

## Little Neck lists honorees for its parade

BY GABRIEL ROM

The Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade Association is hitting the ground early this year. Organizers released this week a list of honorees from Queens and beyond for what historically has been the largest Memorial Day parade in the country.

The group has named Three-Star General Richard P. Mills named grand marshal of the 89th annual Memorial Day Parade. Mills, who is from Long Island, led the First Marine Division, one of the most storied units in American history, and has served in Afghanistan.

Also being honored are Queens Borough President Melinda Katz as Woman of the Year, FDNY Deputy Commissioner Robert Sweeny as Man of the Year and Little Neck businessman and patriot Mohsen Zandieh with the Community Service Award.

The festival will start at around 2 p.m. on Memorial Day.

The approximately two-hour parade down Northern Boulevard from Great Neck to Douglaston not only incorporates national participants

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# Macedonia Plaza rented out

## Affordable units snapped up in church project

BY MADINA TOURE

The city Department of Housing Preservation and Development said the Macedonia Plaza affordable housing complex is completely rented and that a grocery store in the complex is scheduled to open within the next two months.

Construction of Macedonia Plaza, a mixed-use development at 37-08 Union St., was finished in fall 2014. Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church, located at 37-22 Union St., proposed the project.

The complex has 142 newly constructed affordable-housing units, a community facility space and a new retail space.

All the residential units are occupied with tenants who applied through Housing Connect, an HPD page where people can apply for housing. The complex also has an extra two-bedroom unit for an onsite superintendent. That apartment is not leased through Housing Connect.

The Tree of Life grocery store, the commercial tenant at Macedonia Plaza, will be located on the ground floor, an

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## A CHILLY LUNAR NEW YEAR



At the Lunar New Year Parade in Flushing, keeping warm was the No. 1 job when the temps dropped into the single digits. **See more photos on Page 22.**

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AUGUST WILSON

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### History on stage

As part of Black History Month, a great American playwright and a heroine of the space program are getting their due on Queens stages.

August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Fences" is coming to the Jamaica Cen-

ter for Arts & Learning, while Jacqueline Wade's "A Tribute to Mae Jemison," a salute to NASA's first black female astronaut, will be staged at the Black Spectrum Theatre in Roy Wilkins Park.

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# Survivor tells story

Harrowing portrait of Holocaust transfixes Cardozo

BY GABRIEL ROM



Elly Gross, a Holocaust survivor, told students at Cardozo High School her agonizing story of survival. Photo by Gabriel Rom

Elly Berkovits Gross, a Holocaust survivor, offers no easy explanations for the things that she has been through.

Gross, who survived the atrocities of the Nazi regime through fortitude, courage and sheer luck, spoke last week at Bayside's Cardozo High School and told hundreds of students her harrowing story.

Gross was born in Simleu Silvaniei, Romania in 1929. Five years later, her family, along with thousands of other Jews, was transported via cattle cars to the Auschwitz concentration camp in southern Poland. The sprawling complex, which includes Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau, was the site of the killing of more than 1.1 million people (some estimates say as many as 1.5 million), about 900,000 of them Jews.

Illness and fear were facts of life in the camps.

Gross told the story of being very sick and being denied care, until a German S.S. officer decided to give her medical attention, likely saving her life. It created an ethical dilemma for Gross—and the audience: how to remember this man?

“As long as I am alive I will never understand it,” she said. “He was a killer. He was killing others even as he helped me.”

It was one of many complex and troubling moral dilemmas Gross posed to students.

Gross described how she was separated from her mother and brother, whom she never saw again.

“You will see your mother on Sunday at a family reunion,” a S.S. guard had told her. “I always waited for that Sunday,” Gross said. “It never came.”

“I could never be sure if it was a dream,” she added. “I would wake up—and my mom would come and wake me up and tell me it was all a dream, tell me it was time to go to school.”

She attempted to take the audience back to her experience in Block 18 at Auschwitz.

“The dead, the sick, the elderly, I saw gigantic chimneys, and I remember far away I heard what sounded like classical music, like a symphony,” she said.

After surviving Auschwitz, Gross was then transferred to Fallersleben, a part of the Neuengamme concentration camp in Germany, where she performed slave labor for Volkswagen. She mentioned that she would see planes—“small as my fingers”—above the camps that were Allied bombers, but they never attacked the train lines which moved so many millions to their deaths.

Gross was liberated by

the Allied forces in 1945. Elly returned to her home town, where she soon married family friend Ernest Gross. Gross immigrated to the United States with her family in March 1966 and learned English at the age of 37 and graduated from LaGuardia Community College with an associate degree in Fine Arts at the age of 64.

She has two children and five grandchildren, who also live in the United States.

As Gross finished her lecture, she politely requested that the students not applaud for her.

“Don’t applaud. This is a tragic part of my life and many of us are long gone.”

Some of the teens looked puzzled.

“When you go to a cemetery, do you applaud?” she asked.

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# Attacks in Flushing were hate crimes: DA

BY MADINA TOURE

A Flushing man charged with hate crimes involving robbery and assault in two attacks on Chinese women said he committed the crimes because of bad experiences with Chinese people, according to Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

Key Lee, 34, was charged in connection with two separate attacks in which Chinese women were viciously beaten after allegedly being targeted by Lee, who stated, “I don’t like Chinese people,” Brown said.

“He allegedly sought out these two women because of their race,” Brown said. “This kind of bigotry and racism is not acceptable in a civilized society.”

On Jan. 27, Ling Chou was cleaning snow from her car when she noticed Lee standing on a nearby corner smoking a cigarette, according to Brown.

When she opened her car’s back door, Lee is alleged to have rushed her and pushed her into the back seat, covering her body with his own, Brown said.

He then allegedly closed the door and began to punch Chou repeatedly in the face. According to the DA, he then grabbed her purse, leaving the car with her credit card, identification and \$2,000 in cash that had been inside her handbag.

In the second incident Wednesday, Lee allegedly attacked Ziao Feng as she walked toward her apartment building, Brown continued.

Lee allegedly punched Zeng in the face several times before taking her handbag and running off with her credit cards, identification and \$2,000 in cash, Brown added.

The DA said Lee allegedly told the authorities when he attacked Chou, he was angry following an argument with his wife and that he used to work as a cab driver and had many Chinese customers who were rude and smoked in the car, Brown said.

He allegedly became even more angry when he and Chou made eye contact. He said, “I couldn’t take it anymore. I decided she’s the one. I started beating her,” the DA continued.

To explain the attack on Feng, he said he had been driving home when she cut him off in traffic and failed to signal, Brown added.

He then followed her and when she parked her car, he continued to follow her on foot and then allegedly attacked her, the DA said.

He allegedly stated, “I don’t like the Chinese and I went to Flushing to look for Chinese people,” according to Brown.

Lee was arraigned Thursday afternoon before Queens Criminal Court Judge Peter Vallone on two separate complaints, Brown said.

Bail was set at \$500,000 for each complaint and Lee’s next court date is Feb. 25, he said. If convicted, he faces up to 50 years in prison.



Police charge a Flushing man with hate crimes in connection with attacks on two Chinese women.

Photo by Michael Shain

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# Beloved owner of Bayside Smoke Shop dies at 69

Larry Sawlani ran popular neighborhood business on Bell Boulevard for over 33 years

BY DANIEL OFFNER

Larry Sawlani, 69, owner of the Bayside Smoke Shop, at 41-05 Bell Blvd., died Saturday after a five-year battle with heart disease. A well-respected and recognized face in the community for more than 33 years, Sawlani was remembered fondly by those around him.

"He knew everybody in the neighborhood," his son, Raj Sawlani, said. "Some of these customers have known me since I was born."

According to Raj Sawlani, 29, his father was born in India and came to America as a child. After college, he moved around from Florida to Chicago, before settling down in New York. He went on to work as the general manager of Woolworth's in Times Square, before he finally decided to open his own retail storefront in Bayside in 1982.

Carlo Ferrante, a 45-year Bayside resident and longtime customer, said he has warm

memories of his discussions with the elder Sawlani about stocks and equities.

"I would always joke that he should have been a broker," Ferrante said. "He was a great guy... It's so sad to hear that he passed."

Sherry Teran, co-president of the American Vision Eye Care Center next door, said she was surprised to hear about Sawlani's death.

"I didn't know him socially, but they have been our business neighbors for almost 32 years," Teran said. "He was a very kind, nice man."

Raj, 29, had worked with his father every day for the past five years and would manage the storefront whenever his father could not. But, over the last 10 months, while his father had been in and out of the hospital due to various heart complications, an outpouring of residents had been stopping by to check up on him.

"We have 15 to 20 customers come in each day asking

the guys who are there now about [my] dad," Raj Sawlani said. "I wanted people to know what happened. They think he just left."

On Saturday morning, at about 6:47 a.m., Larry Sawlani died at New York Presbyterian Hospital of Queens, from pneumonia brought on by his worsening heart condition. Even before he was gone, his family had decided to turn the business over to a group of experienced individuals who offered to help the father before he died.

"We already handed the business over to somebody else," Raj said. "I can't go back to that store... I'm too emotionally attached."

Raj said that while he does not have the strength to continue running the business without his father, the new owners will carry on the tradition and keep the business going.

Larry Sawlani's funeral was held Saturday in Rich-



The Bayside Smoke Shop on Bell Boulevard is under new ownership following the death of its founder. Photo by Michael Shain

mond Hill and he was cremated the same day on Long Island. Any one who would like to make a donation in his memory should consider St. Judes Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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# Mayor's housing plan draws more fire

Critics sound off during two days of City Council hearings on rezoning for affordable housing

BY BILL PARRY

The management of the Big Six Towers in Woodside, a Mitchell-Lama affordable housing development, is hoping that its letter to the City Council and other city agencies can help offset some of the criticism surrounding Mayor Bill de Blasio's embattled affordable housing plan after two rounds of hearings last week.

The City Council has until late March to vote on the plan's two components: Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, which would allow larger buildings in rezoned neighborhoods as long as new developments include a certain number of affordable units, and Zoning for Quality and Affordability, which paves the way for senior housing across the city.

While the City Planning Commission has already approved the two zoning initiatives, most community boards voted them down, as did the borough boards. The City Council vote will be the final step before they become law.

"On behalf of the 984 families who make up Big Six Towers, Inc., we urge you to support vital reforms that will grow and protect affordable housing," Kevin Doyle, the president of the board of directors at the Big Six Towers, wrote last month. "Our fellow tenants are working people. They need and deserve affordable housing, and the zoning reforms proposed by the mayor will significantly boost the supply of affordable housing in our neighborhood."

Doyle said the housing crisis has made more than half of New Yorkers "rent-burdened" who must spend over a third of their take-home pay on shelter.

"Every dollar spent on rent is one dollar less we have to feed our families, to educate our kids and to save for the future," Doyle wrote. "It's forcing families out of neighborhoods they've lived in their entire lives -- and the only solution is to build a lot more affordable housing for the people that need it."

The two components are



The management at the Big Six Towers in Woodside hope a letter of support can help the mayor's embattled housing plan. Photo by Bill Parry

part of the mayor's 10-year plan to create and preserve 200,000 affordable housing units. Opponents of Mandatory Inclusionary Housing fear the changes will cause a construction boom that could wipe out the character of their neighborhoods.

Zoning for Quality and

Affordability came under fire for no longer requiring parking spaces to be included for senior housing within a half-mile of subway stations or in so-called transit zones because of their proximity to transit links. Director of City Planning Carl Weisbrod noted that each parking spot at a se-

nior development costs \$50,000 to build, money better spend on housing.

City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) called the plan "too ambitious" and questioned the parking reforms.

"Although downtown Flushing is considered a transit zone, public transportation there is not enough," Koo said. "Buses are overcrowded and the 7 train constantly has service disruptions. Seniors who have visited my office cannot walk one block without assistance, let alone half a mile which is the distance of a transit zone."

Others questioned ZQA's allowance for smaller apartments for senior housing, similar to micro-units, that could be as small as 275 square feet. City Councilman Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton), the chairman of the Zoning Subcommittee, suggested that is too small.

"I just know from my own grandmother, she couldn't fit her hats into an apartment that size," he said.

## 109th Precinct to divvy up officers in six separate areas

BY MADINA TOURE

The NYPD approved a community policing program in the 109th Precinct that will bring in a substantial number of new officers to serve all northeast Queens residents as a way of compensating for the tow pound in College Point.

Thomas Conforti, the 109th's commanding officer, is breaking up the precinct's coverage into six quadrants—College Point, Whitestone, Flushing, Bay Terrace, downtown Flushing and Auburndale—beginning April 1. Each quadrant will have 10 officers, who will be dedicated to those neighborhoods 24/7.

Vallone and Conforti made the announcement standing alongside civic leaders and Community Board 7 members Feb. 10 at the Holy Cross Greek



City Councilman Paul Vallone (bottom row, c) and Thomas Conforti (r), the 109th Precinct's commanding officer, welcome cadets from the Police Academy. 109th Precinct Facebook

Orthodox Church at 150-02 12th Ave. in Whitestone.

The precinct has historically had the burden of serving the largest population of any precinct in New York City, with its resources heavily focused on downtown Flushing,

according to Vallone.

In exchange for the long-term lease of the NYPD's tow pound in College Point, which sparked concerns among residents and community leaders, Vallone said he was able to

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## De Blasio pitches idea for new streetcar project

BY BILL PARRY

Mayor Bill de Blasio rallied supporters Tuesday in Red Hook, Brooklyn for his proposed \$2.5 billion Brooklyn Queens Connector, the 16-mile-long streetcar system that would serve communities from Astoria to Sunset Park, along the East River waterfront. The mayor called the corridor one of the fastest-growing parts of the city, with more than 405,000 residents and 296,000 workers, where transit capacity has not kept pace.

"This is an area that is so important to the future of New York City because more and more we've seen that innovative people, creative people, entrepreneurial people want to be here," de Blasio said. "They see tremendous promise. You can

see the amazing job growth and business growth that's happened here in the last decade or two and there's a lot more where that came from and that's why we need to be ready for it by providing the type of transportation that will allow that growth to benefit all."

He vowed to have "shovels in the ground" on the zero-emission, green and clean, state-of-the-art system by 2019. When the line is fully constructed, the mayor said the BQX would serve 50,000 riders per weekday connecting 13 NYCHA developments, 10 ferry landings, 15 subway routes and more than 30 bus lines.

A ticket will cost the same as a Metrocard swipe, but it is unclear whether there will be free transfers between the *Continued on Page 42*

# CB7 plans hearings on Municipal Lot 3

BY MADINA TOURE

A project seeking to build affordable housing in Municipal Parking Lot 3 in Flushing will be presented to Community Board 7 in March with the hopes of breaking ground by the end of the year, after the necessary approvals are granted.

The 43,200-square-foot development at 133-45 31st Ave. will have 208 affordable housing units. The site is surrounded by College Point Boulevard, Main Street and the Flushing-Main Street Long Island Rail Road station.

The ground floor will be used for commercial purposes. The upper floors will be residential, with studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments. The second floor will be a community facility space.

In April, HPD Commissioner Vicki Been selected a development team for the project. The team, which consists of Asian Americans for Equality, HANAC Inc. and Monadnock Development, has named its plan One Flushing.

John Napolitano, HANAC's director of community development and planning, said the team has been meeting with CB7's Land Use Committee.

The project is supposed to go before the full board at its next meeting March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Union Care Plaza Center at 33-23 Union St., Napolitano said. The team has also been in contact with Borough President Melinda

Katz, the City Planning Commission and the City Council for the final vote.

"We're hoping these approvals will be buttoned up by summertime so we can get in the ground by the end of the year," he said.

He stressed that the project is in the pre-development pipeline and said he could not speak about construction costs as they have not been finalized yet.

"The marketplace is quite high in terms of construction costs for any type of residential housing in the city," Napolitano added. "It's just a very challenging environment."

An HPD spokeswoman confirmed that the project continues to be in its preliminary stages and that information about the total cost of the project will be available once the project is financed.

The team is partnering with New Hyde Park-based Parker Jewish Center Institute for Healthcare and Rehabilitation, which provides long-term care to seniors. The institute will use the space on the second floor.

The roof will have solar panels that will harvest photovoltaic solar energy that will mainly be used for heating, hot water and a small urban farm. The people operating the building would run the farm, which would be used by tenants.

The project will be funded through Mayor Bill de Blasio's 10-year affordable housing plan, which aims to create and preserve 200,000 affordable housing units.



A rendering of the affordable housing project at Municipal Lot 3 in Flushing. Photo courtesy of HPD

# Kids meet Cosmos

Rozić joins forces with team to put on soccer clinics

BY GRACIANO CLAUSE

Players from the New York Cosmos professional soccer club teamed up with state Assemblywoman Nily Rozić (D-Fresh Meadows) at PS 120 in Flushing last week to kick off a series of free soccer clinics.

More than 30 students showed up Feb. 11 at the school's gym, at 58-01 136th St., where they had the chance to participate in soccer activities while also learning the importance of physical education.

"I am proud to team up with the New York Cosmos to bring free soccer clinics to PS 120 so that students can further their learning and development outside of the classroom," Rozić said. "As budget cuts continue to strain programming in New York City school areas, such as the arts, foreign language and physical education, it is important that we invest in alternatives that make these vital resources available to our local communities."

Representing School District 26, which covers the northeast side of Queens, Rozić mentioned that her district is owed \$43 million in terms of services and resources from the state of New York, school programming included.

PS 120 was the site of controversy last year, when more



Players from the New York Cosmos soccer team at PS 120 in Flushing taught a series of free soccer clinics for more than 30 eager students.

Photo by Graciano Clause

than 100 students whose families could not pay a \$10 admission fee were banned from a school carnival. In the wake of that incident, Rozić and PS 120 Principal Robert Marino got together to bring a physical fitness program to the school at no cost. That's when Rozić contacted the New York Cosmos to set up a partnership.

The Cosmos, current champions of the North American Soccer League, captured their second league title in three seasons and the seventh overall last November.

"They are a great New York sports team and I'm a big soccer fan. I think having the New York Cosmos, with every-

thing they stand for, right here in Flushing with a diverse and active community seemed like a natural alignment," Rozić said.

Cosmos midfielder Danny Szetela highlighted the importance of promoting physical education.

"I think the most important things for these kids is to have fun. Once you stop having fun, then you lose your motivation," Szetela said. He mentioned that he grew up in Jersey where he had gym almost every day and emphasized that sports is one of the best ways to stay healthy.

"Sometimes during the

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# Queens eyes FAA reform bill

BY GABRIEL ROM

Northern Queens communities are paying close attention to the proposed FAA reauthorization bill, called the Aviation Innovation Reform and Reauthorization Act.

On Feb. 3, the House Transportation Subcommittee unveiled a proposed law to increase regulations on noise quality in communities near airports.

Yet borough lawmakers and activists remain skeptical.

"There is no question we need a long-term FAA reauthorization that ensures the safety of the flying public, makes investments in research and development, and helps create good paying jobs," U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson



The FAA reauthorization bill, called the Aviation Innovation Reform and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act, is being met with skepticism from leaders in Northern Queens.

Photo by Michael Shain

Heights) said. Crowley helped form the House Quiet Skies Caucus in 2014 with several other members of Congress, including U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing).

"Unfortunately, as the bill currently stands, I have many

concerns, including that it contains an attempt to privatize air traffic control. However, if there is a silver lining, it is that we may finally see a concerted effort to address the very serious issue of aircraft noise pollution."

The bill would require the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study on the effect of aircraft noise exposure on communities around airports and to consider noise when approving new departure flight paths. It would also require that the FAA review community involvement practices when implementing an entirely new airspace design, and make recommendations on how to engage the community in these specific instances.

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# Cost to apply for citizenship rising: Stringer

BY BILL PARRY

Nearly 670,000 New Yorkers are eligible to apply for citizenship, but the costs have spiked so high that immigrants may no longer be able to afford becoming full-fledged Americans, the city comptroller has warned.

The citizen application fees have soared nearly 500 percent since 1989, after adjusting for inflation, from \$68 to \$680 today, according to Comptroller Scott Stringer. In addition, the city recently cut back on adult literacy programs and now provide only limited access to affordable legal services.

These barriers to citizenship are among the findings in a new report from Stringer released last week.

"With costs that can reach into the thousands of dollars, our citizenship process has become too expensive for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers," Stringer said. "High fees and diminished access to English instruction and affordable legal services are throwing up roadblocks to

naturalization for this generation of immigrants. Becoming a citizen is an integral part of the American experience. Every New Yorker deserves a fair and fighting chance to make it in this city and it's the job of government to break down barriers to help those who have lived and worked here to make citizenship an attainable goal."

Low-income immigrants are currently offered free waivers for the paperwork costs, but the waiver process is "plagued by problems," according to Stringer. In 2011, only 23,000 fee waivers for naturalization were granted out of a total of 756,000 applications, just over 3 percent.

Applicants must pass a language-proficiency test, but English language classes cost around \$400 per week for group lessons. Although the New York Public Library expanded seats for free English classes by 300 percent over the last three years, the report said, several branches have reported having to turn away applicants, unable to meet the high demand.



City Comptroller Scott Stringer releases a new report that shows that soaring costs have become a barrier for citizenship.

Photo by Michael Shain

Many immigrants seek legal advice from immigration lawyers during the naturalization process. In New York City, immigration law firms charge between \$100 and \$300 for a one-time consultation and an additional \$1,200 to \$1,500 for help filling out the relevant paperwork and preparing the application package, accord-

ing to the report.

Stringer's report makes a series of recommendations that are designed to combat the high cost of citizenship.

He called on the federal government to dedicate additional resources to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service's budget, with an eye toward reducing or

even eliminating application fees for naturalization.

Stringer also believes the federal government should improve the waiver process and study alternative payment options.

He wants the city to offer more on-site citizenship assistance programs in industries with large immigrant populations; increase funding for English as a Second Language and civics classes, and partner with law schools to expand free legal services for immigrants as well as other suggestions.

"Whether it's creating public-private partnerships to offer on-site assistance or re-examining the structure and amount of fees, government must take steps to encourage everyone who can gain their citizenship," Stringer said. "For decades, hardworking immigrants have come here to build a new life and become part of the fabric of our communities. Now is the time to rethink how city, state and federal governments support this vital process."

## BUSINESS, QUEENS STYLE

# Flushing House Founders Hold 100 Anniversary Gala Celebration

United Adult Ministries (UAM) will hold a gala celebration commemorating the 100 Year Anniversary of the organization which founded Flushing House. The fundraiser is on April 21, 2016 at The Garden City Hotel, Garden City. The parent company of Flushing House, UAM, will also honor three outstanding individuals at their gala with The Rose Kryzak Senior Leadership Award.

This Centenary Celebration is a story of perseverance by eight Presbyterian women who never gave up on their dream to build a special home for older adults. Our story began on April 12, 1916, when incorporation of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Home for the Aged was approved. Years past with no construction, due to lack of funds. But the founders persevered, and in 1945 and 1946, the women's auxiliary was allowed to purchase two brownstones in Brooklyn.

Realizing the need for more space, their board made plans known to the Presbyteries. Another site was found and in 1954 an 11-acre estate in Woodbury was secured. First residents from the brownstone moved into the Woodbury mansion in 1955. The late 50's and early 60's saw

larger buildings go up on the estate, and mergers with other institutions in need of more space. In 1971 the Reformed Church in America affiliated with United Presbyterian Residence (UPR), sharing governance of the growing nursing home with Presbyteries of New York City and Long Island. By the late 1990's, UPR served 700 residents on a 33-acre campus!

In 1969, the Reformed Church at Bowne Street and 38th Avenue, Flushing, was destroyed by fire. UPR's board saw this as an ideal site to finally build their dream home for older adults. This would be a non-profit, nonsectarian, 12-story retirement community, with 319 apartments. An added benefit was nursing care, if needed, was available at UPR. Ground was broken in 1974, Flushing House opened in 1975 and is still the largest, nonprofit, Independent Living retirement community in New York State.

Rose Kryzak was a senior activist who also persevered fighting for older adults. A long-time Flushing House resident, she died on June 24, 1999 at 99 years young. To keep her legacy alive, UAM's board started the Kryzak Awards in 2000. At each Gala, Kryzak's family has attended to

honor award winners for their service to older adults. Kryzak was known for spearheading New York's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage plan.

Our honorees also persevered, dedicating years of service to older adults. Bruce Cunningham has been executive director of the Queens Inter-agency Council on Aging (QICA), from 2002 to present. QICA is the only borough-wide coalition of over a 100 organizations and individuals providing vital senior services. QICA speaks "With One Voice," improving communication amongst Queens senior service organizations. As their "sparkplug," Cunningham has created hundreds of QICA programs and has lobbied effectively with elected officials and policy makers, informing on issues of vital concern to Queens seniors. Charles and Christine Frank, the first co-administrators of Flushing House, met while working at UPR. They were selected by their board to open and fill up Flushing House in its first years of operation. These honorees will receive the Rose Kryzak Senior Leadership Award.

Aside from perseverance on behalf of older adults, this Centenary Celebration is also about



Aerial view of Flushing House, the Independent Living community with over 300 older adults.

the continuing mission of UAM, Expanding Horizons For Older Adults. UAM asks all who care for the elderly to support their fundraiser. All proceeds support a special endowment fund, which keeps Flushing House affordable for many of the older adults who live there. Help strengthen their fund for the next 100 years.

The gala fundraising dinner will be held on April 21, 2016, at The Garden City Hotel, starting at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by April 4, 2016 by sending your name, address, and a \$150 per person tax-deductible check

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# Dept. of Ed adds first LGBT community liaison

Jared Fox tasked with making school environments safer for gay population citywide

BY BILL PARRY

The Department of Education has hired its first LGBT community liaison, a groundbreaking position that will implement a balanced literacy program that includes gay authors as well as providing an LGBT curriculum for teachers.

Jared Fox has been appointed liaison with funds provided by the City Council.

“The appointment of a liaison to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities is the culmination of a career’s worth of advocacy for me,” City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), who came out as an openly gay teacher in 1992, said. “Back in those days, LGBT teachers and students were mostly closeted. With the appointment of Jared Fox as the new LGBT liaison, the department has taken a bold step forward to assure students and teachers alike that anti-gay discrimina-

tion will not be tolerated and that, in fact, the department will look for ways to be more inclusive of the LGBT communities.”

Fox, a former teacher who founded the New York City chapter of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network, is responsible for creating a strategic plan for the DOE to best serve the many needs of LGBT students, teachers and staff in the public schools system, the largest in the nation. The position was created within the DOE’s Office of Safety and Youth Development.

“It is an honor to take this role serving LGBT students, staff and families across our city,” Fox said. “Creating a positive and supportive school environment for LGBT students is incredibly important to their success in the classroom and beyond and I look forward to working across the other city agencies to ensure the LGBT community has the resources and support they need.”



JARED FOX

Over the past few weeks, Fox has met with principals, teachers and students to learn about their hopes and challenges in making schools a more welcoming place for LGBT people. Fox will

expand the curriculum by bringing LGBT authors into schools in an association with the Lambda Literary Foundation, an organization that believes literature is fundamental to the preservation

of the LGBT culture.

“Literature is where many LGBT youth first find an affirmative self-identity and straight kids experience LGBT lives in a positive light,” Lambda Literary’s Executive Director Tony Valenzuela said. “We’re thrilled to introduce great and diverse LGBT books and authors to young people throughout New York City’s public schools.”

Fox is starting the literary program in conjunction with school leadership and the foundation so that literature and classes are appropriately matched. The program will begin this spring.

“This historic step is a milestone in our city’s education system,” City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), a member of the Council’s LGBT Caucus, said. “I look forward to working with Jared and the DOE to strengthen local support networks in order to build up educational environments that allow all students to be proud of who they truly are.”



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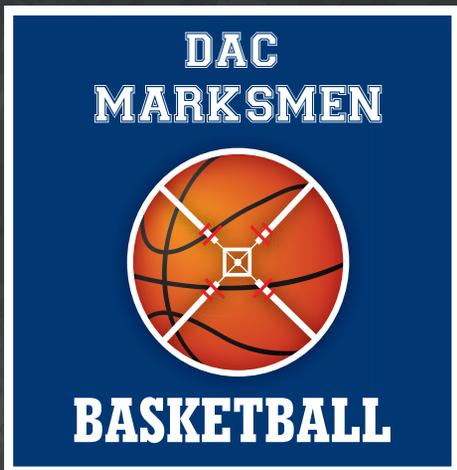
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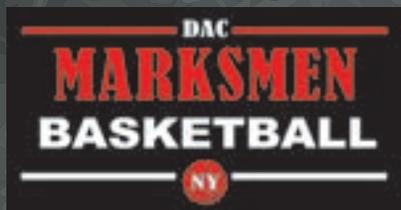
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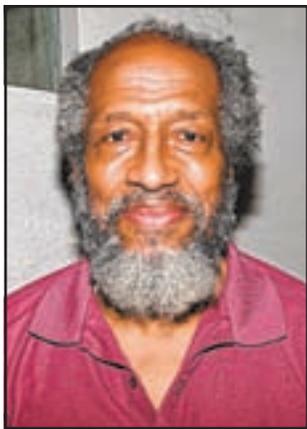
# African Americans celebrated on stage

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

In honor of Black History Month, a couple of Jamaica performing arts centers are producing two very different plays that explore the African-American experience.

This weekend, the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning presents August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Fences."

Then on Wednesday, the Caribbean American Society



ARTHUR FRENCH

of New York and the Black Spectrum Theatre will stage a production of "A Tribute to Mae Jemison," which details the story of America's first black woman astronaut.

"Fences" is the sixth work in Wilson's 10-play Pittsburgh cycle that examines black American life in the 20th century. Other titles in the series include "The Piano Lesson" and "Joe Turner's Come and

Gone," and each one is set in a specific decade.

"Fences" hits the half-way point.

"It takes place in the 1950s and is a dramatic presentation," Roseann Evans, JCAL's director of development, said. "It is basically about a father and son relationship." In "Fences," Troy Maxson is a garbage man who had dreamed of becoming a Major League baseball player. But in the days before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier, Troy was relegated to the Negro Leagues. And by the time blacks could play in the Majors, Troy was too old.

His son Cory is a football player who quits his job at the A & P so he can play a game when a coach from North Carolina is expected to be in the stands.

The conflict arises out of the differences the two men see in their pasts and their possible futures.

Arthur French is directing "Fences," which is a departure from JCAL's usual fare.

"We don't do a lot of other plays," Evans said. "This is special for Black History Month."

As a young girl in Alabama, Dr. Mae Jemison's future did not appear to be heading anywhere special.

She struggled as a student in elementary school, but with work she found her intellectual strengths, which

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# Broaden curriculum

## Black History Committee seeks new school lessons

BY MADINA TOURE

As Black History Month kicks off, a black history committee made up of Flushing residents is working on a number of initiatives, such as a more comprehensive African-American history curriculum in public schools, to help their community.

During a recent committee meeting the chairwoman, Flushing resident Carol Whiting, 72, said she is putting together a list of resources to present to Danielle Dimango, superintendent of School District 25, which she will then e-mail and fax out to all the schools in the district.

"I think this is a good start, to get started for the youngsters in the classroom," Whiting said.

She is starting with District 25, which includes Whitestone, Flushing and Fresh Meadows, but hopes to expand to the rest of the city. The resource list will include student trips, landmarks, guest speakers, books, CDs and tapes.

She said that there a number of sites in Flushing where students can learn about black history.

"You've got the Lewis H. Latimer Museum, you've got the Quaker House," she said.

She plans to include a binder formulated by the Black History Commemorative Society, a Connecticut-based company that preserves and promotes black history.

The binder consists of a complete collection of more than 100 African Americans who have been honored in the past 70 years on U.S. postage stamps that are no longer sold at the post office and are becoming increasingly hard to find.

Another of the committee's projects is working to reposition the portrait of African-American philanthropist Mary Ann Shaw, founder of the Flushing Library, in the library at 41-17 Main St.

The proposal is to have a smaller portrait in the Mary Ann Shaw children's room and a larger one in the front.

"We want try to make it larger and put it more toward the front of the library," she said.



Carol Whiting, head of the Black History Committee, presents a binder featuring prominent African Americans. Photo by Madina Toure

The committee also has some partnerships underway. Whiting has been in touch with Katha Cato, executive director of the Queens World Film Festival, who said the organization has a group of young African-American filmmakers whom they are training and paying so they can further themselves in their profession.

The committee will have the opportunity to meet with actor and film director Mario Van Peebles, who will be at the festival.

"I want to get involved with these young black filmmakers because I know that sounds exciting," she said. "I mean, that's awesome."

Writer, producer and filmmaker Carl Clay, founder of Black Spectrum Theatre in Jamaica, is also a potential partner.

Other members of the committee include Dr. Evelyn Julmisse, coordinator of Queens College's Africana Studies Program, and Shirley Gilbert, president of the Northeast Queens Multicultural Democratic Club.

The committee will also be preparing a public service announcement for Queens Public Television as well as getting a tour of QPT's facility. QPT wants some of its programming incorporated into the public school system in conjunction with Whiting.

The city Department of Education said black history is integrated into DOE classrooms through the agency's K-12 Social Studies Scope and Sequence, which guides studies instruction in all DOE schools.

Black history is also incorporated into DOE classrooms through other instructional documents, support from DOE leadership and carefully selected texts and primary sources.

"Any proposed instructional materials must be carefully reviewed and approved by our Instructional Materials Review Unit," the spokesman said in an e-mail.

Reach reporter Madina Toure by e-mail at [mtoure@cn-glocal.com](mailto:mtoure@cn-glocal.com) or by phone at (718) 260-4566.



Playwright August Wilson is pictured in this 2003 photograph, about two years before his death. AP Photo/Ted S. Warren



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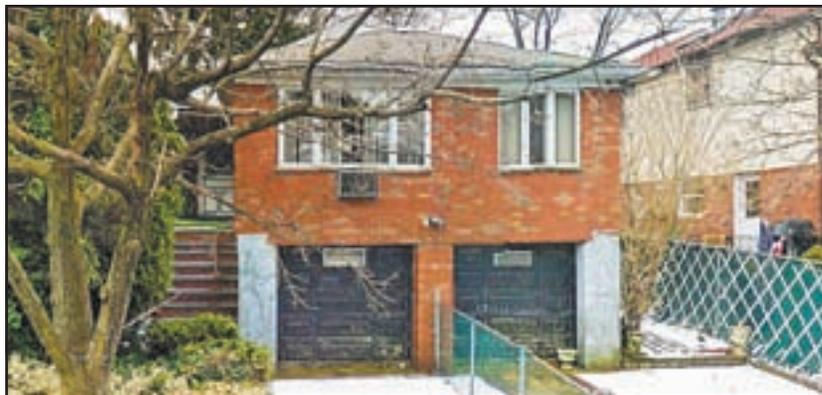
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# POLICE Blotter

## Fire from smoking kills Whitestone man: FDNY



A 74-year-old Whitestone died in his basement apartment in a fire started by careless smoking, the FDNY says.

WHITESTONE—A Whitestone man was killed in a fire in his basement apartment, which was allegedly caused by smoking, according to the FDNY.

At about 11:50 p.m., police responded to a call of a fire at 154-26 Riverside Drive and discovered a two-story brick home on fire, the NYPD and the Fire Department said.

After the flames were extinguished by FDNY personnel, Mario Dimisa, 74, was found unconscious and unresponsive, officials said.

EMS also responded and pronounced Dimisa dead at the scene, police continued.

An FDNY spokeswoman said the cause of the fire was careless smoking, but could not confirm whether it was due to an unattended cigarette or another factor.

Dimisa was found in his basement apartment, the spokeswoman said.

The fire broke out in the basement and extended to the first floor, she said. Firefighters doused flames on both floors, with the fire coming under control at 1:44 a.m., the spokeswoman added.

The FDNY and the NYPD said the investigation was ongoing.

## Police suspect woman involved in wallet snatch

FLUSHING — Police were looking for a woman who allegedly robbed another woman in Flushing, police officials said.

A 37-year-old woman was leaving the No. 7 subway station at Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue when an unknown woman allegedly reached into her bag and removed her wallet, police said. The suspect then fled the scene.

Police described the suspect as a black woman, wearing blue jeans, black coat, black hat and black shoes.

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

The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers



Police released a photo of the suspected robber from video surveillance after she allegedly robbed a woman leaving the Flushing subway station. NYPD Photo

Website at WWW.NYPDCRIMESTOPPERS.COM or texting their tips to 274637(CRIMES) then enter TIP577.

## Hollis man missing since last week: Police

HOLLIS—Police were looking for a Hollis man missing since last week.

Noah Baker, of 53-14 Hollis Court Blvd., was last seen on Feb. 11, at around 8:30 p.m. inside his home. He

was described as a white 29-year-old man. He is 5-foot-10 and weighs 190 pounds, with a mustache. He was last seen wearing a green coat, police said.

# Flushing House marks founder's centennial

City's largest non-profit independent retirement community plans 100th birthday bash

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

World War I was raging in Europe when Flushing House's origins were no more than blueprints and good intentions and now its founding institution is throwing a party to celebrate its 100th birthday.

Flushing House officials said the party, "Celebrating 100 Years Serving Older Adults," at 6 p.m. April 21, would also function as a fund-raiser for United Adult Ministries, the parent of Flushing House at 38-20 Bowne St. in Flushing.

It is New York City's largest non-profit independent retirement community.

Flushing House officials said the institution's origins could be traced to April 12, 1916 when incorporation papers were signed for the Brooklyn Presbyterian Home for the Aged.

"In spite of good intentions by the founders, years passed with no construction for lack of funds," they said.

Nevertheless, the Presbyterian Home Women's Auxiliary, which cared for widows of World War I veterans, persevered and continued to raise money for a home for the elderly.

In 1945 the Auxiliary board bought a guest house in Brooklyn and then in 1954 purchased an 11-acre estate in Woodbury, L.I. The first residents from the Presbyterian Home moved in the next year.

In 1969 the Congregational Reformed Church at Bowne Street and 38th Avenue in Flushing was destroyed by fire. The Presbyterians bought the site. Ground was broken in 1974 and Flushing House opened in 1975.

Friends of Flushing House said the party would take place in the grand ballroom of the Garden City Hotel in Garden City. Besides gourmet dining the evening will include live music and dancing as well as an art auction and raffle with proceeds to the nonprofit organization's endowment for

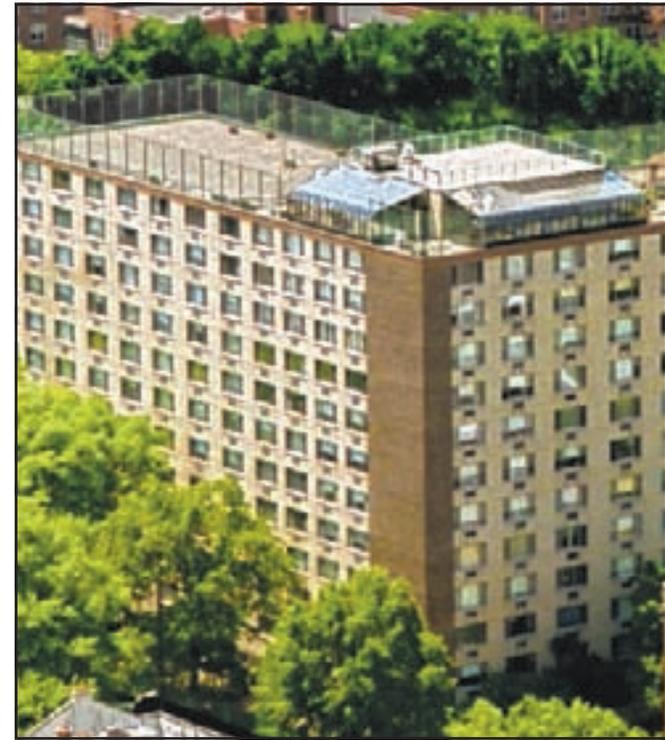
Flushing House.

Three people are to be given Rose Kryzak awards. Kryzak was a senior activist who fought for the rights of older adults. She died June 24, 1999 at the age of 99 after living at Flushing House for 13 years.

Charles and Christine Frank, the first co-administrators of Flushing House in its first years of operation, and Bruce Cunningham, executive director of Queens Interagency Council on Aging, will receive the Rose Kryzak Senior Leadership Award.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. RSVP by April 4, sending your name and address with a \$150 per person tax-deductible check payable to United Adult Ministries to Robert Salant, Director of Community Relations Services, Flushing House, 38-20 Bowne St., Flushing, N.Y. 11354 or email rsalant@uam.org or call 347-532-3025.

The proceeds will go toward keeping Flushing House affordable.



Flushing House, the senior living facility with over 300 residents, is marking the 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian group that founded it. Courtesy of Flushing House

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# SCALIA'S LEGACY

Queens was a footnote buried in most obituaries written about Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia following his death last weekend in Texas at 79.

But for the brilliant and conservative jurist, the borough was not a forgotten chapter in his life story.

Scalia, who was born in Trenton and moved to Elmhurst at the age of 6, described his idyllic childhood days playing stickball and street hockey with a diverse group of friends in interviews with *New York Magazine* and "60 Minutes."

The only son of Sicilian immigrants, Scalia marveled at the polyglot of Greeks, Irish, Germans, Jews and Italians in his class at PS 13. "It was the face of New York City," the former straight-A student said.

He was "Nino from the Neighborhood" in the 1940s as his contemporary, Mario Cuomo, another young Italian, started his journey into public life from his Sicilian father's grocery store in South Jamaica.

Scalia the conservative became the first Italian to serve on the Supreme Court and Cuomo the liberal was elected governor of New York, where he flirted with running for president and turned down an offer from President Clinton to sit on the court.

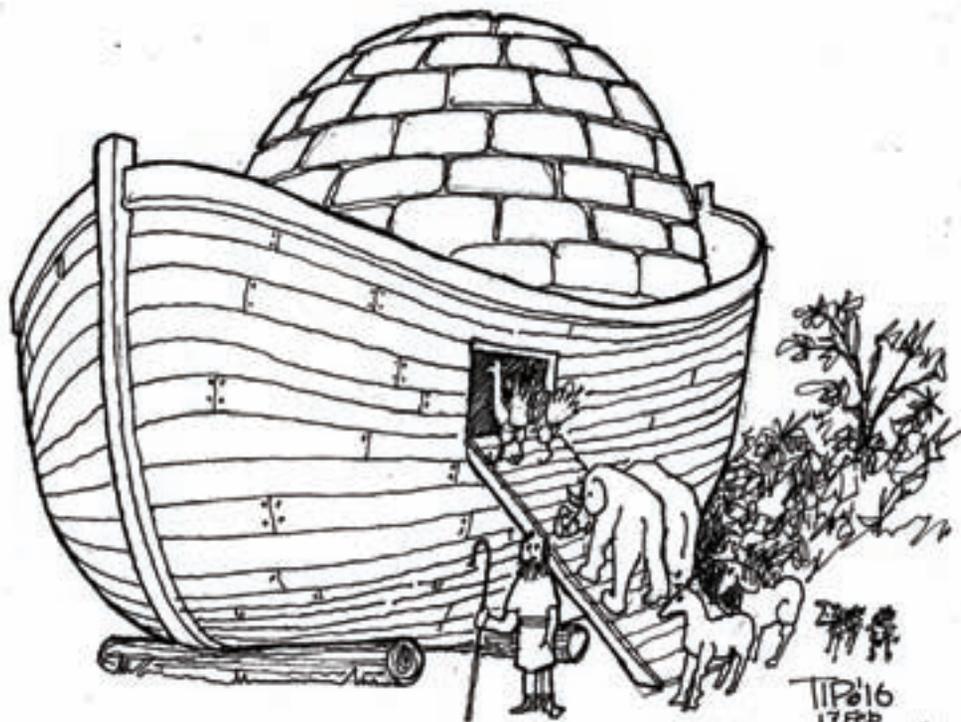
Asked where he was from, Scalia invariably responded "Queens!" with great pride, according to colleagues, while Cuomo frequently invoked the borough as the touchstone of his bio.

When Scalia visited his old attached house on a cul-de-sac in Elmhurst some years ago, he must have rued the loss of diversity that shaped his youth. Today the community is predominantly Asian with a few Latino speakers tossed into the mix.

Scalia, who wrote many of the court's dissents to the majority decisions, never gave up his quest for diversity. When his fellow justices ruled in favor of same-sex marriage in 2015, an unhappy Scalia criticized the elite makeup of the court in his dissent and said the next members should not be "tall-building lawyers" from New York City. The nine justices, including Scalia, graduated from either Harvard or Yale law schools and four are from New York City.

Of the New York delegation, it is not surprising that Scalia was the conservative, since Queens is known for being less liberal than Manhattan, Brooklyn or the Bronx. But in a sign that even the constitutional hero of the conservatives could reach across the bench, Scalia's closest friends on the court were the liberal Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Brooklyn) and Elena Kagan (Manhattan).

Now that Scalia's death has further polarized the political establishment, both sides should take note that the guy from Queens could make peace—at least socially—with the enemy.



"IT IS AN IGLOO, BECAUSE IT COULD RAIN OR SNOW."

## OTHER VOICES

# Obstructing the choice of a justice

The sudden vacancy on the Supreme Court has been followed by an ugly partisan fight over the appointment of a new justice, to a degree that some of the loudest voices in the argument did not have the grace or courtesy to wait until the late Justice Scalia had a funeral and burial before they began to fight for the power involved in the next appointment.

I have had the idea that the Supreme Court did not belong to any party, but to the people of the United States. The Court building does have the words

"Equal Justice Under Law" on the entrance to the building. I notice that some people claim that the people might lose some rights under the Second Amendment by an appointment made by a Democratic president. I would answer that more people might lose many of the rights provided by the First Amendment, such as freedom in the area of religion or their right to vote as provided for by the Fifteenth Amendment if a reactionary somehow cloaked as a conservative is appointed to the Court.

The current president, elect-

ed by a large majority, has 11 months remaining in his term. He has the right to choose the next Supreme Court justice as much as a Republican president in similar circumstances would have that right. Any argument to the contrary would mark the height of hypocrisy and make a mockery of any claim made by those against appointing a new justice that they are helping to keep the Supreme Court a place of Equal Justice Under Law.

*Stephen H. Goldberg  
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# The City Council's pay raise is absurd

It can only be described as obscene that the New York City Council has voted itself a \$36,000 pay raise, to nearly \$150,000 a year, when the median household income in the city is just under \$53,000 and the average cop makes about \$60,000. Compounding the obscenity, the overwhelming vote came with exquisitely vile timing less than 24 hours after two police officers who'd gotten 1 percent raises (to \$55,000 and \$57,000) were shot in a Bronx housing project.

The 32 percent hike is almost twice the 18 percent increase in the regional Consumer Price Index since the last Council pay raise in November 2006. And it's \$10,000 more than the already absurdly generous \$26,000 raise, to \$138,000, recommended by a legally mandated pay commission.

The Council's rationale for giving itself even more than the commission proposed? It

also voted to bar members from receiving most outside income. But only four of the 51 Council members actually have outside income that would be subject to this ban. And the new restrictions applicable to them will not take effect until the next Council term begins in 2018, while the salary bonanza for them and everyone else is retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year.

Wait a minute. Isn't that illegal? Isn't there a prohibition on legislators raising their own pay during their current term in office, so that salary increases can't take effect until after the next legislative election? For Congress and the state Legislature, yes; it's not just illegal, it's unconstitutional. The U.S. Constitution expressly bars senators and House members from trying to pull exactly what the New York City Council just pulled. And even the crooks in Albany

are prohibited from trying it under a parallel provision of the state Constitution. But the state constitutional prohibition does not apply to local legislators, and there's no similar provision in the City Charter barring the Council from voting themselves a 32 percent pay hike that would be illegal for congressmen and state legislators.

You might think that this would be enough chutzpah for the Council members, but you would be wrong. Several were whining that they should have gotten even more! Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez, a member of the Council's "Progressive Caucus" who represents an upper Manhattan district where the median household income is less than \$40,000 a year, wailed that "our salaries should be \$175,000; we have a right to make a living to support our families."

It is particularly striking to

see this embrace of privilege, entitlement and greed on the part of New York's famously left-wing Council members, who style themselves as champions of the 99 percent.

I think there's a cultural explanation for this paradox that goes beyond mere hypocrisy. Even when "progressive" officeholders like Rodriguez represent poor and working class districts, once they are elected their frame of reference becomes the upper status professional elite that dominates liberal Democratic politics. On some level they come to really believe that they should make \$150,000 or \$175,000.

While these influences are not as strong on the GOP side of the aisle, Republicans can still be subject to them. As a former Republican City Council candidate, I'm happy that the three GOP Council members opposed the bill—but their opposition statement left a lot

to be desired. They suggest that they would have voted for the only slightly less obscene \$26,000 raise recommended by the pay commission. To his credit, Councilman Eric Ulrich had previously stated that he would vote against any pay raise.

The fact is that we all ran for the job knowing that it paid \$112,000, which is already a lot more than the average New Yorker makes. And many of these ordinary New Yorkers work longer hours at far more difficult jobs than City Council members. For those who were elected to then vote themselves a big raise in the middle of their terms, whether \$36,000 or \$26,000, is repulsive, and the Republican caucus should have said so clearly.

*Dennis Saffran,  
Republican candidate for  
City Council from Northeast  
Queens in 2001 and 2013.*

## Guilty verdict in Gurley case is good for New York

The verdict is in. The jury has spoken loud and clear. On Feb. 11, in Brooklyn, history was made when a jury convicted a police officer of killing Akai Gurley, an unarmed black man. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Gurley family, and we hope they can find some relief in seeing justice rendered.

It is fitting that this verdict was rendered on the eve of the 107th anniversary of the NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the world. Although we do not take joy in this verdict, we do welcome a refreshing and unfamiliar taste of justice. It is unfortunate that a black man had to lose his life in the process. A mother lost her son, a daughter lost her father, and a community lost a young black man with unlimited potential.

A young officer lost his career and potentially his freedom.

There are those in the law enforcement profession who wanted to exonerate this officer in his role in the killing of Mr. Gurley. We believe that he should be held accountable for his actions, and thankfully in the pursuit of justice, the jury also felt that way. But we are not satisfied. We have more work to do in the pursuit of police reform and accountability.

Contrary to the police union's argument, this guilty verdict is good for the City of New York. This verdict brings about a partial restoration of faith and trust in the justice system among those who have seen justice denied time and time again. The verdict sends a message that no one is above the law and no one is beneath the law, and that yes, "Black

Lives Matter." One verdict will not eradicate or mend the widening gap between the police and the minority community, but it is a start.

This shooting and trial revealed the feelings harbored by some police officers toward minority communities. First, the trial highlighted an unmerited preconceived notion of fear, disrespect and mistrust of people of color. In the aftermath of the shooting, NAACP Branch Presidents Lynn Spivey and L. Joy Williams, along with Intern Imani Hendrix and I visited the scene of the killing at the Pink Houses. We, like the jury, did not experience a dangerous environment that would cause a police officer to walk around with his finger on the trigger.

Secondly, disturbing trial

testimony revealed that after the shooting both officers stepped over a mortally wounded black man without making any attempts to assist or render aid to him.

Third, we noticed that throughout the trial, Officer Liang failed to apologize to Mr. Gurley's mother, daughter, friends or family members for the killing of their loved one. A simple apology was in order.

We must be mindful of the fact, and express to the community, that these officers' actions do not represent the actions of those professional officers who patrol our communities on a daily basis under some of the harshest conditions without firing a shot from their weapons.

We long for the day when their professional actions will be emulated by all police offi-

cers nationwide.

We must do our part during this voting season to educate the non-voters in our community that this verdict of justice was not brought on by osmosis or just a happening of circumstances, but there is a direct correlation between this verdict and the power of the vote. This verdict originated with Brooklyn DA Kenneth Thompson, who was elected two years ago by the registered voters of Kings County. Voting matters and we must continue to tell it everywhere we go.

In the words of one of our slain NAACP leaders (Vernon Dahmer) on his death bed, "if you don't vote, you don't count."

*Leroy Gadsden  
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### CORRECTION

In "Career forum held for Bukharian teens," published in the Feb. 12-19 issue, the story should have stated that the Bukharian Teen Lounge is supported only in part by the JCCA.

# Uncle Sam hands out scarlet letters



Lenore  
Skenazy

■  
*Rhymes  
with Crazy*

the offenders used their passports to commit sex offenses abroad.”

Got that? No. Evidence.

But heck—what’s a complete lack of evidence compared to political grandstanding? The bill was sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and passed both houses with only a single, brave lawmaker, Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA), speaking out against it. He said that he endorsed the bill’s provisions to notify foreign countries about sex offenders’ travel plans, but was repulsed by the idea of the “unique passport identifier”—government-speak for passport branding.

“It is simply bad policy to single out one category of offenses for this type of treatment,” Scott told the House. “We do not subject those who murder, who defraud the government or our fellow citizens of millions and billions, or who commit acts of terrorism to these restrictions.”

Terrorists? Pffft. It is only sex offenders who must de-

clare their past deeds this way. And that is what the court challenge hinges upon.

“We don’t want those ‘identifiers’ on anybody’s passport,” says lawyer Janice Bellucci, president of the group California Reform Sex Offender Laws, who is filing the federal challenge on behalf of four sex offenders. “Our strongest argument is that it violates the First Amendment, because that ‘unique identifier’ is compelled speech.”

In other words, “The government is making you say something you don’t want to say.”

Bellucci has been down this legal road before. Twice she argued against California towns forcing sex offenders to put “No trick-or-treating” signs on their doors, and twice she won. A third time she sued the California Department of Corrections for the same thing. The department had told registrants they had to put that sign on their doors on Halloween. And if they didn’t

have a home and lived in a tent, well by golly, they had to put a “No trick-or-treating” sign on their tent flap. And if they were living in a sleeping bag at the side of the road, they had to put a “No trick-or-treating” sign on their sleeping bag, too.

Presumably this would help fend off the hordes of children seeking bite-size Snickers from the homeless. Bellucci won that case, too.

Like candy-doling, Halloween-activated predators in sleeping bags, the problem of registrants traveling abroad for sex tourism is also not a common one. Chris Smith has written that “currently tens of thousands of offenders could be traveling abroad as child sex tourists.”

But they aren’t.

The U.S. Justice Department itself says that about 10 Americans a year are convicted of “sex crimes against minors in other countries.” Meantime, there are more than 800,000 people on the Sex

Offender Registry—about a quarter of them minors. This means that the vast majority of registrants—at least 790,990 of them—are not sex tourists. And yet we won’t give them the basic right of traveling this great earth.

The United States has never branded anyone’s passport until now. Somehow we have survived 200+ years of giving all citizens the right to serve their time and then go on with their lives. Former drug dealers can travel south of the border. The “Ocean’s 11, 12 and 13” crews can hop on a plane to Monaco. But sex offenders, including teens who sexted and former flashers now in their 80s, will be branded with the scarlet “S” and kept in internal exile. It is for the sake of the children, of course.

It always is.

*Lenore Skenazy is founder of the book and blog Free-Range Kids, and a contributor at Reason.com.*

## Communities don’t want affordable housing



Bob  
Harris

■  
*The Civic  
Scene*

except the builders and real estate groups, oppose these proposals. Civic groups have spent decades fine-tuning the Zoning Resolution to protect the quality of life in localities from Lower Manhattan to the miles of homes stretching from Queens into Brooklyn. Thousands of civic leaders have attended hundreds of meetings over the decades to protect their neighborhoods.

People are fearful that increased density will ruin communities all over our city. People often talk about not changing the character of a neighborhood. This term is like the term “quality of life.” The people want to preserve the fine neighborhoods they now have. They know what they want, but city officials don’t seem to want to listen. The proposals don’t provide for enough parking in the new buildings to be built. People living in neighborhoods that will be changed feel that the

new housing will not be affordable for them.

Some people believe that one proposal for the whole city does not take into account differences in communities. City officials say that if people live less than 10 blocks from some city transportation then they don’t need a car or parking. Look at the freezing weather we just had. Other people feel that the city did not hold hearings when the plans were being written to get local input.

Areas in Manhattan like the East Village, Far West Village, South Village and University Place/Broadway Corridor all testified against the new zoning proposals because they don’t want more density. The Queens Civic Congress, which represents approximately 100 civic groups in Queens, also sent letters and testified against the proposals. The big question is, “How many City Council members will listen to their constituents and vote

against these disastrous new zoning changes?”

Experienced volunteer civic leaders are fearful of the illegal building which developers may do so they can make more money from these proposals. Current zoning and building regulations are constantly violated without consequences to the violators. The Department of Buildings has a bad habit of not gaining entrance into a building where a violation has been reported. If a building inspector tries to gain entrance three times and is refused, then the inspector writes “resolved” and closes the case. Knowledgeable civic leaders want the DOB to use the terms “dropped” or “not pursued.”

Then there is the problem that the Department of Finance just does not collect fines if they are imposed. Some people think the fines are just too small to make collecting them financially valu-

able. With all these problems, civic leaders contend that the new zoning rules will be violated at will and the quality of life will be lowered.

### GOOD AND BAD NEWS OF THE WEEK:

Charter schools are still in the news. While proponents say they are helping students, opponents say they exclude special-needs children, ESL students and disruptive students. Other opponents say that children who break a rule are suspended. A memo from one charter school had a list of “Got to go” students. Stories abound of children punished for the smallest infraction and children being yelled at so much that they vomit. Some parents are suing a charter school saying their children are not receiving the (costly) services they are supposed to receive. What is the truth?

# Mr. Governor, tear down these sexist ads!



**Tom Allon**  
 ■  
*Mayoral Spin Cycle*

Dear Gov. Cuomo,

Like you, we are the parents of three daughters. Walking the streets of New York, they tell us they are catcalled, leered at and objectified. Last year, one of them was groped by a stranger on the street. In high school and college, they are highly likely to experience unwanted sexual advances.

But the last place we imagined our daughters would be objectified would be while riding the New York City subway to school. There are three ads currently on display from Doctor's Plastic Surgery—one more offensive than the other.

In one of these ads, a young woman making a sad face

holds two oranges in front of her breasts. Next to her stands the same woman, but this time she is beaming ear to ear. Why? She is now holding two grapefruits in front of her breasts; she is the happy recipient of breast augmentation surgery by the crass medical group that paid for this public ad seen by millions of subway riders.

Would you and the MTA allow an ad with a young man making a sad face while holding a pickle in front of his penis next to the same man making a happy face while holding a large banana there?

We think not.

I doubt we are the only parents in New York whose blood boils every time we're standing in a cramped subway car in front of sexist "breast augmentation" ads. Most men in New York either have daughters or nieces or sisters or wives or girlfriends whose daily commute is subject to this body-

shaming image.

Gov. Cuomo, we know this situation has upset you in the past. In April 2014, your former aide, Howard Glazer, sent a pointed note to MTA Chairman Tom Prendergrast on your behalf objecting to a similar ad. "Made in New York" (which was emblazoned across a woman's oversized breasts) was another augmentation ad that featured oversized cleavage as a desirable outcome.

Your aide's letter to the MTA read: "In response to a query from our office, the MTA advised that such ads fall within the MTA's written standards for advertising. With all due respect, we suggest those standards need to be revisited... Tens of thousands of children ride the subway every day to get to school... The public has a right to expect that the MTA will strive for a family-friendly environment."

MTA spokesman Adam Lisberg said then that the agency

would look into the governor's request.

"The MTA understands the concerns that Gov. Cuomo and others have raised about this advertisement and about maintaining a family-friendly environment on our trains and buses. We will revisit our standards and our process for reviewing them."

That was almost two years ago.

When we recently wrote to the MTA to complain about the offensive "breast augmentation" ads, an MTA employee wrote back that "because of the First Amendment" the state agency cannot make guidelines to reject ads that are offensive or demeaning unless it would "imminently incite or provoke violence."

Really?

Gov. Cuomo, you have the power to change this clearly mistaken MTA policy.

If an ad demeaning to men was posted in New York City

subway or bus, we have no doubt that it would wisely be rejected by the MTA.

Why are ads demeaning to women any different?

Your instinct two years ago, when you had one of your aides question this sexist ad campaign, was absolutely correct. We are not sure why you backed down so quickly.

We know that in 2014 you were busy running for re-election and starting the Women's Equality Party, which delivered more than 50,000 votes in your victorious campaign.

Now it is time to stay true to your beliefs and do the right thing. Tear down those sexist ads on the subway.

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*Sincerely,  
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# City cracks down on construction site safety

BY BILL PARRY

Hoping to assuage the fears of residents and business owners in high-density construction zones such as Long Island City, Flushing and Jamaica, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Friday that the city will quadruple the penalties for serious construction-safety lapses, conduct a wave of more than 1,500 enforcement sweeps and require new supervision at construction sites citywide to protect workers and the public amid the record building boom.

Construction has surged more than 300 percent since 2009, according to the de Blasio administration, contributing more jobs and housing but leading to an increase in preventable construction-related injuries and fatalities.

The city is launching a proactive enforcement sweep that will target 1,500 sites over the next 90 days and 100 more inspectors will be hired by the summer, according to officials.

To make sure builders can-

not profit by skirting safety rules, the city is raising the penalties for serious safety lapses from \$2,400 to \$10,000, and the penalty for lacking a construction superintendent will increase from \$5,000 to a maximum of \$25,000. The announcement came a week after a crane, owned and operated by two Queens companies, collapsed in Tribeca, killing one pedestrian and injuring three other people.

"No building is worth a person's life," de Blasio said. "We have a responsibility to keep the men and women who are building New York City safe. We are ramping up inspections and oversight to make sure that our workers have added protections. We do not accept any loss of life in this business as inevitable or acceptable."

The actions are part of a \$120 million modernization underway at the Department of Buildings that will increase oversight of high-risk sites. Sweeps conducted by the DOB last fall shut down more than 500 construction sites city-



Construction sites, like this one in Court Square, have come under increased scrutiny for safety lapses following a crane collapse in Lower Manhattan.

Photo by Bill Parry

wide.

"We don't tolerate contractors who cut corners and recklessly increase the risks of construction work," DOB Commissioner Rick Chandler

said. "Our investigations routinely reveal that accidents could have been prevented if contractors simply followed existing safety rules. We're determined to change the mind-

set that safety violations are simply the cost of doing business."

Construction superintendents will be required on all new construction and renovations of buildings under 10 stories which historically have had less oversight. Smaller job sites were responsible for 70 percent of construction-related accidents last year.

"With a record amount of construction in New York City, it is important that the department and the construction industry work together to make certain that all projects are built using the best practices the industry has to offer," General Contractors Association Executive Director Denise Richardson said. "We support the city's efforts to make certain that all regulations are appropriate to the work being performed and are known, understood and followed by all involved in the project."

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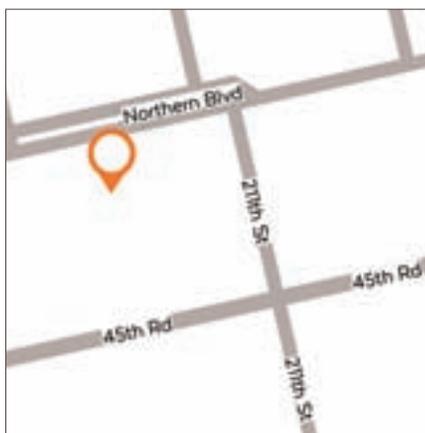
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# Jamaica gang member sentenced to 25 years

BY SADEF ALI KULLY



One suspected member of the SNOW gang in southeast Queens was convicted last month after a 10-week trial for conspiracy to murder, and was sentenced Feb. 9 to serve 8 to 25 years in prison, the Queens District Attorney announced.

Trevor Lucas, 23, from Jamaica, was sentenced by Supreme Court Justice Robert Kohm to spend consecutively 8 to 25 years in prison, in addition to the two-year prison term he is currently serving for attempted criminal possession of a weapon. The three other defendants convicted with Lucas are slated to be sentenced later this month.

Lucas was convicted Jan. 20, of second-degree conspiracy following the jury trial before Kohm. Lucas is an alleged member of the so-called SNOW, Loyalty Over Everything, Young Bosses and Mobbed Out Bosses street gangs that operated in Rosedale, Laurelton and Rochdale Village neighborhoods.

"The defendant has shown that he has no regard for human life. The conviction and this lengthy prison sentence strikes at the heart of a unified and criminally active group of young people who threatened the lives and safety of innocent bystanders by conspiring to kill two other purported members of a rival street gang. This plot to kill was in retaliation for the shooting death of a SNOW gang member. Today's sentence — the maximum allowable by law — is more than warranted," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

According to the trial testimony, Lucas and the three other defendants operated within the confines of the 113th and 105th precincts — the area

comprises the Rosedale, Laurelton and Rochdale Village neighborhoods. Between March 30 and April 1, 2014, the defendants conspired to kill two purported members of a rival gang in retaliation for the March 2014 shooting death of a SNOW gang member, the Queens DA said.

Courtesy of thismess.net

In addition to their plot, the DA said the purported gang members gathered in Montbellier Park in Springfield Gardens on April 1, 2014, for unlawful purposes and when confronted by police they ran away but were quickly apprehended.

Brown said the long-term investigation — which was spearheaded by the NYPD Queens Gang Squad, the 113th Precinct's Strategic Enforcement Team and Queens DA Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau — utilized various investigative techniques, including the monitoring of conversations spread out on more than 1.1 million Facebook pages belonging to gang members.

# Suspect ID'd by jail card in car burglaries: 104 Pct.

BY GABRIEL ROM

Police from the 104th Precinct have arrested a suspect wanted in a string of car break-ins in Ridgewood and Maspeth.

Police officials said Carlos Barrios, of Brooklyn, has been charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and petty larceny in connection with a criminal mischief complaint from Jan. 2. Barrios was identified when he left his New York State Corrections Released Inmate I.D. card inside the car he was allegedly trying to break into,

police said.

The arrest was made Feb. 8 at around 10:30 p.m. by two of the precinct's newest officers, Capt. Gregory Mackie of the 104th Precinct announced at the precinct community council meeting Tuesday.

In what Mackie said was a testament to active community involvement, the precinct got a phone call from a citizen reporting a man who was engaged in a physical altercation with another man. Officers responded immediately and one of the officers

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## Rebounding from a late start to retirement savings

Some people do not have the ability to begin saving for retirement early on. Others may have brushed retirement savings aside for so long that they are now worried that it's too late to begin socking away money for retirement.

While it's best to start saving for retirement as early as possible, the good news is that it's never too late to start planning for retirement. If your 40th birthday has long passed and you're fi-

nally thinking ahead to retirement, consider these catch-up strategies.

- Research tax-advantageous retirement savings plans. A financial planner can point you in the right direction, or consult with your employer about employee programs. Deposit money into a 401(k) or 403(b) plan or another retirement vehicle. Jump on any opportunities when your employer matches invested funds. Investigate an IRA and find out if there are any government incentives. Depending on your age, you may be able to deposit more money into such accounts than other investors.

- Cut back on expenses. Cutting back on unnecessary expenses is a great way to save more money for retirement. Figure out where you can save some money

you can then allocate to retirement savings. Maybe you can reduce insurance coverage on an older car or raise your deductible? Downsize cable packages or skip that costly cup of coffee on the way to work. Perhaps it's time to look for a smaller, less expensive home or a compact car instead of an SUV. Any money saved now will benefit you when the time comes time to bid farewell to the workforce.

- Delay your retirement. Many people who retire find themselves bored and looking for ways to fill their time, and as a result more and more people are delaying their retirement, which also gives them more time to save for that day when they do call it quits. If you want to work less, discuss and negotiate a phased re-

irement with your bosses that allows you to stick with your employer but gradually work fewer hours until you retire completely. You may be able to work part-time for several years and retire when you're most comfortable.

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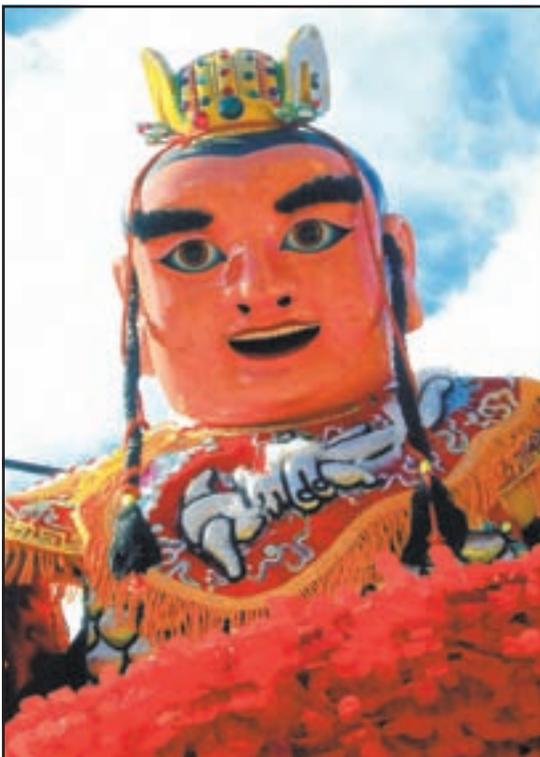
As grand marshal of the Lunar New Year Parade in Flushing, Gov. Cuomo (c) starts off the line of march for the Year of the Monkey with many dignitaries in tow. Photo by Walter Karling



The high winds forced most of the large, looping dragon lines from marching in the parade, but some of the smaller puppets made it. Photo by Steve Vazquez



Auxiliary Police Officers Oh (l) and Park from the 109th Pct, are on crowd control duty for the parade. Photo by Steve Vazquez



Life-sized (and bigger) dolls are a staple of the parade. Photo by Walter Karling



A vision in yellow, this band gets ready to step off at the beginning of the parade. Photo by Steve Vazquez



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**1** At August Martin High School, Furthering Fathering, a ministry that promotes fatherhood skills, holds a workshop to teach men how to cook. A retired Army National Guard chef, Neno Morris, shows his students how to whip up spaghetti with meat sauce.  
Courtesy of Councilman Wills



**2** Layers, people. The key to keeping warm in temperatures around zero is layers. This Middle Village pooch has got three coats—four, if you count the one nature gave him—for a walk in the park last weekend.  
Instagram



**3** Chef Shaun Hergatt of Juni, the high-end, Midtown Manhattan eatery, spent Valentine's Day making dinner—fried chicken and braised carrots—for 100 older people in Astoria and Ridgewood.  
Courtesy of CityMeals on Wheels



**4** The annual city Drill Team Competition, held at Francis Lewis High School in Fresh Meadows, produces two big wins for the host team. Francis Lewis' Patriot Battalion wins in two of four divisions.  
Courtesy of Francis Lewis HS



**5** Queens Village mom Christine Budwha Giles (c.) thanks her Northwell Health cardiologists for saving her life when she developed heart failure after childbirth. (l-r) Matthew Giles, Christine's husband; their children, Christian, 8 and Anna, 14 months; with cardiologists Dr. Stacey Rosen and Dr. Evelina Gravyer.



**6** Workers at the Queens Museum are installing a monumental canvas of Paul Bunyan for the upcoming William Gropper show called "Bearing Witness."  
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**7** How cold was it? These guys are just finishing a run through Forest Park when they stop to pose on the iced-over pond and the pole in the background labeled Danger. Very brave.  
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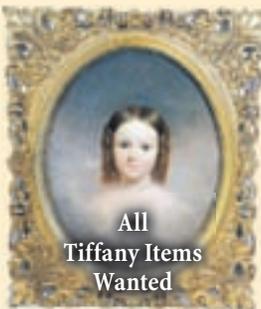


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# Borough Beat

COMPILED BY MICHAEL SHAIN



Assemblywoman Nily Rozic of Flushing briefs Community Education Council 25's Town Hall on what she says is \$43.6 million owed to schools in her district by Albany.  
Courtesy of Assemblywoman Rozic



Over breakfast at Borough Hall, the African American Heritage Committee gets an update on community and economic development, education and housing from Borough President Melinda Katz.  
Courtesy of Borough President's office



Under the headline "Assemblyman Goldfeder Faces Potential Challenger in 2026," the Rockaways pol tweeted this photo of fourth-grader Madyson Middleton on her visit to Albany to be part of the "Assembly Member for a Day" program.  
Courtesy of Assemblyman Goldfeder



At St. John's University, Congresswoman Grace Meng gets one of the first editions of the new Lunar New Year stamps from the US Postal Service.  
Courtesy of Rep. Meng



Council member I. Daneek Miller greets his Corona counterpart, Council member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, at a Black History Month celebration she sponsored at the Elmcorn on 108th Street.  
Photo by Nat Valentine



At the parking lot on Little Neck Bay, you can go if you want to stay a while. That's because a new public restroom, years in the making, is finally opened. State Sen. Tony Avella is one of the officials cutting the ribbon.  
Courtesy of Reuven Blau



At Riccardo's Restaurant in Astoria, Council member Daniel Dromm (second from left) tweets this picture from the educational advocacy group PFLAG's awards lunch with Borough President Melinda Katz and U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley.  
Photo courtesy of Council Member Dromm

# HOLY CROSS H.S. WINS THE 21ST ANNUAL RESEARCH POSTER SESSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

On Saturday, February 6, 2016, Mrs. Cathy Kenny, Science Research Coordinator and Science Department Chairperson, Holy Cross High School, had the privilege of watching one of her students, Nicholas Simone (junior), not only compete in the 21st Annual Research Poster Session for High School Students sponsored by the Chemical Education Committee of the American Chemical Society's New York Section – but she watched Simone place first in the event. Additionally, Holy Cross H.S. was the only Catholic school represented at the large-scale competition.

At the competition, held at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, Simone competed with 100 other students from New York and New Jersey who attend schools such as Stuyvesant H.S., Midwood H.S. and Union City H.S. The annual poster session event allows high school students from the metropolitan area to showcase their science-based research, obtain acknowledgements, and directly compete with one another. Simone's research topic, which he is still actively working on, is Fungicide Maneb and Mancozeb Induce Senescence (Pathways, pp. 15-16, p. 27, p. 53). As a participant, he was



required to create a poster board of his work and then perform a comprehensive oral presentation. Simone's board was judged by two scientists who work in the fields of chemistry and academia. After listening to students' presentations, the judges asked a series of questions regarding participants' experiments. Judges spent approximately 25 minutes absorbing and documenting vital information pertaining to each topic and later chose the winners.

During the spring semester of his freshman year, Simone applied to the Science Research in the High School Program, which is affiliated with the State University of New York (SUNY), Albany. In September of his sophomore year, Nicholas began working with Dr. Demi Cheng, John Jay College. Dr. Cheng made weekly visits to Holy Cross to teach Simone about their collaborative research. During the summer between his sophomore and junior years, Simone went to John Jay Col-

lege five-days-a-week to work on his research. SUNY regulations mandate that students enrolled in this program complete 90 hours of summer work in order to obtain University-offered college credits.

Aside from basking in the glory of winning such a prestigious and rigorous competition, Simone humbly continues to work alongside Dr. Cheng. His goals are to complete his research and – in the near future – study within the medical field upon entering college.

On behalf of the Holy Cross H.S. community, we congratulate Nicholas Simone on his dedication to his research and wish him the very best in completing his study.

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# More money needed

## Borough Hall reviews small city budget for Queens

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

While the state and city go back and forth over who will foot the bill for various items, the borough's preliminary budget meeting held last week at Borough Hall in Kew Gardens concluded Queens needs more money from the city.

Last month, Gov. Andrew Cuomo shifted the responsibility for \$485 million a year in funding for senior CUNY colleges—such as York College and Queens College—as well as \$180 million in Medicaid costs to the city budget. But the city and state will eventually enter talks to come to agreeable terms, according to city and state sources.

Borough President Melinda Katz, City Council members and community board chairs held a meeting Feb. 9 to go over the city's budget for Queens with Borough Hall budget staff.

The city budget of \$82.1 billion for the borough includes funding for the borough president's office, community boards, the expansion of city services across the borough, the Queens Public Library and police and fire department expansions, among other priorities.

"We get the least amount of money. but we really make the most of our services and stretch our dollars," said Richard Lee, budget director at Queens Borough Hall.



BOROUGH PRESIDENT MELINDA KATZ

He pointed out the borough gets the smallest amount of money for its overall budget when compared with other boroughs. And Queens has the second largest population after Brooklyn in the city.

Lee said that while Queens has the second-largest population in the city, under the city's affordable housing plan, only 1,706 of the city's 40,204 affordable housing units were in the borough.

Katz said in order for city services to reach the borough's rapidly growing population, the budget would need to increase.

"People want to come here and live here and we have to find a way to keep up with that, and that is what we hope to do," she said.

The budget presentation fo-

cus on pressing concerns for community board chairs and City Council members, such as increasing services for senior centers, raising the number of child-care and Head Start sites, increasing funds for the summer youth employment program, expanding schools to address overcrowding, creating more affordable housing, increasing funding for cultural organizations and raising more funds to hire park enforcement patrol officers as well as supporting other park services.

In a letter on the budget to the mayor's office, City Council and city Office of Management and Budget, Katz also addressed rising rent costs, overcrowding in schools and services for the growing populations of seniors and new immigrants across the city.

# Street to be renamed for Knicks' Mason

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

South Jamaica is slated to honor the late Knicks forward Anthony Mason, who grew up in the area, at a street naming approved by the City Council this month.

As part of a package of name changes across the city, the City Council greenlighted the renaming of 147th Street between Rockaway and Sutphin boulevards, which will be called Anthony Mason Way. The bill was introduced by Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica).

Mason, known for his brawny stature and slam dunks, died Feb. 28, 2015 after suffering from congestive heart failure. He was 48. His funeral services were held

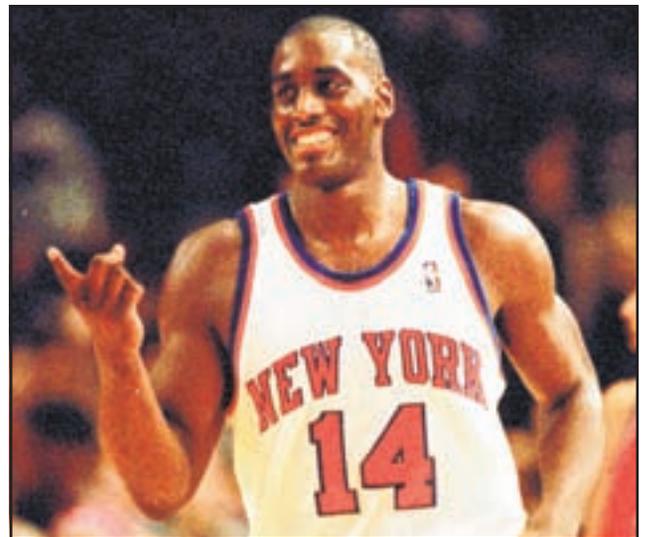
at the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral on Merrick Boulevard last March.

Last year in May, Springfield Gardens High School named its gym "Mase" for the nickname he had cut into his hair. Mason graduated from the school and helped lead Springfield Gardens to the 1983 Public School Athletics League boys' basketball city title.

It was an all-Star event.

Mason's two sons, Anthony Jr. and Antoine, turned out as well as former Knicks John Starks, John Wallace and Anthony Bonner. Ken Fiedler, Mason's coach, and his son, former NFL quarterback Jay Fielder, attended the ceremony.

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Anthony Mason on court during his career with the Knicks.

AP

## OBITUARY

# Liz Volk, radiologist, athlete, musician, dies at 54

Elizabeth Ann Volk, also known as Liz, died Feb. 8 at age 54 in Redding, Conn. Surrounded by family and close friends, she left us peacefully from the home she shared with her life-partner, Josephine Mi-neo.

Volk was born on Nov. 22, 1961 in Flushing to Ana Golden and Robert Volk. She is survived by her three brothers—Robert, William and John—their spouses and her five nieces and nephews.

She earned her associate degree from Queensborough Community College in Bay-side and went on to work in ad-



ELIZABETH ANN VOLK

vertising. She later graduated from Bellevue Hospital Center School of Radiologic Technolo-

gy and became licensed to practice in New York state. While working at Bellevue and New York University she earned certifications in Mammography and MRI. Afterward, she moved to Beth Israel North where she worked in Interventional Radiology with some of the most respected physicians in the field. Volk had found her niche. Her last move was to Westchester Medical Center, where she continued to work in IR. She developed many close relationships there, both professionally and personally. She practiced there for the last 10 years.

Volk's No. 1 passion was music. Whether she was playing her guitar, attending concerts or creating playlists, music remained her lifeline. She enjoyed traveling and gardening. She was an avid sports fan who loved following University of Connecticut women's basketball, the New York Liberty of the WNBA and the Mets, Giants and Jets. Yet Volk was not just a spectator, she was an athlete who completed many 5Ks, a half-marathon, a biathlon and two New York City Marathons.

A celebration of her life took place Feb. Tuesday at

Hawthorne Funeral Home in Hawthorne, N.Y. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. A mass at St. Luke's Church in Whitestone will be held in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to Ann's Place and to Regional Hospice.

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# Theater

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led her to a undergraduate program at Stanford University when she was just 16.

Jemison went on to Cornell University where she earned her medical degree in 1981.

But along her journey she never gave up her childhood dream of one day venturing into outer space.

Jemison accomplished that on Sept. 12, 1992, as a crew member on the Space Shuttle Endeavour, becoming the first black woman in space.

Black Spectrum's production of Jacqueline Wade's play will be presented by a pre-curtain dinner.

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# Break-ins

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noticed that one of the males matched the description of the suspect sought in the car incidents, Mackie said. The suspect was also identified from surveillance footage.

He resisted arrest and a brief scuffle occurred, the captain said.

The thefts, which began in late December, have mostly occurred in Ridgewood, although Elmhurst and Maspeth have been struck, too. As of Feb. 3, there had been at least 25 thefts from cars, according to the COMET civic group. Some of the vehicles had their windows broken,

while some car owners may have left their vehicle doors unlocked.

The crime pattern began around Dec. 28., when the front passenger door windows of four vehicles were found busted out on Centre Street near Cypress Avenue in Ridgewood in the early morning. One victim said his car was turned inside out and reported an assorted socket tool set and phone charger missing even though they were hidden in his vehicle.

"Since the arrest, thanks to our officers' efforts, the auto breaks have subsided," Mackie said. He did not confirm whether any thefts had taken place since the arrest.

"The common thread here

is property/money left inside the vehicle," Mackie said in a statement to the COMET civic group early this month. "Don't leave anything inside your vehicle of value. It is just not worth it," Mackie said. "Make sure all the doors are locked. The easiest way inside your car for a thief is through an unlocked door, and they will try all the handles until they find one that is unlocked."

Mackie also spoke approvingly of a host of proposed laws that would give police more legal tools to shut down illicit massage parlors.

"We're hoping that if these laws pass, it will help us spearhead the effort to get the community cleaned up," he said.

# Mason

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A green-and-white banner with Mason's silhouette and haircut was hung on the wall of the gym.

Mason played 13 seasons in the NBA, five of them with the Knicks, from 1991-96.

He averaged 9.9 points and 7.7 rebounds per game during his years with New York and

epitomized the tough playing style of head coach Pat Riley. He won the league's Sixth Man of the Year Award in 1995 and was an All-Star with the Miami Heat in 2001.

A fan favorite during the last of the Knicks' glory years in the 1990s, Mason was known for his dribbling skills and a soft shooter's touch. But he was also famous for his rough-and-tough court style, a result of his towering size at

6-foot-7 and over 200 pounds combined with his aggressive demeanor.

Mason could be seen during and after his NBA days in and around southeast Queens, where he frequented Proper Cafe on Linden Boulevard and got his famous haircuts at a barbershop on Parsons Boulevard.

He also played for the Nets, Hornets, Nuggets and Bucks.



Dr. Mae C. Jemison addresses congressional representatives last September in Washington, D.C. Photo by Kevin Wolf/AP Images



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Racks of ribs and sausages are hung to dry all over the Ridgewood Pork Store.

Photo by Suzanne Parker



Jonel Picioane, above, shows some of the meats for sale at his Ridgewood Pork Store.  
Photo by Suzanne Parker

## Flushing goes HOG WILD

NY Epicurean brings **CHARCUTERIE MASTERS** to Town Hall for a meat lovers' extravaganza

BY SUZANNE PARKER

NY Epicurean Events, the folks who organized the recent Cheesefest, are pandering to meatheads this time with

Charcuterie Masters, to be held at historic Flushing Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Part tasting event and part smack-down, Charcuterie Masters brings to-

gether Old World and new wave charcuterie artisans, chefs, vintners and brewers.

Charcuterie Masters is the first ever competition of its kind, highlighting the talents of more than a dozen professional and amateur makers of artisanal charcuterie.

For a little preview of what was in store, I paid a visit to the Ridgewood Pork Store.

While waiting for the attention of the owner, Jonel Picioane, I couldn't help but overhear his conversation with the customer ahead of me. An Asian man was ordering an impressive quantity of Tasso ham while chatting about all manner of cured meats. I couldn't resist asking the man if he was a chef. He introduced himself as Fred Hua, of Nhà Minh, a Vietnamese café cum art gallery

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**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

**"Fences"** – As part of its Black History Month celebration, the JCAL presents August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Part of Wilson's 10-play cycle, "Fences" is set in the 1950s and explores race relations in America.

**When:** Through Feb. 21  
**Where:** Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Contact:** (718) 618-6170  
**Website:** www.jcal.org

**"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

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** – The recent Broadway musical comedy follows six over-achieving youngsters – played by adult actors who take on other roles in the show – as they compete to be the best speller in Putnam County.

**When:** March 5 - 20  
**Where:** Marathon Little Theater, 245-37 60th Ave., Douglaston  
**Cost:** \$20/adults, \$18/seniors and children under 12  
**Contact:** (917) 647-7526  
**Website:** www.marathonjcc.org

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Answers in Sports

Easy #2

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Hard #2

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

Tips at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)  
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Week 9

# Astoria theater looks to its neighbors

For its 15th birthday, APAC commissions original works about iconic places in NW Queens

BY MERLE EXIT

Northwest Queens takes center stage this week as the Astoria Performing Arts Center celebrates its 15th season with a slate of new works focused on its neighborhood.

"Astoria Stories" consists of a series of original plays and musicals that pay tribute to such landmarks as Astoria Park, the Bohemian Beer Garden and Socrates Sculpture Park.

About a dozen Queens-based writers have collaborated on the nine pieces.

"It is the first time that APAC has done a project of multi-artists all working towards one evening's show," APAC's Artistic Director Dev Bondarin said. "The excitement for these writers is that each of these pieces is brand new."



The writers who are participating in the "Astoria Stories" festival at the Astoria Performing Arts Center include, front, Ben Gassman, (l-r) Christopher Torres and Heidi Hepp-Galván. And, top, Ty Defoe (l-r) Tidtaya Sinutoke, Dyan Flores, Nathan Brisby, Lizzie Hagstedt, Kari Bentley-Quinn, and Kathleen Warnock. Not pictured is Alexander Sage Oyen

Photo courtesy APAC

## IF YOU GO

### "Astoria Stories"

**When:** Feb. 19 to Feb. 27  
**Where:** Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 30-44 Crescent St., Astoria and Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria for Feb. 21 performance only.  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Contact:** (718) 706-5750  
**Website:** www.apacny.org

"Astoria Stories" celebrates the different places and how they transform, affect and engage visitors.

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"Writers were asked to take a familiar Astoria location and to write a 10-minute piece centered

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## EVENTS

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

**Outdoor Skills: Animal Tracking** – Dive into the world of the great outdoors as Urban Rangers show hikers how to identify animal tracks to understand their behavior.  
**When:** Sunday, Feb. 21, at 11 am  
**Where:** Alley Pond Park Adventure Center, Oakland Gardens  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 352-1769  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**Volunteer Open House** – Looking to volunteer with the Queens Botanical Garden? Meet department heads and long-time volunteers to learn about options available to volunteers.  
**When:** Saturday, Feb. 27, from noon - 2 pm  
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Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing  
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**Historic New York: Fort Totten Architecture** – Join the Urban Park Rangers for a tour of Fort Totten and learn about the site's history and architecture.  
**When:** Saturday, Feb. 27, at 1 pm  
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## 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](http://www.jcal.org)

## MUSIC

**Midtown Men** – Four stars from the original Broadway production of "Jersey Boys" reunite for this concert of '60s hits from The Beatles, The Rascals and, naturally, The Four Seasons.

**When:** Sunday, Feb 21, at 3 pm  
**Where:** Colden Auditorium at Kupferberg Center for the Arts, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing  
**Cost:** \$35 - \$59  
**Contact:** (718) 793-8080  
**Website:** [www.kupferbergcenter.org](http://www.kupferbergcenter.org)

**Annie Chen Septet** – The New York-based Chinese jazz vocalist and composer performs.  
**When:** Friday, Feb 26, at 8 pm  
**Where:** Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.  
**Cost:** \$16/general, \$10/members and students

**Contact:** (718) 463-7700  
**Website:** [www.flushingtownhall.org](http://www.flushingtownhall.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  
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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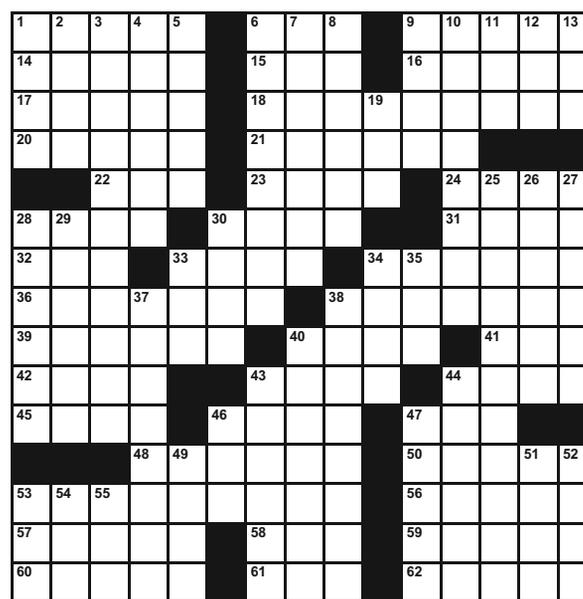
By Pete Canty

### Going Green



#### Across

1. Fiesta fare
6. "\_\_\_ be my pleasure!"
9. Increase
14. Rumble
15. Revolutionary leader
16. Liqueur flavor
17. Part of an act?
18. Green drink
20. Search party
21. Hilo hellos
22. Arctic bird
23. Dashed
24. Taj Mahal city
28. Distort
30. Mongrels
31. Small fastener
32. Pop-ups, e.g.
33. \_\_\_ d'oeuvre
34. Germany neighbor
36. John Lennon classic
38. Goalie's gig
39. Fragrant flowers
40. Yard component
41. Easter preceder?
42. Baseball stats
43. Brink
44. Workout sites
45. Start over
46. Low voice
47. Trigonometry abbr.



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| 48. Famed TV collie          | 6. Childish               | 33. Sot's sound           |
| 50. Easy wins                | 7. Some sewers            | 34. Chick's sound         |
| 53. Green animal             | 8. Blood driver           | 35. Frequently, in verse  |
| 56. From the East            | 9. Indian royal           | 37. Jaguar juice          |
| 57. Left Bank locale         | 10. Worthless             | 38. Pie and pudding, e.g. |
| 58. Suffix with persist      | 11. Zero to a soccer buff | 40. Ford models           |
| 59. D.C. subway              | 12. Expend                | 43. Social strata         |
| 60. Voice, slangily          | 13. Type of band          | 44. Energizes             |
| 61. 27-Down or 53-Down sound | 19. Everyday article      | 46. Troop grp.            |
| 62. "I don't buy it"         | 25. Green apple           | 47. Runner's ailment      |
|                              | 26. Type of note          | 49. Eons                  |
|                              | 27. Venomous snakes       | 51. Legal intro           |
|                              | 28. Bob Marley            | 52. Winter blanket?       |
|                              | back-up                   | 53. Venomous snake        |
|                              | 29. Look up to            | 54. Island ring?          |
|                              | 5. Polished               | 55. Back talk             |
|                              | 30. Hustles               |                           |

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The counter at the Ridgewood Pork Store is piled high with ham and other delicacies for sale. Photo by Suzanne Parker

## MEAT

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in Brooklyn. He wanted the ham for bahn mi sandwiches at his restaurant. Where but Queens would you run into a Vietnamese chef buying New Orleans-style ham in an Eastern European meat market?

The Ridgewood Pork Store has been at the same location at 516 Seneca Ave. since the 1930s.

Picioane claims bragging rights to operating the oldest non-stop smokehouse in New York City in the store's basement. Picioane's father bought the store in 1974. He was an ethnic Romanian who emigrated from the autonomous Serbian province of Vojvodina.

The ethnic makeup of Ridgewood has changed considerably since 1974, and Picioane strives to keep up with the times. His biggest sellers are his bacons—maple smoked, cracked pepper and double smoked.

But along with his Eastern European sausages, he offers chorizo, andouille, and nduja—Calabrese smoked spreadable sausage. He also loves to come up with new delicacies. His entries in the Charcuterie Masters contest will showcase the products of this experimentation — namely dry aged Wagyu beef, Rosemary smoked lamb, and pistachio studded salami made with fatback from Iberico pigs.

Carl Blake will be a significant presence at the event. Computer engineer turned pig farmer and barbecue tinkerer extraordinaire, he created the Iowa Swabian Hall pigs, a cross of the Chinese Meishan and Russian wild boar, based on a 19th-century German breed. Blake will be providing a pig for a butchering demonstration by Larissa

### IF YOU GO

#### Charcuterie Masters

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 27, from 6 pm - 9 pm

**Where:** Flushing Town Hall, 37-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing

**Cost:** \$100/general admission, \$200/VIP includes early entry and access to special tasting room, Tickets available at [www.nyepicureanevents.com](http://www.nyepicureanevents.com)

**Contact:** (718) 463-7700

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

Popa, Detroit butcher and charcuter. Chef Will Horowitz of Manhattan's Ducks Eatery/Harry & Ida's will be smoking one of Blake's pigs.

In conjunction with Michelin-starred Chef Hugue Dufour of M. Wells Steakhouse in Long Island City, Blake will be demonstrating one of his latest creations, the American Hot Box. Blake promised that the stainless steel cooking box can cook a 100-pound pig in four hours. Blake has only shipped six boxes so far, but he said Menard's, the Midwest hardware store chain has already contacted him about carrying it.

Guests will be able to sample exquisite charcuterie, including paté de campagne with truffle, and pata negra salami with Catskills goat cheese as well as partake in an Iowa Swabian Hall pig roast prepared caja China style by Chef Hugue Dufour and Mangalitsa pork sliders grilled by Chef Zhicay. Pairings will include top-rated wines, craft beers, and farmstead ciders.

They will also have an opportunity to learn from the makers as well participate in a people's choice vote of the best-of-the-evening charcuterie.

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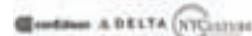
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# Diversity in casting is going to take work

#OscarsSoWhite backlash puts spotlight on non-traditional choices for acting roles



Ronald B. Hellman  
The Play's The Thing

The current controversy about the lack of diversity in acting nominations for the Oscars prompts me to revisit the subject of non-traditional casting in theater.

A person's skin color or minority status should be irrelevant as a factor for an award, but having the opportunity to be cast is most definitely a consideration.

Most plays in the English-speaking world have been written by white playwrights for white actors. To cast a person of color or with some obvious ethnicity in one of those roles is deemed "non-traditional."

In recent years, on stage, on screen and most notably on television, changes are taking place.

Musicals seem to lend themselves to more mixed casting.

A revival some years ago of "Carousel" at Lincoln Center had the roles of Carrie and Mr. Snow played by an interracial couple, and when their children appeared at the end of the show, some were black and some were white.

The play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" was revived with an all black cast.

Shakespeare revivals take many liberties with non-traditional casting, including gender bending. "The Taming of the Shrew" production this summer at Shakespeare in the Park will have an all female cast — only fair I guess, since in Shakespeare's time all roles were played by men.

The Broadway sensation "Hamilton" — can you get me a ticket? — features the Founding Fathers as racially diverse, but that's the way it's written. Contemporary playwrights tend to rebel when the text of their work is altered, as



Lin-Manuel Miranda (r) appears on screen accepting the award for best musical theater album for "Hamilton" at the 58th annual Grammy Awards Monday night.  
Photo by Matt Sayles/Invision/AP

did the author of "The Mountaintop" in a college production with a white actor playing Martin Luther King, Jr.

Long gone are white actors performing in blackface, as well as whites playing Asians — Mickey Rooney as a Japanese character in "Breakfast

at Tiffany's" stands out as a cringe-worthy example. David Henry Hwang's play "Yellow Face," produced by The Outrageous Fortune Company a few years ago, deals with racial identity when a white man is mistakenly cast as an Asian. Hwang had protested

the original production of "Miss Saigon" — soon returning to Broadway — because of the casting of the white Jonathan Pryce in the lead role of the Engineer, a Eurasian.

Traditionally an actor's appearance has been a factor in the casting process, including age and gender. However, our modern theater is more sensitive to our cultural diversity.

And more plays are being written by women and minorities.

Perhaps the late black playwright August Wilson had it right. He was a strong advocate against non-traditional casting. What he urged was plays to be written for black characters and other non-whites. If more of these roles existed, to give non-white actors an opportunity to show what they can do, then the Academy Awards would be handed out more equally.

Contact Ron Hellman at rbhofc@gmail.com.

## Arts

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## KIDS AND FAMILY

**Kids Week Queens: Winter Wildlife Hike** — Wrap up February break with a hike through Alley Pond Park led by the Urban Rangers.  
When: Friday, Feb. 19, at 1 pm  
Where: Alley Pond Park Adventure Center, Oakland Gardens  
Cost: Free

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

## GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

**LIVEART.US** — A new platform at the Queens Museum focused on performance artists. This month's program employs artists who look at concerns in contemporary American society.

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, from 3 pm - 6 pm  
Where: Queens Museum, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park  
Cost: \$8/suggested  
Contact: (718) 592-9700  
Website: www.queensmuseum.org

**Hoyeon Art Association** — The Queens-based group presents a show of paintings in various themes and styles — from calligraphy to colorful landscapes.  
When: Through March 12  
Where: Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., 405 Klapper Hall, Flushing  
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2015 Emerging Artist

**Fellowship Exhibition** — Works from the 16 artists awarded an Emerging Artist Fellowship will be on display.  
When: Through March 13  
Where: Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City  
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Website: www.socratessculpturepark.org

**Marc Asnin's "Uncle Charlie"** — A show of 80 photographs from renowned documentary photographer that explores his family and growing up in 1960s Brooklyn.  
When: Through April 10  
Where: Queensborough Community College Art Gallery, 222-05 56th Ave. Bayside  
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**ALL IN THE FAMILY**  
Photographer Marc Asnin's show "Uncle Charlie" is made up of 80 pieces, including "Couple Smoking on Floor." See Galleries & Exhibitions for more details on this Queensboro Community College event.  
Photo courtesy Marc Asnin

queensbotanical.org

**"Essence of Queens" Photography by Carlos Esguerra** — Queens-based photographer Esguerra's work grew out of an article he saw last year titled, "Why Queens is the NYC Borough You Can No Longer Ignore."  
When: Through May 8  
Where: Voelker Orth Museum,

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# Queens World Film Festival returns for its fifth sequel

The sixth annual Queens World Film Festival kicks off March 15 with more than 120 feature length and short movies on tap.

Earlier this month, Katha and Don Cato, founders of the festival, welcomed filmmakers, politicians and movie fans to the Museum of the Moving Image to announce this year's lineup and to name Melvin Van Peebles this year's winner of its Spirit of Queens Award.

"He is a maverick," Katha Cato said. "He started going in a direction that he didn't even know what it was going to be. That epitomizes our festival."

Van Peebles' groundbreaking feature, "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song," will be screened March 16.

Then on March 19, fellow honoree Susan Seidelman's "Smitherens," her break-through feature centered on the New York City punk scene in the early '80s, receives the festival treatment complete with



City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer speaks with Queens World Film Festival co-founder Katha Cato at the Museum of the Moving Image. Photo by Merle Exit

showing and a Q & A. "It is so gratifying to see that as the [number of] screens shrink all over the world, the opportunity to screen your work has come back to the community," Cato said. "It's the impulse to gather. The impulse to tell your story."  
— Merle Exit

## Astoria

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around that place," Bondarin said. "This workshop production will run the gamut from public spaces, stores, to cultural sites unlocking the unique landscape of the neighborhood."

Writers selected were Kari Bentley-Quinn (Museum of the Moving Image), Nathan Brisby and Lizzie Hagstedt (Titan Foods), Ty Defoe and Tidtaya Sinutoke (Socrates Sculpture Park), Dyan Flores (Omonia Bakery and Café), Ben Gassman (Astoria Park), Holly Hepp-Galván (The Beer Garden at Bohemian Hall), Christopher Torres (Astoria Boulevard subway station), Kathleen Warnock (Sohmer Piano Factory) and Alexander Sage Oyen (Broadway Silk Store).

Oyen actually lived above the store for a time.

"My story centers around the oldest daughter who decided to move out," he said. "This is a musical."

"I was excited about getting the Bohemian Beer Garden," Hepp-Galván said. "Having spent an afternoon with the general manager, Andrew Walters, I

learned about the history and the great stories. My piece is a large comedy using the entire cast that include the cultures and languages that make up Astoria."

Torres' story about the train stop being the backdrop for a lot of people's day-to-day activities focuses on two of those individuals.

"It is about a father and son on their way somewhere and they miss their train," Torres said. "The father, a first generation Latin immigrant, has a memory of being there years ago."

In addition to shows at its usual venue of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, APAC plans to perform for the first time at the Museum of the Moving Image in the Kaufman Arts District this Sunday.

"This is what being part of a creative community is all about," Tracy Capune, vice president of Kaufman Astoria Studios, said. "We founded the Kaufman Arts District to celebrate all the different arts organizations that have come together in this neighborhood. To have the Astoria Performing Arts Center, one of those organizations that makes its home here, present a work that in turn celebrates Astoria is a great treat."

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# Business

## One-stop shop for clothes, coffee

Flushing's Mio Life Café offers customers unique designer duds with side of mocha lattes

BY MADINA TOURE

Customers in search of a coffee while shopping for clothing no longer need to put the lingerie down when they pick up their latte in Flushing.

Mio Life Café, 136-21 Roosevelt Ave., consists of a café serving organic coffee and tea as well as sandwiches.

It also has a section of the store devoted to clothing such as jackets, dresses, sweaters, shirts and lingerie.

Chinese native and Flushing resident Jenny Jiang, 43, the café's owner, said the space is appealing to her clientele because they can sit down and chat and check out new fashion trends.

"It just looks friendly," Jiang said.

Jiang previously ran a restaurant in Boston that served both Japanese and Chinese cuisine.

Red tea options include honey black tea, passion fruit tea and honey lemon tea, which do not come with milk.

Green tea choices include strawberry lychee jelly, orange green tea, grapefruit and mango green tea.

Coffee options include Mio's organic coffee, pumpkin spice latte and peppermint mocha.

The café also sells smoothies such as fresh avocado, fresh watermelon and



Post-it notes (top) with drawings made by customers line the wall of the café. Above, Owner Jenny Jiang (l) and employee Jane Li work at the recently opened Milo Life Café in Flushing. The Milo sandwich.

Photos by Madina Toure

mango flavors.

Sophia Jiang, Jiang's sister, designs the clothing, which is then made in a factory in Hong Kong.

The clothing is typically on the expensive side, Jiang said, costing anywhere from \$100 to \$200 per piece.

One Yelp reviewer said she likes the café's atmosphere.

"This is the best place for friends here (to) chill and relax," she wrote. "Cool blue raspberry is the best drink I've ever had before. I love it." Another reviewer praised the coffee.

"They really know how to cook an organic coffee in such cold morning," he wrote. "The girl who served me is so friendly."

A reviewer from Murray Hill praised the sesame milk and the sandwiches.

"I like that place best," she said. "Sesame milk is my favorite drink ... I've tried two different sandwiches, they are wonderful, so crispy and the meat and cucumber is fresh. Great!"

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## BUSINESS CALENDAR

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**When:** Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm

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

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

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

**Website:** [powerfullyou.com](http://powerfullyou.com)

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Harvey G. Beringer

**When:** Every Wednesday, 7 am

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**When:** Thursdays, 7-8:30 am

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Ext. 15

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

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# Macedonia

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HPD spokeswoman said.

Construction is nearing completion, with the store expected to be open for business within 30 to 60 days, the spokeswoman said.

Macedonia Plaza was constructed on approximately 30,000 square feet of a municipal parking lot formerly owned by the city Department of Transportation.

# Soccer

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school hours you don't want to learn math and it gets frustrating listening to your teacher, but when you have that hour to go and play with your friends in gym class, you free your mind," Szetela said.

The free soccer clinic session was run by the club's training and development head

BRP Companies, the developer, along with Macedonia A.M.E. Church and other partners celebrated Macedonia Plaza's opening in June 2015. HPD Commissioner Vicki Been and Gary Rodney, president of the New York City Housing Development Corporation, were also present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The 14-story, 161,760-square-foot building, whose development cost \$49.8 million, has 27 studio units, 58 one-bedroom units, 55 two-bedroom units

and two three-bedroom units. Twenty-nine units are affordable to households earning a yearly income as low as \$19,063 and as high as \$24,080 for an individual, or between \$24,515 and \$30,960 for a household of three.

The remaining 113 rental units are for households earning an annual income between \$29,383 and \$36,120 for an individual, or between \$37,783 and \$46,440 for a household of three.

coaches, along with Szetela, midfielder Eric Calvillo and striker Luck Mkosana.

Marino was ecstatic about being involved in the event.

"When you have something like this where the Cosmos are willing to come in and donate their time and resources to expose children to soccer during a meaningful event, it's something that can spark a path towards a hobby, sport, or even a career," Marino said. "I see

that students that came from schools that valued physical education, not only adapted better to our physical education curriculum, but seemed to be more respectful than children who had not been exposed to organized sports," Marino said.

Another clinic will be held at PS 120 March 2. For more information on upcoming clinics and the Cosmos, visit NYCosmos.com

# 109th Pct.

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secure a contingent of new officers for the precinct to allow it to fully implement the community policing program.

"I think the critical part of this is that no time in the 109th history (have) we had an influx of officers to boost the numbers up by a third," Vallone said. "This really changes the dynamics of policing in the northern part of the 109th Precinct."

Vanna Partridge, recently appointed president of the

109th Precinct's Community Council, said the new program will likely increase the response time overall by having officers assigned to specific neighborhoods.

"Any time you have officers that a community becomes familiar with, when they see them on a regular basis, they feel more comfortable reporting a crime, and it helps to build a stronger partnership with the community by having officers present," Partridge said in an interview with TimesLedger.

Vallone said he sought a formal agreement with the NYPD

guaranteeing the program.

"I said, 'I want this writing,'" he said. "I don't want it pulled from us at the last minute. The precinct is still working out the logistics of the program, but some of the officers will be cadets and others will be seasoned officers."

The first 25 officers, who came straight from the Police Academy, attended the news conference launching the community policing program.

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# Streetcar

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streetcars and subways and buses. The mayor said discussions with the state-run MTA are ongoing.

The project would finance itself, with the city raising money by creating a non-profit with authority to issue tax-exempt bonds. The city would pay off debt by taking in increased real estate tax revenues based on the value of existing and new developments, officials said.

Many details of the project remain unclear, such as the exact route and location of stops, the amount of parking spaces that would be lost and how much the self-propelled, battery-operated BQX would interfere with traffic.

City Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg called the system a "hybrid" between light rail and a mixed-traffic streetcar.

"Our goal here is to have streetcars move in traffic," she said. "But as much as we can a right-of-way where we'll be keeping traffic out so we can achieve speeds that are going to make the real travel time savings that we're talking about."

While the mayor had plenty of support at his Red Hook event, the project is causing some trepidation among transit advocates here in Queens.

"The \$2.5 billion, 12-mile-per-hour streetcar recently proposed by the mayor is a major concern for commuters who drive," Queens Public Transit Committee Phil McManus said. "This street-

car idea reminds us of the proposed Select Bus Service for Woodhaven Boulevard. Combined, both plans stand to cost the public almost \$3 billion, yet may leave our roads in worse condition than they are now."

Mike Scala, vice president of QPTC, said the grassroots group favors more transit options, such as the reactivation of the Long Island Rail Road Rockaway line, but he wants to learn more about the BQX plan.

"Will we lose lanes of traffic, consequently causing more congestion?" he asked. "Is it worthwhile to make this investment now when projects like QueensRail, serving areas that more urgently need transportation improvements, remain unfunded?"

# Parade

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and a large military presence, but manages to include all the local community, cultural and youth organizations that want to march.

More than 150 groups, including active military, U.S. and Korean veterans, horseback and motorcycle riders, antique and military vehicles, service organizations, emergency services, schools, churches and other organizations, march. Groups from all over the United States regularly attend.

This year's parade will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, the high school and college-based program that inspires and commissions 30 percent of the officers who serve in the Armed Forces.

A bevy of city and state lawmakers are expected to make an appearance.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Bill de Blasio, city Public Advocate Letitia James, City Council Speaker Melissa Mark Viverito (D-Manhattan) and U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), are all expected.

A beloved tradition in

northern Queens and Long Island, the parade has faced funding struggles in past years.

In 2014 The Little Neck and Douglaston communities came together each week after the middle of March and took on the challenge of starting the parade committees completely from scratch, relying heavily on the helping hands of the Manhattan-based United War Veterans Council, which agreed to lend its expertise to the people of northeast Queens for this year's event.

With the help of a pair of successful fund-raisers, the parade committee, headed by elected Chairmen Douglas Montgomery and Charlie McBride, was able to raise the nearly \$30,000 needed to put on the show in just a few short months.

This year's event will include a full day of ceremonies that honor American soldiers, past and present. Refreshments will be offered after the parade's closing ceremony.

The LND Parade, organized and conducted entirely by local volunteers, is well over one mile - longer than similar parades in Chicago or Washington, DC.

# FAA

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es.

"The provision of the AIRR Act that has gotten the most press is the proposal to take air traffic control away from the FAA and privatize it, controlled by a corporation whose board of directors would be composed of the airlines and the unions," said Janet McEaney, president of the Quiet Skies advocacy group. "If such a corporation came into existence, our communities would have to be significantly represented on the board."

The state Comptroller's

Office has also announced that it will be conducting a survey on noise in New York City neighborhoods and would like city residents to take the survey.

The city, which is in the process of distributing the survey, is hoping to learn about residents' experience with noise in neighborhoods and solicit ideas for noise mitigation. The survey, which follows a nationwide FAA impact study, must be completed by those who are interested by March 15.

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# Sports



Christ the King's David Cole goes up strong against Loughlin.

Photo by Jason Speakman

## CK erases big deficit, hands Lions a defeat

BY TROY MAURIELLO

If Christ the King coach Joe Arbitello had any doubts about the resiliency of his boys' basketball squad going into the postseason, they were quelled on Valentine's Day.

A lackluster defensive first half coupled with some outrageously hot shooting from Bishop Loughlin put Christ the King in a 17-point hole on the road midway through the second quarter.

But an experienced Royals roster that features nine seniors wasn't about to lie down and accept defeat. CK clawed its way out of that hole as the game went on, and the Royals eventually pulled out a dramatic 72-69 win over host Loughlin to claim second place in the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens division.

"Every one of these guys have been through this," Arbitello said. "We're never going to feel like we're really out of it completely, and it

showed. We kept our composure and we played."

Robert Morris-bound center David Cole was instrumental in the comeback for CK. He scored 10 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter.

"No matter if we're down 30, we're going to stay working, we're going to stay positive," he said.

Senior guard Jared Rivers added 13 points, including a clutch jumper with 1:20 remaining to give the Royals a 68-66 lead. Although Loughlin (15-7, 11-4) would tie the score with 1:03 remaining, a basket from Cole with 45 seconds left to play gave Christ the King a 70-68 lead that it would not relinquish.

The Royals (16-9, 12-3) forced a turnover as they hung on to a 71-69 lead with 17 seconds remaining, and after Jose Alvarado split a pair of free throws with 12.6 seconds left to play, it was time for one more defensive stop.

Loughlin would get two  
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## Kings rule Queens

Dozo tops QHST for first borough crown in four years



Cardozo's Tareq Coburn (l) shoots a corner jumper against Queens High School of Teaching.

Photo by William Thomas

BY BRANDON MAUK

Cardozo's seniors had just one glaring thing left to accomplish in their successful four-year run, and they weren't going to squander their final chance at it.

After coming up short in the final in each of the previous three seasons, this group of Judges finally claimed the PSAL Queens borough boys' basketball championship with a 78-64 victory over Queens High School of Teaching at York College Sunday.

Cardozo, which won a city crown two years ago, lost in the borough final to Construction in each of the previous two seasons and Bayside the year before that. It was hungry to get over the hump.

"You look at what we've done and what some of these kids have accomplished. There was something missing on their resumé, and it was a Queens Borough Championship," Cardozo coach Ron Naclerio said. "This is something they'll always have."

The only PSAL team to beat Cardozo (25-2) this sea-

son stood in its way. Queens High School of Teaching (22-5) stunned the Judges on a half-court buzzer beater in December, and looked ready to do it again. Two of Cardozo's prominent seniors made sure that didn't happen.

Monmouth-bound Rashond Salnave scored 20 points and paced the Judges early. In the second half, Aaron Walker completely took over when he dropped in 22 of his game-high 34 points over the final two quarters to help push Cardozo over the top.

The Judges needed everything they could get from the pair, as fellow key senior Tareq Coburn quickly got into foul trouble and was limited to two points.

"Aaron and I, we took matters into our own hands, and we took control of the team," Salnave said. "We capitalized on plays we needed to."

Cardozo fell behind early, before Salnave then gave his team a seven-point lead midway through the second quarter.

QHST responded with a 6-0 run before the end of the half

to cut Cardozo's lead to 31-29 and eventually tying things up at 31-31 early in the third quarter. C.J. Kelly led the Tigers with 25 points.

Walker responded by scoring 12 points in the the third quarter to push the Judges' lead to 55-42 going into the fourth

"I was just being aggressive, things were working out for me," Walker said. "My teammates kept trying to get me the ball, shots were falling."

Walker and Salnave continued to pace Dozo in the fourth with fast breaks and emphatic dunks, as they put the game out of reach.

"This game meant a lot to us, because of the last three years," Walker said.

With Jefferson's loss to Lincoln in the Brooklyn borough championship, Cardozo should earn the No. 1 seed in the PSAL city playoffs, and its class of seniors and longtime coach have another title on their minds.

"The kids that have been with us for this run want more," Naclerio said. They hope this is not the end."

# Opposing coaches keep it in the family



Joseph Staszewski  
■  
*Block Shots*



St. Mary's (LI) coach Kevin White (l.) and his daughter Kerri White (r.), the St. Francis Prep coach, stand arms folded on the sidelines.  
Photos by Joseph Staszewski

St. Francis Prep coach, stand arms folded on the sidelines. Kerri is trying to continue the rebuild of the St. Francis Prep program after former coach Kevin Wagner laid the groundwork. Her dad praised her basketball IQ and her passion for getting the job done. While the wins haven't come just yet, the Terriers' ability to compete with the top teams in the Brooklyn-Queens division is improving.

"We have come a long way from even last year, it's good to see their process," she said. "The games are getting closer that's all I can really ask for at this point."

The game between the two programs is going to be an annual thing, with next year's meeting coming at St. Francis Prep. Kerri hopes the switch in venue means she won't be picking up the check again.

"Yea," she said. "Home court advantage."

"Dinner is on you."

Those were St. Mary's coach Kevin White's words to his daughter Kerri after his Gaels beat her St. Francis Prep girls' basketball team 55-42 in Manhasset Tuesday. It was the first meeting between the two on opposite sidelines and there was a little more than bragging rights on the line.

Kerri, who is in her second season as SFP head coach, joked she was heading to McDonald's after the game with her dad and her mom Mary Ellen, who literally sat in the stands near midcourt to stay neutral. Kevin, the former Mary Louis head coach, wasn't going to break the bank, but fast food wouldn't do.

"We are probably going to Trattoria 35 off Bell Boulevard," he said. "I'll keep it a little less expensive."

While there was some fun to be had on this day, the busi-

ness of basketball is still a serious thing in the White family. Kevin, who took over at St. Mary's this season, played college basketball—and so did three of his kids, including Kerri, who played at Pace.

The foundation of the former Archbishop Molloy standout's basketball knowledge comes from her dad, who coached her in CYO and at St. Andrew's Avellino, as well as in travel ball. The two were also on the bench together with their NYC Heat travel team.

"It's cool to get to coach against him after playing for him for so long," Kerri said. "That's how most of our relationship has been, revolved around basketball. I learned everything that I know from him."

The two talk about the game all the time, bounce ideas off each other and did so about each other's teams before the contest. He's gone to six of the Terriers' games and she's been to three of the Gaels. Both stand with their arms crossed on the sideline

and run similar plays.

"He said, 'I am going to come scout you,'" Kerri said. "I'm like, 'you know that play.'"

Kevin called it interesting to coach against someone who knows you so well and vice versa. He could hear Kerri call the right offensive set to combat his defense.

"You know what's coming," he said. "It's a matter of who executes better."

It was the Gaels on this night. They got 23 points from sophomore wing Kada-

## Red Storm controls its destiny after weekend split

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

St. John's still has some work to do.

A 71-59 home loss to Villanova last Friday means the Red Storm women's basketball team will need a strong finish to the season to ensure a spot in the NCAA tournament after missing it last year.

SJU has split its last six games after bouncing back to beat Georgetown Sunday. It still controls its own destiny in the Big East standings. It sits a half-game ahead of Villanova for second place in a tight conference, which will likely earn at least three bids to the big dance. Xavier and Seton Hall are also just a game behind the Red Storm.

St. John's (18-7, 9-5) has now lost twice to the Wildcats and regular season champion DePaul and has a game remaining with Xavier among its final four Big East contests. It owns the tie breaker over Seton Hall, but under-

stands that its margin for error is slim.

"Right now, none," said senior guard Danaejah Grant. "Basically none. It's just important that we keep our heads in it, keep our eye on our goals for the post season."

The Red Storm couldn't overcome a hot-shooting Villanova team. The Wildcats made 11 of 24 three-pointers and connected at a 51.1 percent clip from the field. Nova made just five treys in a 58-54 win against St. John's on Jan. 17. St. John's coach Joe Tarantella said his team could have defended better, but it's frustrating to see Nova connect even when they were.

"I thought Villanova played a great game and they hit their shots," he said. "We held them at times and other times they made some tough shots."

A three-point play from Grant tied the score at 40-40 at the 5:14 mark of the third quarter, but the Red Storm would



Aliyyah Handford (No. 3) shakes Akina Wellere's (No. 20) hand after Wellere scored against Villanova.

Photo by Gina Palermo

never be that close again. St. John's, which shot just two of nine from three-point range

and were three-for-nine from the free-throw line, couldn't string together enough stops

to make a run after Nova went up 55-46 after three. The Wild-

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# Royals drop league finale to Loughlin

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

What a difference a day makes.

After playing what was arguably its best game of the season, a winner over defending state Federation champion Long Island Lutheran, Christ the King followed it up with its worst in a 69-56 home loss to Bishop Loughlin in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens girls' basketball Saturday.

"Definitely a different performance," CK coach Bob Mackey said. "I thought we'd have a little more energy off the bench, but it wasn't there. This is why you play. They have to learn a lesson from this. You can't just show up."

The Royals, who will still be the top seed in the upcoming diocesan playoffs, were playing their fourth game in five nights and had won the first three.

"We had no energy when we came in," St. Peter's-bound center Ashlie Howell said.

While no one used it as an excuse, the effects were apparent. CK, in its lone league loss, turned the ball over 26 times, was sluggish getting back on defense and its three Division-I-bound guards combined for just 19 points in the final home game of their careers.

Freshman Kailynn Satterfield paced the Royals with 15 points and Howell had 11. Kaela Kinder, who is headed to Virginia Tech, chipped in nine.

Mackey tried to combat the fatigue by going deeper on his bench than he usually does in the first half, but it did not have the effect that he hoped it would. Loughlin rattled off a 9-0 run to go up 30-19 with 2:05 to play in the second quarter and 34-25 at the break.

"They were dragging and the bench didn't step up the way I thought the bench could," Mackey said.

Christ the King (16-8) did show some life coming out of the locker room. It finally turned the intensity up on defense and chipped away at the deficit. A Brandy Thomas layup got the Royals as close as 44-38 with 1:50 to play in the third. The momentum didn't last long, however.

Loughlin (18-6) turned Christ the King's misses and mistakes into transition points and responded with the next five points to go up 49-38 heading into the fourth quarter. CK used a late 6-0 spurt to pull within 10 in the fourth, but again the Lions quickly answered.

"It killed a lot of the momentum," said Louisville-bound guard Sydney Zambrotta. "We came back on the shot run and kind of gave it up at the end. We really didn't play with a lot of heart and energy."

Ellesee Billings paced Loughlin with 16 points. Milicia "Mimi" Reid and Lynette Taitt each had 15 and Laysha De La Santo chipped in 10.

Mackey felt his team tried too hard to execute the game plan of exploiting its size advantage with Howell, Thomas and Satterfield. That plan worked for a time, but then led to turnovers that allowed the Lions to use its speed in transition.

"Pounding it inside, but not throwing rocks inside," Mackey said. "No. Move the ball. When we move the ball, we look good."

His team will need to get back to its old ways from here on out if it wants to return to the Federation Class AA tournament in Albany. A loss early in the diocesan tournament would end the Royals' season, and only winning the crown ensures a berth.

"We need to learn that it is one and done," Howell said. "We can't take any team for granted. We can't come out slow and lazy, especially against a team like Loughlin."



Christ the King's Dominique Toussaint takes the ball strong to the basket. Photo by William Thomas

## CK wins

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looks in the closing seconds, one coming from sophomore Markquis Nowell and another from junior Keith Williams at the buzzer. Both of them would rim out, however, giving Christ the King the dramatic road win.

"I should have probably called timeout and said something to them," said Loughlin coach Ed Gonzalez about his team's final possession.

It was truly a team effort for the Royals, as four players scored in double figures on the afternoon. Alvarado and senior guard Tracy Cleckly each added 10.

For Loughlin, an extremely strong first-half performance wasn't enough to earn a victory. Nowell scored 19 of his 28 points in the first quarter, as he hit five three-pointers in the opening half.

Nowell's shooting left the Royals trailing 40-23 midway

through the second quarter, before closing the first half on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to just nine at halftime and pull themselves back into the game.

That run would continue as the second half got going, and CK would suddenly find itself trailing by just three, 54-51, heading into the fourth.

Christ the King took its first lead since the opening minutes on a 3-pointer by Rivers to grab a 57-55 lead with a little more than six minutes left.

The win is Christ the King's sixth in its last eight games, with the two defeats coming by a combined six points. The three-time defending Catholic city champion Royals have some momentum heading into the playoffs.

"We haven't really had that 'Christ the King' in us," Arbitello said. "Just to keep our minds collected, it's very good that it happened at this point."

## Red Storm

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cats scored 18 points off nine SJU turnovers.

Taramtella cited his team's "inability to get multiple stops in a row," as a factor in why it was hard for them to come back. "Even when we would score, they would answer," he said.

The Red Storm appeared to be ready to erase its nine-point

deficit at the start of the fourth quarter, but five straight Nova points, including a contested three by Louin, helped the Wildcats push the lead to 60-48 with 7:18 left in the game.

Against Georgetown, it was St. John's that held off an opposing surge after taking a 40-29 lead early in the second half. The Hoyas pulled within five on two occasions, getting as close as 59-55 with less than a minute to go. But the Red Storm didn't let a key win slip away.

Grant scored 22 points and 20 respectively in the two games. Handford had 17 and 13.

"It's a tell-tale sign for a special team: having resilience, being able to come back after a loss," Tartamella said. "It wasn't perfect by any means; however, I thought we really had a will to win today that we had not had."

They will need that will for the rest of rest of the season, too.

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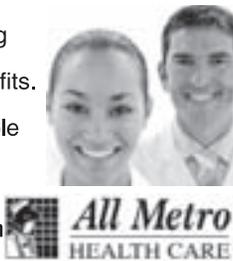
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She loved spending time with her family. She was active in community events and was a member of the United Methodist Church in Poultny, VT. As a cancer survivor, Becky was involved in "Women to Women", a cancer survivor support group in Rutland County.

Becky was predeceased by her son, Bruce, in 1987 and her husband, Fred, in 2006. Becky is survived by her children Susan Monaco of Poultny, Wendy Field of Brandon, and Rick Oberkirch of Brandon; 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; a sister, Jean Britt of Fair Haven; a brother, Jack McIlhinney of Windham ME; and many nieces and nephews.

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Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) SYEDA (Middle) BILKIS MAHMUDA (Last) HASAN. My present name is (First) SYEDA (Middle) M. (Last) HASAN AKA SYEDA BILKIS MAHMUDA AKHTER, AKA SYEDA M. AKHTER, SYEDA MAHMUDA HASAN. My present address is 172-09 84th Avenue, FL 2, Jamaica, NY 11432-2155. My place of birth is BANGLADESH. My date of birth is June 01, 1968.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on FEB 10 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001075-15/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) FELICIA (Middle) LEAH (Last) SMITH. My present name is (First) FELICIA (Last) NARINE SMITH AKA FELICIA LEAH SMITH (infant). My present address is 114-56 142nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11436-1023. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is March 02, 1999.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on SEP 24 2015, bearing Index Number NC-000594-15/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) SILVY (Middle) VENETTA (Last) JEFFERS. My present name is (First) SILVYA (Middle) VENETTA (Last) JEFFERS AKA SILVY VENETTA JEFFERS, AKA SILVYA VENETTA MEADE, AKA SILVY VENNETA MEAD, AKA SYLVIA V. MEADE, AKA SILVY MEADE. My present address is 97-27 219 ST., Queens Village, NY 11429. My place of birth is VIRGIN ISLANDS. My date of birth is November 04, 1972.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on FEB 03 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001064-15/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) JHEANELL (Middle) ANEIK A (Last) DALEY. My present name is (First) JHEANELL (Middle) ANEIK A (Last) GRANT AKA JHEANELL GRANT, AKA JHEANELL ANEIK A DALEY, AKA JHEANELL A. DALEY-GRANT. My present address is 134-50 159th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434-3722. My place of birth is JAMAICA, W.I. My date of birth is May 01, 1985.

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**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JAN 13 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000981-15/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) MALIK (Middle) JAMAL NESTY (Last) GILPINPAYNE. My present name is (First) MALIK (Middle) JAMAL (Last) NESTY AKA MALIK NESTY GILPIN-PAYNE, AKA MALIK JAMAL NESTY GILPIN-PAYNE. My present address is 167-19 146th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434-5203. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is September 03, 1997.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on FEB 03 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001033-15/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) CHRIS (Middle) VALERIANO (Last) GARAS. My present name is (First) CHRISTINE (Middle) VALERIANO (Last) GARAS. My present address is 8285 159th Street, Jamaica, NY 11432-1105. My place of birth is PHILIPPINES. My date of birth is April 08, 1983.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JAN 13 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000911-15/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) MARISOL (Middle) ALECIA (Last) ROBINSON. My present name is (First) MARISOL (Middle) NEQUAY (Last) ROBINSON AKA MARISOL ROBINSON (infant). My present address is 150-74 Goethals Avenue, Apt 1st Floor, Jamaica, NY 11432-1041. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is August 13, 1999.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on FEB 03 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001039-15/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) JET (Last) MCMAHON. My present name is (First) PATRICIA (Middle) A (Last) MCMAHON AKA PATRICIA ANN MCMAHON. My present address is 8401 Main Street, Apt. #522, Jamaica,

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NY 11435-1717. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is January 31, 1960.

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**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS** DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. Plaintiff(s), Against Index 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** Against Index No.: 5695/06 NISTHAU GROUP, INC., ET AL., Defendant(s). 99 CORONA FUNDING ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff(s), Against NISTHAU GROUP, INC., ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Queens County Clerk's Office on 2/8/2007, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY in Courtroom #25 on 3/18/2016 at 10:00 am, premises known as 4023 99th Street, Corona, New York 11368, 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 1608 and Lot 52. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$480,400.98 plus

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interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 5695/06. SUBSTITUTED REFEREE AT SALE. LYNCH & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 462 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor, NEW YORK, NY 10018 Dated: 2/11/2016 File Number: 795.001 GNS

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS** DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007NC3 M O R T G A G E PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007NC3, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 28662/10 DAVID DEFREITAS, SANDY RAMKISSOON, CATHY SOOKWAH, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Queens County Clerk's Office on 07/16/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court, 8811 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY in Courtroom #25 on 3/25/2016 at 10:00 am, premises known as 10139 126th Street, Richmond Hill, New York 11419, 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 9493 and Lot 57. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$824,889.54 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 28662/10. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney, Gilbert C. Parris, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 1/28/2016 GNS

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY.** U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR VOLT NPL IX ASSET HOLDINGS TRUST, Pltf. 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

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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 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 DeVillier, Esq. REFEREE McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 Dated: 1/27/16

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS PENNYMAC CORP.** Plaintiff -against- **ARNOLD BELGRAVE, NOW TI 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 Court House, 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-FOO (\* JAMAICA TI\*)

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THE BANK OF NEW 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 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES

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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. -----X  
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 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. 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

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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 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

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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 (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

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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 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

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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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Notice is hereby given that the following description of land has a duly executed private land claim dated January 11th 2015, and recorded on the NYS Dept. of State Uniformed Commercial Code (UCC) File No. 201602068049950, on February 06, 2016 Description: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Queens, the borough of Queens, in the State of New York, block 10886, Lot 007, land and property location commonly known as: 192-09 109th Avenue, St. Albans Queens, New York - together with fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with land. If there is anyone making claim to the land and property or improvements thereon, make claim(s) with proof thereof within sixty (60) days or by way of federal claims ninety (90) days. The private, proprietary and autonomous rights, title, and interest in and to said property and land vests in the private land claim holder Michael O.Ricketts, sui juris c/o 192-09 109th Avenue St. Albans, New York, (11412)

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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 SUMMONS AND NOTICE 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, 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

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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 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. LEGAL DESCRIPTION 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, bounded and described as follows: 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); TO THE 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

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THENCE northerly along the easterly side of 120th Street 24 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK -- COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX# 702087/2015 FILED: 0 7 / 1 0 / 2 0 1 5 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I TRUST 2007-NC2, MORTGAGE P A S S - T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NC2, Plaintiff, against CLARISSA VAZQUEZ AKA CLARISSA A. VAZQUEZ, if she be living and if she be dead, the 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 defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, YOLANDA VAZQUEZ AKA YOLANDA J. VAZQUEZ AKA YOLANDA JONES VAZQUEZ if she be living and if she be dead, the 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 defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, CAPITAL ONE BANK, NYC PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: 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 ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS

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2007-NC2. The assignment was duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of QUEENS on December 9, 2011, in CRFN: 2011000429796. This assignment is to correct the Assignee in the assignment executed March 5, 2008, recorded on May 14, 2008 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of QUEENS, in CRFN: 2008000193943. On April 2, 2010, for valuable consideration CLARISSA VAZQUEZ AKA CLARISSA A. VAZQUEZ, YOLANDA VAZQUEZ AKA YOLANDA J. VAZQUEZ AKA YOLANDA JONES VAZQUEZ duly executed, acknowledged and delivered a loan modification agreement, whereby said defendants bound themselves in the new principal amount of \$321,332.62 with interest thereon in the office of the clerk in the county of QUEENS, covering premises known as 134 58 175th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434 AKA 13458 175th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434, (Block 12569 and Lot 71). The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Allan B. Weiss, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on 07/10/2015. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain, plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Springfield, in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 12569 and Lot 71. Said premises known as 134 58 175th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434 AKA 13458 175th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434, YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: The unpaid principal sum of the Note and in the amount of \$310,490.42 with accrued

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interest at 2.00000% per annum, from April 1, 2011 to be immediately due and payable. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York state Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Departments website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to save your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowners 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

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requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200 Melville, NY 11747 Our File 21361 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Index No.: 7749/13 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IN TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE Plaintiffs designate Queens County as the place of trial since the property that is the subject of this foreclosure action is located in that county, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2011-A Trust, Plaintiffs, - against- FLORENCE P. DOBBINS, and all of her respective heirs, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, all of whom and whose names and places or residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, THE NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and JOHN DOE No. 1 through JOHN DOE No. 100 inclusive, the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said, defendants being unknown to plaintiffs, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon

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the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein Defendants. To the above named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the undersigned within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein. Plaintiffs designate Queens County as the place of trial, Venue is based upon the county in which the property, a lien upon which is being foreclosed, is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Plaintiffs who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the Plaintiff will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: New York, New York November 13, 2013 ROSENBERG & ESTIS, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiffs By: Jamie C. Krapf 733 Third Avenue New York, New York 10017 (212) 867-6000 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property, S U P P L E M E N T A L 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

# LEGAL NOTICES

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COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. FREIDA ANAMASAKIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF CONSTANTINE DEAN MARGARITES A/K/A CONSTANTINE 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, creditors, 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,

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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 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 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 201000010217, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 84-44

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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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