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### Pol asks DOT to re-examine Blossom Ave.

BY MADINA TOURE

Elected officials, community leaders and traffic safety advocates are calling on the city Department of Transportation to re-explore ways to reduce accidents at the intersection of Blossom Avenue and Main Street in Flushing.

At a news conference held Monday morning at the intersection near the Public Health Solutions' WIC Center, state Assemblywoman Nilv Rozic (D-Fresh Meadows) said she wrote a letter to DOT Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia in October 2015 asking for traffic calming measures to be installed at the intersection. These measures are designed to slow down or reduce traffic and increase safety for nedestrians.

In the letter, Rozic referred to an accident that took place that month in which a young couple was struck as they were trying to cross the street, She also cited the high volume of pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area.

She said the DOT told her that although the intersection falls into a designation of traffic space in which the area is too busy for a stop sign, it is Continued on Page 48

#### Ready to celebrate-



Pahela Baishakh—or Bengali New Year—is an occasion for serious dressing up and partying. In Queens, the celebration starts in Diversity Plaza and spreads west into the streets after dark. This young lady is wondering when the fun starts, we guess. Photo by Michael Shain

## Senate paves way for FAA look at LGA

Leaders want plane noise tackled

BY MADINA TOURE

The U.S. Senate passed a long-term Federal Aviation Administration bill Tuesday that may require the Port Authority and the FAA to reexamine LaGuardia Airport's flight paths and the NextGen satellite navigation system.

The bill, which the Senate passed by a vote of 95-3, requires the FAA to review certain decisions to exclude an environmental impact study for Next Generation flight procedures and to get advice from the airports where the procedures will be implemented.

The bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives for debate, reauthorizes FAA programs through the end of fiscal year 2017.

U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights), a member of the Queens Quiet Skies

Caucus, said the House needs to act now that the Senate has passed the bill.

"Ultimately, we need a bill that gives the FAA a firmer ground on which to stand and that protects the flying public as well as addresses the burdensome, excessive aircraft noise pollution that is plaguing our communities," Crowlev said.

An FAA spokesman said the agency does not comment on proposed legislation.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing), another member of the Queens Quiet Skies Caucus, said she has repeatedly called on the FAA to combat aircraft noise over Queens and to further involve the community in the process, saying residents need relief.

"I will continue to support and advocate for legislation Continued on Page 48

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## Voters make the call

Vallone says his district is No. 1 in participatory budget votes



Council Member Paul Vallone holds a press conference to announce the winners of this year's participatory budgeting vote. Photo by Mark Hallum

#### BY MARK HALLUM

Participatory budgeting is catching on as a way for communities in Queens to have a direct say in what projects get funded within their districts.

When City Councilman Paul Vallone (D-Bayside) announced this year's winning projects Monday, he said that almost twice as many votes were cast during the participatory budget process this year as were cast last year. Vallone also announced he would be allocating an additional \$2.25 million for the winning projects.

A total of 4,500 votes were cast by residents in order to decide how Vallone would spend \$1 million of his discretionary funding. This turnout places Bayside's council office at No. 1 for Queens County and third in the city.

Bayside High School's Music Education Complex project pulled in the highest number of votes at 1,144. This will fund the completion of a state-ofthe-art music studio for the 350 students enrolled in the

school's "Career and Technical Education" music program. The project will receive \$450,000. The JHS 194 Auditorium Upgrade came in second with 1.085 votes. This project will get \$550,000 to fully renovate the auditorium, which is used for school and community events.

An auditorium upgrade will also be funded for PS 193 (\$500,000) with 1,059 votes and a gymnasium upgrade for PS 79 (\$200,000) with 1,025 votes.

The Harvey Park Pedestrian Safety Sidewalk and Guardrail project also received funding, with 987 votes. The project will provide a concrete walkway along the northbound Whitestone Expressway Service Road between 20th Avenue and 14th Avenue.

'It's a hazard to walk to 14th Avenue. I think this will benefit the members of the community for years to come," said Frank Mezzanotte, one of the leaders of the project and a coach for the Dwarf Giraffes baseball team.

Vallone spoke about the

success of participatory budgeting in his district, saying 4,500 votes shows you when a community comes out and gets involved, spends their nights and their time, this process is very worth it."

He added, "It also teaches our youth, because this is the only process where you can be 16 years old and vote. That's why you see so much activity from the schools. In a time when we're looking at why people aren't voting, you have a participatory budgeting process where we as the New York City Council embrace and say get your youth involved... and they got involved!"

New York City has one of the lowest voter turnouts in the nation with only 58 percent of those registered showing up at the polls. Participatory budgeting gets people involved in the democratic process on a grassroots level.

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### Senior Housing Month to kick off in Flushing

#### BY MADINA TOURE

Flushing Senior Housing Month, a series of rent-freeze registration events for eligible senior citizens and people with disabilities, will take place in May.

City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing), along with elected officials and representatives from the city Finance Department and community groups, announced the event April 14 on the steps of Flushing Library.

Starting May 5, the Finance Department will staff locations around Flushing with case workers who will help residents apply for Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemptions, known as SCRIE, and Disability Rent Increase Exemptions, called DRIE.

The programs are managed by the Finance Department to provide eligible vulnerable populations living in rent-controlled and rentstabilized apartments with a rent freeze.

In 2014, the city raised the income eligibility requirements for both of these programs to \$50,000, according to Koo.

The councilman said senior citizens and people with disabilities in Flushing are

vastly underserved by the programs.

"Flushing Senior Housing Month is a targeted effort to educate and enroll eligible residents in these important cost-saving, rent freeze programs," he said. "We need to get the word out to people in every language that you may be qualified to have your rent frozen."

Flushing has one of the highest numbers of non-participating eligible households for SCRIE in all of New York City, with 1,434 enrolled and 2,305 eligible households not enrolled, Koo said.

He also said disparities stem from cultural factors such as language barriers, lack of communication from government and media and a negative perception of receiving government support.

The events will be held at the following locations:

- SelfHelp Benjamin Rosenthal Senior Center at 45-25 Kissena Blvd., May 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. RSVP at (718) 559-4468.
- · Chinese Planning Council Nanshan Senior Center at 136-18 39th Ave., 6th Floor, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. RSVP at (718) 358-3030.
  - Minkwon Center for Continued on Page 48



Flushing Senior Housing Month aims to educate senior citizens and people with disabilities about rent freeze programs for which they are eligible. Photo courtesy Councilman Koo's Office

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## Middle-school students raise money for Iowa trip

Team secures spot to compete in intellectual tournament but needs funds for travel

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Students from Middle School 74 in Oakland Gardens are poised to compete at the championships of an international intellectual competition and are trying to raise funds to pay for the journey.

The group of seven students are participating in Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problemsolving competition. Students from kindergarten through college compete every year. Founded in 1978, the competition now attracts students from around the country and the globe.

Richard Getzel, a math teacher at MS 74, has coached the Odyssey of the Mind team for the past three years. Getzel's team won second place at the competition's state finals in Binghamton April 2. In doing so, they secured a slot at Odyssey's world finals at Iowa State University in Ames, IA, May 25 through May 28. Teams from all 50 states and

from 70 countries around the world will be competing.

It would only be the second time in the history of the competition that Queens would be represented at the world finals, according to Getzel. A team of students from Public School 213 competed in 2013, and some of those students are now on the MS 74 team. Getzel said the students had worked hard to achieve their success.

"The kids stay after school twice a week for about five hours a week. They've come to school three hours every Saturday since the beginning of the year. It's an incredible time commitment," he said. "It's helped them become fearless in terms of public speaking. It's fostered creativity and given them a chance to work creatively with other people."

The competition is split into several different categories incorporating the sciences and the humanities, and Getzel's team is trying its hand at the "Furs, Fins, Feath-



The Odyssey of the Mind team at MS 74 celebrates its second place finish at the state finals in Binghamton. Pictured are team members Jarett Glickman (I-r), Joie Ning, Coach Richard Getzel, Nicole Kardum, Kristin Cheng, Haley Sim, Kristen Morgenstern and Alyssa Chau.

Courtesy of Richard Getzel

ers and Friends" problem. The team must "create and present a humorous performance depicting problem solving from the perspective of three different animals. The animals will help a stranger, help each other, and solve a problem that threatens the survival of all animals," according to Odys-

sey's website.

Getzel said the performance was created entirely by the students, including set design and dance choreography. Getzel also noted that Odyssey of the Mind was relatively unknown in New York City.

"It is huge in upstate New York and in many other parts of the country. There isn't as much fanfare here surrounding it," he said.

Getzel speculated that funding issues may impede city students from competing more often.

The MS 74 team is currently facing a shortfall in funding its trip to the finals. Getzel said the school had been supportive of the team's endeavors, but MS 74 had no funds for a trip to Iowa for Getzel, the students or their chaperones. Getzel and the parents started a GoFundMe page to raise approximately \$10,000 to cover the airfare, food and accommodations. Despite the gap, Getzel felt confident that the students would make it to Ames.

"We're very hopeful and we'll work our best to make sure we can go," he said. "This is something they've worked towards for three years and for it to not be realized...it's just not in the cards."



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## **Queens casts votes**

#### Trump, Clinton dominate polls after solid turnout

#### BY THE TIMESLEDGER STAFF

Queens voters, enthusiastic about being relevant at the polls once again, cast their votes in large numbers for Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump in the most contested presidential primary in decades.

Based on a spot check of polling sites across the borough by TimesLedger Newspapers, voting was heavy in Sunnyside, Hollis and Astoria Tuesday as a steady stream of voters circled their ballots in Bayside and Jamaica.

At the polling site at Hillcrest Jewish Center in Fresh Meadows, Annam Malik said it had been busier than in other primaries.

"The youth vote—I heard about it on the news," she said. "But now I'm actually seeing it."

When final numbers on turnout are calculated, Clinton was expected to have drawn about 61 percent of the Democratic vote in Queens vs. nearly 40 percent for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, with support topping 75 percent for the former New York senator in southeast Queens. Sanders scored in the Rockaways, Astoria and Ridgewood.

On the GOP side, Queens native Trump swept an esti- of Elections. Some 125,000



DONALD TRUMP AP Photo/Mel Evans



HILLARY CLINTON AP Photo/Seth Wenig

mated 68 percent of the borough's vote, raising questions about the political futures of both Texas Sen. Ted Cruz (18 percent) and Ohio Gov. John Kasich (14 percent) as the primary battle wears on.

Up for grabs in New York state were 247 Democratic delegates and 95 Republican del-

There were some glitches at the Queens polls, but major irregularities in the other boroughs prompted Comptroller Scott Stringer to announce he would audit the city Board registered Democratic were inexplicably dropped from the rolls in Brooklyn between November and Primary Day.

"The people of New York

City have lost confidence that the Board Elections can effectively administer elections and

we intend to find out why the Board of Elections is so consistently disorganized, chaotic and inefficient," Stringer said in a statement.

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## Boro wasn't feeling the Bern this week

BY BILL PARRY

After Bernie Sanders drew huge crowds for rallies in Manhattan's Washington Square and Brooklyn's Prospect Park last week, expectations were high for his primary eve rally Monday in Hunters Point South Park. But a crowd of less than 5,000 turned out for the Sanders stump speech and most of them seemed to be from Brooklyn and Manhattan.

'Yeah, that was a bit of a surprise," Hunters Point Parks Conservancy President Rob Basch said. "But anytime you have a lot of newcomers seeing this park for the first time it's a good thing. It's a great opportunity for people to see Long Island City and get an idea of what they're missing."

Amy Coady, a resident of the Powerhouse, looked at the crowd and shrugged.

"The size of the crowd is what you see in this park every Sunday ternoon.

but they picked a really nice place to hold this," she said. "It's fantastic. The people that use this park are very proud of the attention this park is getting. Everyone who sees it wants to comeback."

The two-year-old waterfront park got tremendous exposure last summer when the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks

shifted back to the East River. The national broadcast was based inside the park using the Manhattan skyline and the East River as a backdrop.

"And we just found out the fireworks are coming back here this year," Basch said smiling broadly. "The fireworks were an amazing event last year even if they closed the park to residents. Gantry Plaza State Park was packed and it was a great night for local business and we expect the same this year."

While City Hall would not comment on the fireworks coming back to the East River, a Macy's spokesman said "the barges for the show will continue to be set on the waterway in the same exact locations as last year on the East River."

The conservancy's mission is to enrich the quality of life in Hunters Point by preserving and enhancing its parks, green spaces and waterfront with the community.

"This park has the diversity of cultures. You might find 75 percent of the borough's cultures coming out here on a great day," Basch said. "The amount of young families that use it are a good indication of what a thriving community this is and how it all works together. An event like this rally shows you what is possible in this park and it gives us new ideas for future events to go along with our outdoor cinema, our live

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BY BILL PARRY

The borough's Ecuadorean community, still reeling from 7.8-magnitude Saturday's earthquake that claimed at least 400 people and injured more than 2,500 in their home country, gathered for a candlelight vigil at St. Leo's Church in Corona Wednesday as plans to aid relief efforts gained strength.

State Sen, Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst), U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) and state Assemblyman Francisco Moya (D-Jackson Heights) are hosting "Queens for Ecuador" benefit concert to raise funds to provide aid to the victims and their families. Musicians from Ecuador, Colombia, Mex-



Assemblyman Francisco Moya (I-r), state Sen. Jose Peralta and Assemblyman Michael DenDekker at the vigil in St. Leo's Church in

ico, Peru and the Dominican will go to UNICEF, which is Republic were scheduled to perform at La Boom at 56-15 Northern Blvd. in Woodside Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m.

All proceeds of the event

working with the Consulate General of Ecuador in New Continued on Page 42

the international organization



Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders speaks at a rally held at Hunters Point South Park Monday night. Photo by Bill Parry

## Too much corruption going on: Preet

US attorney tells Queens Civic Congress 'we will make news in the next couple of weeks'

BY BILL PARRY

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara told a roomful of Queens civic leaders that his crusade against crooked politicians will make news "in the next couple of weeks" days after he vowed to root out corruption at all levels of government, including the mayor's and governor's offices.

In a speech to the Queens Civic Congress, Bharara said his office is the "best corruption fighting team in the business" after successfully prosecuting former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority Dean Skelos on corruption charges last year

"There are so many good people in government and elected office who do great things and are honorable and have integrity and loyalty to the law and want to do good things the right way," Bharara said. "What ruins it for them is the bad ones that my office has sent to jail in the last few years."

He did not mention Gov.

Andrew Cuomo or Mayor Bill de Blasio during his speech Sunday at Antun's in Queens Village nor did he speak of any current investigations. Last week during his keynote speech at Common Cause New York's annual gala, he said the executive branches of the state and city government "are far from immune from the creeping show-me-the-money culture" that pervades New York politics.

"The problem is there's too much corruption going on and Queens is not immune," Bharara told the Queens Civic Congress, an organization formed in 1997 to represent more than 100 civic and community groups. He was warmly received and interrupted often by applause, and even laughter after mentioning disgraced former City Councilman Dan Halloran, who is currently serving a ten-year prison term for his role in a bribery scheme.

"He said in his own words money is what greases the wheels, good, bad or indifferent," Bharara said. The pros-



Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, speaks at a luncheon held by the Queens Civic Congress.

Photo by Bill Parry

ecutor started off his speech on a light note.

"I left all of my subpoenas in Manhattan today so everyone can relax and enjoy their lunch," he said. Born in Punjab, India in 1968, Bharara and his family came through JFK Airport when he emigrated to the United States as a young man

"I am foreign-born like so

many of the people in this borough," he said, pointing out "48 percent of people living in Queens are foreign born. It's great to be in what we celebrate in America as the most diverse county in the country, the most diverse county in the world."

Bharara spoke of the rights of the disabled and those living in public housing "who deserve a clean and safe environment." He warned of the dangers of painkiller abuse saying, "these pills are getting so expensive people are turning to heroin (and) prescription painkillers are now a gateway drug to heroin."

He said the rule of law is a cornerstone of democracy and members of the Queens Civic Congress play an important role.

"We will pursue every corrupt official we can, but you can't prosecute your way out," Bharara said. "It will take the press, the politicians themselves, and it will take the public through organizations like this one that hold the politicians feet to the fire."

## Queens Symphony Orchestra pays tribute to Katz's father

BY BILL PARRY

The legacy of one of the borough's foremost cultural figures was celebrated Sunday with a special tribute performance by the Queens Symphony Orchestra. Maestro David Katz, who founded the QSO in 1953, was remembered before a sold-out crowd at the LeFrak Concert Hall, part of the Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College.

"This is a world-class arts organization and I hope somewhere David Katz is taking a bow for what he accomplished here," said Edmond Coller, a member of the QSO board of directors. "Creating this orchestra in 1953 as amateurs and nurturing it into a professional outfit was a most extraordinary gift to Queens. I watched him do it with his



Borough President Melinda Katz performs as part of a Queens Symphony Orchestra concert honoring her late father.

Photo by Bill Parry

fessional outfit was a most talent and with his standards extraordinary gift to Queens. and with his enthusiasm and I watched him do it with his we are committed to expand-

ing his vision and his legacy."

Katz's daughter Melinda, the current borough president, figured prominently at the start of the program, which included a world premiere by two-time Pulitzer Prize nominated composer Avrohom Leichtling and a performance of Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante" by Alexander Mishnaevski and Mark Peskanov.

Arias from Mozart, Rossini and Verdi, including selections from "Rigoletto," were presented as well as a performance by former celebrity cantor Avi Albrecht. But first, Melinda Katz remembered her father, who died of cancer at 62 at his Forest Hills home in 1987, and her mother Jeanne, who served as the orchestra's executive director until she died in 1969.

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## City promotes rights of Muslims in boro

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Elected officials and representatives from the city's Commission on Human Rights detailed the protections available to city residents during a discussion at SUNY's Queens Educational Opportunity Center in Jamaica.

The April 14 event was geared to inform members of the neighborhood's Muslim and Arab communities.

"At this present time, there's a dark cloud over the nation... and people are being stigmatized and criminalized for their faith, because of who they are," Imam Ayub Abdul Baki of the Islamic Cultural Center of New Yorksaid during the meeting's opening. "We need to be empowered with information that will help us to combat this."

Attendees at the event also included City Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-Jamaica), Human Rights Commissioner Carmelyn Malalis and Derek Slaughter, a director in the agency who gave attendees a presentation on the rights and protections available to New Yorkers.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions," he said, "because as you all know knowledge is power."

Slaughter spoke about the Fair Chance Act, which became effective Oct. 27. The act makes it illegal for employers to ask potential employees about criminal background histories until a job offer has been made.

He also mentioned the new "caregiver" protections enacted by the City Council Jan. 5. In the New York City Continued on Page 48

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## Kim hosts bipartisan meet in downtown Flushing

Queens leaders tour with lawmakers from outside city to understand communities' challenges

BY MADINA TOURE

Democratic and Republican lawmakers from Queens, upstate New York and Long Island came together for a private historic meeting in downtown Flushing last week.

The office of state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing), who participated in the meeting, initially sent out a media advisory about the event, held at Mudan Banquet Hall at 136-17 39th Ave. April 14, the day before the event.

But the morning of the event, his office said the meeting would no longer be open to the public or to the media.

"I think people were just a little bit hesitant to publicly talk about some of the issues and they felt more comfortable openly talking about it in a private setting," Kim said. "People tend to be less honest about some of the issues when they know it's being recorded so we ultimately decided it was best to have them come in. talk

to some of our local constituents."

Participants who were scheduled to attend included state Assemblymen Brian Kolb, the Republican Party's minority leader; Marcos Crespos, chairman of the Hispanic and Puerto Rican Task Force; Jeffrion Aubry (D-Corona), speaker pro tem; and Francisco Moya (D-Jackson Heights), chairman of the Commission on Science and Technology.

Other Republican members from upstate New York and Long Island; Peter Tu, executive director of the Flushing Chinese Business Association; and Minsum Kim of the Korean American Association of Greater New York were also scheduled to participate.

Crespos and Aubry were not able to attend the meeting, according to Kim.

The assemblyman said the participants first went to a public school in Jackson Heights to meet with students who were immigrants and



State Assemblyman Ron Kim says Republican and Democratic lawmakers gathered for a rare bipartisan meeting to discuss problems affecting their constituents.

learn about the struggles they faced. The group then went to Citi Field for a tour of the stadium. The group also visited parts of the Bronx.

One topic discussed at the Flushing meeting were the challenges that small business owners face, especially momand-pop stores, and how they

are being priced out of New York City.

Other areas of concern included former Police Officer Peter Liang, who was recently sentenced to five years of probation in the fatal shooting of Akai Gurley. Kim said he spoke about the need for the criminal justice system to be

reformed and that the African-American and Asian communities have been pitted against one another.

Kim said that in New York City, advancing the Dream Act legislation allowing undocumented students who graduated from high schools here to apply for college financial aid has been a big priority and in upstate New York the hardships farmers face has been an issue. He believes lawmakers meeting regularly to discuss problems and visit one another's communities would help everyone understand what is happening in other areas.

"I think these discussions will lead to incremental change in the way that people understand each other," Kim said. "I don't expect any immediate change overnight but we will take a series of these events and meetings. As Democrats in New York City, we also plan on going upstate and visiting their communities as well."

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## Opt-out rates steady among city students

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

The opt-out movement has generated headlines and protests in recent weeks as students across the city and state sat for their state standardized exams that were held on April 5-7 and April 12-13.. Official numbers will not be released for several months, but advocates said the pattern would likely remain steady from the year before.

"New York City is kind of a small picture of the rest of the state," Loy Gross, cofounder of United to Counter the Core, said. "Overall, there are very few opt-outs in Queens."

About 2 percent of New York City students boycotted the tests in 2015, in comparison to a statewide average of approximately 20 percent. Gross theorized that New York City rates were lower because parents were worried that if students did not take the exams, it would hurt their chances to be admitted to the middle or high school of their choice.

"In the city, we have parents who say that there are no consequences, that there are alternate ways to be used" to gain admittance into schools, she said. "But that information doesn't seem to be spread very widely."

Inquiries to Queens school districts were referred to a Department of Education spokeswoman who said that the department would not release any opt-out numbers until the state released test scores in August.

At a meeting earlier this month, after the first week of testing was complete, Superintendent Mabel Munez-Sarduy of District 28 said only 275 students out of 15,000 had opted-out of the 2016 English exams. District 28 includes parts of the neighborhoods of Rego Park, Kew Gardens and Jamaica. Anecdotal evidence from other areas in Queens supports the assertion that the opt-out rate was low in comparison to some other areas of the state.

Supporters of the state tests, including pro-Common Core advocacy organization High Achievement New York, said the steady rates of opt-outers indicated that the movement was unlikely to grow beyond the current percentages.

"The vast majority of New Yorkers have their children say yes to these necessary tests," the leaders of the organization said in a statement. "Our goal is for the minority of suburban areas currently opting out to join them."

The organization's preliminary findings indicated that only Long Island saw a sizable boost in opt-outers. According to High Achievement, Long Island students opted out at a rate of more than 50 percent, with both the English Language Arts and math tests seeing an in-

Gross said the numbers for this year would still easily exceed the threshold of 5 percent of students opting out. Federal legislation demands that 95 percent of students in a district must take state exams to ensure accountability for the district, and in theory, districts that do not reach that goal may be penalized by the withholding of federal

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Students hold up signs calling for parents to let their students opt out of state tests at the William Street School in Lancaster. The students protested during a visit to the school by New York Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia.

Photo by Carolyn Thompson/AP

City rolls out Zika plan

Defense includes mosquito traps, awareness campaign



Mayor Bill de Blasio has announced a new line of attack against the mosquitoes that carry the Zika virus.

#### BY BILL PARRY

The city has developed a plan of action for the Zika virus.

Less than a week after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced there is enough evidence to declare Zika the cause of a birth defect called microcephaly as well as other brain abnormalities during pregnancies, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced a three-year plan to protect New Yorkers and prevent the spread of the mosquito-borne virus.

"We are doing all we can to target the mosquito that could transmit Zika here in the city, and building the capacity to respond to every possible scenario, no matter how unlikely," de Blasio said Monday, marking the start of mosquito season. "We will spare no effort to protect pregnant New Yorkers from the devastating consequences of Zika, and we ask New Yorkers to help us by taking simple steps to get rid of standing water where mosquitoes can breed. We also ask pregnant women who may have been exposed to Zika to talk to their doctors about getting tested."

Building on the city Health Department's West Nile virus mosquito control program, the

mayor's plan expands mosquito surveillance and control to identify and target mosquitoes that could potentially transmit the Zika virus, creates a capacity to meet a growing need for testing pregnant New Yorkers and local mosquitoes for the virus, and launches a comprehensive campaign to disseminate prevention and testing information throughout the city. The plan will add 51 new positions, including inspectors, exterminators and lab analysts, and it will double the number of mosquito traps placed around the city.

"There are a lot of unknowns around the Zika virus, but New York City is prepared to confront all possible scenarios, including the dramatic increase in imported cases over the summer and the potential for local transmission," Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Dr. Herminia Palacio said. "We already have one of the most robust mosquito-control infrastructures in place to manage West Nile virus, and we are building on that to reduce the chance of a local outbreak."

The city's plan focuses on clinical services, mosquito control and public awareness. Zika investment totals \$21 million over a three-year period, including matching funds from New York State.

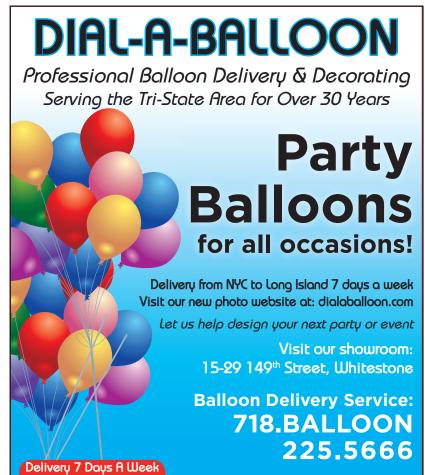
A \$1.2 million citywide awareness campaign was launched Monday, reminding residents of the steps they can take to reduce and prevent mosquito bites. New Yorkers can protect themselves from mosquito bites by wearing protective clothing, using mosquito repellent and eliminating standing water in bird baths, cans, flower pots and any place where water could gather and mosquitoes could lay eggs.

"The city's Health Department has successfully helped limit mosquito-borne diseases for more than 15 years, when the West Nile virus emerged," Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said. "New Yorkers' best defense against Zika is to avoid traveling to affected areas."

The outbreak of Zika virus began last year in Brazil before spreading throughout South and Central America and the Caribbean. There is no vaccine, but the World Health Organization said it would take at least 18 months to start large-scale clinical trials of potential preventative shots.

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## POLICE Blotter

#### Police seek suspects in theft of Uber car





Police released these images of two men suspected in the robbery of an Uber driver on the Whitestone Expressway.

LINDEN HILL—Police were looking for three suspects who assaulted and stole the car of an Uber driver in Linden Hill.

At about 5:15 a.m. April 10, the suspects requested an Uber cab to pick them up in front of 30-05 Whitestone Expressway, according to the police.

Once the 53-year-old driver arrived, one suspect punched the driver in the chest and pulled him out of the car and sat in the driver's seat, police said. The other two suspects also sat inside the

The suspects drove away and the

car was then found partially submerged in a lake inside Brookville Park in Rosedale, officials said.

The two male were both described by police as between the ages of 25 and 30, 5-foot-11 and weighing 180 pounds.

The first suspect was last seen wearing a black jacket and white shirt while the other suspect was last seen wearing a black baseball cap, a gray-hooded sweater, black jeans and black shoes.

A third suspect, a black woman, was described as being between the ages of 25 and 30, 5-foot-9 and weighing 180 pounds.

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#### Officer topples mannequins in Corona: cops

CORONA — A 29-year-old police officer was arrested and charged with criminal mischief after he allegedly knocked down mannequins at a clothing shop last weekend, the NYPD said.

At about 12:10 a.m. Sunday, the officer, identified by police as Joshua Castro, went into the Medellin Colombia Fashion shop in Corona, knocked

down some mannequins and ended up breaking one of them, according to a police spokesman.

Castro was issued a desk appearance ticket by the NYPD and was expected in court on June 17, according to a spokeswoman for Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

#### Elderly woman hit by man with tire iron: NYPD

BEECHHURST — Police were 77-year-old woman with a tire in the driveway of her Beechhurst home.

At about 10:20 a.m. April 15, the victim parked the vehicle in the driveway in the area of Cryders Lane and 157th Street and the suspect then approached her, knocking on her window asking if she saw his lost pet, according to a police spokesman.

He snatched her wallet from her looking for a man who allegedly hit a hands and struck her in the face with a tire iron and she was taken to an area hospital for stitches, the spokesman said.

> The suspect took \$100 and her wallet and fled the scene, the official said.

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

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#### SAFER GREEN SPACES

It's springtime and our thoughts turn to balmy days in the borough's parks, which are a mecca for family outings, bike riding and sporting events such as soccer matches. But criminals—some barely out of elementary school and others with long rap sheets—see vast opportunities for mischief in Queens' green spaces.

City Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows), whose district covers half of Flushing Meadows Corona Park, is rightfully outraged because Queens is only getting eight new Parks Enforcement Patrol officers to police the entire borough.

The mayor recently announced that the latest city budget includes funds for 67 new PEP officers throughout the city, a welcome move. But after the additional PEP staff are parceled out, Queens will be left holding the bag with the fewest on patrol.

In fact, Lancman pointed out the new unarmed PEP recruits will give Manhattan about 21 officers per 1,000 acres of parkland, Brooklyn 15 and Queens

Particularly troubling is the rising crime rate in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, which straddles two police precincts but has only sporadic NYPD coverage. Like Central Park, the most dangerous in the city based on police stats, Flushing Meadows is spread over many acres and has a number of isolated spots that are difficult to patrol. But Central Park has its own police precinct.

Without dedicated PEP officers to enforce the law, Queens' biggest park can become a playground for young gang members, armed criminals, truants and drug dealers. They share the space with the US Open in the summer, but somehow the tennis lovers and the law breakers tend to stick to their own turf.

Even though Flushing Meadows is No. 2 on the dangerous park list, it still is relatively safe. The Parks Department has stressed that crime is very low when measured across all Queens' parks, which account for 14 percent of the city's land.

Nevertheless, Queens lawmakers and parents worry about the safety of neighborhood playgrounds, especially at night. City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) is drawing up a bill that would require PEP officers to lock playgrounds at 9 p.m. Sean's Park, a playground in his district, is littered with broken beer bottles, drug paraphernalia and used condoms every morning.

The councilman was emphatic that his bill would not involve parks.

Both Lancman and Constantindes are on the mark. Queens needs better protection for people using its parks and stronger support from City Hall.



#### OTHER VOICES

### Say no to one-size-fits-all zoning

recently voted overwhelmingly to approve Mayor deBlasio's two zoning proposals aimed at increasing the amount of affordable and senior housing units in our city. The bills are the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendments.

Almost everyone recognizes the need for housing units that working New Yorkers and our senior citizens can afford. However, the mayor's proposals attack the rezonings that so many of us have worked so hard to achieve in order to maintain the character of our communities and to stem the tide of overdevelopment and inappropriate development.

The mayor's proposals ap-

The New York City Council proach zoning on the basis of a hearings. But the overall impact one-size-fits-all mentality. But in reality, what would be acceptable in one part of our city may be totally unacceptable in another part. That's why it took years to accomplish the contextual rezonings that civic and community groups worked on and lobbied for in all parts of the city. Each community was examined individually and rezoned based on the housing stock already in place.

> With MIH and ZQA, that did not happen. The measures were rushed through in one year's time. Both measures received strong support from the real estate industry. Some modifications were made to both the MIH and the ZQA after the City Planning Commission and City Council

to our communities will be the same. More dense development and less parking requirements in many areas will be the norm.

Why weren't the changes brought back to the residents for their consideration? Remember that 50 out of 59 community boards across the city rejected these proposals as they were originally written as well as the majority of the borough presidents. All of these people represent us, the taxpayers! We should be thankful to the City Council members who voted against these measures.

> Henry Euler Bavside

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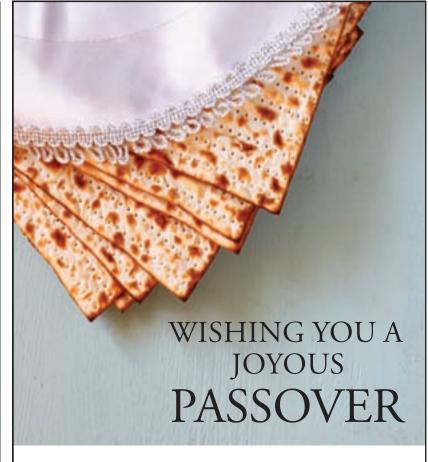
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## Unfounded panic leaves parents shaken



Skenazy Rhymes with Crazy

Lenore

n Saturday night at Cinema Village on East 12th Street in Manhattan, I met Marine Sgt. Aaron Rasheed. He was up from Virginia with his wife and three young children, including baby Elijah, who cried part-way through the new documentary we were there to watch: "The Syndrome."

I can't blame him.

The movie is about Shaken Baby Syndrome—a heinous crime we've all heard of. Back in the fall, when Elijah was 3 weeks old, he suffered a seizure. Sgt. Rasheed and his wife rushed him to the hospital. The baby had two hematomas—blood on the brain (or at least it looked like that at the time). How had he gotten them? The desperate parents had no idea.

Tsk, tsk. They must be hiding something. Child Protec-

tive Services swooped in and accused Rasheed of shaking the baby. Rasheed was floored. He loved his son! He'd never do that!

"But I think because I had served in Afghanistan,' Rasheed said, the authorities assumed he must be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and further assumed he must be taking it out on his baby. All three children were placed in a relative's custody and Rasheed faced trial. Frantic, he went online and tried to find any information he could about Shaken Baby Syndrome.

That's where he found Susan Goldsmith, the researcher behind "The Syndrome."

A journalist for more than 20 years, specializing in child abuse, her investigative reporting resulted in two new laws protecting children in foster care. She was especially revolted by the idea of anyone who'd shake a baby. I guess we all are. But the more she looked into this crime, the more surprised she became.

It turns out that the constellation of three symptoms that "prove" a baby was shaken (a type of brain swelling, brain bleeding, and bleeding in back of the eyes) can actually be caused by all sorts of other problems, including genetic issues, birth trauma—even a fall off a couch.

And yet, over and over, distraught parents and caregivers with no history of anything other than loving their babies have been accused of shaking their kids to death, simply because their children presented these symptoms—or other unexplained symptoms. To this day, about 250 parents and caregivers are prosecuted for this crime every year.

"The Syndrome" tells the tale of how this new category of crime appeared seemingly out of nowhere in the mid-1990s. Goldsmith found that some of the doctors who had actively promoted the Satanic Panic of the early '90s, accusing daycare workers of things like sacrificing animals in the classroom and raping the tots in Satanic rites, abandoned that narrative when people started doubting its plausibil-

In its wake, those doctors found a new horror to focus on: Shaken Baby. As Goldsmith puts it, "They medicalized Sa-

tan." Attention, donations, and research money flooded in.

But after Goldsmith's film interviews parent after parent who brought their ailing babies to the hospital only to find themselves accused of the sickest, saddest crime possible, it turns to the heroes: doctors who gradually started to question the syndrome.

Consider the case Natasha Richardson, says one of them, neurosurgeon Ronald Uscinski: The actress hit her head in a skiing accident and even joked about it afterward. No big deal! Two days later she was dead.

This happens to children, too, he says. Toddlers toddle. Sometimes they fall. Usually it's fine, but sometimes it's tragic. It may be diagnosed as the fallout from a shaking, but here's the sticking point: If someone shook a baby so hard that its head went flopping back and forth, the neck would show signs of whiplash, right? And yet, the film notes: none of the hundreds of "shaken" baby cases Goldsmith reviewed showed serious neck damage.

Not one.

Deborah Tuerkheimer, a Northwestern law professor interviewed in the film, estimates there are 1,000 people in prison today for a shaken baby crime they did not commit. Rasheed was almost one of them, but he was found not

The idea that the shaken baby diagnosis may be as unfounded as the Satanic Panic does not sit well with the medical establishment. The American Academy of Pediatrics issued a 14-page document criticizing "The Syndrome." Three different film festivals were threatened with lawsuits simply for screening it.

But the show goes on. "The Syndrome" is available on demand through iTunes, Amazon, Time Warner Cable-almost everywhere. And Rasheed is hosting a screening back home in Virginia. He knows firsthand how easy it is to end up in the medical establishment or child protective services prosecutor's crosshairs.

It's enough to leave anyone

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## Political conventions have a history of contoversy



William Lewis **Political** Action

s we move closer to the political party national conventions, there has been increased discussion about open conventions in which there are several candidates running for their party's presidential nomination.

This is especially true in the Republican Party where Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich are locked in a battle for the nomination. As we look back at what happened during the 20th century, there were three times when political battles happened in the Republican Party.

The most recent one occurred in 1976, when Ronald Reagan challenged the incumbent president Gerald Ford. The final votes gave Ford a win and Ronald Reagan endorsed him and supported his campaign.

This type of situation also happened in 1952 when Dwight Eisenhower challenged U.S. Sen. Robert Taft for the Republican nomination. Eisenhower was successful. Taft, like Reagan, endorsed Eisenhower and supported him during the presidential cam-

The other Republican convention battle occurred in 1912 when former president Theodore Roosevelt lenged incumbent William Howard Taft, who was the father of Robert Taft. In this case it was a far more intenestablishment had given support at the convention to William Howard Taft and they were able to deliver the nomination to Taft.

In this situation Roosevelt did not endorse Taft. Instead he and his supporters walked out of the convention hall and then held their own convention in which they nominated Roosevelt for president. He would then run as a thirdparty candidate.

As it turned out, Roosevelt got more votes in the general election than Taft did. However the winner of the presidency was Democrat Woodrow Wilson, who would serve as president for eight years. The question is whether a similar situation will happen this year in the battle going on between Trump, Cruz and Kasich. If it does come out to sive struggle. The Republican a similar situation, we will

see a Democrat elected with the Republicans split and not united.

As for the Democratic Party, there is also a chance of a serious party split between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. We will see how this develops.

During the twentieth century there have been two major splits during Democratic conventions. The first occurred in 1924 during the convention that was held in Madison Square Garden. Two candidates were locked in a fierce battle that year that lasted for 102 ballots. The two candidates were Gov. Al Smith of New York and William McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, and sonin-law of former President Woodrow Wilson.

Finally after 102 ballots the two candidates withdrew and

on the 103rd ballot John Davis of West Virginia was nominated. He was defeated by Republican Calvin Coolidge.

The next convention battle took place in 1948. The Democratic Party split into three parties with three candidates. Incumbent President Harry Truman won the nomination. There were also two independent candidates, Progressive Party candidate Henry Wallace and South Carolina Gov. Strom Thurmond of the States Rights Party.

In one of the biggest upsets in American presidential politics, Harry Truman won the 1948 battle, defeating the two independent Democrat candidates and Gov. Tom Dewey of New York, who was the Republican candidate. It is of great interest as to how the 2016 conventions will play out.

## Refugees deserve to be treated humanely



Prem Calvin Prashad New Voices

n the midst of the world's largest refugee crisis since World War II, much is made of the fact that among the arrivals in Europe are not only Iraqis and Syrians, but refugees from as far off as Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Though typically dismissed as "economic migrants" attempting to use the crisis to subvert typical immigration controls, many claim political or religious persecution.

The United States has been largely absent from the refugee question. While efforts are being made to reform the onerous screening process, refugees who attempt to take matters into their own hands find themselves subject to an immigration detention system that activists have long decried as inhuman. For South Asian asylum seekers who voluntarily present themselves to authorities at the southern

border, their journey is likely to have involved a number of Central American countries.

On April 3, acting on a February agreement tween the United States and Bangladeshi governments to deport 159 asylum seekers, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement oversaw the repatriation of 85 Bangladeshis, Indians and Nepalis, chartering a plane to return them to South Asia. Specifically, the detainees included Bangladeshis that claim persecution from the ruling political party and Punjabi Sikhs who claim religious and political persecution by the Indian government.

The detainees rose to national prominence after nearly a hundred declared a hunger strike on Thanksgiving Day last year. The "Freedomgiving" strikes had started in October, with 54 asylum seekers at the El Paso Detention Center in Texas, and spread to approximately 200 participants, across nine other detention sites by the end of the year. Allegations of retaliation by ICE against the strikers, including coercive use of solitary confinement, were

denied by the agency, citing detainee policy. Per ICE policy, a detainee is considered on a hunger strike after refusing nine consecutive meals.

One group, Desis Rising Up and Moving, based Jackson Heights, took the lead on advocating for these detainees, sharing the #FreedomGiving hashtags, and #Deported2Death on social media, highlighting the danger in repatriating asylum seekers. Strikers who were released from ICE custody joined up with the group, sharing harrowing stories of their detention.

In December, the group pushed and received responses on the status of the strikers from the three major Democratic candidates for President at the time. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, who met with some of the strikers that had been released, criticized the immigration detention system and called for greater due process for the detained. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders criticized the use of private prisons to house asylum seekers and pushed alternatives to detention, including allowing

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detainees to remain with fam- of some asylum seekers. ily while awaiting their day in court. A spokesman for Hillary Clinton said she was also opposed to both private detention centers and family detention for parents and children who arrive in this country in desperate situations.

In a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and Secretary of State John Kerry, Congressman Joseph Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) called for a halt to the deportations, questioning whether detainee cases were given adequate consideration for the severity of the danger they might face, as well as concern over the public release of the names

The group has blamed divisive campaign rhetoric, but also the current administration's policies for the deportations and has contended that the asylum seekers and their families are in grave danger, as the deportation agreement is with the government from which they sought protection. On April 8, DRUM held a community funeral for the deportees in Jackson Heights. ICE defended the deportations, noting through a spokesman, that all asylum seekers had been given the opportunity to make their case in court before the issuance of an order of removal.

## A daughter of Queens makes her mark in space



#### The Greater Astoria Historical Society

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orn on April 27, 1953 in Favetteville, N.C. as Ellen Louise Shulman, medical doctor and retired NASA astronaut Ellen Baker was raised in Queens. She became an astronaut in 1985 and participated in three space shuttle missions. Her mother, Claire Shulman, was the borough president of Queens from 1986 to 2002, and her brother Lawrence is

a renowned oncologist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Dr. Baker and her husband, Kenneth, have two daughters.

Following graduation from Bayside High School in 1970, the future astronaut completed her undergraduate studies at SUNY-Buffalo in 1974 and earned her medical degree from Cornell University four years later. Dr. Baker's career took off after she joined NASA in 1981, following her medical residency in San Antonio.

The aspiring doctor from Queens began her service with the space agency as a physi-

cian at the Johnson Space Center before her official selection as an astronaut in 1984. Following completion of training in 1985, the still-earthbound astronaut worked on a variety of programs at NASA, including space station development. While in service, she was Lead Astronaut for Medical Issues at the Johnson Space Center.

The Bayside High graduate's first space flight was STS-34 Atlantis in October 1989. Orbiting the Earth 79 times and logging 1.8 million miles of flight, Dr. Baker and her crewmates deployed the Galileo probe to explore Jupiter and conducted medical and scientific experiments, including mapping the ozone gases in the atmosphere. On her first mission, the proud New Yorker flew into space with the Queens flag, which was later put on display at Borough Hall in Kew Gardens.

Baker's second sojourn into space was her most lengthy. On STS-50 in 1992, she spent 331 hours on the space shuttle Columbia and orbited Earth 221 times. STS-71 in 1995 was her final NASA mission.

Traveling some 4.1 million miles in orbit, Dr. Baker and her fellow astronauts on the Atlantis achieved the first space shuttle docking with the Russian space station Mir and conducted many biological experiments. Her third trip was the 100th human space launch from the Cape.

In her three missions, Ellen Baker logged a total of 686 hours (nearly a month in space over three missions), 453 earth orbits and over 11 million miles of space shuttle travel and exploration.

After her final return from space, the accomplished doc-

tor and space explorer served as chief of education and medicine for NASA's Astronaut Office. Dr. Baker retired from NASA in 2011 to pursue other career interests.

Looking back on her 30 years of service to the nation and the pursuit of scientific inquiry, on her retirement the space agency commented that "Ellen's career has contributed significantly in many areas of NASA's medical, science and countermeasure development. Her creative ideas and dedication to NASA will be sorely missed."

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## Flushing SOUP raises money for community

BY MADINA TOURE

Inspired by a similar program in Detroit, the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce kicked off a micro-granting effort at a crowd-funded community dinner last week that supported projects to help the neighborhood.

Held at the Flushing Meetinghouse at 137-16 Northern Blvd. April 15, the SOUP community dinner was based on a grassroots model created in Detroit after the city went bankrupt in 2013.

SOUP events have been taking place throughout the country to help neighborhoods fund new ideas to benefit their communities.

'The people in Detroit started to organize and develop these soups where people would share a meal and groups would come in and present their proposals for helping the community and whoever got the most votes would get the money that was raised that night," John Choe, the chamber's executive director, said.

Choe said the program was successful in Flushing.

"We were able to do a soup and raise more than \$800 for our local community service initiative," he said.

For a \$5 donation, attendees received a ballot and shared a potluck community meal, with contributions from Dosa Hut, Phil & Sons Pizzeria and Restaurant, New Asian Food, Queens Natural Meats, Starbucks, Leaf Bar & Lounge and Green Earth Urban Gardens.

Four community groups pitched their plans to improve Flushing. Attendees then voted for their favorite initiative and the project with the most votes won all the money raised.

The winning project was the Earth Citizens Club of Flushing's Adopt-A-Block project, a seven-day pilot on



Community groups pitched their plans to improve Flushing at the crowdfunded community dinner. Photo courtesy John Choe

Roosevelt Avenue between Union and Main streets that would include cleaning streets and sidewalks and create positive signage sponsored by residents and businesses. The project was awarded \$832.

Of that total, \$382 was raised at the dinner and a combined \$450 came from sponsors Green Earth Urban Gardens, Susten Corp. and Alice Lee. The project will be coming to downtown Flushing next month.

The Korean Americans for Political Advancement's project, Community Organizing Language Forums, would teach civically engaged Korean and Mandarin speakers how to communicate policy issues to neighbors in these languages.

Another project, Bee Aware Mural Initiative, by the RFK Community High School's Ganeinu Early Learning Center, is a mural located at the center painted by RFK students highlighting the diminishing bee population. The final project was Guardians of Flushing Bay's kickoff event, Community Gathering to Clean Flushing Bay!

### BAN to hold Park Day

BY MADINA TOURE

Briarwood Action Network will be hosting It's My Park Day! next month.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Hoover Park on Manton Street, BAN members will paint, rake, clean and do general cleanup to prepare the park for the spring and summer. Participants are asked to dress appropriately for cleaning and painting.

There will be activities for kids, live jazz music and refreshments for volunteer workers. The ASPCA will also be on hand with information as well as animals available for adoption.



Briarwood Action Network will be holding its annual It's My Park Day! event. Facebook





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## Lancman fights big cuts in city summer programs

#### BY MADINA TOURE

City Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) is asking for funding for middle-school summer programs to be fully restored.

Speaking to more than 50 students, parents and community organizations at Parsons Community School in Flushing last week, Lancman said Mayor Bill de Blasio's preliminary budget eliminated funding for 31,000 slots citywide, including spots in Lancman's district. He is asking the mayor to put back the funding in the executive budget, which comes out in May.

Lancman's district includes Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Jamaica Estates and Briarwood.

In his district alone, eight different community organizations are facing cuts of between 60 and 100 students. Two students from Parsons Community School are affected by the cuts, the councilman said.

"Have school summer programs replaced libraries and firehouses as the new pawns in an updated version of the budget dance?" he said. "The Council is ready to tango again—we didn't accept these cuts last year and we won't this year either. But why does the mayor put our kids and parents in this position? The funding must be restored."

Lancman noted that kids participate in numerous educational activities, including literacy and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) as well as structured sports and service learning.

He also said they receive breakfast and lunch and that many programs include field trips to places such as county fairs on Long Island, Mets games and the local library.

Ben Thomases, executive director of the Queens Community House, said the organization offers comprehensive summer camp programs that enrich kids' lives.

"Every year, we see lines around the block for our summer camp registrations and the city provides slots for only a fraction of those families," Thomases said. "We urge the mayor to restore these summer camp slots as a critical support for working families and investment in our children's future."

The Child Center of New York, Campaign for Children, the New York Junior Tennis League and the YMCA of Greater NY/Jamaica Branch were also in attendance.

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

### Grodenchik's schools win

#### BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Schools and libraries ended up the big winners in Council District 23's participatory budgeting cycle for 2016, according to an announcement from Councilman Barry S. Grodenchik (D-Oakland Gardens).

For residents of the eastern Queens district \$1.5 million was on hand for the fifth annual cycle of the process in which they were able to vote on how best to allocate the funds. Residents voted for a number of technological upgrades to area schools and allocated more than half a million dollars to Hollis and Queens Village libraries.

"Participatory budgeting is a great way to engage and include the community in our budget process and it strengthens our democracy," Grodenchik said. "I am incredibly grateful for the hard work that volunteers put into making this year's participatory budgeting a success."

The winning projects were \$548,000

for laptop carts and smart boards for PS 33Q, IS109Q, Queens High School of Teaching, Business Technology Early College High School, PS/IS266Q and PS 224Q at PS 205Q.

A total of \$375,000 was allocated for audiovisual and other items for PS 18Q, 26Q, 33Q, 186Q and IS 109Q.

The \$550,000 allocated to the libraries was for "facility upgrades, technology installations and new library materials," according to Grodenchik. District 23 residents chose to delegate the funds to these choices over such projects as resurfacing the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway and a new gym floor for Martin Van Buren High School.

District 23 includes parts of Oakland Gardens, Glen Oaks, Fresh Meadows, Terrace Heights and Queens Vil-

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## York alum shows documentary about Nepal

#### Story of indigenous people's culture part of project tracking modernization's impact

BY GRACIANO CLAUSE

York College's journalism program welcomed 2014 graduate Bimina Ranjit and her award-winning Nepal documentary.

Ranjit, a Nepal-born journalist, presented the documentary "Reviving Nepal Bhasa" alongside producer Sam Shakya, also from Nepal, last week in Room 2A04.

The 30-minute documentary is a story about the impact of an indigenous group of people from Nepal called Newars. The Newar people are the original settlers of Kathmandu Valley. Many of the ancient wonders like the art and architecture seen in the documentary were contributed by them. In present times the Newar culture and language are slowly vanishing, however. Nepal also suffered from a catastrophic earthquake in April 2015, which destroyed many of its cultural treasures. In hopes of preserving the Newar culture, "Reviving Nepal Bhasa" raises awareness about all languages and cultures around the world.

As immigrants, Shakya and Ranjit collaborated with a sense of identity crisis about their homeland. Ranjit, who graduated from York two years ago, could have followed a journalism-related path here in America, but she did not.

"I told myself I'm going to graduate with my degree here at York in journalism, but I wasn't familiar with the New York City area, so I said I'm going to build a branch for myself," said Ranjit.

She did just that when she and Shakya decided to make an example of Newar culture by spreading the message about its near extinction due to globalization. There are 473 indigenous languages around the world that are identified as endangered, according to The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. When Shakya



At York College, a special film on Nepal is presented by Bimina Ranjit (I) and Sam Shakya. Photo by Graciano Clause

and Ranjit were working on was quite a struggle for them, producing footage and finding a specific narrative for the film, they said it was difficult because there were languages that they could not translate.

The two managed to finance the project out of their own pockets, which included travel expenses, equipment rentals, editing and production expenses. Even though it they said that was not the biggest obstacle.

"Balancing the history was difficult because Nepal is politically unstable and you don't want to give out the wrong message because you covered a certain aspect of Nepal and not the rest," said Shakya.

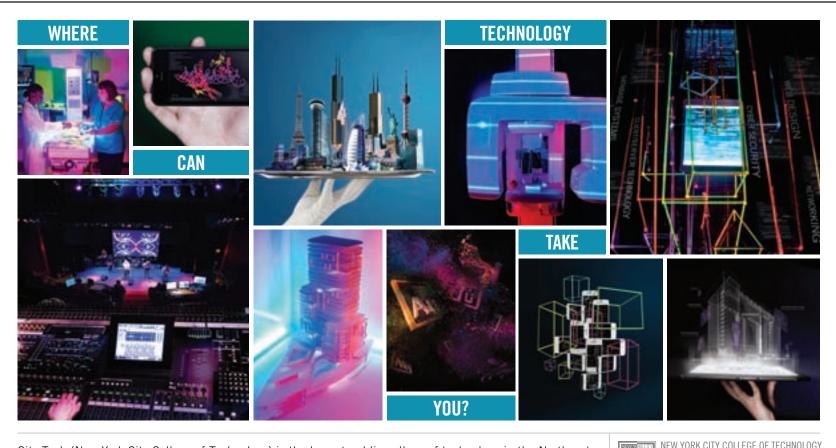
The film tracked the impact of modernization and

globalization, saving an intangible tradition for the youth that is starting to become out of reach.

"You'll see that the young generation now are so good in English because of the urban foreign culture, which has really influenced them to be cool like Americans with the latest trend whether it be hip-hop or something else," Ranjit said.

Ranjit said English has become the trend, Nepali is spoken less, and Nepal Bhasa is barely spoken at all. Newars speak Nepal Bhasa, which is a different language than that of the rest of the national language of Nepali.

Not only did Shakya and Ranjit travel Kathmandu vallev. but they also visited Newar communities in Oregon and New York. They do not plan to stop spreading awareness after this project, as they plan to produce more series to help inform the world about the consequences of losing a lan-



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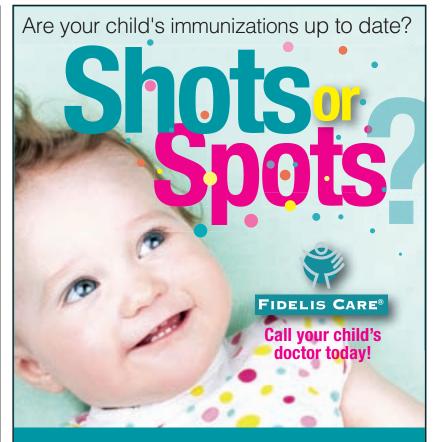
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## Rego Park food bank receives generous donations

BY MARK HALLUM

The Masbia Soup Kitchen in Rego Park got some help from a realty firm last week.

According to Alexander Rapaport, co-founder and executive director of the Masbia network of kosher soup kitchens and food pantries, Stanley Schuckman of Schuckman Realty held a coorporate volunteer day at the all-kosher facility. Not only did he provide the labor for the meal that night, he also distributed cash for everybody who dined in the kitchen that day.

The Masbia Soup Kitchen specializes in supplying kosher goods to homeless residents across Queens and Brooklyn. Their kitchens serve hot meals five days a week and provides a pantry program during Passover. This consists of nine meals for the eight days of the Jewish holiday during which Masbia does not operate.

"Our mission is to feed



Masbia Soup Kitchen in Rego Park and some of its clients recently received a donation from Stanley Schuckman from Schuckman Realty.

everyone," Rapaport told the TimesLedger in 2014. "We happen to be kosher, but our mission is to feed all of New York's hungry."

When Schuckman held his corporate volunteer day April 14, donations of labor, goods and cash were made.

Stanley began handing out \$10 bills to all the people who showed up, according to Rapaport. "And when he ran out of money, he went to the ATM and got more."

Rapaport estimated that around 400 people were fed during the meal.

"That's in addition to a four-figure check they left to help out with the Passover distribution known as the Charoset Drive."

The Schuckmans making generous donations is nothing new, according to Rapaport. They have a history of donating hundreds of cans of tuna to the predominantly Bukharian Jewish non-profit organization.

The Masbia Soup Kitchen is located at 98-08 Queens Blvd. Schuckman Realty is based in Lake Success.

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## Man faces sentence in girlfriend's death

BY MADINA TOURE

A Whitestone man who stabbed his estranged girl-friend to death and then hid her body in the trunk of her car in September 2015 has been sentenced to up to 28 years in prison, according to the Queens district attorney.

Luis Zambrano, 31, pleaded guilty to manslaughter on March 31 as well as attempted burglary on an unrelated matter before Queens Supreme Court Judge Kenneth Holder, District Attorney Richard Brown announced Tuesday.

"A young woman—the mother of two small children—had her life senselessly and violently cut short," Brown said. "The defendant, who professed to love her, repeatedly plunged a knife into her body and to hide his cowardly actions stuffed her bloody remains in the trunk of her own car. And then this killer fled the state hoping to

escape justice."

Holder sentenced Zambrano to 25 years in prison on the manslaughter charge and 1½ to three years in prison on the attempted burglary charge and the sentences are to run consecutively, Brown said.

Zambrano admitted to murdering the victim, Angie Escobar, 28, of Queens Village, whom he repeatedly stabbed on or about Sept. 6, 2015, Brown continued.

Escobar's family last spoke to her on Sept. 5, 2015 and reported her missing four days later as she had missed her sons' first day of school, the DA said.

Her decomposing body was found late on Sept. 10, 2015 in the trunk of her 2004 Nissan Maxima, which had been abandoned near 22nd Avenue and Murray Street in Whitestone, Brown said.

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## RIDGEWOOD SAVINGS BANK AND THE NEW YORK ISLANDERS DONATE MORE THAN \$25,000 TO TWO LOCAL CHARITIES THROUGH "SAVE WITH RIDGEWOOD" PROGRAM

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Ridgewood Savings Bank teamed up with the New York Islanders to benefit two local charities by donating \$10 for every save made by an Islanders goalie during the 2015-16 season. After 2,241 saves, the program, called "Save with Ridgewood," netted checks of \$12,695 each to Gateway Youth Outreach and IMPACCT Brooklyn, two charities selected by Ridgewood to help in their missions and good works throughout Brooklyn & Nassau County.

"We work with many worthy causes in the communities we serve, however these particular charities were chosen specifically for their impact in each of the areas they serve in Nassau and Brooklyn" said Christopher F. Smith, Ridgewood Savings Bank's Vice President & CRA Officer. Gateway Youth Outreach (GYO) is based in Elmont, NY serving the needs of Nassau county communities that help young people and families with counseling, summer programs, and after school homework assistance programs. IMPACCT Brooklyn creates and preserves affordable housing, and prevents displacement to enhance the economic, racial and cultural diversity of Central Brooklyn. "Additionally each charity promotes financial literacy," said Smith, "an endeavor that we promote in all our communities."

Pat Boyle, GYO Executive Director, stated, "We could not be more pleased with this opportunity to share and promote our cause of helping kids and families while being associated with a caring bank like Ridgewood Savings Bank as well as the New York Islanders. Having Ridgewood Savings Bank recognize the importance of housing in our communities says that what we are doing is meaningful. We are very excited to receive the support and recognition of Ridgewood Savings Bank as we work to advance our mission in the communities we serve." said Deborah Howard, Executive Director, IMPACCT Brooklyn.

Throughout the year, the Islanders' website (www.newyorkislanders.com/RSBsave) tracked the number of saves made and translated it into dollars pledged so that fans could track the do-

nation as the season progressed. Leonard Stekol, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Ridgewood Savings Bank commented, "This was an exciting program for our bank and the communities we serve. We were able to donate \$22,410 to these charities through goals saved, along with an additional \$2,980 that the Islanders raised through tickets sales." At the end of the post-season, additional funds will be donated based on the final amount of saves made by the Islanders.

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Claire Deroche, director of Social Justice, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Shelter Rock



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Assemblywoman Maritza Davila with Ann Juliano Jawin



TimesLedger Editor Roz Liston (I) shares a laugh with Jawin



Assemblyman Ron Kim, one of the "Good Guys"



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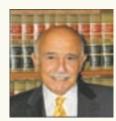
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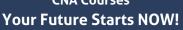
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Scarves and saris of every color were selling well at a couple of booths set up in the plaza on Broadway and Roosevelt Avenue.

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Conservation Committee President Walter Mugdan speaks at the annual Udall Cove clean-up in Little Neck.

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At the Relay for Life fund-raiser at St. John's University, frat brothers sing for Linda Fratello (c) from Garden City, a cancer survivor. She is the aunt of one of the brothers.

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Lucas, Sophia and Sienna, all from Little Neck, take a break from cleaning up the winter debris in the park on Long Island Sound.

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Sorority sisters at St. John's get a sympathetic hair cut with the help of Karissa Dunwell (background) from Salone Di Capelli in Garden City.

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Outdoor lighting serves various purposes. Such lighting can draw attention to more impressive parts

of a property. In addition, it can improve security and deter criminals.

To get started, homeowners should first examine the exteriors of their homes and make note of existing lighting and where improvements can be made. If you're not sure where to begin, speak with an electrician or a landscape designer, each of whom can offer suggestions on lighting and which options are the best fit for your particular property.

Next, you'll want to consider efficiency and function. The United States Department of Energy suggests incorporating energy-efficient lighting, including energy-saving bulbs or fluorescent lights, into your plans. Timers and other automatic controls can prevent waste by turning lights on only when they are needed. Solar lights can be used as accent lights, further saving energy.

#### Beauty

When addressing aesthetics, think about the appeal of an accented landscape. Include lights to frame the front door and call attention to certain elements, such as decorative trees or water features.

Use lights to light up deck stairways or to accent Continued on page 38



# You can make the most of Small spaces

iny houses are a recent phenomenon and have spurred many businesses — from builders to decorating experts — looking to connect with consumers who want to go small. The small house movement advocates for living simply in small homes, some of which can be as small as 100 square feet or less.

Although living in a tiny house is not for everyone, many people prefer small-space living to living in larger, more spacious homes and apartments. For those looking to make the most of their small living spaces, there are ways to make such living arrangements feel larger:

Light is your friend. Establish adequate lighting in a room that includes at least three working lights. Varied light sources from different angles will eliminate dark corners and shadows that can make a space feel smaller. Lighting also can draw the eye where you want it and distract attention from the room's flaws.

Make use of vertical space. Homes where space is at a premium may have limited storage areas. An often-overlooked storage option is vertical space. Space above doors, shelving, and areas above cabinetry are ideal places to store items. Use hooks on walls to keep belongings off the floor.

Choose light-colored paint. Choose lighter hues for your home furnishings and wall colors. You do not have to limit this to white (unless landlords require white walls). Pale colors will help reflect light and can make the room seem larger than it really is. Using a dark color on the flooring can make other lighter shades really pop in contrast.

Conceal the clutter. If you cannot keep personal belongings to the utmost minimum in a home, experiment with clever ways to keep items out of sight. Furniture that serves dual purposes can help with this task. Storage ottomans will conceal small toys or lin-

ens and also provide seating options in a room when guests come over. A dresser can be used as a dining room buffet piece, and the numerous drawers can hold knickknacks or silverware. Furniture with built-in, hidden storage is well worth the investment when living spaces are limited.

Create dual-purpose rooms. Lack of space means getting creative with the space you do have. A nook in your bedroom can be devoted to a miniature home office. Perhaps you can establish a crafting center in a portion of your laundry room. Garages have long served as catch-all spaces in homes.

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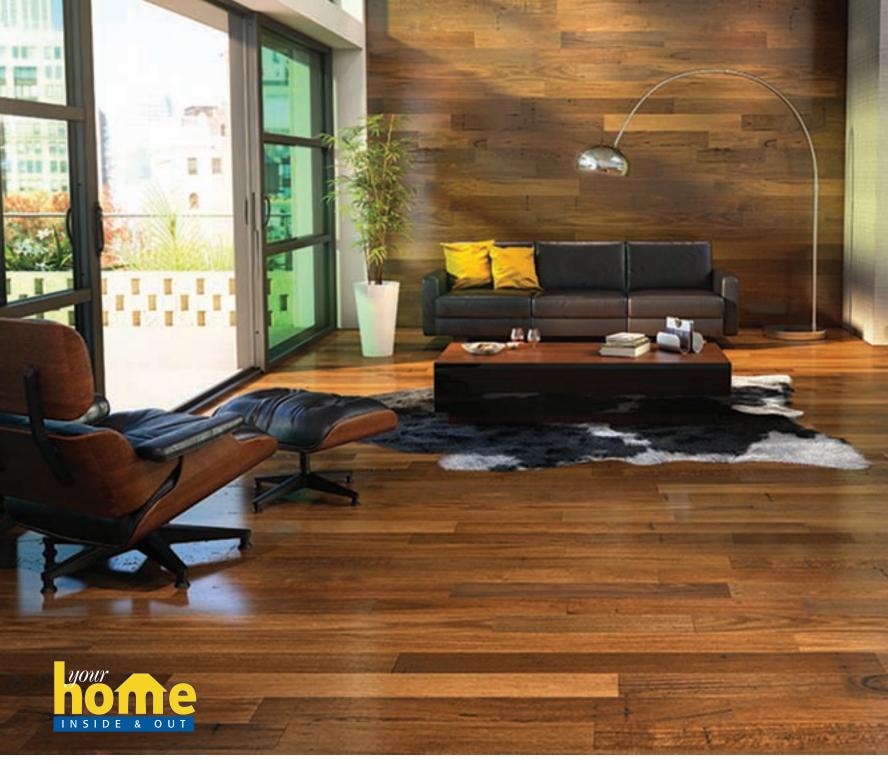
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# Hardwood floors ARE ALL texture

xperts in the hardwood flooring industry are seeing a major shift in the way consumers are now choosing their floors, as color is no longer king. Texture has emerged as the new "color" when it comes to the driving force behind wood flooring selections.

"For years, color was always the top consideration for people looking for a hardwood floor. But over the last few years, texture has overtaken color as the new driver. The reason behind this movement is that texture stimulates our senses with

both tactile and visual elements," explained Michel Collin, marketing director of Mercier Wood Flooring, one of North America's leading hardwood flooring manufacturers.

The latest handscraped and distressed hardwood floors are good examples of how popular textures have become with discerning wood flooring consumers. According to Collin, there is a big demand for textured wood floors across North America, where homeowners are looking to feature the distressed look of barn wood, prominent knots or the natural sculptural and undulating lines of boards planed the old fashioned way.

"The texture trend is very hot with homeowners today and we have a feeling it's here to stay," added designer Marie Francois of Dolce Interieur in Montreal.

To keep up with the demand for this growing texture trend in hardwood floors, manufacturers such as Mercier have developed new hardwood series featuring these sought-after tactile and visual elements.



## Freshen up your home for spring with a new look

fter a few months of chilly temperatures, come spring, many homeowners are eager to throw open their windows and doors and breathe new life into their homes. Simple changes made now—even before the weather begins to warm up—can improve interior spaces and brighten the atmosphere of a home.

Go plant shopping. Research from NASA suggests adding at least one plant in your home per 100 square feet is efficient enough to clean air. Fresh foliage also makes a home feel warm and inviting. Watering and misting plants introduces moisture into indoor air, which can make rooms overcome with dry air from heating systems feel comfortable. Just be sure to avoid overwatering plants, which can lead to mold growth.

Swap out throw pillows. Accent pillows on beds and sofas are quick and inexpensive ways to add new bursts of color to rooms. You may be able to make over a room's entire color scheme with new pillows. Invest in pillows that you can switch with each season so your decor will never look tired or dull.

Clean existing light fixtures. Another way to brighten the mood in a home is to periodically clean light fixtures to make sure they are working effectively. Spend time dusting them and cleaning off any accumulated debris. If need be, switch out old lamp shades for newer ones that let more light shine through. If inadequate lighting is a problem



Fresh flowers, new throw pillows, and lightweight draperies are some easy ways to transform a home in time for spring's arrival.

no matter how many lamps you have, consult with an electrician about installing more overhead and accent lighting.

Give rugs and floors a deep cleaning. Recirculated air may be full of dust and other microscopic particles that end up blowing throughout your home. Also, it's easy to track in dirt and other materials on your shoes that become imbedded in carpeting. At least once a year, rent or enlist the services of carpet and upholstery cleaners to give floors a thorough cleaning. You may be surprised at how clean and fresh a home looks and smells once rugs and carpets are deep-cleaned. You also can make a dry carpet cleaner using baking soda, corn starch, and desired fresh herbs for fragrance. Sprinkle and then vacuum up after a few hours.

Color-coordinate books shelves. Group all books with similarly colored covers together for an instant and eye-appealing look.

Simmer some homemade home deodorizer. In a large pot, boil water and some scented herbs, such as rosemary, citrus rinds, vanilla, or lavender. The aroma will waft through the home, creating a pleasing scent.

Invest in new window treatments. Lightweight draperies or new blinds or shades can transform the look of a room. Be sure to keep curtains and blinds open during the day to maximize the hours of sunlight.

Homeowners can make some simple changes while they're stuck indoors and reap the benefits when the weather warms up again.

This year Mercier's Nature collection is offering even more textures than in years past, as its new "Pub Series" features hardwood floors that perfectly capture the essence of a well-worn floor. With names like Courvoisier, Spirits, Stout and Malt, the series replicates the unique charm of an Irish pub where its floors have seen it all and lived to tell the tale.

Mercier's "Handscraped" series features a hand-sanded feel that gives the floor deep character. A traditional effect shines though in the beautiful knots, a deeply distinctive touch that ties any room together effortlessly.

"When it comes to flooring texture treatments, such as handscraping, they should be considered as art forms, timeless, unique works of art tailored to your home," added Collin.

Design tip: A rustic scrape will result in a more "distressed" look and is an ideal choice for an active family. A more sculpted floor with minor surface interruption is considered "classic" and fits perfectly in a contemporary decor.

### Paint and renovate correctly



Both exterior and interior paint can be used to protect homes and make strong impressions.

hanging paint colors is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to add a fresh new look to the interior or exterior of a home.

Both exterior and interior paint can be used to protect homes and make strong impressions. Painting projects are fun and can be easy, but not all projects are so simple. Homeowners may need to exercise patience and devote an ample amount of time to get the job done right. One errant drip is all it takes to turn a perfect paint job into a colorful mess.

Paints are much safer now than in years past, but they still need to be handled with caution and disposed of with care after the job is done. Painting can be a tricky project because the fumes and chemicals found in many paints make these products more difficult to dispose of.

The Environmental Protection Agency says homeowners in the United State throw out 64 million gallons of paint per year. While latex paints are not considered hazardous waste, they should be recycled. Oilbased paints, however, are considered hazardous household waste and must be disposed of properly.

Homeowners should check with their trash and recycling collection centers regarding the proper way to dispose of paints, stains, and varnishes. TOP QUALITY AND LOW PRICES, FOR 28 YEARS WE'VE PROVEN IT CAN BE DONE • TOP QUALITY AND LOW PRICES, FOR 28 YEARS WE'VE PROVEN IT CAN BE DONE

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Curb appeal can set your home apart from others, and improving curb appeal doesn't have to be expensive.

## **BUDGET-FRIENDLY WAYS TO ADD** curb appeal

urb appeal can help a home get noticed in a bustling real estate market. Curb appeal also can contribute to the aesthetics of a neighborhood for residents who plan to stay put, and many homeowners feel an attractive exterior is just as important as a comfortable interior.

Homeowners do not have to spend a fortune to improve the curb appeal of their homes. With these strategies, anyone's home can take on a more appealing look:

#### Clean up

A messy, untamed front yard can detract from a perfectly acceptable home. Cleaning up your yard and home's exterior is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to give the place a makeover.

Cut back overgrown shrubs, plants and trees. Make sure the front door is clearly visible and that any walkways are edged and accessible. Store garbage pails behind a barrier and keep trash out of sight. Store children's toys in the backyard rather than strewn across the front lawn. These simple steps can improve curb appeal instantly.

#### Spruce up the lawn

A well-manicured lawn can go a long way to making a home more appealing. If your thumb is anything but green, hire a professional lawn and garden service to help you establish a lush, green lawn.

#### **Dress to impress**

The entryway to a home is the first thing visitors will see. Be sure the front door and entryway are in good repair. A pop of color can't hurt, either. If you do not like the idea of painting the door a vivid hue, dress it up with a colorful wreath or another decorative accent.

Carry your interior design style to the outdoors as well. Welcoming accents, such as cushioned chairs or potted plants, also add curb appeal.

Consider painting house numbers on a terra-cotta pot and filling it with plants. The pot will be decorative and functional.

#### Rely on symmetry

Symmetry is pleasing to the eye and easy to arrange. Use it to frame your entryway and throughout your property. Symmetrical use of lighting fixtures, plants, trees, and decorative items really can have an impact.

#### Don't forget lighting

Outdoor lighting adds appeal and safety to a property. Use lighting to accent a special landscaping feature or to illuminate a walkway. Few people enjoy approaching a dark home, and outdoor lighting can ensure your property always is well-lit. Remember, curb appeal is applicable both day and

Improving on curb appeal can make a difference in how others view your home.



#### **Materials** that can be used to pave a driveway

hen renovating a home, many homeowners look to increase the home's curb appeal. "Curb appeal" is a term used to describe how the home's exterior appears to buyers the moment they pull up to the curb. A home that impresses prospective buyers before they even go inside is said to have a strong curb appeal, and that curb appeal can add significant value to a home.

Homeowners looking to improve the curb appeal of their home can do so in a variety of ways. One often overlooked yet effective way to make a home's exterior more appealing is to revamp the driveway. Driveways may not be high on a homeowner's renovation totem pole, but a cracked or unsightly driveway can give prospective buyers the impression that a home has not been properly taken care of. When addressing a driveway, homeowners have a host of paving materials at their disposal:

#### Asphalt

Asphalt is an affordable paving material, which likely plays a role in its popularity among homeowners. Asphalt is also easy to install and requires little maintenance, two additional benefits to homeowners who don't have much time to install or look after their driveway.

Asphalt is made from a combination of concrete, gravel, and tar, and though it's easy and affordable to install, asphalt, as any kid can tell you, can get awfully hot under the summer sun. Asphalt can also crack rather easily, so homeowners must weigh its immediate affordability against the likelihood that perhaps it will need to be replaced sooner than other materials.

#### Brick

Brick is among the more expensive paving materials, as brick is a labor-intensive material to install. But brick allows homeowners to create distinctive patterns that can add quite a bit to a home's curb appeal.



# Add fresh color to kitchen cabinets



Freshly painted cabinets can give a kitchen an entirely new and fresh look at a fraction of the cost of a full-scale kitchen remodel.

any homeowners dream of giving their kitchens a full-scale remodel. Though such a project can give a kitchen an entirely new look, that look does not come cheap. According to Remodeling magazine's 2013 "Cost vs. Value Report," homeowners can expect to spend more than \$53,000 on a major kitchen remodel

and recoup just below 70 percent of that cost at resale. So while the idea of a full-scale kitchen remodel might be a dream project, the cost of such an undertaking is beyond many homeowners' budgets.

But homeowners who cannot afford a full remodel can still give their kitchens a new look and can do so for relacabinets a new color or simply giving fading cabinets a fresh coat of paint can instantly add life to a kitchen. The following are a few tips:

#### Assess existing cabinets

Some materials, including wood and metal, can be repainted without much of a fuss. But other materials, including plastic laminate, are not so amenable to repainting, and will likely require specialty paints.

Homeowners with plastic laminate cabinets should first paint a spot or two with a sample paint, being careful to choose a spot that's concealed. If the paint bonds well to the plastic laminate, then you can go forward and buy enough paint to redo all of the cabinets. If the paint does not take, consult a professional to find a paint that's likely to be a better fit.

#### Plan for ornate cabinets to take a little longer

Painting projects will go faster when cabinets have flat fronts, but they can take considerably longer

tively little money. Painting kitchen when cabinets are unique and more detailed.

#### Remove doors and hardware

When painting cabinets, it's best to essentially disassemble them, removing the doors, handles, knobs, latches, and any additional hardware. When removing hardware, be sure to set them aside in clearly marked plastic bags so it's easier to reassemble the cabinets once the fresh coat of paint has dried.

As doors are removed, number each door and its corresponding location, much like products that require assembly are numbered at the factory. This makes it easier to reassemble and ensures the cabinets and their hinges will align properly.

#### Don't paint dirty surfaces

Cabinet surfaces have likely collected their share of dirt, grease, and grime over the years, so you want to clean these surfaces thoroughly before painting. Once surfaces have been cleaned, rinse them off and give them ample time to dry.



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Don't be surprised to notice a resurgence of metallic shades and metals incorporated into home designs in the year ahead.

# Exciting home trends for 2016

Trends in home remodeling and decor tend to come and go. Something that is popular for a little while can fall out of favor when the next new idea comes along. New trends are always on the horizon, and 2016 may encourage homeowners to try something new:

Metallics and metals are back. Although stainless steel accents in the kitchen have long been popular, the glistening look of metal and metallic shades are back in a big way. Inspired by the 1950s and 1970s, brass, gold, and metallic finishes are popular right now.

**Texture:** Texture is a big component of interior design. Furniture and accessories featuring faux fur and natural fibers are becoming popular. Pieces adorned with cozy materials can seem more inviting. Organic

shapes, such as tables looking like the tree trunk they were cut from, also are expected to become more popular.

Artisanal touches in accessories: It's all about getting back to basics, with homeowners desiring pieces that are one-of-a-kind and handmade rather than mass-produced. Expect to see more accessories that are made by hand or in small batches, like pottery or handwoven textiles, as homeowners are increasingly turning to independent artists and artisans when decorating their homes. Homeowners can even support independent artists when choosing art for their homes.

Fabric on the walls: Walls also will be covered in texture and pattern. Textiles will increasingly turn up on walls and in places they haven't traditionally been seen. Patterns may lean toward floral, tropical and indigenous

artisan weaving designs.

Pinks and blues: Expect to see pale pink and blue in various design applications. The Pantone Color Institute released a blending of two colors, Rose Quartz and Serenity, as its 2016 Color of the Year. This has impacted color trends through all areas of design — including home touches. These colors pair well with mid-tones, like browns and greens, as well as the increasingly popular metallics.

Smart homes: Technology is changing the way people look at their homes. Water-resistant music systems for the bathroom, wirelessly operated Bluetooth devices that turn on lights or appliances from a smartphone, and even fixtures that use technology to self-clean are turning up more and more.

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planters. Speak with a lighting professional about how to position lights to cover the most territory in the most attractive way possible.

#### Safety

Safety is an important consideration when improving a home. Lighting can help illuminate potential hazards or draw attention to borders or property boundaries. Navigating in the dark can be treacherous, so put lights along pathways and near pools or spas.

Be sure that lights will clearly mark other walkways around your home, such as those leading from doors to the yard or from the garage to where trash and recycling pails are kept. If a design element such as a bridge over a water feature or a particular ornamental tree or shrub is difficult to navigate in the dark, use lights to improve visibility.

#### **Security**

Added security is another reason to install more exterior lighting. Dark homes are attractive to burglars. Eliminate dark corners by lighting up areas where thieves may be able to gain access to your home. This includes areas near doorways and ground-level windows. Install motion-sensor lights in such areas so you are not wasting energy.

Lighting may not only deter human intruders, but also it can scare away animals. A raccoon, skunk or opossum may think twice about hanging around your home when your property is bathed in a spotlight.

## **SMALL**

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Apart from storage, they can be subdivided for home gyms or even a place to gather and watch a ballgame.

Hang mirrors to "expand" rooms. Mirrors can trick the eye into believing there is more space in a room. Mirrors melt away room borders and can accelerate the flow of light. Hanging them throughout your home can make spaces seem larger.

Think about built-in furniture. Traditional furniture may not be practical for small spaces and can waste a lot of room. Custom-built furniture is often the way to go to maximize the area you do have. Employ a little do-it-your-self initiative as well, customizing items for the perfect fit.

Work with a designer. If you're having difficulty making a small space work for you, consult with an interior designer or a contractor for some ideas.



Outdoor lighting can play up the more decorative features of a yard, including flower beds.

# LIGHTING SETS STAGE FOR Outdoor fun

Is the season for making changes in and around the home. The arrival of warmer weather renews homeowners' vigor for various home improvement projects, and many have grand plans for interior and exterior renovations as they prep their living spaces for comfort, beauty and entertaining opportunities. Adding outdoor lighting to a home can help increase its value and make the home safer and more attractive in the evening hours.

According to the American Lighting Association, with a few updates to outside lighting, families can make even better use of their homes at night. Adding outdoor lighting is easier and less expensive than many homeowners may know, allowing them to transform an existing patio, deck, or pool area into an enjoyable nighttime retreat. Pool parties, dinners on the patio, or barbecues with neighbors become even more memora-

ble when outdoor lighting is added or improved. But homeowners who want to install or upgrade their outdoor lighting should consider the following tips:

Improve navigation. Lighting is typically layered into a room or outdoor space in three ways: overhead, task, and ambient. Even outdoors, where there are no typical boundaries and borders, those three layers are necessary. Outdoor overhead lighting should improve visibility on steps, paths, and walking surfaces, especially where there's a bend or an intersection. Task lighting can be used around cooking or gardening areas. Ambient light will cast a comforting glow around any outdoor space.

**Enhance security.** To improve visibility and security, combine a motion detector with a sconce to illuminate dark corners or entryways.



# A touch of glass

The trend of using decorative glass to create dramatic entryways continues to grow as homeowners choose to stay in their homes longer and remodel for extended personal enjoyment. Adding a "touch of glass" with a new front entry door can be one of the most effective and economical ways to enhance a home's curb appeal.

Beyond aesthetics, a new entry with decorative glass can add value to the home. According to a national home valuation study conducted by Therma-Tru(R) and TNS, an independent research organization, simply installing a new entryway door has been shown to increase the perceived value of a home by more than \$24,000 on average.

Manufacturers offer a wide array of choices for entryways incorporating decorative glass doorlites, sidelites, and transoms. These choices allow homeowners to create a custom look for the home while making a statement about their personal sense of style.

Entryway systems that incorporate decorative glass also offer the added benefit of allowing more sunlight into the home without energy loss, making for a more attractive, more energy-efficient interior. Some of the most stunning designs are available in impact-rated versions that provide added home security and protection from severe weather conditions, such as high winds and heavy rain. Other decorative glass options include vented sidelites to allow both air and natural ventilation into the home.

# Ensuring a successful basement remodel

BY SCOTT MCGILLIVRAY

mericans continue to fuel remodeling spending across the country, driven by upward growth in real estate prices and the rising cost to trade up to a larger home. Basement renovations are expected to be a hot trend in 2016, as buyers look to maximize available living space rather than move, and as young buyers look to offset the cost

of homeownership with potential income suites.

Finishing a basement can be a great alternative to moving — especially if you love your neighborhood — but there are some challenges homeowners must be aware of when tackling below-grade living spaces. Choosing the right products is vital to the comfort, safety, and function of your new living area.

to ensure a successful basement renovation:

#### Waterproof it

Check the interior foundation and floors to make sure there are no existing moisture issues, water damage, or mold problems. Address any primary moisture issues before finishing the space. Examine grading to ensure wa-

Here are the top points to consider  $\;\;$  ter runs away from your foundation.

#### Insulation is key

Insulation plays a critical role in making your basement feel comfortable while keeping it safe and dry. For the best results, install a rigid board insulation, like Roxul ComfortBoard IS, against the concrete foundation before you stud the wall.

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## Ecuador

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Meanwhile, Moya has turned his office into a command center this week where he has coordinated with civic organizations and the Ecuadorean consulate in Manhat-

"On Saturday when I heard of the devastating earthquake that stuck Ecuador, my heart sank," he said. "Like many Ecuadoreans living in New York my first thought was to reach my family and friends still living in Ecuador to know they were safe. Since then I have been working closely with members of the community and representatives from the government of Ecuador to connect families and organize relief efforts."

Moya, the first Ecuadorean

American lawmaker in the United States, said his office would remain available to help those affected connect with resources. The phone number is 718-458-5367.

Peralta, whose district has a population of 46,000 Ecuadoreans, vowed to do everything possible to help.

Words cannot express how devastated I was when I heard the news about the disaster," he said. "Ecuadoreans here in New York are also feeling the aftershocks, especially the ones trying to get in touch with their family members and haven't been successful. As Ecuador recovers, we will cooperate in any way we can to assist them in relief efforts."

Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa said billions of dollars will be needed to help his country rebuild. In Washington, Crowley introduced a resolution in support of the people of Ecuador Tuesday after the nation requested assistance.

"The road to recovery will be long and difficult for the people of Ecuador, and I'm pleased that the U.S. government has pledged assistance," Crowley said. "Our resolution is a signal to the people of Ecuador that the U.S. Congress also stands with them in the wake of this tragedy.'

Mayor Bill de Blasio assured the city's 140,000 Ecuadorians that his administration is prepared to help.

"Our Community Affairs Unit is already on the ground working with the community organizations and leaders to best channel any support we can offer as Ecuadoreans prioritize rescue efforts and begin to rebuild their cities," he said.

#### Meanwhile, the conser-Sanders vancy's vice president, Mark Continued from Page 4 music events and our first-ev-

er 5K run on June 4." All proceeds from the race

the Sanders rally.

lary Clinton announced her candidacy right over there on Roosevelt Island," he said. "You could hear her voice in the background you can see

## Election

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In Astoria at PS 85, veteran precinct coordinator Loretta Csikortos found herself swamped when more than 1,100 voters showed up before 11 a.m. She was shorthanded because 14 poll workers had failed to report for duty.

"If it's like this on Election Day, they just better shut this one down," she said. "We're really juggling here."

Astoria voter Chris Escandon, 24, works around the corner from PS 85 and was hoping he could vote by affidavit. But he was told his vote might not be counted.

"I'd rather vote at home and make sure it counts because this is such a pivotal moment for the country," he said. "We have no idea where we are headed."

A Flushing woman could not find her name in the book at one polling site even though her family had not moved. She was directed to fill out an affidavit, which allowed her to vote.

Many voters in Queens were looking for change as they marked their ballots for Trump or Sanders, while

others said they voted for Hillary and sometimes Kasich because of their proven track records. Wall Street, money, the economy, middle class struggles and illegal immigration were recurring

Confusion reigned at some polling spots in Queens when independent voters tried to cast their ballots and others wanted to switch their party affiliations just to vote in Tuesday's primary. Under New York election law, only people registered with a party can vote in that party's primary, which leaves independents without a vote. To change parties a voter had to have registered by Oct. 9,

The Board of Elections did not mail out the standard voter cards about polling sites and voting hours for the primary, annoying some voters. But after filling out their ballots, voters were issued little stickies to indicate they had done their civic duty and a flurry of paper circles began appearing on Facebook pages.

---Patrick Donachie, Mark Hallum, Bill Parry and Madina Toure contributed to this

will go to the conservancy so they can stage even more events in the park.

Christie, who also serves as the president of Friends of Hunters Point Library that is currently under construction nearby, was keeping an eye on

"I was just thinking, it was just over a year ago when Hil-

echoing off all of these buildings and now we have Bernie Sanders here a year later and Donald Trump's building in the skyline. How ironic."

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# **UJA-Federation of New York Honors** Debbie & Michael Resnick of Sinai Chapels

On Monday, May 2, 2016, Debbie and Michael Resnick, owners of Sinai Chapels in Fresh Meadows, Queens, will be honored at UJA-Federation of New York reception at Shelter Rock Jewish Center in Roslyn. Debbie and Michael will be honored for their contribution to Jewish philanthropy and their extensive community service. For four generations the Resnick family and Sinai Chapels has provided compassionate care to New York's Jewish community at their time of need.

Michael was honored for his community service by the Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation as a recipient of a Parker Platinum Professionals award. was honored by the Jewish Studies Program at

steadfast support of their annual special Kristallcommemoration, nacht recommitting to combatand ting anti-Semitism hatred. Michael was also honored as a Queens business leader who has provided meaningful support to The Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives at Queens Community College.

Michael majored in Business at the University of Miami, Florida and graduated from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in 1980. Michael has three decades of experience in the funeral business. He is a member of The Jewish Funeral Directors of America and KAVOD — The Independent Jewish Funeral served twice as Chancellor Commander of Sam Harris Renaissance Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member and former officer of the Brandeis Lodge (Masonic Order) and serves as an active member of numerous fraternal organizations. Michael and Debbie are members of Shelter Rock Jewish Center.

Debbie Resnick s a licensed RN who at the age of 25 attained the position of head nurse of orthopedics at Memorial Sloan Kettering where she continued to work for a few more years before having children and deciding to be a stay at home mom. Debbie is currently Co-President of the Shelter Rock Jewish Center Sisterhood.

will be speaking at the in our community for the

Queens College for his Chapels. Michael has event. Rabbi Potasnik curbiggest impact. Through rently serves as the executive vice president of the New York Board of Rabbis, and is the Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Mt. Sinai Brooklyn. Rabbi Potasnik has also served as a chaplain for the FDNY and Fraternal Order of Police. Rabbi Potasnik also co-hosts Religion on the Line on WABC (AM) radio, ABC's longest running talk show. He is also a religious commentator for WINS (AM) radio.

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## Blossom Ave.

Continued from Page 1 not busy enough for a traffic signal.

"That is not an appropriate response," Rozic said. "That is not the response that community members in Flushing deserve, so we're here again to call on the city Department of Transportation to revisit the study and say enough is enough.'

A DOT spokesman said the agency's fall 2015 study of the intersection found that it did not meet the federal criteria for a traffic signal.

He said the agency is currently taking another look at the location to see what potential safety measures can be implemented.

The spokesman also said that from Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2014, the intersection saw a total of four motor vehicle occupant injuries.

No pedestrian injuries, se-

vere injuries or fatalities were reported at the location during that time, the spokesman said.

State Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) said that that along Main Street, there were 15 injuries and one death last

During the first two months of 2016, there were four injuries between Maple and Blossom avenues and at the intersection in question, there have been three injuries since October 2015, Stavisky said.

'It is unfortunate that we have to come out and not demonstrate but have a press conference," Stavisky said. "The city should be doing this voluntarily and willingly.'

Scott Sieber, spokesman for City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing), said the DOT needs to take the community's concerns into consideration.

'The DOT has to come out," Sieber said. "They have to do their analysis. It has to be done scientifically, but we think that they also need to

listen to the community."

The intersection is just a block away from the northeast corner of Cherry Avenue and Main Street, where 3-yearold Allison Liao was hit by a driver in October 2013 while crossing at the intersection with her grandmother. The intersection has since been renamed "Allison Hope Liao Way."

"We're really baffled by why just a few feet away, DOT can't look at the street and do some traffic calming measures," Allison's mother, Amy Tam-Liao, a founding member of Families for Safe Streets, said. Peter Tu, executive director of the Flushing Chinese Business Association; Susan Lacerte, executive director of Queens Botanical Garden; and Arielle Burlett, Neighborhood WIC Program Manager at Public Health Solutions, thanked the elected officials for their work and asked the DOT to consider the community's needs.

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Public housing units run by the New York City Housing Authority are ineligible.

Continued from Page 2 Community Action at 136-19 41st Ave., #3, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. RSVP at (718) 460-5600 ext. 306.

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- · Koo's office at 135-27 38th Ave. June 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. RSVP at (718) 888-8747.

Katz

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"I am excited at the great lengths this orchestra has gone and I thank you all for being here," Katz said. "Queens is popping, moving and shaking and people want to live here, people want to make money here. My parents believed that for the borough to thrive you wouldn't have to go over a bridge or through a tunnel to be exposed to the arts, to access a world-class orchestra,

the finest concerts and classical education."

Under the direction of guest Maestro Elli Jaffe, the music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and the honorary foreign conductor of the Prague Symphony Orchestra, the QSO performed two songs with the borough president singing, including "On my Own" from Les Miserables.

"There is a reason I asked to go first," Katz told the crowd. You don't ever want to follow great artists."

After her segment had end-

ed and the rest of the program began, Katz admitted backstage that she had felt some butterflies performing.

"The minute you don't feel nervous is when you should give up," she said. "This was great. It's like home for me having grown up here, so it was very nice. My parents started these great cultural institutions and as an advocate for the arts I want to keep their legacy going."

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# Opt-outs

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funds, though this did not occur in New York last year.

Gross said he believed the steady numbers indicated a

floor that the numbers were unlikely to fall below until parents' issues were addressed and he reiterated that the challenge for opt-out supporters was to make the initial inroads with communities throughout the state.

"The hardest part is getting (718) 260-4573.

your foot in the door," he said. "Once we start talking about what the options are, opt-out tends to spread like wildfire."

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## Noise bill

Continued from Page 1 tion that accomplishes these goals, and I look forward to reviewing this particular provision when it comes before the House," Meng said.

The bill includes an amendment introduced by Arizona Republican Sens. Jeff Flake and John McCain requiring the FAA to establish an airspace management advisory committee to review and report to Congress on the agency's process for developing proposals that affect airspace changes.

The committee would examine how the FAA coordinates both internally within the agency and externally with stakeholders on the proposals.

City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) said the bill is "a step in the right direction" in that it at least seems to require the FAA to consider the impact of low-flying airplanes over downtown Flushing, but it will not stop

"It remains to be seen whether this (advisory) committee, which notably lacks community representation in favor of airline, airport and aviation officials, will actually take our best interests into consideration," Koo said.

Susan Carroll, a Flushing community advocate, said

she is disappointed that the bill has no provision for lowering the noise metric from a day-night average sound level of 65 decibels—established by the FAA in 1981 as the level at which federal funding could be provided for noise mitigation strategies—to 55 DNL, the standard most countries

But she praised McCain and Flake for getting their amendment into the bill, sayingthat New York's two Democratic senators, Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, have not done enough work to advocate against airplane noise.

She said she hopes the bill will at least lead to an evaluation of the TNNIS Climb, a departure path that stretches over northeast Queens, and NextGen.

Carroll also expressed concerns that without a reduction in the noise metric, the FAA could review the flight paths again and say that there is not a significant effect.

"I would hope that there is political pressure put on the Port Authority to request that review, " Carroll said. "That's the very least that can be done at this point."

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# Rights

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Human Rights Law, there are 17 different protected classes, which Slaughter said were the most in the nation. The new bill made "caregiver" one of those protected statuses, which was defined as having "caregiving and familial responsibilities that include assisting with the care of children, parents, spouses and other family members."

The new status will go into effect May 4, according to Slaughter.

After the discussion, the group was split into two workshops to further discusses the protections available under the Fair Housing Act and Fair Chance Act.

The panel came at a fraught time for Muslims in the United States. According to a Pew Research poll released in February, approximately half of Americans think "some" Muslims

harbor anti-American views and 76 percent of Americans believe that anti-Muslim discrimination was on the rise.

At the panel, Malalis in $troduced\,herself\,to\,the\,groups$ settled throughout the conference room before giving her introductory remarks. She said the transparency these panels encouraged was all the more important in light of the current national dialogue about discrimination.

"The mission is making sure you know this is your city," she said. "When there are so many derogatory remarks in the national conversation, we want New York to be a model of what equality looks like."

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# HEALING with SIC

Forest Hills-based Songs of Love celebrates 20 years creating personal songs for sick kids

#### BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Through remarkable acts of kindness and the healing power of music, a Forest Hillsbased nonprofit called Songs of Love Foundation has been bringing smiles to the faces of thousands of ailing kids all across the country and the

And this year, it is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

"I was walking down the street in January 1996 and I had a sudden epiphany to create a national charity that would provide personalized songs for seriously ill children and teens, free of charge. The name came to me instantly," Founder and President John Beltzer said.

longtime Queens resident said his brainchild was named after a tune titled "Songs of Love" that his fraternal twin brother, Julio, wrote and recorded just two months before he died on April 12, 1984, at just 24. He committed suicide.



Songs of Love founder John Beltzer (I) presents young patient Victor Rugerio with one of his original songs at a ceremony with U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (c) and Elmhurst Hospital interim CEO Wayne Zimmerman. Photo courtesy Anis Arafat

nings in Beltzer's parents' basement, nearly 27,000 uplifting songs of love have been created for as many children everywhere.

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people, activities, pets, and things fill each professionally produced CD, and talented professionals write and perform the songs in the musical style that the child likes best.

organization's humble begin- ences to all of a child's favorite be powerful therapeutic tools they receive their musical

to help children cope with serious illness and lifetime physical or emotional disabilities," Beltzer said.

It's all about the medicine of music. And everyone agrees "The songs have proven to that the kids' reactions when gifts is priceless.

"Songs of Love is such an invaluable gift for our children and families that counteracts and comforts any of the fear, anger or grief that an illness or injury brings," Siri

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#### **Productions**

"Disney's The Little Mermaid" — Take a dip under the sea with the Andrean Players as they present the musical adaptation of the hit Disney animated film about a mermaid who just wants to be part of our world.

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"The Dining Room" — A. R. Gurney's comedy of manners takes the stage at the Douglas Community Theatre. The play revolves various families who, at different times, own the same dining room furniture set.

When: May 6 - May 21

**Where:** Zion Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Church Street and Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston

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South, Forest Hills Contact: (718) 268-7772

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# Ages of anti-Semitism exposed

## Mark Podwal's exhibit at QC's Godwin-Ternbach explores dark part of European history

#### BY PATRICK DONACHIE

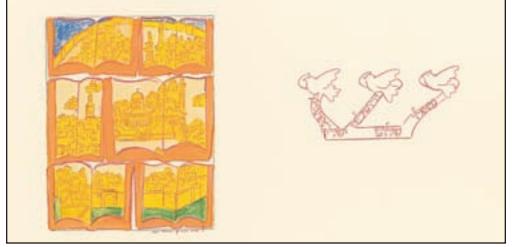
Mark Podwal is a Queensbased dermatologist, who has worked as an artist for the New York Times Op-Ed page and has served on the faculty of the New York University School of Medicine as a clinical associate professor of dermatology.

He is also an alumnus of Queens College, and for the next two months his work will be featured at the school's Godwin-Ternbach Museum in a new exhibition that investigates the insidious presence of anti-Semitism in Europe's past.

"The Terezin Portfolio" details moments and periods of anti-Semitism in European history prior to the horrors of the Holocaust.

According to Queens College's statement announcing the exhibition, the portfolio prints resemble pages in a book, and Podwal pairs each image with a selection of a verse from the Book of Psalms.

In addition to Podwal's prints, the exhibition will



Mark Podwal's "Prayer," from "All This Has Come Upon Us...," 2014, is part of a show at the Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College.

include images, letters and documents from moments in history like the Inquisition and the Holocaust. The pieces are from the collections of the Jewish Theological Seminary Library and the Godwin-Ternbach

Works from the portfolio first appeared at the Terezin Ghetto Museum in the Czech Republic in 2014, and the exhi-

bition will also include a documentary film about Podwal's creative process, according to the Queens College statement.

"The humiliations, persecutions, and massacres of Jews by Nazi Germany all had their precedence in the Middle Ages, including ghettos, distinct clothing, slaughters, and exiles in Europe, "Podwal said in the statement. "In compari-

Photo courtesy Mark Podwal

son with the magnitude of the Holocaust, these earlier sufferings tend to be forgotten."

Podwal is currently in Europe, but he noted the differences between when "The Terezin Portfolio" was presented in America vs. international venues.

"What is unique for this exhibition in New York compared to its European audiences is that although we fought and defeated Nazi Germany our land was not a World War II battlefield," he wrote in an e-mail. "What amazes me is how little the current American generation knows about the Second World War, which ended only 71 years ago."

"The Terezin Portfolio" will be featured at the museum through June 4, and the school has also scheduled several events and screenings in conjunction with the exhibition.

On May 2, the museum will be screening Oren Jacoby's "My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes" detailing the stories of Italians who risked their lives to protect Jewish citizens after the Nazis occupied Italy in 1943.

On May 5, Naila al Atrash, a Syrian film and theater director, will speak about the current Syrian refugee crisis.

The talk will be followed by an "artistic recitation" of work penned by Syrian refugees that will be performed by Queens College students.

# City to award grants for theater group diversity

#### BY GRACIANO CLAUSE

Theater groups across the city can apply for grants ranging from \$50,000 up to \$250,000 being offered to organizations to promote new works and develop new audiences.

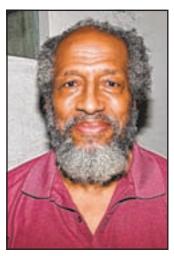
The Department of City Planning's Theatre Subdistrict Council will award up to \$2 million to programs that help increase development for diverse demographics among the city's five boroughs.

At the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, Executive Director Cathy Hung welcomed the chance to apply.

"We will take part in the new city grants to finance internships and training," said

She added that this is a great opportunity to bring equality into the community for Jamaica. The grant is not your typical outlet for opportunities since it will provide professional training for those





Late playwright August Wilson's (I) Pultizer Prize-winning play "Fences" was produced this past winter at the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, where it was directed by Arthur French.

who want to get their feet wet in business.

"This means resources and with the literary and art education given, it will bring in the next generation of managers to the table," Hung said.

For seven years TSC has Planning.

provided growth to create diversity. Since TSC's first funding cycle in 2009, more than \$5.7 million in grants have been awarded through four funding cycles up to 2014, according to a report from City Planning.

With TSC's fifth grant announced for 2016, its goals are to spark more participation for theater groups that are underrepresented.

Ryan Max, director of external affairs for the city Department of Cultural Affairs, believes the grants are a way to encourage participation in the professional theater community.

'We are confident that the theater community will bring their best ideas for these proposals, resulting in meaningful and impactful programs that will provide new pathways into this vital workforce," Max said. "The guidelines state that programs must provide paid fellowships, apprenticeships or training positions, which are intended to result in actual employment as well as critical experience, training, and access to networks that will increase the chances of success for underrepresented populations."

This year's grant cycle will appeal to diverse participants by focusing on the development and training of non-performing theater professionals.

"There is incredible enthusiasm from the entire cultural community – including theater – to create a more inclusive sector that's truly open to all New Yorkers, and this administration is proud to support this important work," Max said. "These grants will support solid solutions for building more diverse, vibrant theater organizations that are poised to engage our city's audiences for generations to come."

In order for organizations to be eligible to apply they must produce professional theater within the five boroughs, have provided cultural services for at least two years, and have an operating income of \$250,000 or more.

The deadline to apply is May 11.

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

#### **EVENTS**

Sakura Matsuri "Cherry Blossom Festival" - Sakura Matsuri is the annual festival

to celebrate the blossoming of the cherry trees in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The event includes live drum performances, Japanese folk dance

When: Saturday, April 23, from 11 am - 1 pm Where: Pavilion and Astral Corona Park

Fountain, Flushing Meadows Cost: Free

demonstrations, a Japanese

chorus and tea ceremony.

Contact: (718) 760-6560 Website: www.nycgovparks.

Arbor Fest - The event includes a petting zoo, live music, arts and crafts, food, a beer tent and more.

When: Sunday, April 24, from 11 am - 6 pm

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

Cost: \$10/adults and seniors, \$8/children, Free/ QBG members, admission includes all attractions, food and beverages have additional costs Contact: (718) 886-3800

Website: www. queensbotanical.org

#### FILM

#### And the Beat Goes On: Music Making on Film

 In conjunction with its exhibition about the Ramones, the Queens Museum has planned a nineweek film series exploring the evolution of musical performers on celluloid. On April 27, the movie is "The Idolmaker," with Ray Sharkey as an ambitious promoter who creates a new teen singer star in the 1960s. When: April 27 at 2 pm Where: Queens Museum. New York City Building,

Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: Free with museum admission, \$8/adults suggested, \$4/seniors suggested

**Contact:** (718) 592-9700 Website: www. queensmuseum.org

#### IALK

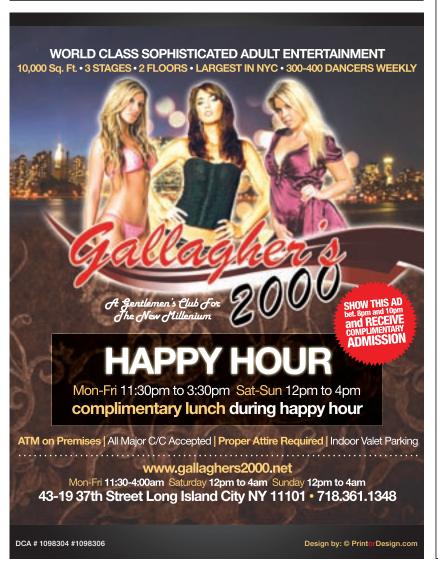
Maria Lisella - Queens Poet Laureate discusses poetry and her works and the significance of poetry in everyday life.

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#### CHERRY ON THE TOP

Don't fret if you missed last weekend's Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, Queens has its own celebration of the pinkish buds, including traditional Japanese dance and music performances, Saturday in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. See listing under Events for details.



#### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

TimesLedger Newspapers Apr. 22-28, 2016

By Ed Canty

#### **Hit or Miss**

# LAST WEEK'S **ANSWERS**

#### Across

1. Explorer of kiddie TV

5. Grouch's expression

10. "Moby-Dick"

captain 14. Guinness and

others

15. Drink served with marshmallows

16. Italian money

17. Evangelist

19. Monthly pmt.

20. Eye site

21. Chryslers named after a Spanish explorer

23. Himalayan legends

26. Deep cut

27. Very angry

30. Stadium cheer

33. Mideast ruler

34. Pressure

36. Govt. agency that has your number

37. Oodles

38. Suffix with president

39. 1920's chief iustice

40. Legendary Giant

41. " can help it"

44. Some TV's

45. Fix, as leftovers 47. Destination in

Mali

49. Way out

50. Entrap

51. Delta follower

54. Group of geese 58. A little night music 59. Claire

McCaskill, for one 62. Gait faster than

a walk

63. Dress style 64. Brief beliefs

65. Dines

66. Peter and the Wolfe?

67. Biblical pronoun

#### Down

1. Like many a cellar

2. Assortment

3. Sabbath activity

4. Alloy analysts 5. Went quickly

6. Swindle

7. Andean stew vegetable

8. Microsoft product

9. What hens do? 10. Nearly

11. Go to bed

12. Jason's ship 13. Spelling contests

18. News bit

22. Francisco and Paulo

24. Yukon native

25. Gibraltar and Dover

27. Bronze Star's significance

28. Overact 29. Satisfied, as a

meal

31. as a pig 32. Island in the East

China Sea 35. Spritelike

39. John Wayne classic

41. Hammer's target

42. Armchair partner

43. Mature insects

46. Has life

48. Meister (beer brand)

51. Luncheon end 52. Prefix with legal

53. Cairo's river

55. Actress Lillian

56. Like some excuses

57. First word of

Mass. motto 60. "Yes, !"

61.

-Cone

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# Meet the cast of 'You Can't Take it With You'

TimesLedger's man on the aisle steps onto the stage in Parkside Players' next production

ehearsals are underway for "You Can't Take It With You," the Parkside Players' spring production.

We're just about at the half-way point—all the scenes have been blocked, but scripts are still in hand, reluctant as we are to part with our security blanket.

It is a large cast, 17 in all, typical of plays of its era. Ticket prices then were mainly in the single digits, whereas today a Benjamin will seldom get you the best seat.

That is the professional theater where they have to cover their expenses and hopefully make a profit, but in community theater less than \$20 will get you in the door and up close to the action.

Blocking, for the uninitiated, is how the director moves the actors around the stage, so that they can be seen, heard and understood. In the movies, the camera does the work, but theater is more demanding.



Ronald B. Hellman

The Play's
The Thing

Most playwrights include stage directions in their texts – the most famous being "Exit, pursued by a bear" in William Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" — but the sets for a local production often require changes in blocking from the original. Sad to say, no bears in this performance. But we do have actors.

Representing a couple of Russian characters who came to America in the wake of the Russian Revolution are **Jim Haines** as Kolenkhov and **Faith Elliott** as the Grand Duchess.

Haines, a freelance artist and graphic designer, grew up in Valley Stream and now lives in Queens Village. Ac-



JIM HAINES

tive in community theater for 30 years, he is grateful for the unique friendships he has made and for the "exercise his brain gets while memorizing lines." His personal best was

as Juror No. 10 in "12 Angry Men."

Elliott was born in Manhattan, grew up in Bayside and then made a move to Nyack. She has acted and modeled



FAITH ELLIOTT

professionally, had several radio shows, and interviewed a number of notables on radio, TV and in print. A woman of many interests, favorite roles

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Continued from Page 52 When: Sunday, April 24, at 2:30 pm

Where: Queens Historical Society, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushina

Cost: \$5/QHS members, seniors and students: \$8/ general admission

Contact: (718) 939-0647 Website: www. queenshistoricalsociety.org

Daymond John - The hiphop personality, author and

TV star will discuss his latest book, "The Power of Broke," as well as his experiences of growing up in Queens. The program is part of the Queens Library's "Hip Hop Thursdays" series.

When: Thursday, April 27, at 6 pm

Where: York College Performing Arts Center, Archer Avenue and Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica. Cost: Free, but reserved seating tickets are available at daymondjohninterview.

eventbrite.com. Contact: (718) 990-0704 Website: www.

queenslibrary.org

#### KIDS AND FAMILY

Storvtime and Craft -

Listen to nature stories then take part in a related naturetheme craft activity. When: Sunday, April 24, at

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

Flushing **Cost:** Free with garden admission, \$4/adults, \$3/ seniors, \$2/students and

children 3 and up Contact: (718) 886-3800

Website: www. queensbotanical.org Spring Recess Field Day-Spend part of spring break playing sports and games. When: Monday, April 25, from 11 am - 1 pm

Where: Al Oerter Recreation Center, 131-40 Fowler Ave., Flushing

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 393-7370 Website: www.nycgovparks.

Kids Week Queens: Birding Bonanza - School is out this week, so head to the parks for a variety of activities, including this Urban Rangers-led bird watching event.

When: Monday, April 25, from 1 pm - 2:30 pm Where: Alley Pond Park Adventure Center, Oakland Gardens

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

Bubble Fun - All ages are welcome to come out and make bubbles of all sizes. When: Tuesday, April 26, from 11 am - 1 pm

Where: Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Blvd., Rego Park Cost: Free

**Contact:** (718) 263-1163 Website: www.nycgovparks.

Kids Week Queens: Native American Games - School is out this week, so head to the parks for a variety of activities, including an afternoon of games honing your five senses and testing your skills. Appropriate for ages 12 and under.

When: Tuesday, April 26, from 1 pm - 2:30 pm Where: Rose and Oak avenues in Kissena Park,

Flushing



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

**Kids Week Queens:** Wilderness Survival Skills

 School is out this week, so head to the parks for a variety of activities, including this Urban Rangers-led afternoon of wilderness survival and emergency preparedness. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

When: Wednesday, April 27, from 1 pm - 2:30 pm Where: Forest Park Visitor Center, Woodhaven **Boulevard and Forest Park** Drive, Woodhaven

Cost: Free

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

Kids Week Queens: Insect **Exploration** - School is out this week, so head to the parks for a variety of activities, including an afternoon of getting your hands dirty as you look for all types of insects and learn everything they do. When: Thursday, April 28,

from 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Where: Fort Totten Visitor's Center, Fort Totten, Bayside Cost: Free

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

Kids Week Queens: Urban Wildlife - School is out this week, so head to the

parks for a variety of activities, including this Urban Rangers-led program using activities and games to teach kids about all the different types of wildlife in the city.

When: Friday, April 29, from 1

pm - 2:30 pm Where: Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

## Poetry in motion

Queens Poet Laureate Maria Lisella reads from her work and talks about the importance of poetry in everyday life at the Kingsland Homestead in Flushing Sunday. See listing under Talk for details.

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

tion.

Power image

Leslie Hewitt's "The Power

Plant," now on display in

Toronto, will be part of

her upcoming exhibition

"Leslie Hewitt: Collective

Stance," which opens May

1 at the SculptureCenter.

See listing under

Galleries & Exhibits

for more informa-

Photo courtesy

Toni Hafkenscheid

#### GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

"Leslie Hewitt: Collective Stories" - The exhibition includes two film installations inspired by the archive of civil rights-era photographs from the Menil Collection in Houston, sculptures and lithographs.

When: May 1 - Aug. 1, Opening reception April 20, from 6 pm - 8 pm

Where: SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City Cost: \$5/adults suggested, \$3/ students suggested, Free/LIC residents

Contact: (718) 361-1750 Website: www.sculpturecenter.org

"April Flowers" - This celebration of spring includes floral-themed paintings and sculptures by 22 artists.

When: Through April 29 Where: Queens College Art Center, Rosenthal Library, Sixth Floor, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing



#### CURTAIN SPEECH

Borough President Melinda Katz speaks to the crowd at Monday night's annual gala at the Queens Theatre in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Photo courtesy Joseph Rossi

# Hellman

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include Major Barbara and Eliza Doolittle in works of George Bernard Shaw, as well as some well-known ladies in Shakespeare. True to her character, she claims to be a descendant of the Russian Royal Family.

Making his community theater debut is Forest Hills resident Steven Biscotti as a G-Man. An entertainment correspondent for a few different publications, and getting to meet some talented people, gave him "the itch" to try out theater. He and

a writing partner have just launched a blog about classic monsters, appropriately called UniversalMonstersUniverse.com.

The prize for longest legal name goes to Phoenix Michael Christopher Tai-Ramirez-Gray. Quayn which can be shortened to fit on a marquee. Playing Donald, he hopes to pursue a career in the arts, while working for FedEx in the meantime. Born in Georgia and raised in Flushing, he came in contact with the Jewish and Asian communities, so much so that he's now a cuisine expert in kugel and pork dumplings.

Seaweed in "Hairspray."

Most plays need a love interest, and here we have Lori Feren as Alice Sycamore. Originally from Coral Springs, Fla., she now calls Forest Hills home. "I love being part of community theater in Queens," she said, "because it fulfills my passion for performing and I get to meet lots of other artistic individuals."

Little Sally in "Urinetown" was one of the roles she enjoyed. During the day she's employed at the Rubin Museum of Art in Chelsea.

More next time....

Contact Ron Hellman at His favorite credit so far: rbhofc@gmail.com.

# **SONGS**

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Bream, child life specialist at Richmond, Va.'s Children's Hospital said. "The healing power of music is huge, but the power of feeling validated, of being honored, of being important enough to have a song that is entirely all about you, gives our patients a sense of belonging in this world, a sense of hope, a renewed purpose and determination to live."

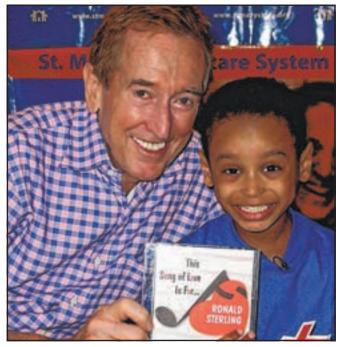
During a recent song fest, 1,500 college students joined voices at a conference in Indiana, and in so doing made 5-year-old leukemia patient Christian Parchman's day brighter with a special serenade, while he was being treated at the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

"Christian loves rap music, so we made the song into a rap style song and the students added their voices right over the chorus," Beltzer said.

Beltzer hopes to bring the experience to many more companies and schools.

Back in January, U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) presented his special song to a happy recipient.

"I believe in the power of song through the Songs of



Bob McGrath (I) one of the original stars of "Sesame Street," visits with St. Mary's Children Hospital patient Ronald Sterling before the young boy's untimely death from a degenerative disease.

Photo courtesy Anis Arafat

music and the positive impact it can have on people's lives. That's why I was especially proud to partner with an organization that uses music to uplift children during such difficult and challenging times," Crowley said. "It was a thrill to record an original

Love Foundation and an even bigger thrill to be able to personally share it with young Victor Rugerio at Elmhurst Hospital."

Another event took place at Webster Hall in the East Village when Songs of Love held its sold-out 6th Annual Benefit Concert featuring JRAD, a

Grateful Dead cover band and the audience recorded a healing "song of love" for 14-yearold Justin Silver, a child with autism.

And heart transplant patient Paris Burris, 11, was all smiles when she heard her name on a tune that featured the voices of over 200 American Legion war veterans. Paris and family were present at that event which took place at a recent convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Manhattan-based songwriter Carl Allocco is a Queens native, who has been working with Songs of Love since he answered an ad that Beltzer placed in the Village Voice back in 1997.

"Since then, I've written over 3,500 songs for the organization and it has been a wonderful, rewarding experience," Allocco said. "I've been to many events where the songs were personally delivered to a child, and the expression of joy on their faces when they receive it is beyond words. I feel humbled and honored to be able to use my talents this way: to put a smile on the face of a child going through a tough time."

For the most part, songwriters can create the entire song by themselves, but some-



JOHN BELTZER

times they work with singers. Celebrity singers like Billy Joel, David Lee Roth, and Michael Bolton have teamed up with Songs of Love and donated their talents.

At Songs of Love, it seems that great karma abounds. Lucky youngsters benefit by receiving a memorable gift; the song becomes an everlasting keepsake for the child and family, bringing hope and lifting spirits.

Meanwhile, song contributors undoubtedly experience powerful feelings of purpose, knowing that they're bringing happiness to a deserving youngster battling a serious illness. It's a win-win for everyone.

To request a song, you can go to: www.songsoflove.org/request/ or call 1-800-960-SONG (7664).



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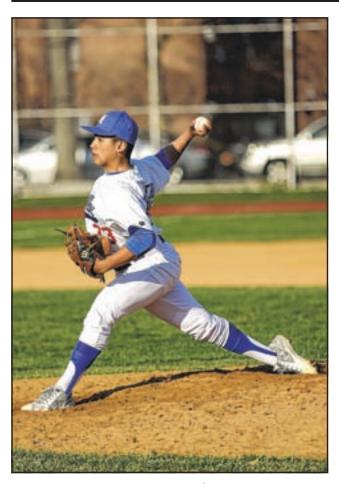


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# Sports



Molloy starter Anthony Romero tossed 6 1/3 scoreless innings against St. Raymond.

# Nearing a no-hitter, Molloy drops game

BY BRANDON MAUK

After Anthony Romero lost his shot at a no-hitter, his team also saw their lead vanish. Their opponent's victory followed.

Archbishop Molloy's sophomore pitcher was two outs from completing a no-no, but St. Raymond's rallied for seven runs in the top of the seventh for an unlikely 8-2 comeback win in CHSAA baseball April 15 in Briarwood.

Six errors on the game doomed Romero and the Stanners, as three in the final inning opened the door for St. Ray's to rally for the win.

"Whenever you get ahead, you always have confidence moving on," Romero said.

"We weren't ourselves today, and I know we'll come back stronger."

Romero gave up just two earned runs and struck out nine batters. He got his support from his teammates in the fourth on RBI singles from Billy Hatzinikolaou and Daniel Hoff, giving the Stanners a 2-0 lead.

St. Ray's starter Jeancarlos Bonilla had matched zeros with Romero from that point on. He struck out five batters and allowed just six hits.

A pair of errors, one by Hatzinikolaou on a missed catch at first with two outs in the fifth, allowed St. Ray's to get within a run, but the nohitter was still preserved, as

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# SJU sees its future

Shamorie Ponds shows off skills in all-star appearance

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Shamorie Ponds gave his future St. John's teammates one last preview of the help that is on the way.

The Jefferson guard calmly went about scoring 17 points, dishing out two assists and collecting two steals in a losing effort in the Jordan Brand Classic boys' basketball allstar game at Barclays Center April 15, with four current Red Storm players in attendance. Marcus LoVett Jr., Federico Mussini, Kassoum Yakwe and Yankuba Sima were just repaying the loyalty Ponds showed all season.

"It shows that we respect each other," Ponds said. "I pretty much went to every home game they had, pretty much kicked it in the locker room. We are just trying to get there. It's a bond."

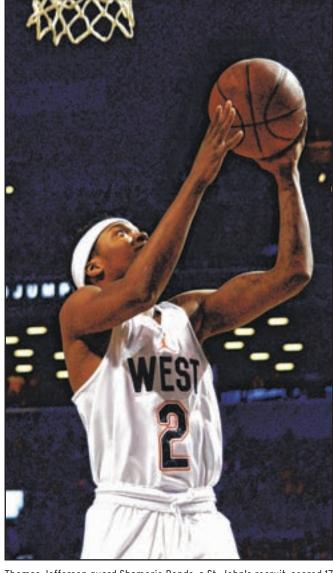
St. John's is coming off an 8-24 season but, like Ponds, expects things to turn around with the infusion of the next recruiting class, of which he is the face.

"I'm pretty confident," he said. "I feel we have a shot to do well next year with the chemistry we've got."

Ponds would have liked to put on a better show in his hometown as he shot 7-for-15 with just one three-pointer made. He dropped in 15 of his points in the second half once he began seizing opportunities. Ponds scored a quick seven points, including a long trey to pull his team within 88-85 with 10:55 to play in the game. He is the first player from a New York City high school to play in the All-American game since Rice's Durand Scott in 2009.

"I just tried to stay more aggressive," Ponds said. "The first half I was shying away from the ball. I had to get more aggressive.'

The crowd certainly was aggressive when it came to friends. The Notre Dame Prep



Thomas Jefferson guard Shamorie Ponds, a St. John's recruit, scored 17 points in the Jordan Brand Classic April 15. Photo by Yaowei Lu

Ponds. The hometown fan gave standout and Tulsa-bound him a nice ovation during introductions. It is a moment that will stick with him as his games shift to Queens.

"It means a lot for a hometown guy," Ponds said. "I'm just trying to put on a show."

Queens stars shine in regional game: Former Christ the King standout Travis Atson also shook off early nerves playing in an all-star game in front of plenty of family and

wing scored 21 of his 25 points in the second half and grabbed four rebounds to help the New York All-Stars beat their East counterparts 148-128 in the Jordan Brand Regional game.

"I was a little nervous coming out," Atson said. "I missed my first three or four shots. I calmed down. Second half, I just shot the ball how I always

> He put his full game on dis-Continued on Page 60

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# Tireless Toussaint reaps major rewards



Joseph Staszewski Block Shots

For a second, Dominique Toussaint pondered taking a much different career path, one that might not have included a scholarship to play at Virginia, Miss New York State basketball honors and a spot in the Jordan Brand Classic.

The Christ the King senior, who lives in Staten Island, did not enter high school with much fanfare. She worked her way up to that elite level after choosing not to take an easier route following her sophomore year in Middle Village.

Royals coach Bob Mackey told her that she had to either raise the level of her game or transfer. Toussaint's parents Kirstie and Richard agreed. They offered to keep her closer to home at Curtis instead if she wasn't up to the challenge.

"They gave me an ultimatum: You either work your butt off and do well or you are out of there," Toussaint said. "We are not going to waste our



One decison put Christ the King's Dominique Toussaint on the path to her fantastic final two seasons in Middle Village. Photo by William Thomas

money, do two hours [commuting to school]."

She considered the alternative—briefly.

"There was a brief moment where I was like, 'I'll go to Curtis and do great there," Toussaint said. "I'll score every single point, but again, you want to be successful and Christ the King was the best place for me to go for that and I just stuck with it."

She did and reaped all the rewards.

Already a top-flight de-

fender, Toussaint became a better shooter, a better passing point guard and the Royals' leader during a breakout junior season in which the Royals reached the state Federation Class AA final for the first time since 2010. As a senior, she averaged 19.7 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game and was named the TimesLedger Newspapers All-Queens girls basketball player of the year.

"She was told, 'If you are not going to step up and really do it, then don't waste everybody's time," Mackey said. "Boy did she. She had a great junior year and terrific senior year and I think it paid off and it shows."

In order to make it all work, Toussaint had to leave her house every morning around 6:15 a.m, get driven to the Staten Island Ferry and then take three trains to arrive at Christ the King. Out of season she would be home around 4:30 p.m. During hoops season it could be three hours later than that.

"She doesn't turn off." Mackey said. "She is always on. She's got a positive personality and always a positive outlook on things."

All of that earned her the

chance to play in the Jordan Brand Classic All-American game April 15 at Barclays Center, as well as earning an invite to try out for the U.S.A. U18 National Team on May 15 at Barclays Center. In the Jordan Brand Classic, Toussaint scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds. She added a highlight-reel play with a behind-the-head pass to Lindsey Corsaro for a bucket in the first quarter.

"I just made the funny play behind my head," Toussaint said. "I'm glad that she caught

She said she enjoyed every bit of the experience at the Jordan Brand Classic. It was a small preparation for college, where she will have to play with an entire team of elite players.

But what she has earned will never be as special for Toussaint as how she got

"Everything I do is hard work," she said. "It's more pride when you do it that way. You are not relying on anybody else. You know you did it yourself. When everybody asks me how I got here, I just tell them hard work and being focused on what you want to do."

# Stanners stage come-from-behind win to take first

BY TROY MAURIELLO

Archbishop Molloy gave Fontbonne Hall a taste of its own medicine.

Just four days after the Bonnies pulled off a comefrom-behind win against Mary Louis, the Stanners rallied from a four-run lateinning deficit for a 7-5 win in CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens softball at Cunningham Park Tuesday.

Molloy scored three runs in both the fifth and six innings to pull away for the victory, as their offense eventually got to Fontbonne starter Bianca Marletta in the late innings. The victory moves the defending champions into first place.

"We've battled through every game so far this season," Molloy coach Maureen Rosenbaum said. "They stayed together, and they played as a team and we came back."

Molloy got itself back in

fifth. Giovanna Bonilla led off with a single and Jamie Durso then followed with a two-run inside-the-park home run to right center. Molloy scratched across one more run in the inning to cut the lead down to one, 5-4.

"Honestly, I wasn't really hitting well, so I knew that I just needed to hit the ball,' Durso said. "I didn't care how big it was, I just wanted a little hit."

The Stanners continued, and eventually completed, their comeback in the sixth. Stephanie Leyden got the rally started with a leadoff single, and MollyRose McMahon, Bonilla and Durso all reached base safely to follow and continue the momentum.

Those three would each come across to score on wild pitches later in the inning as Marletta began to overthrow and lost all of her control.

"I was trying to get mad loaded made it 4-0.

the game in the bottom of the and throw as hard as I could," Marletta said. "When I don't have my full motion going on... I'll go wild." Marletta and the Bonnies

had clear control of the game for the first four innings, however.

Fontbonne (2-1) jumped on the board right away in the top of the first after a two-out rally in which five straight batters reached base. Four straight singles from Marletta, Natalie Lacognata, Gabby Casagrande and Abigail Fogliano, along with a pair of outfield errors from Mollov (3-1), helped the Bonnies go ahead 3-0 in the opening

Molloy tried to answer quickly, but left runners on second and third to end the bottom half of the inning. Fontbonne then added one more run in the top of the second after a Lacognata groundout with the bases



Molloy's Camille Sears, seen here batting, battles through a rough start to pick up the win in the circle for against Fontbonne.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

The Stanners got a run back in the bottom of the third after Bonilla singled and lat-

er came around to score on a wild pitch, but Molloy again left runners stranded on second and third the following inning to keep the score at 4-1 after four. In the top of the fifth, Fontbonne pushed across a run to extend its lead to 5-1, but left the bases loaded and could not score much needed insurance runs.

"Against a very good team, once you have them on the ropes, you have to continue to tack on runs," Fontbonne manager Frank Marinello said. "Today we didn't continue to tack on runs."

Molloy starter Camille Sears, who returned to the circle this season, battled for a complete game victory after being touched up early. She allowed five runs on 10 hits with six strikeouts.

"She had a tough start today." Rosenbaum said. "She battled through it, she got stronger as the game went

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# Red Storm duo signed in WNBA draft

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Alivyah Handford and Danaejah Grant added one final accomplishment to the long list they accumulated together at St. John's.

The backcourt duo, who led the Red Storm women's basketball team to its first Big East Tournament title since 1988, both added the title of WNBA draftees to their resumes. Handford was drafted by the Connecticut Sun with the third pick of the third round (27th overall) and Grant was picked seventh in the round (31st overall) by the Washington Mystics. The two were on FaceTime for a half-hour once their names were called.

"I can't even describe it," Grant said. "When you first start playing, this is something you dream of but you don't know how you are going to feel until it happens and last night it was an overwhelming

She and Grant are the second set of SJU guards taken in the WNBA Draft together. Nadirah McKenith and Shenneika Smith were both selected in 2013 as McKenith was taken 17th overall by the Mystics and Smith was chosen eight picks later by the New York Liberty.

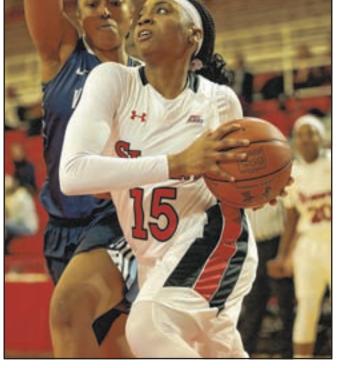


St. John's guard Aliyyah Handford was drafted by the Conneticut Sun in Red Storm senior Danaejah Grant was drafted by the Washington Mystics the third round of the NBA Draft. Photo by Gina Palermo

'[I] texted them both before the draft letting them know I was proud of both of them." Red Storm coach Joe Tartamella said of Handford and Grant. "Being through it a couple of years ago helped me, watching Nadirah and Shen-

neika go made me understand the process and what to expect. Seeing their names come up is something I will never forget as a head coach."

Handford's name is all over the program's history. She leaves as its all-time lead-



in the third round of the NBA Draft. Photo by Gina Palermo

ing scorer (2,058) and the first female player in school history to surpass the 2,000-point mark. Handford became the first player in program history to earn a spot on the conference's top team three separate times. She was also

the 2016 Big East Tournament Most Outstanding Player. She quickly asked her good friend McKenith for advance to handle all that comes next.

"Right after I got drafted, I texted her and asked her Continued on Page 60

# Villa bringing soccer camp to Queens College

BY TROY MAURIELLO

Soccer superstar and current New York City Football Club Captain David Villa will be participating in a pair of soccer camps at Queens College this summer.

Villa will be bringing his DV7 Soccer Academy camps, which first opened in Puerto Rico this January, to the school in July and August. He announced the partnership during a press conference at the school April 13.

The camps, which will teach the Spanish soccer methods used at the Academy, will be directed by DV7 Academy Director Josep Gombau Balaguer, former director of the Football Club Barcelona Escola. Villa will participate in a training session with each group of children, ages 8-16, observing their play and providing feedback.

lege President Felix V. Matos Rodriguez, State Assembly member Francisco Moya (D-Jackson Heights) and Gomboa Balaguer. All four men expressed their excitement in expanding soccer's presence in the New York City area.

Villa's DV7 Soccer Academy will participate in the Queens College summer soccer camps running July 25-29 and Aug. 1-5.

"We are honored, we are happy, we are excited, we are ecstatic to have David Villa's DV7 Soccer Academy seeing the value of partnering with Queens College and with our soccer camp," Rodriguez said.

Moya, a fan of one of Villa's former teams (FC Barcelona), was instrumental in bringing the DV7 Academy to the borough over the past few months. He predicted a bright future for the academy at Queens College.

'It's a great thing that he Joining Villa at the press [Villa] has decided to make conference were Queens Col- Queens his home. Queens Col-



Queens College President Felix V. Matos Rodriguez (I-r), state Assembly member Francisco Moya, NYCFC Capt. David Villa, and DV7 Academy Director Josep Gomboa Balaguer celebrate a partnership between the academy and the school.

Photo courtesy of Queens College/Simone Caprifogli

lege couldn't be a better place to have it...we're going to make the David Villa Academy home right here in Queens College," he said.

Villa's participation at the camp over the summer is just part of the rising profile of soccer and the MLS in Queens and

around New York City. The superstar became NYCFC's first player when he signed with the team in June 2014, and he came to the United States with an already impressive soccer resume. NYCFC plays its home games at Yankee Stadium.

lona, Villa has played for such soccer giants as Valencia CF and Atletico Madrid in his club career, and he has been an integral part of Spain's success internationally over the past few years.

He is the Spanish National Team's all-time international leading goal scorer, and he has won tournaments such as the Euro Cup in 2008 and the World Cup in 2010 throughout his international career.

Villa, who speaks Spanish as his first language, spoke only briefly in English at the press conference, but did say in a statement what he envisions for the camps.

"In this camp I want to teach the children the concepts and the values that I have learned throughout my soccer career," he said. "It is an unparalleled and special opportunity to be able to begin this project in such a diverse and soccer-passionate commu-In addition to FC Barce- nity as Queens."

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Continued from Page 57 play, knocking down three threes, attacking the basket and hitting the backboards. It was the way Atson hoped to go out before heading to Tulsa. He played in the five boroughs just three times since leaving Christ the King for prep school after his junior year.

'That's the best thing," Atson said. "I'm so happy I went out playing great."

That is exactly what East

Elmhurt native Mamadou Diarra, who attends Putnam Science Academy (Conn.), did, playing in front of his entire family for the first time in more than four years. The UConn-bound forward gave them plenty to cheer about by scoring 19 points on 9-of-10 shooting from the field.

"It's been actually been since the eighth grade that my parents haven't seen me play basketball. It was great," Diarra said. "It was nice to have them all come and support me and I had a

lot of fun."

## SJU duo

Continued from Page 59 questions," Handford said. "I have talked to her all day today and she is giving me her point of view."

Grant finished her three seasons at St. John's with the best of her career. She averaged 19.6 points per game, scored 20 or more points 17 times and turned in a teamfive double-doubles. Grant, ninth on the program's all-time scoring list with 1,498 points, was also an All-Big East First Team selection. Still, nothing beat the emotion of watching herself get drafted, and being with her family while it happened.

"I looked up and just dropped to my knees and started praying, thanking God," Grant said. "We were in the living room just screaming for 15 minutes and embracing the moment."

It was likely the final moment she and Handford will create together.

"I saw it and didn't know how to feel," Handford said. "It didn't hit me that I was drafted until today and it's a dream come true."

## Molloy

Continued from Page 57 Romero retired the next four batters to keep the lead as

Molloy tried to get the run back in the sixth following a walk, a stolen base, and a bunt, but St. Ray's Rony Gutierrez kept the game within a run by gunning the runner down at the plate with a superb throw from right.

Even with the errors, Romero held St. Ray's hitless until the last inning. With one out in the seventh, a pair of errors on some routine groundballs allowed Keury Abreu to score, knotting up the score at 2-2, after the third baseman threw high to home on a fielder's choice.

"Unfortunately, we're going to have to be able to field the ball. [Romero] can't strike out 21 guys," Molloy coach Brad Lyons said. "Right now we're terrible."

After Romero exited the game, Samuel Delacruz finally got St. Ray's first hit, a goahead single. Josh Colon followed two batters later with a two-run triple and scored on a single by John Rodriguez. Jemal Betances capped the scoring with a two-run homer to put the game out of reach.

On just four hits, St. Ray's scored seven runs in the final inning. Once they finally broke through, they broke it

"All we needed was just one guy to get on to get the tying run on, and we did that,' St. Ray's coach Marc DeLuca said. "That's what started the rally, a walk. We hit at the right time. That shows the character of the team-until the game is over, we've still got work to do."

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# 'Shred Fest 2016' Helps New York City Consumers Avoid Risk of Identity Theft

#### Local Event One of Dozens Scheduled in NY State and Nationwide to Provide Secure Document Destruction

As part of its ongoing efforts to help consumers avoid falling victim to identity theft. AARP New York is joining with New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman to sponsor "Shred Fest 2016" a series of events to provide free shredding of personal financial documents and other sensitive records

The Shred Fest will launch statewide on Tuesday, April 26 at Manhattan Plaza, located on West 43rd Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues. Shredding service begins at 11:00 AM and will continue until 2:00 PM., or until the onsite shredding service trucks reach full capacity.

"Identity thieves are constantly coming up with new and creative ways to target and take advantage of victims - especially seniors," said Attornev General Eric T. Schneiderman. "Shred Fest is an excellent opportunity to keep these scammers from getting ahold of your sensitive personal information."

In 2015 New York State residents registered over 100,000 complaints about fraud with the Federal Trade Commis-

"Identity thieves routinely search through dumpsters and trash cans, looking to find confidential information. Our Shred Fest 2016 events will allow consumers to discard this paperwork in a safe and secure manner," said Beth Finkel, State Director of AARP New York. "Financial fraud causes millions of dollars in losses each year. With the taxfiling season behind us, we're encouraging taxpayers to do a spring cleaning of their old financial documents and other records."

Additional Shred Fest events in New York City are taking place in Harlem, Queens, and Staten Island:

· April 26, St. John's Episcopal Church, 1333 Bay St., Staten Island, NY; 12:00 - 3:00 PM or until truck is full;

- April 27 Adam Clayton Powell State Office, 163 West 125th Street, NY, 11:00 - 2:00 PM or until truck is full;
- · April 28, Bowne Park, 32nd Ave. & 157th St., Flushing, NY; 12:00 - 3:00 PM or until truck is full;
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The New York City events are part of a series of Shred Fest 2016 events scheduled for communities across New York State and the nation during Money Smart Week® April 23-30, with support from the AARP Fraud Watch Network and the AARP Foundation.

A full list of events in New York State can be found on the AARP New York web site: states.aarp.org/shred-fest-2016-protect-identity-theft/.

To avoid having your sensitive information compromised, security experts recommend shredding of the following types of materials:

- · Old documents: Papers that carry your Social Security number, birth date, signature, account numbers, passwords or PIN numbers.
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- · Medical: unneeded medical bills.
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- · Obsolete ID cards: Ex-

pired driver's licenses, medical insurance cards and pass-

Shred Fest 2016 events are being held in 12 locations in New York State and at least 37 other states next week. Residents of other communities who wish to take advantage of a Shred Fest event may refer to online schedule

And for those consumers who use a home shredder, experts also recommend the use of a micro-cut model. Tests have shown that the scraps of paper from a straight or crosscut shredder can be reassembled by identity thieves. With a micro-cut shredder, the paper is rendered into impossible-to-reassemble debris.

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The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has finalized the <u>Decision Document</u>, addressing the Engineer School / Fort Totten (aka Fort Totten Coast Guard Station) Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS). Based on the results of investigations performed at Areas 1-5, and the evaluation presented in the <u>Feasibility Study</u> and <u>Proposed Plan</u>, the decision is to remove soils from Area 1 that contain lead concentrations greater than background, i.e., to implement <u>Alternative 4-Removal</u>, <u>Off-Site Disposal and Backfill</u>. Area 1 will be backfilled with certified clean fill and topsoil, and re-vegetated. The estimated cost of the remedy is \$451,000, which will be implemented subject to availability of funds. The decision for Areas 2-5 is "no further action."

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has concurred with the soil removal decision at Area 1. Although no further action will be taken at Areas 2-5, NYSDEC's soil clean up objectives were exceeded at several sampling locations within each of these a reas; therefore, NYSDEC intends to issue an Environmental Notice of their own on the property, not within the scope of the USACE remedy. NYSDEC intends

exceeded at several sampling locations within each of these areas; therefore, NYSDEC intends to issue an Environmental Notice of their own on the property, not within the scope of the USACE remedy. NYSDEC intends to issue the Environmental Notice, notwithstanding an assessment of risk conducted by USACE, which concluded unlimited use/unlimited exposure at Areas 2-5 (with no further action). The Responsiveness Summary, included as a part of the <u>Decision Document</u>, specifically addresses public comments received during the decision process. The <u>Decision Document</u> is available for public review at the Bay Terrace Library, 18-36 Bell Blvd., Bayside, New York 11360; telephone (718) 423-7004.

The document is also posted on the project website at <a href="http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/FortTotten">http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/FortTotten</a>.

If you require any further information, please contact: Mr. Gregory J. Goepfert, Project Manager, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, CENAN-PP-E, Room 1811, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278; or telephone: (917) 790-8235.

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2927 JORDAN Articles of Org. filed Sec. of State (SS 8/5/15. Office in Que (SSNY) Queens SSNY design. Agent of upon whom process LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC P.O. Box 604561 Bayside Bayside, Purpose Any lawful activity

3515 EA REALTY LLC Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/16. Office filed with the Queens County designated as agent of the designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Elia Aguilar, 3515 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: Any lawful

46-10 11TH Street LLC currently known as 46-20 11TH Street LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with filed SSNY 12/22/2004 location: Queens SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 46-20 11TH St., Long Island City, NY 11101 General 11101. General purpose.

50-26 97TH ST., LLC. Art of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/02/12. Office designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-County. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50-26 97th Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**747E187 LLC**, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/05/2016. Office loc: Queens County SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail SSNY shall mail to: 40-30 167th process Street, Flushing, Purpose: 11358.

BLUE STAR NYC ENTERPRISES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY 03/14/16. Office Queens County. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Street 15-83 208th NY Bayside. 11360 Any purpose.

CONDUIT REALTY LLC Articles of Org. Sec. of State filed Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/9/2016. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 167-10 South Conduit Ave., Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: Any lawful

**Elmhurst** Broadway Plaza LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 2/16/16. Office County. SSINI
as agent of Queens designated LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jin Biau Lii, 135-52 Roosevelt Ave, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purposes.

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FOREST 888 LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/18/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of prices to the LLC, c/o Meilin Zhang, 6 Forest Glen Court, Westfield. N.J 07090 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Journey Forward, LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/10/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Duane R Moore, 130-22 150th St, Jamaica, 11436. Purpose: General.

Building Lifetime Management LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 3/31/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 35-16 154th St, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purposes Purposes.

Notice of Formation 264 ESSEX STREET REALTY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/16. Office County. Fig. 114-14 Point, location: office or Queens Princ. County. Princ. office of LLC: 114-14 14th Rd., College Point, NY 11356. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Notice of formation of 4845 58 LANE, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/7/16. Office location: County designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 48-45 58th Lane, Lane, Woodside NY Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation Notice of Formation of FRESHERLY LLC Arts. of Ora. filed with Secy. of Org. filed with State of NY (S State of NY (SSNY) on 02/26/16. Office location: Queens County Princ. office of LLC: 10-34 44th Dr., Long Island Ci 11101. SSNY desi as agent of LLC Island City, designated whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Cohen & Grigsby, P.C., 625 Liberty Ave., 5th Fl., Pittsburgh, Ave., 5th Fi., PA 15222-3152. Purpose Import and distribution of and frozen items.

Notice of Formation of JDS11, LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on with th 04/06/16 the Office location: QUEENS County. has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 167-41 147TH JAMAICA AVENUE Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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HOUSE MARKETING Articles Organization filed Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 01/15/2016. Office location Queens County. designated agent as LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 **AVENUE** BROOKLYN, NY Purpose: any lawful

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: HIGH TIDE (LLC). Name: HIGH HOMEOWNERSHIP, Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/01/2016. Office location: County dueens county. SNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. any Purpose: lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). D"MONSTARZ, Organization Articles filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/10/2015. Office location Kings County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 318
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BROOKLYN, NY 11211. any Purpose: purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company CONSULTING HC of Organization Articles filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/27/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: GUDE DESIGN AND CONSULTING 61-37 BOOTH STREET REGO PARK. Purpose: any lawfu purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: GREEN SPA ON THE GO, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) or 11/16/2015. Office location County SSNY I as agent of Queens Coun designated as LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MARIANELLA AGUIRRE 98-04 M E T R O P O L I T A N AVENUE FOREST HILLS, 11375. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of ENTERPRISE, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/11/16. Office in Queens County. SSNY

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the LLC, Oakland mail process 61-26 212 to St Gardens. NY 11364 Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation Wanshida Realty Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 03/30/2016. Office Location: Queens County Location: Queens County.

SSNY designated as agent
of LLC upon whom process
against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail process
to: 161-01 Station Rd Apt
2, Flushing, NY 11358.

Purpose: any lawful
settivity.

Notice of Qualification of USA filed with Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/7/16. Office location: Queens County. LLC organized in NV on 5/15/02. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may served. NV per served. NV and principal business address: 711 Pilot Rd., Suite A, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Cert. of Org. filed with NV Sec. of State, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. State, 2∪∠ Carson City, N purposes.

Notice of Qualification of YOUR FUTURE IN MIND **PROPERTIES** PHO: \_ Authority fi filed Dept. of 12/22/2015. State County. location: Queens Princ. bus. addr.: THE LL 104TH STREET QUEENS, NY 11368. formed in NEVADA October 21, 2015. October Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC 4625 West Nevso Drive, Suite 2, Las Vegas NV, 89103. Cert. of Form. filed with Nevada Secretary of State, 206 N. Carson Street, City, NV Purpose: all Carson 89701-4299. lawful purposes.

PARISI ASSOCIATES LLC Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/24/16. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2099. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o ss to the LL Parisi, 179 North Avenue, Dino Parisi, Virginia Massapequa, NY 11758 Any Purpose: lawful

Management Risk Management Services LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/25/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served SSNY. LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 2423 90th Pl., E. Elmhurst, NY 11369. General purpose.

SMART APP STUDIOS LLC, a domestic LLC, filed the with SSNY 2/18/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LONG ways be served. SSNY shall LC may be served. SSNY shall LC may be served. SSNY below. Since the late of the

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shall mail process to THE LLC, 23-08 Newtown Ave 3AE, ASTORIA, NY 11102. General purpose

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Curtis Podiatry, PLLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 147 Beatrice Ave, Oceanside, NY 11572. Purpose: PODIATRY.

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COGNATO CONDO LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/16. Office: County. Queens designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 32-75 Steinway Street, Suite 211, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on MAR 30 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001238 -15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) SAZEDA (Last) My present (First) SAZEDA RAHMAN. name is (Middle) RAHMAN SAZEDA MOST AKA SAZEDA KHATUN, SAZEDA. My present address is 164-30 Hillside Avenue. Apt.#10J. Jamaica, NY My place of b BANGLADESH My of birth birth is March 21, 1977.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on MAR 30 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001268-15/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 right to: Assume the name of (First) DONNELL (Middle) LAMONT (Last) PEARSON. My present name is (First) DONNELL (Middle) LAMONT (Last) SPRINGS AKA DONNELL LAMONT PEARSON, AKA DONNELL L. PEARSON, AKA DONNELL PEARSON. My present address is 118-32 Marsden address is 118-32 Marsden Street, Jamaica, NY 11434-2332. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is February 07, 1981.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on FEB 24 2016, bearing Index Number NC-001080-15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clark at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the

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SUKHMANI (Middle) (Last) SINGH KARANJOT SUKHMANIKARANJOT SINGH, AKA SUKH KARAN JOT SINGH. SUKHMANI present address is 165-28 Highland Avenue, Floor, Jamaica, NY 11432-3563. My place of birth is INDIA. My date of birth is November 1994.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on APR 01 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000226-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) SHAMAR (Middle) SHAHEE (Last) TOMLIN. My present name is (First) SHAMAR (Last) CAMPBELL AKA SHAMAR SHAHEE TOMLIN, AKA SHAMAR S. TOMLIN, AKA SHAMAR TOMLIN. My present address is 192-09 Linden Boulevard, Saint Albans, NY 11412-3309. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is August 15, 1981.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME CO COUNTY OF QUEENS COURT BANK LISA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST ELTON JACOBS, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 06, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom # Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on May 20, 2016 at 10:00AM, premises known as 118-07 14TH ROAD, COLLEGE POINT, NY 11356. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected. improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4053, LOT 3. Approximate Approximate of amount \$1,044,351.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20432/13. Kerry J. Katsorhis, Esq. Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite Williamsville, NY 14221

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO
N.A. AS TRUSTEE
THE HOLDERS SASCO 2007-MLN1 Plaintiff MIHAELA MEDINA, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 15, 2008 I, the undersigned Referee will

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Courthouse in 25 88-11 Courtroom # Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on May 27, 2016 at 10:00AM, premises known as 80-03 95TH AVENUE, OZO PARK. NY 11416. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected situate, lying and being in the City of Ozone Park, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 9006, LOT 27. Approximate Approximate of amount amount of judgment \$457,480.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 23137/07.
Richard T. Kerins, Esq., Richard

Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite

Williamsville, NY 14221

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COUNTY COLIRT QUEENS NYCTL 2012-A TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AND CUSTODIAN THE NYCTL 2
TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.
SUTPHIN BLVD. ( 2012-A ET AL.. Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 22, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens Courthouse County Courtroom 25. Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, NY on May 27 2016 10:00 premises known as 90-69 Sutphin Boulevard, NY. Jamaica. ΑII certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 9994 and Lot 50. Approximate Lot 50. Approximate amount of judgment is \$44,806.01 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 5581/13 Madaleine Egelfeld,

Esq., Referee Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, I New York 10019. New Attorneys for Plaintiff

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST Raphael Amar: Israel Revivo: et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 6, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens Courthouse Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on May 6, 2016 at 10:00AM, premises known as 180-07 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings improvements I, the situate, lying and being in will the County and Borough of

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Queens, City and State of NY, Block 9897 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$301,810.63 plus and costs will Premises sold subject to provisions Judgment Index# 24574/10. Richard 245/4/10. Hichard M. Gutierrez, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 759-1835 Dated March 16, 2016

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Queens

MidFirst Bank, Plaintiff **AGAINST** Tonia Morrow-Martinez, et

al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 5, 2015 and entered on November 2015, I, inned Referee, undersigned sell at public auction at the Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on May 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM known premises as premises known as 109-47 164th Street, Jamaica, NY 11433. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the improvements erected. situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 10182, LOT: 44. Approximate LOT: 44. Approximate amount of judgment is \$183,323.88 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 701026/2013

Donna Furey, Referee

53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

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NOTICE SUPREME SALE COURT OF COUNTY QUEENS Bank of New Mellon, as Trustee for CIT Trust Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Jacques R. Loiseau; Marie J. Loiseau; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 9, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the County #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on May 6, 2016 at 10:00AM, premises 10:00AM, premises known as 106-14 227th Street a/k/a 10614 227th Street, Queens Village, NY 11429. All that certain plot piece or of land, with the and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of NY, Block 11176 Lot 46. Approximate amount of indument \$214.74140 Approximate amount of judgment \$314,741.10 plus and costs. will be Premises sold provisions subject Judgment Index# Joseph Trotti. Shapiro, lk, LLC Referee DiCaro & Barak, LLC plaintiff, claiming, or v Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff may claim to have 175 Mile Crossing interest in, or general

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Boulevard Rochester, New (877)759-1835 Dated: March 30, 2016

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2015-1756 SURROGATE'S COURT QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Jane Froese deceased, if living and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, administrators, executors. assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligence and Edith Sontag, MacLachlan, Elizabeth Queens Administrator County A petition having been duly filed by Patricia Sweeney filed by Patricia Sweeney who is domiciled at 11

Charlton St., Apt. 3B, NY, Chartion C., NY 10014 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before Court, Surrogate's Court, the Surrogate's County, at 88-11
Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on 9th day of June, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Jane In the estate of Jane Froese lately domiciled at 42-30 Harrington St., Apt. 504 Elmhurst, NY 11373, admitting to probate a Will dated October 28, 2014, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Jane Froese deceased relating to real.

deceased, relating to real

and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue
Patricia Sweeney
HON. PETER J. KELLEY to: Surrogate April 12, 2016 Margaret M. Gribbon Chief Clerk Attorney for Petitioner Thomas J. Adams Address for Attorney Avenue 114-06 Jamaica Richmond Hill, NY 11418 This [Note: citation served upon

required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have attorney appear for you.]

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Action to Foreclose Mortgage Index #: 708163/2015. Mortgaged 40-29 102nd Street. Corona, New York 11368. BL #: 1974 – 34 FKA P/O 33 & 39. Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court of the State of New York. County of Queens WELLS FARGO FARGO N.A. Plaintiff, -against-Al GU ZHANG if living, and if he/she be dead, any and

all persons unknown plaintiff, claiming, or

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specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generallv described and intended to be included in wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next descendants, administrators, kin, executors, devisees. legatees trustees creditors lienors, and of such committees. assignees and all deceased. any 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 widows. husbands. wives. widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators legatees. devisees, creditors trustees lienors, and committees. assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as are unknown to
Xiu Zhu Zhang,
Mortgage
, LLC, E.R. stated, Plaintiff; DBI/ASG Holdings, LLC, E.R. HoldingS LLC, Heritage Asset Management INC. as Assignee in Interest to MBNA America Bank, N.A., New York City Environmental Control York Board. New City Parking Violations Bureau, People of the State of New United States York, America Acting Through the IRS;

John Doe (being fictitious, the names unknown to Plaintiff intended to be occupants, tenants, persons or corporations having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint or their heirs at law, distributees, executors. administrators. guardians, creditors or trustees. assignees. or

Defendant(s). above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the Supplemental exclusive the Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service complete this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your York). In case of your failure to appear or answer,

judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie Trial to be held in the

County of Queens.
The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises.

Gu Zhang Defendant in this Action. foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Cheree A. Buggs of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated

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Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage premises upon the described below, executed by Ai Gu Zhang and Xiu Zhu Zhang dated April 5, 2004, to secure the sum of \$499,000.00 and recorded at CRFN 204000360224 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New Queens County, on June 18, 2004. The property in question is follows: described as 102nd 40-29 Corona, NY 11368. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons a complaint by serving copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage who filed company foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose vour 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

mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY PLAINTIFF FOR THE (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE

COURT.
Dated: April 14, 2016
Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive Suite 100

Willamsville, N.Y. 14221
The law firm of Gross
Polowy, LLC and the
attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are are debt collectors wno are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.

INDEX NO.: 708811/2015. Date Filed: 3/28/2016.

S U P P L E M E N T A L
SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
M O R T G A G E D
PREMISES: 194-34 115th Avenue, Saint Albans, N.Y. 11412 SBL #: 11034 - 23.

Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.
STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF QUEENS REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC, Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN HEIRS THE ESTATE OF VIOLA SMITH A/K/A VIOLA K.

SMITH, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees. devisees legatees, assignors creditors lienors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, inheritance, lien or the Eleventh day of April, inheritance, lien or 2016 and filed with the otherwise of any right, title

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or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their husbands. respective wives or widows, if any and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff. FT ΑI Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: HEREBY YOU ARE SUMMONED SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not serveu
Summons, to serve
notice of appearance
attorneys for the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after service of

Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND THIS SUMMONS COMPLAINT AND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY MONTGAGE COMPANY
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THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR **PROPERTY** SENDING PAYMENT MORTGAGE YOUR COMPANY STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION YOU MUST RESPOND BY

THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING

SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY PLAINTIFF FOR THE (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE THE OBJECT of the above

captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$457,500.00 interest, recorded in Office of the Clerk and Office of the Clerk of QUEENS on September 12, 2011, in CRF NUMBER 2011000322014, covering premises known premises known as 194-34 115th Avenue, South Ozone Park, New York 11420 – BLOCK LOT IN WHICH INDEXED:

BLOCK 11034 LOT 23 The relief sought in the within action is a final within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the described above. the Mortgage

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The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.
TO the Defendant(s) ÜNKNOWN HEIRS THE ESTATE OF VIOLA SMITH A/K/A VIOLA K. SMITH A/K/A SMITH, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Cheree Buggs of the Supreme Court of the State New York, County of eens, dated February of 11. 2016.

Dated: New Rochelle, NY March 14, 2016 MCCABE, WEISBERG CONWAY, P.C.

Natalie Giraldo, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210 New Rochelle, NY 10801 p. 914-636-8900 f. 914-636-8901 HOMEOWNERS ORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE 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 IN THIS
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**ASSISTANCE** The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance attorney or legal aid office, aru office, are government and non are agencies non-profit organizations that you may contact for information possible options to work includina trying with your lender during this process.

process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department Services Banking Financial Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.
FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who

approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress You should be careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law State requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services

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they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

SUMMONS, NOTICE AND

BRIEF STATEMENT NATURE OF AC IATURE OF ACTION CONSUMER CREDIT CONSUMER THE STATE OF YORK COUNT QUEENS Index 7 0 6 8 7 N A T I O MORTGAGE, MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff against-WILSON: MFLBA CHERYL STRODDER: JACK MOORE RONNIE MOORE; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES P E R S O N REPRESENTATIVES DEVISEES N CREOLA MOORE ANY HIS, HER OR ANY THEIR SUCCESSORS RIGHT, TITLE A INTEREST; al. THE TO Defendants. DEFENDANT(S): UNKNOWN AND N A L DEVISEES
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REPRESENTATIVES CREOLA MOORE ANY HIS HER OR ANY THEIR SUCCESSORS RIGHT. TITLE INTEREST HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attornevs answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) or appear willing skyly days of service hereof. case of your failure answer, judgment will taken against you for relief demanded in complaint. Trial is despite the County of UESE in the County of QUEENS. the real process The the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of QUEENS, New York. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS COMPLAINT SERVING A COPY THE ANSWER ON ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT Α JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. YOUR SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER SUMMONS AND SENDING A TO YOUR PROPERTY. PAYMENT TO YOUR COMPANY MORTGAGE they will perform and fees | WILL NOT STOP TIMESLEDGER.COM

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FORECLOSURE ACTION YOU MUST RESPOND BY **FORECLOSURE** SERVING COPY OF THE ANSWER O (MORTGAGE PANY) AND FILING ANSWER WITH THE COMPANY) COURT The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. to an order of Hon.
Rudolph E. Greco, Jr.,
Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New day of March, 2016 In Jamaica, New York and to be duly entered in the County Clerk's New Office, in Jamaica, New York. The Nature of this action pertains to a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff on real property by the defendants specified in the complaint filed in this action. The named defendants above have failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage and said instruments secured by said mortgage, by failing and omitting to pay the balance due and owing and the Plaintiff has and the Plaintiff has commenced a foreclosure action. Plaintiff is seeking a foreclosing its mortgage against the real property and situates and premises BOROUGH OF QUEENS COUNTY OF QUEENS AND STATE
YORK AND and commonly known as 104-39 205th Street, Jamaica aka Saint Albans, New York 11412 and all other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. DATED: April 7, 2016 SCHILLER, KNAPP, LEFKOWITZ & HERTZEL, LLP BY: WILLIAM B. SCHILLER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 950 New Loudon Road Latham, New York 12110 Telephone: (518) 786-9069

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMUNS AND NOTICE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS —GREEN QUEENS SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff. iff, against H DISTRIBUTEES THE ESTATE OF MARY COLLINS A/K/A MARY JANE COLLINS, if living, and if he be dead, any and all other persons, who may claim as devisees, distributes. representatives successors in interest whom and whose places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquire be after diligent inquire be ascertained, NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU NEW YORK DEPARTMENT FULTON CORP. JAMAICA VIOLATIONS NEW YORK BUREAU NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD STATES ERICA (EASTERN TRICT) "JOHN DOE through "JOHN DOE DISTRICT) #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended

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occupants.

occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or

lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants-Index 522/2015. designates Queens County as the place of trial situs of the real property. To the Defendants-YOU HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, serve a notice appearance on Attorney Plaintiff's 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) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or judgment will be answer, against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. DANGER OF IN LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure company proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court. judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Sheak to Speak attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on answer summons and protect your Sending property. payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY MUST SERVING A COPY THE ANSWER ON FOR THE ATTORNEY PI AINTIFF COMPANY) AND THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP HOMEOWNERS FORECLOSURE; York State law that we send rec and you about requires notice foreclosure Please read it carefully SUMMONS COMPLAINT You are danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond the Summons Complaint Foreclosure Action, may lose your home.
Please read the Summons
and Complaint carefully.
You should You should immediately contact an attorney of your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to yourself protect SOURCES INFORMATION ASSISTANCE The encourages you to become informed options in foreclosure to from addition assistance attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may

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information contact possible about options including trying to with your lender during this process To locate y near you, you may the toll-free helpline tained by the New entity near call maintained York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at http://www.dfs.ny.gov.FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach with offers to "save" "save" vour There individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State 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 promised services. are attempting to such collect information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is foregoing upon vou served served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Howard G. Lane filed March 7, 2016. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known 204-07 34th Ave Avenue Bayside, New York located at Block 6086 and Lot 31 at Block 6086 and 2. 2016 Dated: February 2, 2016 Henoch Peddy Peterson, Fenchel, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Danielle Razzouk, 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, 11530 (516) 222-6200.

#### S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS Index No.: 703013/2014 Date of Filing: March 7,

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS JPMORGAN CHASE NATIONAL RANK ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, -against-ALICE MALNER AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF FRANK A MALNER; ANTHONY MALNER AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF FRANK A MALNER: STACIE MALNER AS OF FRANK A MALNER; STACIE MALNER AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF FRANK A MALNER; AMELIA BEYREUTHER; ANNA ANNA MALNER; NEW PARKING VIOLATIONS NEW YO BUREAU NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; DISCOVER BUREAU; DISCOVEN BANK; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names

fictitious, parties being possible

tenants or occupants of premises, and

corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or

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may claim, a lien against the premises. Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: SUMMONED SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint not served with this mmons, to serve a summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this

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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 THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT NOTICE THAT

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ABOVE-NAMED THE DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Order of the Honorable Valerie Brathwaite Nelson of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on February 22, 2016, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the

County of Queens, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premised described below, executed by FRANK A MALNER to THE BANK OF NEW YORK in the principal amount of \$65,000.00, premises YORK in unc amount of \$65,000.00, which mortgage was in Queens Which mortgage was recorded in Queens County, State of New York, on March 7, 2007, in CRFN: 200700123228. Thereafter said mortgage assigned was CHASE JPMORGAN BANK, ASSOCIATION, by assignment of mortgage dated April 6, 2012 and coorded in CRFN: NATIONAL

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2, 2012. premises Said known as and by 60-23 67TH AVE, RIDGEWOOD NY 11385 Date: October 30, 2015 Batavia, New York Virginia C. Grapensteter, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSI ASSOCIATES, P.C. ROSICKI Attorneys for Plaintiff Batavia Office Harvester Avenue Batavia, NY 14020 585.815.0288 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State requires that we send you about the foreclosure it carefully. Please read Mortgage foreclosure Some complex process. people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State about saving You should be careful about armises. The encourages you to become informed options about your foreclosure. in government There agencies, legal aid entities organizations that you may other non-profit about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process To locate an entity you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at Banking Department at 1 - 8 7 7 - B A N K N Y S (1-877-226-5697) or Department's website

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

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Plaintiffs Address: 888 E. Street Pasadena. Walnut CA 91101 Action To Foreclose Mortgage On Property QUEENS In Situated

County SUPREME COURT THE STATE OF YORK COUNTY QUEENS

Martin,

OneWest Bank N.A., Plaintiffs -against-

Antonio A.

Martin, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, next distributees, devisees. grantees, trustees, lienors, assignees and in interest of creditors. successors of the aforesaid defendants at law, next of kin distributees devisees grantees, trustees, lienors creditors. assignees and in interest of the aforesaid classes of them be dead, and their respective wives or widows, if any, all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown plaintiff, except as herein Secretary stated, Urban Housing and Development, Criminal Court of the City of New York, City of New York Transit Adjudication New York State ent of Taxation Bureau, Department of Taxation and Finance-Tax Compliance Division-C.O.-Compliance ATC, Into ATC, Internal Reve Service-United States Revenue

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Anthony Austin, Austin, Defendants. Alicia **ABOVE** DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE SUMMONED 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 summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of the Summons exclusive of the day of service or within (30) days after completion 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 default for t vou the demanded in Complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: Summons foregoing

served upon you publication pursuant to Order of the Hon. Valerie Brathwaite Nelson, a Nelson, Justice of the Supreme Queens Court, entered Mar. 9, 2016 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose

mortgage recorded in the Queens County Office of the Register on August 4, CRFN#2006000443269

covering premises known as 114-52 145th Street, Jamaica, NY 11436 a/k/a Block 11974, Lot 31. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF

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Dated: Carle Place, New March 21, 2016 Mojdeh Malekan, Esq. Stein, L.L.P.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff One Óld Country Road, Suite 113 Carle Place, New 11514

Wiener

(516)-742-1212 66965/INDY-FF #88295

THE STATE OF YORK - COURT NEW QUEENS INDEX # 70 FILED: 3/17/2016 705090/2015 2012000174429 in the America Quincy Austin, FILED: 3/17/2016

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County which mortgaged premises are situated. HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REC REGISTERED RENAISSANCE LOAN TRUST
Plaintiff(s), against
INA JOHNSON, EQUITY 2006-2, Pla CHRISTINA C H R I S T O P H E R JOHNSON. CRYSTAL JOHNSON, Unknown heirs at law of GAIL JOHNSON and if they 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 being described persons generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next descendants, next executors, administrators, devisees legatees, creditors trustees, committees lienors, and assignees 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, devisees. creditors, lienors and committees. assigns, all of who and whose names, except as whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NYC E N V I R O N M E N T CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK DEPARTMENT TAXATION AND FINANCE, CITY ADJUDICATION BUREAU NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BURFAU BROOKLYN UNION COMPANY GRID NATIONAL PORTFOLIO NCO MANAGEMENT, CLOVEF COMMERCIAL CORF "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, 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 COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY
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ATTORNEY OR THE COURT GO TO WHERE YOU CASE IS PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW ANSWER SUMMONS AND YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING MORTGAGE COMPANY STOP THIS RE ACTION. WILL NOT ST FORECLOSURE YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF COMPANY) (MORTGAGE AND FILING ANSWER WITH THE RT. YOU ARE ARE HEREBY SUMMONED answer the Complaint in copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is Complaint is not served with this summons. notice appearance on Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of York); of The United America, designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF AND RELIEF ACTION SOUGHT: AND HELIEF SCOON...
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action foreclose on a mortgage dated March 17, 2006, GAIL to L DELTA D N G CORPORATION to secure sum of \$225,000.00 recorded in City Register File 2006000179772, Number Office of the CLERK of the County of QUEENS on March 31, 2006, which thereafter mortgage was modified. Said mortgage to HSBC N.A., AS was assigned BANK USA, INDENTURE TRUSTEE REGISTERED FOR THE RE NOTEHOLDERS HOME. RENAISSANCE TRUST 2006-2, by assignment of mortgage which is dated December 18. 2007 covering premises known as 185-30 Fonda Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11412 (Block 10422 and Lot 62). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale described above to satisfy the described above. above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you publication pursuant to order of the Hon. Weiss, Justice of Allan Justice 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 Office 6. County or 2016. This Queens on 3/14/2016. is an action to foreclose on mortgage. certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, and State of New SOURCES

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York, Block 10422 and Lot 62, said premises known as 185-30 Fonda Avenue,
Jamaica, NY 11412. YOU
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COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION ANY OBTAINED WILL FOR THAT USFD USED FUH I HAI PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as among ot hereinafter forth. Plaintiff, the holder and owner the aforementioned note mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage the entire indebtedness declare mortgage immediately due and payable. By virtue thereof, heretofore by these plaintiff has by elected and presents hereby accelerate the elects to entire unpaid principal balance of \$291,941.26 to be immediately due payable under mortgage herein foreclosed, plus interest at rate calculated the accordance with provisions of the note from May 1, 2011, together with unpaid late charges in the amount of \$266.94 that amount of have accrued prior to this action as of October 17, 2014. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY
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JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT APPLICABLE. UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID (30) THE HEREIN PERIOD. DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED M THE STATES DISCHARGE FROM UNITED BANKRUPTCY YOU ARE COURT, NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWFD DEBTEDNESS OWED PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE 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 losing your of home. If you fail to respond Summons Complaint this foreclosure action, may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to

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INFORMATION ASSISTANCE AND The State encourages you to become informed about options in foreclosure. addition to see seeking from assistance attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information possible about options, including trying 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 Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your with offers to save home. There are individuals who watch for street of foreclosure notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over State your deed. law offering requires anyone 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 NOTICE LOSING YOUR HOME you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for mortgage the company this foreclosure who filed proceeding against and filing the the answer with default а judgment may be entered and you may lose your lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how answer summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY property. payment to MUST RESPOND
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PLAINTIFF (MORTO THE FOR THE (MORTGAGE COMPANY) (PANY) AND FILING ANSWER WITH THE AN Leopold PLLC, COURT Associates. 80 Business Park Drive Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

SUPREME COURT THE STATE OF NEW YORK — COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX # 70 FILED: 3/17/2016 705090/2015 S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged situated. premises HSBC BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE INDENTURE REGISTERED FOR THE HOME. RENAISSANCE EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-2, Plaintiff(s), against CHRISTINA JOHNSON, C H R I S T O P H E R

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JOHNSON, Unknown heirs at law of GAIL JOHNSON, and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to claiming, or who aim to have an plaintiff. may claim to interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown unknown persons being described herein . generally intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law. next of kin. descendants, executors administrators. devisees. creditors legatees, committees trustees. 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 legatees, devisees, creditors. trustees committees, lienors and assigns, all of who and whose names, except as stated. are unknown to CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NYC E N V I R O N M E N T CONTROL BOARD, NEW STATE YORK DEPARTMENT TAXATION FINANCE, NEW / YORK TRANSIT CITY ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY VIOLATIONS THE PARKING BUREAU, GAS DBA BROOKLYN UNION COMPANY GRID NY, PORTFOLIO NATIONAL MANAGEMENT, CLOVER CORP, COMMERCIAL "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the ABOVE NAMED TO THE 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
FORECLOSURE
PROCEEDING AGAINST
YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH COURT, A DE JUDGMENT MAY DEFAULT RF ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOU CASE IS PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER SUMMONS AND YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A
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MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS
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(MORTGAGE AND FILING **PLAINTIFF** Plaintiff, the holder owner THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE aforementioned note COURT. YOU A mortgage, have answer the Complaint in accelerate this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if and declare the mortgage due the Complaint is not served immediately with summons, serve notice plaintiff has appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is immediately due complete if this summons payable is not personally delivered mortgage to you within the State New York); States of The United the rate accordance designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof; and in case of your amount of \$266.94 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 Complaint. NC NATURE OF AND RELIEF SOUGHT: WITHIN THIRTY THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to DAYS AFTFR RECEIPT HEREOF foreclose on a mortgage dated March 17, 2006, executed by to GAIL JOHNSON D N N G CORPORATION to the sum of \$225,000.00 and recorded in City recorded Numbei Register File HEREIN 2006000179772 COLLECTOR. Office of the CLERK of the APPLICABLE, County of QUEENS March 31, 2006, v March which THIRTY PERIOD, mortgage was modified. Said thereafter mortgage to HSBC N.A., AS was assigned BANK USA, INDENTURE FOR THE TRUSTEE REGISTERED FOR THE RE NOTEHOLDERS RENAISSANCE **EQUITY** LOAN TRUST 2006-2, by assignment of BANKRUPTCY mortgage December which 18, is dated 2007, ARE covering premises as 185-30 Fonda known covering premises known as 185-30 Fonda Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11412 (Block 10422 and Lot 62). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment direction. AND directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy th described above. the debt above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon VOU bv publication pursuant to order of the Hon. A Please Allan Weiss, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State SUMMONS COMPLAINT You of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of 3/14/2016. This Summons Complaint action, foreclosure is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel and of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of County of and State of New protect SOURCES Queens, Queens, and State of New York, Block 10422 and Lot 62, said premises known as 185-30 Fonda Avenue, INFORMATION The ASSISTANCE Jamaica, NY 11412. YOU
ARE HEREBY PUT ON
NOTICE THAT WE ARE
ATTEMPTING TO options in foreclosure. addition from assistance COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE THAT USED PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment possible about of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth,

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the and age, or their agents the mortgage indebtedness payable. By virtue thereof, heretofore elected and by these presents hereby elects to accelerate the entire unpaid principal balance of \$291,941.26 to be and herein foreclosed, plus interest at calculated in provisions of the note from May 1, 2011, together with unpaid late charges in the amount of \$256.94 that have accrued prior to this action as of October 17, 2014. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WATTLIN THIRTY (30) YOUR 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 DFBT YOUR WRITTEN
REQUEST, WITHIN SAID (30) DAY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE COURT, NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR THIS AND THIS
NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS
FOR COMPLIANCE AND
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PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. read it carefully. are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond this home. may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office obtain advice on how yourself. AND encourages you to become informed about your In seeking an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information options, about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may

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call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York state Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE SCAMS Be RESĆUE Be careful people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. extremely You careful any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to offering 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 completed all they promised Section 1303 YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of answer on the attorney for mortgage who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered you Speak home. attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information how to answer summons and protect your property. Sending a property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.
MUST RESPOND SERVING A COP THE ANSWER OF ATTORNEY FOR COPY PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND ANSWER WITH COURT Leopold PLLC, Associates, Business Park Drive Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

SUPREME COURT STATE OF COUNTY YORK QUEENS Index 6 E 2 6 8 2 S U P P L SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Plaintiff, -against- MOHI U. KHANDAKER, if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees executors, administrators trustees legatees, assignees lienors. creditors. successors in interest and generally having or or bv through defendant deceased by purchase inheritance, otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the interest in and to the premises described in the complaint, RAINBOW ASSOCIATES, WASHINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY NEW YORK LIQUIDATION BUREAU, OFFICE OF THE QUEENS COUNTY CLERK, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NFW CITY E ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD,

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ADJUDICATION NEW YORK BUREAU DEPARTMENT UNITED FINANCE, AMERICA INTERNAL **REVENUE** SERVICE, AMANDO NINO PENA, CARLOS ALDANA, ARTURO ALDANA, PFNA CARLOS ALDONA, JUAN ROSALBA AGUIRRE. ALICIA ANGELICA BARRETO, **ANGELICA** ZAIDA ESCOBAR. Defendants. above-named defendants: ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to amended complaint in this action and demanded

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to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended complaint is not served with this supplemental to summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys the plaintiff's within 20 days attorneys after the service of this supplemental summons, supplemental 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

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NOTICE DANGER LOSING YOUR HOME 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 and filing the answer with the court, a default 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 how to answer the by summons and protect your 201: elief property. Sending a the payment to your mortgage the

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company will not stop this foreclosure action MUST RESPOND MUST MUST RESPOND BY
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THE ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE
PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE
COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Timothy J. Dufficy, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the State of New York, Queens County, dated the 12th day of November, 2015 and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens,

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State of New York.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF
ACTION AND RELIEF
SOUGHT The object of the SOUGHT The object of the above captioned action is to, inter alia, quiet title and foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$528,750.00 and interest, which shall be duly recorded in the Office of the City Begister of the City Register of eens County, which rtgage shall be Queens mortgage shall be assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment of mortgage and which shall be duly recorded in the Office of the City Register of Ouens County. Queens County, covering premises known as 24-42 86TH STREET,

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EAST ELMHURST, NEW YORK 11369, (BLOCK 1097, LOT 44 (FORMERLY P/O LOT 31)). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above. The Plaintiff also seeks deficiency seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant, MOHI U. KHANDAKER, for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises, unless said premises, unless discharged in bankruptcy. Premises lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens. BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side

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of 86th Street, 90.75 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Astoria Boulevard and the westerly side of 86th Street; being a plot 100 feet by 30.89 feet by Street; being a plot 100 feet by 30.89 feet by 100.00 feet by 30.89 feet BLOCK 1097, LOT 44 (FORMERLY P/O LOT 31 Dated:Rego Park, York

2016 GALLO ASSOCIATES GALLO & ASSOCIATES LLP By: Robert M. Link, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000

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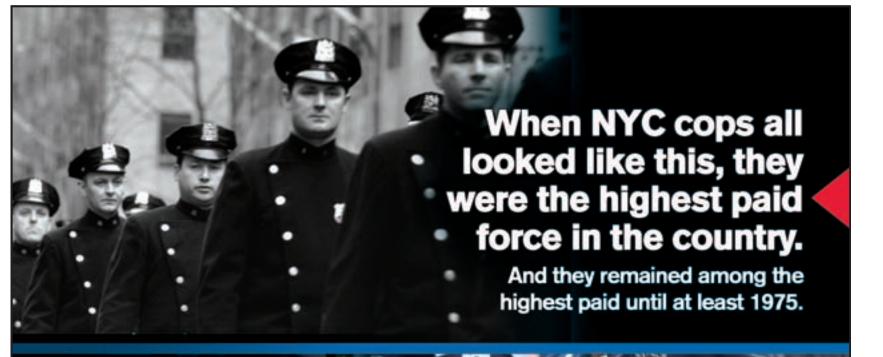
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