

Holiday meal to serve 300 in Flushing

BY MADINA TOURE

Danny's Steakhouse & Oyster Bar, a gourmet restaurant in College Point, will be distributing up to 300 meals to feed those in Flushing who do not have enough food to eat on Christmas Eve. The holiday meal, dubbed "Feed Those in Need on Christmas Eve," was scheduled to take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Flushing Town Hall at 137-35 Northern Blvd.

The organizers of the meal reached out to local charities, homeless shelters and senior centers. The meal was to consist of grilled chicken, vegetables and mashed potatoes, along with a bottle of water. The event was expected to have 35 individual volunteers from various Flushing organizations.

Danny Lye, owner of the restaurant at 13-46 127th St. in College Point, said it made sense to host the meal giveaway since his restaurant does business in the neighborhood, noting the importance of giving back.

"We hope that we can make it better next year," he said.

Helen Yang, the restaurant's marketing consultant, *Continued on Page 46*

Guy eyes Creedmoor for shelter

SPREADING SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER



At St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside, Council Member Paul Vallone gets on the floor to hand out presents to the kids being cared for there. The toys were donated by the Auburndale Soccer Club, the Dwarf-Giraffe Athletic League and Vallone's "student ambassadors." Photo by Michael Shain

Homeless part of options for psych hospital

BY TOM MOMBERG

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration is in discussions with the state's chief economic development agency over the possibility of using one or more abandoned buildings for a homeless shelter at the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center in Queens Village.

Cuomo's office would only confirm that the idea for a shelter on the state-owned campus was discussed among other options.

City Councilman Barry Grodenchik (D-Oakland Gardens), who represents the neighborhoods surrounding Creedmoor, said he spoke to the governor after the idea was leaked and was assured it would not happen.

The governor and the Empire State Development Corporation are interested in the site and are committed to working with the community on its future. Grodenchik said he was told further discussions will happen with the borough president and the state agency about what to do with some of the vacant space at Creedmoor. *Continued on Page 46*



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Porsche rams into bus

South Korean visitor killed in Flushing DWI crash: DA

BY MADINA TOURE

A Long Island man admitted to having several drinks at a bar and driving over the speed limit in his Porsche Cayman before slamming into the rear of a parked school bus in Flushing and killing the woman in the passenger seat, the Queens district attorney said.

Nara An, 24, a visitor from South Korea, had been staying at the home of her fiancé on Roosevelt Avenue in Flushing since October and was planning to return home at the end of the month, police said.

The driver, Kyung Song, 29, of Island Park, L.I., was driving his \$60,000 sports car with An as his passenger. After a night of drinking, he was heading west on Sanford Avenue at about 3:30 a.m. Dec. 18 when he hit a parked bus, according to the NYPD.

Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx said Song worked in the hospital pharmacy as a trainee for three weeks in May.

Song allegedly admitted that he was driving 33 miles per hour when he was coming around the turn and that his tire slipped due to a curve in the road, causing him to hit the back of the bus, according to the criminal complaint filed by Queens DA Richard Brown. He said An had asked him to slow down.

He also admitted that the woman told him to slow down and that they had been coming from a bar where he drank six beers and three shots of liquor, according to the complaint.

The collision occurred on a residential street in front of PS 22, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, where the speed limit at the time of the accident was 25 miles per hour, according to the complaint.



Kyung Song's Porsche Cayman was a \$60,000 luxury sports car.

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Song is facing charges of vehicular manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the DA said.

He was taken to NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens and was listed as being in stable condition, an NYPD spokeswoman said.

Police said Song had a blood alcohol content of nearly twice the legal limit.

A police officer from the 109th Precinct saw a 2014 Porsche with severe front-end damage that had struck a parked yellow school bus, the complaint said.

Song, who was in the driver's seat, was unconscious and an unidentified Asian female in the passenger's seat did not appear to be breathing or moving, the complaint said.

The driver was removed

from the vehicle and placed into an ambulance for transport to the hospital, the complaint continued.

The woman, who suffered massive head injuries, was pronounced dead at 3:51 a.m., the complaint added.

The officer said Song looked intoxicated, with blood-shot watery eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath, according to the complaint.

A portable breath test was administered to Song, with results indicating that he had a blood alcohol content of .176, the complaint said. When he was asked if he would submit to a blood test, he allegedly refused.

Song was previously convicted of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs on April 7, 2010 in Nassau County, the complaint said.

New retail planned for Northern Blvd.

BY TOM MOMBERG

The real estate firm Robert K. Futterman and Associates has announced plans for a new development that will take the place of the Burger King on Northern Boulevard in Bayside.

The proposed three-story retail building at 222-10 Northern Blvd. includes plans for a 220-car parking structure and four floors including 39,600 square feet of commercial space, if the lower level is included.

RKF said it would be doing all the marketing and leasing as the exclusive agent for the property owner, which property records show is still Creative Foods Corp., a Burger King franchisee.

The developer for the project has not yet been announced, and no formal zoning variance proposals have yet come before Community Board 11.

RKF, which has offices across the country and works with international clients, said it is excited to work on the project considering the high traffic on Northern Boulevard and the appeal the location might have to businesses.

"Bayside is a high-density neighborhood and a well-established trade area with strong traffic from residents, students and commuters," RKF Executive Vice President David Rosenberg said. "This new development will be ideally suited for restaurants, grocers, health and fitness studios, furniture, home furnishings and sporting goods retailers. We are actively seeking regional and national brands to complement the strong co-tenancy along Northern and Bell boulevards that cater to this upscale neighborhood."

Rosenberg is going to be the marketing agent for the project, along with real estate associate Eddie Mamiye. They said the location will attract residents and commuters from around Queens and western Nassau counties.

"As a result of the growing demand for retail space, this is an excellent opportunity for the owner to redevelop this long-owned property into a higher-caliber use."

The stand-alone fast food restaurant would be demolished if the project is approved and would be the third Burger King to leave Bayside.



Robert K. Futterman and Associates has announced it would be marketing new retail space to be constructed at the current Burger King location, 222-10 Northern Blvd. Courtesy of RKF

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Bayside kids giving back this holiday season

Students at PS 159 take week to write Christmas cards, donate items to those in need

BY TOM MOMBERG

Students at PS 159 in Bayside are giving back this holiday season—something they are encouraged to do year round, but they are learning the importance of going the extra mile this time of year.

The fourth- and fifth-grade members of the student council organize volunteer efforts and charity drives every year with the help of faculty.

But teachers in one fourth grade class introduced “giving back week,” between Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, along with three projects for their kids to learn how important community is in each of the holidays.

Students collected pet food, old towels and pet care items all week long. With some of the school faculty and staff pitching in, teachers Erin Gallagher, Vanessa Giordano, Lina Buzzetta and Laurie Croker donated the full large collection bin to the North Shore

Animal League in Port Washington.

Ashley Cho, 9, who is on the student council and made some contributions to the collection drive, said many people want to adopt pets for their families during the holidays, so the items her class collected help make sure they are adoptable.

“I think this is a pretty important task, because people want pets that are healthy and this helps to ensure they are well cared for,” Cho said.

Kayla Metrak, 9, who is also the vice president of the student council, touted all of the work the council has done over the last year, such as the character parade to benefit the March of Dimes, a collection for a toy drive and fundraisers for Penny Harvest.

But Metrak said people must help those from all walks of life at this time of year, so she looked forward to the drive for the animal league.

“It’s going to be snowing,”



Fourth-grade students at PS 159 decorate cupcakes and make out holiday cards to thank a teacher or staff member at the school who has helped or inspired them. Courtesy of Erin Gallagher

she said. “And with really bad weather, it’s important for puppies to be inside and taken care of.”

Every student in the class was also tasked with showing appreciation to some of the school’s faculty and staff. They

decorated cupcakes and created thank you cards to send to a teacher who inspired them, or a school safety officer, food or sanitation worker.

Brenden Onyiego, 10, said he wrote back to his second-grade teacher.

“She just has taught me so much,” Onyiego said. “Now that we are older, we should look back and remember what we learned and who helped us.”

Finally, students were also asked to write out cards as charity. They chose between writing holiday cards to deployed soldiers or to Sa’Fyre Terry, who was left parentless and badly burned after a fire in her Schenectady home—making a call out to the nation for Christmas cards.

Gallagher said it was inspiring to see her students enjoy doing things for others.

“I think it’s important for kids to understand that the holidays aren’t just about receiving, but more importantly that they’re about giving back to others,” she said.

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Congress passes Zadroga extension

New York lawmakers help 9/11 first responders get guaranteed health care coverage

BY BILL PARRY

Several dozen 9/11 first responders and survivors returned to Ground Zero Saturday to celebrate the successful end of a yearlong campaign one day after Congress voted to extend the James Zadroga Health and Compensation Act for 75 years at a cost of \$3.5 billion. The legislation also renews the Victims Compensation Fund for five years with \$4.6 billion to pay claims.

Retired firefighters, police officers and construction workers made frequent trips to Washington, D.C. to lobby on behalf of the 33,000 who are struggling with illnesses, more than 4,000 of them with 9/11-related cancer, after breathing in the toxic air after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I'm very happy of course," Retired NYPD Detective Joseph Ramondino said. The Middle Village resident has battled two cancers since retiring in 2004 and endured multiple surgeries and treatments relating to the many months he spent working at the ruins of the World Trade



U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney wears a firefighter's turnout coat at Saturday's rally at Ground Zero with U.S. Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, as well as 9/11 first responders and survivors.

UUPhoto courtesy Maloney's office

Center and later at the makeshift morgue at Fresh Kills in Staten Island.

"The Zadroga extension was a no-brainer. It's a great relief that they finally got together and did the right thing," Ramondino said. "I'm very grateful and a lot of the others are, too."

The first responders and

survivors were joined by a host of congressional leaders who mounted an aggressive push for the extension. In the end, 68 senators and 272 House members backed the bill that was signed into law by President Obama last Friday.

"Never again will survivors and first responders be forced to walk the halls of Congress,

begging for their health care," U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria), the lead House sponsor of the bill, said. "After 15 years, the heroes and survivors of 9/11 will know that their health care is permanent and their compensation is full."

More than 70,000 people living in all 50 states depend on both programs. They live in

433 out of 435 congressional districts nationwide.

"After months of tireless work by our 9/11 first responders, these brave men and women can finally feel secure that they will have health care for the rest of their lives. This victory belongs to them," said U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), the lead sponsor in the Senate as she held back tears.

"And while this should have been an easy moral question for Congress with an obvious answer, our first responders were more than ready to stand up and fight for what they deserve, and today they won," she said. "This is an extraordinary group of men and women, and I am honored to represent them."

To date, 94 police officers have died from 9/11-related illnesses, more than were killed on Sept. 11. The FDNY lost 343 firefighters that day, but more 120 have died from illness since.

"Unfortunately, it's too late for some of us, but at least their families can benefit from this," Ramondino said.

MTA gives No.7 train riders notice on weekend closures

BY BILL PARRY

An MTA schedule of weekend service shutdowns in 2016 shows there is light at the end of the tunnel for straphangers who ride the No. 7 subway line. The MTA said it requires fewer shutdowns than in previous years as reconstruction progresses and improvement projects near completion.

Beginning in late January the schedule shows eight weekends will be affected, spread out over 11 months. During these weekends service will be shut down between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square in both directions.

"The growth of the Flushing Line matters greatly to the growth of Queens, and these projects are critical to the future of the line," James Ferrara, interim president of



The MTA announces the latest round of weekend service suspensions on the beleaguered No. 7 subway line. Photo by Michael Shain

New York City Transit, said. "Replacing old tracks means a smoother, faster ride for customers, and installing a modern signal system means less crowded and more reliable commutes. Improvements to any part of our infrastructure allows us to better serve all of

our customers."

In 2016, contractors will continue installing and testing the new signal equipment throughout the line ahead of its launch in 2017. Once completed, the new system will interface with subway cars to

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MinKwon center enrolls more immigrant voters

BY MADINA TOURE

The MinKwon Center for Community Action in Flushing has reached a milestone, having registered more than 70,000 new immigrant voters citywide as part of its civic participation program.

Since 2004, the center has registered 70,090 immigrant voters to date, it announced at a news conference Dec. 17 at its office at 136-19 41st Ave. City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) attended the ceremony.

The voter registration efforts are based on extensive street outreach, registering walk-in clients and running a year-round campaign targeted toward new immigrant voters in partnership with the New York Immigration Coalition.

The initiative targets im-

migrant groups generally, according to James Hong, MinKwon's director of civic engagement.

Hong said that in light of upcoming elections, the center is trying to increase the number of registered immigrant voters as well as the pace at which it gets them registered in light of upcoming elections—congressional and presidential primaries and the general election in November.

He remarked that many people in the Asian-American community are not aware of the fact that you have to be enrolled in a political party in order to vote in a New York state primary.

"Especially now when immigrants, foreigners, refugees, they're all being lumped together and feared

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DOE abandons plan for Linden Place HS

BY MADINA TOURE

Community leaders and elected officials applauded the city's decision to scrap plans for a high school inside its building at 30-48 Linden Place, while the city Department of Education said it is considering putting programs for high school students at the site.

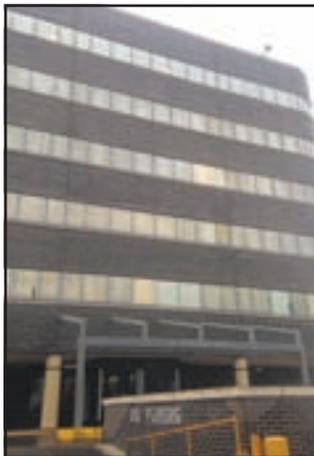
After receiving confirmation in July from DOE staff that the site would be used for a high school for more than 450 students, City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) met with City Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña to express his opposition to the proposal due to student safety and traffic congestion concerns.

At the meeting, Fariña told Koo the plans to build a high school would no longer go forward. Koo's office received written confirmation from DOE staff.

Koo made the announcement at a news conference in front of the building last Friday afternoon, along with state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing); Arlene Fleishman, president of the Mitchell-Linden Civic Association; and Chuck Apelian, first vice chairman of Community Board 7.

"Maybe the chancellor realized this is not a good place to put a high school," Koo said.

The DOE said the site has been mixed use for some time and currently serves high-school aged students and that the proposal is not expected to be a radical departure



The DOE has scrapped plans to build a high school at its building at 30-48 Linden Place in Flushing.

Photo by Madina Toure

from the site's current use.

"We are still finalizing the proposal, but it will likely combine offices serving administrative and training functions with instructional space," Toya Holness, DOE's deputy press secretary, said in a statement. "We are continuing to work closely with the CEC (Community Education Council), families, community members and elected officials to finalize a plan."

The building is currently occupied by School District 25's administrative offices and an Alternative Learning program.

The scrapped plan marks the second time since 2007 the DOE has sought to transform the site into a high school and the second time the community has opposed the plan on the grounds that the site is inappropriate.

Stavisky noted that there are already two public schools on 31st Road—PS 214 and PS 242—and that Linden Place is narrow. She criticized the DOE for previously stating it does not have to go through the public engagement process since it owns the building.

"That is the wrong attitude and I'm glad they reversed their decision," she said.

Fleishman, who served on the District 25 school board for nearly 28 years, said the city took over the building and gave it to the Board of Education because the developer owed roughly \$7 million in back taxes.

She said the community has been asking for a four-way stop sign on 138th Street and 31st Road for many years.

"What we're asking for in this community is honesty and transparency—we want to be consulted," Fleishman said. "This is not a location for a high school. We're more concerned about the safety and the proper kind of school for children."

Apelian said CB7 is happy the DOE abandoned the plan, but it wants "ongoing transparency" in the future.

"Going forward, we want to make sure that they engage the community and elected officials in the process," he said.

De Blasio has new plan

Mayor to track street homeless as city shelters worsen

BY BILL PARRY

As Mayor Bill de Blasio nears the midway point of his first term, the homeless crisis continues to be the 800-pound gorilla in City Hall. In an hour-long session with reporters Monday, the mayor admitted mistakes have been made.

"My job is to make fewer and fewer mistakes," de Blasio said. "My job is to learn from everything. One thing I do pride myself on is I make a mistake, I learn from it."

Last week proved how vexing the crisis can be. Just two days after the resignation of Department of Homeless Services Commissioner Gilbert Taylor, de Blasio rolled out his new Home-Stat program, the most comprehensive street homelessness outreach effort ever deployed in a major American city, officials said.

More than 100 police officers and 300 social workers would canvass the streets seeking out the estimated 4,000 homeless people who are living on the streets in the five boroughs to get them services with "unprecedented vigor and attention" beginning in March. The goal of the program is to get the homeless off the street and into stable housing or treatment centers.

"This is a fundamental



Mayor de Blasio announces his new Home-Stat program that will create a citywide case management system for street homeless.

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change in how our city contends with a situation that has been intractable for years," de Blasio said. The announcement drew praise from elected officials, advocates for the homeless and state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro applauded the increased street

outreach, saying "getting people into housing quickly is a critical component of ending homelessness."

The reaction in Queens was full of hope for quick action.

"From the hallways of LaGuardia Airport to the streets of the five boroughs, homeless New Yorkers are in need of our help and we must deliver,"

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Muslims fight Islamophobia

BY TOM MOMBERG

Several Muslim communities from the city and Long Island rallied in Jackson Heights Saturday to mark one year since Taliban militants killed more than 150 children and adults at a school in Pakistan in an event. The event was held to remember victims of terror both abroad and in the United States.

The rally at Diversity Plaza was coordinated by Sukhi New York, a nonprofit that seeks to empower women and diverse populations in the city and helps manage the public space.

The cold overcast day did not deter some 80 people from joining the diverse crowd at the rally, which concluded



Abbas Gastgir of American Muslims 4 Peace raises an American Flag just before a rally in Jackson Heights to fight Islamophobia.

Photo by Michael Shain

with a candlelight vigil and prayers to honor the lives lost in Pakistan a year ago.

Sukhi teamed up with Long Island-based organization American Muslims 4 Peace to acknowledge and attempt to deter growing discrimination against those who prac-

tice Islam in the wake of domestic terror events, such as the 14-victim shooting in San Bernardino, Calif. earlier in December.

As the FBI investigates the woman who helped carry out the massacre—believed to have connections to ISIS, the Islamic State terrorist group—the organizers of Saturday's rally think the attack reflects poorly on their religion to outsiders who do not appreciate the differences the Islamic extremists hold in their faith.

Ijaz Bokhari, a member of American Muslims 4 Peace, said Islam teaches peace, love and tolerance. Different interpretations of the religion have given way to violent extremism, which Bokhari said most

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Chinese exchange student traumatized by slashing

BY MADINA TOURE



Police are looking for a man who slashed a 16-year-old exchange student from China who was on her way to school in Whitestone. NYPD

A 16-year-old exchange student from China and her family have been frightened since the student was slashed by a vicious attacker while she was heading to school in Whitestone last week, according to state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing), who has helped set up a special fund for the student and requested she be transferred to another school.

At about 8:15 a.m. Dec. 16, an unknown male approached the girl, who was on her way to Whitestone Academy, a private school at 150-34 12th Ave., from behind and slashed her with a box cutter, cutting her left cheek and throat, according to the police.

She was taken to Long Island Jewish Medical Center, according to Kim, who visited her at the hospital.

The student's mother, a single woman who also has a 9-year-old son and lives with her own mother, is currently looking for a job back in China, Kim said. Both the victim and her family have been fright-

ened, with the victim having nightmares.

"When she's around her mother, it's obvious she's trying to be strong for her...but when she's speaking privately and being honest, she's completely traumatized," Kim said.

His office has set up a special fund in conjunction with the office of lawyer Gary Park, who is helping on a pro bono basis. Only the victim will

have access to the fund, which can be used for various expenses such as future surgeries, her education and traveling costs.

Kim wrote a letter to Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina on behalf of the family requesting she be transferred to a larger high school with better security. He said de Blasio's office and the city Department of Education will reach out to the

family to figure out a solution for the victim.

Wiley Norvell, a spokesman for de Blasio, said it will help the family.

"We are committed to the safety of all students," Norvell said. "We will gladly assist this family as it seeks to enroll in a public school."

Kim said the victim returned from the hospital Monday. More than 200 stitches were placed from the top of her face all the way down to her throat.

She is still unable to eat solid foods and cannot speak because moving her mouth hurts her throat, but her eyeglasses prevented the boxcutter from injuring her eye, the assemblyman added.

Kim said she has been attending Whitestone Academy for three months and is currently staying with a Chinese-American host family that lives near the school.

She is here on a permanent basis on a student visa, with plans to pursue her high school and college education in the United States, he said.

Kim said the victim's mother has been friends with her host mother for a "really long time" and that when she visited several months ago, she was satisfied with the school and the neighborhood.

"She's at a loss of words for what happened. I think everyone is," he said. "This type of attack doesn't happen around here."

He said the school's principal has reached out to the family and that students tried to deliver get well packages to the host family's home. Whitestone Academy declined to comment.

The suspect, who was wearing white gloves and a white mask covering his face, was described as 6-foot-2 tall, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with a black stripe on the back and sleeves, black sweatpants, light socks and black sneakers, police said.

The boxcutter was recovered at the scene and the investigation was ongoing, the spokeswoman said.

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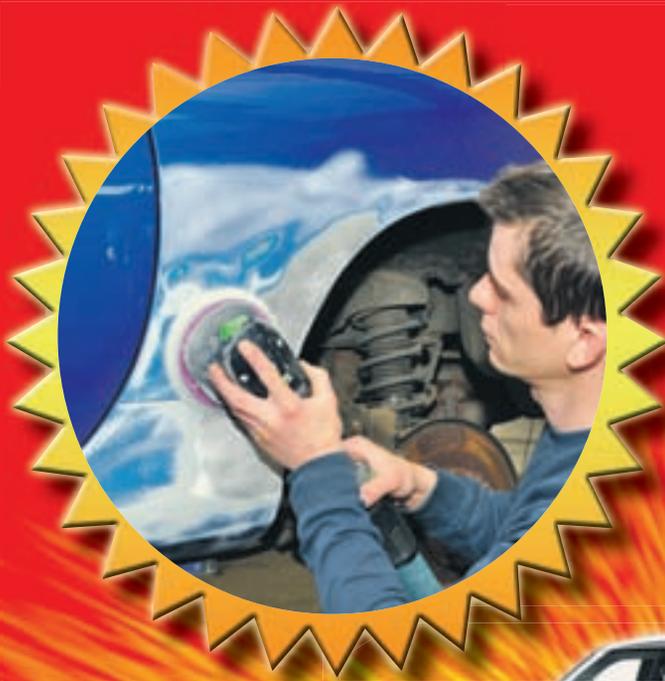
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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Amtrak's Philly curve gets new safety system

BY GABRIEL ROM

Travelers taking Amtrak between New York City and Philadelphia are now benefiting from a new crash-prevention system six months after a train derailment in Philadelphia killed seven, including a Far Rockaway midshipman. The engineer of the train, a resident of Forest Hills, was one of 200 injured.

The new upgrades are the latest ripple effect from the May 12 crash.

The national passenger railroad system activated "positive train control" last weekend between the two cities. It is the last stretch of tracks on the highly trafficked Northeast Corridor to get the system.

Amtrak, which activated the new safety system between Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., earlier this month, is meeting a federal year-end deadline that Congress recently extended.

Congress mandated in 2008 that Amtrak, commuter railroads and freight railroads all install positive train control by the end of 2015.

Known as PTC, the system takes control of a train before it speeds through dangerous curves where trains should slow down, or if the engineer driving the train becomes disabled or distracted.

The Northeast Regional Train 188 was traveling at a speed of at least 100 miles per hour, twice the speed limit for the section of the track outside of Philadelphia's 30th Street Station, when it derailed, according to the National Transportation Safety

Board.

Justin Zemser was returning to Queens from his studies at the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland when he died. Officials identified the engineer, who was at the controls of the train, as Brandon Bostian. The 32-year-old Amtrak employee lived in Forest Hills and survived.

Bostian suffered a head injury in the derailment and his attorney said the engineer does not remember anything after the train pulled out of the Philadelphia station, the last stop before the crash.

The security system will be the first in the New York City area. The three major commuter systems serving the city—NJ Transit, the Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad—plan to have positive train control running by the end of 2018, all meeting the new federal deadline.

According to investigators, Amtrak's existing signal system at the area where the Philadelphia crash occurred was not configured to slow trains traveling above the speed limit in the northbound direction. The signal system on the southbound tracks was operational.

The Federal Railroad Administration has since ordered Amtrak to change its signals at a number of locations throughout the Northeast Corridor between Washington and Boston, including at the crash site.

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The new safety upgrades are the latest ripple effect from May's crash, which killed seven. Amtrak, which activated the new safety system between Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., earlier this month, is meeting a federal year-end deadline that Congress recently extended.

Photo by Joseph Kaczmarek/AP

Council backs mall

City eyes affordable housing after lawmakers vote



The City Council voted to support the Willets West megamall proposal last week.

Courtesy of Queens Development Group

BY MADINA TOURE

As elected officials expressed mixed reactions on the City Council's vote to support a developer's legal appeal for the Willets West megamall proposal to proceed, the city said it remains concerned about the affordable housing component even though it backs the \$3 billion Willets Point project.

The Council voted 46-2 to pass a resolution authorizing the Council to issue an amicus brief in support of the developer in the pending case. City Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) and City Councilman Paul Vallone (D-Bayside) voted against the resolution.

The Court of Appeals recently ruled it would hear an appeal by the developer, Queens Development Group, in the megamall case after an appellate court ruled in July that the proposal could not continue without legislative approval because the megamall would be built on parkland.

The city said it supports the vision the Council approved but said the paperwork between the city Economic Development Corporation and Queens Development from former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration did not include a timetable for delivery of affordable housing. Work on affordable housing is scheduled to start in 2025.

"Our priority is accelerating the affordable housing this

community badly needs," Wiley Norvell, deputy press secretary for Mayor Bill de Blasio, said in a statement. "The city will continue to work with all parties to deliver on that."

The city, which backed out of the appeal, said the July appellate court ruling was decisive.

The City Council voted to approve the overall project back in 2013 by a vote of 42-3.

City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan) said the project will provide Queens residents with local jobs and affordable housing and is "well within the scope of development authorized by state legislation."

"The Willets Point Development Plan is the culmination of years of planning and millions of dollars of public investment and it's time for the public to see a return," Mark-Viverito said in a statement.

Queens Development said it hopes the Court of Appeals, the local community board and others will follow suit.

"We are gratified that the City Council has reaffirmed its strong support for our unprecedented, private \$3 billion investment in Queens that will reverse 100 years of pollution, create thousands of good-paying jobs and turn vacant lots into a vibrant neighborhood," the company said in a statement.

The Willets West mall is part of the redevelopment of Willets Point into a new neighborhood with commercial, re-

tail and residential space.

Ahead of the vote, Lancman said he would vote against supporting the proposal. He said the deal was sold as "being better than it actually turned out to be."

"It was a bad deal that was constructed poorly in a way that left it vulnerable to legal challenges and now we have an opportunity to do a good deal, so why would we want to miss the opportunity to do a good deal that mandates affordable housing, provides living wages for retail workers and serves the public interest?" he said.

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) sent a letter to Mark-Viverito, urging civic associations not to vote for Council members who voted in favor of the proposal when they are up for re-election.

"Shame on them, and there should be an investigation of this," Avella said. "The City Council is acting on behalf of private developers. That's an outrage."

City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras (D-East Elmhurst) voted in favor of the resolution.

"Millions of public dollars have already been invested in this project and families, small businesses and workers need to see the benefits of the plan that was promised to Queens," Ferreras said in a statement. "My community needs a solution that is swift and equitable."

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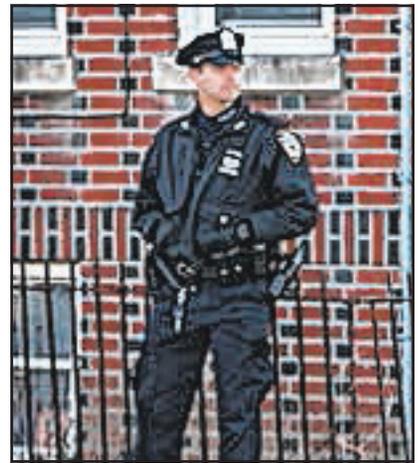
Police make arrest in 2014 Rich Hill murder

RICHMOND HILL — More than a year later, a man was arrested and charged last week for the murder of a young man, according to the NYPD.

Last year in April, 20-year old Branden Santiago from Briarwood was found shot to death with two gunshot wounds to the head in Richmond Hill near 108th Street and 103rd Avenue, police said.

Emergency responders took Santiago to Jamaica Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

On Dec. 17, police re-arrested 37-year-old Sherman Manning, who was already in Rikers Island serving time for another crime, and charged him with murder, criminal possession of a weapon and menacing, according to police officials.



Cops have arrested a 37-year-old man already serving time in Rikers for the execution-style murder of a Briarwood man in April 2014.

Man holds up Rego Park bank: NYPD

REGO PARK — Police from the 112th Precinct were asking the public's help in finding a suspect wanted in connection with a bank robbery.

Last Friday the suspect entered the Astoria Bank branch at 97-33 Queens Blvd., just after 4:30 p.m., and passed a teller a note demanding money.

The teller gave the suspect \$2,600 before the suspect fled the location in an unknown direction, according to the NYPD. The suspect is described as a white man, 5-foot-10 and 200 pounds.

He was last seen wearing a black and white leopard print waist length jacket and a dark colored hooded sweatshirt.

Anyone with information is asked



Police released this video image of a man suspected in a Rego Park bank robbery Monday. Photo courtesy NYPD

F train rider home before noticed stabbing

FOREST HILLS — A man was stabbed in his buttocks several times by another rider on two subway platforms in Forest Hills and Kew Gardens Sunday police said. The victim told police he only became aware of his wounds when he returned home.

The man was waiting for a Jamaica-bound F train at the 71st/Continental Avenue station in Forest Hills around 7:10 p.m. when he said another passenger bumped into him, according to police.

The victim, who said his attacker was wearing a red and black checkered coat and black pants, said the man followed him when he got on the train and then when he got off at the Union Turnpike-Kew Gardens station, where

the victim told investigators the man "bumped into his buttocks" several more times, authorities said.

The victim said he did not know the assailant, according to police.

Only later did the victim find three puncture wounds to his left buttock and one to his right buttock, each of them about half an inch wide, according to police.

The victim reported the incident and was taken to Forest Hills Hospital in stable condition, police said.

Police officials said they were not sure why the attack occurred or what the motive was.

No arrests had been made as of Tuesday afternoon.



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A USE FOR CREEDMOOR

Eastern Queens might seem like an unlikely spot for making a dent in the city's homeless population. But the warring governor and mayor just might strike a compromise on using Creedmoor Psychiatric Center as a shelter.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is talking about housing some homeless New Yorkers at Creedmoor's 350-acre campus, split between Glen Oaks and Queens Village. Parts of the complex have been sold off since the state began emptying the institution of 7,000 patients in the 1960s. Fewer than 400 residents are left today.

Some buildings remain unoccupied and could provide critical housing as the city's homeless population surges past 60,000. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, families represent 80 percent of the people living in city shelters, including 23,000 children.

After the governor criticized Bill de Blasio for not handling the homeless crisis, the mayor launched a program last week to track and curb street homelessness, the most visible part of the vexing problem.

A recent New York Times/Siena College poll found 62 percent of New Yorkers disapproved of the mayor's approach to the homeless issue, which could be an incentive for him to sign on to the Creedmoor concept despite his deep differences with Cuomo.

Creedmoor is located in a solidly middle-class section of Queens, where many lawmakers, civic leaders and residents are expected to strongly oppose having a large shelter in their suburban midst.

But the politics have changed in the area, which used to be represented by state Sen. Frank Padavan, a powerful Republican who defeated efforts to use Creedmoor as a place for prison parolees in the 1980s. He did persuade the state and city to build three public schools on the grounds, now called the Padavan Campus. Leroy Comrie, a longtime southeast Queens Democrat newly elected to the seat, sees Creedmoor as providing a second chance for the homeless because of the government services available there for the 1,600 outpatients.

Queens is no stranger to the shelter challenge. DHS's stealth approach to opening a shelter in the former Pan American Hotel in East Elmhurst last year without notifying the community has drawn fire from city lawmakers and neighbors. This is not the game plan to follow.

The Creedmoor conversation, which involves other state-owned psychiatric centers, is off to a good start. The public knows the governor has discussed the site for a shelter. The mayor seems open to the idea. Supporters and critics are on notice to line up and make their cases.

Let the debate begin.



OTHER VOICES

The City Council's true constituents

It is not conceivable New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito on her own initiative invoked a resolution before the council to submit an amicus brief to the New York State Court of Appeals in support of the developers who seek an end run around the law to construct a 1.4 million square foot shopping megamall on the Citi Field parking lot. What is conceivable is that she was solicited by the developers who have been running in fear since the Appellate Division—First Department—ruled unanimously against them. One expects the Court of Appeals to sort out the

irrelevancies and as the Appellate Division Justices did, uphold the integrity of parkland.

In placing her resolution before the City Council with no more than two days' notice and not setting up a public hearing, Mark-Viverito has made it clear that under her speakership there will be no legislative transparency. That the City Council with the exception of two dissents and one abstention, approved the resolution comes as no surprise, since they have always considered large real estate interests their true constituents. The support of Council member Julissa Ferreras likewise comes as no

surprise, since she has supported intrusion in Flushing Meadows Corona Park by private, for-profit interests.

If one needed a single word to best describe the majority of the City Council and its current speaker, mediocre would fit the bill, but even that, possibly considered too generous. The actions of the City Council brings to mind the statement once made by Meade Esposito, a former Brooklyn Democratic leader: "Today's reformer is tomorrow's hack."

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SBS can fix a broken Woodhaven Blvd.

On a daily basis, 30,000 people—mostly Queens residents—travel between the Rockaways and Woodside. They are our friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. For too long, bus riders have accepted unreliable service, unnecessarily long travel times, and buses underequipped to carry the amount of passengers who use them, resulting in waiting for two or three buses to pass just to actually get on one. I know firsthand because I take the Q52/53, and I'm all too familiar with the view from out of the front windshield, crammed tightly, knowing it's dangerous—but also knowing I've been late to work already this week, so I have to get on.

So you would be hard pressed to find someone who thinks Woodhaven Boulevard does not need to be fixed. It's not just bus riders who are suffering: drivers are regularly stuck in traffic and the corridor has claimed the ignominious moniker of the Boulevard of Death. Growing up on Woodhaven/Myrtle, I'm also

not a stranger to driving on the popular roadway where, before we had a bus lane, drivers would use the outermost lane as their personal outlet.

Transportation experts have identified Bus Rapid Transit, known as BRT, as the key to not just make the road safer for drivers and pedestrians, but also to relieve congestion and shorten drive times. The proposed Select Bus Service route would be the most robust version of BRT in New York City, finally putting our long-neglected borough at the forefront of modern public transit. The Riders Alliance has reached out to over 6,000 local riders who've have signed a petition supporting the implementation of BRT along Woodhaven and Cross Bay boulevards.

That is why opponents' statements against DOT's proposal to bring BRT to Woodhaven and Cross Bay boulevards are disheartening. It is shortsighted to renounce a plan that will shorten commute times and transform the corridor into a safer place.

Bringing BRT to our communities will not ruin local businesses. In fact, it protects street parking, a noted difference from the city's standard Select Bus Service. Having passengers board the bus on built-out medians will make us safer—it shortens the walk across the dangerously wide street and makes crosswalks more visible. And the introduction of a handful of left-turn bans will make our residential streets safer as well. Before late November with the introduction of the smaller Q44 route, Queens was the only borough without Select Bus Service. Residents in other parts of the city have seen the benefits of the street redesigns that come with SBS since 2008. Businesses along those corridors have seen an increase in foot traffic and sales. Drivers spend less time stuck in traffic while bus service becomes more reliable. And most importantly, the streets became safer thanks to redesigns that made the corridors pedestrian-friendly.

It's easy to hear that one lane

of traffic will become bus-only and think Woodhaven Boulevard will become the borough's pre-eminent parking lot, but that could not be further from the truth. The cause for all the traffic jams is when the street goes from three lanes to two, causing bottlenecks that have ripple effects along the corridor. Removing a lane means making Woodhaven and Cross Bay boulevards more consistent and less prone to traffic jams, since drivers will not need to stop and wait for an opening to merge into another lane of traffic while cars line up behind them. And the street design, which includes a separate service road, removes the congestion for drivers caused by buses pulling in and out of bus stops and delivery trucks double-parking.

Many riders, drivers, business owners, homeowners, and pedestrians have weighed in, and the DOT has heard the praise and concerns of the public. I've been to those public events and I'm glad to see that there's a lot of support for a better Woodhaven Boulevard.

While there is some opposition to the DOT's proposal, the reality is that opponents have not provided solutions that would actually address the congestion that makes Woodhaven as awful as it is.

As someone whose commute is about an hour each day from Glendale to Jackson Heights, I empathize with drivers who say their commute has increased. Now I am asking drivers to empathize with transit riders who have been neglected by a city that has failed to recognize and accommodate an ever-increasing population and mass transit ridership by not implementing an updated, proven system such as SBS. The status quo isn't working for drivers, who deal with traffic; the status quo isn't working for riders, who have long commutes; the status quo isn't working for pedestrians, who are injured or even killed. It's time for a better Woodhaven. I, for one, will welcome the change.

*Katherine Stier
Woodhaven*

Residents deserve to have a voice in the city's future

Hundreds of people showed up on Dec. 16 to testify at a hearing of the City Planning Commission. It was held at the National Museum of the American Indian in downtown Manhattan, where the commission apparently felt that there would be enough space for all attendees. There wasn't. What brought such a large crowd to this particular hearing? Mayor deBlasio's two zoning proposals were being discussed by those in favor and those against. The proposals deal with affordable and senior housing and changing zoning to encourage further development.

I arrived for the hearing at

8:15 a.m. After standing outside for more than an hour, I finally got in to the auditorium where the 12 commissioners were hearing testimony. There was only one metal detector to screen hundreds of people to access the auditorium. What I didn't know when I reached the auditorium was that multitudes of people were still outside and were told that they would not be able to enter to testify. The auditorium had reached its limit. Those people, needless to say, were very upset. Many had skipped work in order to attend and testify.

It's too bad, because many important advocacy organizations and knowledgeable indi-

vidual speakers were kept out of this crucial hearing. It was my feeling, and from what I heard at the hearing, the feeling of dozens of other people and advocacy groups that spoke, that the two proposals were set up in such a way that was extremely beneficial to developers and real estate interests. The proposals attack the contextual rezonings that people all over the city had fought for over the past several decades in order to protect the character of their communities.

No one denied the need for more affordable and senior housing, but not in the way that these proposals approached the issues. Taller and bulkier

buildings in certain zoning districts and decreased or no parking requirements for senior housing in certain areas were seen by many as giant steps backward.

Before entering the auditorium, I registered to testify and was assigned No. 96 to speak. I sat there all day listening to everyone speak. Elected officials had unlimited time to testify. Other people had four minutes apiece. The commissioners often asked questions to speakers, which slowed down the hearing. I finally was called at 6 p.m. to state my opinion.

I understand that the people and groups who were shut out of the hearing requested

City Planning Chairman Carl Weisbrod to schedule an additional hearing so that everyone could be heard. As far as I know, that request was denied. I think that is extremely unfair and I am sending a copy of this letter to all of my elected officials and also to Chair Weisbrod.

If you agree, please contact Chair Weisbrod (212-720-3300) and your local elected officials and request that a second hearing be scheduled soon so that all voices can be heard on these two proposals that will affect city life for generations.

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Mayor de Blasio's midterm report card



Tom Allon
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Mayoral Spin Cycle

Since we're living in a data-driven world, it's time to gather around for Mayor Bill de Blasio's midterm report card.

It's halfway through the mayor's four-year term. First terms are notoriously hard, but since this is the big time, there's no grading on a curve for the earnest, progressive mayor.

Like many sophomores, the mayor was very distracted at times in his second year. He took a number of out-of-state and foreign trips, including one to the Vatican to genuflect to the new lefty pope.

He spent way too much time anointing himself the national voice for progressive politics, even unsuccessfully trying to

host a debate in Iowa for presidential candidates. Unfortunately for Bill, both the GOP and Democratic candidates had no interest, and this grandiose idea dropped like a lead balloon.

A quick note on the mayor's behavior: He doesn't play very well in the sandbox with others. This is hurting his agenda and could undermine his efforts. He is constantly bickering with Gov. Andrew Cuomo and that is a fight the normally genial Mayor will never win. His slow-motion endorsement of Hillary Clinton pissed off his one-time boss, the likely Democratic presidential nominee.

The only people who hold a grudge longer than Andrew Cuomo are Bill and Hillary Clinton. Not smart, Mr. Mayor.

So, we'll give him a "D" for distraction on the all-important "Focus" grade. And an "F" for "Knows how to win friends and influence people."

Now, for the major subjects:

Crime 101: B. The smartest thing the mayor did was appointing Bill Bratton police commissioner. Bratton is the Babe Ruth of crime fighting (Is Ray Kelly the Lou Gehrig?) and he has managed to keep crime at record lows, reduce stop-and-frisk dramatically and also shield the bumbling mayor from an angry police force which feels under respected and underpaid. But (isn't there always a but?) murder is up this year for the first time in a while, the homeless have become more menacing and the general perception of New Yorkers is that things may be backsliding.

Affordable Housing 421A: C. The mayor gets an "A" for effort, but as Will-Ferrell-as-George-W.-Bush used to say, he gets a "D" for "strategy." The cornerstone of his agenda—200,000 new units of affordable housing—is in jeopardy because he is about to lose a fight with the governor which will result in the expiration of the 421-A tax abatement program

that gave developers incentive to build below-market-rate housing. Equally damaging is the mayor's bungled rezoning by community boards and borough presidents. This will mean his usual City Council allies will be boxed in and could abandon de Blasio—a big potential miss.

Solving the Homeless Crisis: D. This may be his honor's Waterloo. He ignored the screaming headlines in the tabloids about the rising tide of street homeless last summer before deciding to clean house and start all over again. Losing Deputy Mayor Lilliam Barrios-Paoli was a canary-in-a-coal-mine moment. Once she abandoned the sinking cruise liner and left the mayor with former activist Steve Banks to try to right the ship, we should have known this problem was worse than anyone thought. The recent announcement of a "Homestat" outreach program sounds good in theory, but in life it is all about execution. So

we'll stay tuned to see if the mayor can turn around this vexing problem.

Education Reform and Testing 1-2-3: B. Last year's good news was the creation of universal pre-K for more than 60,000 youngsters. This year, the efficacy of some of these schools has come into question. But give the mayor extra credit for getting this off the ground. Otherwise, he has been too silent on the botched implementation of Common Core and on the growing test opt-out movement. Nothing innovative is going on yet and there have only been a few mild victories—like the plan to step up computer instruction.

All in all, Mayor de Blasio's second year in office was a very mixed bag. His bumpy ride has been reflected in his sagging approval rating in every poll. But now that he is entering his junior year, there's plenty of time to get that grade average up before facing the voters again in 2017.

Class dismissed.

Animal instinct: Your dog really does love you



Lenore Skenazy
■
Rhymes with Crazy

Do people save dogs or is it the other way around?

That's the question posed by the Broadway comedy "Sylvia," starring Matthew Broderick as a disengaged middle-aged New Yorker who falls in love with a very human dog—so human that she is played by the talking, sniffing, adorable Annaleigh Ashford. But the who-saves-who question was also posed after a performance of the show last week, to an audience of dog fans.

On stage were Broderick, co-star Robert Sella, and two dog experts: Rachel McPherson, founder and executive director of the New York-based

Good Dog Foundation, which has 1,000 trained therapy dogs volunteering in the tri-state area; and Dr. Laurie Santos, founder of Yale's Canine Cognition Laboratory. Yes, they are studying doggie thinking at Yale.

"How many of you stuck around tonight because you have a canine at home?" Santos asked the audience. "How many of you find yourself wondering what's going on inside his or her head? Do they love me? Do they care about me?"

The audience laughed a little self-consciously.

Good news, the professor reported: Our dogs do love us. In fact, when they look into our eyes, they are bathed in as much love as we are.

"Scientists have learned that part of the bonding that allows us to bond with a dog is the same thing that helps us bond with our babies," Santos said.

Babies are filled with what is colloquially called the "love hormone" or "cuddle hor-

hormone." It floods their brain, and as we look at them, it floods our brains, too. When researchers examined dogs' urine after this same kind of gazing-into-their-owners' eyes, they found the love hormone in it, too. Studies of wolf urine did not show the same thing. Somehow, dogs evolved to transmit and receive the same love signals as human babies, and beguile us the same way.

This bond is so intense that the Good Dog Foundation harnesses it to help people who are lonely, scared or hurting.

"We work with lots of patients in hospitals, rehab units, nursing homes," said McPherson, who has run the program for 18 years.

One time, early on, she and her dog were helping a man who'd been paralyzed on his right side by a stroke.

"He could not get his body to move," she recalls. But when her dog jumped into his lap, the man would desperately try to throw the ball.

This was back before the rehab unit was completely thrilled with the idea of having a dog around. But as the patient began to get his movement back, said McPherson, "The doctor was amazed at the results." He became a big supporter of the Good Dog Foundation.

Schools are signing up, too, to help students with everything from autism to dyslexia, as well as other learning and emotional issues.

"We work with the kids one-on-one because they become so stressed out in the classroom that they can't read," said McPherson. "But then they read to the dogs and it's amazing. They feel very comfortable. And what's phenomenal is that when the dog and the child are in a space reading, the child becomes 'cool' to the other kids. They say, 'Can we go read to the dog?' So what was a negative becomes a positive, and the kid's reading really does improve."

A recent study at Mt. Sinai

Beth Israel here in New York scientifically proved another benefit to human-dog interaction: chemo compliance.

The study involved 42 patients undergoing six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation for head and neck cancers. The protocol is grueling. Many of the patients get very sick and can't eat. Some have trouble talking. But over the course of their treatment, with a loving dog at their side, their feelings of emotional and social well-being actually increased. Wrote one patient, "I would've stopped the treatment, but I wanted to come see the dog."

In the play, Matthew Broderick's character is similarly saved by his love (graduating to obsession) with the dog he found: "Sylvia." But eventually his awakened soul goes on to reconnect with his wife, a human played by Julie White.

Dogs need humans, humans need dogs, and humans need humans, too. Call it a tail as old as time.

How to make sure we win the war against terror



William Lewis
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presidential election. This is certainly one of the most serious threats that our nation has ever faced.

As long as ISIS continues fighting a war in the Mideast, they will also continue acts of terrorism. However, our country has been involved in major conflicts before, including World War II and the Cold War against Communism. We won both wars and we will win again this time.

The war against ISIS and radical terrorism may continue for a long time before victory is achieved. Now is the time to build our military forces and law enforcement.

The Republican primaries will soon be here. If one candidate should win the first four primaries, namely the Iowa caucuses, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada, that candidate will probably be the nominee of the Republican Party

However, we have a long time before Election Day in November 2016. A lot can happen during that period of time. For the candidate who wins the election of 2016, it will have been a hard fight. In most cases it will have meant two years of campaigning.

We have had few major conflicts at party conventions during the last 100 years but they have occurred. The most recent was in 1976 when Ronald Reagan challenged President Gerald Ford for the Republican nomination. Ford finally won the nomination by a slim margin over Reagan. Ford went on to lose to Jimmy Carter, who would lose to Ronald Reagan four years later.

As we get closer to the party conventions next summer, we will see more candidates drop out and the final Republican vote of the delegates will be between two candidates.

The American people will

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probably be showing a lot more interest in national and local politics next year. The stakes are high as the importance of this election unfolds.

The issues that candidates will be discussing next year have usually been on the forefront before, but not with the intensity that they are being raised now. The issues will include high crime, especially in large cities, and illegal immigration coming from our southwest border, and as always, will play a major role in the campaign.

The endless war in the Mideast will be a very important issue in terms of what the American role should be or will be. Trade policy with foreign nations will also be a critical issue.

Our democratic system will be tested to the fullest as our citizens choose our country's national and local leaders.

Next year will bring maximum interest as people go to the polls in all 50 states. Let us hope for a large turnout next year.

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After hate-crime wave, residents start discussion

Leaders of many faiths meet in Richmond Hill to address threat to their communities

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

Residents from Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Jewish religious backgrounds met last week at the Bosnian Community Center in Richmond Hill to compare notes on the recent wave of hate incidents across the city.

In Queens, the most recent attack was on a Muslim man, a grocery clerk at Fatima Food Mart in Astoria, where a Florida man shouting "I'll kill Muslims" allegedly struck him, according to police.

In Woodhaven, an arsonist burned traditional religious flags that had been placed outside of a Hindu family's home. Police were still looking for the perpetrator, authorities said.

Mohammad Hack, community liaison for Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, organized the interfaith safety and security discussion with leaders from across the borough. He said many victims do not report crimes and that

minority communities needed to realize there are resources and people in place to help.

The NYPD Hate Crime Unit, along with 102nd Precinct Captain Thomas Molly and 106th Precinct Deputy Inspector Jeffrey Schiff spoke to the group about what constitutes a hate crime and what to do when a person becomes a victim.

"It isn't enough to say that it is a hate crime. Detectives have to find the motivation behind the crime," NYPD Hate Crime Unit Sergeant Patrick Rodrigo said.

Rodrigo explained hate speech plus a true threat equaled criminality.

"If someone is making a threat and has a weapon in their hand like a pipe, then it becomes criminal," he said.

But he cautioned that if a person makes offensive speech relating to religion, race or for any other reason, that does in and of itself constitute a crime.

Many worried about their children and how to deal with harassment rather than waiting for an actual crime to take place.

Concerned parents and residents do have something to worry about, despite a 43 percent decrease in hate crimes across the city, according to the NYPD. Last year 23 hate crimes were reported across the city, the second-highest total since 2001, when 97 hate crimes were reported.

So far this year the total number of hate crimes was 13, according to the most recent data from the NYPD.

Sisters Haleema Yasin from Ozone Park and Nazeema Sharif from Richmond Hill, both from a West Indian and Muslim background, have not faced any direct racist attacks.

Sharif, who wears a hijab, said one time on a subway ride home a Christian preacher called her the devil and tried to incite the commuters but no



Outside the home of a Hindu family in Woodhaven after an arson attack earlier this month, Rev. Alfonso Wyatt of the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral was one of several leaders who spoke about the need to unite against hate crimes.

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one fell for the hate speech.

Haleema said she was happy to come the event and see leaders of all faiths in place

and showing support for the same cause, "It is important to see togetherness—it doesn't make you feel alone."

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Wills introduces bill to curb gang violence

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

In an effort to curb gang violence across the city, Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica) has reintroduced the Community Violence Prevention Act bill during a City Council hearing.

The Community Violence Prevention Act would create an independent commission to study the root causes of violence and make recommendations on how to counter the damaging effects, according to Wills' office.

The bill was originally proposed in December 2013 as Intro 1040 but did not make it through the session due to city elections. This time the City Council session does not end until 2017 and Wills' co-sponsor for the bill is Councilman Jumaane Williams (D-Brooklyn).

The commission would have 15 members appointed by the City Council, including agency heads as well as appointees by the mayor, the speaker and each of the Council's borough delegations.

"Almost half of the shootings and murders in our city are gang-affiliated, and young men and women of color often end up in the cross hairs of these warring groups," Wills said during the Dec. 16 hearing. "The Community Violence Prevention Act would enable an independent body of experts to review the city's efforts to promote upward mobility in communities afflicted by violence, and design a comprehensive strategy that would deliver more direct and immediate benefits to our disadvantaged."

The commission would identify the neighborhoods where the highest rates of violent criminal acts occur, evaluate the city's efforts to address the socioeconomic conditions that ultimately lead to such acts of violence, and develop a yearly plan designed to augment those efforts by viewing violent crimes as a public health crisis.

Every year, the commission would be required to report on its activities to the mayor and the Council, and offer an assessment of the city's effort to implement the plan. The summary of the plan would be publicized online and subject to comment.

"The speaker of the House has refused to allow Congress to vote on ending the ban on researching gun violence as a public health crisis, through the Center for Disease Control. It is stunning that just weeks after yet another mass shooting—in San Bernardino—that he would not want to use every tool possible to get to the root of this crisis," Williams said.

Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans) and state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-Hollis) support the bill.

Despite overall low crime rates, in



Why is such a high percentage of the violent crime tied to youth gangs? Councilman Ruben Wills is seeking to set up a comprehensive study of the problem.

Photo by Michael Shain

November during the 103rd Precinct Community Council monthly meeting, Executive Officer James Fey said that due to two homicides in the area, residents in Jamaica would see an increase in uniforms on the streets and patrol cars.

"The senseless acts of violence that used to occur in areas within (my) district have considerably lessened. In fact, one target area of the city's Gun-Violence Crisis Management System has achieved more than 365 days without gun violence," Wills said. "The CVPA will serve to build on the success of the Cure Violence model by enhancing the delivery of needed services."

A spokesman from Wills' office said the benefits of the city's historically low crime rate are not enjoyed by every citizen. Many residents living in less affluent communities of color are vulnerable to gun-violence that is often perpetrated by local gangs. These crimes are ultimately driven by various socio-economic inequities that have yet to be adequately addressed.

The CVPA is designed to assess and augment the city's efforts to resolve these outstanding issues, and develop a comprehensive plan to create opportunities that would empower these youths to choose a productive way of life, free from such destructive acts of violence.

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Gift drives successful

State Assemblyman Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside) announced the end of his holiday gift drive last week, which he said collected thousands of children's toys, as well as toiletries and clothing for veterans. The items collected for the veterans gift drive went to residents at the St. Albans VA Community Living Center and the state Veterans Home in St. Albans.

The thousands of toys that were collected went to charitable programs and institutions like the Queens campus of the city Children's Center, the QSAC Day School in Whitestone and St. Mary's Hospital for Children.

Braunstein commits to a holiday gift drive every year, but he said this year's drive had the greatest participation yet.

"I was overwhelmed once again by the incredible generosity of my con-

stituents, who helped bring holiday cheer to those in need. I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our community for making these gift drives such a success. Since we received so many donations, we were able to bring smiles to the faces of thousands of needy children, as well as hundreds of hospitalized veterans this holiday season," Braunstein said in a statement.

At least 16 nearby public schools took part in the drives, along with the Bayside Community Library, the Bayside Kiwanis Club, Friends of Fort Totten Parks, the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association and community center, the Jefferson Democratic Club; Lucille Roberts stores, Queensboro Hill Community Church, the senior club at St. Kevin's Parish and several more. ~Tom Momberg

Students help those in need

This holiday season, students and staff at the St. Francis Preparatory School have been working with the surrounding community on a number of projects to help those in need.

The school hosted its annual "party for our friends with special needs" Saturday, bringing together Queens residents who have special needs and their caretakers for food and holiday music — and each received a gift donated by students, staff and parish attendees.

Students and faculty also gathered with some St. Francis Prep alumni Dec. 17 for a holiday celebration at the Blessed Virgin Mary Presentation Parish Soup Kitchen in Jamaica — serving

hot Christmas meals and providing live music from the school's chamber orchestra.

Students at St. Francis Prep, 61-00 Francis Lewis Blvd. in Fresh Meadows, also designed and sold custom shirts to celebrate Pope Francis' recent birthday—the proceeds from which went toward the soup kitchen.

"All these things demonstrate how St. Francis Prep constantly looks outside its community to identify and help those in the broader community who might not be able to help themselves, or provide a special experience for them," the school said in a statement.

~ Tom Momberg

Islamophobia

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people of the faith denounce.

He said Muslim Americans should not have to defend themselves from the actions of a few, but that they do have to in order to dispel Islamophobia and show they are as American as every other culture in the fabric of such a diverse country.

"Someone has to stand up and say, 'Hey, listen, this is what's happening, but that is only a small group of people (referring to the Islamic State), but this is who we are: We live here and we're peaceful people.' If we don't stand up and speak, then the other side of this story will not be told," Bokhari said.

The other message organizers wanted to make clear during the rally was that growing fear and hatred toward Muslims in America is exactly what ISIS is trying to do in influencing home-grown terror attacks in the country. This is a tool those groups use to convert more people to their cause and divide Americans, they said.

"We shouldn't have to defend what we believe in," American Muslims 4 Peace Media Coordinator Abbas Gastgir said. "No one, whether you're Muslim, Christian, Jewish or no matter what your religion or faith is, should have to defend (themselves) based on what's going on in the news these days."

City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), who could not attend the rally due to an urgent family matter, called on his constituents to take something from the message organizers were trying to convey. He said faith-based extremists are targeting people of all different religions, including Muslims, all over the world.

"So many young people were killed," Dromm said in a public message reflecting on the massacre in Pakistan a year ago. "It was an act of terrorism much the same as we have had acts of terrorism here. What we have to realize is that we are all human beings. This is not an issue about being Muslim or Christian ... this is a message about fighting against any type of extremism or violence."



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Connecticut resident arrested in 2011 Kew Gdns. shooting

BY MADINA TOURE

A 52-year-old Connecticut man was arrested early Monday morning in Shelton, Conn., in the fatal shooting of a Kew Gardens man in 2011, the Shelton Police Department said Tuesday.

At about 5 a.m., Shelton police detectives, U.S. Marshals Service and detectives from the 102nd Precinct and Queens Homicide South went to Westside Lane in Shelton and arrested George Cupi, of Shelton, according to Shelton Detective Richard Bango.

He was charged with being a fugitive from justice and asked to post a \$100,000 bond, Bango said. He was scheduled to appear in Derby Superior Court this Tuesday and was awaiting extradition to New York on various charges.

At about 8:10 p.m. on July 14, 2011, police officers responded to a call of two males shot in Queens, the NYPD said.



GEORGE CUPI

Photo courtesy Shelton Police Dept.

Upon arrival, officers discovered two victims, Kew Gardens residents Roberto Adanes, 25, and his 30-year-old brother, Jovanny, on the corner of 84th Drive and 125th Street, police said.

Roberto Adanes was shot in the torso and taken to Jamaica Hospital, where he was

pronounced dead, officials said. His brother was shot in the torso, taken to Jamaica Hospital and listed in stable condition.

At the time, eyewitnesses said the middle-aged gunman in his 40s or 50s waved his weapon in the air and smiled after the shooting and was accompanied by a younger, chubby man.

A neighbor who had been walking her dog at the time had said that an argument began when the suspects could not get their vehicle past the car belonging to one of the brothers.

The brothers approached the suspect's car, described as both a white pickup truck and a white van full of plumbing supplies bearing Connecticut license plates, and confronted the two men inside the pickup, she said.

After a short, intense argument, the brothers pulled their

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Man pleads guilty in Astoria strangling

BY BILL PARRY

A 22-year-old Corona man faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty to murder in the 2009 strangulation death of a fashion school student in Astoria, the Queens district attorney.

Jose Martinez was riding a bicycle on July 12, 2009 when he met 23-year-old Carmen Saldana on a street and followed her to the 30th Avenue apartment she shared with her mother, the DA said. Once inside the two argued and a physical altercation ensued, according to the DA.

Martinez, who was 15 at the time, then wrapped his hands around Saldana's throat and viciously killed her with his bare hands, according to Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

"This was a brutal murder, made all the more horrible because the defendant was just 15 at the time,"

Brown said. "A young woman's life was senselessly cut short and the defendant, now an adult, will face a lengthy term behind bars when sentenced next month."

Matinez, whose last known address was on Northern Boulevard in Corona, pleaded guilty last Friday to second-degree murder before Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak, who indicated he would sentence the defendant to 14 years to life in prison as a juvenile defender on Jan. 27, 2016.

The Queens District Attorney's office said Martinez was first arrested as a suspect in the case in 2012.

A spokeswoman said following his arrest, Martinez was remanded without bail to Rikers Island, where he was held when he confessed to the crime last Friday.

Philip Newman contributed to this story.

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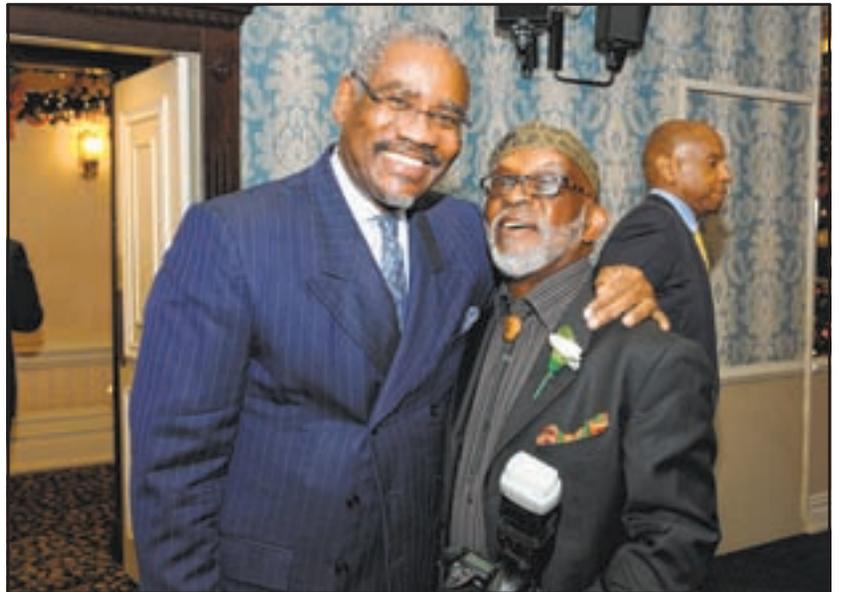
Council Member Rory Lancman goes daffy for Diwali at a City Hall celebration of the Hindu festival of lights, an important holiday especially in Indian culture, marked by buying new clothes and jewelry, colorful make-up and a new outlook on the year ahead.
Courtesy of Council Member Lancman



A procession for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe makes its way through the streets of Hollis as Catholics celebrate the Virgin Mary shortly before Christmas. Mary is the patron saint of Mexico, so the feast is practically a national holiday among Mexican Americans.
Photo by Nat Valentine



Councilman Paul Vallone (c), whose district includes St. Mary's Hospital for Children, led a group of local sports teams in an early Christmas giveaway at the 97-bed facility for special-needs kids.
Photo by Michael Shain



The Jamaica Branch of the NAACP honors one of our own at its 61st Annual Freedom Fund Dinner. Nat Valentine (r), a TimesLedger photographer and neighborhood booster, who received the Lawrence R. Bailey, Sr. Community Service Award by U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks.



The latest class of nurses, 45 in all, are graduating from LaGuardia Community College's RN program. This is what it looks like at the Pinning Ceremony after these women got their associate in Applied Science degrees.
Courtesy of LaGuardia Community College



At the Bayside Terrace Barnes & Noble, Patricia Bullard, principal of PS 221 in Little Neck, stages a Literacy Night, with teacher Jennifer Malave. The two read to kids to help them catch the reading bug.
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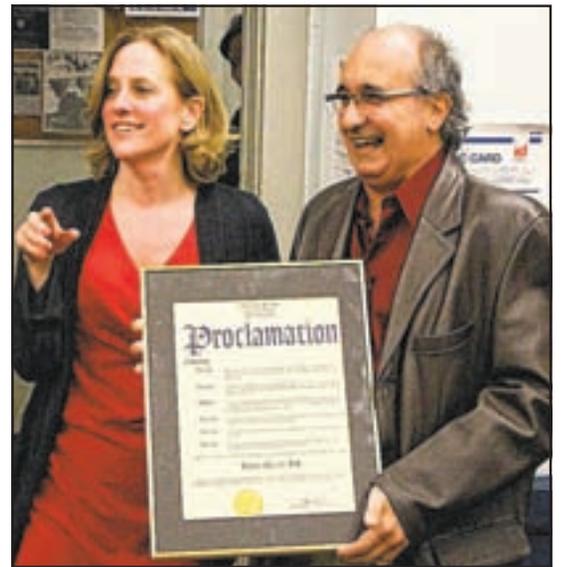


TD Store Manager Bernard Dolington (I-r) presents a check for \$2,115.10 to Isaac Katz, president of Tomchei Shabbos Of Queens Inc.



Seniors at Christ the King Regional High School in Middle Village took time from their classes to donate blood for the New York Blood Center during the slow holiday season. Almost 150 pints of blood were donated.

Courtesy of Christ the King



During his final meeting as president of the 100th Precinct Community Council, Danny Ruscillo is presented with a proclamation by Borough President Melinda Katz saluting his 12 years of service on the council, the last eight as president.



At PS 146 and the Sports and Arts in School Foundation, Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder help spread some holiday cheer with the students who prepared care packages for U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Courtesy of Assemblyman Goldfeder



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng meets with New York firefighters, including Community Board 7 Chair Eugene Kelty (first from left), in her Washington, D.C. office about the Zadroga bill.

Courtesy of Rep. Meng



At PS 31's Winter Concert and Art Show, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic and Council Member Paul Vallone join Principal Terri Graybow celebrating her students' talents, both visual and performing.

Courtesy of Assemblywoman Rozic



The 6th Annual Holiday Food Drive benefited the Borden Avenue Veterans Residence in Long Island City. City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer joins Bruce Alston, facility manager at BAVR; Sophonna Cottle, program director; and Kendell McLaurin, maintenance director.

Courtesy of Councilman Van Bramer



The group picture from this year's holiday at the 108 Pct. in Long Island City (I-r) Elizabeth Montenegro, 2nd vice pres., United Forties Civic Association; Sandra Bigitschke, board member, 108th Pct. Community Council; David Aglialoro, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's office; MaryAnn Gurrado, Community Board 2; Officer Mendez; state Sen. Michael Gianaris; Capt. John Travaglia, of the 108th; Don McCallian, treasurer, 108th Pct. Comm. Council; Edwin Cadiz, Nolan's office; Patricia Dorfman, first vice pres., 108th Pct. Comm. Council; Diane Ballek, pres., 108th Pct. Comm. Council; and Officer Mark Torres as Santa.

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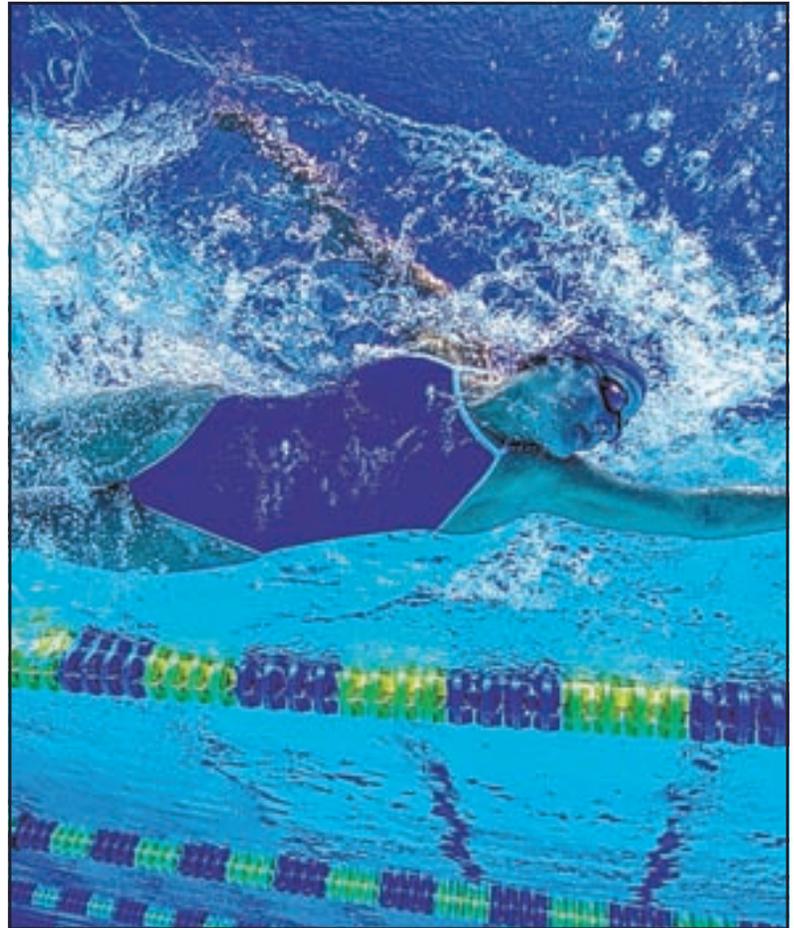
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Swimming is a great way to get fit, providing great cardiovascular exercise that's easy on the joints. It engages a variety of muscle groups, making it a great way to get a complete workout. The following are some additional benefits of including swimming as part of your exercise regimen:

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resistant than air, forcing a body in water to work harder to move than it would if it were walking on solid ground.

Water buoyancy can enable people to do exercises that would be jarring on land. In water, roughly 90 percent of the body is buoyant. That means working out in the water will put less strain on the knees and hips when it comes to performing high-impact jumping exercises.

Swimming is a great cardiovascular workout. Swimming can elevate the heart rate to an optimal level and work the lungs, too. Pushing oneself harder and harder can help to burn calories

and lead to weight loss.

Just about every muscle is used when a body is swimming. Swimming targets the shoulders, back, arms, legs, hips, and gluteals without requiring complicated workout equipment.

Swimming may help improve coordination, balance, and posture. Swimming also may promote greater flexibility by stretching the body through fluid movements.

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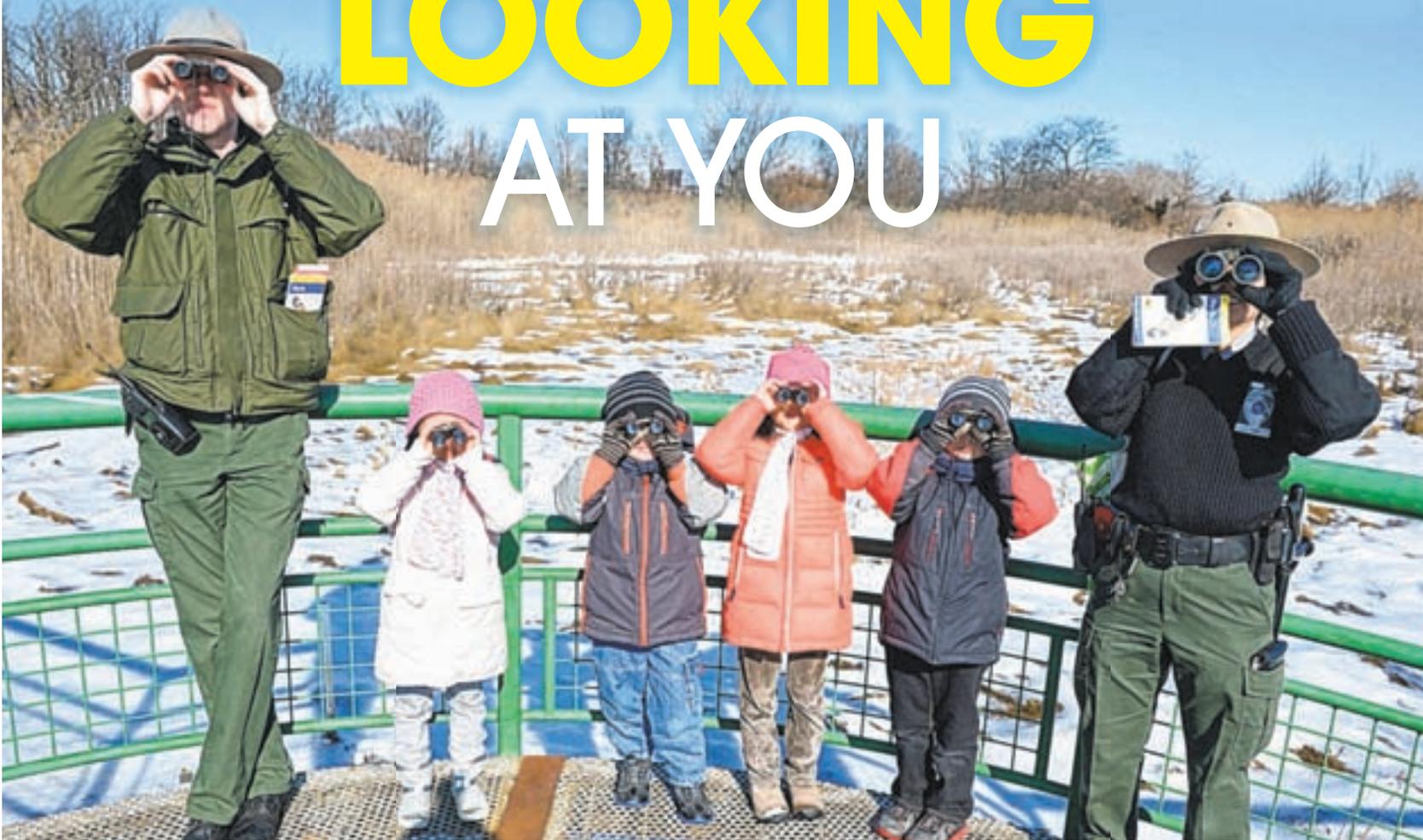
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HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU



Urban Park Rangers join a couple of young visitors for a bird watching program in Marine Park. This weekend rangers will lead a similar hike in Bayswater Park.

Photo courtesy NYC Parks/Malcolm Pinckney

Urban Rangers lead winter birding program of Jamaica Bay from shores of Bayswater

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

The short, often dreary days have some folks feeling like winter is for the birds.

Avian enthusiasts across the borough would agree.

With binoculars in hand and sporting hooded parkas, this special breed of nature-loving adventurers can be found wherever birds gather — no matter the forecast. And many would tell you their favorite seasonal birding spot is by Jamaica Bay, where they can

observe an amazing variety of waterfowl and other birds in their natural habitat.

These hearty souls flock to the 18,000-acre wetland estuary known as the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge to get their birding fix. And they come back each season to see what new species they can find there.

Comprising an area about the size of Manhattan, and surrounded by the Rockaway Peninsula and Brooklyn, Jamaica Bay is a favorite stopover for

migratory waterfowl and shorebirds. And combined with the rich food resources found there, it is a vital habitat for fish, other wildlife, and plants, as well.

Queens-based park ranger turned supervisor, Marc Sanchez, said he hopes everyone comes out to a free event Saturday afternoon, called Birding: Jamaica Bay.

The program will take place in Bayswater Park, located on the east-

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Holiday Happenings



RHYTHM OF THE SEASON

The Afrikan Poetry Theatre in Jamaica will co-host a Kwanzaa celebration with the Rochdale Community Center Dec. 27 in Jamaica.

218-13 Linden Blvd., Cambria Heights

Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 528-3535
Website: www.queenslibrary.org

Harare 2015 – An evening

to honor the work of Elder Donnie Whitehead and Nana Olie McClean. Program includes music by DJ Aponte, along with musical and dance performances.

When: Thursday, Dec. 31, at 8 pm

Where: Afrikan Poetry Theatre, 176-03 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica

Cost: Free, donations accepted
Contact: (718) 523-3312
Website: www.afrikanpoetrytheatre.org

GingerBread Lane – Experience Jon Lovitch's 500 square feet of gingerbread houses, businesses, parks and a boardwalk, which has just been certified with its third consecutive Guinness World Record for the largest gingerbread village.
When: Through Jan. 9
Where: New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Corona
Cost: \$15/adults, \$12/seniors, students and children ages 2 - 17
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Website: www.queensfarm.org

Kwanzaa in Rochdale Village – The Afrikan Poetry Theatre and Rochdale Community Center present a day-long event featuring musical and dance performances, cultural food, craft marketplace and candle lighting ceremony.
When: Sunday, Dec. 27, from 1 pm - 8 pm
Where: Rochdale Community Center, 169-65 137th Ave., Jamaica
Cost: \$10/adults, \$5/children 16 and under
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Victorian Crafts and Cocoa Get Together – This family-friendly workshop will teach participants how to make Victorian-style New Year's noise makers to usher in 2016. Stick around for a cup of cocoa after the class.
When: Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 11 am - 1 pm
Where: Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing
Cost: \$5/suggested donation
Contact: (718) 359-6227
Website: www.vomuseum.org

Holiday Open House at Queens County Farm – Warm up by the fireplace, grab a cup of mulled cider and tour the decorated farmhouse. Craft activities for children will be held throughout the day.
When: Saturday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Dec. 28, from noon - 4 pm
Where: Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Floral Park
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Kwanzaa Crafts – Children ages 6 and up are invited to hear stories and make crafts related to Kwanzaa.
When: Monday, Dec. 28, at 2 pm
Where: Forest Hills Library, 108-19 71st Ave., Forest Hills
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The Music, the Rhythm, the Pulse of Kwanzaa – Musician, poet and storyteller Atiba Kwabena-Wilson leads a program of music and dance to celebrate the seven life-affirming principles of Kwanzaa.
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Week 509

World of movies descends again on Astoria

First Look Festival returns to Museum of the Moving Image for fifth cinematic event

BY MERLE EXIT

Filled with New York and U.S. premieres, the Museum of the Moving Image has announced the lineup for the First Look Festival, its annual showcase for inventive new international cinema, which runs Jan. 8-24.

This fifth festival will have a special focus on the love of cinema, art and the practice of filmmaking.

"First Look is a festival designed to renew and reinvigorate the audience's engagement with the moving image art form," Chief Curator David Schwartz said. "The emphasis is on works that cannot be easily defined, that create new cinematic forms, and have a spirit of invention and inquiry."

These themes are evident in the opening night film, Alexander Sokurov's "Francofonia," an inventive and freewheeling portrait of European culture and the role of the museum.

Taking as its starting point a portrait of the world-famous



A still from Alexander Sokurov's movie "Francofonia," which opens the Museum of the Moving Image's fifth annual First Look Festival Jan. 8.

Photo courtesy of Music Box Films

Louvre Museum, the new film by Russian director Alexander Sokurov is a freewheeling, speculative essay film with

documentary and fiction elements as it considers the essential relationship between art, culture, and history.

The focus on cinema as subject is evident in Portuguese director Manuel Mozos's exquisite portrait of João Bénard

da Costa, the late director of the Portuguese Film Museum; a playful autobiographical *Continued on Page 38*



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Focus on winter photography in Astoria

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

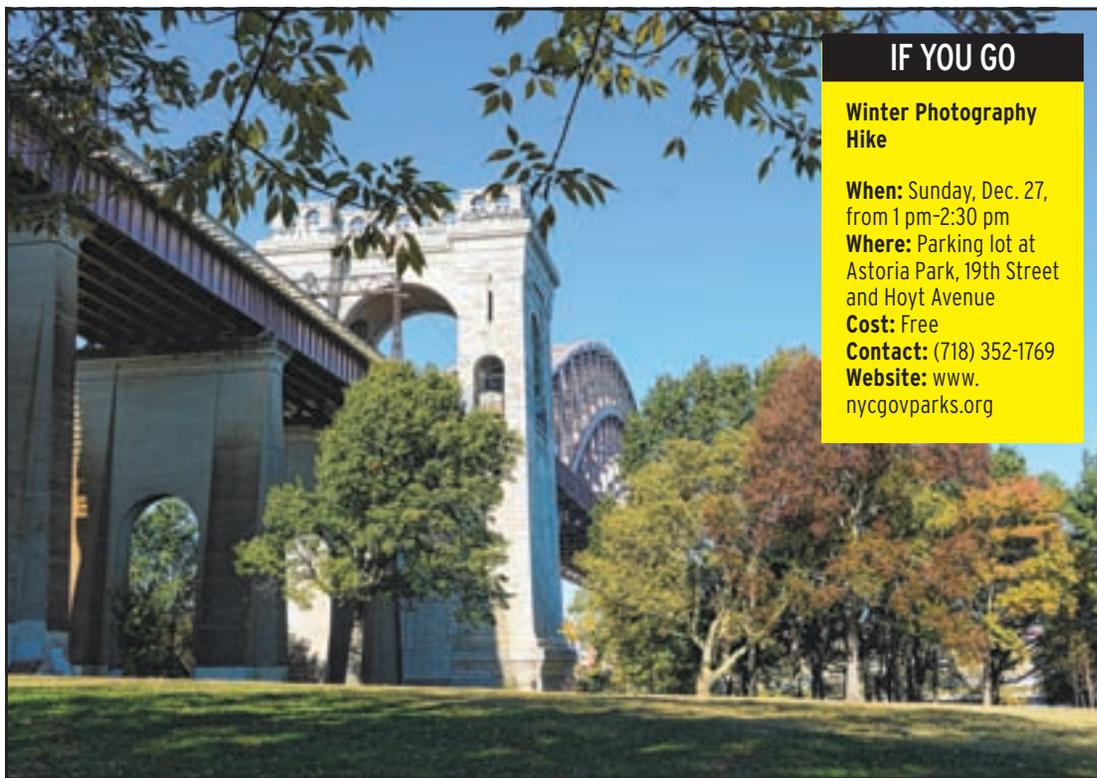
Whether you are a professional photographer or like using your cell phone to capture images of everyday life, you probably know winter shoots can be challenging, especially when getting that great shot requires finger dexterity and a steady hand.

Of course, there are other factors to consider, as well, like winter light.

Some days are gloomy and dark, while others are clear and bright. When you're trying to capture stark white, snowy images outdoors, what kind of adjustments should you make? Now, what happens when you videotape a scene during a storm? And what is the best way to capture the frozen, snow-covered limbs of a tree?

How do those techniques differ from the ones you might apply when you're taking a nature shot in a park on a sunny day, or perfecting a close-up of a flower, or capturing the mystery of a dimly lit forest?

Even though the



Astoria Park will be the site of Sunday's Winter Photography Hike, a New York City Parks department program offering tips on taking pictures during the season. Photo courtesy NYC Parks/Daniel Avila

IF YOU GO

Winter Photography Hike

When: Sunday, Dec. 27, from 1 pm-2:30 pm

Where: Parking lot at Astoria Park, 19th Street and Hoyt Avenue

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-1769

Website: www.nycgovparks.org

weather's been unseasonably mild, with no snow in sight, you can discover nature's wintry beauty through your camera lens just by taking a relaxing walk through Astoria Park.

That's the idea behind the Winter Photography Hike set for Sunday afternoon.

An experienced Urban Park Ranger will take local nature lovers and visitors to some familiar

park areas, and to parts unknown, where they can experience Astoria Park's natural wonders. Hikers will also learn the basics of outdoor photography and have an opportunity to prac-

tice their skills, according to supervisor Marc Sanchez, who is a former Urban Park Ranger.

Sanchez mentioned that a surprise program component will include a presentation of different

apps recommended to enhance hikers' photos. He also noted that other Urban Park Ranger-guided photography programs have taken place at various locations around Queens.

Located on the edge of the East River and nestled between the RFK/Triborough and Hell Gate bridges, Astoria Park is a go-to spot for visitors who enjoy the sights and sounds of its popular shoreline.

Benches line the perimeter, so it's a great spot for taking in views and unwinding.

Astoria resident Jade Beal is a park regular and photography buff.

She said she enjoys the scenery and visits the park on weekends after a stressful work week.

The 20-something describes herself as an avid hiker and a naturalist. Recently, she's been working on her nature shots, so she said she is excited about learning new photo techniques, especially if it snows, and is looking forward to meeting interesting people at the Winter Photography Hike.

THE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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

EVENTS

Birding: Jamaica Bay – Urban Park Rangers will guide the group to the best wildlife viewing areas in the city's parks. **When:** Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1 pm **Where:** Bay 32nd Street and Beach Channel Drive, Bayswater Park **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 352-1769 **Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

Winter Photography Hike – Join the Urban Park Rangers on this light hike – slower pace on mostly paved surfaces – through Astoria Park, and learn basics of outdoor photography. **When:** Sunday, Dec. 27, at 1 pm **Where:** Astoria Park parking lot, 19th Street and Hoyt Avenue, Astoria

Cost: Free **Contact:** (718) 352-1769 **Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

Nature Exploration – Urban Park Rangers will take a group on a moderate hike – longer, faster pace on rugged terrain – pointing out the hidden gems that can be discovered in Forest Park. **When:** Saturday, Jan. 2, at 11 am **Where:** Forest Park Visitor Center, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive, Woodhaven **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 352-1769 **Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

Dark Nights, Bright Lights: Quadrantids Meteor Shower – Discussing the science,

history and legends of the universe, Urban Park Rangers lead visitors through the galaxy with telescopes and binoculars.

When: Sunday, Jan. 3, at 6 pm **Where:** Fort Totten Visitor's Center, Fort Totten Park, Bayside **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 352-1769 **Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

MUSIC

BeBe Winans – The legendary gospel and R & B singer leads a celebration to honor Martin Luther King Jr. which includes a keynote address from the Rev. Floyd H. Flake.

When: Sunday, Jan. 17, at 4 pm **Where:** Colden Auditorium, Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing **Cost:** \$35 **Contact:** (718) 793-8080 **Website:** www.kupferbergcenter.org

DANCE

Japanese Classical Dance

at Resobox – Workshops teach the 400-year-old nichibu dance popularized in kabuki. All experience levels are welcome and all materials are provided.

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GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

SculptureCenter – Anthea Hamilton's "Lichen! Libido! Chastity!" questions the representation of cultural phenomena through popular media. Gabriel Sierra's "Numbers in a Room" uses the museum's lower level galleries to create work that reconfigures the scale and geometry of the space and its objects.

When: Through Jan. 4 **Where:** SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 361-1750

Website: www.sculpture-center.org

Five Continents: One

Borough – This exhibition, subtitled "Art Treasures from the Homelands of Queens," includes a group of 33 items from Queens College's Godwin-Ternbach Museum that detail the art from places Queens residents once called home.

When: Through Jan. 8 **Where:** Citi DeFord Gallery, One Court Square, Long Island City **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 997-4747

Museum of Stones – The Noguchi Museum's first exhibition to incorporate contemporary artists into the original Noguchi installation.

When: Through Jan. 10 **Where:** Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Road, Long Island City **Cost:** \$10/adults, \$5/seniors and students with ID, Free/ NYC students with ID and children under 12 **Contact:** (718) 204-7088 **Website:** www.noguchi.org **2015 Emerging Artist**

Fellowship Exhibition

Works from the 16 artists awarded an Emerging Artist Fellowship will be on display. **When:** Through March 13 **Where:** Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 956-1819 **Website:** www.socratessculpturepark.org

COMEDY

Open Mic at Rapture Lounge

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THEATER CALENDAR



PRODUCTIONS

"All in the Timing" – First String Players presents this collection of one-act, mostly comic, plays by writer David Ives, which focus on language and wordplay, complications with romantic relationships and the meaning of life.

When: Friday, Jan. 8 and Saturday, Jan. 9, at 7 pm; Sunday, Jan. 10, at 3 pm

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

Cost: \$10

Contact: (718) 268-6143

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

"Annie Jr." – The sun will come out tomorrow when Plaza Theatrical Productions brings its version of the Broadway hit geared toward the younger theatrical set.

When: Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2 pm

Where: Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside

Cost: \$12

Contact: (516) 599-6870

Website: www.plazatheatrical.com

"Shrek The Musical Jr." – Rockway Theatre's Young People's Theatre Workshop presents a musical version of the hit animated film about Shrek the ogre, his sidekick Donkey and Princess Fiona.

When: Jan. 29 - Feb. 14

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

Cost: \$10/general admission

Contact: (718) 374-6400

Website: www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org

MEETINGS

North Shore Playwrights Circle Meeting

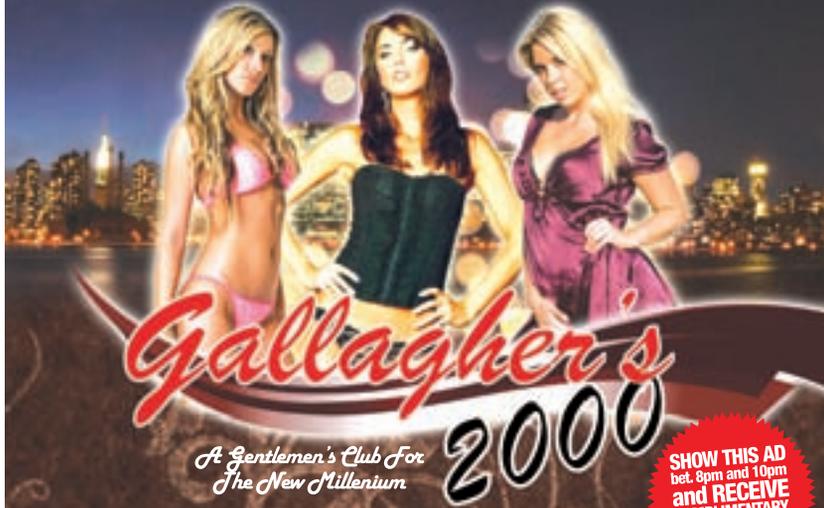
– Formerly known as the Playwrights Circle of Great Neck, this open group features discussion, workshopping and writing exercises for playwrights in Queens and Nassau counties.

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

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ern end of the Rockaway Peninsula.

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Sanchez noted that local birding programs have been taking place at other spots, as well: Baisley Pond in Jamaica, Oakland Lake in Bay-

IF YOU GO

Birding: Jamaica Bay

When: Saturday, Dec. 26, 1 pm-2:30 pm
Where: Bay 32nd Street and Beach Channel Drive, Bayswater Park
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 352-1769
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

side, Fort Totten Park and Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Birding programs are offered at Queens parks a couple of times a year, regardless of the weather, and average between 15 and 30 people per session.

With its numerous islands and labyrinth of waterways, Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge — part

of Gateway National Recreation Area — is one of the most significant bird sanctuaries in the northeastern United States and indeed, one of the coolest locations to observe migrating species in the city.

With more than 330 bird species — nearly half the species in the Northeast — sighted at the refuge over the last 25 years, it is hard to believe that such a strange, exotic place can be found in an urban jungle.

As an integral part of the larger, regional ecosystem, this diverse community also boasts 100 species of finfish, and over 60 butterfly species, and it is also home to a variety of native reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, and one of the largest populations of horseshoe crabs in the Northeast. At the refuge, visitors have the chance to get up close and learn about protecting them.

And the unique landscape is made up of rare native habitats, including an open expanse of bay, salt marsh, several fresh and brackish water ponds, and upland field and woods.

According to Daphne Yun, acting public affairs officer for the Gateway National Recreation Area, a couple of big projects are going on at the refuge.

"We presented the preferred alternative for the West Pond Breach in mid-October. The pre-

ferred alternative is to fill the breach," she said. "We are also working with The Nature Conservancy to remove invasive plants and replant the area with native species. The work began on this project in late November. We hope to use volunteers to help with planting in spring 2016."

Gateway will host programs on Jan. 9 and Jan. 10 about birds in the winter, and volunteering in Gateway Programs continues through the winter. Because the

National Park Service turns 100 in 2016, it has events planned throughout the coming year.

Due to ongoing efforts started by city and federal agencies to promote visitation, recreation, education programs, and scientific research, Jamaica Bay is fast becoming the new "jewel in the crown" of the national and city park system; these changes allow surrounding communities to be better connected to the bay's natural beauty and history.

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By Bill Deasy

Up in Smoke

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Across

- Word with club or orange
- "In ___ trust"
- Map abbrs.
- Prolific unknown author?
- Start of the Julian calendar
- Parcheesi pair
- ___ above
- 1975 Wimbledon winner
- Seek a pardon?
- Pub inventory
- Keeping an ___ the clock
- Not static
- A meter reader
- In abundance
- Sign of spring
- 2008 documentary about the national debt
- Snacks in Tijuana
- ' ___ Yankee Doodle Dandy...'
- N.Y.S.E. and Nasdaq, e.g.
- Viennese dance
- Personnel IDs
- ___ Tai
- Battleship and Go, for two
- "Let's go, Pedro!"
- Seedy sights
- Poke holes in the lawn
- Uses an abacus
- Trap in a lodge, maybe
- Burst of artillery
- Bits of leftovers
- Cobb and Pennington

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- Quintet on the U.S. border
- Court game, Jai ___
- Astronaut's ad
- Gladiator site
- Stone's throw?
- Gin fruit
- Lid irritations
- Consumes
- European car since 1947
- Story starter
- Boston College football legend
- Strong insect
- Where the puck stops?
- "No right ___"
- LAPD investigators
- Baby's cry
- Part of a collegian's URL
- "What ___ be alive!"
- Workshop holding gadget
- Sound that's coming back?
- "As ___ On TV"
- Snorkeling spots
- Personal glow
- Wall Street concern
- Warsaw et al.
- End of many L. Frank Baum titles
- Short putt, in slang
- Just perfect
- Valleys
- Takes apart
- 'And ___ kidding!'
- Chocolat director
- Hallstrom
- Subdues
- Dick Grayson, to Bruce Wayne
- Agra attire
- Dramatic no-show
- Some sweater necks
- Ferocious
- Plays the part of
- Goodnight gal, of song
- Bilko and York, e.g.
- Asia's shrinking ___ Sea
- Carson's replacement
- ___ dokey
- Bill and Hillary's alma mater
- Minds a minor
- Scale notes
- "...but is it ___?"
- The Simpsons Squishee seller

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Before heading out on a birding adventure in Marine Park, an Urban Ranger tells a trio of visitors about the different creatures wingspans. Photo courtesy NYC Parks/Malcolm Pinckney

Film

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work by the French film critic and filmmaker Louis Skoreck.

First Look Festival includes a duo of intimate behind-the-scenes films about American director Jim Jarmusch and has a strong focus on avant-garde films engaged with the physicality of the medium, with films by Margaret Honda, Ken Jacobs, Bjoern Kammerer and the late Andrew Noren; and formally innovative films such as Jonathan Perel's structuralist study of op-

IF YOU GO

First Look Festival

When: Jan. 8 - Jan. 24
Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria
Cost: \$40/festival pass access to all screenings
Contact: (718) 777-6888
Website: www.movingimage.us

pressive Argentine architecture, and Dominic Gagnon's gonzo YouTube assemblages.

The lineup includes more than 50 films and digital works of varying lengths from around the

world. In addition, the festival will include a retrospective selection of films that include the operatic western "Johnny Guitar" starring Joan Crawford as gun-toting saloon owner.

First Look films were programmed by Schwartz, Associate Film Curator Eric Hynes, and guest curator Mónica Savirón.

MOMI established First Look in 2012 to showcase new and inventive international cinema—offering an oasis of thoughtful and provocative filmmaking amid the hype and noise of the awards season.

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Flushing's hometown drugstore

Bowne Chemists plans to keep its focus on customers as it prepares for first anniversary

BY MADINA TOURE

A Flushing pharmacy nearing its one-year anniversary aims to serve as a hometown drugstore for residents in the area.

Bowne Chemists, located at 161-03 29th Ave., offers medicine, toiletries and even has a coffee bar where customers can grab a cup of Joe while they are waiting for their prescriptions. The pharmacy also offers delivery, pickup and curbside service.

Alex Matsikas, 32, and the four other owners, all from Flushing and Whitestone, decided to start the pharmacy to serve the neighborhood.

"We just feel like the area needed a little hometown pharmacy," Matsikas said. "Everybody knows each other."

Matsikas attended PS 21, JHS 185 and St. Francis Preparatory School and received his Doctor of Pharmacy from St. John's University in 2007.

While he was at St. John's, he worked as an intern at the Rite Aid on Francis Lewis Boulevard and at an independent pharmacy in the Bronx for seven years after he graduated from St. John's.

Bowne Chemists offers personalized care to its customers. Through synchronization, customers can pick up all the medications they need



Bowne Chemists is a hometown pharmacy that offers personalized care to residents in the area.

Photo courtesy of Alex Matsikas

once a month in multi-dose packaging.

The pharmacy also uses the compounding process to turn pills into liquid to make it easier for customers to take their medications.

"We just try to do as much personal care as possible," Matsikas said.

Matsikas also noted that prescription co-pays depend on insurance and that the pharmacy's prices either match or beat competitors such as Rite Aid, CVS and Duane Reade.

"Even though we're a small store, we have access to 30,000 products we can get the next day," he said.

The pharmacy also works to stay connected with the community.

Matsikas sits on the board of the Bowne Park Civic Association. The pharmacy has given talks at the meetings on colon cancer and immunization and participated in a holiday tree lighting ceremony.

The pharmacy also hosted a book signing for Joanne Angel Barry's "Healing Within Meditation" last month, and posts health tips on its Facebook page.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Powerful You! Women's Network

— A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.

When: Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm

Cost: Members and first-time attendees \$30, nonmembers \$40; includes lunch

Where: Giardino, 44-37 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston

Contact: Gayle Naftaly, gnaftaly@accessoffice.net, (718) 217-0009

Website: powerfullyou.com

Power Networking Group — Led by Harvey G. Beringer

When: Every Wednesday, 7 am

Cost: \$10 for breakfast

Where: Jackson Hole Diner, 35-01 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Contact: Harvey G. Beringer at HGBCPA@aol.com or (718) 423-0427

BNI T.N.T. (The Networking Titans)

Weekly Meeting — BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI provides positive, supportive and structured environment to further business through word of mouth marketing. Contact chapter president Martin Koos to arrange a visit.

When: Thursdays, 7-8:30 am

Where: Clearview Park Golf Course, 202-12

Willets Point Blvd., Bayside

Contact: Martin Koos (516) 488-8877, Ext. 15

BNI Peak Professionals Chapter — BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI Provides positive, supportive and structured environment to further business through word of mouth marketing. Contact Lydie Pellissier, chapter president, to arrange a visit.

When: Wednesdays, 7-8:30 am

Where: Fame Diner, 176-19 Union Tnkp., Fresh Meadows

Contact: Lydie Pellissier, (718) 276-8986

Website: bniouterboros.com

The Eastern Queens and Long Island

Networking Group — This unique business networking group discusses today's challenges and helps form alliances. Relationships are built. Facilitator is Gayle Naftaly, rainmaker, entrepreneur, coordinator, leader and organizer with contacts.

When: Second Wednesday of every month

Cost: \$20, includes food from Marcella's Pizzeria of Glen Oaks. Payment benefits the Ronald McDonald House of L.I.

Where: Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, 267-07 76th Ave., New Hyde Park

Contact: Gayle Naftaly, gnaftaly@accessoffice.net, (866) 391-2780

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7 train

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allow for countdown clocks, increased operational flexibility and reliability, system safety improvements and increased capacity to run more trains per hour, according to the MTA.

There will be no service in either direction between Times Square and Queensboro Plaza from 11:30 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday on the following weekends: Jan. 22-25, March 18-21, April 1-4, April 15-18, Oct. 21-24, Oct. 28-31, Nov. 11-14 and Nov. 18-21.

“While we’ve known about lousy service on the 7 line for some time, the need for drastic improvements is more evident by the day,” state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria)

said. “A decline in the number of weekend closures is a tiny step in the context of the need for greatly increased service. I look forward to the day when 7 train riders will no longer have to endure such problems at all.”

On the Facebook group 7 Train Blues, its more than 1,400 members were strangely quiet. One straphanger posted that he appreciated knowing the shutdown dates many months ahead of time and “not a few weeks in advance” as in years past.

For more information on 7 line work, rides can visit the MTA website.

“This work may be a short-term inconvenience now, but every repair or improvement we make is a step toward a better Flushing Line and a more reliable subway system for all,” Ferrara said.

Strangling

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car around to the other side of the small, triangular park, she added.

Witnesses said the two suspects followed but continued past the victims out of sight, but then one of the sus-

pects walked back down the street and pulled a handgun out of his waist.

Although Adanes asked the suspect not to shoot his brother, the suspect shot his brother in the head and ended up getting shot in the torso and chest after a struggle with the gunman, witnesses said at the time.

Meng praises passage of tax breaks to help individuals and businesses

BY MADINA TOURE

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) praised the passage of tax breaks that she said will benefit individuals and small businesses in Queens, including a commuter tax credit for mass transit commuters and increasing expense limits for businesses for equipment costs. These were part of a \$1.1 trillion spending package approved in Washington last week.

The tax measures, passed by the House and Senate and signed into law by President Barack Obama Dec. 18, will make permanent several tax breaks that Congress has traditionally only renewed on a temporary basis.

“This package of tax breaks is a great holiday gift for residents and entrepreneurs in Queens and New York City, and I was proud to vote for it,” Meng said. “It will send critical tax relief to our region, helping not only with our wallets, but with jobs and



REP. GRACE MENG

the economy. Also, by making these tax breaks permanent, residents and small business owners in the borough will be better able to plan for the future. They will have certainty about the tax breaks for which they qualify.”

The commuter tax credit provides relief to mass transit commuters by increasing the amount of pre-tax dollars that can be used for bus and train transportation to work. The current \$130 per month limit will be increased to \$255 per

month, the same amount that those who drive to work can use for parking fees.

Expensing limits were also increased for small businesses by enabling entrepreneurs to expense up to \$500,000—up from \$25,000—for equipment costs.

The measures also include a child tax credit, which allows a \$1,000 tax credit per qualifying child; the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which helps low- and middle-income individuals who work; and the Teachers’ Tax Credit, which allows teachers to deduct up to \$250 for money they personally spend on classroom expenses and professional development.

Other measures assisting small businesses are a research and development credit to assist startups and established businesses with research and development costs and a tax break that allows landlords, restaurants and retailers to recover the costs of renovations to commercial buildings over 15 years.



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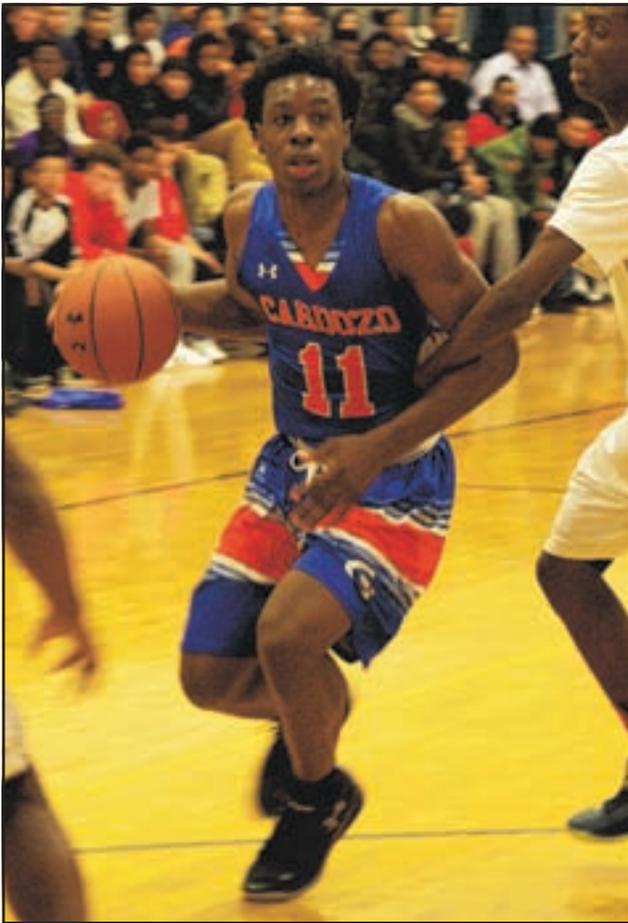
Queens of Queens

Picking the premier playmakers in girls' soccer



Christ the King's Medina Mulic, who will play at C.W. Post next season, is the All-Queens Player of the Year.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe



Cardozo's Aaron Walker scored 23 points in a 76-62 victory over Construction.

Photo by Diana Colapietro

Dozo powers past rival Construction

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Benjamin Cardozo is still undefeated.

The Judges used a big second quarter to beat rival and host Construction 76-62 in a battle of unbeaten teams Dec. 17. The Judges sit alone atop the PSAL Queens AA standings, but even so, their battles with Construction are far from over. The Red Hawks have beaten them in the last two Queens borough finals.

"There's a rivalry here for sure," Cardozo senior guard Tareq Coburn said. "They beat us in the Queens championship two years in a row, so now we have to go back at them and take our title back."

The difference in the game was the second quarter as Cardozo jumped all over Construction. The Judges (8-0) dominated the quarter, outscoring the Red Hawks 26-9 to leap out to a 42-26 lead that held up the rest of the way.

During the run, three Cardozo players scored six or more points. Monmouth-bound senior Rashond Salnave tallied seven and seniors Amir Tutt and Amorri Walters each scored six. Aaron Walker paced Cardozo with 23 points and Coburn had 18. The Judges were on top of their game.

"The difference is when we are playing our A-game
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BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Christ the King again ruled over the Queens girls' soccer landscape.

The Royals rolled to a fifth-straight CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens "AA" title. They won their first Catholic city crown and had St. Anthony's on the rope early in their second-straight CHSAA state final appearance. Monsignor McClancy couldn't make it two straight diocesan "A" crowns, falling to St. Edmund in the title game.

Francis Lewis reached the PSAL Class A semifinals for the second straight year and just fell short of the championship game. Benjamin Cardozo and Bayside remained among the best in their divisions, while Bryant improved greatly.

Plenty of great players contributed to these moments. Here are those considered the best of the best in Queens:

All-Queens Girls' Soccer Player of Year: *Medina Mulic, Christ the King*

Mulic, a four-year starter, dominates games more quietly

than she did in years past, but her play at midfield or on defense are usually why Christ the King controls play. The C.W. Post-bound Mulic scored 11 goals and handed out 11 assists to help the Royals win a fourth straight diocesan and city crown.

All-Queens Girls Soccer Coach of the Year: *Eleni Sotiriou, Francis Lewis*

Sotiriou took over for Jeovani Paredes and Lewis didn't miss a beat in her first season. The Patriots, despite a young roster, reclaimed the division title, losing just once to rival Cardozo. Sotiriou was the calming and cohesive force behind a run back to the PSAL Class A semifinals, where the Patriots lost in overtime.

All-Queens First Team D/M *Lenore Aponte, Bayside*

The senior's speed and smarts made her the most versatile player on the field for the Commodores. Aponte could single-handedly shut down an opponent's offensive attack and she scored 10 goals of her own.

M Sabrina Blaskovic, St. Francis Prep

St. Francis Prep graduated plenty of scoring from last year's squad and Blaskovic more than made up for it. She came up big when needed, too, scoring SFP's lone goal in the Nassau/Suffolk Class A final.

M/D Autumn Brown, St. Francis Prep

A combination of superior speed and strength make Brown as tough a sweeper to crack as there is in the borough. The senior also stepped up into the offensive end when needed and scored big goals for the Terriers.

F Geraldine Guese, William Bryant

Bryant moved into the elite tier of Queens teams and the breakout year from Guese was the driving force. The senior scored a career-high 14 goals and distributed four assists to help Bryant tie Bayside for the division crown.

M Jacklyn Lada, Francis Lewis

The sophomore picked up right where she left off last year, continuing to be Lewis' *Continued on Page 45*

Stanners surmount early-season struggles



Joseph Staszewski

Block Shots



The Archbishop Molloy girls' basketball team is off to a strong start despite being hit with injuries.

Photo by Arnie Rosenbaum

important thing has been the maturation of junior wing Jenna Mastellone, who transferred in from Notre Dame (Manhattan) last year. Junior forward Emily Johnson has also filled in well for Peckham.

Mastellone dropped in 18 points in the win over Massapequa and followed that up with 14 to help the Stanners top Immaculate Heart.

"I've been waiting for this moment for a long time," Mastellone said. "I had to contribute something. I think it's been working."

What has been working for the Stanners is that everyone is simply playing their role. Gibson is the team's leading scorer, Keely McEachern is excelling, and point guard and forward Abigail Duvivier is producing in the paint.

Despite it all, Molloy has quietly flown under the radar in New York City with Christ the King, Bishop Loughlin and Mary Louis getting much of the attention. The Stanners are just fine with that for now, but it won't last much longer.

"No one really expected us to be as good as I think that we are right now," Gibson said. "I don't think we are at our best yet."

Winning though injuries has turned into a bizarre blessing for Archbishop Molloy

The Stanners lost five seniors, including four starters, to graduation from a team that fell in the Brooklyn/Queens and CHSAA "AA" state finals. The remaining roster has taken some hits as well.

Emily Peckham and Taylor Kurs haven't played all season because of torn ACLs. Molloy coach Scott Lagas said there is a chance one or both will return before the season is over, but he is planning on being without them for the long haul. Three more players have also missed time because of injuries. The Stanners never felt sorry for themselves, but rallied around each other.

"It is kind of helping in an odd way," Lagas said. "Girls are getting more of an opportunity and more time to work than they probably would

have had we been healthy up until this point. That is going to help us overall to be a well-rounded team."

Molloy, with just two active seniors, suited up just eight of its 15 players for a game against Elmont on Dec. 15. Still, the Stanners haven't missed a beat and are off to an 8-1 start after beating Massapequa and Immaculate Heart Academy (NJ) at the Francis Lewis Winter

Ball last weekend.

"We are a young team" senior guard Kathryn Gibson said. "We lost five key seniors last year and we had two awful injuries. To go 8-1, and we are not even playing our best basketball, is pretty surprising and it is a great feeling."

Her team has league wins over St. Francis Prep and Nazareth and beat Ridge View, one of the top teams in South Caro-

lina. Molloy's only loss is to Moore Catholic, during which guard Margarita Kilpatrick injured her ankle.

It was the Nazareth game that proved to this roster how good it could be. Molloy rallied from 15 points down in the third quarter.

"That was a really big boost for us," Gibson said.

As one player went down another stepped up. The most

Lady Kingsmen deal Lewis an overtime defeat

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

It's the little things that will determine how Francis Lewis fares this season. Against Nazareth it didn't do enough of those things, and the result was an overtime defeat.

"We've been winning games, but we haven't been playing well," Francis Lewis coach Steve Tsai said. "I want our girls to always feel like they are in control, even in a game like this. For us, I want our girls to understand it's in our hands, but we have to play smart."

The Patriots girls' basketball team ran out of gas in overtime as the Lady Kingsmen scored 10 straight points on their way to handing them a 67-63 loss Dec. 18.

Francis Lewis did its best to get back into the game behind senior guard Taliyah Brisco's gritty play on both sides of the ball. The Patriots followed the Lady Kingsmen's run with a 5-0 spurt of their

own, cutting the lead to 63-58 with 1:08 left in overtime.

Brisco made two free throws and junior Sabrina Clement scored with seven seconds remaining to make it a 65-63 game. But Francis Lewis was forced to foul to preserve the clock, and two free throws by Nazareth's Shonnyvelle Regalado sealed the game.

Senior guard Sierra Green, who scored a game-high 29 points, was a bright spot for Francis Lewis. She has looked more like the player from her super sophomore season—which ended with a city title—after a down junior year.

"She's a scorer," Tsai said. "I think this year she has gone back to the way she was her sophomore year. She's doing less of the fancy dribbling and getting to where she's good."

For Nazareth, Shalix Hines scored 15 points, while Erykah Russell pitched in 14 points and 13 rebounds. Green scored 12 of Francis Lewis' 15 points in the first quarter

to lead the Patriots to a 15-12 lead heading into the second quarter.

"I had to step up because no one else was," Green said. "I had to do my job. Last year was kind of depressing for me because I went down. This is my last year and I felt like I had to step up."

Nazareth's defense forced eight turnovers and sparked a 7-1 run in the second quarter that helped it build a 25-24 lead at halftime. Francis Lewis senior Dominique Williams (14 points) kept the Patriots in the game by scoring seven of the team's nine points in the quarter. Brisco had 13 points. The second half against Nazareth started with Lewis going on a 7-0 run to take a 34-27 lead at the 3:39 mark of the third. Nazareth stormed back and cut the lead to 38-35, heading to the final quarter.

Green tallied 11 of Francis Lewis' 15 fourth-quarter points, but it wasn't enough

to earn the victory against a balanced Nazareth attack. Hines, Russell, Alexis Sykes, and sophomore Regalado all had four or more points in the frame. Both teams had a chance to win in the final 12 seconds of regulation, but shots by Hines and Green did not go down.

Tsai felt the game shouldn't have gotten to that point.

"We have to be more intelligent," Tsai said. "We did some bone-headed things that cost us the game."

Lewis did come back the next day and beat Commack 52-41 behind 20 points from Williams.

St. Francis Prep 63, North Shore 55: Dorothy Matinale scored 13 of her 16 points to help St. Francis Prep erase a 19-point halftime deficit. Dana Villano added 10 points after the break and Elizabeth Zhivanaj and Sara Bradley had eight points each. Gabrielle Zaffiro led North Shore with 24 points.



Taliyah Brisco put in a gritty performance in Francis Lewis' loss to Nazareth.

Baldwin 60, Mary Louis 56: Danielle Patterson dropped in 23 points for Mary Louis and Jasmine Brunson had 13.

Terriers' bid to upset Xaverian falls short

BY BRANDON MAUK

St. Francis Prep stuck with Xaverian all game and took a late lead, but could not earn a signature victory.

The Terriers squandered that chance at the free-throw line and Xaverian left Fresh Meadows with a 51-43 CHSAA Class AA boys' basketball victory on Dec. 17. A potential upset victory was instead St. Francis' third straight loss.

The Terriers (4-5) took a one-point lead in the last three minutes of the fourth quarter, but was ultimately doomed by turnovers and missed free throws. Xaverian ended the game on a 12-3 run.

"I was just disappointed that when we finally did work hard enough to get a lead, we just didn't do anything," St. Francis Coach Tim Leary said. "We'll get back to work this week."

His club's defense was key throughout and helped it jump out to a 7-0 lead in the first 3:30 of the game. They held Xaverian to just six points in the first quarter, as the Clippers struggled in the half court.

St. Francis forced them into taking low-percentage shots and controlled the defensive glass. Peter Panapolous (12 points) and Kyle Beeson (17 points) led St. Francis early with nine and seven points, respectively, in the first half. St. Francis held a three-point lead midway through the second quarter.

"Styles make the fight, and it was not what we wanted, but it turned completely into a half-court game, and they were challenging us to shoot the ball outside," Xaverian Coach Jack Alesi said.

Xaverian then began to play its style. Turnovers led to fast-break baskets. An 11-1 run put it up by seven with 2:27 left in the half. The Clippers forced St. Francis into committing 13 turnovers before the break.

"That's a major issue," Leary said. "That gives them that many more chances at the basket,"

Panapolous and Beeson combined for back-to-back baskets to cut the lead to three, but Brandon Leftwich put Xaverian back up by nine with

a layup at the buzzer to end the first half.

Beeson took over the scoring for St. Francis in the second half with 11 points. His first two baskets in the third quarter got the Terriers back within two, but Xaverian pushed its lead back to seven after a 7-0 run led by Nyontay Wisseh.

Panapolous sparked a Terriers rally and tied the score at 35-35 in the fourth quarter with a three-pointer. Sebastian Etheart put St. Francis up 40-39 with a layup midway through the final frame, but it could not build off it.

Panapolous missed two crucial free throws one possession later and the game slowly slipped away. Xaverian pressured the St. Francis guards and took the lead back for good with five straight points. St. Francis was unable to stop the Clippers on the fast break.

"We're very disappointed with a lot of the things we did, and when we finally worked hard enough to get ahead of them, we missed our foul shots," Leary said. "We had our chance. It's a tough loss."



Stephane Etheart of St. Francis Prep tries to score over three Xaverian defenders.
Photo by Diana Colapietro

Soccer

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most consistent offensive threat. The midfielder scored 12 goals and handed out 15 assists, including one and one in the semifinals

F Maria Lardas,
Benjamin Cardozo

Lardas thrived in first-year coach Patrick Frazer's system. The senior posted career highs in goals (12) and assists (4) while helping Cardozo earn a tie atop the division with Francis Lewis.

M Samantha Margolis,
Francis Lewis

Margolis continues to show improvement each season and was a big reason the Patriots went back to the semifinals. The junior midfielder scored three of her 12 goals in the playoffs and also dished out 12 assists on the year.

GK Kimberly Moreira,
Christ the King

The junior keeper was the backbone of the Royals' defense. Moreira allowed just four goals all season and posted four shutouts, including in the diocesan final. Her athleticism allows her to make the tough saves.

F Sarah Nolan, Christ the King

The senior and four-year varsity starter is as dangerous as any player in the final third. Nolan scored 10 goals and dished out five assists. Six of those scores came against division rival Mary Louis.

D Diana Paravatos,
Christ the King

Paravatos has been a stalwart on the backline for the Royals during her four years. The sweeper's instincts and quickness make her a nightmare on opposing offenses. She also scored a goal and chipped in two assists.

Honorable Mention

F Jessica Buckley,
Scholars Academy

M April Cabral, Francis Lewis

M Kiana Leger,
Christ the King

GK Halle Pell Brown,
Townsend Harris

F Michelle Rodriguez,
Thomas Edison

F Nikole Saa,
Monsignor McClancy

M Eleni Spiratos,
Benjamin Cardozo

GK Anna Trevellini,
Francis Lewis

M Alex Ulic,
Monsignor McClancy

F Nicolette Warglics,
Mary Louis

Cardozo

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there are only a handful of teams that can handle us," Cardozo coach Ron Naclerio said. "If we play our A-game, we are a very good team. In that quarter they [Construction] caught it and that's really tough."

The second quarter was the only one that Cardozo dominated. The rest of the contest was a back-and-forth affair with Construction having the upper hand more often.

Cardozo jumped out to an early 13-6 lead in the first quarter, but Construction (7-1) didn't back down, playing with

the type of physicality that Coach Cory Semper preaches. The Red Hawks were able to string together a 10-4 run and end the quarter up 17-16. The lead was short-lived, however.

"It's important every game for us to play physical," Semper said. "We have to play physical if we want to get the end goal like everyone else."

Coming out of the first half, Construction was down by 16 points and would have to put together an impressive run to get back into the game. The Red Hawks pulled as close as 56-42 in the third, when a fourth foul on Salnave sent him to the bench and gave Construction the opening it needed.

In the fourth, it turned on

the pressure and forced Cardozo turnovers. Red Hawks senior guard Wesley Nelson scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter to help his team cut the Judges' lead to 69-62 with 45 seconds remaining. But with Construction forced to foul, Cardozo put the game away at the charity stripe. The early-season loss isn't all that big of a deal for Construction, however, thanks to its past history.

"I don't really use this game as a measuring stick," Semper said. "We have to go into Saturday and play Saturday and go from there. We're only eight games into the season. If anyone is worried about a game now, they're not worried about the long process."

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Holiday meal

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said Lye had approached her about doing the giveaway when they bumped into each other at the Great Northeast Cheese Fest at Flushing Town Hall on Dec. 5.

They put together paperwork outlining the proposal and circulated it in different languages to get the word out.]

“He said, ‘You know, Helen, this year, I want to give away 300 meals,’ and I said ‘What?!’” Yang said. “He said, ‘Yeah, I want to give 300 meals to people who need it this year, maybe for Christmas Eve.’ I said,

‘That’s a fantastic idea.’”

Nearly half of all working New Yorkers cannot afford enough food, according to the latest NYC Coalition Against Hunger report.

John Choe, executive director of the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, said he is proud to promote Lye, one of the chamber’s members.

“He has one of the most generous hearts that I’ve encountered in the business community, and we’re hoping that this will be something that will encourage other business people and entrepreneurs in Flushing to give back to our community and to support and provide services for the public,” Choe said.

Sami Abu Shumays, Flushing Town Hall’s deputy director, said the organization was happy to host the meal in light of the hunger crisis in New York City.

“The need is increasing due to housing issues and cost-of-living increases across New York City,” Shumays said. “So we were very pleased when the Flushing Chamber reached out to us on behalf of Danny Lye’s steakhouse to say they want to do this food giveaway.”

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Creedmoor

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“We understand the long-standing significance of the Creedmoor site to the surrounding community and we will guarantee full input and robust dialogue with the public relating to any future decisions regarding the site,” Cuomo and Borough President Melinda Katz said in a joint statement. Tuesday.

Mayor Bill de Blasio’s office and state Sen. Leroy Comrie’s (D-Hollis) office have said they would be open to the establishment of a homeless shelter at Creedmoor.

“Given the dimensions of the problem that has built up over many years, any additional state resources are welcome and we look forward to hearing more about the plan, which will hopefully help address the needs of the New Yorkers on the streets for both short-term safe havens and long-term supportive housing and services,” Karen Hinton, de Blasio’s press secretary, said in a statement.

Comrie said the campus already has some resources to help increase homeless families’ chances of being successful and that he would look forward to learning more about the plan.

The city used a building at the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center, 79-25 Winchester Blvd., as a men’s shelter in the mid-80s, but it was shut down due to neighborhood concerns at a very violent time in the city’s history.

The City Council unanimously approved the construction of elementary, middle and high schools on the Creedmoor campus in 2000. The city ultimately took part of the Creedmoor campus within the boundaries of Glen Oaks and developed it into a public school campus in 2004, including the Queens High School of Teaching.

Several other parts of the campus were sold off in 2006, but of the roughly 25 buildings that are still a part of the hospital’s grounds, several remain vacant. Most proposed new developments since then have faced heavy resistance from the surrounding neighborhoods.

A Native American civic group proposed putting senior housing and a cultural center on the campus in 2011. That proposal met with strong community opposition and never went through.

The main building at the Creedmoor campus is still home to at least 300 psychiatric hospital beds.

Proponents of the gov-

ernor’s idea to turn empty buildings on the campus into housing for the homeless like the fact that the site already has high fences, security and is relatively isolated from the surrounding neighborhoods.

But local civic groups were calling for tighter security at the hospital after a convicted murderer who was transferred to Creedmoor after serving a 15-year prison sentence escaped in 2014.

“I have been here for several years, and I was shocked to learn that this was even being considered,” Community Board 13 Chairman Bryan Block said. “We sympathize with the city’s needs and that we are all one city, but we don’t even know the mental condition of the people who the city is considering housing there.”

Block said the state police patrolling the campus currently cannot control the patients who are treated there—noting a few escapes in recent history.

Of the 22 shelters located in the borough, over half of them are within the boundaries of Community Boards 12 and 13. Block said the area is already oversaturated with shelters.

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Voters

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or even hated for their perceived otherness, we feel that it’s even more important than ever that our voices are given power in our system of government,” Hong said. “So we’re proud to reach this point.”

The center’s New Immigrant Voter Registration campaign is part of its comprehensive civic participation program aimed at engaging and empowering voters in the Korean-American and immigrant community through voter registration, education, mobilization and protection.

As a leading organization in APA VOICE, a coalition to

increase civic engagement in the Asian Pacific American community, MinKwon has encouraged voters to participate in numerous elections in 2015.

In preparation for the 2016 elections, MinKwon will amplify ongoing efforts to register more voters to meet the March 25 deadline for presidential primaries.

“The MinKwon Center’s voter registration campaign has reached a diverse community of immigrant voters,” Grace Shim, MinKwon’s executive director, said. “Not only were there Korean and Chinese voters registered through our voter registration campaign but new immigrant voters [from] all over the world.”

Shelter plan

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state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) said.

City Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) was gratified to learn of the intensified, case-by-case approach to the problem. “This new initiative should leave no doubt about the mayor’s desire to turn around the homelessness situation in our city.”

By the weekend, de Blasio tempered the enthusiasm a bit when he said it “will take years” for the new program to work. On a radio interview with Gristede’s owner John Catsimatidis the mayor said, “I’m not saying for a moment that this is easy stuff.”

On Monday, City Comptroller Scott Stringer reminded the administration that the homeless on the street are just one part of the crisis. Stringer released an audit charging the Department of Homeless Services with placing families with children in shelters with deplorable conditions.

“Over 23,000 homeless children in our city slept in nightmare conditions last night, many of them surrounded by peeling paint, some feeling the chill of broken windows, and others sharing space with vermin,” Stringer said. “And when those same children woke up today, DHS still had no plan in place to help families make it out of the shelter system.”

The comptroller’s audit sampled 101 randomly selected housing units in the city’s 155 shelters that serve

families with children and found 53 percent of inspected apartments had evidence of rodents, roaches and other vermin. The audit found 87 percent of inspected units had conditions that raised health and safety concerns such as malfunctioning smoke detectors, blocked fire escapes, mold, mildew, peeling paint and walls with holes.

“The city needs to secure appropriate funding to fix these problems, and ensure that essential services are being provided,” Stringer said. “The agency must also start meeting its own standard for helping the 12,000 families living in shelters to find their way out of this deplorable, broken system and into permanent housing.”

Human Resources Administration Commissioner Steven Banks, who is overseeing the mayor’s homeless policy review, said the newly created Shelter Repair Squad has already cleared 12,000 violations and will continue until all violations are cleared.

“Unhealthy and unsafe conditions in shelters are unacceptable and will not be tolerated,” Banks said. “As part of the comprehensive operational review just announced by Mayor de Blasio, we will carefully consider the issues raised in the audit and other reviews of the department’s operations so that we can continue to improve shelter conditions and safety and help more individuals exit shelter as quickly as possible.”

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

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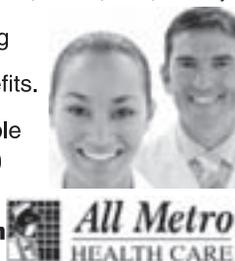
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ily. He was 78. The cause of death was cancer.
Munro was born in Jackson Heights on May 5, 1937 to
Sarah Munro (nee McLaughlin) and Donald MacKenzie
Munro, immigrants from Scotland. He was raised in
Auburndale and attended Bayside High School. Munro
served with the US Army in Germany from 1955-1957.
He married Gertrude Kathryn Lappin in 1958. He was
a lifelong member of Local 197 Stone Derrickmen &
Riggers Association, and helped construct many of
the buildings that dot New York City's skyline-includ-
ing the World Trade Center's Twin Towers.
Munro was the proud father of five sons and three
daughters: Kevin, Donald Hugh Jr., John, Michael, Pe-
ter, Christine, Elizabeth and Heather. He was blessed
with 13 grandchildren. In addition to his wife and his
children, he leaves behind two loving sisters, Marg-
aret Cassese and Barbara Dougan, as well as an army
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QRY LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 12/07/15. Office Location: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 138-23 76th Ave., Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

The Western Corner LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/23/15. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 32-20 Broadway, 2B Astoria, NY 11106 General purpose

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SPANBOCK FAMILY REALTY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/10/15. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Marilyn Spanbock, 26910 Grand Central Parkway, Apartment 17-O, Floral Park, NY 11005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Woodside5127 LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY 10/16/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 51-27 43rd Ave., Woodside, NY 11377. General purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX NO. 703301/2015 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 35-50 78TH STREET, UNIT 3J JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY 11372 Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property Block: 1277 Lot: 1027 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. CHAO YING LI, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF XIU QIN LI A/K/A XIU LI; HAI YING LI, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF XIU QIN LI

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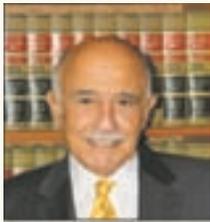
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