of the few schools that had a spot available that late in the summer. When he arrived, the situation was much different than he expected. National Christian Academy didn't have dorms. McKennon said he had to stay with a family friend in a one-floor, one-family house in Brandywine,



Jaquan McKennon working on his shot.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

Md., a town with a population of a little more than 6,000 people.

His living conditions there were unlike anything he had ever experienced. The only hot water was the kind he got from the corner store and boiled. He slept on a mattress, but needed four or five blankets to keep warm. There was no cable.

"As a teenager I wasn't expecting that at all," McKennon said. "It was like a very big shock. I didn't know what to do with it."

He immediately wanted to return home, but his parents felt he could benefit from being on his own. McKennon made the most of a bad situa-

tion. He learned to cook, clean and do his own laundry. On the basketball side, he got in the best shape of his career.

"It was an eye opener for him," Jefferson coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard said. "It showed him you can't take the small things for granted."

The coach believes too often kids believe things are always better elsewhere. McKennon, however, is happy to be home and returns with a greater appreciation for his life here.

He said the first thing he did when he came back this summer was take a hot shower and spend the day with as much family as possible. The

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High-five: Flushing rolls to fifth straight win

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

If Flushing got going early it knew it couldn't let up against South Shore.

"The game plan is pedal to the metal and never let go," Flushing senior quarterback Terrence Chavis said.

That's exactly what the Red Devils did in an important and convincing 41-14 road win over South Shore in PSAL City Conference football last Saturday afternoon. It is Flushing's fifth straight win.

Red Devils coach Jim DeSantis said he came into the game nervous because South Shore nearly knocked off division leader Erasmus Hall two weeks go. It was like a playoff game in Flushing's eyes because of the effect it could have on the standings.

It will remain in the upper echelon of the league thanks to the play of Chavis. He was able to pick apart the South Shore defense in the air by throwing touchdowns to three different receivers and also running



Flushing QB Terrance Chavis (3) scrambles and breaks free from the South Shore defense.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

for a score. DeSantis believes Chavis isn't getting the respect he deserves despite his stellar performance.

"He's been with us since his sophomore year," DeSantis said. "He's thrown for more than 1,000 yards in every season, yet they want to talk about every other quarterback

in the city of New York, except for him. He's 5-7 or 5-8 and he can throw it."

Despite his praise of Chavis, DeSantis knows he isn't doing it alone. He talked about the diversity of his offense and how it could be any one of his guys stepping up on a different day.

"We have enough guys if the guy getting the touches doesn't do it, the next guy can step in," DeSantis said.

They had plenty of it against South Shore (5-3), which went through some turmoil internally leading up to the game. On Flushing's first drive of the game Chavis

scrambled in the pocket and found receiver Keron Hermitt for a 43-yard score on a fourth-and-3 play to help give his team a 7-0 lead. Chavis, who also had a 3-yard touchdown run, would hook up with senior Marcus Mendez on a slant that went for a 64-yard score and a 14-0 lead later in the quarter. Mendez also added a score on the ground.

Senior D'Andre Sapp's 8-yard touchdown run gave Flushing (6-2) a 28-8 lead just before halftime.

The Red Devils got the ball to open the third quarter and picked up where they left off. Chavis found junior receiver Tajmaleek Beckett for an 11-yard pitch and catch for the touchdown and a 35-8 lead. It put his team well on its way to another win. Flushing's confidence continues to grow heading into a key matchup with Tottenville this week.

"The city isn't ready for Flushing," Mendez said. "We are all together and we are coming to bring the pain."

Mary Louis tops Hill to claim first ever state girls' tennis title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It was all building toward this for Mary Louis.

This group of Hilltoppers has spent the last two seasons inching its way toward a CHSAA girls' tennis state title. The third time was the charm.

Mary Louis ended St. Francis Prep's 16-year hold on the crown in the semifinals and bested Archdiocesan champion St. Joseph Hill 5-0 in the final to claim the school's first championship last Thursday at the Staten Island Community Tennis Courts. The Hilltoppers bested the Terriers 3-2 in the semifinal.

"The girls have been working so hard for this for the last few years," TMLA coach Kelly Kelley said. "Last year they came so close. This year they worked so hard. It was just a

great reward."

The Hilltoppers don't start a senior, but each player has plenty of experience in pressure matches. This group lost 4-1 to St. Francis Prep two years ago and fell 3-2 last season as a result of losing a first doubles tie-breaker.

Kelley believes that removed the intimidation factor that can come with playing the Terriers and their streak. Her players knew they were good enough to beat them.

"Everyone on the team has been through this and I think that's what actually helped us this year," said first singles star Yuka Lin. "Everyone was more nervous the year before. This year we came in with more experience and more confidence."

Mary Louis trailed St. Francis Prep 2-1 this time around. It didn't hurt its confi-



Mary Louis celebrates winning the school's first CHSAA girls' tennis state title.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Kelley

dence.

Victoria Zezula rallied from a set down to win at second singles and Abigail Raphael and Julia Scapp held on at first doubles to seal the match.

"Once the last game was won we all felt complete excitement," Lin said. "We ran out on to the court. Our entire team, it was the greatest day of our life."

Kelley made sure to warn her squad not to get too happy. They couldn't look past St. Joseph Hill. It was up to them if they wanted to just be the team

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Two Plaza scores power Bayside past Madison

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bayside put its name back in city title race.

The Commodores got a late touchdown run from running back Tyrell Plaza to seal an important 22-18 home win over James Madison in PSAL Bowl Conference football last Saturday afternoon.

Plaza carried the ball 17 times for 179 yards and two touchdowns for Bayside (8-1). His team's lone loss is to Franklin Roosevelt and is one of two one-loss teams in the division. Charles Flug went 12 for 21 passing for 143 yards and Mar-

cus Watson added a score on the ground. Elijah Rimpel made 11 tackles and added an interception.

Erasmus Hall 29, Campus Magnet 6: Que Ruan Mosby went 15 of 28 passing for 157 yards and a touchdown for Campus Magnet (3-5). Bryan Mariner caught four passes for 53 yards and a touchdown and Charles Driver had seven receptions for 73 yards. Jeshua Darnell made seven tackles and recovered a fumble.

Christ the King 41, Kennedy Catholic 0: Jamen Williams rushed for 205 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries for

Christ the King (6-2, 5-0). Hasan Farraj ran for a score and completed 3 of 5 passes for 71 yards and connected with Brian Diaz and Alex Miranda for scores. Khaleel Small chipped in a rushing score.

Bryant 38, Benjamin Cardozo 13: John Duru rushed for 226 yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries and Jovon Hooks Williams carried the ball 10 times for 146 yards and two scores for Bryant (5-3). Raheem Williams ran for 118 yards and a score and also made 11 tackles. Manuel Ritoe rushed for two touchdowns for Cardozo (1-7).

Jamaica 34, Petrides 14:

Garfield McDonald carried the ball 16 times for 237 yards and two touchdowns for Jamaica (4-4). Malik Lawrie went 4 of 5 passing for 77 yards and touchdown passes to Carl St. Paul and Jabari Corsfield. St. Paul also added a 50-yard scoring run. Corsfield added 11 tackles.

Christopher Columbus 34, Springfield Gardens 27: Allasane Coulibaly completed 3 of 11 passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns for Springfield Gardens (2-6). Christopher Clarke ran for 66 yards and touchdown on five carries, had a 71-yard touchdown run and returned a kickoff for a touchdown. Tah-

jai added a receiving score.

McKee/Staten Island Tech 26, John Adams 12: Errol James rushed for 66 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries and caught three passes for 20 yards for John Adams (2-7). Bruno Teran completed 6 of 10 passes for 80 yards. Andre Adams made eight tackles.

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McKennon

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5-foot-11 guard picked Jefferson because of the strong reputation of the program, a chance to lead a young team and an opportunity to win a city title.

"He is going to contribute

a lot," Jefferson junior guard Shamorie Ponds said. "He has a good personality and he is going to bring string leadership to the program."

McKennon, who was considered one of the top guards in the city during his time at St. Raymond, comes back with something to prove. He said he has no scholarship

offers, but has interest from Miami, Tennessee and Notre Dame, among others. McKennon feels he needs to showcase that he is more than just a scorer.

"A lot of kids in New York City say I am not a point guard," he said. "Now I have a whole bunch of talent to show them."

The school year in Maryland, well outside his comfort zone, transformed his worldview, motivated him athletically and brought a better, more appreciative person back to New York City.

"I came back home and I thank God everyday," McKennon said. "Every time I wake up, every time I go to sleep."

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taught to young people even if the situation isn't as extreme as the one encountered by Emil Naclerio. In sports, every player has a role that helps the success of a team. The contributions of a star player and a bench player can be just as important to

achieving the ultimate goal.

"If you are going to be a sixth man, be the best sixth man you can be," Ron Naclerio said. "If you are just going to be role player, be the best role player. You're the last player, be the best last player on any team in the city. I'm going to use that."

King III's importance and presence wasn't lost on

the Cardozo students. Many, including boys' hoops star Rashond Salnave, flooded the stage in the auditorium to take a photo.

He said Naclerio tells his team the story of his father regularly and called it inspirational knowing Emil Naclerio saved someone who could motivate anyone. Martin Luther King III's presence

was just a reminder of that.

"He sounded just like his father, from all the recordings I've heard of this father," Salnave said. "It felt like his father was really here."

The person posing the challenge may have changed, but the message remains the same. Don't waste your talents and play your part to the best of your abilities.

Tennis

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that beat Prep or the one who finally brought home a state crown. TMLA didn't lose its focus.

Lin won 6-1, 6-0 at first singles. Zezula earned a 6-0, 6-0 victory at second singles and Joanna Latek won 6-1, 4-6, 10-6 at third singles. Raphael and Scapp and Michailah Marshall and Taylor Duval swept the first and second doubles matches, respectively.

The crown brings greater expectations next season with no one being lost to graduation. Kelley knows there will be a target on their backs next year. It's something Mary Louis has been hoping for and building toward.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS TRUCAP GRANTOR TRUST 2010-2, SC 29715, Plaintiff against MOHAMMAD RAHMAN, ANWAR MAHMUD, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and dated July 3,

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2014 and entered July 22, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court-house, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom #25, Jamaica, NY on the 5th day of December, 2014 at 10:00 AM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of 116th Avenue, distant 101.56 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said Southerly side of 116th Avenue with the Westerly side of 143rd Street; being a plot 100 feet by 18.44 feet by 100 feet by 18.44. Block: 12000 and Lot: 7 Said premises known as 142-14 116TH AVENUE, JAMAICA, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 481,722.84 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 4294/09. LORRAINE P. FALCO, ESQ., Referee. Rosenberg & Estis, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 733 Third Ave., 14th Fl New York, NY 10017 (* JAMAICA TI - *)

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SUMMONS Index No.: 6324-13 D/O/F: April 2, 2013 Premises Address: 176-17 Sunbury Road, Jamaica, NY 11434 SU-

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PREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, - against- ALBERT JOHNSON JR. AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN FOR BETTY JOHNSON AKA BETTY LOU JOHNSON; BARBARA SAMUEL AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN FOR BETTY JOHNSON AKA BETTY LOU JOHNSON; BETTY JO JOHNSON AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN FOR BETTY JOHNSON AKA BETTY LOU JOHNSON; DEBRA PATRICK AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN FOR BETTY JOHNSON AKA BETTY LOU JOHNSON; ROBIN HUNTER AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN FOR BETTY JOHNSON AKA BETTY LOU JOHNSON; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; JOHN DOE 1 THROUGH 10; JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 10, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY JOHNSON AKA BETTY LOU JOHNSON WHO WAS BORN ON APRIL 5, 1931 AND DIED ON NOVEMBER 19, 2011, AND WHO DIED IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD, VIRGINIA, DECEASED AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS WHO MAY BE DECEASED, AND THE RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; OCEANVIEW NURSING AND REHABILITATION LLC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;; JOHN DOES" AND "JANE DOES", SAID NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS, PARTIES INTENDED BEING POSSIBLE TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES, AND CORPORATIONS, OTHER ENTITIES OR PERSONS WHO CLAIM, OR MAY CLAIM, A LIEN AGAINST THE PREMISES, Defendant(s), TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served

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with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE 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 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. The following notice is intended only for those defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. The present amount of the debt as of the date of this summons: \$282,080.26 consisting of principal balance of \$273,206.39, plus Broker's Price Opinion, inspection and miscellaneous charges of \$550.00; Corporate Advances of \$6,860.88; Attorney fees of \$925.00 and title search costs of \$537.69. Because of interest and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive the check, in which event we will inform you. The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed: Champion Mortgage Company. Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days after receipt hereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the herein debt collector. If you notify the herein debt collector in writing within thirty (30) days after your receipt hereof that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of any judgment against you representing the debt and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you by the herein debt col-

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lector. Upon your written request within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the herein debt collector will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor if different from the current creditor. Note: Your time to respond to the summons and complaint differs from your time to dispute the validity of the debt or to request the name and address of the original creditor. Although you have as few as 20 days to respond to the summons and complaint, depending on the manner of service, you still have 30 days from receipt of this summons to dispute the validity of the debt and to request the name and address of the original creditor. TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises. Dated: March 31, 2013 Patricia Boland, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road Plainview, NY 11803 516-741-2585 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANKNYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS INDEX NO. 703282/2013 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Date Filed: 10/6/2014 Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff, - against- Ivy Ashley, if living and if she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grant-

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ees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Orville Manning aka Orville Mannings, Claudius Resources LLC, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Victor Gonzalez, Angelo Escobar, Tiffany Madero, Jorge Enriquez, Manuel Campo-verde, Milagros Campo-verde, Ricardo Campo-verde and Maria Campo-verde, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above captioned action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$433,912.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on June 25, 2008, in CRFN 2008000254668, covering premises known as 2345 Cornaga Avenue, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. 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 a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this

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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: Williams-ville, New York, February 14, 2014 BY: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq. FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-047070-F01

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX# 17722/08 FILED: 7/18/2013
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. CHASE HOMME FINANCE LLC, 10790 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego, CA 92127, Plaintiff, against HENRY L. NORTHINGTON AS HEIR ROBERT NORTHINGTON, MARY NORTHINGTON HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PAUL NORTHINGTON WHO WAS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ROBERT NORTHINGTON, THOMAS NORTHINGTON HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ROBERT NORTHINGTON, VIRGINIA WHITE HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ROBERT NORTHINGTON, BOBBIE MICHAEL GREEN; MATTIE MYLES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ROBERT NORTHINGTON AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL NORTHINGTON; DIANE R. MYLES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ROBERT NORTHINGTON AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL NORTHINGTON; JAMES CRAIG; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT NORTHINGTON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HAZEL NORTHINGTON; CHAMPION MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporation or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOS-

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ING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS 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 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. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclosure a Mortgage, dated March 27, 2007, executed by the defendant, Robert Northington, as mortgagor, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as mortgagee, to secure the sum of \$282,000.00, which mortgage was duly recorded in the Queens County City Register's Office on May 15, 2007 in CRFN 2007000252524. Said Note and Mortgage were tendered and transferred to the Plaintiff. An Assignment of Mortgage was recorded on July 18, 2008, in CRFN: 2008000285775. The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above.

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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. David Elliot, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, filed along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on 10/09/2014. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. BLOCK 10868 LOT 38. Said premises known as 201-11 104th Avenue, Saint Albans, NY 11412. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: By reason of the foregoing, there is now due and owing from the Mortgagor to plaintiff the principal sum of \$282,000.00 plus interest at the rate of 6.7% per annum that has accrued prior to this action as of January 5, 2008 and late charges. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State 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, 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 New York State Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us 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 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. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving the 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 may 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

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COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Stiene & Associates, P.C., Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 187 East Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743 Our File 201201263

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX# 19387/13 FILED: 10/08/2014
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1, Plaintiff(s), CECIL MYERS; if living, and if she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specifically lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; MERS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GE MONEY BANK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; GE MONEY BANK; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE #1 through 7, the last seven (7) names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being tenants, occupants, persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint. Defendant(s). YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and 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 foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Court dated September 16, 2014 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the County of Queens on 9/19/2014. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, (Block 13293 Lot 132). Said premises known as 145-22 177th Place, Springfield Gardens, NY 11434. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, P.L. 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 701379/2014 Date Filed: 7/25/2014
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, against Cynthia Moses a/k/a Cynthia E. Moses a/k/a Cynthia Lodge; Arthur Sheppard; Keith Lodge, if he be living or if he be dead, his spouse, heirs devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Fleet National Bank; North Star Capital Acquisition LLC; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 114-69 208th Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411 TO

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THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Consolidation and/or Modified Mortgage (hereinafter "the Mortgage") to secure \$127,147.00 and interest, recorded in the QUEENS County Office of the City Register on October 25, 1996, in Reel 4451 of Mortgages, page 1063 covering premises known as 114-69 208th Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. 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 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: June 24, 2014 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. Associate Attorney Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (585) 247-9000 Our File No. 13-031047 Premises known as 114-69 208th Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411. All that certain property situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Block 11027, Lot 263

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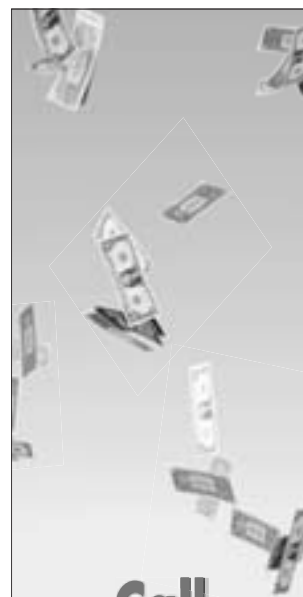
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