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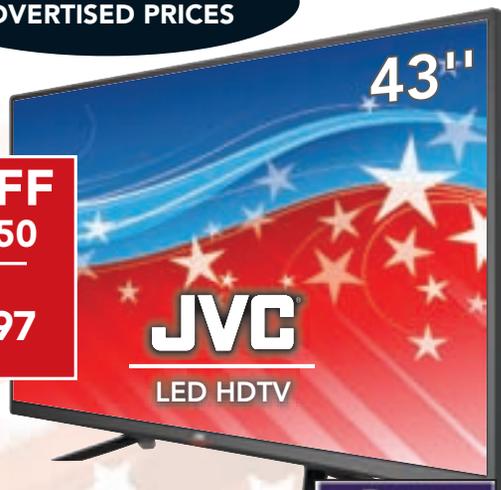
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CB 7 backs Whitestone gym permit

BY MADINA TOURE

Community Board 7 voted Monday night in favor of a motion to approve a 10-year special permit to operate a gym in Whitestone, but some were opposed to the proposal due to parking concerns.

At its monthly board meeting in Flushing, the board voted 19-9 to back the proposal to operate the gym, Life Health Fitness, which has been open since 2015 in the two-story building, at 10-24 154th Street. PS 193, Alfred J. Kennedy School, is across the street.

To operate a physical cultural establishment, a gym, applicants must get a special permit from the city Board of Standards and Appeals that lasts for 10 years and is renewable.

Joe Franco, the building's owner, is leasing the property to Sophocles Tsouros. Tsouros also operates another branch of Life Health Fitness at 37-11 35th Ave. in Astoria.

The site, formerly operated by Joe Franco's White House restaurant, is in an R3-1 zoning district—which allows for semi-detached one- and two-family residents and detached homes—within a C2-2 com-

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Son accused of killing dad

Queens DA charges 19-year-old in Auburndale manslaughter case

BY GABRIEL ROM

The first homicide in the 111th Precinct since 2014 is the result of a family affair gone horribly wrong, the Queens district attorney said.

Demetrios Safetis, 19 of Auburndale, was charged with first-degree manslaughter, assault and criminal possession of a weapon after he allegedly bashed his father to death with a steering wheel lock, the DA said.

According to the criminal complaint filed by the DA, the brutal assault occurred after Demetrios had an argument with his father, 57-year-old Ioannis "John" Safetis. The altercation occurred in the family's Auburndale home, located at 190th Street near Utopia Parkway, Friday night.

Officers from the 111th Precinct and EMS units responded to the scene after receiving a 911 call about the incident and found Ioannis Safetis unconscious with blunt force trauma to his head and scratches across his face, the NYPD said. Paramedics rushed him to NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Demetrios Safetis allegedly first struck his brother, Niko Safetis, with the steering wheel lock.

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Demetrios Safetis, 19, of Auburndale, is charged with manslaughter in the death of his father, according to the Queens DA. Photo by Robert Stridiron



PAUL VALLONE

City Council gives itself a pay hike

The City Council overwhelmingly voted Friday to raise the roof on their base salary, even with the objections of three Queens council members, including Paul Vallone (D-Bayside).

The pay hike, which will increase annual salary to

\$148,500, a significant increase from their base of \$112,500, raised hackles in Queens. In what some civic leaders said is a quid pro quo, Vallone, along with three other Council members, must forgo outside income.

Vallone, a lawyer, is one

of four Council members who earn a significant amount of money from the kind of outside income that would be banned by the bill. He works for his family's law firm, Vallone & Vallone LLP.

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Council ups salaries

Three Queens lawmakers oppose raise of 32 percent

BY GABRIEL ROM



Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley was one of three Council members who voted against a measure to raise City Council salaries.

Photo by Michael Shain

The objections of three Queens lawmakers notwithstanding, the City Council overwhelmingly voted Friday to raise the roof on their base salary, increasing their yearly income by nearly a third. It's the first pay increase for elected officials in New York since 2006.

The vote count was 40-7, with Queens council members Elizabeth Crowley (D-Glen-dale), Paul Vallone (D-Bay-side) and Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) among those opposing the measure.

The raise increases the council's base salary from \$112,500 to \$148,500, a 32 percent hike. The boost is also nearly \$10,000 more than the figure recommended by the New York City Quadrennial Commission late last year, which called for increasing the salary for council members to a comparatively modest \$138,315.

The legislation will also eliminate the bonuses called "lulus" which are given to committee leaders and impose limits on outside income.

Vallone, a lawyer, is one of four council members who earn a significant amount of money from the kind of outside income that will be banned by the bill. He works for his family's law firm, Vallone & Vallone LLP.

In 2014, Vallone made at least \$5,000 and up to \$47,999, from his law practice, according to financial disclosure forms filed with the Conflicts of Interest Board.

"I'm happy that council member Paul Vallone was one of the seven dissenters," said Queens political observer Dennis Saffran. "But his opposition came with a Barry Bonds-size asterisk. He voted

'No' only after the Council rejected his amendment to gut the related ban on outside income, which he is one of only four members affected by."

A number of additional elected officials, including Mayor de Blasio and each borough's district attorney, also saw their base salary increased. The mayor, however, announced that he would not accept the raise unless re-elected to a second term in 2017.

"These unprecedented reforms will strengthen the council as a legislative body and help council members better serve their constituents," Mark-Viverito said. "By restricting outside income,

designating council members' positions as full-time jobs and eliminating stipends for members, we'll fulfill many recommendations of good government groups and set a new standard for elected officials in our city."

Mark-Viverito touted the reforms as a message to Albany.

"I think some of us that have expressed the need for reform at the state level," she said. "There are things that we have implemented that we have yet to see implemented in Albany, so we definitely would like to serve as a model."

The hike is retroactive to Jan. 1.

Traffic signal coming to College Pt. corner

BY MADINA TOURE

momentum."

The city Department of Transportation has agreed to upgrade an all-way stop sign at a College Point intersection to a traffic signal by the end of May following an aggressive push from a resident.

On Jan. 5, Richard Erdey, 43, emailed state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), City Councilman Paul Vallone (D-Bayside) and individuals from the office of Borough President Melinda Katz, among others, about the necessity of a traffic light.

He cited two car accidents that occurred at the intersection in 2015 and noted that the area is often busy, given its proximity to a soccer field, a commercial truck outlet and driveways where Disano Construction Company and Verizon bucket trucks come out of and turn.

"The people that use the traffic signal, a good part of them didn't seem to have the maturity to use that four-way stop sign," Erdey said. "New Yorkers are in such a hurry. I live two blocks away—you can see the battling (conflict) of someone being too nice, too fearful or someone having

Richard Gippetti, a planner for Queens DOT Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia, responded the same day, saying the agency would review his request.

Avella told Erdey in a letter dated Feb. 4 that he contacted the DOT Jan. 7 and that the agency reviewed traffic conditions at the intersection and approved a traffic signal. The senator said the agency expects the installation to occur by May 31.

Erdey praised Avella for jumping on the issue but said his own persistence may have pushed the DOT to act quickly.

"I was putting DOT in the bag of basically saying, 'Look, when someone gets hit since we have (gotten) the Vision Zero (sic), don't say I didn't bring it to light,'" he said.

Avella said he was surprised by the agency's fast response to the issue.

"It's one of the quickest turnarounds I've had with DOT," he said. "Obviously they've recognized the fact that there's some significant traffic issues there."

And this is not the first time Erdey has complained

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A view of the corner of 130th Street and 23rd Avenue in College Point in spring 2015.

Photo by Richard Erdey

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First Lunar New Year holiday makes history

Public Advocate Letitia James visits Flushing to celebrate public school closings

BY MADINA TOURE

Community leaders said the new Lunar New Year school holiday, which shuttered public classrooms Monday, will help educate the public about a key Asian celebration.

The last time Lunar New Year fell on a weekday, in 2012, about 15 percent of the public school student population missed school, or 146,434 students, according to Public Advocate Letitia James, who held a news conference commemorating the occasion Friday.

The Year of the Monkey started Monday, the first day of the first Chinese lunar month. Festivities last 15 days.

That year, 62 schools recorded their lowest attendance of the year on that day, including 16 schools in Queens, James said.

"This victory did not happen by itself and did not happen overnight," she said at the Queens Library in Flushing. "It was a long struggle."

Christopher Kui, executive director of Asian Americans for Equality, said the school holiday is indicative of the community's growth.

"I think this is something that has come and shown that our community has come of age," Kui said.

Michelle Wang, president of the New York chapter of the Asian Pacific-Islander American Public Affairs Association, said the holiday remains an important part of the Asian community's cultural heritage.

"The kids didn't have to make the choice: either go to school or go to the celebration," Wang said.

In June 2015, New York City announced that public schools would now be closed on Lunar New Year and added it to the official list of public school holidays. Lunar New Year joins the Muslim holidays of Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Fitr as the most recent additions to the list.



Residents and community leaders listen as Public Advocate Letitia James speaks on the new Lunar New Year school holiday. Photo by Madina Toure

Mitchel Wu, program manager for the Coalition for Asian American Children & Families, echoed similar sentiments, also acknowledging the Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha holidays.

"Not only are we vast, we are also very diverse," Wu said.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing), City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) and state Assemblyman Ron Kim

(D-Flushing) had tried to get the school holiday on the calendar under former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration.

In December 2014, a law sponsored by Kim and state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) was passed requiring school boards to consider closing schools on days with large student absenteeism due to religious or cultural observances such as Lunar New Year and Diwali.

On the first day of the celebration, New York Assembly members, including Kim and state Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D-Fresh Meadows) Monday passed a resolution acknowledging the Year of the Monkey at the state Capitol.

Rozic also participated, along with Meng and state Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Fresh Meadows), in a ceremony unveiling the U.S. Postal Service Commemorative Forever Stamp, which honors the Year of the Monkey.

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Queens to keep family values: Katz

Borough president pledges to maintain its character while promoting economic growth

BY GABRIEL ROM

The rapid transformation of Queens into a coveted destination for tourists, businesses and the arts will not compromise the borough's commitment to family values, Melinda Katz said at her annual Queens Borough Cabinet meeting Tuesday.

Speaking in front of over 200 community leaders, community board managers and residents at a breakfast sponsored by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Katz said ensuring sustainable growth would be a primary challenge as she marks two years in office.

"Folks want to come here, live here, build here and God knows they want to make their money here," Katz said. "That's a good thing—it's a great thing. But as we build we need to make sure we stay balanced."

Touting record tourist numbers, a development boom and increased cultural offerings, Katz said the borough's international moment had arrived. She was greeted by cheers.



Borough President Melinda Katz laid out her vision for the borough's economic progress at her annual Queens Borough Cabinet, which was held at The LaGuardia Marriott Hotel in East Elmhurst. Photo by Gabriel Rom

But even as Queens becomes a global hot spot, Katz said she would address anxieties that the borough, overcome by its newfound status, could lose its family-friendly

character.

Katz pointed to concerts at Flushing Meadows Corona Park as an example of the types of thorny policy decisions she—and other Queens

lawmakers—will be forced to confront as the borough's popularity continues to rise.

"How many acres gets closed? How much do we charge? Who do we charge?"

she asked.

In January the city rejected permits from five companies that applied for multi-day permits for concerts in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park this summer. The organizers plan to come back in 2017.

To solve the problem, Katz emphasized the need to establish a citywide policy regarding private use of public park land.

Almost begrudgingly, Katz touched on the dearth of transit options in Queens, and highlighted a disparity: as interest in Queens grows, transit options are not growing with it.

"We understand that we are a transit desert," she said.

In recent months, the five-borough ferry plan, dozens of rail station upgrades and a proposed Queens-Brooklyn trolley have all been announced. Katz pointed to these developments as steps in the right direction.

Speaking in front of an audience that has largely opposed Mayor Bill de Blasio's

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Store under Flushing LIRR reaches settlement with MTA

BY MADINA TOURE

A Midtown Manhattan law firm settled a case with the MTA on behalf of the Ou Jiang City Supermarket, which the transportation agency seized to make upgrades to the Flushing-Main Street LIRR station.

The agency used eminent domain to obtain the supermarket's property at 40-36 Main St. on June 15, 2015 to construct elevators and staircases to the station platform, making the dilapidated stop handicap accessible.

As part of the settlement, filed in the Queens Supreme Court Jan. 4, the MTA is paying the supermarket owner \$2,236,600, nearly 2½ times the \$974,592 condemnation award the agency initially offered. The amount covers \$1,909,000 in cash and \$327,600 in free



The MTA has reached a settlement with the Ou Jiang Supermarket, which formerly operated its business under the Flushing LIRR station.

rent as compensation.

"This case was quickly settled to the satisfaction of all parties involved," Philip Sanchez, a partner at Sanchez & Polovetsky, said.

"An important improvement has been made to the Flushing-Main Street LIRR

Station, making it possible for all commuters to travel safely, and we were able to secure a settlement for our client that gave them the opportunity to move their business or start a new business," Sanchez continued.

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Mayor's streetcar plan could help tech sector

BY BILL PARRY

A proposed streetcar system along the East River, connecting western Queens with Brooklyn, would be a tremendous asset to the growth of the tech and innovation sector in Long Island City, according to two key figures in the industry.

Jukay Hsu, founder of the non-profit Coalition for Queens, and Ben Guttman, the co-founder of Digital Natives, agree that the Brooklyn Queens Connector could be a real game changer.

"When the subways were built, it was all about bringing workers into Manhattan," Hsu said. "But things have changed. The BQX would be transformative. It would increase the flow of ideas and spur the growth of tech in Long Island City, especially

when Cornell Tech opens on Roosevelt Island."

Coalition for Queens fosters the tech ecosystem to increase economic opportunity. Its free Access Code program trains people of low-income backgrounds how to code software, raising annual salaries from the neighborhood average of \$26,000 to \$73,000.

"We provide the training to many people from public housing and community colleges," Hsu said. "The streetcars would help them get to where the start-up companies are along the waterfront of Queens and Brooklyn."

Digital Natives was one of those startups when it moved to Long Island City in 2012, taking a "funky space" in a Plaxall warehouse. Guttman says his digital marketing agency found LIC to be a great

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Two boro companies responsible for crane

BY GABRIEL ROM

Mayor Bill de Blasio has announced emergency regulations after a crane owned and operated by two Queens companies crashed in Lower Manhattan last Friday morning, killing a 38-year-old man and injuring three others.

The crane was owned by Bay Crane of Long Island City and operated by Galasso Trucking and Rigging Inc. of Maspeth. Neither company could be reached for comment.

In May 2015 Bay Crane was involved in another accident when a massive air-conditioning unit being lifted by a crane in Midtown Manhattan fell about 28 stories, injuring 10 people.

Crawler cranes like the one involved in last Friday's crash will now have to be removed from operation and properly secured whenever winds are expected to exceed 20 miles per hour or gusts exceed 30 mph, the mayor said Sunday.

Crane companies that don't comply, de Blasio announced, may face fines of up to \$10,000, more than a 50 percent increase from the previous fines.

The city also plans to ramp up enforcement of street and sidewalk closures due to crane activity. Cops, firefighters and officials from the departments of Buildings and Transportation will be ordered to keep pedestrians out.

Crane operators will also now be required to notify people who live and work in the area when a crane is moved. The only notification currently required is when a crane is installed. The city

will also form a task force on crane safety to develop additional regulations.

"We all know there is a construction boom going on in our city, and although we value the work that's being done ... nothing is more important than the safety of our people," de Blasio said, standing near the site of the collapse on Worth Street on Sunday. "There is no building that is worth a person's life."

A few miles north David Wicks was being remembered on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Wicks, who immigrated to the United States from Czechoslovakia as a teenager was remembered by Rabbi Haskel Lookstein as a "supreme mensch in every respect."

Investigators are still working to determine the cause of the collapse.

"We just checked the history. This is the first crane collapse in the city since 2008," de Blasio said at the press conference.

In May 2008 the horizontal arm of a 240-foot crane snapped off, launching the cab and upper portion of the arm into a building on 91st Street and First Avenue. The crane's operator, Donald C. Leo, and a construction worker, Ramadan Kurtaj, were both killed. James Lomma, the owner of Maspeth-based New York Crane & Equipment Co., was acquitted of criminal charges but will have to pay over \$96 million in total damages to the families of two victims.

But in addition to the 2008 and 2015 crane accidents, a crane owned by another company fell off a luxury 57th Street skyscraper in 2012.

Mayor still wants ban

Presses ahead with campaign against horse carriages



Mayor de Blasio vows to continue his efforts to get horse carriages off of city streets after a deal collapsed before a City Council vote last week.

BY BILL PARRY

Mayor Bill de Blasio has dismissed a union's call for a state investigation into his campaign to ban horse carriages from city streets. The Transport Workers Union requested a probe by the state attorney general's office after de Blasio's plan to rein in the city's horse carriage industry fell apart last week.

The two sides have clashed before, especially over the

mayor's Vision Zero initiative. Several of TWU members are bus drivers who were arrested following collisions in which pedestrians, who have the right of way, were hit.

"It's foolish. It's just foolish," de Blasio said Monday. "I have disagreements with that union as we are trying to protect the lives of New Yorkers. I think it's just politics."

The mayor also vowed to revive his plan to limit horse carriages after the Teamsters

union withdrew its support for the deal late last week. The City Council had sufficient votes to pass the legislation, according to the administration, but reversed itself one day before it was set to vote on the deal that would have cut the number of carriage horses from 220 to 95.

The Council tabled the vote because the legislation was predicated on the agreement with the union, according to *Continued on Page 26*

Paid leave bill passes Assembly

BY GABRIEL ROM

A bill that would increase paid family leave benefits passed its first hurdle in the state Assembly last week.

The bill, co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan (D-Ridgewood) and state Sen. Joe Addabbo (D-Howard Beach), now heads to the GOP-controlled state Senate, where it has died in prior years.

Paid family leave provides workers with paid time off to care for family members or a newborn, or to address certain issues arising from a family member's military service. The federal Family and Medical Leave Act guarantees eligible workers 12 weeks of time off without fear of getting fired, but there is no require-



The New York State Assembly passed legislation last week that would expand paid family leave.

Photo by Michael Moore/AP

ment to pay an employee. Under the Assembly's legislation, she said, private employers would be required to provide a paid family leave benefit, and workers would contribute up to 45 cents per week to the

policy. That employee contribution would ensure up to 12 weeks of paid family leave, which would cover two-thirds of the worker's salary and guarantee job security during the absence.

"Families are the foundation of our society," Nolan said. "We need to do everything we can to help these hardworking individuals balance family and work without compromising their economic security. This legislation would help maintain the integrity of every working family in New York... In this era of extreme inequality, our efforts must be laser-focused on helping hardworking New Yorkers get ahead."

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A crane that crashed in Lower Manhattan was owned and operated by two companies based in Queens.

Photo by Mary Altaffer/AP

Angry straphangers rally for better service on 7

Demand top-to-bottom review from MTA after weeks of delays, dangerous crowding

BY BILL PARRY

Fed up with poor service on the No. 7 subway line, angry straphangers joined community leaders at a rally beneath the 40th Street station in Sunnyside during Tuesday's morning rush. City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) called on the MTA to implement and expedite a complete Full-Line Review of the 7 line, something that has proven successful on the A, C, F, G and L trains.

"Over the last several weeks constant delays and service interruptions have piled up, crippling morning commutes for thousands of 7 train riders," Van Bramer said. "These delays, which lead to overcrowding on platforms and dangerous conditions at numerous stations, cannot continue to go on without a response from the MTA. The MTA cannot ignore the voices of my constituents and all 7 train riders who suffer every day."

Three other Council members from districts along the No. 7 line—Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst) and Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing)—joined Van Bramer in drafting a letter to MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast, demanding a Full-Line Review. The top-to-bottom study of the line's operation would examine the implementation of new signal upgrades in addition to day-to-day operations and maintenance.

Last month, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) held a rally at the Main Street station, where he warned development in Flushing would further strain a line that is already over capacity.

"Enough is enough," Van Bramer said. "Riders need relief now. The MTA cannot continue to neglect hardworking New Yorkers who pay for subpar service."



Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (c.) and community leaders demand better service on the No. 7 subway lines after weeks of suspensions and delays. Photo by Bill Parry

In September, the Citizens Budget Commission released a report ranking the city's 467 subway stations. Four 7 line stations were among the 10 worst in the city, which included six in Queens. The 52nd Street station was ranked the worst.

"For years now, every one of us can tell story after story about 7 train experiences,

and none of them have happy endings," Community Board 2 Chairman Patrick O'Brien said. "People need and deserve reliable, timely and efficient 7 train service, and the simple fact is that the MTA has not delivered it. Whatever plans and promises have been made, they have not been realized and certainly have not had

any significant effect in mitigating or eliminating the daily 7 Train Blues we all live with. Glaciers erode rock quicker than the MTA acts, but we live in real time, not geologic time, and we need these improvements now."

MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said the agency has been making capital improvements on the 7 line over the past several year to increase rider capacity and service reliability.

"We are fully committed to conducting line reviews of all the system's lines," Ortiz said. "In addition, over the past several months, we have enhanced inspections and added additional personnel to improve response times to right-of-way incidents on the 7 line that are beginning to stabilize service along the line. However, there have been a couple of major incidents on the line over the past several weeks, a broken rail for example, that have negatively impacted service."

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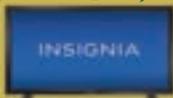


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Ramones exhibition coming to Queens

BY MADINA TOURE

The Ramones, the legendary punk-rock band hailing from Forest Hills, will be the subject of a two-part exhibition at the Queens Museum starting this April. The exhibit commemorates the 40th anniversary of the group's first album.

The exhibit, "Hey! Ho! Let's Go: Ramones and the Birth of Punk," will be on view at the museum from April 10 through July 31. It will then open Sept. 16 at the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, where it will be up through March 2017.

The exhibition is organized by the Queens Museum and the Grammy Museum in collaboration with Ramones Productions Inc., JAM Inc. and Silent Partner. Marc Miller, a guest curator for the Queens Museum, and Bob Santelli, the Grammy Museum's executive director, curated the exhibit.

The band's first album, "The Ramones," came out in April 1976.

Miller, 69, said he hung out with the Ramones a little bit in the mid-1970s when he was hanging out at CBGB, a former music club in the East Village where the band often played.

He said the Ramones management was integral to bringing the exhibition to fruition, a process that took nearly three years.

"This was quite a long, drawn out negotiation but the end result is that everyone hopped on board," he said.

The Queens Museum's exhibition will consist of key objects from more than 50

public and private collections throughout the world.

It will track the band's roots in Queens and show their influence on music, fashion, fine art, comics and film. The exhibit at the Grammy Museum will place the band within the larger context of music history and pop culture.

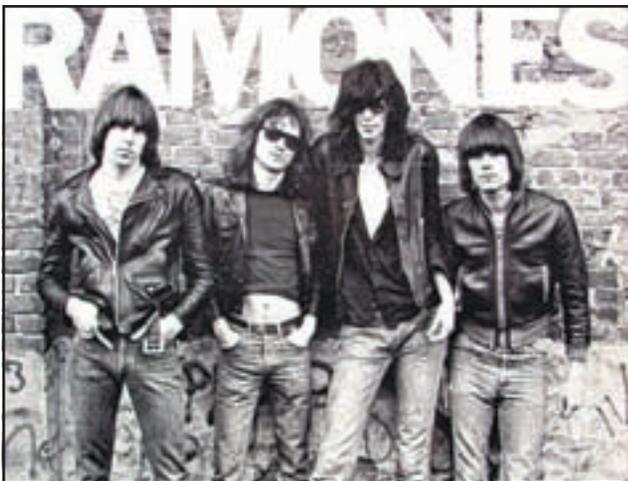
The main themes of the two-part exhibition are places, events, songs and artists.

One highlight is a specially commissioned cartoon map by Punk Magazine co-founder John Holstrom tracing the band's path from Forest Hills to the downtown nightclub CBGB.

Other highlights include rare artifacts such as an early press package and early fliers and lyrics, video monitors playing early Ramones shows, vintage concert fliers and photographs, the band's iconic eagle logo that art director Arturo Vega turned into T-shirts and other merchandise, album covers and outtakes, original lyric manuscripts, guitars and leather jackets.

The presentation of the exhibition is supported by Delta Air Lines, the official airline sponsor of the Queens Museum, and Fred Heller, a member of the museum's advisory committee and a local businessman who was once involved in the music business.

The city Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, provided additional support for the exhibition.



A Ramones-inspired exhibit will open at the Queens Museum this April.

Black art celebrated

Jamaica Center shows works from Weusi collective

BY GRACIANO CLAUSE

This February marks the 40th anniversary of Black History Month, which was recognized by the federal government in 1976. As part of this year's celebration, the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning will showcase work by Weusi artist collective members. The month-long exhibit of the Weusi story emphasizes the importance of African-American imagery in a modern setting.

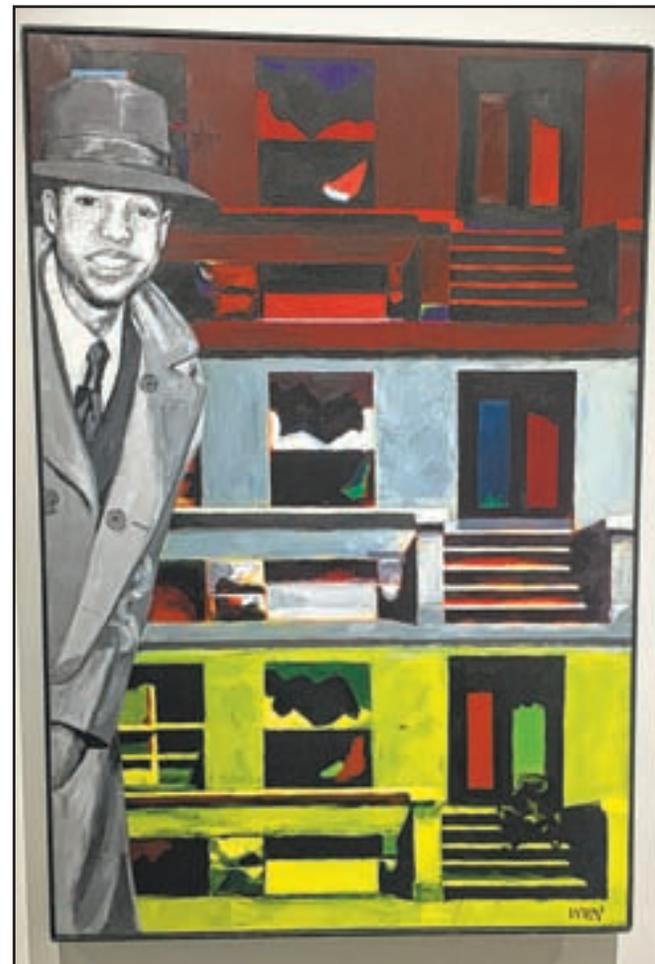
Weusi comes from the Swahili word meaning blackness. The 14 artists of Weusi surfaced in Harlem in 1965, against the backdrop of the Black Arts Movement, which made African iconic imagery the central part of their work.

Curated by MLJ Johnson, art chairman at St. Joseph Regional High School, the exhibit presents work by Johnson himself, as well as Weusi artists Che Baraka, Stanyck E. Cromwell, Robert Daniels, Taiwo Duvall, Gaylord Hassan, Rod Ivey, Dindga McCannon, Karl A. McIntosh, Otto Neals, Ademola Olugebefola, Okoe Pyatt, Ed Sherman and Emmett Wigglesworth.

"What this exhibit shows is the continuum of the struggle to get our personal culture to continue," said Johnson, who is curating his second exhibit at JCAL. "The power of African imagery is as relevant today as it's ever been."

As an artist and educator, he has curated his works for 30 years globally, working on exhibitions in the United States, London, Spain, South America, Puerto Rico and the countries of the African Diaspora. With the Black History Month exhibit now open to the public, Johnson would like his audience to understand his message.

"Although times have changed the message is the same, which is blackness. I heard a story with people saying that there are no more black leaders. The black leaders are still there, they've gone into academia now by teaching classes. If you wanted to see Dr. King, you had to make appointments in order to get to him. Now he might be standing in front of your classroom teaching," Johnson said.



The Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning is showing the work of the Weusi artist collective, including Rod Ivey's "Hoppauge x3," in a month-long exhibit.

Photo by Graciano Clause

As regards his own work, he said it highlights what he calls the "pictograms of life" phenomenon. The way he gets his idea across is to begin with a word and then allow it to morph into the images he creates.

A new exhibit showcases African-American imagery in a modern setting

Ademola Olugebefola, one of the original founders of the Weusi artist collective, framed what is expected in a symbolic way.

"What we're doing is giving the viewer the ability to grasp our reality. We are trying to remind people about the hu-

man touch," Olugebefola said. He mentioned that what the members of Weusi are offering is organic, at a time when technology is constantly moving forward.

One of the many highlights to be displayed at the JCAL-Robert Miller Gallery at 161-04 Jamaica Ave., is a light sculpture made by Olugebefola himself. Made in 2009 from plexiglas, electrical apparatus and neon lights, it aims to embrace the new consciousness evident in society today.

The opening reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 19, but the exhibit will be on view until Mar. 24. There will also be an artist talk at 4 p.m. Feb. 20, which is free.

"Our focus as it has always been is in creating images that complement and support people of color in terms of culture, but our audience is global. We want the world to see what we're doing," he said.



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Teenage girl dies in hit and run: NYPD



Police said a 16-year old girl was fatally hit by a dark colored van while crossing the busy intersection of Sunrise Highway and Francis Lewis Boulevard in Rosedale. Google Maps

ROSEDALE—After midnight Wednesday, a teenage girl was fatally struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Francis Lewis Boulevard and Sunrise Highway in Rosedale, police officials said.

Officers from the 105th Precinct found a 16-year-old girl unconscious and unresponsive on the roadway, police said.

Emergency medical responders rushed the girl to Jamaica Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The identity of the teenager is pending fam-

ily notification, police said.

Police said the preliminary investigation revealed that a dark-colored van was traveling eastbound on Sunrise Highway, when the teenage girl was trying to cross the busy intersection from the southeast crosswalk.

Police officials said she is struck by the van, which fled the scene going east on Sunrise Highway.

Police said the investigation was ongoing by the NYPD's Collision Investigation Squad.

Molestation at East Elmhurst mosque: DA

EAST ELMHURST—An afterschool instructor at an East Elmhurst mosque has been charged with sexual abuse after being accused of touching a 9-year-old girl in an inappropriate manner on two occasions, according to the Queens district attorney's office.

Mohammed Rana, 46, was arraigned Wednesday before Queens Criminal Court Judge Peter Vallone on two counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of endangering the welfare of a child, the DA said.

Vallone set bail at \$50,000 bond, \$25,000 cash. Rana's next court date is Feb. 26.

If convicted, Rana faces up to seven years in prison. The defendant is an instructor of an afterschool religious program held at the Masjid Abu Hurai-

ra Mosque, located at 78-04 31st Ave.

According to the charges, Rana allegedly reached under the victim's clothing and grabbed and squeezed her chest while saying, "You are a good girl." The case came to light during a sexual abuse prevention workshop utilizing puppets, when the victim disclosed what allegedly happened to her.

"According to the charges, the defendant is accused of using his position as a religious instructor at a mosque to prey on a young student," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said. "These are serious allegations. This case should serve as a clear and unmistakable warning that law enforcement is prepared to apprehend and prosecute sexual predators who betray and defile youngsters."

Robber escapes from back window: NYPD

RICHMOND HILL — Police said an unidentified male robbed a deli grocery store Feb. 6 at 126-09 Jamaica Ave. in Richmond Hill.

The suspect entered through the rear window of the store and took \$5,000 from a lock box and five cell

phones, according to police.

Police asked anyone with information in regards to this incident to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

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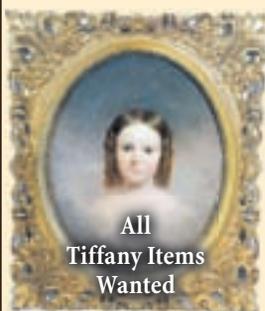
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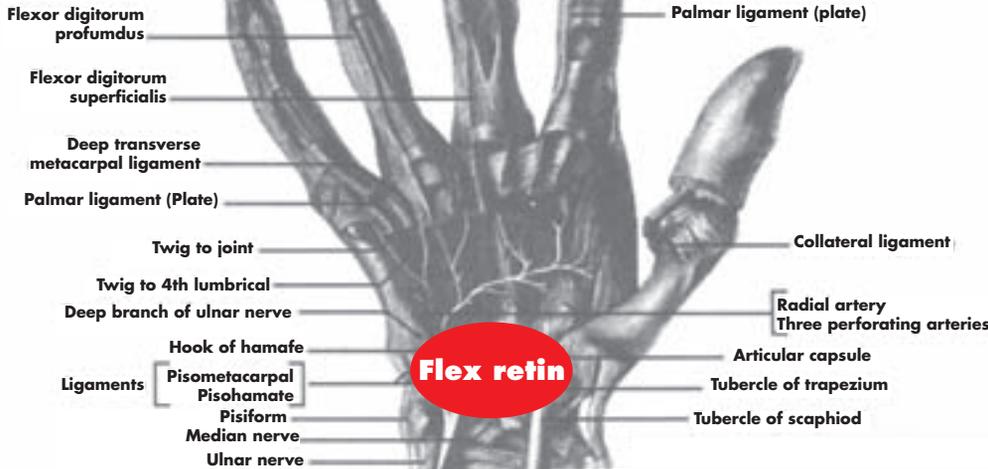


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Hold your horses, Mr. Mayor

The Teamsters have spoken, as have parks preservationists, fellow lawmakers and many New Yorkers. Your quixotic quest to curb the horse-carriage industry in Manhattan has failed and it's time to direct your focus to the real problems bedeviling the city.

If we believed this was a noble effort to save the working horses, then your determination to push the carriages off the street and into Central Park might be understandable. But your mayoral crusade was rooted in political giving and beholden to the powerful pro-animal group that helped underwrite your journey to Gracie Mansion.

This has been a costly blow for a first-term mayor, who led a questionable campaign to banish an industry that has widespread support among residents and employs a significant number of drivers from Queens.

After the Teamsters union pulled its support for the deal late last week, the City Council canceled its vote on the bill to reduce the number of horse carriages by about half and build a \$25 million stable in the park. Some Council members balked at supporting the bill without the Teamsters' blessing amid the outcry that a commercial enterprise should not be located on parkland in Central Park.

It was a lose-lose situation and now, Mr. Mayor, the city needs your full-time attention on more pressing issues such as building more affordable housing, getting guns off the streets and reducing bloated class sizes in western Queens.

The city is facing major public transportation problems, which have evolved well beyond the horse-and-carriage era. Your proposal for a streetcar between Brooklyn and Queens sounds promising if it is practical. The idea of linking public housing areas and the richer neighborhoods along the East River on a single line would be a happy ending to your tale of two cities. Add the promised ferry lines to the mix and riders might actually get a seat one day on the No. 7 train as it rumbles through Queens.

There is also a lesson for Queens in the horse carriage bill defeat. The opposition, particularly the founder of the Central Park Conservancy, spun a powerful argument that parkland should not be used to make a profit for private enterprise. Developers of the retail and entertainment complex planned for Willets Point have appealed an appellate ruling that blocked the project because it is on parkland. The mayor has refused to join the appeal.

So our message to you, Mr. Mayor, is to leave the horses behind and move on.



OTHER VOICES

Crane collapse raises big questions

The huge crane collapse on Worth Street in Lower Manhattan should not have happened.

Why did this tragedy happen? Was the crane up to city building code regulations? Was it properly secured at the construction site? If it wasn't, why?

Someone must be held responsible for this awful accident, which resulted in the death of one person and serious injuries to at least three others.

Our first responders did a terrific job of immediately responding to the scene and working feverishly to find survivors. We have the best firefighters, police officers and EMTs in the entire country. They are the best of the best and this city owes them an enormous debt of gratitude for all of the hard, potentially dangerous work that they do each day to protect the people of New York City.

An investigation must be started immediately into why this crane toppled, and criminal charges should be forthcoming from the DA's office as soon as possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured and the one person who died.

*John Amato
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Who will pay for costly Queens projects?

When it comes to public transportation, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's recent speech on the "State of Queens" made for some great sound bites but provided little substance. Katz failed to provide any specific information on how the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and New York City Department of Transportation will come up with funding to implement any of the following transportation projects advocated by many other Queens elected officials, constituents and transit advocates.

The list includes but is not limited to the following projects or proposals. Just where

does Katz stand on these ideas? All 14 members of the Queens City Council delegation are supporting the Commuter Rail Fare Equalization Proposal. This would allow New York City residents to pay the same \$2.75 fare on the Long Island Rail Road or Metro North Rail Road as they do to ride the New York City Transit subway and provide a free transfer to the subway. How will the city provide the MTA with the \$200 million needed to cover the cost?

The LaGuardia Airport Train to the Plane baseline budget of \$450 million will require up to an additional \$550 million in the years to come.

The final cost may be closer to \$1 billion.

Some Queens residents will be looking for \$100 million toward the \$200 million Woodhaven Boulevard Select Bus Service. These dollars may be necessary if the DOT is unable to secure \$100 million in U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration New Starts funding.

Others will continue to lobby for \$100 million to construct light rail between Glendale and Long Island City on the old Montauk LIRR branch; restoration of LIRR service on the old Rockaway LIRR branch at \$1 billion; Triboro X Subway Express (a new subway

line connecting the Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn for \$1 to \$2 billion); Main Street Flushing Intermodal Bus Terminal (\$100 million); reopening the Woodhaven Boulevard Atlantic Branch LIRR station (\$40 million) and most recently the Brooklyn-Queens Waterfront Street Car Connector at a cost of \$2.5 billion. This would connect various neighborhoods along the waterfront from Sunset Park, Brooklyn to Astoria.

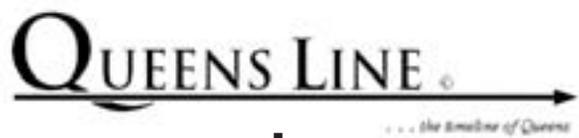
Many neighborhoods are looking for the introduction of either Select Bus Service; Bus Rapid Transit; Limited Stop Bus to Subway or Express Bus Service to Manhattan. There

is still the need to bring many of the 78 Queens subway and 21 Long Island Rail Road stations back up to a state of good repair. Don't forget the need for additional subway and LIRR stations to become fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act by construction of elevators.

Where does Katz think the MTA will find the cash for all these projects? Clearly the city will have to contribute some significant funding if many of these projects will ever see the light of day.

Larry Penner
Great Neck

The state of the borough's real estate in 1959



The Greater Astoria Historical Society

In conjunction with the Greater Astoria Historical Society, the Times-Ledger newspaper presents noteworthy events in the borough's history

At the start of February 1959 the Star Journal reported that the City Planning Commission formally received plans Feb. 2 for the Big Six Towers, a proposed cooperative apartment house complex sponsored by the New York Typographical Union No. 6.

The Star Journal described it as a "limited profit project," covering more than six blocks on the south side of Queens Boulevard from 59th to 61st

streets and from 47th Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard. The nearly \$12,000,000 development would supplant seven two-family and nine one-family homes, four used car lots, a gas station, a garage and a small commercial building.

The plan included eight buildings 14 to 17 stories high, sitting on land where there would also be "much space for gardens and landscaping." Under the Mitchell-Lama law, the city was to provide a mortgage loan of \$10,000,000 for a term of 50 years at 3½ percent interest. The sponsors planned to petition the Board of Estimate for a 40 percent tax exemption, maintaining that even with it

in effect the city stood to reap as much as \$200,000 a year in taxes from the project.

The project comprised 26 efficiency apartments, 172 one-bedroom suites, 327 two-bedroom suites, and 172 three-bedroom suites. In total, 697 apartments were slated for those in the union who worked on newspapers and in related printing fields. After an initial down payment, they and their families could then set out to enjoy their new homes for only \$21 a month.

In February 1959 a Star Journal headline blared, to the consternation of many, "HOME OWNERS FACE BIG REALTY TAX HIKE." Starting on July 1, Queens homeowners were scheduled to pay "a lot more" in real estate taxes for the upcoming tax year. The assessed valuations of homes in many neighborhoods borough-wide increased sharply from \$1,000 to more than \$1,500. De-

pending on their home's valuation, residents were to expect a hike between \$42 and \$63.

This dramatic rise prompted civic organizations to marshal watchdog groups to inspect and ensure the accuracy of the incoming tax rolls. Queens Borough President John Clancy said, "I am deeply concerned with the effect of increased tax valuations on our one- and two-family homeowners. I think the Tax Department ought to seriously review its tentative figures between now and the close of the hearings on the applications for reductions." He believed the effect of inflation was "disproportionately greater" on small homes over commercial properties because of the "brisk market" for homes caused by the then booming population.

For its "pre-spring sale" Chrysler Manhattan on Northern Boulevard had a sale to clear out its inventory. A '57

The assessed valuations of homes increased sharply from \$1,000 to more than \$1,500

Chevy was on sale for \$1295, a '56 Buick for \$1595, a '57 Chrysler Imperial (complete with air conditioning) for \$2195, a '58 Plymouth four door stationwagon, \$2495, and—get this—a '58 Corvette for \$3095 and a '57 Cadillac convertible for \$3495. Wow!

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

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CORRECTION

In "City's revised snow plan raises ire in Queens" published in the Feb 5-11 issue, the story should not have said there are tertiary streets in Manhattan, which has none.

The slings and arrows of Valentine's Day



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There are holidays filled with joy, love, laughs and a gladdened heart.

And then there's Valentine's Day.

"I'm not sure he ever recovered," recalls a friend I'll call Clarissa, thinking back on the Valentine's Day when she was engaged to the man of her dreams, who gave her a pair of heart-shaped silver earrings. Nice, right?

Wrong wrong wrong wrong wrong.

And *wrong*.

"When I put them on, I realized they were tarnished. I went insane!" says Clarissa. "I thought, 'This is the end of our relationship!' I remember going down the street, crying my eyes out and calling my friend, 'Matt bought me these tarnished earrings (sob) and

I don't want (sob) to speak to him again!' (Assume more sobbing.) It was like the tarnish was a metaphor for our relationship. I remember my family talking me down, 'He doesn't mean it. He loves you. It was inadvertent.' But what kind of man gives a woman a tarnished gift?"

A man who's pre-t-t-y worried about giving her a gift again, I'll tell you that.

Looking back now—with her 30th anniversary coming up (yes, to Tarnish Man!)—Clarissa can't understand why she went so ballistic.

But I do.

Valentine's Day is to relationships what pythons are to picnics.

Another friend whose name I can't use—do you sense a pattern here?—had been married for a few years and V-Day was upon him. "Of course, I was one of those last-minute shoppers," he admits. "So I was on Fifth Avenue and I just popped into a Victoria's Secret to get her something." He pauses. "I learned a lot that day."

Lessons you males out there may wish to note:

- Buying a negligee for a woman is sometimes perceived, perhaps unfairly, as more of a gift for *you*.

- Silk is an expensive material, long valued for its drape, feel, and cost.

- Polyester is a cheap, man-made material that can, to some benighted (ex) boyfriend or husband, seem *just like* silk.

- It's not.

Once my friend had learned this lesson the hard way, he never bought his wife any clothing again—not even a scarf. In fact, after that it was mostly gift cards.

"Let her handle it," he says now, sounding a little shaken.

Still married.

But shaken.

And then there was the "funny" Valentine's Day that entrepreneur and corporate keynote speaker Peter Shankman arranged for his date. They'd been going on five months—"Long enough for her to know my sense of humor."

Or so he thought.

"Did you know that on Valentine's Day, White Castle

takes reservations and puts out waiter service, place mats, candy hearts, etc?" He told the girlfriend to dress up, "We're going to someplace romantic."

They drove to Queens. They pulled into White Castle. The girlfriend assumed they just needed a place to park. But — surprise! During dinner, she cried.

They broke up a week later. He has since married someone more fun.

Of course, sometimes the gift a guy gives is actually quite perfect. That doesn't mean all goes as planned.

"One year, I happened to get three bouquets delivered at work," recalls Manhattan author and poet Elinor Nauen. "Bouquet No. 1 came from Johnny, my new boyfriend at the time. Bouquet No. 2 was from a guy who worked there and had a hopeless crush on me." The third bouquet was a thank-you from a writer whose story she'd published. The gift just happened to arrive on Feb. 14.

"I kept getting interrupted to go to the front desk for yet another delivery, and the

small muttering that came at the second bouquet got pretty loud by the third," says Nauen. And what were those co-workers' mutters?

"Everyone seemed to think I'd sent them all to myself!"

So a day to revel in popularity became a day to realize: All my co-workers think I'm a neutered, friendless, narcissist. Gee thanks!

Luckily, she is still with Johnny—he of Bouquet No. 1—decades later. And the fact that he has never given her flowers since is something they're both okay with.

Maybe the key is to simply sleep through the 14th. Or do what my husband did in the early, giddy days of our relationship: Buy your beloved a pound of bologna.

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

For major transit problems, few real solutions



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Anyone looking to take public transit from Southeast Queens to Coney Island can expect a sojourn of at least 90 minutes, from hopping on the A train, to transferring in Downtown Brooklyn to the Q and traveling the length of the borough. Rockaway residents, despite being just a stone's throw away, would have to take two to three buses to get there, and allocate an hour of travel time. People in Northern Queens can forget about trying to use mass transit to get there, as it would take up to two hours and invariably involve having to route through Manhattan.

One could take the Belt Parkway and be there in 30 minutes, but what about families that don't own cars or would like a day at the beach not spent looking for parking?

The mayor, in last week's State of the City address, announced that Brooklyn and Queens were set to receive a new mass transit link, in the form of a streetcar line. Surely, this was to be the much-needed link between South Queens and Brooklyn?

The yet-unnamed project, initially proposed by scions of the real estate industry as the Brooklyn-Queens Connector, would link Astoria and Long Island City with Williamsburg, Downtown Brooklyn and the white-hot real estate markets of DUMBO, Brooklyn Heights and Red Hook, before terminating in Sunset Park. Though a route sparse with riders, proponents of the plan cite the thousands of "luxu-

ry" housing units being constructed along the waterfront as signs that the route could potentially carry 15.8 million people as early as 2035, making the project well worth its modest cost of \$2.5 billion.

The project would be funded through a property tax levy and would be comparable in cost to the 7 train extension to Hudson Yards, a project that ran far beyond its projections, scrapped a proposed station and currently connects to the Javits Center and some impressive construction sites.

The motivations for building a vanity project to link luxury condos are dubious and likely political, but plans to rectify the many transportation deserts in Queens have existed for decades.

The most ambitious—the Triboro RX—was proposed by the Regional Plan Association in 1996 and proposed using existing unused and

under-utilized track from the Long Island Rail Road and freight lines to link Bay Ridge to Broadway Junction, the M train terminus in Queens Village, Jackson Heights, Astoria and eventually Hunts Point, in the Bronx. The RPA supports the BQX project, indicating its potential to link with their Triboro proposal at the terminus in Brooklyn and in Astoria. Unlike other lines, at no point would the proposed line cross into Manhattan. Those that have attempted to use mass transit on the weekends can attest that never-ending Fast Track repair work on those aging linkages to Manhattan have effectively isolated Queens residents.

Other plans include Rockaway Beach Branch line, to connect Rockaway with Rego Park and in the process, provide necessary relief to North-South bus lines that connect the borough.

While these plans scarcely get any recognition, in the last year, in addition to the proposed streetcar line, the governor announced an inapplicable plan to link La Guardia Airport with Mets-Willets Point via AirTrain, thereby increasing traffic on the 7 line and circumventing an already convenient, though inelegant and Byzantine express bus route from Jackson Heights to the airport.

It may not be feasible to build a streetcar line skirting around Jamaica Bay and the political will to make ambitious improvements to transit may never materialize. South Queens could use a better connection to Brooklyn, and South Brooklyn could use an easier way to get to JFK. Yet, short term, apparently billions of dollars will materialize only for vanity projects located conveniently near new development.

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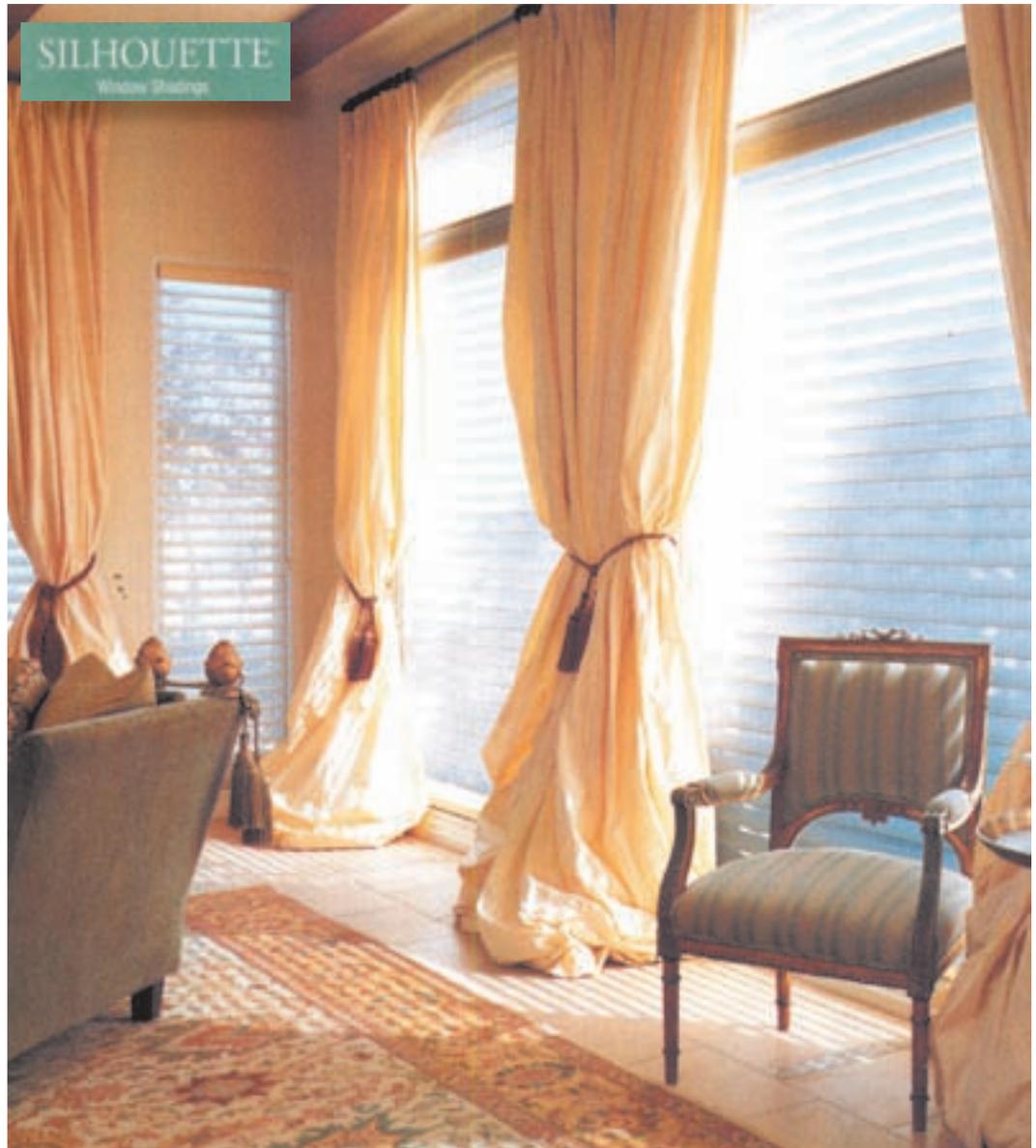
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DEP to modernize sewers in two bays



The city Department of Environmental Protection has allocated \$33 million to upgrading sewers in the Flushing and Bowery bays.

BY MADINA TOURE

The city Department of Environmental Protection will start working on a \$33 million sewer upgrade project this spring to prevent 225 million gallons of sewage from being released into Flushing and Bowery bays every year.

The underground work will occur at five key junction points within the sewer system, located between LaGuardia Airport and Horace Harding Expressway.

It will also raise and lengthen the weirs, or barriers, that will direct the wastewater to the Bowery Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant, next to the Steinway neighborhood west of LaGuardia.

A DEP spokesman said most of the work will be underway around March or April. The work is expected to be completed by the summer of 2018.

“To help clean up Flushing Bay and Bowery Bay and improve the quality of life for the residents of northern Queens, we will invest \$33 million to optimize the capacity of the existing sewer system and significantly reduce the overflow of pollution,” DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said.

The five sites slated for upgrades are at the LaGuardia Airport Maintenance Yard; Ditmars Boulevard and 100th Street; Ditmars Boulevard and 31st Drive; 108th Street and 43rd Avenue; and 108th Street and Horace Harding Expressway.

The DEP spokesman said work will begin at each of the five locations at different times.

The DEP presented the details of the project to Community Board 4’s Parks and Environmental Committee in November. A meeting with Community Board 3 is expected to take place this month. City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria), chairman of the City Council’s Environmental Protection Committee, praised the plan.

“Combined with our Green Infrastructure Plan, which implements alternative green infrastructure to capture stormwater before it enters sewers, this project will improve the health of northern Queens waterways,” Constantinides said.

City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst) lauded sewer system upgrades in East Elmhurst and Corona.

“This will make a noticeable difference in the quality of life of homeowners and residents that have suffered from sewage backups in the past,” Ferreras-Copeland said.

The DEP said the Army Corps of Engineers’ recently completed dredging that deepened the navigation channel and removed sediment in Flushing Bay is a separate project.

The work at 108th Street beneath the Long Island Expressway overpass will only take place during the overnight hours. All lanes of vehicular traffic will be open during the day, with no effect on traffic on Horace Harding Expressway.

From Monday to Friday, the work will take place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., during which two of the six lanes of vehicular traffic will be closed. All lanes of traffic will be reopened at 6 a.m. Weekend work, if necessary, will take place from 12 a.m. to 8 a.m.

In Flushing and Bowery bays, DEP has about 500 curbside gardens, or bioswales—either under construction now or recently completed—that collect and absorb stormwater, mostly in Corona, Elmhurst, Forest Hills, Rego Park and Middle Village.

The DEP said it has invested more than \$10 billion in upgrades to wastewater treatment plants and related efforts to reduce combined sewer overflows, when a diluted mixture of rainwater, human waste and sewage is discharged into local waterways when the sewer becomes full.



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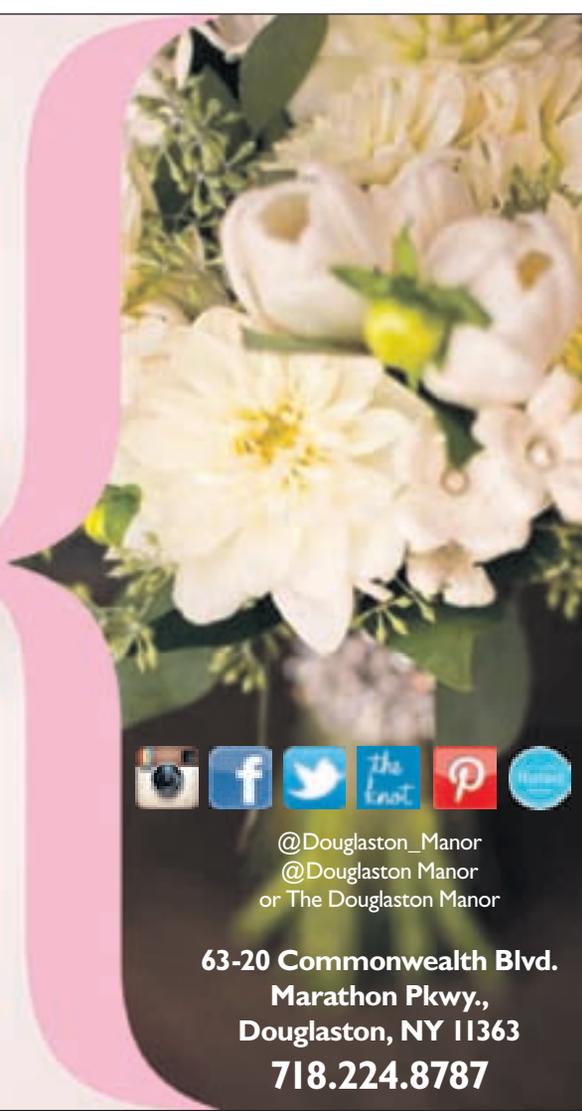
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Meng law bans slur

BY MADINA TOURE

Legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) to remove the term "Oriental" from federal law has been included in a Senate bill that eliminates offensive terms from all governmental documents.

The U.S. Senate unanimously voted to include a provision authored by Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) that removes objectionable terms such as "Oriental" from federal law.

The amendment was added to the Energy Policy and Modernization Act, which is currently being debated by the Senate.

Meng's bill was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in December.

"It is way past time for the U.S. government to stop using this offensive and antiquated term and including my legislation in this Senate bill brings us one step closer to making that happen," Meng said.

Hirono said the use of demeaning terms to refer to different ethnicities and races does not have any place in federal law.

"I am pleased to partner with Representative Meng in this effort," she said. "It's long past time that this language was updated to reflect the diversity of our country, and I thank my colleagues for unanimously supporting language that is inclusive of all Americans."

The bill takes out all derogatory



GRACE MENG

terms that refer to racial groups, such as "Oriental," in federal law and replaces them with terms like "Asian Americans."

The House legislation is included in the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act. The Senate measure would be approved with the passage of the bipartisan Energy Policy and Modernization Act.

In 2009, Meng, who was a member of the state Legislature at the time, sponsored legislation that eliminated the use of "Oriental" in all official New York State documents.

Flushing bus crashes

BY MADINA TOURE

A bus owned by a Flushing company traveling from the neighborhood to a casino in Connecticut overturned on I-95 early Monday afternoon due to snow on the road, according to the Connecticut State Police.

At about 12:24 p.m., the operator of the bus, Flushing resident Keyi Zang, was merging from the left lane to the right lane on I-95 northbound, just east of Exit 61 in Madison, Conn., the State Police said.

He then lost control on the snow-covered road, striking the right-shoulder metal-beam barrier, police said.

A Connecticut State Police trooper said the operator said the bus was coming from Flushing.

Several EMS services, the Connecticut State Police CARS Unit, the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, responded to the scene.

The bus, owned by Dahlia Group Inc. at 127-27 34th Ave., was transporting passengers from Flushing to the Mohegan Sun Casino. The company

declined to comment.

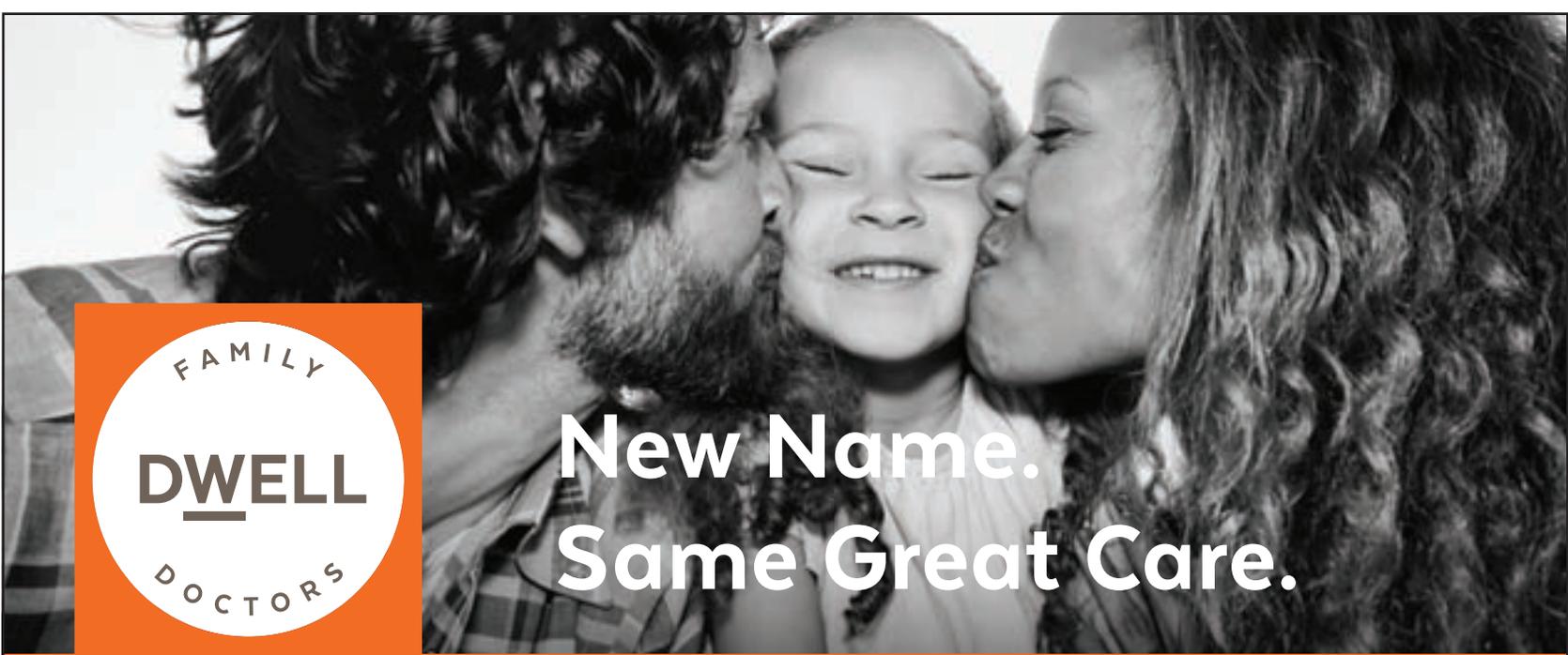
As of Tuesday, 29 vehicles and 43 drivers have been inspected over the last 24 months but there have been no crashes, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

As of October 2015, the company has a satisfactory rating, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration added.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, 32 of the company's buses had been inspected, with one reported out of service, according to the state Department of Transportation's bus operator profile. A total of 36 passengers were transported from the scene to area hospitals and medical clinics for treatment of minor to moderate injuries, police added.

The highway was closed periodically during the investigation and the bus was towed from the scene, which was cleared after four hours, the Connecticut State Police said. The National Transportation Safety Board was also notified.

The state police trooper said the investigation was ongoing.



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Dead man found in College Pt. club

BY MADINA TOURE

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The body of a man whose name police could not yet release because the body was badly decomposed was found in the College Point Yacht Club grounds Saturday afternoon, according to the NYPD and the yacht club.

At about 4:06 p.m. Saturday, officers responded to a call of an unconscious individual in the vicinity of Powell's Cove Boulevard and Weatherly Place, according to the police.

When they arrived, they discovered an unconscious and unresponsive man lying face down in a rocky area near the water, police said.

EMS responded and pronounced the victim dead on arrival at the scene, officials said.

An individual from the yacht club said he was not at the club when the body was found, noting that he was told that police arrived and took a

“Police officers came in,” he said. “They asked to open the gates. They let them in and they were gone within the hour.”

A police spokesman said the NYPD only has a tentative name for the man because the body was severely decomposed.

The Police Department will have more information once it determines the individual's identity, the spokesman said.

Julie Bolcer, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said the cause and manner of death were pending further studies as of Wednesday afternoon.

No arrests had been made and the investigation was ongoing, the spokesman said.

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



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Queens tops city in major crime drop: DA

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

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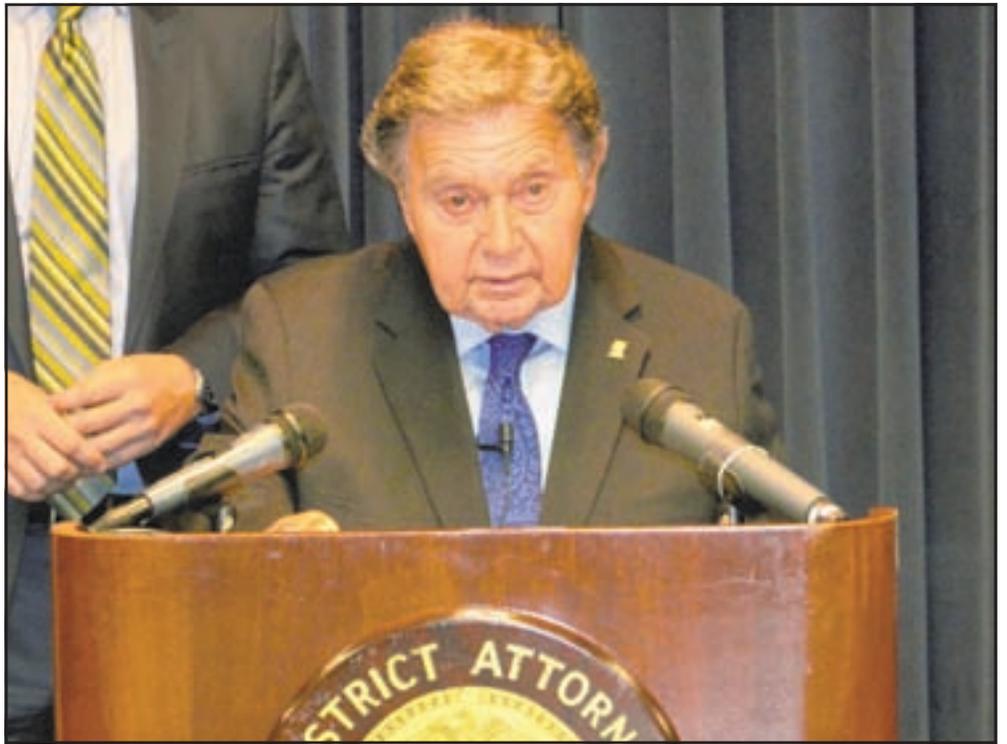
The Queens DA credited technology for much of the success in fighting crime.

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Corona volunteer rescue group hailed as heroes

Ferreras-Copeland thanks ambulance corps for dramatic actions during Winter Storm Jonas

BY BILL PARRY

Members of the Corona Community Ambulance Corps were treated to lunch last week by City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst) to thank them for their heroics during Winter Storm Jonas, which dumped 34 inches of snow in Jackson Heights last month.

A 6-foot hero from Mama's of Corona and cookies were a small token of appreciation for several rescue efforts during the height of the storm, especially that of a 7-year-old who was asphyxiating.

Al Perna, the group's president, heard a call over his radio around 10 a.m. Jan. 23 about a child having difficulty breathing. Due to the rough road conditions, responders were having difficulty reaching the young girl's home.

Perna and Melissa Salazar, a registered nurse and chief of operations, were able to make it near the child's home in

three minutes but got stuck in the snow. Salazar took off on foot the rest of the way while Perna worked to dig out their ambulance.

The girl had been bitten by a spider and she was having an allergic reaction to the venom.

"Her throat was closing up fast, you could feel she had a knot," Perna said.

They called the 110th Precinct and urged them to send a police escort for the girl.

"I told them she needed to get to the hospital before she went into shock," Perna said.

The girl was rushed to Elmhurst Hospital Center, where she was stabilized and underwent dialysis to clear her blood.

"I live a few doors down from the family," Salazar said. "I'm just glad we were able to get to them fast enough. We can reach anyone in Corona in a few minutes, that's important to us."

The volunteer ambulance



City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (third from l.) pays a call on the Corona Community Ambulance Corps to thank the volunteers for their heroics during the storm. Photo courtesy Ferreras-Copeland's office

was established in 1960 and is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They have assisted during emergencies in Corona, Jackson Heights

and East Elmhurst, including the emergency landing of a plane at LaGuardia Airport last April.

Volunteers also provide

extra hands during events at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Ferreras-Copeland, who grew up just blocks away from the headquarters of the ambulance corps at 104-38 47th Ave., supported the group with \$8,000 for ambulance bikes equipped with basic trauma bags. The bicycles will allow volunteers to navigate crowds and reach patients in areas where vehicles are not permitted.

"You carry the essence of this community, which is why having you here is so important to Corona and me," Ferreras-Copeland said at the Feb. 4 lunch. "When the volunteers of the Corona Community Ambulance Corps respond to an emergency, they don't just do it as medical professionals, they respond as genuinely concerned friends, neighbors and keepers of this community."

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Katz

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affordable housing plans, Katz sounded a surprisingly conciliatory tone.

"The mayor has a vision of things that people talk about but have never actually done," she said. "With pre-K, people said it would never happen. It happened, and now he has the entire city talking about affordable housing."

Katz, who was chair of the Land Use Committee in the

City Council, said the current conversation is unprecedented.

Katz was met with murmurs and a few claps from the audience, which included the 12 community board district managers who voted against two major city zoning amendments the Mayor proposed to make way for more affordable housing.

"We have to fit folks in," Katz said. "People want to live here and stay here. Grandparents need places to live, too. We need to work out afford-

able housing and senior housing. It's not a bad thing for the community."

The City Council began debate on the amendments this week.

Concluding the speech, Katz spoke of her parents, and the vision they held for Queens when they were alive.

"Their vision is only possible if business and non-profits work together to keep that infrastructure to support families. That's not a side note. That's the note."

Paid leave

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workers in the private sector and 5 percent of the lowest-paid workers have paid family leave, added Nolan.

The bill has garnered support from much of the city's political class. The City Council passed a resolution in 2014 recommending that the state pass the Paid Family Leave Insurance Act. Public Advocate Letitia James has publicly offered her support numerous times, as has Scott Stringer.

Yet the bill has repeatedly

died in the state Senate.

A key sticking point that has delayed the bill's progress is its source of funding. The proposed bill bases its funding on employee contributions rather than state funding. The legislation would use the employee payroll deductions of no more than 45 cents a week in the first year to fund paid family leave through the states' existing Temporary Disability Insurance program, raising benefit levels for the first time in 26 years through an increase in premiums that would be shared by employers and employees.

Another version of the bill

sponsored by state Sen. Jeff Klein (D-Bronx), the Independent Democratic Conference leader, differs from the Addabbo-Nolan bill on its source of funding. The Klein bill, which has certain support from Senate Republicans, calls for the state to pay at least \$125 million in the first year of implementation with the following years supplemented by employee payroll fees.

"I think we all know that it is no longer a question of if New York will enact a paid family leave program," Addabbo said. "It is simply a question of when. I am optimistic it will be 2016."

Carriages

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city officials. But City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said, "There were a lot of folks who were unsure about this bill and about some of the portions of the bill."

Union officials said that many of their carriage-driving members believed the agreement would endanger the future of their industry.

"The Teamsters' first priority is always our members and their livelihoods," George Miranda, the president of Teamsters Joint Council 16, said. "With the legislation now finalized, our members are not confident that it provides a viable future for their industry. We cannot support the horse carriage bill currently before the City Council."

The legislation's collapse is a blow to the mayor, who pledged during his 2013 campaign to eliminate the horse carriages from city streets.

"We negotiated in good faith with the City Council and the Teamsters to reach this agreement," de Blasio said after the union pulled out. "The terms of the agree-

ment have not changed during these past weeks, but today the Teamsters decided to back away from their fair compromise they had previously endorsed. While we are disappointed this bill will no longer be considered Friday, the people of this city know what I believe, and we will work toward a new path on this issue."

So it's back to the drawing board on the mayor's plan that would have spent \$25 million converting a maintenance building inside the park into a new stable, eliminating competition by restricting pedicab operations to the north of Central Park, and removing 40 to 50 horse carriage driver jobs.

That was concern for the carriage drivers, many of whom live here in Queens. Stephen Malone, the industry spokesman is a second-generation carriage driver who was born and raised in Sunnyside.

"We are very happy the Council decided against voting for this legislation," Malone said. "We'll continue to move forward for the betterment of our industry and preserve and protect the iconic industry that it has become."



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Asia meets Europe at new bakery

Violet's Bake Shoppe in Forest Hills mixes cultures to create sweet and savory treats

BY GABRIEL ROM

Asian-European fusion is the name of the game at Violet's Bake Shoppe, a new bakery that opened three weeks ago along bustling Austin St. in Forest Hills.

The owner, Chris Tang, 37, is a classically trained pastry chef who studied at the International Culinary Center, formerly known as the French Culinary Institute, and is combining traditional Asian flavors with high-end French baking.

Violet's faces steep competition from neighboring La Boulangerie, La Dolce Italia and Aigner Chocolates which reopened this summer.

Nevertheless, Tang is confident that he can provide an array of unusual flavors that will earn him a loyal following in sweets-saturated Forest Hills.

"We're trying to mix different culinary cultures to provide a unique experience," he said.

Tang says he consulted a Chinese pastry chef for advice on the menu and bakery concept. The chef, he said, has developed a strong following in China.

The menu offers European



Violet's Bake Shoppe in Forest Hills offers Asian-inspired pastries including Hong Kong-style egg tarts and puddings. Photo courtesy Violet's Bake Shoppe

egg tarts as well as curry beef buns, curry chicken buns and a fish file sandwich. Buns cost between \$1.50 and \$3 each.

The fish sandwich, Tang says, has already proven to be a customer-favorite.

"It's an opportunity to marry two distinct cultures," he said. "Our customers range from Russian to Asian to European. It's really diverse."

The bakery is Tang's first business since he graduated from culinary school, but the challenge, he said, is part of the fun.

"Even if I'm the only employee in the store on some days, it's nothing I can't handle," he said. "There's a learning curve for sure, but it is enjoyable and I love talking to customers. Right now I'm thinking in the short term: Get established here in Forest Hills. In the long term who knows?"

Violet's Bake Shoppe, which is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., is located at 72-36 Austin St.

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classics like German cheese-cake, various puddings and a Black Forest chocolate cake that Tang perfected while at culinary school.

"I have a passion for baking," he said.

And while Tang is versed in the European fundamentals, he also has a penchant for

experimentation that yields some unlikely combinations.

Also on the menu are plenty of Asian-inspired items, including Hong Kong-style

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After finishing school and landing their first jobs, the furthest thing on many young professionals' minds is retirement. Although the day young workers will cash their last paychecks and bid farewell to the workplace may be decades down the road, it's never too early to begin saving for retirement.

The sooner a person begins saving for retirement, the more time his or her money will have to grow. As more deposits are made and interest is compounded, retirement investments can grow considerably.

Ideally, workers should begin saving

as soon as possible. Compounding interest produces a better return for professionals who start saving when they are young than for those who delay their retirement savings. Unfortunately, many of today's new workers are not prioritizing retirement. According to a study from Hewitt Associates, just 31 percent of Generation Y employees (individuals born after 1978) who are able to deposit money into a 401(k) retirement plan actually do so.

The easiest way to save for retirement is to make the process entirely automatic. One can achieve this by sign-

ing up for an employer-sponsored 401(k) or another retirement plan. When opening a 401(k), workers will have a predetermined portion of their earnings deducted from their paychecks and deposited into the retirement account. Such contributions are made prior to being taxed, adding even more incentive to begin saving as soon as possible. Money deposited into a 401(k) will then be available for withdrawal when the employee reaches retirement age. If the employer has a matching program, even better, as that means the company will match employee contributions up to a

certain percentage.

A person may also want to establish an IRA (individual retirement account). IRAs, which are available as traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs, are typically offered through financial establishments and provide tax-friendly ways to save for retirement. There are differences between traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs, and these differences are related to taxes and may depend on when contributions are made as well as when withdrawals are made. Speak with a financial planner to help you determine the IRA best suited to your personal needs.



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Bramson ORT expands campus

BY BILL PARRY

Bramson ORT College in Forest Hills made itself more attractive to potential students with the opening last month of a brand 8,000-square-foot auxiliary space at 68-60 Austin St. The new addition includes a library, a student lounge, classrooms, tutorial rooms and a faculty meeting room, all just a block away from the college's main campus at 69-30 Austin St.

"If you build it, they will come, and that was the dream of the board of trustees here at Bramson ORT," Board Chairwoman Lynn Leeb said. "What a wonderful place this is for students to gather and to study. And they have huge windows with a panorama of Forest Hills."

The independent, not-for-profit, two-year college established its present day campus in 1977. The original building



Bramson ORT College Board Chairwoman Lynn Leeb (c.) cuts the ribbon opening a new library and student center in Forest Hills.

Photo by Michael Shain

also was renovated, creating three state-of-the-art teaching labs, two for medical assistant

students and one for pharmacy technicians.

An administrator, Eben

Bronfman, the director of Intergovernmental Relations and Community Affairs, demonstrated one of the best features of the new library—a private database not normally found at colleges the size of Bramson ORT.

"This school has about 700 students and our database would normally be found at a much bigger university," he said. "It's phenomenal allowing access to books, articles and dissertations. A tremendous amount of data."

Students can access the database from any desktop computer in the library. "And it's surprisingly easy to use," Bronfman said.

Bramson ORT is a technical college that opened in New York in 1942 to serve refugees and immigrants during World War II. It is a chapter of World ORT, the world's largest Jewish education and vocational training non-governmental organization.

World ORT now operates in 100 countries, benefitting 300,000 people each year.

"ORT was created in the ghetto of St. Petersburg, Russia in 1880 when Jews were not allowed in public schools," Bramson ORT President David Kanani, said.

He pointed out that "135 years ago they trained their own in a trade so they could provide for their families, educate people who were underserved so they can have a career they can pursue. This school is here to give students a second chance at pursuing a career."

The tradition continues in Forest Hills where graduates can earn associate degrees and certificates in the fields of business, technology or health service.

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How to help kids avoid the school cold

While parents agree sharing is a good skill for kids to learn, it is certainly not the case when it comes to germs, particularly during cold and flu season. Germs are lurking everywhere and are simply unavoidable. And where there are germs, there can often be sickness. That dreaded first cough, sneeze and snuffle surely brings about anything but joy in the home.

"Every parent has experienced those 'ew' moments where kids are kids and regardless of what we do to keep them healthy, sick strikes," says Dr. Nina Shapiro, leading pediatric doctor and mom of two. "I can certainly speak firsthand on those cringe-worthy moments where the ew is simply unavoidable and the best way to battle it is by being prepared to get kids back on their feet — so you can get a little rest too."

Here are Shapiro's top tips for keeping kids and families healthy.



Although your child may pick up a winter cold or the flu from a schoolmate, there are some things parents can do to minimize the effects.

Joy of washing hands

Washing hands well is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of illness, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Kids should regularly wash hands at home and at school. Make scrub time fun by singing while washing - the goal is to wash for 20 seconds, or about the amount of time it

takes to sing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" once or "Happy Birthday" twice.

Wrangle those hands

Children have busy hands and those tiny fingers often end up in ew-filled places. It's important to regularly remind kids to keep their hands out of their nose and mouth to help prevent the spread of germs. Seven in 10 school nurses cite

unsanitary habits among children like nose picking or not washing their hands as the top cause for germs spreading among kids at school, according to the recent SchoolNurse.com "Ew-dentification" survey conducted by the pediatric brands of Pfizer Consumer Healthcare.

Be a flu-buster

It's very likely at some point during the fall and winter season that your children will come in contact with the flu virus. This year's vaccination is now available, so schedule an office visit for the whole family. The American Academy of Pediatrics recently updated their guidelines requiring children ages 6 months to 8 years to receive two doses of the flu shot this season if they have received less than two doses of the flu vaccine prior to July 2015.

Ease aches and pains

With flu season upon us, parents should be armed with an OTC pain reliever and fe-

ver reducer which reduces fever fast and keeps it down for up to eight hours, while also relieving aches and pains in children as young as two years (based on reducing fever be low 100). When kids are more comfortable, they are able to get the extra rest their bodies need to fight off illness, ultimately also giving relief to worried parents.

Keep arsenal stocked

Flu isn't the only sickness kids may encounter. According to the survey of school nurses, colds, stomach bugs and coughs also frequently spread around schools. For cough and colds, an effective over-the-counter medicine offers relief by breaking up chest congestion and relieving coughs. If a child is suffering from cold symptoms, is great option for relieving stuffy noses and on-going sniffles. Stock up now so when sickness strikes, you are ready and your child can feel quick relief — no emergency trip to the store required.



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Why growing teeth need a specialist

BY DR. TANESHA FRANCIS

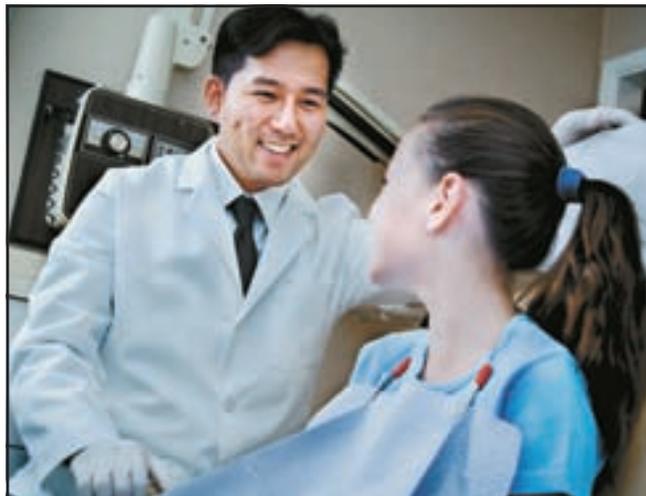
As someone who specializes in the treatment and care of little people's teeth, parents often ask me how important it is to take children to a pediatric dentist. In fact, many don't realize that this is an option in the first place.

Yes, there are options! There are dentists, like me, who specialize in the unique needs of infants, children, and young teens' teeth. Alternatively, there are family dentists who are qualified to care for patients of all ages.

Naturally, I believe that pediatric dentists are the way to go when parents have the option, and here are my reasons:

Teeth development in children

Think 6 plus 6! Generally speaking, a baby's first teeth will begin to break through at 6 months; those teeth will stay put until about age 6, when they begin to fall out and be replaced by permanent, adult teeth. Although children lose



their first set of teeth, poor oral care in those early years can lead to issues and disease that lasts throughout life.

A pediatric dentist specializes in instructing families on how to care for teeth before there are even teeth!

Parents often think of troublesome sicknesses such as asthma and allergies; however, dental problems such as early childhood caries (an in-

fectious disease also known as baby bottle tooth decay or bottle rot) are five times as common.

What sets pediatric dentists apart

Pediatric dentists have a lot to learn! Unlike general dentists, pediatric dentists are required to complete up to three additional years of specialty training in the unique needs

of children's teeth.

Some of the topics we study that are unique to working with children include behavior management, pediatric pharmacology, interceptive orthodontics, speech, minor oral surgery, sedation, traumatic injuries, dental care for children with developmental disabilities, and more.

Since the dental journey includes growing a first set, losing them, and then growing an adult set, there's a lot to keep up with during each stage.

We specialize in helping families make it a healthy journey from the start. We also offer key advice on maintenance through those critical candy-and-sweets-eating years.

Specialized treatment options

Parents know that taking care of children — especially health exams like regular dentist visits — can be stressful at times. Pediatric dentists are great at knowing how to make visits as painless and pleas-

ant as possible. Our offices are full of color, activities, and warmth that can make kids' experiences fun and educational, too. Dentists often recommend dental appliances and corrective treatments during the childhood and adolescent years.

We also have the most up-to-date knowledge about treatment options and advancements in the field for children. And in the end, children and teens are all about the "cool factor" with a pediatric dentist, our finger is on the pulse of colorful and engaging tools and appliances that will keep them interested in their own dental health.

We all want the best for children. When it comes to keeping their mouths, teeth, and gums healthy for the long haul, a pediatric dentist just makes sense!

Dr. Francis can be found at Park Slope Kids Dental Care [150 Fourth Ave. between Douglas and Butler streets in Park Slope, (718) 488-0200].

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Marc Asnin's captioned this photo "Uncle Charlie contemplating in his living room the reality that his son Joe is dying from HIV, sitting by the window holding his newest and latest handgun in his apartment in Bushwick, Brooklyn in 1996."

Photo courtesy Marc Asnin

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FAMILY PHOTOS

Marc Asnin's show **'UNCLE CHARLIE'** at QCC examines 30 years of a life lived on the edges

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

When award-winning photographer Marc Asnin completed a project about his troubled, enigmatic uncle three years ago, his subject was very different from the tough, tattooed guy Asnin had known and looked up to back when he was growing up on Brooklyn's gritty streets.

Today, Charles Henschke, Uncle Charlie, is 76, and living as a recluse in Bedford-Stuyvesant after a lifetime spent battling mental illness and dealing with poverty, unhealthy relationships and plain bad luck.

"Uncle Charlie says he never had a friend," Asnin said. "No one lis-

tened then, and no one listens now. After 30 years of photographing him, I am the last guy standing, the only constant in Charlie's life."

Asnin's photo essay, "Uncle Charlie," which explores three decades of the man's downward spiral, begins a two-month showing Thursday at Queensboro Community College's Art Gallery in Bayside.

"Our goal is to consistently offer the highest caliber of fine art that engages and challenges visitors on an emotional and intellectual level," Faustino Quintanilla, the gallery's executive director, said.

It was an interesting ride for the
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THEATER CALENDAR



PRODUCTIONS

"Astoria Stories" – To celebrate APAC's 15th anniversary, it will present a festival of short plays and musicals focused on various places in Astoria.

When: Feb. 19 through Feb. 27

Where: Astoria Performing Arts Center, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 30-44 Crescent St., Astoria

Cost: \$10

Contact: (718) 706-5750

Website: www.apacny.org

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" – Parkside Players present Tennessee William's Pulitzer Prize-winning play from 1955 which explores the Pollitt family members, who when they aren't keeping secrets from each other, lie to one another.

When: Feb. 20 - March 5

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

Cost: \$20/adults, \$18/seniors

Contact: (718) 353-7388

Website: www.parksideplayers.com

"A Chorus Line" – This production marks the 40th anniversary since "A Chorus Line" debuted on Broadway. The show is the ultimate backstage musical about the need

to perform.

When: Through Feb. 14

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

Cost: \$18

Contact: (718) 392-0722

Website: www.secrettheatre.com

"Lend Me a Tenor" – Maggie's Little Theater presents Ken Ludwig's comical play of misunderstandings surrounding a drugged opera star, his cheating wife and a slew of theater folks in 1934 Cleveland.

When: Feb. 27 - March 13

Where: St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place, Middle Village

Cost: \$18/adults, \$15/seniors

Contact: (917) 579-5389

Website: www.maggieslittletheater.org

"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: Through 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

sudoku

Answers in Sports

Easy #1

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9	4			2	8

Hard #1

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		9	3		4	6	

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

Tips at www.sudoku.com
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Ridgewood joint serves up old-school Italian fare

Antica Trattoria goes beyond red sauce to prepare satisfying meals just like your nonna

BY SUZANNE PARKER

When a restaurant turned out to be closed at our appointed meeting time, our lunch companion suggested an alternative.

Normally, we wouldn't regard our skinny, punk rocker, vegan, animal activist friend Denise Mercedes as a fertile source of restaurant recommendations. Music venues or veterinarians, yes, dining advice, no. Still, we were on her turf with no ideas of our own, so with some degree of trepidation we acquiesced.

Denise, always a woman of surprises, guided us to Antica Trattoria, a cozy Ridgewood neighborhood Italian restaurant. It turned out to be attractively decorated with tile and murals of the old country, with a menu to match. We



At Antica Trattoria in Ridgewood, the fried calamari appetizer is served with a zippy tomato sauce on the side for dipping the golden rings.

Photo by Suzanne Parker

enjoyed an exceptional mushroom risotto, and resolved to return for dinner.

Pasta e fagioli soup was just the ticket on the bitterly cold winter night we chose to try Antica

for dinner. This pasta and bean classic warmed our insides with soul-satisfying goodness. We fol-

lowed the soup with two appetizers. Fried calamari, perfectly executed
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IF YOU GO

Antica Trattoria

68-10 Fresh Pond Road
Ridgewood
(718) 386-1559

Price Range:

Appetizers:\$9-\$11; \$12-\$22

Cuisine: Italian

Setting: Small, well appointed

Service: Friendly and attentive

Hours: Open seven days noon - 10 p.m.

Reservations: Optional

Alcohol: Wine and Beer

Parking: Street

Dress: Casual

Children: Welcome, pizza always a good option

Music: No

Takeout: Yes

Credit cards: Yes

Noise level: Acceptable

Handicap accessible: Yes

WiFi: No

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

Winter's Night Paint Workshop

Spend the evening painting winter scenes while socializing with other artists. No artistic experience is necessary. All supplies are provided.
When: Friday, Feb. 12, at 6 pm
Where: ARROW Field House, 35-30th 35th Street, Astoria
Cost: Free, but registration is required. E-mail Kashfia. Tasmii@parks.nyc.gov or call to reserve a spot.
Contact: (718) 349-0444
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Birding: Winter Birds

Urban Rangers will lead a group to the best spots to catch a glimpse of winter wildlife. Birding programs are open to all skill levels and beginners are welcome.
When: Saturday, Feb. 13, at 11 am
Where: Ridgewood

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Reservoir, Vermont Place parking lot, Ridgewood
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 352-1769
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Great Backyard Bird Count

For the 19th year, the Queens Botanical Garden will host a bird counting event with its results being submitted to the Audubon Society.
When: Saturday, Feb. 13, at 11 am
Where: Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing
Cost: Free, but registration is required at qbgbirdcount.eventbrite.com.
Contact: (718) 886-3800
Website: www.queensbotanical.org

Valentine Victorian Tea

Sample an assortment of teas while snacking on tea sandwiches, tea breads and desserts at this Floral Park

Woman's Club annual event.

When: Saturday, Feb. 13, seatings at 11:30 am, 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm

Where: St. Elizabeth's Church, 6 Harvard St., Floral Park

Cost: \$20/donation.

Reservations are required.

Contact: (516) 775-8496

Winter Tree ID

Join the Urban Park Rangers on an educational walk that will teach you how to identify trees without their leaves.
When: Sunday, Feb. 14, at 11 am

Where: Kissena Park, Rose and Oak avenues, Flushing
Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-1769

Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Lunar New Year Celebration

Ring in the Year of the Monkey with a day of performances, activities and more. **When:** Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 9 am - 3 pm
Where: Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Blvd., Rego Park
Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 263-1163

Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Ring in Lunar New Year

Celebrate the Year of the Monkey with a holiday story time and crafts for kids. Adults can take part in a tea-blending workshop.

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 pm

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

Cost: \$5/for tea-blending workshop materials

Contact: (718) 886-3800

Website: www.queensbotanical.org

The Night Sky— Join the Urban Park Rangers for a tour of the solar system and learn about the science and folklore surrounding the heavens.

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, at 6 pm

Where: Fort Totten Visitor's Center, Fort Totten Park, Bay Terrace

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-1769

Website: www.nycgovparks.org

FILM

Film Screening: "Ghosts of Amistad"

— This documentary, based on Marcus Rediker's "The Amistad Rebellion: An

Atlantic Odyssey of Slavery and Freedom," follows Rediker's journey to Sierra Leone and his visits to the villages where many of the slaves on the Amistad were taken.

When: Friday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 pm

Where: Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica

Cost: Free, but registrations are required.

Contact: (718) 206-0545, ext. 13 or programs@kingmanor.org

Website: www.jcal.org

DANCE

The History of Salsa— The award-winning Colombian dance company, Cali Salsa Pal Mundo, presents a show of intoxicating rhythms and mesmerizing moves that traces the development of Salsa.

When: Through Feb. 21, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 4 pm

Where: Thalia Hispanic Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside

Cost: \$40/general, \$37/seniors and students

Contact: (718) 729-3880

Website: www.thaliatheatre.org

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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.

When: Mondays, 5:30 pm workshop for children 8 to 11; 6:30 pm workshop for all ages 12 and up

Where: Resobox, 41-26 27th St., Long Island City

Cost: \$25/adults, \$20/students

Contact: (718) 784-3680

Website: www.resobox.com

KIDS AND FAMILY

Kids Week Queens: Creepy Insects and Crafts

— Dive into the realm of the insect world and learn about how they adapt to their surroundings. Participants will then create creepy, crawly inspired art.

When: Monday, Feb. 15, at 1 pm

Where: Fort Totten Visitor Center, Fort Totten, Bay Terrace

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-1769

Website: www.nycgovparks.org

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Queens Kudos honors boro's theater

Readers can cast their ballots to crown this year's best in community performances

The nominations are in and now it's time to vote for this year's Queens Kudos, honoring the borough's theater community.

Categories are: Musical, Play, Actor, Actress, Supporting Actor, Supporting Actress, Director, Set Design and Costumes.

Ballots are online at Queens On Cue — queensoncue.wordpress.com.

Voting will continue until midnight Friday, Feb. 26.

The winners will be announced in the March 4 edition.

BEST MUSICAL



"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,"
Theatre by the Bay



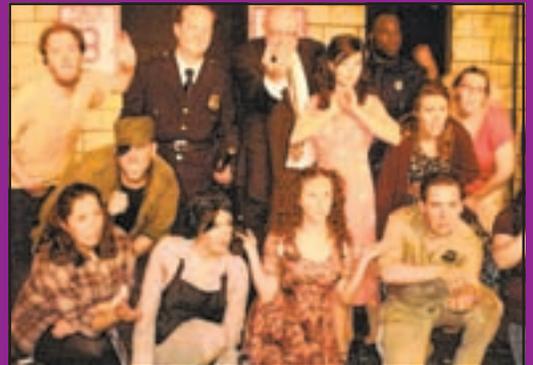
"Oklahoma!" Maggie's Little Theater



"The Pajama Game," Parkside Players



"Seussical: The Musical," JC Players



"Urinetown," Parkside Players

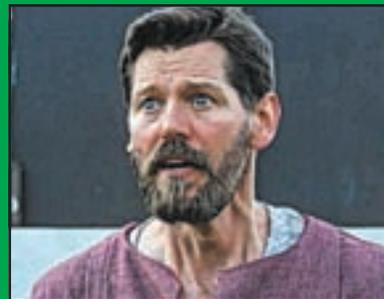
BEST ACTOR



Doug Hendel, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Hip to Hip



Frank Josephs, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,"
Theatre by the Bay



Jason Marr, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Hip to Hip



Alan Perkins, "Seussical: The Musical," JC Players

BEST ACTRESS



Alicia Brosky, "Seussical: The Musical," JC Players



Joy Marr, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Hip to Hip



Emily Mathis, "Oklahoma!"
Maggie's Little Theatre



Michele Mazzocco, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Theatre by the Bay

BEST DIRECTOR



Barbara Auriemma,
"Seussical: The Musical," JC Players



Murray McGibbon,
"The Merry Wives of Windsor," Hip to Hip



David Mold, "The Merchant of Venice," Hip to Hip



Ovi Vargas, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Theatre by the Bay

BEST PLAY



"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE," HIP TO HIP



"THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR," HIP TO HIP



"THREE SISTERS: TULSA 1921," THE APPLIED THEATRE COLLECTIVE

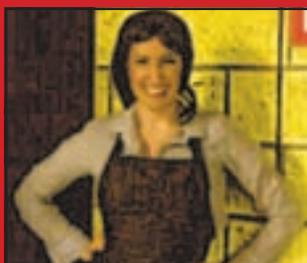


"VANITIES," PARKSIDE PLAYERS

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS



Annicc Auriemma,
"Oklahoma!" Maggie's Little Theatre



Jenna Kantor, "Urinetown," Parkside Players



Evangelia Kingsley,
"The Merchant of Venice," Hip to Hip

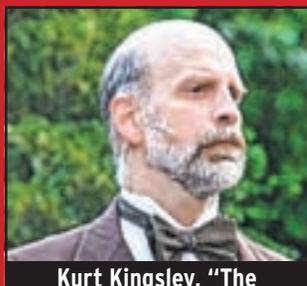


Julia Marshall, "Seussical: The Musical," JC Players

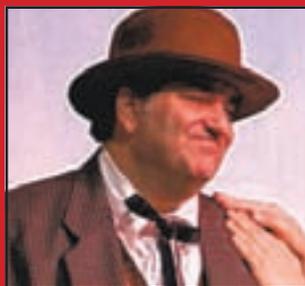
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR



Donald Gormanly, "Lucky Stiff," Maggie's Little Theater



Kurt Kingsley, "The Merchant of Venice," Hip to Hip



Joe Paciullo, "Oklahoma!" Maggie's Little Theater



Guy Ventolieri, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Hip to Hip

CHARLIE

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young photographer, who never lost touch with his uncle.

But eventually, he would have to deal with an even harsher reality: Uncle Charlie's demons had turned him into a broken shell of a man.

Asnin said he's the only one who visits. The only one who takes the time to listen to endless stories about the past. And to his uncle's ramblings and annoying complaints.

Through his photos, Asnin shares Charlie's heart-wrenching backstory, as well.

He was a quiet boy who grew up in a very unusual Jewish family — some of the last ones who remained in Bushwick and Bed-Stuy. They weren't your typical family by any stretch of the imagination.

"Uncle Charlie" is the first presentation of the photographer's full body of work.

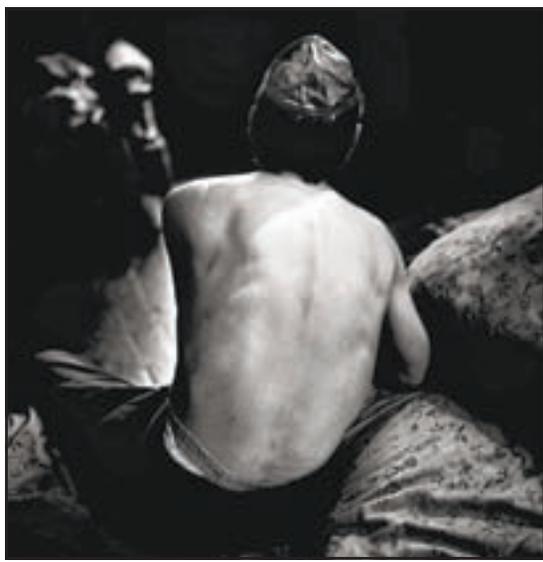
"I am not the first guy to document his family. But for me, both the subject and my imagery reflect who I am," Asnin said. "Ironically enough, after more than 30 years, I now find myself on the outside looking in. There were moments in the project that I chose to be his nephew and godson, not the photographer."

Asnin's Jewish grandfather, Joe Henschke (aka Hall), lived on the fringes of society and rubbed elbows with neighborhood wiseguys. He was a compulsive gambler, womanizer and raging alcoholic, who got mixed up in shady stuff. Charlie grew up in Sheepshead Bay in the '50s, "like in the 'Goodfellas' world," Asnin noted. But there was never any money. Life was harsh.

The family would describe his uncle's craziness as mishegas (the Yiddish word for crazy). In those days, mental health wasn't dealt with.

The QCC exhibit depicts the good, the bad and the ugly that made up his life.

Memorable images that speak volumes. Asnin said he has had a long



"Man Sitting on Bed," by Marc Asnin Photo courtesy of Marc Asnin



MARC ASNIN

relationship with QCC.

"The Uncle Charlie project isn't just about photography," he explained. "It's also about social issues, drug addiction, mental illness, family and poverty. It's a hard look at a different side of New York. Today, people are still surprised that someone Jewish would be living in that world; it's not like the stereotype of someone who's Jewish."

Asnin's work is about a relationship between "two men, from two generations, living very different lives, bound by family."

"It's about broken dreams, disappointment, consequences, missed opportunities, delusions and loss. It's about having the guts to look intensely at the familiar and process what's in front of you, taking an account of your family, your society and what is said about both," he said.

"Never has anything affected me on every level as my uncle's dev-

IF YOU GO

"Uncle Charlie"

When: Thursday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Apr. 10
Where: Queensborough Community College Art Gallery, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 631-6396
Website: www.qcc.cuny.edu

astating mental illness. I strongly believe that it is essential to develop awareness and empathy for those suffering from this disease, and also to reach young people who are not in the arts. Nursing students and future social workers need to look at the unflinching honesty of this exhibit," Asnin said.

Beyond the college campus, a collaborative program with the High School for Arts and Business in Corona will extend the project's reach to this community. The goal is to enhance students' observational skills and artistic expression, while recognizing and respecting their classmates' families and traditions.

Asnin will serve as a teaching artist by instructing a six-class lesson on how to analyze, document and understand family culture through photography. Cameras will be provided to the students and at the end of the semester-long program an exhibition and catalog will be produced by the QCC Art Gallery.

Arts

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Kids Week Queens: Reptiles and Amphibians — Ever wonder where turtles go in the winter? It ain't Miami. The Urban Park Rangers will lead this program all about reptiles that make their homes in city parks.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 1 pm
Where: Fort Totten Visitor Center, Fort Totten, Bay Terrace
Cost: Free

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

George Washington Carver Workshop — As part of Black History Month, children ages 5 - 12 will learn about the "Wizard of Tuskegee," and his contributions to botany. The workshop includes using plants to paint and to make a healing lotion to take home.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 1 pm
Where: Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing
Cost: \$6/per child. Registration at qbgblackhistorymonth.

eventbrite.com is required.
Contact: (718) 866-3800
Website: www.queensbotanical.org

Kids Week Queens: Native Americans — Learn all about the first New Yorkers in this Urban Rangers-led program.

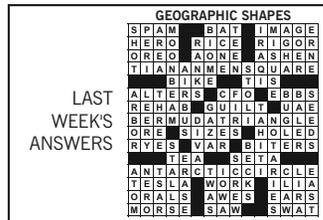
When: Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 1 pm
Where: Forest Park Visitor Center, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive, Woodhaven
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 352-1769
Website: www.nycgovparks.org

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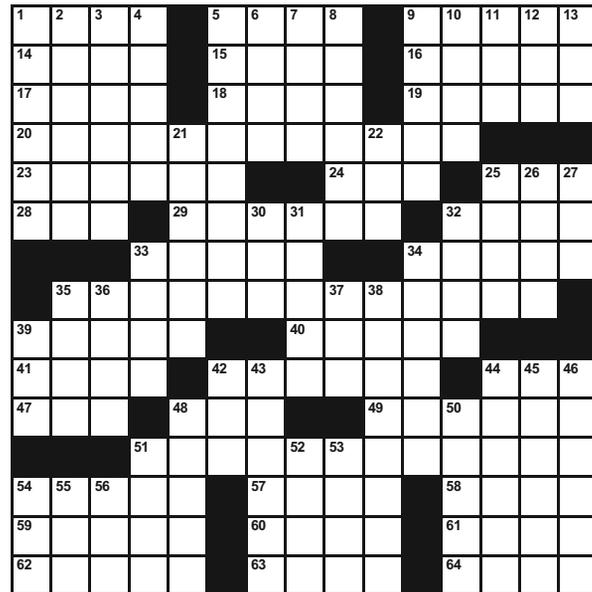
By Ed Canty

Vent Your Anger



Across

1. Biblical "hit"
5. Actress Kudrow
9. Pub game
14. Wedding dance
15. Guinness and others
16. Brothers' keeper?
17. Promising words
18. "Gil ____"
19. Recipe amts.
20. Risky dough
23. Simple animal
24. Dorm V.I.P.'s
25. The Wildcats, for short
28. Buying channel, briefly
29. Strange trait
32. Oktoberfest order
33. The Phantom's rival
34. He tested Job's faith
35. Edgar Bergen for one
39. Turner and others
40. Ticket category
41. Small bills
42. "I just don't feel ____"
44. Mother's Day delivery Corp.
47. "____ Miserables"
48. Transcript fig.
49. Carpenter's tool
51. Former Minnesota governor
54. Illegal firing
57. Go yachting



58. "Up and ____!"
59. Smallest
60. Book after Proverbs: Abbr.
61. One of the Simpsons
62. Home Depot rival
63. Queens stadium
64. Pro votes
10. "Dear" advice-giver
11. TD scorers
12. Summit
13. Ave. intersector
21. Depth charge targets
22. Tea Party vote on Obama care
25. Hobby store buys
26. Musical chairs goal
27. Big coffee holder
30. MADD target
31. ____ ease (nervous)
32. Can of worms?
33. Genetic materials
34. Mideast V.I.P.
35. Barn topper
36. Chemical
37. Prefix with meter
38. Alternative to an exacta
39. Chat room chuckle
42. Pkg. deliverer
43. Doesn't flunk
44. Quarterback Doug
45. Mother ____
46. Playhouse presentations
48. Rest room sign
50. Europe's "boot"
51. "No way, ____!"
52. Per
53. Number two person
54. Pledge of Allegiance ender
55. Old Olds
56. Toothed tool

Down

1. Jewish mourning period
2. Web connectors
3. Like some transfers
4. One of the senses
5. Type of retriever
6. Latin's that
7. Clothing line
8. Group
9. Takes out

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Odds-on favorite Tony Orlando wins over crowd at Resorts World

If the Bronocs vs. Panthers did not strike your fancy for weekend entertainment, Resorts World Casino supplied a blast from the past with as performance by Tony Orlando Sunday night.

Orlando, sans Dawn, played to a sold-out crowd on the casino's Central Park Stage.

He opened with a version of Neil Diamond's "America," as a tribute to all the veterans in the audience.

But before long, he segued into all his old hits, including "Knock Three Time," "Tie a Yellow Ribbon," "He Don't Love You" and "Candida," with the audience singing along.

It was a two-hour, non-stop performance that included solos from the opening band, The Cole Brothers, Kerry and Tracy.

You would never guess that Orlando was 71 years old as he displayed the voice and energy similar to his 1970s heydays.

"He certainly puts on a good show," was heard as the audience lined up for selfies and autographs.

— Merle Exit



Tony Orlando performs at Resorts World Casino Sunday night to a sell-out crowd.
Photo by Merle Exit

Antica

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with the lightest of batters and not a trace of rubberiness was paired with a nice zippy tomato sauce for dipping.

We enjoyed the little surprise inside the Polpette — "Piciriddi," small meatballs stuffed with mozzarella and prosciutto in a rich spicy tomato sauce, one of Antica's signature dishes.

Of our mains, the whole filleted branzino proved that less is more. The success of this dish rested mainly on the freshness and quality of the fish, augmented by a light butter and white wine sauce. It came with a side of perfectly sautéed escarole with garlic.

The Veal Cordon Bleu, also a daily special, was less of a success. The veal had been pounded into submission leaving it thin and dry instead of succulent. Yes, veal pounding is part of the preparation of this dish, but in this case it passed the point of diminishing returns. The ham and cheese were tasty, but didn't compensate

for the lackluster veal. It also arrived tepid. The accompanying linguini and sauce was up to snuff.

Grandma's Cake, (a.k.a. Torta della Nonna), our dessert of choice, was a lemon tart with pine nuts on top. It was a sweet ending.

The Bottom Line

Antica Trattoria is the kind of comfortable neighborhood restaurant that every nabe needs. Its menu is both tempting and familiar, its service friendly and professional, and prices affordable. They make their own pasta, and serve pizza as well as their more formal menu. And by the way, if you'd like to see our friend Denise Mercedes in action, she will be performing at the Global Black Sabbath Convention on Feb. 24 at Slake NYC (251 W. 30th St.).

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Gym

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mercial overlay, a commercial district mapped within a residential district to serve local retail needs.

Joe Sweeney, the land use committee's chairman, said the committee received an agreement from Tsouros to have 28 parking spots and a contract from the valet parking service. He said he saw the "Valet parking is available" sign posted at the site, where he and the committee met with the valet company owner.

"We felt basically that this would be a good fit for the community," Sweeney said.

The facility has two exercise rooms, treadmills, bicycles, free weights, bathrooms, showers, men's and women's locker rooms, a fitness room and a spin room. The gym has 1,000 members—85 percent of whom live in the area—and 20 employees.

Twenty-six parking spaces are required for the site but Tsouros will provide 28, one of which will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, according to Michael Nacmias, the attorney representing the gym.

Tsouros is also providing

valet parking to increase capacity to 40, along with four parking spots for Dunkin' Donuts, which is next door at 10-30 154th St. He also agreed to put in the valet parking sign.

"From our experience, the lot hasn't really generated any parking concerns," Nacmias said.

Valet parking will be available Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Other agreements include immediate snow removal and a limit of 100 machines in the facility.

Nacmias added that only 70 to 125 people check into the gym per day, whose occupancy is 600.

The gym's hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

CB7 Chairman Gene Kelty and Vice Chairman Chuck Apelian voted against the proposal on the grounds that the parking is insufficient.

In 2012, Joe Franco received a zoning change to turn the White House restaurant into a restaurant/catering hall and promised 90 parking spots, Kelty said.

But when his plans fell through, he decided to lease the site to Tsouros for his gym,

Kelty said.

"The agreement at the time was the parking wasn't going to impact the area and because he changed his use, that's going to create a problem," he said.

Others said the gym is a good neighbor, arguing that people go to the facility at different times and many not regularly and that past problems are unrelated to Tsouros.

"This is a very good use for the site," Tyler Cassell, a member of the land use committee, said. "The gym is clean. The machines are all new."

Whitestone resident Daniel Aronoff, 28, who is a gym member along with his wife, suggested conditions such as restricting the gym's operating hours and asking the owner to help with garbage cleanup.

"I don't think the city has really kept up with the growth and usage of this area so maybe we could have the gym as the anchor tenant for that area," Aronoff said.

Tsouros said members spend at least 45 minutes working out on average.

"We are taking every active step to work with the community to make sure we alleviate any problems with parking," he said.

the proposal compelling. "A dedicated public transit line that connects communities faster and more directly than the current transit options could benefit our residents and small businesses," he said.

State Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) took a more cautious approach to the BQX.

"This is a bold idea with a lot of promise, but we all know that the devil is always in the details," Simotas said. "I look forward to learning more about the specifics and sharing that information with Astoria residents, including impacts on the community from the build-out, the costs of financing and exactly how this new streetcar system will be integrated into our commercial and residential neighborhoods."

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Flushing

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The MTA would not discuss the specifics of the settlement but said the agreement appeases both sides.

"From the MTA's standpoint, we believe it to be a good deal," Salvatore Arena, a spokesman for the LIRR, said in a statement. "The settlement is for less than half the amount the supermarket was seeking. It also allows us to take possession of the site in a timely manner and move forward with construction of the new station."

The \$16.5 million project for the Flushing-Main Street station on Main Street and 41st Avenue will start this

spring and include the installation of an elevator for each platform, new staircases, platform railings, better lighting and other safety measures.

The station has one entrance off Main Street for the eastbound side and another off 40th Road for the westbound side.

In the meantime, the MTA is working on a smaller project that will consist of replacing the handrails on the platform.

The agency is also planning to rehabilitate the LIRR's bridge over Main Street, with plans to waterproof the bridge and paint it under the 2015-2019 capital program.

Murder

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ing wheel lock, causing his brother to bleed out from the nose, the complaint said. He then moved to his father, and struck him on the side of the head with his weapon, leaving a severe bump and abrasion on his father's head, according to the court document.

Dimitrios Safetis was taken into custody at the scene and brought to the 111th Precinct's Bayside station, where he was questioned by detectives and subsequently charged with his father's death.

Queens Criminal Court Judge William Harrington issued an order of protection for Niko and set bail for Demetrios at \$500,000. Demetrios

Safetis was due to appear before a grand jury this week.

The 111th Precinct, where the killing occurred, recorded no murders according to NYPD CompStat figures. The numbers do not include manslaughter. Fifty-eight felony assaults were reported in all of 2015, while there were six felony assaults reported through the end of January, compared to two up until that point in 2014.

In December 2014 Jagsheer Singh from Bayside was arrested for allegedly killing his 4-month-old baby. Nevin Jandu. Singh, who was 28 at the time, told police that his child had fallen off a changing table, but doctors found multiple severe skull fractures that were not consistent with an accident, according to a criminal complaint filed by the DA in 2014.

Streetcar

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place to live and work. Other companies followed, taking re-purposed office space in old warehouses along the East River, helping to make tech the city's No. 2 industry.

"There are pockets along the East River with innovative and interesting companies and I think having better connectivity will help tech grow," Guttman said. "The streetcars will provide better access to these population pockets for employees and potential employees."

Hsu loved the streetcar idea so much he became a member of the non-profit Friends of the Brooklyn and Queens Connector, which commissioned the study for the \$2.5 billion project backed by Mayor Bill de Blasio last week. During his State of the City Address Feb. 4, de Blasio said the state-of-the-art BQX could "generate over

\$25 billion of economic impact for our city over 30 years" and it would be paid for with a revenue stream taken from the expected rise in property values along the corridor that is "seeing explosive growth on the waterfront."

The BQX would come off the Pulaski Bridge and travel up 11th Street through Queensboro Plaza and shift to 21st Street before finishing at the Astoria Houses. City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) called it a "forward thinking plan."

Elizabeth Lusskin, president of the Long Island City Partnership, called it visionary. "There is no question that improved north-south transportation along the waterfront both within Queens and between Queens and Brooklyn is very much needed for the economic and cultural vitality of Long Island City, its residents and businesses," she said.

Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) called

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about issues in the area.

In December, he voiced concerns about Police Academy recruits parking on residential streets.

He met with Thomas Conforti, commanding officer of the 109th Precinct, and Detective Kevin O'Donnell in December.

Avella wrote to Police Commissioner Bill Bratton Nov. 20 asking him to review the parking issue and get back to him with his findings.

In response, Bratton wrote to Avella Dec. 23, stating that the issues of parking and other environmental impact items were finalized in

a 17-item commitment letter from then Deputy Mayor Edward Skyler to Community Board 7 under former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration.

The sixth item of the traffic and parking portion of the commitment letter states that NYPD employees and visitors can park legally in the area surrounding the Police Academy, the commissioner wrote.

Bratton said recruits are required to carpool, that the capacity of the academy's parking lot has been increased to more than 1,000 spaces and that the academy's supervisory staff conducts regular patrols.

"It (Bratton's letter) was a polite blowoff," Erdey said.

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Sports



Benjamin Cardozo's Rashond Salnave scored 33 points in a win over Construction. Photo by Gina Palermo

Star trio sends Dozo to 13th straight title

BY TROY MAURIELLO

Benjamin Cardozo's big three alone were greater than Construction as a whole.

Stars Rashond Salnave, Tareq Coburn and Aaron Walker combined for 68 points, enough to outscore the rival Red Hawks by themselves in a comfortable 84-67 home win to the clinch the PSAL Queens AA division boys' basketball title Feb. 4. The Judges have won 13 straight league titles.

Salnave, who is headed to Monmouth next season, led Cardozo with a 33-point performance that included six three-pointers. Walker continued his strong play from the SNY Invitational with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists and Coburn had 18 points of his own. It's been rare to have all three playing well at the same time.

"That's probably the first game of the season where we all were clicking together," said Walker. "It's just really good when that happens."

They were the only players in double figures for the Judges for the night. However, their performances, along with a strong fourth quarter, were enough to keep Construction from playing spoiler and stealing the divi-

sion crown.

The Judges (15-1) took an eight-point lead into a final frame that would belong solidly to Cardozo, or more specifically, to Salnave. The senior was fearless in the fourth, as he drained four three-pointers and scored 16 points in the quarter to put the game well out of reach. The big three actually scored all 26 of the team's fourth-quarter points.

"I'm capable of doing it from the beginning," Salnave said. "Getting my points, getting the rebounds, getting my teammates involved... doing a little bit of everything."

Manhattan College head coach Steve Masiello was in attendance, as were members from the Fordham and St. Joseph's University staffs. Walker already has a scholarship offer from Manhattan.

The supporting cast was strong when they needed to be for Cardozo. Sophomore DeJavaughn Utley scored eight while senior Amiri White added five and was effective on the boards.

For Construction (14-2), Marcus Saint Furey (25 points) hit four three-pointers during his strong performance. The normally sharpshooting Red Hawks,

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CK loses momentum

Royals suffer loss after late-game burst by Jefferson

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

A few bad seconds slowed a week's worth of momentum for Christ the King.

The three-time defending CHSAA Class AA Intersectional champions rolled into a weekend tilt with PSAL power Thomas Jefferson off of league wins against St. Raymond and Archbishop Molloy.

However, the CK boys' basketball team let their chances for a third straight victory slip away when it had the ball stolen twice on the same inbound play in the final 19 seconds of a once-tied game. The Orange Wave made three of four free throws down the stretch to leave Middle Village with a 68-65 victory at the Apparel Challenge Saturday.

"That is probably the only part that's disappointing, the fact that we couldn't execute down the stretch," Royals coach Joe Arbitello said.

St. John's-bound guard Shamorie Ponds' layup tied the score at 65-65 with 28 seconds left in the game. Following a timeout, Jefferson's Cutis Smith jumped on a Jose Alvarado inbound pass from mid-court to Tyrone Cohen in the left corner, took it the length of the court and was fouled.

He missed the first free throw, but made the second to put the Orange Wave up 66-65 with nine seconds remaining. With Christ the King looking to run the same play with 3.6 seconds remaining, Ponds stole Alvarado's inbound pass. He made both free throws to seal a win for Jefferson (17-7) in a game in which Christ the King had held a six-point lead.

"You can't turn the ball over with 28 seconds to go in the game twice," Arbitello said. "You are going to lose game against good opponents like that."

Ponds scored 17 of his game-high 29 points in the first half and forward Malachi Faison



Christ the King's Tyrone Cohen drives to the hoop against Thomas Jefferson's Jordan Morgan. Photo by Robert Cole

added 15 points for the Orange Wave.

The Royals (13-7) were able to manage the pace, but Jefferson countered by slowing down star point guard Jose Alvarado (13 points) and keeping shooting guard Jared Rivers in check.

On a night when CK didn't shoot the ball well from the outside, forwards Tracy Cleckley (18 points) and Tyrone Cohen (16 points) were superb on the offensive glass. An acrobatic put-back by Cleckley gave the Royals their last lead at 65-63 with 36 seconds remaining. The duo has been a major part of Christ

the King winning seven of its last 10 games.

"When the outside shots aren't falling, it's usually us to clean them up," Cohen said. "That's what's been keeping us in the game the last couple of games."

Despite the setback against Jefferson, Christ the King is still in the race for first place in Brooklyn/Queens and is positioned to move into second with a victory over Bishop Loughlin on Feb. 14.

"I thought we played hard," Arbitello said. "I thought we played well defensively. They made a couple of tougher shots."

Maspeth ready for a shot at claiming another title

BY TROY MAURIELLO



Maspeth's Tamer Tamer takes the ball strong to the hoops.

Photo by William Thomas

Maspeth boys' basketball team won't be sneaking up on anyone as it looks to repeat as PSAL Class B city champions after a thrilling run last year.

The Argonauts remained undefeated in Queens Class B league play with a convincing 57-51 win at home against Metropolitan Feb. 3

Maspeth led by 16 at half-time and held a 23-point advantage midway through the fourth quarter. However, a late three-point barrage from Metropolitan made the final score look much closer than the game actually was.

Ten different players scored for the Knights, while only two of them put up double figures.

Sophomore Luca Tamer led Maspeth with 17 points and senior Matthew Nickel had 11. Senior guard Tamer Tamer, Luca's older brother, scored eight points as well, while Maspeth's leading scorer Daniel Piszczatowski had only two points. The Argonauts' balance has been a key all season.

"The other team has no idea who to focus on," Tamer Tamer said. "If I'm doing bad, I know my brother, and Matt and Nathaniel (Nickel) and my other teammates could pick up my slack."

Maspeth coach Anastasia Bitis made sure to note the importance of her team's unselfish play. It was one of the keys to its title run and trip to the state Federation final last year.

"We stress team basketball and we don't like any showboating or anything like that," she said. "What we care about is wins or losses."

Her team had no trouble getting out to a quick start early after a 10-0 run to begin the second quarter gave them

a 23-6 lead. They would keep Metropolitan from making a field goal in the quarter until just under the two-minute mark, and they took a 42-26 advantage into the half.

The Knights cut the lead down to single digits until there was less than 1:00 remaining in the game. They drained three-pointers on five straight possessions to close the game on a 19-5 run. Maspeth would withstand the barrage and hold on for the win.

The win continued what has been a dominant season for Maspeth after some preseason headaches. The Argonauts' court needed repairs prior to the season's start because of water damage, but since then it has been smooth sailing.

The Argonauts are 14-0 in league play, with 11 of those wins coming by double digits.

They dropped three non-league games early in the season, including a Dec. 30 loss to fellow B-title contender Fannie Lou Hamer. However, at this point they are in position for a run at another crown.

"I think we have a stronger team this year than we did last year," Bitis said.

While the elder Tamer and Piszczatowski are key returnees from last season's championship team, the Argonauts have seen a good deal of roster turnover this year. They have only six seniors on their roster and two of their key players, Luca Tamer and Piszczatowski, are only sophomores.

"Last year's team... we knew exactly what we were doing together. This year's team it's a little more difficult," Tamer Tamer said. "But I think we could pull it off."

only lead of the night. Cardozo responded from that point with a 15-6 run to take a 15-11 lead after one quarter that it would not relinquish.

While a high-scoring second quarter saw the Judges lead grow to as much as eight, Construction was not going to go away easily. An eight-point quarter from Saint Furey kept Construction within five, 40-35 at the half, before Cardozo eventually put the game away.

The win completed the regular-season sweep for Cardozo before another potential meeting in the Queens Borough final on Valentine's Day. Construction has defeated Cardozo in two straight borough title games.

"We've gotten division titles already," Salmave said. "Now we've just got to clinch the [Queens] championship, we haven't been winning that lately."

Ponds gives SJU a look at its future



Joseph Staszewski
Block Shots

Shamorie Ponds right now "It's fun, but it could be annoying sometimes, but I just do it," Ponds said.

Ponds couldn't make it back to the locker room without being asked by kids for his signature and granting requests from adults who wanted to take photos with him. He took every picture and signed whatever he was given—including sneakers.

"They are just telling me they can't wait for me to come next year," Ponds said.

Ponds understands what he's become around New York City. He is willing to handle the responsibility that comes with being the face of high school basketball in the five boroughs as well as the face of St. John's No. 17-ranked recruiting class. That group recently added German sharpshooter Richard Freudenberg to go along with former Kennedy guard Bashir Ahmed, partial qualifier Marcus LoVett Jr. and Tennessee transfer Tariq Owens.

"That's some good additions," Ponds said. "I feel we are going to have a good shot next year."

Ponds isn't a camera hog, a sweet talker or the most charismatic person in the room. His answers are often short, sweet and directly to the point. It's his ever improving game, being the first New York City kid to commit to coach Chris Mullin and the Red Storm and his genuineness that have caused his reputation to grow.

Mullin can only hope other local fans are watching Ponds and dreaming of what can be and that the kids getting his autograph dreaming of one day being him.

The bright future of St. John's was on view in Queens last weekend, and it wasn't the guys playing in Red and White at Carnesecca Area.

If you were one of the many St. John's fans who made the trip to Christ the King Saturday for the main event of the Apparel Challenge, Shamorie Ponds gave you plenty of reasons to take your eyes off the Red Storm's 14-game losing streak, because of his behavior both on and off the court.

It well documents how good a player the Thomas Jefferson guard is. The No. 36-ranked recruit in the nation by ESPN, Ponds scored a game-high 29 points to help the Orange Wave beat Christ the King 68-65. He is averaging 28.4 points, 6.7 rebounds and 5.6 assists per game and has Jefferson in the conversation for best team in New York City, with a very good chance at winning a city title in March.

But it was what happened once the game was over that told you just how big an impact Ponds can have at the next level. People holding cell phones and cameras surrounded him while he conducted his postgame interview before being mobbed by autograph and picture seekers.

The attention and the obligations aren't always easy, but it's just part of being



Star power: St. John's-bound guard Shamorie Ponds scored 29 points in a win over Christ the King.

Photo by Robert Cole

Cardozo

Continued from Page 43 however, hit only six shots from downtown on the night. Senior Wesley Nelson had 17 points. Classmates Bryshon Bryant and Joseph Nicolas added 10 points each.

Construction was able to jump out to an early 5-0 advantage in the first quarter, but that would end up being its

Three Royals make college commitments



Flanked by coaches John Fayad and Jason Brown, Christ the King's Garfield Hall (l. to r.) Medina Mulic and Brent Priester signed National Letters of Intent.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Old Dominion's courtship of Brent Priester was swift and convincing.

The school only began recruiting the Christ the King linebacker a week before National Signing Day and immediately made a strong push and an impressive presentation during a home visit as

well as his visit to the school last weekend. Priester said ODU blew him away and beat out Stony Brook, New Haven, Southern, Rhode Island and Maine for his services

"It's high D-I football," Priester said of the FCS school. "They can help me advance in my academic career. They showed how I can develop into their system. They are grow-

ing and I want to be a part of their growth."

Priester ended the whirlwind week by signing a National Letter of Intent with the Monarchs alongside teammate Garfield Hall (heading to Wagner College) and girls' soccer star Medina Mulic, who will play at C.W. Post next season. For Priester and Hall it capped a year that saw the Royals'

football program finish 10-1 and reach its first CHSFL Class AA final since 2003.

"We are on the right path," Christ the King coach Jason Brown said.

Priester made a team-leading 10 tackles per game, including 11 in the "AA" title game. He also had two sacks. Hall made 32 tackles and collected four interceptions.

Hall's commitment to Wagner was much different than the way things played out for Priester. The Seahawks began recruiting the defensive back at the beginning of the season and kept in touch with him. Hall, also the starting center fielder on the Royals' baseball team, had to decide if he was going to pursue football in college. He originally hoped to play both, but chose the gridiron at Wagner over Fairleigh Dickinson and Stony Brook.

"I guess it was the way Wagner presented everything to me and that's why I made this decision," Hall said. [I liked] the atmosphere at Wagner. Everyone was easygoing and there are a lot of opportu-

nities there."

Mulic took the opportunity to remove all the stress of the recruitment process. LIU-Post, unlike other schools, didn't place a deadline on her committing after seeing her play with her Brentwood Freedom travel team. It was an approach Mulic appreciated and she rewarded the Pioneers by committing as a junior. The midfielder, who said she will have a chance to play right away if she moves to defense, never wavered on her commitment.

"So I didn't have to worry about this year," Mulic said. "All I'd have to worry about was grades. I wanted everything to be done with so I can be on top of my game."

She certainly was. Mulic, the reigning TimesLedger All-Queens Player of the Year, will go down as one of the best girls' soccer players ever at the school. She led CK to four straight Brooklyn/Queens titles and two consecutive trips to the Catholic state finals. Mulic scored 11 goals and dished out 11 assists last season.

Cross cruises to Battle of the Boulevard victory

BY TREY RODRIGUEZ

It was an impressive night for the youngest Knight.

The pressure of the second meeting of the Battle of the Boulevard between St. Francis Prep and Holy Cross didn't rattle freshman wing Hassan Diarra. He finished the game with 16 points, including a seven-point first quarter that helped kick start the Knights' offense in a comfortable 58-45 win over host St. Francis Prep in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens boys' basketball last Friday.

"All I have to do is work hard," said Diarra, in regard to handling the pressure of playing on the varsity level.

The Battle of the Boulevard hasn't been much of a battle this year, as Holy Cross (10-11, 5-8) swept the regular season series with the Terriers (6-15, 2-12). The Knights' performance in game two was just another chapter in a stellar first season for Diarra.

"He's got such a high motor and such a high basketball IQ," said Holy Cross coach Terry Tarpey. "This was one of his better games. He's shooting

the ball so much better than we would have thought."

Senior guard Chaz Platt added 16 points, carrying the offensive load with Diarra and helping bail out the Knights when their plays broke down.

"We just tell Hassan to be himself," Platt said. "We give him a lot of confidence and just let him play basketball."

In the second quarter, Holy Cross was held scoreless until there were just under three minutes left, when Tarpey went to his 2-2-1 press and helped kick start things.

"They were scoring a little bit and we weren't really shooting too well," he said. "We had to get points off our defense."

Holy Cross would take a 24-15 lead into the half. The third quarter was more of the same, as their press disrupted St. Francis Prep's ability to bring the ball up. When the Terriers were capable of running their sets in the half court, the Knights' two bigs, seniors Yannic Williams and Kenneth Nunez, stood guard at the rim.

"Our big guys played smart," said Tarpey. "They didn't commit any stupid fouls.

They showed better discipline on defense."

Holy Cross closed out the game with Diarra and Platt leading the way, as they scored 24 points in the fourth quarter, matching their output in the entire first half to secure their first two-game league winning streak all season. Kyle Beeson led St. Francis with 16 points.

"This was very important," said Diarra. "Our season has been up and down a little bit. To get these two in a row is very big. We just have to stay focused, work hard and keep playing."



Holy Cross guard Sahdique Watkins takes the ball strong to the hoop.

Photo by Gina Palermo

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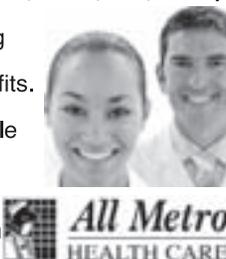
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1718 Harman LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/5/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 120 Bedford Ave #2L, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: General.

221 Jamaica Ave LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/18/15. 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, 87-28 130th St., Richmond Hill, NY 11418. General purpose.

491 Lincoln Avenue LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/8/15. 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, c/o Ramkeshwa Paltoo, 43-10 Kissena Blvd., Apt. 6F, Flushing, NY 11355. General purpose.

Jia Hao Property LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 12/14/2015. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design.

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agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 8862 62nd Dr. Rego Park NY 11374 General purpose

Kwik Capital, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 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, 1815 215th St., Bayside, NY 11360. General purpose.

Mara's Place Natural Body Care, LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/29/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 219-24 Edgewood Ave, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Chanlan LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/1/15. Office location: Queens County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail

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process to PO Box 780507, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of JS Roslyn LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 1/21/2016. Office location in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC c/o Law Office of Z. Tan PLLC 39-07 Prince Street, Suite 3B, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: RSRP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/21/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: RSRP LLC 8737 216TH STREET QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11427. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GSBN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/08/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: SAM KHANTZIS, ESQ. 3031 BRIGHTON 14 STREET, 6H BROOKLYN, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PHYSIODYNAMICS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/08/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: DR. CARLOS M. NEGRON 31-46 29 STREET 1 FL ASTORIA, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MICHAEL & ANGELA EMPIRE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 88-13 219 STREET QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11427. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: TALL TOE PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/06/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY

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designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SOUTH RICHMOND HILL RECOVERY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/02/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 203 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of qualification of KAITJA, LLC. Application for Auth. filed with SSNY on 12/15/15. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: KAITJA, LLC, 601 SW 33rd Ave, Ocala, FL 34474. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

RANGULA, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/15. 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, 139-21 Springfield Boulevard, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SALAORA LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lambros Houliaras, 23-39 BQE West, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

SCJM LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/22/2015. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 80-54 160th Street, Queens, NY 11432. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

SEJ Interiors, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 5/18/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY designated for service of process and shall mail to Reg. Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity

TL WOOD, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 5/28/2004 Off. Loc.:Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o Rucigay & Rucigay Esqs, 69-03 Fresh Pond Rd., 2nd Fl, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

YSF Holdings LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/3/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Manhai Wong, 13620 38th Ave, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: General.

Z & C Maspeth Realty, LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/11/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 64-06 Flushing Ave, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: General.

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APP FOR AUTH for FREEMAN & BONNEMA PLLC App for Auth filed with SSNY 11/16/2015 PLLC. Registered in Minnesota on 11/21/2013 Off. Loc.: Kings Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The PLLC, PO BOX 514, Circle Pines, MN 55014. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF UP COMING ACCREDITATION REVIEW VISIT BY THE ACEN Announcement LaGuardia Community College-CUNY wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation of its Registered Nursing AAS Program, by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 3 PM on March 16, 2016 at LaGuardia Community College, room E 322. Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to: Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326 Or e-mail: mstoll@acenursing.org All written comments should be received by the ACEN by March 10, 2016

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on FEB 03 2016, bearing Index Number

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NC-001020-15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) SHAN (Last) CHAUDHRY. My present name is (First) MUSTAFA (Middle) B.A. (Last) CHAUDHRY AKA MUSTAFA CHAUDHRY, AKHAMED CHAUDHRY. My present address is 144-26 120th avenue, Jamaica, NY 11436-1503. My place of birth is PAKISTAN. My date of birth is July 16, 1970.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JAN 13 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000967-15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) NOAH (Middle) DAVID (Last) MARTINEZ. My present name is (First) NOAH (Middle) DAVID (Last) QUINTANA (infant). My present address is 12323 147th Street, Jamaica, NY 11436-1629. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is May 13, 2012.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JAN 13 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000924-15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) TAMMY (Middle) MICHELLE (Last) WHITE COULIBALY. My present name is (First) JANNAT (Middle) HAJAR (Last) COULIBALY AKA JANNAT COULIBALY. My present address is 147-20 119th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11436-1520. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is October 18, 1983.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 01/28/2016, bearing Index Number NC-000108-16/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Leo (Middle) Anne (Last) Sach-Michaels. My present name is (First) Lauren (Middle) Anne (Last) Curry AKA Lauren A. Curry. My present address is 268 Union Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211. My place of birth is Kingston, New York. My date of birth is July 24, 1990.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. Plaintiff(s), Against Index

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No. 8483/10 Paulette Davis, et al., Defendant(s), Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Queens County Clerk's Office on 11/17/2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York in Courtroom #25 on 3/11/2016 at 10:00 AM, premises known as 14430 159th Street, Jamaica, New York 11434, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Queens County Treasurer as Block 15013 and Lot 44. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$781,760.54 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 8483/10. Bernard McGovern, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 1/5/16 File Number: 23891 GMH

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff, vs. ORLENA LAWSON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 17, 2008, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on February 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 243-21 Caney Road, Rosedale, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 13571 and Lot 27. Approximate amount of judgment is \$407,260.54 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 17170/07. Pamela Jordan, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, New York 14221, Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1; Plaintiff(s) vs. YOLANDA TEJEDA; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI &

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ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about October 29, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, located at 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, IN COURTROOM #25. On February 26, 2016 at 10:00 am. Premises known as 221-62 91ST ROAD, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428 Block: 10738 Lot: 14 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$554,193.91 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 9120/12 Arthur N. Terranova, Esq., REFEREE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY, U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR VOLT NPL IX ASSET HOLDINGS TRUST, Plff. vs. THE HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD HUNT, if living and if they be dead, any and all other persons, who may claim as devisees, distributees, legal representatives and successors in interest of said defendant, all of whom and whose places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, et al, Defts. Index #27945/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Dec. 17, 2015, I will sell at public auction in Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY Mar. 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. prem. k/a 145-96 179th St., Jamaica, NY a/k/a Block 13342, Lot 13. Said property located on the westerly side of 179th St., formerly known as Dorothy Place, distant northerly 132 ft. from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of 179th St. and the northerly side of 146th Rd., formerly known as Commercial Ave., being a plot 90 ft. x 28 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$524,247.41 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provided by law. HELEN P. EICHLER, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Plff., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #87683

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - Queens DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE HOME EQUITY

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MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST SERIES INABS 2005-C, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN A S S E T - B A C K E D CERTIFICATES, SERIES INABS 2005-C UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED SEPT 1, 2005 Plaintiff -Against- LEON BARNES, YVELLE L. RAY BARNES, ET AL Defendants Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on or about 10/29/15 the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica NY 11435 in Courtroom #25 on 3/4/16 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as: 189-25 Mangin Avenue, Saint Albans NY 11412 Block: 10438 Lot: 31 ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, State of New York, as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Said premises will be sold subject to all terms and conditions contained within said Judgment and Terms of Sale. Approximate Amount of Judgment: \$303,879.16 plus interest and costs. Index No.: 14675/12 Angel DeVilliar, Esq. REFEREE McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 Dated: 1/27/16

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS PENNYMAC CORP. Plaintiff -against- ARNOLD BELGRAVE, NOWTI BELGRAVE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 30, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom # 25, Jamaica, NY on March 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 10084 Lot 4. Said premises known as 107-33 PRINCETON STREET, JAMAICA, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 666,306.93 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 700756/2013. GUY R. VITACCO JR., ESQ., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706 File# 01-040480-F00 (* JAMAICA TI*)

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YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AB5, Plaintiff, - against- CONNIE L. BILLINGSLEA, if living, and if he be dead, any and all persons unknown to Plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to Plaintiff; U.S. BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN A S S E T - B A C K E D CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-SL1, WITHOUT RECOURSE, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC., CHASE MANHATTAN BANK AS TRUSTEE OF THE FIRST ALLIANCE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 1998-2, WITHOUT RECOURSE, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, LAKIES THOMPSON, YOLANDA LANGSTON, SHANOVA LANGSTON, Defendants.

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be

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taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant an Order of the Hon. Timothy J. Dufficy, a Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, dated December 22, 2014 and entered January 5, 2016 NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage in the amount of \$349,600.00 recorded in the Queens County Clerk's/City Register's Office on December 23, 2005 in CRFN# 2005000705061 covering the premises known as 223-12 106TH AVENUE, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11429 a/k/a Block 11173, Lot 11. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-AB5, by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 21, 2007, and recorded with the Queens County Clerk's/City Register's Office on November 13, 2007, under CRFN#: 2007000565000. The Mortgage was then assigned to Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 4, 2008 and recorded with the Queens County Clerk's/City Register's Office on October 16, 2008, under CRFN#: 2008000408807. Then the Mortgage was assigned to the Plaintiff by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 7, 2008, and recorded with the Queens County Clerk's/City Register's Office on September 12, 2008, under CRFN#: 2008000362128. The relief sought in the within action is a final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Queens County is designated as the place of trial on the basis of the fact that the real property affected by this action is located wholly within said County. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your Property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF

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THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Westbury, New York January 21, 2016 Maria Sideris, Esq. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 242 Drexel Avenue Westbury, NY 11590 (516) 876-0800- #87187 WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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At an IAS part 35 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, held at the Courthouse at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York this 23 day of December 2015. Present: Hon. Timothy J. Dufficy, J.S.C. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Index No.: 713150/15 Date Purchased: 12/21/15 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE In the Matter of the Application of LINDA REIMANN and JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO, JR., each of Whom is the Beneficial Owner of Twenty-Five (25%) Percent of the Outstanding Shares of D'Alessandro Food Markets, Inc., Petitioners, For the Dissolution of D'ALESSANDRO FOOD MARKETS, INC., a Domestic Corporation, and S A L V A T O R E D'ALESSANDRO, Respondents. Upon reading and filing the Verified Petition of Linda Reimann and Joseph D'Alessandro, Jr., beneficiaries under the Last Will and Testament of Joseph D'Alessandro, Sr., deceased on May 21, 2015, who was a shareholder of D'Alessandro Food Markets, Inc., duly verified the 25th day and 30th day of November 2015 respectively; the Affidavit of Linda Reimann and the Affidavit of Joseph D'Alessandro, Jr., both in support of Petitioners instant motion for Preliminary Injunction and other rulings, sworn to on the 25th day and 30th day of November, 2015, respectively; and Petitioners Memorandum of Law and it appearing that:
1. D'Alessandro Food Markets, Inc. is a corporation formed under the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York with its office and principal place of business at 46-07 Hollis Court Boulevard, Flushing, County of Queens, State of New York.
2. The instant matter is one of those specified in N.Y. Bus. Corp. Law §1104 in that Petitioners are shareholders of the Corporation owing fifty

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(50%) percent of all issued and outstanding shares and the Petitioners are entitled to vote for directors of the Corporation, while Salvatore D'Alessandro, the owner of the other fifty (50%) percent, is in control of the Corporation, and the Petitioners and the Respondent Salvatore are hopelessly deadlocked in regard to the operation of the business, distribution of profits and the sale of the business. NOW THEREFORE Let Respondents, D'ALESSANDRO FOOD MARKET, INC. and S A L V A T O R E D'ALESSANDRO, show cause at the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, at the Courthouse, located at CMP, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Room 25, Jamaica, New York 11435 on the 29th day of February, 2015 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard: WHY an Order should not be made and entered: (a) appointing a temporary receiver of the assets, records and business operations of the corporation, D'ALESSANDRO FOOD MARKET, INC.; (b) enjoining and restraining all persons interested in said Corporation, included but not limited to, S A L V A T O R E D'ALESSANDRO, from expending or disbursing any corporate funds or property in favor of or to any shareholder, officer or director of said Corporation, or any other person outside the normal and ordinary cause of business, pending the entry of a final judgment herein; (c) enjoining and restraining and preventing respondents and any other person acting by, for or through them from (i) destroying business records and receipts, in particular register receipts indicating cash transactions; (ii) secreting and converting the cash or other assets of the D'ALESSANDRO FOOD MARKET, INC. until the instant action is concluded; (d) directing Respondents to account for and return any and all cash removed from the Company's premises since May 21, 2015; (e) staying and prohibiting transfer or dissipation of any business assets of the Company; as well as (f) such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just in the Premises. AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pending a hearing and determination of this motion, the Respondents, D'ALESSANDRO FOOD MARKET, INC., S A L V A T O R E D'ALESSANDRO, their agents, servants, employees and/or contractors and all persons acting on their behalf, (a) are hereby restrained and enjoined from removing cash from the business

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other than to deposit same in a pre-existing business checking account provided that they maintain and keep accurate records indicating all cash received by the business and deposited from the business; (d) provide Petitioners or their agents and/or designee with full and complete access to the books and records of the until such a time as the issues in the verified petition filed in this matter can be determined on the merits; and (e) are hereby restrained and enjoined from transferring or dissipating any business assets of D'ALESSANDRO FOOD MARKET, INC., and/or withdrawing any funds from the corporations bank accounts, provided, however, that Respondents may:
(a) Continue to pay salary and pay employees' salaries at the same rate, including for SALVATORE D'ALESSANDRO, as has historically been paid, however Respondents are not to pay any salaries in advance of any week worked; (b) Make payments for the just debts and expenses of D'ALESSANDRO FOOD MARKET necessary to allow the store to continue to operate, as same come due in normal course of business, provided that all such payments shall be made by check or by cash with appropriate receipts; AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that within thirty (30) days from the date hereof, pursuant to BCL §1104, D'Alessandro Food Markets, Inc., the Corporation, and its respective officers and directors, including, but not limited to, SALVATORE D'ALESSANDRO, shall furnish to Petitioners and shall make available for inspection and copying to the Petitioners or his designees under reasonable working conditions, the corporate financial books and records of the Corporation for a period of the last three (3) preceding years, and it is further ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be published at least once a week for three (3) weeks immediately preceding the time fixed herein for the hearing thereon in the Flushing Times, 41-02 Bell Blvd, Bayside, NY 11361 (718)229-0300, a weekly newspaper published in the County of Queens, and that service of a copy of this Order, along with the papers upon which it is granted, upon the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the Corporation, pursuant to CPLR Section 311 and upon Salvatore D'Alessandro, the remaining shareholder if the Corporation, by personal service on or before the 6th day of January, 2016 be deemed good and sufficient service hereof. ENTER HON. TIMOTHY J. DUFFICY, J.S.C

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NYCTL 2014-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR NYCTL 2014-A TRUST, Plaintiffs, -against- RACHEL BURNSTEIN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SUNNYSIDE BLISS CONDOMINIUM; and "JOHN DOE # 1" through "JOHN DOE # 100", the last 100 names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiffs, the persons or parties intended being the owners, tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, and if any of the aforesaid individual captioned defendants, if any, be dead, their respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, or through any of the aforesaid individual captioned defendants, if any, if they be dead, whether by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, including any right, title or interest in and to the real property described in the complaint herein, all of who and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs, Defendants.
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action, to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with the summons, to serve notice of appearance, on the plaintiffs' attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the date of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York), and in case of failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Carmen R. Velasquez, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens County, dated Dec. 21, 2015, filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. The object of the action is

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to foreclose a Tax Lien recorded in the Office of the City Register of Queens County on Aug. 20, 2014 as CRFN 2014000278031 along with interest, surcharges, penalties, additions, expenses, attorney's fees, and the costs of disbursements of this action, less any payments made on account to premises k/a Block 139, Lot 1008. Plaintiffs designate Queens County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject property. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the tax lien holder who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the tax lien holder will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: May 22, 2015 LEVY & LEVY Attorneys for Plaintiffs 12 Tulip Drive Great Neck, NY 10021 BY: JOSHUA LEVY, ESQ. File No.: 476058 #87564 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Summons and Complaint You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. Sources of Information and Assistance The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-3423736 or visit the

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Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. Foreclosure rescue scams. Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS
Filed: February 4, 2016
Index No.: 709182/2014
S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S A N D N O T I C E
Mortgaged Premises: 115-31 120th Street South Ozone Park, (City of New York) NY 11420

CAPITAL ONE, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. LILAWATTIE RAMLAKAN if living, and if she be dead, her respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises; DYARAM RAMLAKAN; ALBERT CHAN; ATLANTIC CREDIT AND FINANCE INC.; RIVERWALK HOLDING LTD.; HSBC BANK NEW YORK, N.A.; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NISHIMOTO TRADING CO. LTD.; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons,

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exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of December 13, 1988, executed by Lilawattie Ramlakan, Dyaram Ramlakan and Albert Chan to The Green Point Savings Bank to secure the sum of \$101,250.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County on January 11, 1989 in Reel: 2746 Page: 1373. Capital One is successor by merger to North Fork Bank who is successor by merger to Greenpoint Bank, who is successor by merger to Greenpoint Savings Bank.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated.

Block: 11664 Lot: 44 DATED: December 17, 2015 Rochester, New York

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION

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OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of 120th Street, (formerly Birch Street) distant 287 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 120th Street with the southerly side of 115th Avenue (formerly Vistula Avenue); RUNNING THENCE easterly parallel with 115th Avenue 100 feet; THENCE southerly parallel with 120th Street 24 feet; THENCE westerly parallel with 115th Avenue 100 feet to the easterly side of 120th Street; and THENCE northerly along the easterly side of 120th Street 24 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County of Queens Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 705620/2015 Mortgage Premises: 223-34 108th Avenue Queens Village, NY 11429 BL #: 11190 - 21

Money Source, Inc. Plaintiff vs Rashid Hassan if living, and if he/she be dead, and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to Plaintiff; New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Environmental Control Board, People of the State of New York, United States of America Acting through the IRS, John Doe (being fictitious, the names unknown to Plaintiff intended to be tenants,

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occupants, persons or corporations having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint or their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors.)

Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. To: Rashid Hassan Defendant in this action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Timothy J. Duffy of the Supreme Court of the State Of New York, dated the Fourteenth day of January, 2016 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Rashid Hassan dated January 29, 2014, to secure the sum of \$284,747.00 and recorded at CRFN 2014000047452 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County on the February 6, 2014. The mortgage was subsequently assigned to The Money Source, Inc. by an assignment executed on March 26, 2015 and sent for recording in the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County. The property in question is described as follows: 223-34 108TH AVENUE, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11429 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court

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where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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1303 NOTICE DATED: January 15, 2016 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS

Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 84-44 PARSONS BOULEVARD JAMAICA, NY 11432 Block: 9749 Lot: 34 INDEX NO. 706881/2015 N A T I O N S T A R MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. FREIDA ANAMASAKIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF CONSTATNTINE MARGARITES A/K/A CONSTATNTINE DEAN MARGARITES; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to Plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint

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is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within Twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within Thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until Sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of Eight hundred fifty-five thousand 00/100 (\$855,000.00) Dollars and interest, recorded on January 12, 2010, at Instrument number 2010000010217, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 84-44 PARSONS BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11432. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: December 11, 2015 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff By: Thomas Zegarelli, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 (516) 280-7675

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