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Strongman bending steel for his morale

BY TOM MOMBERG

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, audiences from around the country were wowed by the feats of strength exhibited by men who were part of an old-time tradition. Called strongmen, they were a major attraction at places such as Coney Island less than 100 years ago.

Today, the traditional exhibition of men bending steel or ripping decks of cards in half is a rare pageant, but Queens is home to one of the men trying to revive the vaudeville era sport: Chris "Wonder" Schoeck, 47, of Astoria.

A conversation with the Douglaston native and personal trainer can easily give away expose his social anxiety, which brings to question how he has been able to exhibit his strength in front of a crowd.

TimesLedger's Q-Guide featured Schoeck in 2013 when "Bending Steel," a feature-length documentary on him and his new-found sport was screened at the Tribeca Film Festival.

The film, directed by Dave Carroll, illustrated how Schoeck's training and taking his exhibitory strength to au-

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Willets Pt. project delayed

EATING 5 PIZZAS IN 5 MINUTES



How many pizzas can you get down in five minutes? Answer: Five and change if you to win the annual charity pizza-eating contest at Pizzeria Uno on Bell Boulevard. Wayne Algenio (l) came in second with Veronica Corcoran not far behind.

Photo by Michael Shain

Mayor sits out appeal to keep megamall alive

BY MADINA TOURE

The \$3 billion Willets Point project is in limbo after the city announced it would not appeal a recent appellate court ruling requiring state legislative approval before a proposed megamall could move forward. At issue is the absence of affordable housing in the first phase of the multi-use development.

Workers react
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In February 2014, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), along with the City Club of New York, Queens Civic Congress, members of Willets Point United and nearby residents and business owners, filed a lawsuit against the transfer of 47 acres of Queens parkland, worth about \$1 billion, to build the Willets West mega-mall near Citi Field.

In July, the Appellate Division ruled that the development could not continue without approval from the Legislature because it involves city parkland.

After the project's developer, Queens Development

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River review in works

Proposals to revamp Flushing waterfront due this fall



City Planning says it will have recommendations ready for the Flushing riverfront project in September.

BY MADINA TOURE

The Department of City Planning said it will release preliminary recommendations this fall for a project to revitalize the Flushing waterfront and bring affordable housing to the area.

In 2011, the Flushing-Willets Point-Corona Local Development Corporation got a \$1.5 million state Brownfield Opportunity Grant to finance its Flushing Riverfront Project, which would clean up and rezone 60 acres on the Flushing waterfront. The project would create a planned community with waterfront access and housing and commercial space.

City Planning decided to integrate the corporation's project with its study of Flushing West, part of Mayor Bill de Blasio's 10-year affordable housing plan.

The agency plans to conduct outreach events in September, make some recommendations in October and start the environmental review process in November.

The review process would entail looking at a variety of environmental issues, including noise, air quality and the potential for any hazardous materials in the areas the agency rezones.

"We would have to assess on a whole variety of issues the land-use changes and how they would create a different set of outcomes than what the current zoning would produce and evaluate that incremental change as part of the need for additional transportation or transit activity," John Young, director of the City Planning's Queens office, said.

The study area, which covers 32 acres, runs from Prince Street to Flushing Creek on the west, Roosevelt Avenue on the south and Northern Boulevard on the north.

Three-quarters of the study area is zoned C4-2 for a commercial and residential zone. The northern part of the study has M1-1 zoning, or light manufacturing. The northern part along the waterfront is zoned M3-1, or heavier manufacturing.

The most recent town hall on the project, held Aug. 20 at the Flushing YMCA at 138-46 Northern Blvd., consisted of roundtable discussions on open space in parks, transportation, affordable housing, land use in the public realm and concerns about the water quality of Flushing Creek.

"I think we got some really interesting ideas about improving wayfinding between downtown and Flushing Meadows Corona Park," Young explained.

City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) is meeting with City Planning in the next couple of weeks to discuss community feedback and the agency's next steps.

He said community insight is crucial given the project's size.

"We worry about transportation, schools and garbage pickup when there are so many people in the area, and infrastructure," Koo said. "We are concerned about all of those things. Eventually I think it's good for the community if we develop Flushing West."

Verizon workers stage rally at Bayside office

BY TOM MOMBERG

More than 200 Verizon workers rallied outside Verizon Wireless' Bayside offices to demand that the company start negotiating new contracts for its employees, represented locally by Communications Workers of America, after the contract covering 39,000 workers in nine states expired Aug. 2.

The workers' Aug. 20 demonstration, organized by CWA Local 1106 in Queens, gained the support of many of the borough's lawmakers, including state Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D-Fresh Meadows), state Sens. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) and Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing), and Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village).

Gianaris said because income inequality is on the rise, it is important for elected representatives to get involved in workers' concerns.

"These fine people are working without a contract right now," Gianaris said. "And when you hear about the demands Verizon is making on them, you would think they would be rewarding them with more benefits so they can care for their

families and instead the executives are making money hand over fist and are trying to squeeze the workers for even more."

CWA, negotiating with Verizon alongside the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, contends the company also wishes to cut jobs and freeze workers' benefit pensions or eliminate 401k benefit matching.

"We respect the rights of our employees to hold rallies, but we truly believe the best way to achieve a new contract is not at a (street) rally, but through serious and meaningful negotiations," Verizon Northeast Bureau spokesman John Bonomo said in a statement. "We've had discussions with union leaders from both the CWA and IBEW this week and we stand ready to meet with them again,"

CWA District 1 Vice President Dennis Trainor said the workers' battle against Verizon across the Northeast for a fair contract is really a battle against all corporations that abuse bargaining power.

"We are still bargaining right now ... And now three weeks in, the company has not moved at all back off (its) agenda to cut our benefits.

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Workers affiliated with CWA Local 1106 in Queens picket outside the Bayside offices of Verizon Wireless to demand fair contract negotiations.

Photo by Tom Momberg

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'Olympic Rickshaw Rider' arrives in Flushing

Chinese native who traveled around the world receives award from area councilman

BY MADINA TOURE

City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) welcomed Chen Guanming, who is known as "the Olympic Rickshaw Rider," to the steps of Flushing Library last weekend.

Inspired by the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Chen, 60, of the Jiangsu Province in China, started cycling, pushing and pulling his rickshaw around the world as a way of spreading the Olympic message of international harmony.

He traveled through Asia and Europe in time to arrive at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Supported by dozens of Guanming fans on the library steps at 41-17 Main St., Koo gave Chen a certificate in honor of his dedication and commitment to promoting global peace and unity.

Koo said that in light of incidents of terrorism, financial crisis, hunger and disease, Chen has seen more than

most will and that his travels brings about hope and encouragement.

"Mr. Chen is truly an inspiration to young and old, and I'm very gratified that so many residents of Flushing came out to support him and encourage his spirit," Koo said.

Chen will be staying by the library steps through this week. His next destination is Washington, D.C. The 109th Precinct, the Queens Library and the offices of Mayor Bill de Blasio and Councilwoman Margaret Chin (D-Manhattan) helped organize Chen's safe arrival.

After his trek from Beijing to the 2012 London Olympic Games, Chen has continued through Canada and now the United States. He expects to arrive in Rio de Janeiro in time for the 2016 Olympic Games. To date, he has traveled through 24 nations and has logged more than 105,630 miles.

As Koo translated, Guan-



Chen Guanming, who has been riding his rickshaw around the world, is given a certificate by City Councilman Peter Koo. Photo by Madina Toure

ming said that he left China six years ago and has visited countries such as Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Germa-

ny, France, England and Switzerland.

"He wants to spread the message of Olympic spirit," Koo said on his behalf. "He wants the whole world to have

peace and he wants to spread the importance of conservation."

David Su, the former president of the Council of Chinese American Associations, praised Guanming and his accomplishments.

"We're proud of him because he's promoting the green, the peace," Su said.

Fans of Chen created a Facebook page for him, which currently has 1,364 likes. His sponsorship partners are Bryan James & Co. Ltd., a London-based specialist insurance brokerage firm, who helped him arrange a trans-Atlantic crossing so that he could take his rickshaw through North America and South America, and FirstFound, search engine consultants and Bryan James' web-design partners.

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Horse carriage ban in question

Mayor's radio interview reignites discussion over future of Central Park's tourist industry

BY TOM MOMBERG

Mayor Bill de Blasio has repeatedly pushed legislation in the City Council that would ban the horse carriage industry in the city as it exists today, but now has called on advocates to get the measure passed rather than fighting good fight himself.

Many of the drivers who live in Bayside and Sunnyside are watching the developments in this highly polarized struggle.

The mayor made it a campaign promise to ban the industry when seeking office, and though he still supports the bill and tried to take it up when the City Council passed the budget, the measure remains in the Council's Transportation Committee, where it is pending an environmental review.

Supporters of the bill believe horse carriages are inhumane and do not belong on crowded Manhattan streets, but members of the committee said negotiations over the details of the bill would follow



Mayor Bill de Blasio backs off his push for a bill in the City Council that would ban the horse carriage industry in Central Park.

after the environmental study is complete.

De Blasio signaled a shift in stewardship over the ban during an interview on WNYC's "Brian Lehrer Show" last

week, passing the torch to the animal rights groups who have been pressing him on shutting down the industry.

"I think ultimately you are going to see an end to the horse

carriage industry in this city, but we have to do this through the City Council where there's a wide range of views, and what I'd say to every advocate is you already have my vote,"

de Blasio said. "Go get the votes in the City Council and solidify the support of the City Council so we can make this change."

Many City Council members remain undecided on whether they support the ban. Critics of the ban contend the horses are well cared for in a highly regulated industry

and hundreds of jobs would be at stake.

Some observers interpreted the mayor's interview with Brian Lehrer as indicating he would be unwilling to use his political clout to sway the Council votes.

Councilman Danny Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) is the lead sponsor of the bill. He was on vacation and could not be reached for comment, but shortly after the de Blasio's interview, on, he told The New York Times he was confused by the mayor's shift.

"I don't understand why the mayor made the comments that he made this morning," Dromm told the Times. "It's something I believe in deeply.

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Flushing pedestrian plaza awaits review from DOT

BY MADINA TOURE

The city DOT has proposed a presentation to Community Board 7's Transportation Committee on a proposed pedestrian plaza in Flushing, which has divided elected officials and civic leaders.

In 2014, the Korean American Association of Queens applied to the Department of Transportation to permanently close the street in front of McGoldrick Library on Roosevelt Avenue between 155th Street and Northern Boulevard and create a plaza with tables and chairs. The plaza would also be on Leonard Square, which honors Corporal William A. Leonard, a Flushing resident and World War I veteran.

CB 7 said it has not yet chosen a new date for the presentation, originally scheduled



A proposal to put a pedestrian plaza in Flushing has pitted community leaders and elected officials against one another.

Photo by Madina Toure

for Aug. 31.

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), who is against the proposal, sent a letter to CB 7 Chairman Gene Kelty dated Aug. 20 asking for the presentation to be delayed.

He submitted a Freedom of Information Law request Aug. 10 regarding the planning for the project and requested specific information on how

the DOT reached out to the community to determine the desire for and viability of the street closure.

The DOT will respond to the request within 150 business days, on Jan. 16, 2016, according to a letter dated Aug. 13 from Keri Moore of the FOIL Unit.

"I'm appreciative of the fact that they're pushing back any hearing on this until there's been a more thorough review, at least by my office, and the community has had more of an opportunity to look at this," he said.

A DOT spokesman said the agency is processing Avella's request.

State Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) said the postponing of the presentation was unrelated to Avella's letter.

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Boro workers owed \$800K in city wages

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

The city comptroller identified last week over a thousand workers, including 200 Queens residents, who are owed a total of \$3.7 million in settlements for unclaimed prevailing wages from city-funded projects.

Queens has the highest amount owed to workers at an estimated \$800,000. Brooklyn had the second highest amount of wages owed at an estimated \$600,000 for 241 workers and in the Bronx, 160 workers are owed more than \$300,000, the comptroller said. In Manhattan and Staten Island, a total of \$80,000 is owed to 78 workers.

Prevailing wage laws require employers to pay workers the wage and benefit rate set annually by the city comptroller when those employees

work on public works projects, such as renovating public schools or building service contracts, which include security guard and custodial work, with city agencies.

"My office has recovered millions of dollars through our enforcement of the prevailing wage, but now we need your help to connect these workers with the money they are owed," City Comptroller Scott Stringer said. "Thousands of hardworking individuals, many of whom are immigrants, have been cheated out of their rightfully earned wages, but they may not know these funds exist.

Since 2014, Stringer has reached settlements worth more than \$8.6 million for prevailing wage violations.

In instances in which funds have been recovered

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Willets Pt. auto shops worry about their fate

BY MADINA TOURE

Auto shop workers and owners in Willets Point have mixed feelings about the city's treatment of them after the de Blasio administration chose not to appeal a ruling to halt the Willets West megamall project.

After the city held discussions with Queens Development Group, the developer working on the \$3 billion Willets Point plan, it concluded that there needed to be a healthier mix of affordable and market housing created in a timely manner. Work on housing, which will include affordable housing, will not start until 2025.

Ecuadorian native Miguel Ortiz, a manager for Gonzalez Muffler Auto Mechanic Corporation at 126-82F Willets Point Blvd., said he receives a letter from the city every day telling him he has to leave the area by Sept. 20. His shop is in the second phase of the project.

He says former Mayor Michael Bloomberg was trying to kick poor people out of the area.

"It's like you had wings and they caught your wings and you fall down to the ground," Ortiz said.

De Blasio is standing up for the people in the auto shops, he said.

"He's like 50 percent better than Bloomberg," he said. "It's not just for money. He's looking to make sure everyone is happy, no matter if it's rich or poor people."

Roberto Bolanoz, owner of Roberto Auto Repair at 126-98

Willets Point Blvd., which is in the third phase of the project, said the Bloomberg administration made him and other owners in Willets Point feel like "garbage." He also thinks de Blasio is taking a stand against the plan.

"He's basically on our side," Bolanoz said. "He's trying to protect us the best that he can."

There is a sentiment among the auto shops in the area that state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), who has always opposed the plan and led the lawsuit against the megamall, has stood up for them.

Another point of tension among auto shops that are still in Willets Point is the \$5.8 million agreement reached by City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst) and the Sunrise Cooperative with the city back in April.

A DOB spokesman said the alteration permit needed to amend the occupancy certificate to allow the businesses to legally operated in the South Bronx space has not been filed yet.

The workers feel that Marco Neira, president of the Sunrise Cooperative, let them down because their South Bronx space is not ready.

"He doesn't say anything," Ortiz said. "He doesn't help me."

Arturo Olaya, president of the Willets Point Defense Committee, does not think as highly of the de Blasio administration, noting that de Blasio never visited them or

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Astoria man deported

Guatemala native sues U.S. gov't to reverse expulsion



Gabriel Vasquez and his wife, Samantha Vasquez, pose together.

Photo Courtesy of Samantha Vasquez

BY MADINA TOURE

A former Astoria resident is involved in a class action lawsuit against the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in an attempt to reverse his deportation to Guatemala.

Gabriel Maldonado Vasquez, 27, lived in Astoria before being deported April 8, according to the lawsuit filed by the Wang law office in Flushing May 13.

He was a cook for more than 10 years, according to his wife, Samantha Vasquez, 24, who has been married to

Gabriel for six years and is living in Astoria. He had worked at the Peacefood Café in Manhattan in 2014 for about a year, she said.

She said her husband is renting a room in Antigua, Guatemala and is "severely depressed," having been robbed twice.

"He's trying to come back," Samantha Vasquez said. "He's a good person. He deserves better."

He received his GED on Rikers Island in 2004 and at the beginning of April, submitted his application for De-

ferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, which defers deportation action for certain people who came to the United States as children, for a two-year period, according to the lawsuit.

But he was told that he would be ineligible for DACA because he was convicted of two crimes considered to be crimes of moral turpitude, or crimes that are considered morally wrong. The classification can prevent an individual from obtaining a visa or green card.

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Judge approves police reform

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

A federal court Monday approved two proposed policing reforms on racial profiling and the much-debated stop-and-frisk policy for the NYPD after a landmark case, *Floyd v. City of New York*, against the police practice was won in 2013.

In 2013, after a nine-week trial, Manhattan Federal Judge found the NYPD liable for a pattern and practice of racial profiling and unconstitutional stops.

Last year, the reform process began between community groups and the NYPD under the monitor's supervision.

The monitor made final recommendations for reforms to the NYPD's stop-and-frisk



A federal court approves two proposed policy reforms for the NYPD on racial profiling and Stop and Frisk.

Photo by Michael Shain

policy: the first policy prohibits stops based on racial profiling and the second policy requires police officers to fill out a receipt explaining the reason for the stop if the person is not arrested.

The new police reform policy will begin Sept. 21, accord-

ing to federal court records.

The practice of stop and frisk has four levels of inquiry: Level 1 is the request for any information; Level 2 is when an officer determines there is some indication of criminality; Level 3 is the actual stop

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The owner of Roberto Auto Mechanic Repair believes Mayor de Blasio is standing up for the workers in Willets Point.

Photo by Micahel Shain

Dosamantes seeks to monitor city agencies' work

Candidate's platform centers on tackling education issues and transportation in the district

BY MADINA TOURE

Bellerose native Celia Dosamantes—at 24, the youngest of the seven candidates pursuing the City Council seat vacated by Mark Weprin—has ambitious goals for District 23.

The former aide to Weprin and U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) wants to expand transportation services, put more funding into senior services such as Access-A-Ride and Medicare as well as local senior centers that cater to the Latino, Indian and Muslim communities.

"I came from the neighborhood, I grew up here and I want the leadership to reflect the diversity of the community and my platform is for everybody," Dosamantes said.

She said the biggest issue in the district is education, which hits close to home for her.

Dosamantes attended Francis Lewis HS, which she said suffered from overcrowding. In addition, her mother taught for more than 30 years and was a network leader with Martin Van Buren HS in Queens Village. Despite having high-performing schools, School District 26 suffers from issues such as crowded classrooms, lack of opportunities and insufficient transparency from the city Department of Education, Dosamantes said.

She noted Benjamin Cardozo HS in Bayside is cutting out some of its Advanced Placement programs and that Martin Van Buren HS was able to resolve its issues with high suspension rates, but currently shares its location with Business Technology Early College HS.

She also wants to put in associate degree programs in some of the high schools, re-evaluate the lottery system that determines high schools for students and avoid the use



City Council candidate Celia Dosamantes says education is the biggest issue in the district.
Photo by Michael Shain

of trailer classrooms.

But the larger issue, she said, is increasing transparency from the DOE regarding its policies and projects on a micro level at each school and ensuring parents are informed of those changes.

"We have the (community) education council but we need to have more dialogues, not just with the PTA and the education council. We need to have, what exactly is the DOE doing on a macro level as a whole, as a system, but on a micro level with each school," she said.

Dosamantes received her bachelor's degree from SUNY Albany and is close to finishing law school at St. John's University. She says she reflects the diversity of the district and the borough at large: she is Indian, Bengali, Mexican, Hungarian, Israeli and Russian and speaks Bengali, Hindi and Spanish.

She is the first woman to serve as executive director of

the Bangladeshi American Advocacy Group. She is also the co-founder of Footprints Path to Success.

Dosamantes said the complaints and concerns regarding Access-a-Ride have to do with language barriers and appointments not being picked up on time, which can be fixed with an accountability structure.

More generally, she said that there are other ways to get funding for social-recreational services such as senior services, transportation and education to promote the community.

The \$17.5 million in funding that Madison Square Garden owes the state is a source of money, Dosamantes cited as an example.

"(I) worked on the budget on the state for the last four years and there's been a \$2 billion surplus every year," Dosamantes said. "It's just how you implement it."



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If You Think The Outdoor Patio Season Is Over Think Again

BY CHARLES H. GAMAREKIAN

Instead of packing up the patio furniture and putting it away in the shed, tying down the barbeque grill, hanging up the barbeque apron, and saying good-bye to the many facets of backyard family activities, outdoor living aficionados are stretching the creature comforts of the summer season thanks to the wide range of products that are readily available in the marketplace. With the advent of the outdoor room came a spectrum of amenities ranging from elaborate open-air kitchens, pizza ovens, outdoor fireplaces, professional-quality refreshment bars, pergolas and covered pavilions to simple but rewarding multi-use fire pits. As a result, families and friends will be dashing in and out the back door well into the winter.

One factor that can easily raise the budget for a three or four season patio is the cost connected with installation, especially where quality, as it should be, is of paramount importance. Manufacturers in the concrete pavingstone and wall systems industry have a solution. Depending on the manufacturer, you can find most of the most wanted patio enhancements within their portfolios either to be custom built using their hardscape products or complete and ready to install using pre-packaged kits. The kits enable do-it-yourselfers, landscape designers and professional contractors to cost-effectively address current trends in outdoor living and to turn homeowner "wish lists" into reality even within budget constraints.

For example, the simplest of fall festivities can be gathering around a wood burning fire pit roasting marshmallows, cooking frankfurters on a stick and singing songs. Pre-packaged, kits with exact amounts of wallstones are available and like the ones available from Cambridge — manufacturers of Cambridge Pavingstones with ArmorTec®, Cambridge Wallstones and a full line of outdoor living products made of these hardscape materials. The pits, round or square in coordinated colors and styles, have metal inserts, dual cantilevered grills and optional fire spark screens and galvanized steel covers. With these features, fireside menus can range from hot dogs and burgers to lobsters, chicken pieces, steaks and more.

For fireside chats on a grander level, consider nesting a wood-burning, outdoor fireplace as the focal point in your patio or outdoor room. You can find models in pre-cut, pre-packaged kits as well with decorator inspired, elegant features such as cast stone sur-

rounds and ornamental pieces, polished granite accent tiles, stainless steel pull screens and optional firewood boxes — features that rival those found on interior models. In addition to air-cooled chimneys and termination caps.

Decorator-Inspired Features And Professional-Style Inclusions For Cooking

The patio appointments have changed further as freestanding barbeque grills gave way to built-in, multi-purpose cooking stations constructed primarily of manufactured wallstones, which are available in various natural colors and rock face textures. Configurations and sizes can vary but are commonly rectangular or L-shaped so that they can be positioned in the most utilitarian position in the overall patio design, noting that the kitchen — whether indoors or outdoors — is usually the focal point of activity with family and friends.

"For example, Cambridge open-air kitchen kits, which are pre-packaged and do not require any cutting of materials, are complete with a stainless steel appliance package that includes a sink, refrigerator and a lighted, 5-burner, 38-inch wide grill, and cabinet door is at the forefront of our company's outdoor living product group," says Cambridge Chairman/CEO Charles H. Gamarekian. "There is nothing else to buy." The kits' rotisserie, built in thermometer and convenient warming rack allow cooking choices to include whole chickens and roasted meats. The food preparation and serving areas are decorator-inspired, polished granite countertops, which are offered in Black Uba Tuba and Venetian Gold.

Artisan-style pizza, roasted vegetables and hot homemade bread are always in season. So, for all-season cooking enthusiasts, an outdoor pizza oven may be the perfect addition to the footprint of a well-appointed patio kitchen. It is also reassuring that from the European-inspired, domed hearth to the professional-quality cooking tools, responsible pizza oven manufacturers such as Cambridge respect the integrity of the age-old cooking process as well.

A Pergola Or Pavilion Can Define Space While Adding Protection

No backyard gathering spot is truly up-to-date without an open-air pergola or pavilion for outdoor dining, relaxing and entertaining. The popularity of these visually pleasing and functional structures is broadening in keeping with defining the features of the ideal outdoor setting by today's standards.



Landscape designers and contractors who recognize the magnitude of this burgeoning trend, are doing their homework and are prepared to meet the challenges with the help of, believe it or not, equally savvy hardscape material manufacturers.

Before going any further, let's clarify the differences between the two terminologies. A pergola is typically a garden structure that consists of pillars that support a partially open roof structure, such as lattice-work or a trellis. The construction, which can vary in size and style, is somewhat similar to an arbor and is often covered in vines or plants. Pergolas are sometimes used as a transition from indoor living space to the outdoors, and commonly cover walkways or paths. Many times, they are built over a patio or seating area to provide limited shade from hot sun. Other varieties may have a type of additional sunshade for greater protection.

In contrast, a patio pavilion has open sides but a closed roof for added protection against the elements. A pavilion, which is usually associated with a large outdoor covered edifice in parks, spacious public spaces, and vacation resorts, also refers to a freestanding structure sited a short distance from a home to create an architecturally defined space for a host of residential activities.

Support columns (pillars)

for pergolas and pavilions can be anchored into the pavement or set on columns (pedestals) a few feet above ground level. The structures themselves can be custom built or assembled from a kit. If getting involved with building these kinds of structures seems to be a bit daunting, Cambridge, although it may come as a surprise, offers both pergolas and pavilions in pre-packaged kits. Another advantage here is that the structures are intended to be set on any of the company's wallstone columns (sold separately). For added convenience, a pre-packaged column kit in a variety of color options, that requires no cutting, is also made by Cambridge. Other than providing a sturdy and durable pedestal base, the columns make it easy to blend in Cambridge pavers, wall systems, additional columns and other outdoor living kits containing Cambridge Wallstones. Ask a professional contractor for more information or visit cambridgepavers.com.

As modern-day lifestyles are changing, we see entire households moving much of their day-to-day activities out-of-doors while at the same time, redefining the backyard patio, as we once knew it. The open-air patio room, covered or not, are now complete with lavish cooking, entertaining and leisure-time conveniences that everyone can enjoy season after season.



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Parhar seeks support as new kind of leader

BY TOM MOMBERG

Satnam Singh Parhar, one of the Democratic candidates vying for Mark Weprin's former City Council seat in eastern Queens, and his life story embodies at least for some immigrants the American dream.

Having spent the last 40 years in New York, Parhar said the way in which he wishes to lead if elected is the same way he has been leading in his own community — by working with people to solve issues on individual bases.

"I think people are often disappointed in government, because they hardly see their representatives in their streets," Parhar said. "When you do bring concerns to them, they just say hi, thank you and we'll take care of it and you never hear from them again. But, I don't want to be that man."

The Punjabi native spent the last several years working with the India Association of Long Island, which serves South Asians in the city as well as Long Island. After being appointed as president of the organization in 2014, he helped it to secure a permanent office in Hicksville, L.I.

The roughly 2,000-member non-profit represents the interests of people of Indian heritage in Queens, Kings, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Parhar, who has connected the organization's members to constituent and social services, said he always tried to resolve conflicts from the ground level.

"I have a good way of listening. I like to listen and understand problems," Parhar said.

Parhar said he believes public safety and school overcrowding are some of the biggest problems facing Council District 23, which serves Bayside Hills, Bellerose, New Hyde Park, Glen Oaks and parts of Queens Village, but raising taxes is not the way to solve them.

He said for these issues, the solutions are simple: to allocate some of the disproportionate resources in the city to eastern Queens. But for most issues, such as transportation, Parhar said the solutions are not so simple. He said the city should better spend the money it has than to increase its tax revenue and should hire experts to propose solutions.

"I don't believe in the big campaign promises people give. I like to know what is practical — what we can do in our capacity. But one thing's for sure — people out here are paying way too much in proper-



SATNAM SINGH PARHAR

ty taxes and water and sewer bills are too high for families to afford."

As for education, Parhar said rules should be implemented in city schools that would parcel out the same number of students each teacher has to work with, while more staff should be allocated to promote equality among students.

"I think everybody should be given the same base-level education so this way they can all have equal education and opportunities for careers," he said.

After completing his bachelor's degree in India and emigrating in the 1970s to follow the footsteps of his brother, Parhar worked in fashion and retail industries in the city. He later worked in the import/export industry before getting involved in high density commercial construction, where Parhar continues to operate as a licensed general contractor.

In more recent years Parhar has volunteered on political campaigns for state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) and state Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Fresh Meadows), as well as on Swaranjit Singh's 2009 City Council campaign against Mark Weprin for the seat Parhar is running for now.

He is also the founder of the Sant Baba Nidham Singh Cultural Society and is the chairman of the Rajput Cultural Society.

Friedrich backs civics

Vows to connect community to City Council



BOB FRIEDRICH

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

Bob Friedrich, a Democratic City Council candidate running for Mark Weprin's former seat, won a major fight.

For last couple of months, he organized local civic associations, residents, elected officials and community leaders to protest every Saturday afternoon in front of a former school in Queens Village which was slated to become a group home for juvenile offenders.

Last week, the city Administration for Children's Services said the site was no longer needed.

When Friedrich found out about the juvenile group home, he contacted leaders of the surrounding civic associations and brought elected officials together.

"This was something that could not be done alone," he said in an interview with TimesLedger Newspapers. "It had to be done together."

This is Friedrich's second bid for the City Council seat for District 23, which stretches from Douglaston through Oakland Gardens to Fresh Meadows, Queens Village and Hollis.

"The Weprins flip-flopped, so even though I knew I did not have a chance, I felt I had to stay in the race," he said, referring to 2009 when Mark Weprin

ran for David Weprin's City Council seat and his brother ran for Mark's state Assembly seat. "It's good to give competition."

The district's seat became vacant in June when Weprin resigned to work as deputy secretary of legislative affairs with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration in Albany.

Friedrich, current president and CFO of Glen Oaks Village, moved to the large cooperative 25 years ago and almost immediately became involved.

"It was a mess and resident needs were not being met. But the real problem was everyone was not connected."

Friedrich said he brought civic associations and community boards together so that they could talk about the issues affecting each other.

His platform addresses homeowners, resources for seniors, transportation, job creation, environmental safety and making good school districts even better.

Friedrich strongly stands against tolls on the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge and within the city.

"I have seniors in my district that go to the doctor in the city. That means they have to pay a toll to get across the bridge and if they have an appointment across town—that is another toll. Plus, they pay for parking. That is not common sense."

"I believe in common-sense politics," he said about political relationships. "If you are not putting the community ahead, then I am not interested—my whole life has been putting community first." He said homeowners pay for sidewalk fines and repairs after city trees destroy them. He plans on using the public funds to give back to homeowners.

"People must be able to live in their homes—homeowners are being nicked and dined to death."

He said subway and LIRR fares should be the same.

"A train is a train—it should be fairly priced. The LIRR and subway are the same thing, run by the same organization, so why are residents in my district paying more than Long Island City?"

Friedrich, who went to Bayside High School and Queens College, said he wants to address the overcrowding in schools.

"I have a record of solid achievements and I am just a volunteer," he said. "The reality is that I have walked the walk. Everyone else just talks the talk."



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Suspect sought in Flushing larceny: NYPD

FLUSHING — Police were looking for a man who robbed a woman in Flushing over the weekend.

At about 10:40 a.m. Saturday, a 57-year-old woman was walking up the stairs to her apartment around Sanford Avenue and Bowne Street when the man followed her from behind, asked her a question and snatched her purse before fleeing, according to the police. The victim was not injured.

The suspect was described as an Asian male.

The investigation was ongoing, a police spokeswoman said.



Police released this image of a man suspected in a reported grand larceny in Flushing.

Photo courtesy NYPD

Police search for acid thrower in Astoria

LONG ISLAND CITY — Investigators from the 108th Precinct have released a sketch of a suspect wanted in connection with an attack on a woman in Long Island City Aug. 19. In what police believe was not a random assault, the man threw "a liquid similar to Drano" into the face of a 59-year-old woman in Sunnyside Wednesday evening, according to the NYPD.

The victim was trying to enter her car at 43rd Avenue and 33rd Street around 5:35 p.m. when she was approached by the assailant, who appeared to ask a question before throwing a cup containing the caustic liquid at her, causing chemical burns to her face, eyes and hands, according to the NYPD.

The woman attempted to drive away from her attacker but came to a stop after about 200 feet. A passer-by heard her screams and called 911.

The woman was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center and then Cornell Hospital where she was treated and released.

The suspect, a black man believed to be in around 30, was wearing black shorts, a T-shirt and white sneakers. He is about 5-foot-8 with a medium build, according to the NYPD.

There have been no arrests and the incident was under investigation.



Cops release a sketch of a suspect wanted in an connection with an acid attack in Long Island City last week.

NYPD

Queens Village teenager reported missing

QUEENS VILLAGE — Police were looking for a young Hispanic girl from Queens Village.

Amber Liz Morias was last seen leaving her residence Tuesday at 223-23 100th Drive around 7:15 p.m.

Morias is described as a 16-year-old Hispanic girl, 5-feet-5 inches tall and weighing 150 pounds. She was last seen wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with the words "ice cream" written on the front.

Anyone with information in regards to the missing person is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS.



Amber Liz Morias last seen leaving her Queens Village house wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with the words "ice cream" written on the front.

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Council foes collect endorsements in race

BY TOM MOMBERG

Candidates running for the City Council election in eastern Queens reported more campaign endorsements as the primary election on Thursday, Sept. 10, drew neared. New political backing came in for Rebecca Lynch, Satnam Singh Parhar, Barry Grodenchik and Bob Friedrich.

Lynch, the former deputy commissioner of the mayor's Community Affairs Office, who has mostly obtained labor endorsements so far, was endorsed by the Tenants Political Action Committee this week.

The Tenants PAC is an organization that raises money from tenants, progressive labor unions and affordable housing and tenants' rights supporters to recruit tenants to volunteer for elections and the political campaigns of candidates the committee feels best represent the voices of

renters in the city.

"We know that Rebecca will be a champion for tenants and tenants' rights on the City Council," PAC Treasurer Michael McKee said in a statement. "I first met Rebecca at a tenant meeting when she was 8 years old. She grew up fighting for tenants, and we know that she will continue to do so when she is elected."

The Tenants PAC estimated there are roughly 4,500 rent-regulated apartments in the 23rd Council District, which includes parts of Queens Village, Bayside Hills, Glen Oaks and Bellerose. McKee said Lynch would be an ally for residents living in those units.

Parhar, president of the Long Island India Association, also announced a campaign endorsement this week from the Taxi Driver-Owner Association, which represents more than 6,000 taxi medallion owners in the city.

The association was only recently launched to represent medallion owners when Uber, a ride-sharing technology company, struck a deal with



Bob Friedrich stands with civic and co-op leaders as they announce their endorsements for the candidate's campaign for City Council in eastern Queens, independently of their affiliations.

Photo by Tom Momberg

the city in which the mayor agreed not to limit the number of Uber drivers while it conducts environmental and traffic-impact studies. Meanwhile, the city continues to limit the number of medallion owners.

"Over the past several years medallion owners have been ignored by the city, while 'app' drivers have been given increased benefits and rights," association spokesman Satwinder Singh said in a statement. "It is time that there was a level playing field for both medallion owners and 'app' drivers, and we believe

that Parhar will help bring the same level of fairness to both groups of drivers."

Grodenchik, currently on leave from his administrative position under the Queens borough president, announced an endorsement from former Borough President Claire Shulman this week.

Grodenchik served as a top aide to Shulman when she was in office.

"Barry was then—and continues to be—a devoted public servant for the people of Queens," Shulman said in a statement. "He knows the level of commitment it takes to

serve in public office and has the experience to boot. I have no doubt in my mind he will serve us admirably."

Friedrich, president of Glen Oaks Village, held a news conference last Friday at which civic and residential co-op leaders from around the borough announced their seals of approval for the candidate, independently of their affiliations.

Friedrich's endorsements included but were not limited to Richard Hellenbrecht, former president and current member of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association; Elaine Young, vice president of the West Cunningham Park Civic Association; Jerry Wind, president of the Bellerose Hillside Civic Association; Janice Schreibersdorf, president of Beech Hills Co-Ops; Bob Ricken, former president and current board member of North Shore Towers in Glen Oaks; Nagassar Ramgarib, vice president of the Queens Village Civic Association and Paul Stein, president of the Bell Park Gardens Co-Ops.



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WILLETS REVISITED

The de Blasio administration's refusal to back an appeal by the developers of the \$3 billion Willets Point project could be the first step in reversing a questionable decision to substitute a mega-mall for affordable housing.

In 2011 the city selected the owners of the Mets and Citi Field to be the developers of Willets Point, a third-world sprawl under the shadow of Citi Field that was home to a thriving auto repair industry. The Bloomberg administration's original plan called for 2,500 housing units, including 875 designated as affordable, as part of Phase I. A school, community facilities, a hotel and retail were also envisioned.

But by 2013 the blueprint had been redrawn. The housing component had been pushed to Phase III—at least 12 years away—and the immediate focus was on the mega-mall and parking lot next to Citi Field.

There were rumblings of disapproval in Queens because the mega-mall was planned for parkland, part of the precious acreage in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Led by state Sen. Tony Avella, activists, residents and business owners challenged the use of \$1 billion in public parkland for a retail center and won the backing of the appellate court. When the developers appealed the ruling last week, Mayor de Blasio's legal team stayed on the sidelines.

A spokesman for the mayor said the start date of 2025 for the affordable housing portion was unacceptable. A top administration official said de Blasio wanted to see a mixture of affordable and market rate housing in a realistic time frame.

There were hopes among Willets Point's beleaguered businesses—at least the ones that remain—that the mayor might be able to renegotiate better terms on their behalf.

The future of the ambitious Willets Point project now hangs in the balance, but the small businesses in the hardscrabble area paid a heavy price in the years that led up to the appellate court ruling.

The city used eminent domain to force some businesses to leave, while other owners arrived at work in the morning to find their doors padlocked only to receive a reprieve later on. And a group of 30 businesses that agreed to move to a new center in the Bronx still are homeless due to a glitch in the paperwork. Some desperate workers are performing auto repairs on the streets outside the ballpark.

Many of these workers, mostly immigrants, have lost their jobs through a process that lacked foresight and solid planning. For those who are left and the future of the project, let's hope a better deal can be struck to transform one of the city's most blighted areas into a vibrant Queens neighborhood.



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OTHER VOICES

A referendum on stop and frisk

Our city is in peril and we need a change, of course. This epic battle will play out Nov. 3 when voters make their feelings known.

Although we don't expect a huge voter turnout, since there are no big national, congressional or state races this year, this coming election is nevertheless very critical for the future of New York City. This general election is a referendum on Bill de Blasio.

Just last weekend 19 people were shot in Brooklyn and residents place the blame squarely on de Blasio's police bashing campaign and curbs on the NYPD's practice of stop, question and frisk. Others were shot and three murdered in different parts of the city. Violent muggings have doubled this year in Central Park.

There were shootings and robberies in Bellerose, Queens Village and other once quiet, peaceful towns. Homeless vagrants are proliferating throughout the city's parks, streets and sidewalks. Public urination, defecation and drug deals are taking place even in classy neighborhoods as the City Council pushes to decriminalize low-level offenses and misdemeanors. On top of that, the City Council wants taxpayers to pay the bail of those accused of some misdemeanor crimes.

Mayor de Blasio is bringing back the second Dinkins administration. While our once safest big city in America returns to the bad old days of rampant crime and chaos, de Blasio is traveling

across the country and the world preaching the gospel of climate change and income inequality. Republican District Leader Scherrie Murray, who is running for the 29th Assembly District seat, puts it this way: "The community is crying and calling for stop, question and frisk. I think it's ironic to take away a useful tool and then, when crime goes up, ask for more officers. Now the gangs feel comfortable because they know they won't get stopped."

Many Democrats and those of other party affiliations will likely be voting for Republican candidates in this election.

*Phil Orenstein
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A civil rights legend's legacy stands tall

The Jamaica Branch NAACP salutes the life and legacy of NAACP executive board member and former board chairman, Julian Bond who died Aug. 15. Mr. Bond dedicated his entire life towards civil rights and the upward mobility of mankind.

Bond was a civil rights legend. Even though he walked with kings, he never lost the common touch. Some of his accomplishments included: founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the turbulent civil rights era of the Sixties, one of the first African Americans elected to the Geor-

gia State Legislature since reconstruction and NAACP chairman of the board.

Bond never lost his vision or desire for equal opportunity for all in America. I knew him as a gentle giant during my past 30 years in the NAACP. Even though he was nationally recognized, Bond was one of the most humble persons you could meet.

Regardless of how tired he was or who he was with, he always had time to speak to people and share words of wisdom. I spoke to him a few weeks ago at our National Convention in Philadelphia as he walked about the conven-



JULIAN BOND

tion floor greeting and mingling with ordinary everyday

people. But his kindness and gentleness were never misconstrued as weakness.

There is a time for everything and when it was time to lead, Bond led us in the NAACP for 12 years as chairman during some of our turbulent years. He led with a gentle but firm and knowledgeable leadership befitting one who had lived the violent struggle for the advancement and equality for all people. This was the chairman who as a young African American male in the cradle of the Deep South had led many of the dangerous marches and demonstrations that led to passage of the 1964

Civil Rights Act, and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

We were the benefactors of his experience. Even after he stepped down from his position as NAACP executive board chairman, he remained active on the National Board as chairman emeritus. We salute his memory and say, thanks, Mr. Bond, for making the United States Constitution meaningful and real to all people. We give thanks to the almighty God for his decades of service and leadership.

Leroy Gadsden
President, Jamaica Branch
NAACP

U.S. Heroes

Three Americans prevented a massacre aboard a European train traveling from Amsterdam to Paris Aug. 21. A suspected terrorist named Ayoub El Khazani's goal apparently was to kill. National Guardsman Alex Skarlatos with Air Force Airman Spencer Stone and friend Anthony Sadler jumped into action to save the day when death of the innocent was imminent. These brave Americans went above and beyond the call of duty to save lives from a most depraved individual who had no regard for human life.

I applaud these men, who in my opinion are true role models for our youth. There is a statement by U.S. law enforcement which warns against terrorism and states, "If you see something than say something." Well, these men did something to prevent death and destruction. Now as a veteran, I salute these men for a job well done and for being true American heroes.

Frederick R. Bedell Jr.
Glen Oaks Village

Numbers don't add up for light rail system

City Councilwoman Elizabeth "Crowley to introduce light rail train idea to City Planning" (Aug. 16) sounds great on paper. As always, the devil in the details that don't exist. There has been no planning feasibility studies, environmental documents or preliminary design and engineering efforts necessary to validate any basic estimates for construction costs. Ms. Crowley's belief that it would cost well under \$100 million doesn't add up. New Jersey Transit's Hudson Bergen Light Rail cost \$1.2 billion and Newark Elizabeth Light Rail cost \$694 million 15 years ago. Clearly costs would be far greater in today's dollars.

There are no dollars programmed to support any work for advance of this project contained with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's original \$32 billion Five Year 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Plan. Ditto for the revised \$28 billion version or the \$78 billion 2015-2016 municipal budget. Cost estimates would have to be refined as progress proceeds beyond the planning and environmental phases

into real and final design efforts. History has shown that estimated costs for construction usually trend upwards as projects mature toward the 100 percent final design. Progression of final design refines the detailed scope of work necessary to support construction. The anticipated final potential cost would never be known until completion.

The proposed route will traverse several neighborhoods, impacting thousands of people living nearby. How will they react to potential noise and visual impacts? There are serious legal and operational issues to be resolved with the Federal Railroad Administration. They have regulatory jurisdiction over significant portions of the proposed route, which would run on existing active freight tracks. You have to deal with light rail and freight trains co-existing on the same narrow corridor. There is no available project budget to justify key project component costs. They would have to cover a series of new stations. These will have to

meet the Americans with Disabilities Act access standards; grade crossing, signal and safety improvements, new light-rail rolling stock, land acquisition, potential business relocation along with construction of a new maintenance, operations and storage yard to support any light rail car fleet. Crowley's belief that "the cost of light rail cars is about the same as a City bus" is incorrect. The average cost of a standard 40-foot transit bus is \$500,000 while the cost of a new Light Rail car averages \$2 million.

Other Queens elected officials, transit riders and transit advocacy groups all have their own transportation priority projects, which may conflict with this proposal.

The MTA conducted a feasibility study during the 1980s to convert this LIRR branch to a subway on the ground. Intense, vocal local community opposition killed this project before it progressed beyond a planning study. The same community opposition may also come out against any active light rail as well.

Rather than spend sev-

eral hundred million dollars to build a Light Rail system which could take a decade or more, why not ask the LIRR to resume service on this corridor? They could run a two-car scoot service reconnecting Long Island City, Glendale and Middle Village with other communities, including Richmond Hill and other intermediate stops to Jamaica. The LIRR could use existing equipment, which would afford far earlier implementation of service versus Light Rail. This would provide connections eastbound to the J/Z and E subway lines, Kennedy Airport via Train to Plane and Jamaica LIRR Station. Queens residents traveling to jobs and colleges in Nassau and Suffolk counties would have access to all LIRR branches except the Port Washington line. Ditto for those traveling to the Barclays Center and downtown Brooklyn via the LIRR Atlantic Avenue branch.

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Activists rally in support of Right to Know Act



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New Voices

Queens activists took to Woodside Plaza to urge Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) to support the Right to Know Act—a set of proposals under consideration in the City Council that would require police officers to identify themselves during interactions with the public and restrict “unconstitutional searches.”

The rally, which took place at 59 Woodside Ave., Aug. 20, was led by organizers from the South Asian youth advocacy group Desis Rising Up & Moving and Filipino youth advocacy group Ugnayan Youth for Justice and Social Change. Both groups are Jackson Heights-based. The action specifically mentions Van Bramer, the neighborhood’s representative in the City Council, as activists believe the majority leader to be inclined to support Right to Know, according to Michel Gomes, an intern with DRUM and organizer of the rally. The councilman’s

office did not respond to an emailed request for comment.

Introduced to the City Council by councilmembers Antonio Reynoso (D-Brooklyn/Ridgewood) and Ritchie Torres (D-Bronx) in 2014 and supported by Communities United for Police Reform, the Right to Know Act consists of two parts, Intro 182 and Intro 541. Intro 182, co-sponsored by half of Queens’ 14-member delegation, states that when police officers “stop, question or search a member of the public” during law enforcement activity, they must provide their full name, rank and command, as well as a specific reason for them being stopped or detained. Though New York City law already mandates this, the proposal specifically amends Title 14-101 of the Administrative Code to define “law enforcement activity.”

This proposed definition of “law enforcement activity” covers interactions that include pedestrian stops, frisks, home and vehicle searches and non-custodial questioning—any interaction where the individual has not been detained and is legally permitted to leave. Intro 182 would add a new section to Title 14 of the Administrative Code that mandates any interaction

that does not end in an arrest or summons have a written record that would be provided to the person. The legislation’s sponsors hold that this would “increase transparency” and improve public safety by building trust with communities otherwise suspicious of law enforcement by guaranteeing their fair treatment.

Illustrating Gomes’ point, she notes, “as we were doing this action [in Woodside], there was a guy being arrested nearby and the police wouldn’t give his girlfriend a reason.”

Intro 541 deals with the issue of searches without a warrant or “probable cause” of wrongdoing. This legislation also affects Section 14 of the Administrative Code and requires officers to gain “voluntary and informed” consent, either written or audio recording, before performing this type of search, including informing the person that they have the right to refuse. Officers would be required to document the name, precinct, and badge number of all officers involved as well as demographic information on the person being searched.

Intro 541 endeavors to reaffirm an officer’s right to conduct a search based on reasonable suspicion the individual

Intro 182 states that when police officers “stop, question or search a member of the public” during law enforcement activity, they must provide their full name, rank and command.

is armed and is a risk to the officer’s safety. This legislation pertains only to people who have not been detained and are not accused of a crime.

For Gomes, the debate over Right to Know is pertinent to the recent death of Sandra Bland, an African-American woman, in a Texas jailhouse. Bland’s interaction with a Texas state trooper was caught on the officer’s dash cam and outraged civil libertarians and police reform activists, as the routine traffic stop escalated to a violent arrest after Bland questioned the validity of the stop and the officer’s subsequent actions. Unable to afford bail, Bland allegedly committed suicide after three days in Waller County Jail.

Critics fault the officer in this case for provoking Bland and failing to de-escalate the situation. “If this can happen to her,” Gomes noted, “I don’t

feel safe anymore.” Gomes indicated that Right to Know was critical to restoring trust in the police and removing fear when immigrants interact with the police.

The organizers chose Woodside because they saw the need to educate their neighbors on the legislation under consideration and demonstrate how it affects all people in the community—immigrants as well as African Americans and Latinos. “This is very real and people need to understand their rights when dealing with the police,” Gomes concluded.

DRUM has previously conducted workshops on combating “anti-black” racism in immigrant communities and recently held a “teach-in” and vigil at Jackson Heights’ Diversity Plaza for the victims of the Charleston massacre.

Why a renegade Republican is Trumping his rivals



William
Lewis
■
*Political
Action*

When Donald Trump first announced that he was entering the Republican primaries to run for president, a significant number of voters seemed to feel that he was too controversial to run. However, as the polls show, he has gathered a wide range of support.

He has spoken forcefully about the issues, including his opposition to the Iran nuclear agreement and illegal immigration. He strongly favors bet-

ter medical treatment for military veterans, and he wants the United States to improve economically from its dealings with foreign countries.

Trump has impressed Republican voters by his successful career in business and finance. He has tremendous name recognition and is articulate in expressing himself. His financial holdings give him a big advantage in the presidential campaign. People admire and respect success.

The last candidate of considerable wealth to run for president was New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1964 when he ran against U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona in the Republican state primaries that year. Goldwater and Rockefeller battled for

the Republican nomination. They fought all the way up to the last major primary in California.

It was perceived that Rockefeller would win California since central and northern California usually had liberal voting trends. However, southern California had a conservative trend in several counties. The Goldwater forces put two-thirds of their resources into southern California.

When the election results were known, Rockefeller won central and northern California by a 2-to-1 margin. Goldwater won southern California by a 3-to-1 margin, thereby winning the Republican presidential nomination. Several weeks later at the Republican nominating convention, Rock-

efeller was first booed when he spoke to the convention delegates.

Trump, unlike Rockefeller, is coming from a conservative base. He expects to do a lot better than Rockefeller. He is building a huge organizational structure in most of the key states.

As indicated, his huge financial resources give him a big advantage over the other 16 candidates. The next few months will give us a good view as to how the campaign is going.

In the Democratic Party, Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders has surprised almost everyone by the support he has been getting. That is especially true of the large crowds that have been attending his

political rallies.

In past years, self-described socialist candidates have not done well in presidential races, but 2016 will be a year of surprise. The Democratic Party presidential primaries will be very interesting if Vice President Joseph Biden enters the race against Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

The 2016 race will be a very unusual presidential contest but also one of the most important. The future of our nation will be at stake. All of the races for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, and state offices will be affected by the results of our national election process.

There will be a lot of interest in politics during the next year.

New Jersey ruling returns sanity to child care



Lenore
Skenazy
■
*Rhymes
with Crazy*

It pains me to say it, but New Jersey is suddenly a light unto us all. Last week, its Supreme Court there ruled that it isn't automatically child abuse to let your kid wait in the car while you pick up the dry cleaning.

Hallelujah!

We've been warned these past 10 years that kids are in danger any time we leave them in the car. Public service announcements say, "Never leave your child in the car—not even for a minute!" On-lookers who spot a child in a car go crazy with rage. One mom I know had just buckled her child into the car seat and went to return her shopping cart. When she got back maybe 30 seconds later, a woman was screaming at her, "She could

have died!"

But this is bunk. Most of us spent part of our childhood waiting in the car while our moms ran errands, and no one called it abuse. Hardly! I had one friend who looked forward to the car waits with her sister because they'd tilt the passenger seat all the way back and play "dentist."

We refuse to concede there's a difference between waiting in the car for 10 minutes on a mild afternoon and waiting in the car for 10 hours in the Mojave Desert. This obtuseness explains why, back in 2009, a mom who let her 19-month-old wait in the car during a 5–10 minute errand at a dollar store in South Plainfield, N.J., was found guilty of child abuse by the state's Department of Children and Families. The law there states parents cannot "recklessly create a risk of severe injury."

But somehow it didn't matter that it was 55 degrees that day, or that the child slept peacefully through this whole "ordeal." The mere fact of letting a kid wait in the car was

enough for the department to place the mom on New Jersey's Child Abuse and Neglect Registry. Every state has one—it is like the Sex Offender Registry, just not public. Once you're officially a "child abuser," good luck getting a job in teaching, day care or nursing.

This mom asked the child protection agency for a hearing in which she could try to defend herself and get off the registry. When this was denied, she appealed, but New Jersey's appellate court denied her, too. The three-judge panel said there was no way she deserved a hearing because what was there to hear? She'd left her kid in the car, which automatically made her a child abuser because something bad *could* have happened.

That's true — but also highly unlikely. Of the 30–40 kids who die in hot cars every year, 80 percent were forgotten there for hours, or climbed in when no one was looking and couldn't get out. They were not waiting in the car while mom ran into the store to pick up the pizza.

We've been warned these past 10 years that kids are in danger any time we leave them in a car. Public service announcements say, "Never leave your child in the car—not even for a minute!"

What's more, law professor David Pimentel points out that anything could also happen when the child was being walked through the parking lot. In fact, more kids die each year in parking lots and drive-ways than waiting in cars.

And if you want to talk about a bigger risk to children, it isn't waiting in the car, it is riding in one. The No. 1 way children die in America is as car passengers. So if we really want to crack down on parents who put their kids in danger, we'd have to scream things like, "How dare you drive that child to her piano lesson? She could die!"

We don't do that because we are not constantly warned,

"Never let a child ride in a car, not even for a minute!"

So last week, the court agreed with the mom's lawyer, Sean Marotta, that we cannot expect parents to ensure a zero-risk childhood. No option is ever completely safe. And no parent is every completely perfect.

And being imperfect is not the same as being abusive. So ruled the court, by a vote of 7–0. Which is why New Jersey is now a beacon of sanity in our parent-shaming and blaming country.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker and the author and founder of the book and blog Free-Range Kids.

A financial titan makes a major contribution



The Greater Astoria Historical Society

In conjunction with the Greater Astoria Historical Society, the TimesLedger newspapers present noteworthy events in the borough's history

Born on Dec. 14, 1955 in Queens, John Alfred Paulson is a leading investment banker who founded investment management firm Paulson & Co. in 1994. He shot to prominence and fortune in 2007 through his bets against the subprime mortgage lending market, and is considered one of the most prominent names in the field of high finance. He is married to Jenny Zaharia, an immigrant from Romania, and has two daughters. His older

sister, Theodora, is a distinguished Israeli biologist.

The titan of finance was born to Alfredo Guillermo Paulsen, an orphaned immigrant from Ecuador who served in the U.S. Army in World War II, and Jacqueline Paulson, daughter of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. The younger Paulson excelled academically. After graduating from Bayside High School, he was the valedictorian of his class at New York University in 1978 and went on to finish Harvard Business School in 1980 in the top 5 percent of the graduating class.

The financial whiz made his big jump in 1994, starting

Paulson & Co. with one employee in office space rented from a former employer. After an inconspicuous start with a mere \$2 million in assets under management, he specialized in taking advantage of stock moves during mergers, acquisitions and spin-offs. His firm was managing about \$300 million by 2003. Then, in what was called "the greatest trade ever" by Wall Street Journal writer Gregory Zuckerman, John Paulson shot to fame and fortune seemingly overnight in 2007 through bets against subprime mortgage-backed bonds through his Paulson Credit Opportunity Fund.

After rising to fortune and notoriety, Paulson in recent years has also shared his great wealth in supporting charities and higher education. In June of this year, the son of an orphaned Ecuadorian immigrant donated \$400 million to Harvard University—the large-

After rising to fortune and notoriety, John Paulson has shared his great wealth in recent years.

est financial gift in the history of the Ivy League institution. He has also made considerable gifts to the Stern School of Business at NYU as well as non-profits such as the Central Park Conservancy, the Center for Responsible Lending and a children's hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador. In recognition of this donation to his business school alma mater, Harvard named its engineering school the John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sci-

ences.

Although Paulson shuns the public spotlight and rarely grants television interviews, he has risen from modest beginnings in New York's largest borough to great success and self-made wealth as one of the most recognized names in the financial industry and a generous benefactor to a variety of causes.

On purchasing Steinway & Sons, Paulson said: "They are the epitome of high culture and art. My goal is preserve it and to ensure the greatness is continued ... not only in the current generations but future generations to come. I am in awe of the brand that Steinway occupies in the industry [and its] uncompromising pursuit of perfection."

For further information, call the Greater Astoria Historical Society at 718-278-0700 or visit our website at www.astorialic.org.

Proposed LIC megaproject raises eyebrows and alarms

BY BILL PARRY



A developer is proposing a massive new project at this vacant stretch of waterfront along Vernon Boulevard.

Photo by Bill Parry

scheduled to open in 2017.

"It's incredibly early in the process and as with any additional developments in LIC there are concerns with the scale of that project," City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said. "It is still a long way away from being a reality but we are watching it closely."

State Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) liked the bridge to Roosevelt Island feature but not the plan's size.

"It has to be responsible," he said. "If you move thousands of people, you've got to have the infrastructure to support it. You need schools, better mass transit options and proper health care facilities to support the increased population. What we have now would be inadequate for a project that size."

project "exciting," but cautioned it is "a little out of scale" for the area. Teitelbaum's plan calls for a multimillion-square-foot mixed use development with a host of amenities including affordable housing, a hotel, a public school and open spaces.

The most enticing feature in the proposal is for a pedestrian and cyclist bridge, based on Manhattan's popular High-Line, that would span the East River and empty into the campus of Cornell Tech, on Roosevelt Island, which is

Driver ticketed by cops in casino bus accident

BY GABRIEL ROM

Police have ticketed the driver of a car they say cut off a casino bus before it crashed into a three-story building in Rego Park, injuring six people.

Officials said the 37-year-old man who was driving the Toyota sedan was issued a summons for making an improper turn from the far left lane, forcing a Resorts World Casino bus to swerve into a building on the corner of Woodhaven Boulevard Monday.

The city Department of Buildings has built a fence around the building at 87-17 63rd Ave., near Woodhaven Boulevard and has issued a vacate order on the damaged property and the adjacent building, forcing three families and a number of businesses to evacuate the properties. According to DOB spokesman Alex Schnell, the building contractor is currently shoring up

the buildings. Following the shoring operations, DOB will re-inspect and assess conditions to lift vacate orders at the adjacent building.

The bus, which shuttles guests to Resorts World Casino in South Ozone Park, crashed into the building as it tried to the car, seriously injuring the bus driver and leaving five others with injuries, at about 2:20 p.m., FDNY officials said.

According to AnnMarie Constantinides who witnessed the crash, there was a car in the lane next to the bus that attempted to make a right turn in front of the bus, causing it to swerve into the commercial and residential building.

"I was sleeping, and I just heard 'boom'" said John Panosian who lives a few doors down from the accident site.

Six people were taken to area hospitals with various injuries, including four pas-

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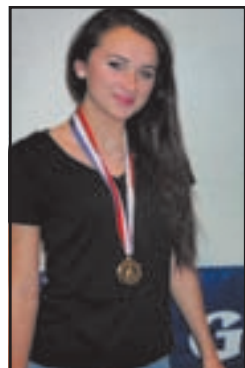
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prestigious award meet goals in community service, personal development, physical fitness, exploration and expedition.

Julia is firmly committed to the Special Olympics. As a volunteer she has worked with athletes on skills, scored games, sold merchandise, cheered, distributed medals; and escorted athletes to and from competition points. She increased support for the Spread the Word to End the Word campaign, the goal of which is to help stop use of negative words. In addition, she raised more than \$6,000 for the Special Olympics.

During the summer, Julia also volunteered at Dellamonica Senior Center in Astoria. While there she coordinated events, prepared meals, and socialized with the members. She also shared her technical expertise and taught members to play Wii and use cell phones and computers.

Other volunteer experiences include working with Bowery Residents Committee and Common Ground Outreach. Both groups support homeless New Yorkers. For the groups she headed clothing drives and drives to

procure dental needs for these two groups. Julie chaired school blood drives in 2010 and 2011, which resulted in more than 70 pints of blood being donated to New York Blood Center.

Contributions are also made on the athletic field. Julia is an avid member and co-captain of the Varsity Basketball and Varsity Volleyball teams. She also plays Varsity Tennis.

Edgar Alonso
Holy Cross High School
Flushing



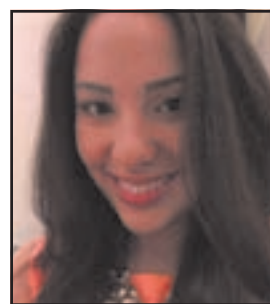
Edgar entered the Science Research Program at the end of his freshman year. The three-year program is designed to present academically qualified students with the opportunity

to perform independent scientific research. Participants in the program conduct research in the subject of their choosing.

Each participant must have an outside mentor. Edgar's mentor, Dr. Adriana Haimovitz-Friedman, is with the Radiation Oncology Laboratory at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Together with the mentor, Edgar studies the effect of high, single-dose radiation on endothelial cells. The experience has proven to be extraordinary.

Edgar's innate qualities stand out. According to Ms. Daus, English teacher, "Edgar is a gentleman who follows the steps of a true Holy Cross Man. He embodies the spirit of our school through his discipline, maturity and willingness to serve others."

Rosmary Reyes
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Cambria Heights



Rosmary is a shining example of how much one can achieve with dedication and willpower. At 16, Rosemary graduated from Business, Computer Applications and Entrepreneurship High School. She graduated as class

Valedictorian.

Accomplishments include acting as Student Government President, New York Care Team Leader, Year Book Editor, Journalism Club member, and Future Business Leaders of America reporter. Rosmary was inducted into the National Honor Society and has the distinction of earning 100% on a Regent's exam. She was also awarded for her perfect attendance and community service.

As a New York Cares Team Leader, Rosmary volunteered in a soup kitchen, took part in a coat drive, and visited at a senior citizens' home. Other volunteer activities included membership in the Recycling Club and raising money through Pennies for Patients.

Ms. Lenore Krieger, School Counselor, recalls Rosmary's composure for one so young. "She was known as a reliable member of the school who made an excellent example for her peers. Mature and articulate, Rosmary comported herself admirably and was a reliable and conscientious member of the team"

Currently Rosemary is moving forward on her path to becoming either a civil litigator or a humanitarian lawyer.



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St. Mary's in LIC ready for 150th anniversary

Dinner-dance caps off celebration that mixes new residents with longtime parishioners

BY BILL PARRY

St. Mary's Church in Long Island City will mark its 150th anniversary with a special mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Sanchez Sept. 12 followed by a dinner dance at Riccardo's Under the Bridge on 21st Street in Astoria.

For most of its history, St. Mary's towered over the skyline made up of brownstones and walk-up apartment buildings, but much has changed in the last 20 years.

"When I took up residence here in 2000, you had Citylights and the Avalon as the neighborhoods only high-rises," Monsignor Joseph Mulqueen said. "Now you look around and it's gleaming skyscrapers everywhere with many more on the way. Through all of the growth this church has stood at the heart of the community, providing spiritual comfort to people, from those that attended our parish school and lived here all their lives to all of the young families who have come to live in these towers."

He said the dinner dance would be a celebration for the newcomers as well as a reunion of all the old-timers.

Giovanna Varlese grew up in the neighborhood and now serves as St.



St. Mary's Church in Long Island City celebrates its 150th anniversary next month as the "heart" of the neighborhood.

Photo by Bill Parry

Mary's director of religious education.

"The neighborhood keeps changing and it's tougher to find the old folks who have moved on," she said. "We're

trying everything we can to track them down and let them know about this."

There has been a series of events leading up to the Sept. 12 anniversary,

including a concert with opera stars and another featuring the church's towering pipe organ, which was installed in 1894. There have also been raffles and cake sales, part of a fundraising effort for St. Joseph's Center across the street which is supposed to be completed in time for the anniversary.

"It used to be an old senior center, but it's been empty for years," Varlese said. "It needed several years of renovation after all the flooding in Hurricane Sandy. Now it will be a location for our catechism students as well as our parish meetings. The children are really going to like it."

St. Mary's, located at 10-08 49th Ave., is a step back in time, according to the monsignor.

"This is actually the third church with the cornerstone saying 1887, but the congregation dates back to 1865," he said. "The other churches were lost to fire and hurricane."

Mulqueen believes the 150th anniversary celebration can bring many of the new families into the current congregation.

"This is drawing plenty of attention to the church, I can tell you that," he said.

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Boro trees stressed by Sandy are dying

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

Last week 20 college students ended their nature study on the impact of Hurricane Sandy on trees across Queens.

Since Hurricane Sandy in 2012, the federal, state and city agencies have collaborated to study its impact on the natural urban environment of the city.

The conservation organization, the Nature Conservancy's Leaders in Environmental Action for the Future programs choose college students to help preserve and build green infrastructure, including tree and forests, while engaging and preparing urban youth for environmental leadership positions.

Dr. Richard Hallett, the research ecologist from U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, which works with the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, has been working with on the study of the hurricane impact on urban trees.

Hallett said flooding from Hurricane Sandy had the department take a closer look at the response of city's trees to the impact and almost 20,000 public trees in the city were destroyed as a result of the storm.

"What I did not expect was the longer term health impact," Hallett said.



Thousands of city trees are slowly dying from the effects of superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Photo by Sadeef Kully

"The trees are stressed out.

Hallett said the college students from across the nation measured the trees, determined the height and width of the tree, and its health. He pointed out some city trees adapt better to the stress of their environment.

"Red maples are more tolerant and they seem to recover much better than a London Plane tree - which are not

surviving the stress," Hallett said.

Students checked the tree health metrics which included checking leaf growth, leaf discoloration and tree crown ratio for a broad-scale assessment of urban forest health, invasive detection, and long-term monitoring efforts.

"It's like going to the doctor," Hallett said. "We check its temperature

to make sure it is okay. The volume, physical character, develop the way we rate the health of the tree."

According to city Parks Department estimates, Sandy flooded 47,900 street trees in the city throughout the inundation areas. Eight months after the hurricane, city parks employees surveyed the inundation zones and found almost 10,000 trees that had not fully leafed out and estimated whether the tree had 0, 25, 50, or 75% of its leaves.

The four most impacted tree types were London Planetree, Maple species, Cherry species, and Oak species, according to the USDA Forest Service.

In a more focused study, USDA Forest Service Urban Field Station staff assessed the health of red maple street trees in Queens that were flooded by the storm surge, comparing them to red maples that were not impacted by saltwater.

Hallett explained preliminary analysis shows that flooded trees are significantly more stressed than those that were not flooded. These data will provide the basis for future work to understand the longer-term impacts of hurricanes and other disturbances on urban forests in coastal areas.

"It's certainly not the last storm to impact our coastal cities," Hallett said, "so we have to prepare and adapt."

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Sen. Tony Avella joins Glen Oaks Village President Bob Friedrich in presenting \$150,000 in state funds to the city Department of Parks and Recreation to build an asphalt running track.
Courtesy of Sen. Tony Avella

Funds set for track

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) presented \$150,000 in state grant money to the city Department of Parks and Recreation last Friday for the construction of an asphalt running track around Glen Oaks Oval Park.

The track was an idea brought to Avella by Glen Oaks Village President Bob Friedrich last year to provide an inexpensive means for area residents of all ages to exercise.

Neither a groundbreaking nor completion date have been announced for the project in the park at the intersection of 260th Street and 74th Avenue, but once finished it will include exercise stations and additional features fitting within the park's assets, Avella said.

"The Glen Oaks Oval is within walking distance of many families," Avella said in a statement. "Seniors, who often lack the opportunity to get the exercise they need, will have a place to improve their health and bring their grandchildren to play. It is overall a fantastic idea. I'm proud to have secured funding for such a great project."

Glen Oaks Oval rests at the center of Glen Oaks Village, home to about 3,000 families, Friedrich said.

The park was constructed in memory of Jerry Tenney, a community leader who contributed to the development of Glen Oaks Village. The park is already the site of a playground and baseball fields.

~Tom Momberg

City puts pre-K seats online

BY TOM MOMBERG

The city's universal pre-K, or pre-Kindergarten, officially starts Wednesday, Sept. 9, and the mayor's office said Wednesday it has officially met its goal of enrolling at least 70,000 families in full-day programs.

Over 1,900 pre-k program locations are up and running, with some last-minute additions still coming in, the mayor's office said.

Only about 4,500 half-day pre-k seats were put online, despite a push from stay-at-home parents and religious groups advocating for the half-day option. The mayor's office said it would not have enrollment numbers for those seats until after school begins.

But through a push in the mayor's office to give a full day of learning to

every kid and family who wants it, the city Department of Education has put roughly 80,000 full-day pre-k seats online throughout the five boroughs.

"We built a solid cushion, since this is the first year of universal enrollment, and because we want to make sure parents have lots of options to choose from," a spokesman from the mayor's office said.

That means there are still seats available, including some in Queens, the mayor's office said. Parents can continue to register online up until the first day of school at nyc.gov/prek

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Chuck Schumer pushes feds for East River tunnel repair

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) has appealed to the federal government for \$800 million to repair two East River tunnels used by the Long Island Rail Road which were heavily damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Schumer has also expressed concern about the 104-year old Hudson River tunnels, which he said needed to be replaced by new tunnels that would cost at least \$20 billion. Those tunnels bring Amtrak and New Jersey Transit trains under the river to Penn Station.

As for the East River tunnels, Schumer has asked federal agencies to come up with \$550 million in unused aid for damage from Hurricane Sandy.

Schumer wrote two federal

agencies in his appeal, saying that there was \$800 million in federal relief that can be issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation in addition to funds from Federal Emergency Management Agency programs.

"They should be put to work right away to address this dangerous shortfall so that commuters can continue to rely on these tunnels for years to come," Schumer wrote. "The repair of the East River tunnels, which is the vital link for LIRR commuters as well as for Amtrak and New Jersey Transit, simply cannot wait for an Amtrak insurance appeal process to arrive," Schumer said. He called the project vital to the economy and hundreds of thousands of riders.

As to the Hudson River tunnels, Schumer urged those concerned to form a nonprofit

entity to oversee and finance the replacing of the tunnels. Schumer has estimated the cost of the Hudson River tunnels at \$20 billion-plus but said failure to go ahead with the project could bring what he called "transportation armageddon."

Indeed, Amtrak, owner of the tunnels, said at least one of the tunnels might have to be closed temporarily in the near future to repair damage from Hurricane Sandy, which would bring massive delays. Whether the project is essential is not in question, but state and federal officials have not been able to agree on how to provide the billions of dollars for its construction. "I'm going to get the federal government to pay for as much of this as possible," Schumer said in addressing a recent conference at New York University.

Pavilion paint project completed weeks early

BY BILL PARRY

Workers at the New York State Pavilion have completed a \$3 million beautification project that painted the crown of the weather-worn structure in its original "American Cheese" yellow paint. The work began June 14 and took less than eight weeks.

"We had some difficulty at the start with the scaffolding and rigging, but once we had that sorted out and everything was safe it was a smooth operation," said Jed Coldon, the executive director for the New York Structural Steel Painting Contractors Association. "We also had terrific weather, only losing four or five workdays to rain."

The project was done for free with the union providing the time, material and equipment as part of its apprenticeship training program, but the plan had to be modified after the rough start.

"We realized that it was just too difficult for just apprentices and we had to bring in an expert rigger foreman and some journeymen to help," Coldon said.

The extra labor costs were not passed on to the city as the contractor group's president, Keiran Ahern, used funds from the union's promotional fund. There will be an official ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 17.

"We had 15 workers on site every single day to get this done," Coldon said. "Now we're just going to review the project and digest it for a while before we decide what we'll do next."

Coldon would not rule out taking on the three observation towers, however.

"It's not out of the question," he said.

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A high-tech MCU for Junction Boulevard

Photos by Michael Shain



The new MCU branch on Junction Boulevard was designed to bring the latest banking technology to customers in an bright, open main floor.



MCU Vice President for Public Relations Mike Mattone (r) shows state Sen. Joe Addabbo (c) and board member Mario Mattos Jr. around the new, 6,600-square-foot branch.



Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Sylvia Ash, chairman of MCU, and Kam Wong, president and CEO, led the festivities.



The Municipal Credit Union board of directors and a group of local dignitaries cut the ribbon on the Rego Center branch of the MCU at 61-35 Junction Blvd. in Rego Park.



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MCU President Wong (c) jokes with director Mario Matos Jr. (in light jacket), state Sen. Joe Addabbo (r) and U.S. Rep. Grace Meng.

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Angelica Lopez (l) and Popy Chowdhury of Elmhurst are prepping their clothes and accessory booth.



The food booths did a brisk business in basmati rice dishes, fried and whole chick peas, chips, watermelon and lime toppings.



Panipuri is the ultimate South Asian street food, a hollow piece of fried bread filled with chili, chutney and chick peas.



Children watching the dancers at the stage show.



TimesLedge Newspapers reporter Madina Toure (r) accepts the "Community Leadership Award" from Nisha Agarwal (l), commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, on behalf of Chhaya CDC.

Fashion, food and fun at South Asian street fair

Photos by Michael Shain

The TimesLedge Newspapers was among the recipients of a neighborhood leadership award from Chhaya CDC for its coverage of the South Asian community in Queens at its fifth annual Chatpati Mela last weekend.

The street fair, held at Jackson Heights Green Alliance's Play Street on 78th Street between 34th Avenue and Northern Boulevard. Aug. 22, is a community celebration showcasing the arts, activism, cuisine and culture of South Asians in New York City.

Heartbeat NYC, an organization that conducts social activities involving youth in Nepal, and Jackson Heights resident Neha Gautam, a documentarian and senior trainer at Global Kids, a youth empowerment group, also received awards.



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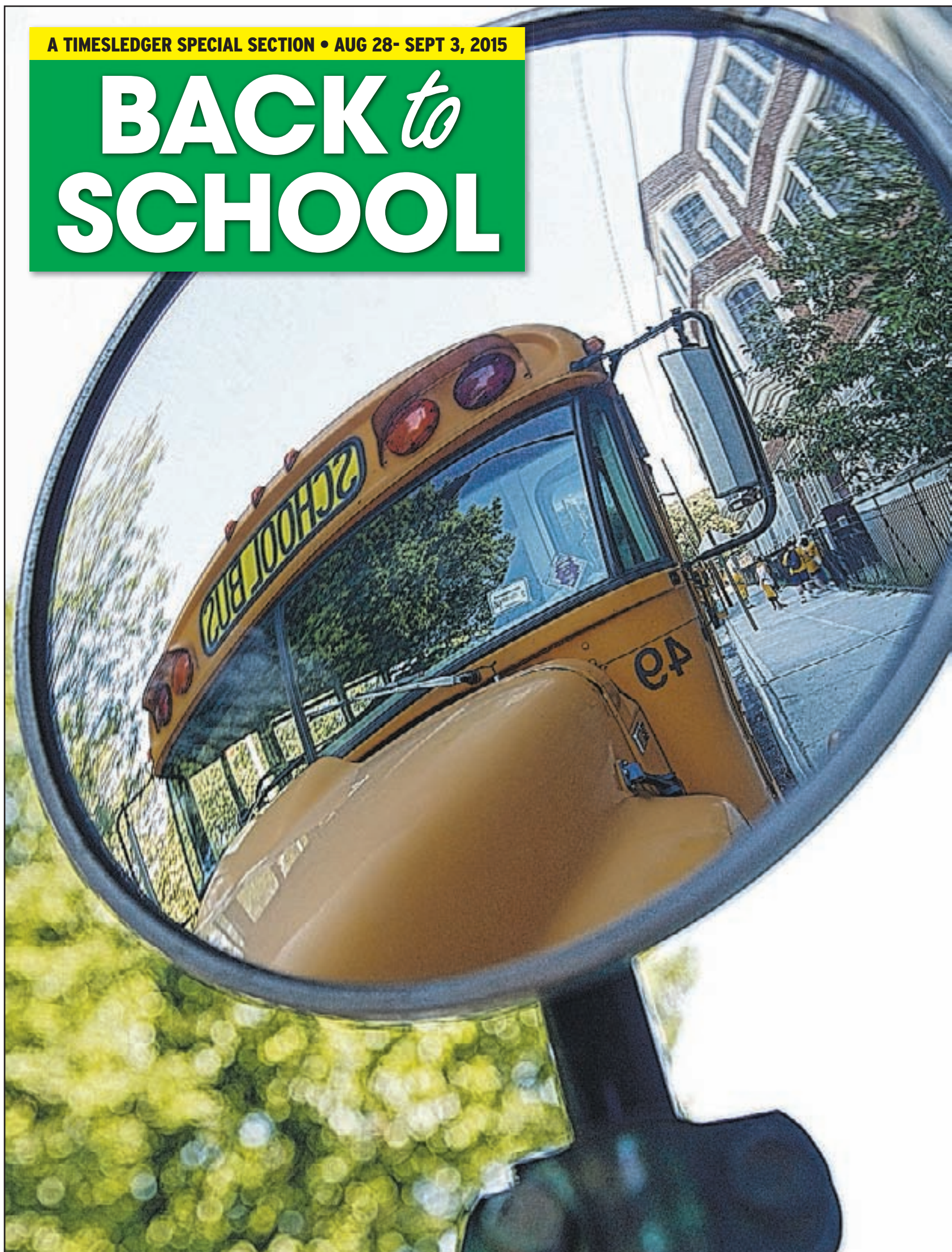
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Use these tips to make a better school day

It's that time of year again. Time for class projects and quizzes, field trips and friends, recesses and recitals.

Yes, it's time for another school year and for parents, that can mean a little bit more stress as well. If the last school year left you feeling more like a survivor than a thriver, take heart.

The following tips will help you get a handle on things from the get-go so you and your children can enjoy everything this year has to offer.

- Make your morning routine a team effort.

Everyone wins in the morning when you work together. Set a goal to leave by a certain time and make it a fun task by giving each of your kids a role. Younger kids can focus on brushing their teeth and getting dressed while older kids can be named team leaders and help their younger siblings get ready. When everyone works together, you'll be amazed at what can be accomplished. And when you leave on time, don't forget to celebrate. A little positive reinforcement will get everyone excited to be part of the team.

- Create a lunch plan.



With a little pre-planning the night before, school day mornings can be nearly stress-free for parents and students.

Packing a lunch should be an easy task, not an obstacle. Try and get organized by developing a five-day lunch planner. Map out what your kids will

eat for lunch each day. Include fruits, vegetables, breads, proteins and a fun treat. This allows you to provide a balanced meal, allow for portion control

and put a smile on your child's face when they open their lunch box. Once the menu is planned, you can shop with your child in advance for any ingredients or supplies you'll need and prevent that early morning scramble.

- Pack the night before.

Eliminate the risk of forgetting projects or homework by getting your children in the habit of packing their school bags the night before. This will give everyone the time they need to get everything in order and cut another task from the morning routine.

- Quell afternoon hunger with a snack. The hectic nature of the morning can quickly return in the afternoon if you haven't prepared a snack for your kids to enjoy as they do their homework.

The start of another school year always adds a bit more hustle to your normal routine, but a little extra planning can help. By using the tips above and getting your kids onboard, you'll be able to pass the first tests of this school year with ease.

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Kutz for Kids pledges to help children look sharp

BY MERLE EXIT



During a recent Kutz for Kids tour stop at NY Barbershop in Woodside, a barber works on a young customer.

games as well as our giving out backpacks and clothing. And we will be giving out a limited number of vouchers for those who were unable to get attended to due to the amount of time allotted."

Corona Barbershop Plus in Jackson Heights signed on for its first tour, and plans to provide free cuts Monday, Aug. 31.

"We opened in 2001 and have been giving back to the community ever since in conjunction with different organizations," co-owner Jose Dimingo Corona said. "We expect to cut or style between 15 and 20 kids."

Although many believe the shop caters solely to men and boys with its specialized buzz cuts, Corona made a point to say girls are welcome as well.

Vaughn suggests that girls, who tend to have longer hair, wash it before heading out for

one of the free cuts.

"The barbers will most likely only have time to do a cut or style, and not a full-service," Vaughn said.

And while the students benefit from a new do at no charge, Levingston said the program also helps out the shops.

"It also encourages consumers to patronize neighborhood establishments, as we partner with local barbershops and hair salons throughout New York City," he said.

In Queens, students can participate in Kutz for Kids at Corona Barbershop Plus, 94-17 37th Ave. in Jackson Heights, Aug. 31, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Showtime Cuts, 108-01 Rockaway Blvd. in South Ozone Park, Sept. 1, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; and Filthy Rich Barber-shop, 63-12 Roosevelt Ave. in Woodside, Sept. 8, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Just in time for the first day of school, Emmis NY's radio stations — WBLS, WLIB and WQHT — are rolling out the Kutz for Kids tour, which provides free haircuts or hair makeovers to young students.

"Kutz for Kids is a wonderful program that's successfully delivered to city children over the past few years," Deon Levingston, Emmis NY's general manager, said. "While many back-to-school initiatives focus on giving only backpacks and school supplies, Kutz for Kids focuses on providing a necessity that may be considered a luxury for some families — fresh haircuts."

Children, ages 13 and under, accompanied by their parent or guardian, can receive their free hair cut or makeover, on a first-come-first-serve basis.

"We are expecting between 30 to 50 kids at each location," Koren Vaughn, president and director of marketing for

WQHT's Hip Hop Has Heart Foundation, said. "It's going to be a party at the barbershops as there will be music and

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Check out what is in store for fall fashions

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Most kids would like summer to last forever, but it's back to school time again, and many parents are breathing a collective sigh of relief.

As fall beckons, frowns gradually turn into smiles; after all, what kid can resist the newest and coolest styles and colors of the season? Here in Queens, racks and store shelves at stores are overflowing with eye-catching threads, backpacks, and accessories for younger children, tweens and teens getting ready for their first day of school.

Shoppers World, 162-21 Jamaica Ave., the largest department store in Jamaica, offers a huge selection of back-to-school fashions and uniforms, book bags and supplies at low prices.

According to Kidswear Department Manager Al Ishak, the best sellers for girls have

been skirts and two-piece skirt sets. He said leggings were also doing very well, while for boys, jeans are always No. 1. This season, plaid cotton shirts are popular for guys of all ages.

The store offers a variety of winter jackets emblazoned with popular TV and film characters, especially those featured in "Frozen." They're on everything, from T-shirts to girls' undies to backpacks, according to Ishak, who said anything related to "Frozen" is a big seller. And good ole Superman is still doing very well. The latest trend for boys and girls of all ages is leather-like trim on wool, or denim, or any kind of fabric, he said.

This past weekend Jamaica Avenue was abuzz with families who started shopping for back-to-school bargains.

"We encouraged people to come down to the 165th Street Mall, take a little break, enjoy



Shoppers World in Downtown Jamaica offers plenty of back-to-school options for boys and girls.

the entertainment and see the latest hot trends at the fashion show," Jamaica center BID Executive Director Rhonda Binda said.

If you're a parent or care-

giver, you're probably getting ready for school by searching for deals and discounts.

According to a National Retail Federation survey, this year's forecast for back to

school spending is expected to average \$630 for K-12 students. So, for real savings, it's best to wait until late September and October when the madding crowds dwindle and clothing prices go down.

If you shop at the Gap, you're already familiar with the brand's classic styles.

A new trendy look that's very fashionable – to match adult styles – is now premiering, according to Assistant Store Manager Wilfred Topey, who works at the Gap Outlet at 166-02 Jamaica Ave. He said their kids' line "offers styles that will dress them up much more mature."

Their best sellers have been cotton leggings with a lot of spandex for girls and teens; younger male customers really like the newest slim-cut skinny jeans and khakis, he said, and boys and girls both

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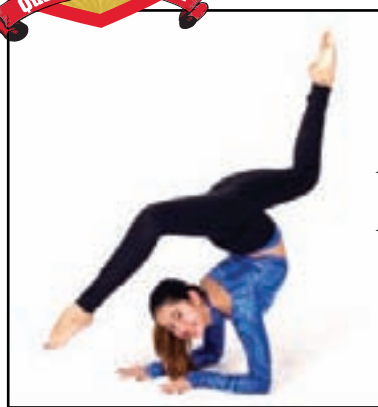
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Hockey: This is a winter sport, which usually begins around November and may run through March of the following year.

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Time management is a skill all college students must learn in order to ensure their success.

Time management tips for busy college kids

Today's college students are busier than ever before. Tuition hikes and higher costs of living have forced many college students to work part-time jobs in addition to their full-time jobs as students.

In addition to the need to work, college students are also embracing extracurricular activities in an attempt to make themselves stand out in an increasingly competitive post-college job market.

While that ability to multi-task might one day prove attractive to prospective employers, it's an ability many students must learn. Time is often a commodity for college students, and managing time effectively can make the difference between a successful student and one who is overwhelmed by stress.

Learn to prioritize. For some college students, the weekend is the ultimate priority. Though this might be a recipe for fun, it's not a recipe for success. Prioritizing both academic and social commitments is a very important step for students looking to manage time more effectively.

First and foremost, school should be a student's top priority. After studies, it's up to a student to choose what's the next most important priority. This is often very difficult, as colleges typically offer a bevy of activities to students. Socializing is an important aspect of college life, but students must be careful not to place socializing too far up on the totem pole of their priorities. When prioritizing, it's best to keep in mind that education comes first. Keep school and school-related activities high on the list of priorities.

Don't over-extend. Many students

love college for the very reason that there is so much to do. In an effort to ensure all students make the most of their college experiences, colleges and universities provide many different avenues by which students can express themselves and become a part of the college community's fabric. However, with all those activities, it's easy for college kids to go overboard and over-commit themselves. Attempting to do too much can lead to feelings of stress and burnout, often resulting in poorer academic performance. When managing time, college students should schedule some daily time to relax and take a breather.

Keep a planner. Daily planners might seem very adult, but they're also very practical. Students with academic, extracurricular and social commitments should write things down in a daily planner to help keep their heads from spinning. Larger things, like midterm exams or research papers, don't need to be included in a daily planner. But smaller details that tend to get lost in the shuffle should be written down to help students stay on track and make the most of all of their commitments.

Stay as flexible as possible. While today's busy college students might scoff at the suggestion that they stay flexible, flexibility is an important element of time management. Few plans ever go off without a hitch, no matter how well planned they are. Something unexpected tends to pop up around every corner. By remaining flexible with their time, students are putting themselves in positions to better handle these unexpected surprises, be it a sickness, a computer crash, car troubles, etc.

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Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)

Sept. 15
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Sept. 16
Middle School Parent Conference

Sept. 17
Elementary School Parent Conference

Sept. 23
Yom Kippur (Schools Closed)

Sept. 24
Eid al-Adha (Schools Closed)

Sept. 30
High School Parent Conference

OCTOBER

Oct. 12
Columbus Day (Schools Closed)

Oct. 22
Pre-kindergarten Non-Attendance Day

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3
Election Day (Schools Closed)

Nov. 4
Elementary School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 5
Elementary School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 9
D75 School Program Evening Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 10
D75 School Program Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 11
Veterans Day (Schools Closed)

Nov. 17
Middle School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 18
Middle School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 19
High School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 20
High School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

Nov. 26 - Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)

DECEMBER

Dec. 3
Pre-K Non-attendance Day

Dec. 24 - Jan. 3
Winter Recess (Schools Closed)

JANUARY

Jan. 4
School resumes

Jan. 18
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Schools Closed)

Jan 26 - Jan. 29
Regents exams

Jan, 28
Pre-K Non-attendance Day

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1
High School Chancellor's Conference Day

Feb. 2
Spring Term Begins for High School

Feb. 15 - Feb. 19
Mid-winter Recess (Schools Closed)

Feb. 22
School resumes

MARCH

March 2
Elementary School Evening Parent Teacher Conference

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Elementary School Afternoon Parent Teacher Conference

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March 10

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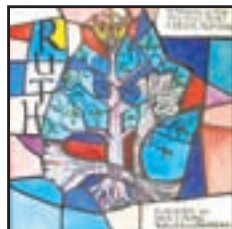
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High School Evening Parent Teacher
Conference

March 11

High School Afternoon Parent Teacher
Conference

March 16

Middle School Evening Parent Teacher
Conference

March 17

Middle School Afternoon Parent Teacher
Conference

March 25

Good Friday (Schools Closed)

APRIL

April 5 - April 7

NY State English Language Arts (ELA) Exams

April 13 - April 15

NY State Mathematics Exams

April 21

Pre-kindergarten Non-Attendance Day

April 25 - April 29

Spring Recess (Schools Closed)

MAY

May 2

School resumes

May 10

High School Parent Conference

May 11

Middle School Parent Conference

May 12

Elementary School Parent Conference

May 30

Memorial Day (Schools closed)

JUNE

June 1

Regents exams

June 9

Anniversary Day

June 14

June Clerical Non-Attendance Day (No
classes for Elementary, Middle and D75
School Program students)

June 14 - June 22

Regents exams

June 23

Regents Rating Day

June 28

Last Day of School

Fashion

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love to mix 'n' match plaid shirts. Blazer and varsity jackets are also inspired by adult styles, and girls go for bootcut and skinny jeans.

More trends for fall and winter:

For younger boys – Adorable animal motifs and graphics for tees, long-sleeve shirts;

Footwear for girls – Hi-top sneakers or slip-ons with bling or shine; low-top boots with buckles or fur trim, high boots; fringe wedge shoes; ballet flats with or without bows in different colors;

For boys: Slip-on styles and mid-top or "rockstar" sneakers; hip boot styles;

Style options for girls:

Mix nouveau folk patterns;

Neon-like shades in vibrant stripes and prints;

Mix multi-textured fabrics - Smooth or crinkled, shiny or matte;

So to recap: think cute and colorful, pint-sized versions of some adult styles for boys and girls; for teen girls, some fashions are edgy, or may have a bit of a retro, Seventies-inspired vibe. This fall let your kids experiment with different styles and make them their own.

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Sewage water floods south Jamaica home

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

The New York City Housing Authority brought in a contractor Tuesday morning to sanitize the South Jamaica Houses community center and the apartment above after it was flooded Sunday evening with sewage water near 109th Avenue in south Jamaica.

Ebony Holmes, 33, said the sewage water started coming up around 6 p.m. Sunday so she made a complaint. Holmes said Monday the NYCHA maintenance crew “put a Band-aid on the problem late [Sunday] night.”

Then the sewage started backing up again and the stench settled outside the community center while NYCHA workers emptied out gallons of backed-up sewage water into the streets.

NYCHA said Holmes and her family have been relocated to a temporary apartment and property management will be reviewing additional transfer options. The housing agency also will provide the family and the community center with information on submit-



Sewage began backing up in the South Jamaica Houses around Monday evening, residents say. A Housing Authority maintenance crew, shown here, take a break during clean up.

ting damage claims.

NYCHA also said Holmes' toilet was replaced Tuesday morning while a high-powered washer truck was deployed

for additional cleaning of the sewer pipes. Enzymes, which break down grease that builds up in pipes causing blockages, were released into the system

Wednesday as a long-term preventative maintenance measure.

For Holmes, who decided to take the complaint to Council-

man Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica), this was the second time this had happened at her building at 109-04 160th St. Her apartment is above the community center.

“Last year, I dealt with this for seven whole days until they brought an outside contractor,” Holmes said. “I have two kids under 12 and there was mold and mildew left. Nobody cleaned up.”

Holmes was evicted after not paying rent due to the lack of maintenance. She fought through the court system and was given the same apartment with the same problems.

Wills, who was outside of the community center Monday, said the superintendent and maintenance staff arrived late.

NYCHA said it was conducting an internal review into the flooding after Wills' complaint about the staff's response.

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Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul (r) gets a slice from Margherita Pizza on Jamaica Avenue while on a walking tour with Councilman Rory Lancman and Greater Jamaica Development Corp.'s Hope Knight.
Photo by Walter Kartling



The Summer Camp Engineering Class from the Garden School in Jackson Heights go on a field trip to New Haven for a visit to the Yale School of Engineering.
Courtesy of The Garden School



George Roosburg (l) and Dolores Llodra are two of the 128 blood donors who gave a pint at Assemblyman Ed Braunstein's (r) blood drive at Bayside Terrace shopping center.
Courtesy of Assemblyman Braunstein



Some 28 children from the Jamaica Family Residence Center visited the Children's Museum of Manhattan, part of its Family Shelter Access Event. Check out the big carrot.
Courtesy of Jamaica Family Residence Center



The sun shines on Jamaica with Edward J. Lewis' RCC US Corp, a solar energy start-up in southeast Queens. Lewis says the firm is training techs now.
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A parking-lot cook-off between the cops and the firemen at Resorts World Casino draws some hungry officeholders, including Assemblyman Phillip Goldfeder (l).
Courtesy of Assemblyman Goldfeder



The Woodhaven Residents' Block Association's 2015 Man and Woman of the Year, Neil Giannelli and JoAnn Bartos, are set to be honored at the group's annual dinner in October.
Courtesy of Woodhaven Residents' Block Assn.



Helen Yang (l-r), Joanne Hsu and Jessica Lan go for the ice cream at the Flushing Night Out, the foodies'

Can Consuming Too Much Sugar Cause Obesity?

The rising consumption of sugar, specifically in the form of High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS), is believed to be a contributor to obesity. HFCS, unlike glucose, is not produced by the body. This molecule is not a natural part of human metabolism and very few cells utilize it. HFCS is metabolized primarily in the liver enhancing lipogenesis, the process in which the liver produces lipids, also known as fat. Studies have shown that consuming a diet high

in HFCS can cause levels of lipids in the blood to increase, a precursor for cardiovascular disease.

HFCS can also cause leptin resistance. Leptin is a hormone that tells your brain how much fat your body should store. When we consume food, some of this food gets stored in fat cells. If there is a resistance of leptin; your body will not get the signal that your fat cells are full, causing you to eat more. Excess HFCS can also cause insulin

resistance. The higher the insulin levels in the body, is the higher the increase of deposition of fat into the fat cells.

"High fructose corn syrup is found in a lot of common foods, foods that you normally wouldn't think would contain sugar, for example, whole grain bread," states Michelle Hill, a registered dietician at Flushing Hospital Medical Center. "Reading and understanding food labels will help minimize the consumption of these foods. As part of

my counseling session with adults and children, I educate them on how to read food labels and identify ingredients that should be consumed in moderation."

Simply consuming less sugar is one of the best ways to improve your health and regulate weight gain. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), the maximum amount of added sugars you should eat in a day is 37.5 grams or 9 teaspoons for men and 25 grams or 6 teaspoons for

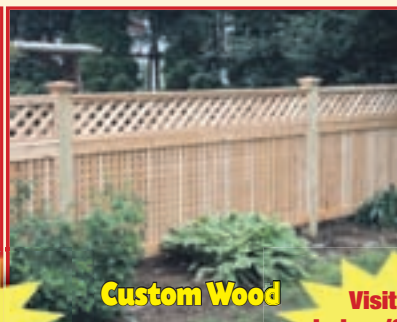
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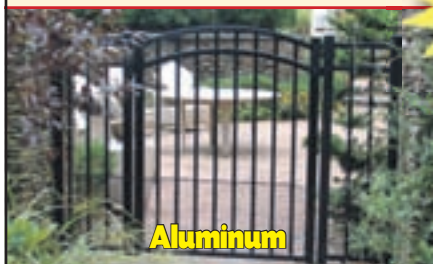


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History is on the menu at US Open

Serena pursues her first calendar slam; Djokovic, Federer, Nadal jockey for position

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Serena Williams comes to Queens on the heels of a win in Cincinnati, looking to add another piece of history to her stellar career.

Williams will become the first woman to win a calendar slam of all four major titles since Steffi Graf pulled off that feat in 1998 if she brings home her fourth-straight US Open



championship. The tournament starts Monday at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center.

She comes into the tournament off a 6-3, 7-6 (5) victory over Simona Halep at the Western & Southern Open last weekend. Williams can't wait to get to the Big Apple and take her crack at history.

"Yeah, I'm ready," she told reporters after winning her second Western & Southern Open crown. "I don't care if I win or lose or break even. I'm ready to start it, get it over

with, and be done and go on to the next event. But I'm so ready for New York. Let's go, right?"

Halep will be just one of the top competitors in Williams' way at the US Open. Fans can expect to see Maria Sharapova, Williams' close friend Caroline Wozniacki and Ana Ivanovic among others on the women's side. Williams will be the overwhelming favorite, like she is in most tournaments, and she likes it that way.

"I prefer to have that pressure than the pressure of not winning," Williams said. "Not everyone can handle that pressure, but I'm okay with it. I would rather be in this position than another one."

Another fan favorite is also heading to Flushing with some momentum in the men's draw. Roger Federer bested Novak Djokovic 7-6 (1), 6-3 in the Western & Southern final for his seventh title at the event. Federer, who holds a record 17 Grand Slam titles, has not won one since 2012 and hasn't claimed a US Open crown since 2008. He likes the way he is playing coming into Queens this year.

"I think I moved well,"



NOVAK DJOKOVIC
AND SERENA WILLIAMS

Federer told reporters after beating Djokovic. "I was explosive moving forward. Volleys were good. I think from the baseline I was hitting my forehand very well. I was serving very well this week, don't get me wrong, but I still think there was a little bit more

room for improvement on the serve."

His competition, starting with Djokovic, the top-ranked player in the world, will be stiff as he looks to add to his record of Grand Slam titles. Rival Rafael Nadal will look to claim his first US Open championship since 2013. Failing to do so would mark the first time since 2004 he did not claim at least one major title.

Marin Cilic, the 2014 men's champ, will try to defend his crown with top competitors like Stan Wawrinka and Andy Murray—in addition to Djokovic, Federer and Nadal—trying to knock him off. The top-ranked U.S. men's doubles team of Bob and Mike Bryan are going for their second-

straight US Open championship, which would be their fifth title in the last eight years.

Fans who make the trip to the tennis center to take in the action will also see a number of structural changes on the grounds. Construction is well underway on the \$550 million renovations, including the \$100 million retractable roof on Arthur Ashe Stadium that should be ready for use in 2016. Improvements are also in the process of being made to Louis Armstrong Stadium, the Grandstand and Court 17.

As the U.S. Tennis Association moves its facilities in the future, fans can take in the sport's current stars in what could prove to be a historic US Open.

A day for kids, families and memories

The memory of 1968 US Open champion Arthur Ashe will be honored Saturday at the 20th Annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day.

A full-day tennis and music festival that is geared toward children and families, the day gets underway at 9:30 a.m., and will include games where kids can compete against each other as well as against pros, a chance to watch the pro players practice and musical performances.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster, at usopen.org and at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center box office.

Top-seeded medical team to handle Open injuries

BY GABRIEL ROM

If you're a professional tennis player playing at this year's US Open, rest easy.

For the third year in a row, the Mount Sinai Health System, which includes Mount Sinai St. Luke's, Mount Sinai Roosevelt and the Mount Sinai Hospital, is serving as the official medical services provider for the US Open. Mount Sinai orthopaedic surgeons and sports medicine physicians and radiologists will be on call to attend to any injuries competitors may suffer during the two week long tournament.

Some of the world's best doctors will have available some of the world's most state-

of-the-art technology for players at the tournament, including pocket and laptop-sized ultrasounds, which will allow doctors to perform quick non-invasive diagnoses.

"With the portable ultrasound, physicians can triage patients at the point of care and recommend more involved imaging techniques," said Dr. Alexander Kagen, site chair, department of radiology, Mount Sinai Roosevelt and Mount Sinai St. Luke's. "It also enables radiologists to have a more active role in direct patient care."

Beyond providing care at tournaments, Mount Sinai's sports medicine experts have worked with the USTA since

2013 to develop programs in injury prevention, community tennis and diversity, and to conduct educational outreach on tennis and health.

Mount Sinai has worked with ProHealth Care Associates LLP to provide medical services at the US Open since 1997. The team is led by Dr. Elliot Pellman, medical director of ProHealth Care Associates, and clinical professor of medicine, rheumatology, and orthopaedics at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Deena Casiero returns as director of player medical services. She is a clinical assistant professor of orthopaedics at the Icahn School of Medicine.

Documentary salutes a true tennis pioneer

BY MADINA TOURE

A documentary honoring Althea Gibson, the first African-American to play at and win Wimbledon and the U.S. Nationals, the precursor to the US Open, will air Friday night at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills.

The National Black Programming Consortium gave a grant in support of community outreach for the documentary, "Althea," to celebrate Althea Gibson Week, which coincides with Aug. 25, the day on which she was born in 1927.

A Harlem native, Gibson also competed in the Ladies Professional Golf Association for more than 10 years.

The documentary follows her accomplishments and challenges as she became part of the civil rights movement and navigated the segregated tennis world of the 1950s.

The film was also screened at the Harlem Armory, where Gibson trained and competed, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem and Queens Theatre in Flushing Meadows Corona Park Wednesday night.

Upcoming screenings will take place at the David Dinkins Tennis Club in Harlem Saturday at 10 a.m. and at the Soundview Cinemas in Port Washington at 7:30 p.m. The documentary will air nationally on PBS Sept. 4 at 9 p.m. during the US Open.



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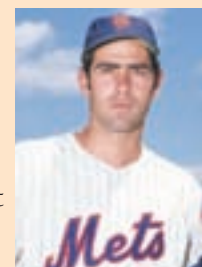
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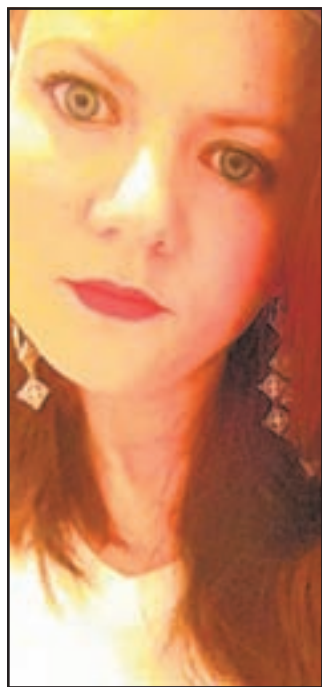
Suspect in Whitestone slaying asked to submit DNA sample

BY MADINA TOURE

A Bronx Supreme Court judge has ruled that a former resident of a Bronx homeless shelter who is accused of shooting and killing the shelter's director, a Whitestone resident, in April must submit a DNA sample.

West Spruill, 39, pleaded not guilty in June to murder, kidnapping and criminal possession of a weapon in Bronx Supreme Court in the fatal shooting death of Ana Charle, 36, the director of Project Renewal's Bronx Boulevard shelter, according to Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson. Charle was a native of Spain and a mother of two.

Justice Margaret Clancy of the Bronx County Supreme Court ruled Aug. 20 that Spruill has to give a DNA sample as prosecutors pursue new charges before a grand jury, according to Spruill's lawyer, Patrick Joyce, who has been representing him since July



Whitestone resident Ana Charle, a native of Spain, was allegedly murdered by a former resident of the Bronx homeless shelter she headed.

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Joyce said prosecutors are trying to collect evidence on a count for which Spruill has not been indicted.

"In my motion, what I said was that this type of intrusion requires an unconstitutional invasion into Mr. Spruill's person without probable cause... What happened is the DA moved under the statute, which says that a judge does have the power to require this type of invasive collection of evidence if there's been an indictment of the case," Joyce said.

Charle was shot and killed April 27 allegedly by Spruill, a former resident of the Bronx Boulevard, homeless shelter at 43-80 Bronx Blvd. in the Wakefield section of the Bronx, Johnson said.

Reach reporter Madina Toure by e-mail at mtoure@cnglocal.com or by phone at (718) 260-4566.

Elmhurst man sentenced to 18 years for killing wife

An Elmhurst man charged with stabbing his wife with a kitchen knife and faking her suicide note last December was sentenced to 18 years in prison this week, the Queens district attorney said.



Luis Paguay, 48, was sentenced Monday to 18 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision.

Luis Paguay, 48, pleaded guilty to murder, tampering with physical evidence and criminal possession of a weapon in July, the DA said. After serving his prison sentence, Paguay will have five years of post-release supervision.

The man was arrested after police found his wife Maria Paguay, then 39, dead on the floor of her basement apartment in Corona with numerous stab wounds to her neck and chest—the murder weapon on the ground next to her, according to DA Richard Brown.

Maria Paguay was initially found by the victim's 19-year-old son when he returned home from school the following night, Brown said.

Luis Paguay, separated from his wife at time of her death, admitted to writing a false suicide note after killing her and fleeing with the couple's unharmed 2-year-old child to his Elmhurst apartment on Dec. 3, the DA said.

Paguay went to work later that night at the Whitestone restaurant at which he was employed as a dishwasher, and was seen on surveillance footage washing blood from his shoes, according to the DA.

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TALES OF THE TROPICS

American-Caribbean Theatre
Alliance's teen group performs
in Springfield Gardens

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

Hillcrest High student Nadia Butler was looking for more out of her school break than an endless marathon of Netflix viewing and daily doses of chat show host Wendy Williams' "Hot Topics."

"I wanted to do something for the summer," Butler said. "I didn't want to stay home."

Instead Butler has been spending part of her school vacation in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago — by way of Springfield Gardens Church of Christ's stage.

Butler, 16, has taken on the role of Fayleen Lightbourne, a middle-aged woman with her sights on the owner of the local roti shop, in the American-Caribbean Theatre Alliance's production of the original comedy-drama "My Countrymen."

The play, written by the alliance's founder Harlan Penn, centers on Phillip "Roti Phil" Charles, who runs the famous Roti Phil's shop — roti is the Indo-Caribbean street food that is

similar to unleavened naan bread — in the Belmont section of Trinidad and Tobago's capital.

On just another average day in paradise, Roti Phil and his circle of friends and family are forced to deal with one of Port of Spain's main thugs in the drug and human trafficking trade.

Penn adds some levity to the proceedings with a romantic triangle between Roti Phil's youngest daughter, Kendra, her friend Ramona Singh and a young American working in the shop named Davis Johnson.

Isaiah Campbell, 17, landed the role of Davis. This is only the second show Campbell has been a part of — unlike the rest of the cast, he wasn't a drama geek at Hillcrest High, where Penn was the theater arts teacher.

"I wanted to try something new," Campbell said. "I had seen a show and thought, this seems like an interesting thing to do."

For this budding thespian, stepping onto the stage has brought plenty of

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Keith Thompson (l) and Eddie Nieves rehearse a scene from "My Countrymen" at the Springfield Gardens Church of Christ.

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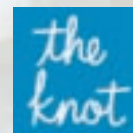
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Fiddling from subway stops to Carnegie Hall

Middle Village violinist Yut Chia is making a name for himself in the world of music

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

The MTA platforms were his stage and New York City's subway riders were his audience.

A few years ago, a talented and driven teenage violinist living in College Point, captured the hearts of many who helped him play it forward with donations. The Bayside High School grad was helping his mother put food on the table.

Yut Chia, who is of Chinese descent, came to the city from Colombia with his family, when he was 3.

Two years of underground gigs provided him with some extra dough to pay for college expenses. All he wanted was to have a shot at a musical career. But it was a long shot and the odds were stacked against him.

But one day, many doors started to open for this Middle Village resident.

"This year, I'm proud to say I won CUNY'S Got Tal-

ent. All the CUNY schools sent their most talented person to compete in the biggest university talent competition in New York City, and Queens College chose me to represent them," Chia, 22, said. "I gave it my all and got the first place prize and the title of most talented person in the whole CUNY system. I got two trophies plus a \$2,000 check."

Chia said one of the most enriching experiences in his life was his experience as a music student at Queens College.

"All I did was practice 24/7 and I really appreciate everything they did for me," he said.

But he decided to leave school because so many doors were opening up for him as a violinist.

"I just had to grasp all the enormous opportunities I was getting. It was either continue studying to become a well-rounded classical player, or move on and follow my dream and passion of becoming a



Yut Chia has gone from performing in the subway to appearing on the Miss Chinese Beauty Pageant held at Mohegan Sun Casino Resort in Connecticut.
Photo courtesy Yut Chia

modern violinist," he said. "The stuff I do is new and they simply don't teach it in college. I play modern music, I dance while I play, I have backup dancers and choreograph my whole shows."

His core musicians include a cellist, violinist and his arranger/pianist.

"I get the audience involved and hyped in my shows and most importantly, I make sure every person in the audience

goes 'wow' by the time I'm done performing," Chia said.

Playing under the stage name Yut and The Hot Four, Chia has been performing all over the city.

"From Carnegie Hall to Lincoln Center to nightclubs to Mercedes Benz Fashion Week to government offices. Except Madison Square Garden or Barclays, which by next year, I hope to cross from my bucket list," he joked, adding, "People always ask me, 'Hey Yut, where are the other four?' And that's when I say, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to introduce to you my hot four. Then I proceed to pluck the G, D, A and E strings on my violin, and everyone laughs.'"

And now new audiences outside the subway and city will have the opportunity to see him perform.

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Street performers take big business to school

Theater for the New City brings its latest musical play to Jackson Heights' Travers Park

BY MERLE EXIT

Theater for the New City rolls into Jackson Heights this weekend with a free performance of a musical that chronicles the challenges and struggles facing the city's school system.

"Teach It Right! Or Right to Teach!" described as an operetta for the street, tells the story of a New York City middle school student and teacher whose school faces disputes over privatization that are currently playing out in the real world.

"For this show I was inspired by my granddaughter and her struggles in trying to go to high school," Crystal Field, Theater for the New City's artistic director, said. "Children are fighting for seats in the schools starting from

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In a scene from "Teach It Right! Or Right to Teach!" Crystal Field (l-r), Lily Fremaux, Michael David Gordon and Justin Rodriguez react to the struggles facing the New York City's public schools. Photo courtesy Jonathan Slaff



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excitement. He thrives when he sees the audience reacting to his acting.

It has also brought a sense of uncertainty, which keeps things interesting.

“In the last show, an actress ran off the stage (mid-scene),” Campbell said. “I saw she was going to do it. So I just said my line. I yelled my line at her, then I tripped going off the stage.”

During a rehearsal at the church last week, Campbell fumbled a couple of lines — he was having trouble getting the right cadence to a Jamaican-tinged “Yaman” he shouts at the end of one scene.

But as the only actor playing an American in the show, Campbell has one less complication to deal with — mastering the speech patterns of a native Caribbean.

“The accent is really the most difficult thing,”

IF YOU GO

“My Countrymen”

When: Friday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 pm; Saturday, Aug. 29, at 5 pm; and Sunday, Aug. 30, at 5 pm

Where: Springfield Gardens Church of Christ, 144-04 Farmers Blvd., Springfield Gardens

Cost: Free

Contact: (347) 551-7468

Website: www.actashows.com

Eddie Nieves, who plays Roti Phil, said.

As the lead, Nieves carries plenty of scenes with a wide range of emotions. He gets to romance Fayleen, to confront the bad guy Portuguese and to offer fatherly advice to daughter Kendra.

Nieves, 18, stumbled onto acting as a way to

deal with shortcomings in his everyday life.

“I was never a happy child,” Nieves said. “I found that theater was a way to let out my frustrations.”

As bad girl Ramona, Anjuli Padilla runs into plenty of frustrating moments in her quest to snag Davis from her friend Kendra’s heart. Ramona is more interested in Davis’ ability to secure her a green card than in creating a life together.

For Padilla, 19, who studies acting at LaGuardia Community College, Ramona may not be a nice person, but she is not completely foreign to the actress.

“I’m like Ramona in that she isn’t afraid to go after what she wants,” Padilla said. “But I don’t like that she is not concerned with other people. She is kind of disrespectful. It’s a challenge (to play). But it is fun and interesting.”

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EVENTS

International Coastal Cleanup — Help clean the coastline of the East River at Astoria Park.

When: Saturday, Aug. 29, at 3 pm

Where: War Memorial in Astoria Park, Shore

Boulevard, Astoria
Cost: Free
Contact: mail@greenshoresnyc.org
Website: www.cityparksfoundation.org

Bike New York: Bike Path Cruise Ride — Join members of the Five Boro Bicycle Club on a short, mostly flat group

ride. Bring your own bike or borrow one from Bike New York.

When: Sunday, Aug. 30, at 10 am

Where: Flushing Meadows Corona Park Aquatics Center

Cost: Free
Contact: (212) 870-2080
Website: www.bike.nyc

MUSIC

Music in the Park: Motor City Revue — Bring a chair or blanket for this concert of Motown sounds.

When: Sunday, Aug. 30, at 5 pm
Where: Lawn in Astoria Park,

Astoria
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 393-7272
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Queens College Choral Auditions — The Queens College Choral Society is seeking new members for its 75th anniversary season. Individuals of all ages with prior singing experience are invited to audition.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings.

When: Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 6 pm - 7:15 pm

Where: Queens College Music Building, Room 246

Contact: To schedule an audition, call music director James John at (718) 997-3818

Website: www.qc.cuny.edu

Summer Sounds: Zikrayat — This late summer concert features Middle Eastern music by Zikrayat.

When: Thursday, Sept. 3, at 5 pm

Where: Bowne Playground, 142-30 Barclay Ave., Flushing

Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 393-7272
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

FILM

"Althea" — In celebration of Althea Gibson Week, catch a screening of "Althea" the award-winning

documentary about the tennis legend before it airs on PBS in September.

When: Friday, Aug. 28, at 8 pm

Where: The West Side Tennis Club, 1 Tennis Place, Forest Hills

Cost: Free, but registration is required.

Contact: (718) 268-2300, ext. 115 to reserve a space

Website: www.altheathefilm.com

Movies Under the Stars:

Fresh Meadows — Bring a low chair or blanket to catch the screening of "Lagaan." The film centers on the people of a small Indian village, during British rule, who challenge the English to a cricket match.

When: Monday, Aug. 31, at 8 pm

Where: Main Park House, Cunningham Park, 196th Street and Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows

Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 217-6452
Website: www.friendsofcunninghampark.org

Movies Across From Golden Pond — Tonight's movie, the animated hit "Big Hero 6," is a makeup from a rained out event in early August.

When: Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 8 pm

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

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-4793
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Movie Night in Woodhaven

— Catch a screening of the recent animated hit "Big Hero 6."

When: Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 7:30 pm

Where: George Seuffert Bandshell, Forest Park, Woodhaven

Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 235-4100
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Movie Night in Ozone Park

— Catch a screening of the recent animated hit "Big Hero 6."

When: Friday, Sept. 4, at 8 pm

Where: Joseph P. Addabbo Memorial Park, 81-2 133rd Ave., Ozone Park

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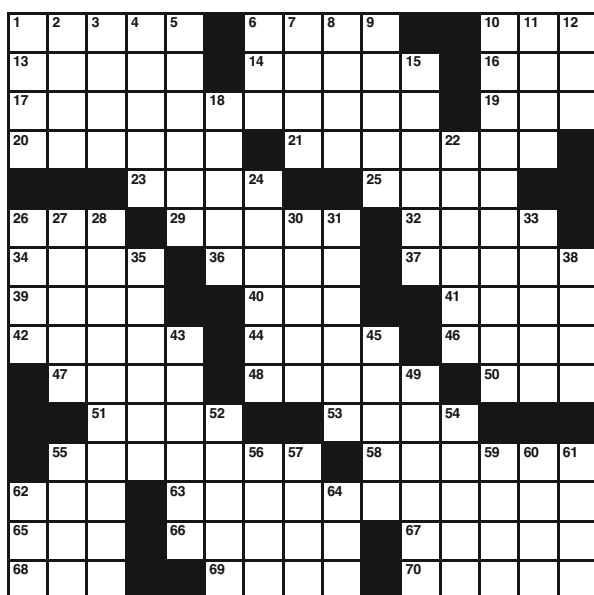
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By Bill Deasy

Ms. Scarlet's Friends

Across

1. 1970s veep
6. Tell ____ story
10. The Amazing Race aid
13. Polished-off
14. Musical symbol
16. Born in the ____: Springsteen
17. Type of crime
19. Avg. level
20. Verbally assault
21. Indulge
23. BlackBerry devices, e.g.
25. Sailing the Pacific
26. Stage equipment
29. Vegas openings?
32. Unhip person
34. Big shot at the bar?
36. The "G" in G-man: abbr.
37. "Rock Around the Clock," e.g.
39. Case for needles
40. Pro-school grp.
41. Yikes!
42. Pyramids, e.g.
44. Typical Georgia Tech grad (abbr.)
46. Hill and ____
47. A few words in passing?
48. Trusty mount
50. 1040 ID
51. The "C" in T.L.C.
53. Bogus
55. Target of John Brown's raid
58. Asian peninsula



62. F of FSU
63. Elite military unit
65. Chip brand
66. Way to a man's heart?
67. In the thick of
68. "Rob ____" (Sir Walter Scott novel)
69. Unduly curious
70. Snap course

Down

1. "____ needle pulling thread..."
2. Oom-____ (tuba sounds)
3. "How Sweet ____": James Taylor
4. Go back to an old source
5. City near Syracuse

6. Word after long
7. Rights org. led by M.L.K.
8. Casa cooker
9. ____ quick retreat
10. World War I weapon
11. Memo opener
12. Bachelor home
15. San Joaquin Valley town
18. Trolley toll?
22. Reacted to a shock
24. They may be skipped
26. Act as lookout
27. "Ditto"
28. Wacky to the max
30. Word with main or blessed
31. Rocket sections

33. Calls, once
35. Shinbones
38. Genesis fall place
43. ____ Nona (Tomie dePaola children's book)
45. 12-step program
49. "You think I won't?!"
52. 2002 headline company
54. West Side Story heroine
55. Chorus voice
56. Space starter?
57. "Oh, why not?"
59. Planting areas
60. Teeny, for short
61. Movie pooch
62. Trapper's haul
64. 'No' vote

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New City

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kindergarten. They hold fairs where they interview the prospective students for high schools, not just colleges."

In the show, written and directed by Field with music by Joseph Vernon Banks, the student and teacher set off on a journey that leads them through an urban underground of educational neglect.

They witness public schools where students are deprived of art, music, libraries, after-school programs and dreams of higher education, Field said.

In Field's story, children's futures have become victims of union busting, teaching to the tests and destruction of school facilities.

IF YOU GO

"Teach It Right! Or Right To Teach!"

When: Sunday, Aug. 30, at 2 pm

Where: Travers Park, 34th Avenue between 77th and 78th streets, Jackson Heights

Cost: Free
Website: www.theaterforthenewcity.net

As the play unfolds, the young student and teacher are kidnapped by the real estate cartel's president, B. M. Peabody. But in an ironic twist, the pair is rescued by Peabody's daughter, a community activist fighting her father's evil plans.

Energized by what they learn, the young student and the teacher

become leaders in the fight to teach it right and for the right to teach.

Theater for the New City's mobile stage includes an elaborate collection of trap doors, smoke machines and a huge running screen, which provides continuous movement behind the actors.

The show incorporates 30 actors, 12 crew members, two assistant directors and five musicians, along with giant puppets, masks and original choreography.

Field has been producing street theater since 1976 and tackles complex social issues often presented through children's allegories, with youngsters and neighborhood people as the heroes.

Her shows immerse audiences in what she calls her special brand of "brainy slapstick."

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Horses

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As far as I know, the mayor believes in it deeply as well."

Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez (D-Manhattan) is the bill's other key sponsor and chairs the Transportation Committee. He said he does not believe the mayor's comments indicate he is backing away from his commitment to ban horse and that compromise will have to be reached

in order to gain the support of more Council members.

"When this industry was created, there wasn't the traffic or the number of trucks there are now. It is dangerous, and there are alternative vehicles for the industry to use," Rodriguez said. "I am confident we will get this ban passed, but it is also my responsibility to create a mechanism in which every voice is heard."

The environmental study, which was due to come out in June and has not yet been

released, may affect the language in the mayor's horse carriage bill. An aide in the mayor's office said the study is still expected to be released by the end of the summer.

But NYCLASS, one of the animal rights groups that have been behind the push for the bill, said the bill has the support it needs as is.

"We are prepared for the bill to be voted on immediately as we believe we would be successful," NYCLASS said in a statement.

Wang

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He was denied a stay of removal—a temporary postponement of deportation—despite the fact that the moral turpitude argument was reversed.

The lawsuit was filed against Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, ICE Director Sarah Saldaña and the field office directors of ICE New York, San Antonio and Washington.

Homeland Security and Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment on the case.

C.J. Wang, an attorney with the Wang firm, said they are awaiting a decision on whether to postpone deportation for the plaintiffs after a hearing on July 28 in the Southern District of New York.

"The class action lawsuit is against the U.S. government, specifically ICE, for their actions dealing with detainees in their custody and their violations of these detainees' constitutional rights while they've been in their custody,"

Wang said.

In November, Mayor Bill de Blasio signed into law two bills that notably reduce the city's cooperation with ICE deportations.

The new laws require immigration officials to show a judicial warrant before the city can hold an immigrant in custody, unless the person poses a public safety risk.

Vasquez had lived in the United States since 1993, according to the lawsuit. He entered the country when he was 6 years old with his mother. Both had tourist visas.

As a juvenile, he hit his mother's boyfriend after he beat her, but the boyfriend called the police on him, resulting in his arrest for assault, according to Wang.

He was also charged with trying to enter the Junction Boulevard subway station on June 30, 2005, without paying the fare by walking through an exit gate, according to a complaint filed by Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

His mother, half-sister and his half-brother live in Bay-side, but he is not close with his family, Samantha Vasquez

said.

He submitted his DACA application April 7. Although DHS said he should be deported for overstaying a nonimmigrant visa and his March 2006 convictions, it was later determined that the convictions were not immigration crimes.

On March 16, ICE agents entered Vasquez's home, arrested him and detained him at Hudson County Correctional in Kearny, N.J., the lawsuit added. He was told his misdemeanor convictions would make him ineligible for DACA. His stay of removal was denied April 3.

He was transferred to facilities in New York and Louisiana and experienced pain and bruising during the process, according to the lawsuit. He was denied medical attention before his Guatemala flight.

The District of New Jersey postponed the execution of his deportation April 8, but ICE deported him, Wang said.

Vasquez filed an appeal of his dismissal to the U.S. Court of Appeals Third Circuit May 12, which is pending.

businesses and these businesses are only for a small group," Olaya said. "The rest of the people who didn't have money to pay Sunrise Cooperative...we are outside."

Neira said the city's decision not to appeal does not affect Sunrise Coop because they already left the area.

"I believe now what they're going to do is they're going to start developing the Willets Point area since they cannot touch the other site," Neira said.

Once all permits are filed, 12 shops should be ready by October, he said.

Police

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and frisk; and Level 4 is the arrest after being stopped and frisked.

At Level 3 if the stop-and-frisk search does not warrant an arrest, then officers will hand out an information card.

Police relations, in New York and across the nation, have been a controversial topic sparked by the death of Eric Garner, who was killed in a police chokehold in Staten Island, and Michael Brown, a young man fatally shot by police in Missouri, last year.

The NYPD responded to the federal court ruling.

"Based on the recommendations of the federal judge and court-appointed monitor, a new patrol guide procedure governing stop and frisk provides a new explanatory receipt to persons stopped but not arrested, barring exigent circumstances. The change to the patrol guide was approved on Aug. 24."

But Police Benevolent Association leader Patrick Lynch, who has been against reform of stop and frisk ,

said, "Just one more item on the ever-growing list of anti-public-safety measures that will put an end to pro-active policing in this city and ultimately accelerate the increase in crime and disorder that we are already seeing in our public spaces."

Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest), a vocal advocate on police reform and chairman of the Council's Courts and Legal Services Committee, wrote to the federal judge overseeing the process to suggest that Level 2 of the stop and frisk policy should also be documented.

"Information cards are an important tool to help cops understand the legitimate grounds for making a formal 'stop,' and an important step in improving police-community relations," Lancman said. "But this pilot needs to extend to even less formal police stops to ensure that these encounters don't metastasize into the same regime of wide-scale, unconstitutional street harassment that led to this reform."

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Crash

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sengers on the bus and one person inside the house, according to the FDNY. The driver of the bus was pinned against the windshield of the bus and was extricated through the Jaws of Life, according to fire officials.

"That poor man took the brunt of the force of the accident," said Constantinides.

P.J. Marcel, a member of the Forest Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps, said the driver was conscious after the accident and was in critical but stable condition.

A sign for law offices was seen on part of the damaged structure, which is listed online as being a multi-family home. The building's

structural integrity will be evaluated by the DOT, FDNY spokesman Frank Dwyer said.

The bus was from Resorts World Casino but was being operated by a contractor. The casino did not say how many people were on board or where the bus was headed when it crashed.

"We are working with the local authorities as well as conducting our own investigation into the accident," the company said in a statement. "Those involved in today's accident are in our thoughts and prayers."

The cause of the accident was still under investigation, officials said.

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Willets Pt.

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gave them an offer. "The project in the Bronx is not done and I don't know if they're working, but it's a project that they're doing over there for 30

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Sports



Jevon Thomas with Kansas State head coach Bruce Weber during an NCAA game against Oklahoma State last season. Photo by Orlin Wagner

Thomas to benefit from off-court year

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Most basketball players dislike anything that keeps them off the court and away from competing. But Queens native and new Seton Hall guard Jevon Thomas is embracing the time that he will be spending away from an active roster.

Thomas transferred to the South Orange, N.J. school from Kansas State and will have to sit out next season because of NCAA rules. For the 6-foot Thomas, this is not a setback, but an opportunity to focus on improvement so he can better help the Pirates when he is able to suit up.

"Sitting out a year will be pretty good for me," he said after a game with Ave Life at Dyckman. "I actually like it. I

can get better."

Thomas plans on getting comfortable in the Pirates system and has been working meticulously on his jump shot.

"By next year I'll know the offense and everything will be good," Thomas said.

Making the move to Seton Hall felt right on a lot of levels for Thomas after two years at Kansas State. He started 25 games for the Wildcats at a sophomore, averaging 4.5 points and 3.3 assists per contest. Thomas wanted to be closer to be home, to his family, to his friends and to his son. He also hopes that the move will set him up better for the years to come.

"I think now as I mature I feel like coming home, be-

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Set for a comeback

Campus Magnet faces new season with confidence

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The trust Campus Magnet coach Eric Barnett placed in quarterback Que Ruan Mosby late last season paid off and is returning some confidence to a program looking to get back to its winning ways.

"He's got it," Barnett said. "He's got that swagger."

The Bulldogs played a spread and more open offense last season, with the 5-foot-8 Mosby using his speed to cause havoc for opposing defenses. Campus Magnet finished the year winning four of its last six games. Barnett went back to their more traditional power-running game in a season-ending loss to Flushing. After missing the playoffs, Campus Magnet plans on going back to what worked, with a deeper and more skilled roster than a year ago.

"I feel like we have the talent to shock the PSAL," Mosby said.

The players believe their strong finish was just a precursor to the success they can have this season. The Bulldogs feature a solid offensive line, speedy receivers and a defense that could be one of the best in Barnett's tenure.

The coach moved three returnees from last year's offensive line because of his confidence in this season's group. James Wilson (6-foot-4, 314 pounds) and Mikail Tan (6-foot-4, 225 pounds) will be at tackle. Center Kadeem Blackwood is 5-foot-10 and 280 pounds.

"Our line is huge this year," Blackwood said.

While Antawan Lewis and Marcel Rudolph battle for the starting running-back job, Barnett believes he has a playmaking receiver in junior Shumar Vasconcellos. The 5-foot-11 speedster runs a 4.4-second 40-yard dash. Versatile junior Bryan Mariner Jr. will also see time at receiver and will return kicks and



Que Ruan Mosby is in his second year at quarterback for Campus Magnet. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

punts.

"We have a connection," said Mosby of Vasconcellos. "It's easy to throw to him now."

Campus Magnet is expected to be harder to throw against thanks to an improved linebacking corps and secondary. Justin Pierre Louis, a 6-foot-1 senior, will join 6-foot-2 classmate Christopher Van Brackle at corner back. Senior Daquan Wright is the team's safety.

"We need everyone to contribute," Tan said.

All-Queens linebacker Jeshua Darnell returns along with Jovani Pitt. Senior Justin Burns and Tan will be at defensive end.

"We have bigger lineback-

ers, more speed," Darnell said.

There are larger expectations, too, because of the level of talent that has come back and the way that the group finished last season. Campus Magnet wants to return to the playoffs and in the process try to vault itself into the elite group of PSAL teams. They hope to take a big step toward meeting that goal when Kennedy comes to Queens for the season opener on Sept. 5.

"That showed us the talent that we have on this team," Mosby said of last season's strong finish. "That showed us that we still have fight. We still have some of the players from last year. We still have a lot of talent."

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Patterson preps for big year at Mary Louis



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BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Danielle Patterson is getting what she had expected even before she ever suited up as a high-school basketball player.

She was already on the radar in junior high as a potential Division I girls' basketball prospect and now that college is only a few years away, her recruitment as one of the nation's top juniors is about to pick up. Patterson has home visits set up with coaches from St. John's, Ohio State, Virginia, Baylor, Wisconsin, Rutgers, Florida, Notre Dame and Duke in September. She holds numerous other scholarship offers, including interest from juggernaut UConn.

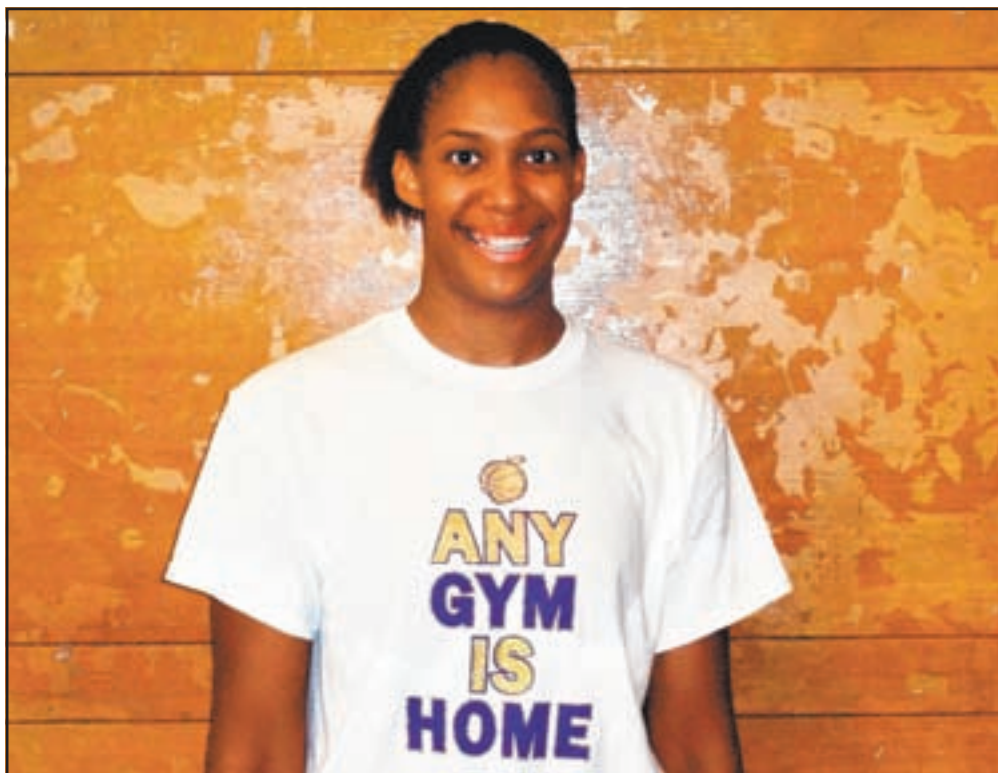
"I've always heard it, 'the visits are coming, the visits are coming,'" she said. "They are finally here now. They came fast."

Adding to the national exposure is the fact that the 6-foot-3 Patterson is transferring to Mary Louis from Medgar Evers and finally getting to play in the acclaimed CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens. It is where she planned to play, before Bishop Ford closed down and she followed former Falcons coach Mike Toro to Brooklyn instead of to Mary Louis.

"How things work out is really weird," Patterson said. "I was supposed to go to Bishop Ford. At the time I was thinking about Mary Louis. Now to end up back at Mary Louis, it's like, 'it was supposed to be.'"

She is preparing for it all the only way she knows how—by testing herself against the best and expanding her game. Patterson played with the New Jersey Sparks in the top-flight Nike EYBL AAU Circuit. When she's at home, she is working with former St. John's assistant coach-turned-trainer Priscilla Edwards, running through numerous ball handling and shooting drills in a steamy St. Clare's gym in Rosedale.

"She wants to be great, so her work ethic is tremendous," Sparks coach Keith Gilchrist said.



Mary Louis standout Danielle Patterson will see her college recruitment move to the next level as she prepares for her first season in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens.
Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Patterson has to prepare doubly hard because of her size. She is more of a small forward or even power forward in high school. In college she will mostly likely be a small

forward or shooting guard.

For her, that means balancing working on her inside game and guard skills to ensure she is ready for everything asked of her. Gilchrist

said she doesn't get enough credit for her mid-range jumper and ability to defend smaller players on the perimeter.

Working with Edwards, a
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Royals' Zambrotta narrows down her college picks



Sydney Zambrotta is putting in a lot of work as she gets ready to make a final decision on her college hoops career.

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Sydney Zambrotta has kept her college recruitment a mystery for much of her high school career. It was a family decision and kept prospective programs from being influenced by the other schools that were recruiting her.

The highly sought-after Christ the King guard kept her suitors private, never officially naming the schools that had offered her scholarships or shown interest until recently. Zambrotta is down to her final five now in Louisville, Minnesota, Miami, South Carolina and Pittsburgh.

"Now that everyone knows my top five I think it is fine the way it is," she said.

She has already taken an official visit to Minnesota and plans on checking out Louisville and Miami in late August. The 5-foot-9 Zambrotta isn't feeling the pressure just yet. While she could make decision as early as September, her fi-

nal pick could come later.

"I'm not at a point where I have to make a decision," she said. "I'm still taking the visits."

Zambrotta solidified her standing as one of the nation's top prospects playing with New Heights this spring and summer. A strong performance at the Boo Williams tournament in Virginia convinced a few schools that were on the fence to make her an offer.

"I got some schools back and I did well from there on," Zambrotta said. "I knew I had to play really well to get the schools I like."

Already an excellent spot-up shooter, she has been working hard on her pull-up jumper. It's the main missing piece in Zambrotta's offensive game, along with the need to get to the basket a little more quickly. She averaged 23.4 points per game for a Royals team that won the Brooklyn/Queens title and lost in the state Federation Class AA

title game.

Zambrotta was slowed by a foot injury early in the season before playing her best basketball in the playoffs. She picked things up defensively and took over games in key moments. Zambrotta had 32 points, six rebounds and took two key offensive fouls late in a CHSAA state final victory over rival Archbishop Molloy. She knows she needs to play with that kind of intensity more consistently moving forward.

"Toward the end of the season, I stepped up," she said.

She will need to do so again if the Royals are going to erase the memory of falling just one win shy of the program's first state Federation title since 2010. Zambrotta hopes to achieve that goal before heading off to the college of her choice.

"It was heartbreaking to lose that," Zambrotta said. "But we knew we had this last season to go out and leave a mark."

Thomas

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ing close to family, finishing out my career here,” he said. “Hopefully, I can get a job close to home.”

His task until then is to acclimate himself to Seton Hall so he can help the Pirates in the future. Thomas



Jevon Thomas on the court at Kansas State.

Photo by Orlin Wagner

chose the Big East school because of his relationship with head coach Kevin Willard and assistant Shaheen Holloway, who also recruited

him out of high school. Seton Hall was among his three finalists at the time.

Thomas saw it as a plus that both Willard and Holloway played point guard. He was impressed with how they broke down his game on his visit and their plan for it moving forward.

“That just blew me away, their attention to detail with my game and how they want me to mature as a better basketball player,” he said.

The Pirates are in need of guards because Jaren Sina transferred during last season and Sterling Gibbs left after it ended. There is still a strong nucleus of players returning, including former Lincoln stars Isaiah Whitehead and Desi Rodriguez along with Khadeen Carrington, who went to Loughlin. Forward Angel Delgado was one of the best young players in the conference last season.

Thomas wants to be at his best and help them when it comes time for him to step on the court. That means taking advantage of the time he has to work on his game. Time he welcomes and believes that he needs.

“It’s going to be tough, but I have to get better,” Thomas said. “There are a lot of things I have to work on. I am not quite ready yet.”

Patterson

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guard, allows her to improve all-around and her natural instincts let her use those abilities when best needed.

“If a girl is 5-foot-8 and I’m 6-foot-3, I am going to play a post game,” Patterson said. “If the guard I’m playing is 6 feet and I know I’m stronger and I can get by them, then today I am going to play a guard’s game.”

She can score from anywhere on the floor and is also an excellent rebounder. It’s something she showed during her time at Medgar Evers. Patterson averaged 17 points and seven rebounds as a sophomore and led the Cougars to a playoff victory.

The stakes and competition will be raised as she heads to Mary Louis to help the school make a challenge for its first diocesan title. Hilltoppers coach JoAnn Arbitello-Pinnock said her players are excited to have Patterson and TMLA senior guard Jasmine Brunson wishes she

had come earlier.

“It takes a lot off of me,” Brunson said. “The two-man is going to be great... I’m upset that I only get one year with her.”

Nearly every team in the league features multiple Division I-level players. It’s a new experience and added pressure that Patterson is comfortable in and should thrive in.

“She is the type of kid that wants the ball in those type of situations,” Gilchrist said. “She wants to play against the best and that is only going to help her go to another level.”

All of it has Patterson excited. She expected what comes with being an elite player before her high school career began, and can’t wait to experience it all.

“Sometimes it can be overwhelming and other times it can be very fun,” Patterson said. “It’s something I’ve been looking forward to. Ever since I started playing, it’s been a dream of mine. Seeing it come true, it’s like ‘wow.’”

Gallagher makes splash at championship meet

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Kerri Gallagher went into the IAAF World Championship and showed she could compete with the best 1500-meter runners in the world. The Belle Harbor native made the semifinals and finished in the top 24 at the Worlds in Beijing, China last weekend.

“It was incredible,” Gallagher said. “It was an honor to compete against the best women in the world.”

Gallagher, who runs for Oiselle and NYAC, finished seventh in her heat in the prelims, running a time of 4:06.34, good enough to advance from the field of 36 to the semi-finals.

“Knowing that championship racing is unpredictable, there wasn’t a specific plan going into the prelims,” she said. “My goal was to stay confident and patient and be in good position when it came time to finish.”

In the semis, Gallagher ran a 4:17.63 to finish eighth in her heat and 19th in the 24 runner field, missing the cutoff for the final.

Through she missed the fi-



Kerri Gallagher made the semifinals of the 1500 meter race at the World Championships.

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nal, Gallagher was happy she was able to take part in the world-class event for the first time.

“Although I came up short on getting through to the fi-

nal, I was proud of the way I competed and look forward to using this experience moving forward,” she said.

Competing in the world championship was Gallagher’s first time running for Team USA, but she carried herself as if she had been there before.

“It can be overwhelming at times, but everyone has to run the same standard to get there and with the level of U.S. talent, I knew I had every right to be there,” Gallagher said.

The event was the culmination of a strong summer for Gallagher. In addition to making the semifinals at the Worlds, she finished third at the U.S. Championships. The experience she gained will help her as she tries to reach her goal of making the 2016 U.S. Olympic team that will compete in Rio de Janeiro.

“It’s difficult to prepare for these types of races until you’ve experienced them,” Gallagher said. “This was a big step in my career and sets me up well to contend for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team. It won’t be easy, but I look forward to the year ahead.”

Basketball clinic teaches ‘Royal Skills’

Royal Ivey, a Hollis native who started out playing for Cardozo High School and went on to a career as an NBA player and coach, will bring his knowledge of what it takes to win both on and off the basketball court back to his home turf this weekend.

Ivey will be leading the eighth annual “Royal Skills” Basketball Clinic at the Re-

naissance School (IS 192) and Hollis Playground at Hollis Avenue and Run DMC/Jam Master Jay Way Friday and Saturday. The clinic, which is open to boys and girls from 8 to 13 years of age, is focused on teaching both on-court skills, with sessions devoted to calisthenics and drills, and academic skills. There will also be competitions (with

prizes awarded), food, celebrity speakers and workshops for parents.

The clinic runs from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday.

For more information on the event, call 404-936-4480 or visit the Royal Ivey Basketball Camp page on Facebook.

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Strongman

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diences helped him overcome not only his fear of public performances, but also enabled him to master challenges in every corner of his life.

Besides Schoeck's fear of crowds, "of course, there is also the fear of possible failure," he said.

"And then finally, after I was pretty sure I wasn't going to fail at what I was doing, I was wondering if someone in the audience was going to try (and show me up)," he said in an interview. "So, really, there was always an underlying confidence problem for me."

But still, Schoeck, at 5-foot-8 and 155 pounds, goes out to perform, confronting his weaknesses with his strength—literally. His entry into the national community for strongmen, as well as working with his mentor Chris Ryder, helped build his

confidence starting in 2010.

Chris Ryder was brought into the strongman tradition by Dennis Rodgers, who was trained by "Slim the Hammer Man," who in turn was taught disciplines by Coney Island's renowned Mighty Atom.

Reflecting on the personal transition that was captured in the film, Schoeck said the art of bending steel and coming into the lineage of strongmen gave him the opportunity to develop a tremendous sense of self.

"Going out into the world with that mentality will help you be able to do anything. This (training) teaches you patience and gives you a powerful sense of humility... What I realized is that there will always be someone who is trying to beat you, but you have to embrace it as a challenge."

Unlike most other sports, which are competitive by nature, Schoeck noted it is not the mission of the very small community of men who bend steel and perform other triumphs of

superhuman strength to try to beat the guy next to them.

"There really is an overwhelming feeling of support from these guys: Nobody is trying prove they are stronger than one another," Schoeck said. "And what you will find, is that everyone has their own talents and individual strengths."

In every way, Schoeck's story is about mind overcoming matter.

Schoeck said the strongman sport is not for most people because like performing in public, bending steel is less about how physically strong someone is and more about the ability to overcome the mind's limitation on what it thinks the body cannot do.

For more information, or to learn where you can watch "Bending Steel," visit <http://www.bendingsteelmovie.com/thefilm.html>. To find upcoming shows featuring Schoeck, visit <http://www.chriswonderschoeck.com/>.

Jamison Moon, executive director of the Korean American Association of Queens, said he felt that people were not listening to the group and stuck to their opposition.

"We're going to work with them through the workshops and different things," Moon said.

Koo said he understands Avella's concerns, pointing out that at the meeting, people were more concerned about the location.

"I support the pedestrian plaza in concept, but we also want to make sure the community weighs in to hear their suggestions and concerns," he said.

wages."

Stringer said to help identify those who are owed wages his office is distributing informational fliers in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, Creole, Urdu, and Bengali in neighborhoods throughout the city and will have a new mobile-friendly site to search for unclaimed wages.

only recently has seemed to put its workers under siege.

"This was a company that at least on the surface looked like it cared about its workers. We were taken out around the holidays and thanked for our hard work, but that doesn't exist anymore," he said.

who are owed the money they earned. In the coming weeks, we'll be on the streets, on social media and on the airwaves with a single message: if you've been cheated out of your wages," he said. "The comptroller's office has your back. Tell your friends and family: call our hot line or visit our website to see if you are eligible to receive your lost

we want them to stop," Trainor said. "If this was a company that was struggling, we would be bargaining a different way, but they are making billions."

Kevin Martin of Seldon, N.Y., a 20-year Verizon field technician who works out of Bayside, said the company

Mall

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Group, filed its appeal Aug. 19, the city declined to join the action. A spokesman for Mayor Bill de Blasio said the housing would be hard to deliver and would not happen in a reasonable time frame.

Work on the affordable housing component is now scheduled to start in 2025, well past the dates envisioned when the project was first proposed.

"We really want to see significant improvements that would mean that the public would also see a healthy mix of affordable and market rate housing, delivered on a real time frame," Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development Alicia Glen said in a statement.

Avella, one of two City Council members who voted against the plan in 2008, had publicly called on de Blasio to re-evaluate the plan and said he was "surprised" by the administration's continued support of the project.

"They're trying to renegotiate at this point, but that's just speculation and I haven't talked directly to the administration," Avella said.

In 2008, the City Council voted 45-2 in favor of the plan, with Avella, who was on the City Council at the time, and former City Councilman Charles Barron (D-Brooklyn) dissenting over concerns about possible use of eminent domain.

The plan, which expanded from 62 acres to 108.9 acres, includes the megamall, which was not initially part of the plan, mixed-income housing, a hotel, community facilities and a convention center.

Avella said the city neglected the area for decades and that people, including family-owned businesses, were told to leave the area so the city could remediate it.

"This plan has gone through so many amendments, it's just absurd," Avella said. "It only points out that this was not properly planned from the beginning."

Arturo Olaya, president of the Willets Point Defense Committee, said most of the people in Willets Point are working on the street.

He also expressed frustrations about an agreement

brokered by the Sunrise Cooperative and City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst), who voted for the plan, in which the city would give the group \$5.8 million to move, noting that the group's space in the South Bronx has not been constructed yet.

"If they started from the beginning doing a good relocation for us and doing things right, for sure, the project won't be like this," Olaya said.

Richard Hellenbrecht, vice president of the Queens Civic Congress, said the megamall project is in limbo, noting that the city should negotiate with the developer or someone else to ensure that parkland is not used and that there is sufficient affordable housing.

But he believes de Blasio is merely trying to meet his affordable housing goals and that former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's intention was not to push poor people out of the area.

The megamall created the problems, he said.

"As a developer came along and negotiations came along, they really tried to come up with a combination of affordable housing, education, commercial and everything else that went into that site," Hellenbrecht said.

The Queens Development Group said it is confident its appeal will be successful since the plan would "finally clean up the long-contaminated land" at Willets Point.

"We support the administration's efforts on affordable housing and are committed to significantly accelerating the housing portion of this plan," the company said in a statement. "But those efforts need to be backed by a financially viable model."

Ferreras wants to focus on bringing more affordable housing to the people who live in the area.

"My community urgently needs affordable housing, jobs and transportation enhancements," Ferreras said in a statement. "I have been working to this end, to improve Willets Point for the past eight years. We cannot wait any longer. I will work with all parties to find a fair and equitable solution."

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Plaza

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She said the DOT needed more time to get information from the community, noting the proposal is now called Leonard Square. She has been reaching out to civic leaders.

"Information never hurts anybody and there are concerns with the local property owners," Stavisky said. "They're concerned about loss of parking spaces, the library, which incidentally, has had a decline in usage."

Stavisky and City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) support the proposal, hailing

it as a way for people to get together, while Avella and civic leaders in the area say it will increase traffic in the area and make it harder for people to access the library.

Bob Hanophy, president of the Broadway Flushing Homeowners Association, said Avella's inquiry to CB 7 was appropriate.

He said the association opposes the plan after learning about it at a meeting with Koo, Stavisky, state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing) and the DOT.

"After seeing the plans, my organization is against it," Hanophy said. "We think it's a bad use of the space."

Stringer

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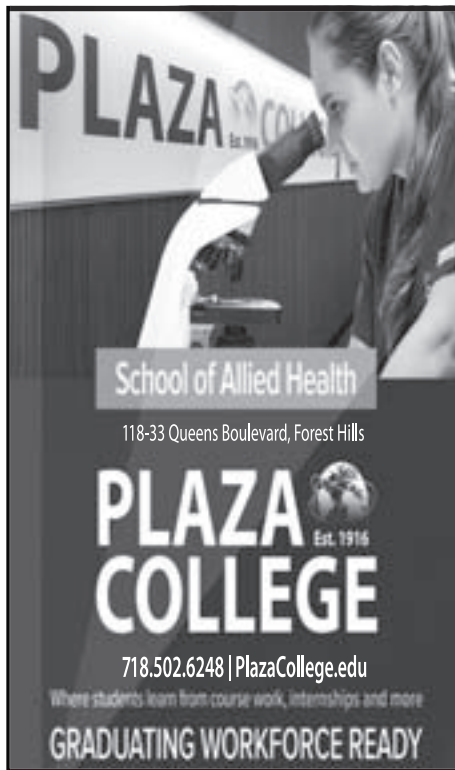
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DISSOLUTION PROCEEDING SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, QUEENS COUNTY, Petitioner, THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE OF JAMAICA ("Petitioner"), a religious corporation will move this Court for judicial dissolution. **Index No. 9264/2015.** TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE OF JAMAICA: you are hereby ordered to

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show cause before the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11435, at Central Motion Part, Court Room 25 of this Court on the 16th day of September, 2015 at 2:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an order of judgment should not be made: (i) finding that \$18 of the New York State Religious Corporation Law is applicable to the dissolution of The First Baptist Church of the Village of Jamaica; (ii) dissolving The First Baptist Church of the Village of Jamaica in accordance with \$18 of the Religious Corporations Law; (iii) directing payment of legal fees, publication costs and other expenses associated with this proceeding to dissolve The First Baptist Church of the Village of Jamaica; (iv) directing and authorizing the trustees to donate the remaining surplus assets for religious, charitable and benevolent purposes, in equal shares, to: (1) Wycliff Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862; (2) Family Radio, 290 Hegenberger Road, Oakland, CA 94621; (3) Calvary Baptist Church Foreign Missionary Ministry, 2981 Horseblock Road, Medford, NY 11763; (4) Fully Rely on God Christian Ministries, 1445 Municipal Parkway, Douglasville, GA 30134; (5) New York City Rescue Mission, 90 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10013; (6) Diabetes Research Wellness Foundation, 5151 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 420, Washington, D.C. 20016; (7) Martin Luther King Jr. Poor Peoples Church of Love d/b/a Hosea Feed the Hungry & Homeless, 1035 Donnelly Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30310; (8) American Cancer Society, 250 Williams Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303; (9) Green Hope Services for Women, 435 East 119th Street, New York, NY 10035; (10) American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231; (11) American National Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, PO Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013; and (12) Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001; (v) authorizing the Trustee-petitioners, to take all steps necessary to assist in the dissolution and distribution of assets of The First Baptist Church of the Village of Jamaica; and (vi) granting such other relief as this Court deems just and proper. Papers, if any, shall be served so as to be received by Kevin M. Gallagher, Esq., Gallagher, P.C. DATED: Queens County, Supreme Court of New York, the 4th day of August, 2015. BY: The Honorable Allan B. Weiss STATEMENT OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING: This is a dissolution proceeding brought by the Trustees of the Petitioner, THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE

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169 Jamaica LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/23/15. Off. loc.: Queens Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 198-37 Jamaica Ave., Hollis, NY 11423. Purpose: General.

38-29 BELL BLVD. REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/11/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to C/O George Georges 144-30 34th Ave Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

402 Church LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/13/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 102-10 Metropolitan Ave Ste 200, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: General.

DEANNA FIRST LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 07/10/2015. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design.

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VILLAGE OF JAMAICA (the "Petitioners"), pursuant to §18 of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York. The Petitioners allege that THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE OF JAMAICA is a religious corporation formed and existing pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York (the "CHURCH") and that: (i) presently there are no members of the CHURCH; (ii) the CHURCH does not have a place or worship; (iii) members of the CHURCH have not worshipped together in the past ten years; and (iv) it would be in furtherance of the public interest for the CHURCH to be dissolved and its surplus assets donated for religious, charitable and benevolent purposes, after payment of legal fees, publication costs and other expenses associated with this dissolution proceeding. Petitioners propose to dissolve and distribute the surplus assets remaining after costs of dissolution, to 501C(3) type entities as set forth in detail above. CONTACT PERSON: Kevin M. Gallagher,

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Esq., Gallagher, P.C., 260 Madison Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY (212) 687-1101.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MERGER Notice is hereby given that Preferred Bank, Los Angeles, California ("Preferred"), has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for its written consent to merge United International Bank, located in Flushing, New York, California ("UIB"), with and into itself, under the charter of Preferred. It is contemplated that the single office of UIB will continue to be operated as a branch of Preferred. This notice is published pursuant to Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office, 25 Jessie Street at Ecker Square, San Francisco, California 94105-2780, not later than the 30th day following the date of the first required publication of the notice, which was August 14, 2015. The non-confi-

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dential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. Dated: August 14, 2015. Preferred Bank 601 S. Figueroa Street 29th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017. United International Bank 41-60 Main Street Flushing, NY 11355.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 701968/2015. Date of Filing: August 4, 2015. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, - against- MINGHUI ZHAI; CHENGTING ZONG, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming

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under, by or through said CHENGTING ZONG, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; "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. Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of

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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

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THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Leonard Livote of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on July 28, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by MINGHUI ZHAI, CHENGTING ZONG, to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA bearing date August 8, 2007 and recorded in CRFN 2007000567397 in the County of Queens on November 14, 2007. Said premises being known as and by 78-58 220TH PLACE, OAKLAND GARDENS AKA BAYSIDE, NY 11364. Date: July 14, 2015 Batavia, New York Virginia C Grapensteter, Esq. RO-

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SICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue Batavia, NY 14020 585.815.0288 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.

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