

Bayside woman will celebrate 107th birthday

BY MARK HALLUM

Ida Albert came to the United States at the age of 3 and, like many immigrants today, settled with her family in Astoria.

The Astoria of Albert's time, however, was mostly agricultural land. This illustrates how much the borough has changed during the life of the soon-to-be 107-year-old Italian American and Bayside resident.

Ida, originally born "Aida" in Italy on Aug. 15, 1909, is the third daughter of a farmer who leased a plot of land near Ditmars Boulevard before developers bought the site to build affordable housing. Albert's father, Guisippi Del Pizzo, an Italian nationalist, named three of his daughters after fellow Italian Giuseppe Verdi's operas. He was forced to move the family to a farm in New Jersey, only to return to Astoria after a few years. He later became ill with throat cancer and died at the age of 40.

Albert recalls her mother Guiseppina and three sisters struggling to get by. At the age of 8, Albert was at work making fireworks for a man in New Jersey, who paid 50 cents

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Queens deplores killings

Small gatherings of lawmakers, citizens try to make sense of violence

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Like the rest of the nation, Queens elected officials and community members were profoundly disturbed by the police-involved killings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile last week and then heart-broken by the shooting deaths of five police officers in Dallas at the end of a peaceful protest.

State Sen. James Sanders (D-South Ozone Park) held a community meeting to inform

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and hear from residents in Jamaica about stopping the violence, while several lawmakers, faith leaders and community advocates attended a Vigil for Peace held in Rufus King Park in Jamaica. After the Dallas murders came critical statements about the Black Lives Matter movement by NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton along with attempts to find healing and meaning in the series of tragedies from President Barack Obama, Mayor Bill de Blasio and others in and out of elected office.

Amid the soul-searching, the NYPD reported a sharp drop in violent crime in Queens and the rest of the city.



City Council member Rory Lancman speaks at a vigil in Rufus King Park for the victims of the shootings in Dallas, Louisiana and Minnesota.
Photo by Jessica Bal



The hub of the bookmaking operation is this house with a trash-strewn front yard on 45th Road near 211th Street, according to the Queens DA.
Photo by Michael Shain

Bayside gambling spot shut down

BY GINA MARTINEZ

An illegal sports gambling operation based out of a run-down Bayside home has been shut down and five men have been charged with their alleged roles in a wire room that booked more than \$750,000 a

year in bets, the Queens district attorney said.

The defendants include the alleged ringleader of the operation, Theodore Simon, 77, of Flushing; Jason Levine, 45, of Rockville Centre, L.I.; and Bayside residents Frank Nista, 64; James Greene, 70; and

Russell Bellaterra, 69. Each of the five was charged with one count of enterprise corruption, 12 counts of promoting of gambling and one count of conspiracy, the DA said. If convicted, they all face up to 25 years in prison.

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Avella tackles DOB

Pol demands agency enforce laws to thwart Airbnb



State Sen. Tony Avella issued a letter to the DOB calling on them to enforce single-family zoning laws in a Broadway-Flushing neighborhood where an Airbnb listing has residents up in arms. Photo by Mark Hallum

BY MARK HALLUM

An Airbnb listing in Broadway-Flushing had state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) and residents up in arms over zoning violations at a July 1 news conference. Now Avella has issued a letter to the city Department of Buildings demanding that the agency enforce the law requiring single-family dwellings and non-commercial use within the neighborhood.

The house, located at 35-32 159th St., is listed on Airbnb advertising six rooms, with the entire house accommodating up to 13 people. There is also an illegal renter in one of the upstairs bedrooms and the listing encourages group parties and events, according to Avella. The owner has been reluctant to comply with the R1-2A zoning and has not responded to complaints from the community.

"This listing needs to be removed immediately, for blatant disrespect of a communi-

ty that has taken many actions to ensure their neighborhood remains a quiet, one-family residential place to live and raise a family," Avella said in the letter.

Maria Becce, vice president of the Broadway Flushing Homeowners' Association, addressed the small crowd which gathered at the July 1 news conference in front of the house where the controversial listing operates.

"The Broadway Flushing Homeowners' Association will remain vigilant and we will make sure the city protects our zoning. We will go to court and use our own funds to enforce the covenant, and please remove the listing from Airbnb," said Becce.

Becce said guests at the house listed, which Avella calls an "illegal hotel," have overburdened the street with parked vehicles and strangers who come and go, as well as violating the Rickert-Finlay Covenant, which prohibits

business, manufacturing or commercial use of property within the neighborhood.

"The Department of Buildings is the most incompetent and corrupt agency in the history of this city. They take in more money than they spend to operate. They generate revenue for the city of New York. All they would have to do is take some of that money and hire more inspectors," Avella said at the news conference, explaining that the issues within the DOB are not only financial but systemic. "One of the main responsibilities of the DOB is to help maintain the existing housing stock. The other responsibility, which is a huge conflict of interest, is to promote development."

The listing was once taken down by Airbnb, but was up and running again a week prior to the news conference, illustrating the lack of oversight on behalf of the website, Avella said.

Bioswales raise fears basements may flood

BY MARK HALLUM

The city Department of Environmental Protection is exploring the possibility of installing bioswales, or rain gardens, in Flushing neighborhoods to combat flooding, ease overburdened portions of the storm sewer system and clean up waterways affected by runoff such as Flushing Creek and Flushing Bay.

One resident in Murray Hill, however, is concerned that the green infrastructure project will contribute to basement flooding in the neighborhood, which he says is one of the lowest points in Flushing.

Bioswales are roadside gardens with exceptionally porous soil. They are commonly installed in neighborhoods with inconsistent natural water runoff and with city drainage and sewer systems that are overburdened with rainwater in the wet season. According to the DEP, too much water draining through storm sewers is a contributing factor to poor water quality along waterways in Queens.

The project proposed for Flushing is still in the screening phase, with Department of Design and Construction employees marking sidewalks and roadways with conditions which would benefit from the installation of rain gardens.

Joseph Branzetti, president of Friends of Fort Totten Parks, noticed city employees marking pavement in Murray Hill on 165th Street between 32nd and 33rd avenues. When he asked about the project, he was handed an informational pamphlet about bioswales. The concern for Branzetti is that rain gardens will be installed in front homes without any input

from homeowners, and basement flooding would result from water being stored underground.

Flooded basements are not an unusual occurrence in Murray Hill, said Branzetti, who added that it is not uncommon for residents in his low-lying neighborhood to have a water pump in their homes for just such situations. His fear is too much water could ruin basement water pumps and cost residents money.

But a spokesman from the DEP said while he had never heard of bioswales contributing to basement flooding, the installations would likely be too far from any homes to have any kind of impact. This part of Flushing is a candidate for the project because the roads do not have a crown in the middle and standing water is common.

The DEP is investing considerable funds in extensive green infrastructure projects, with one in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn receiving 842 rain gardens and costing the city agency \$39.5 million to reduce pollution in Jamaica Bay.



A DEP project to install bioswales on a Murray Hill street raises concerns over the effects green infrastructure may have on homes. Photo by Michael Shain

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Pidot asks court to set Republican primary

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

As the Democratic primary for New York's 3rd Congressional District unfolded over the past months and concluded with a victory for former Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi, a Republican primary fight has been brewing, as well. The contest is currently playing out in state court.

Former fraud investigator and financial analyst Philip 'Flip' Pidot contends that state Sen. Jack Martins (R-Mineola), the other candidate in the fight to represent Republicans in the general election to succeed outgoing U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Melville), is trying to forestall a Republican primary fight and disenfranchising Republican voters. The district covers parts of northeast Queens, Nassau and Suffolk.

"The primary reason I got in this was to fight against the corruption and unaccountability of political insiders and elected officials. It's been such an ironic twist that the other side has made my point better than I ever could," Pidot said

in a telephone interview. "It's such a more extreme manifestation of this kind of insider deal-making and non-responsible policy making."

Martins originally raised objections about the signatures Pidot had collected to qualify for a potential June primary. According to a brief filed by Pidot with the state's Appellate Court, Pidot filed 2,191 signatures, more than the 1,500 needed for the ballot, but Martins' campaign challenged some signatures as invalid in early May. The State Supreme Court in Nassau County ruled that Pidot did not have enough signatures May 11, but on June 17 the state Appellate Division overturned the ruling, sending the decision back to the lower court.

A June 24 decision determined that Pidot did indeed have enough signatures to qualify, but the court also said it would be impossible to organize a Republican primary for Pidot and Martins for June 28, which was the scheduled primary day through the city. Pidot, who filed a suit in federal court demanding that a



Philip Pidot is mounting a legal challenge against state Sen. Jack Martins to have a Republican primary set in the congressional race to fill U.S. Rep. Steve Israel's seat.

Courtesy of Pidot campaign

primary date be set but later withdrew it, maintains there is sufficient time to hold a Republican primary before the general election in November. Oral arguments were scheduled in state Appellate Court

in the coming week.

The Martins campaign asserted that the delay in the state court decision stemmed from Pidot's failing to file timely court motions, which Pidot disputes.

O'Brien Murray, a senior advisor of Martins, said Pidot and his campaign were using delaying tactics.

"They could have dealt with this earlier, but chose not to, but now they're scrambling around wasting the court's time and taxpayers' money in an effort to solely benefit (Pidot)," Murray said. "He has to learn to play by the rules."

Martins has received considerable backing from Republican organizations, including the Nassau County GOP, Suffolk Republicans, Queens Republicans and the Conservative Party of New York State. Pidot said he would like to spend more time campaigning than engaging in legal squabbles, but he said he believed it was important to continue fighting for what he argued were the rights of Republican primary voters in the district.

"It's simultaneously frustrating and invigorating, because it reminds me why we got into this race," he said. "We're showing the machine is not invincible and we're fighting for things that seem pretty basic."

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Boro mourns

Leaders explore race relations after Dallas murders



Mayor Bill de Blasio and NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton speak about the murder of five Dallas police officers during a press conference the day after the incident.

Photo by Michael Appleton

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Violent shooting incidents involving the police spurred an outpouring of grief and frustration at community meetings and prayer vigils throughout the borough and city from elected officials and community members.

On July 5, police stopped Alton Sterling outside of a Baton Rouge, La. store. They tackled him to the ground and officers claim he reached for a gun in his pocket. The officers fired several shots, killing Sterling, and two videos of the incident appeared online and in news reports soon after. Less than a day later, Philando Castile, a cafeteria supervisor for a St. Paul, Minn. school, was pulled over while driving with his girlfriend Diamond Reynolds and her 4-year-old daughter. Reynolds began streaming video live on Facebook after the officer fired four shots, mortally wounding Castile.

The murders and release of the videos spurred protests and marches throughout the country. On July 7, at the conclusion of a Black Lives Matter march in Dallas protesting the shootings, Micah Johnson opened fire on officers guarding the march, according to multiple news reports. Five officers were killed and an additional seven were wounded.

In Queens, state Sen James

Sanders held a meeting at LIFE Camp in Jamaica for community members to discuss the shootings, while the Queens County Young Democrats organized a vigil in Jamaica's Rufus King Park. Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) said that police reforms and the safety of police are both important.

"We have to address both problems that are not mutually exclusive, to not fall into that false dichotomy," he said.

At a memorial services for the five murdered police officers in Dallas Tuesday, President Barack Obama sought to comfort those in mourning and worked to mend the chasm between the police and the communities they serve. The service was also attended by Vice President Joe Biden and former President George W. Bush.

"Faced with this violence, we wonder if the divides of race in America can ever be bridged. We wonder if an African-American community that feels unfairly targeted by police and police departments that feel unfairly maligned for doing their jobs, can ever understand each other's experience," Obama said. "I'm here to say we must reject such despair. I'm here to insist that we are not as divided as we seem."

Other public figures, in-

cluding former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton and New York Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch criticized the Black Lives Matter movement in the aftermath of the Dallas shooting, depicting the movement as incendiary.

"Much of the anger directed at police officers over the past few years has been fueled by erroneous information and inflammatory rhetoric put forward by groups and individuals whose agenda has nothing to do with justice," Lynch said, while Bratton said the movement "accomplishes nothing" during an interview with WABC's Rita Cosby.

Many attendees at the Rufus Park vigil disputed such statements, arguing that safety for their communities from police misconduct was not antithetical to safety for police.

"Pro-black does not mean anti-white. Pro-black does not mean anti-blue," Jovan Richards, the chairman of the New York State Young Democrats Caucus of Color, said during the vigil. "If you think that the Black Lives Matter movement is putting those lives above others, you're mistaken."

Lancman expressed frustration that Bratton seemed to discount the grievances expressed by the Black Lives

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Sanders holds session to hear Queens' fears

BY MARK HALLUM

The recent spate of police violence, including the shooting in Dallas, has black residents in Queens on edge.

State Sen. James Sanders (D-South Ozone Park) and state Assembly candidate Clyde Vanel, who has a law office in , took the opportunity to organize community meetings to discuss ways to make peaceful and meaningful change. Those who attended the meetings expressed fears for the safety of their children, while some told horror stories of loved ones they had lost to police shootings.

At LIFE Camp, a violence-prevention center founded by youth advocate and human rights activist Erica Ford in Jamaica, Sanders hosted a discussion on stopping the violence. It turned heated as residents explored topics which brought some participants close to tears and rage. One mother whose son was shot by police officers spoke loudly about her experience and defied Sanders when he called for order in the meeting. She was soon escorted out before the situation could escalate.

"Now we have an encounter with the police, and at the end of that encounter, we are dead. The encounter is usually something minor - broken headlight, taillight - something minor," Sanders said. "And yet something terribly goes wrong, and we end up dead. I saw a poster that said, 'The violence is not new. The camera is new.'"

Sanders called for police reform and listened intently to attendees as they offered

solutions to racism within law enforcement. There was agreement on further use of police body cams as well as an independent third-party monitoring of the footage to prevent tampering. Other suggestions included educating community members on their legal rights and the proper way to file complaints of police misconduct, as well as having a say in what will be contained in the NYPD patrol guide. Some residents called for drastic action while the senator urged the crowd to choose organized and peaceful action.

"Police, you need to clean up your ranks. Police, you can't have it both ways," said Sanders. "If you say many cops are good, then turn in the ones that are bad. You know better than anyone who's a racist in your midst. Don't let that blue wall of silence separate us from good policing. If you know that one of your fellows are racist or one of your fellows are breaking the law, and you're silent, then you're not a good cop either."

Many people saw fit to have their children in the meeting. Sanders gave each of the young people time at the microphone to share their thoughts on the issue and what they see as factors in the violence. Sanders emphasized the importance of actively leading young men who may feel mistreated by law enforcement to a more meaningful solution to prevent a shooter situation such as occurred in Dallas.

"If you take a pot, fill it with water, put it on the

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State Sen. James Sanders shares the mic with a concerned youngster at a well-attended community meeting in Jamaica over the weekend after the racially charged killings in Dallas, Louisiana and Minneapolis.

Photo by Mark Hallum

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Vigil in Jamaica issues call for peace

Attendees at Rufus King Park ceremony express their grief over outbreaks of violence

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Pastor Rimsky Toussaint of Tabernacle of Glory in St. Albans stood before an assembled crowd of mourners gathered at the rear of the King Manor Museum in Rufus King Park in downtown Jamaica Tuesday evening. The crowd held thin white candles, cupping their hands around the wick to shield the flames from the wind.

The crowd was assembled to mark the tragedies of the past week, including the police shootings of Alton Sterling in Louisiana and Philando Castile in Minnesota, as well as the murder of five police officers in Dallas.

"We know the devil is at work," Toussaint said, the heads of the crowd bowed in prayer. "And we know that all that can stop him is intercessions."

The Queens County Young Democrats had organized the vigil in short order as a place for Queens residents to express the sadness and anger that the brutality of the previous week



Jovan Richards, the chairman for the New York Young Democrats Caucus of Color, speaks at a Vigil for Peace held by the Queens County Young Democrats in Rufus King Park in Jamaica. Photo by Jessica Bal

had stirred. Franck Joseph, a youth minister and community advocate, helped to organize the vigil and guided the ceremony. He expressed his grief over the futility of violence by

drawing an analogy to the Biblical story of Cain, who killed his brother Abel.

"Cain is forever marked. And when we act out of hate, we are forever marked," he

said, and noted that Queens needed to draw strength from its diversity to act as a beacon for other damaged communities. "Queens needs to be a model for the rest of the United

States."

The crowd grew in numbers as the evening progressed. In addition to community and faith leaders, elected officials such as Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest), state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-Hollis), state Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman (D-Springfield Gardens) and Public Advocate Letitia James were in attendance. James told the crowd in her brief remarks that the violence should not sway the forward momentum of progress for all communities.

"Though these violent acts may seem decisive or final, we can dictate the terms of our common future," she said. "Our fight to support police officers and our fight for civil rights are not mutually exclusive."

Comrie spoke about the need to return to a more "prayerful community."

"We need to communicate and be honest with each other," he said. "We are all leaders in our own right. The fact that you're here tonight means

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Community, cops should take stock

Statement from Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch:

New York City's police officers know how it feels to lose fellow officers in a senseless, cold-blooded assassination. We stand with the men and women of the Dallas Police Department, DART and with their families to mourn the loss of these fine officers. They did nothing to harm anyone but instead were protecting the rights of others to be heard in protest. We have said it many times before: the loss of life—every life—is a tragedy. But much of the anger directed at police officers over the past few years has been fueled by erroneous information and inflammatory rhetoric put forward by groups and individuals whose agenda has



PATRICK LYNCH AP

nothing to do with justice. Our elected leaders fail us when they prejudice incidents without having all the facts and disparage all law enforcement. As we go forward, we need to take an honest, hard look at everything that wrongfully inflames emotions against police officers if we are going to be able to bring police officers and the community together,"

Safer Streets

Shooting incidents in Queens South may be on the rise, but in general Queens is a safer borough than it was this time last year. The NYPD released a citywide summary of the decline in crime this week:



	QUEENS NORTH		QUEENS SOUTH	
	Year to date	Percentage vs. YTD 2015	Year to date	Percentage vs. YTD 2015
Shooting Victims	16	down 36.0%	81	up 11.0%
Shooting Incidents	15	down 25.0%	67	up 6.3%
Murder	6	down 40.0%	12	down 61.3%
Rape	85	up 21.4%	79	up 23.4%
Robbery	730	up 8.8%	810	down 14.0%
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Cangelosi honored with street renaming



In Whitestone, a street is renamed for Vincent Cangelosi, a broker for Cantor Fitzgerald who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11, with his family and Council member Paulk Vallone.

Courtesy of Council member Vallone

BY GINA MARTINEZ

City Council member Paul Vallone (D-Bayside) hosted a street co-naming ceremony Tuesday in honor of Vincent Cangelosi, a Whitestone resident who died in the Sept. 11 attack.

Vincent Cangelosi Memorial Way at 154th Street and 26th Avenue now recognizes the broker whose life was ended when he was only 30. Cangelosi worked at Cantor Fitzgerald, a financial services firm located at the World Trade Center.

According to Cangelosi's family, he left a lasting impact on his community, so much so that they fought hard to make sure he would be remembered.

"Today we stand with the Cangelosi family and the Whitestone and Flushing communities as we honor and celebrate the life of Vincent Cangelosi, whose life was tragically cut short in the worst tragedy in our country's history," Vallone said. "It is fitting we stand across from the memorial park in honor of Vincent and others we lost

on that tragic day. I am proud to stand with Vincent's parents, his cousin Daniel who spearheaded today's ceremony and the rest of Vincent's family as we announce 154th Street as Vincent Cangelosi Memorial Way. Today, and every day, we will always remember Vincent each time we travel along 154th Street."

Whitestone residents, along with Cangelosi's family, helped build a memorial park dedicated to those lost on 9/11. The memorial park was built near the Queens North Presbyterian Church and St. Mel's church in Flushing. A foundation was also set up to raise funds for the upkeep of the park, named the Queens North 9/11 Memorial Park. The park features a large plaque in honor of Cangelosi and plans have been made to build a conservation learning center for children and community members. The goal is to teach members about sustainability, food and water conversion. The center will be housed in a shed made specifically for the purpose.

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Request for Proposals for the Operation, Renovation, and Maintenance of a Restaurant and Banquet Facility at 201-10 Cross Island Parkway, Queens

In accordance with Section 1-13 of the Concession Rules of the City of New York, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks") is issuing a significant Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the operation, renovation, and maintenance of a restaurant and banquet facility at 201-10 Cross Island Parkway, Queens.

There will be a recommended site visit on July 27, 2016 at 12:00 PM. We will be meeting at 201-10 Cross Island Parkway, Bayside NY 11360, off the Cross Island Parkway between 201st and 202nd Streets in Queens. If you are considering responding to this RFP, please make every effort to attend this recommended site visit. All proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be submitted no later than August 31, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

Hard copies of the RFP can be obtained, at no cost, commencing on July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays, at the Revenue Division of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which is located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 407, New York, NY 10065.

The RFP is also available for download, commencing on June 30, 2016 through August 31, 2016, on Parks' website. To download the RFP, visit www.nyc.gov/parks/businessopportunities, click on the link for "Concessions Opportunities at Parks" and, after logging in, click on the "download" link that appears adjacent to the RFP's description.

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Mayor announces new funding for soccer fields

New York City Soccer Initiative gets \$3 million to improve playing conditions for kids

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

A newly announced public-partnership between Mayor Bill de Blasio's office, the U.S Soccer Foundation, the New York City Football Club and Adidas will fund the construction of 50 soccer fields throughout the city in the next 50 years. Eight will open as early as next year, including two in Queens.

All four partners pledged to invest a total of \$3 million into the New York City Soccer Initiative. The money will fund building and maintaining the fields and provide tutorials and activities for New York City schoolchildren. The two Queens locations are at Irwin Altman Middle School 172 in Glen Oaks and at the NYCHA South Jamaica Houses.

"These new soccer fields will be essential in keeping our young New Yorkers safe, active and connected with the community. With this partnership, we are tackling inequali-

ties in all its forms – including in our parks and outdoor spaces," Mayor de Blasio said. "In the city of immigrants, with so many different languages and cultures, the New York City Soccer Initiative will be one of the great tools we use to unify young New Yorkers."

The city estimated that as many as 10,000 children could benefit from the use of the fields and afterschool programming. The program will fund the creation of soccer clinics, festivals and youth summits for students in the city, and will also include an announced partnership with the City's Young Men's Initiative, which will offer mentorship opportunities for young men of color. The de Blasio investment in the partnership is coming from the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, a nonprofit organization chaired by First Lady Chirlane McCray.

The fields are being constructed for year-round use-



Mayor Bill de Blasio referees a game of soccer during an announcement that the city and private organization would fund the creation of 50 soccer fields in underserved neighborhoods throughout New York City. Two of the first eight fields will be in Queens.

Courtesy of the Mayor's Office/Rob Bennett

ability, and state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-Hollis) said the new fields would have a beneficial impact on children and teenagers throughout the city.

"Anything that creates the

opportunity for individuals to exercise, play sports and enjoy the outdoors in their local neighborhood benefits the entire community," he said. "I look forward to the creation

of these new soccer fields and hope that the Mayor's Office continues to support youth programming so that these spaces are fully utilized going forward."

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Driving when tired can be a fatal mistake. Just as alcohol or drugs can slow down reaction time, impair judgment and increase the risk of accident, so, too, can being tired behind the wheel. Drowsy driving is reportedly what caused the fatal crash in June 2014 between a limousine and a Walmart truck that ended the life of

comic James McNair and seriously injured fellow comedian Tracy Morgan. The driver, Kevin Roper, was going 20 miles over the speed limit and was almost at his drive time limit, according to preliminary reports by the National Transportation Safety Board.

According to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about 100,000 car crashes in the United States each year occur as the result of an overly tired driver. Various studies demonstrate that drivers who have remained awake for 18 hours prior to

driving mimic the driving performance of intoxicated motorists. In fact, drowsy driving can be confused with driving with a high blood alcohol content.

Sleepiness can arise relatively quickly, and according to Thomas Balkin, PhD, director of the behavioral biology program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and a leading expert on sleep and fatigue, it's difficult for drivers to assess just how sleepy they are.

"Sleepiness affects the part of the brain responsible for judgment and self-awareness," he says.

"When you've reached the stage where you are fighting sleep, the effect of any method of reviving yourself can be very short-lived."

Furthermore, people do not have to be in a deep sleep to actually be asleep behind the wheel. Micro-sleeps occur when certain brain cells temporarily shut down for a few seconds. A person is not completely asleep but in a sort of fog as if they are asleep.

When sleepiness sets in, the best course of action is to pull off the road. Opening the window, turning on the radio or blasting cold air is,

at best, only a temporary solution. If driving with passengers and feelings of sleepiness appear, hand the keys over to a passenger and have them take over driving, if possible. Otherwise, a short nap and a cup of coffee can be used in combination to increase alertness.

It's also a good idea to avoid beginning a long road trip in mid-afternoon around the hours of two or three o'clock. While alertness generally dips in the evening hours, due to the circadian rhythm, alertness also dips in the late afternoon, prompting

drowsiness. A 2010 study by the American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety found that as many drivers reported falling asleep at the wheel in the afternoon hours as reported falling asleep late at night. Driving in a warm, quiet car also may spur drowsiness, as would driving after a heavy meal.

Driving tired is just as dangerous as other impaired driving. Slow reaction times and unawareness of surroundings can contribute to accidents that are otherwise avoidable.

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Sunnyside residents helping their young

BY BILL PARRY

A group of young adults is trying to help the next generation in Sunnyside find, and stay on, the proper path.

Emerging community leader Kenny Medrano, 30, founded Road to Greatness last year to fill a void in the neighborhood that was left when the Boys & Girls Club of Sunnyside/Woodside disbanded in 2014, ending his Torch Club program for young leaders.

"I was disheartened because I grew Torch Club from the ground up and then I lost it," Medrano said. That summer he went to work at St. Raphael's Church running basketball and soccer programs.

That led to a partnership with PS 199 and the PTA to create a pilot program that provides after-school arts and sports programs in Sunnyside and Woodside. Other area churches, community groups and civic associations became involved and Road to Greatness was launched.

Two weeks ago, more than 60 Road to Greatness, also known as R2G, supporters gathered at a fund-raising event at Maggie Mae's at 41-15 Queens Blvd. More than \$2,800 was raised to bolster programming this fall.

"Yes, this is for the kids, but it is also for the neighborhood, getting like-minded people together to do something positive for the kids," Medrano said. He grew up in Sunnyside with an Ecuadorian single mother who immigrated to the United States and Medrano witnessed her struggle with personal and

financial hardships.

At an early age, lacking the support network he needed, Medrano became an at-risk youth, leading to depression and ultimately expulsion from high school.

"My mom had just lost her job downtown after the Sept. 11 attacks," he said. "That's when I knew I had to step up and be a man. I worked several jobs to help my mom pay rent and electricity. I didn't care about clothes."

He wasn't alone. Several friends also found themselves at risk, and a few attended the fund-raiser.

"I hate that term — 'at risk' — but it's true. Many in my circle of friends went through the same thing, but we used the bad times as a motivator so you don't become a statistic," Medrano said. "We know firsthand that sometimes you need a positive figure—one that is there to help our youth chart a path of success and foster a support network to help them thrive. When you get kids in the fourth and fifth grade, that's when you have the ability to motivate them. That's when you can get them on the right path."

Rev. Neil A. Margetson, the pastor at Sunnyside Reformed Church, is a supporter of Medrano's organization, having run youth programs of his own for many years.

"We understand that parents cannot always provide all the help and support their children might need in order to excel in their studies," he said. "Consequently, Road to Greatness meets a critical

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Lily Gavin remembered

Crowley, Nolan call Sunnyside activist 'irreplaceable'



Pall bearers carry Lily Gavin's casket to a waiting hearse following her funeral at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Forest Hills.
Photo by Bill Parry

BY BILL PARRY

Nearly a thousand people paid their respects to Lily Gavin at Lynch's Funeral Home in Sunnyside over the weekend. On Monday morning a long funeral procession, led by officers of the 108th Precinct, carried her casket west on Queens Boulevard, past Dazie's her restaurant for more than 40 years.

The 85-year-old, who died July 6 after a long illness, was then driven through the streets of Sunnyside and east on the boulevard to her funeral mass at Our Lady Queens of Martyrs in Forest Hills, the community where she was a longtime resident.

Her grandson Christopher spoke for the family saying his grandmother was a tomboy growing up on the Lower East Side. "Not afraid of heights, she would climb out on the ledge of her building to watch the city at night," he said.

U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-Jackson Heights), her friend and confidant for 32 years, eulogized Gavin, saying she had the smile of Cameron Diaz.

"She was just like a movie star, but she was our star," he said. "She was the Queen of Sunnyside."

Gavin was a waitress who saved her money and bought the restaurant in 1972 and it soon became the center of Sunnyside community life. She went on to become the president and chairwoman of the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce and one of the first women to be installed in the Sunnyside Kiwanis Club. She was the founding director of the LaGuardia Community College Foundation and sat on the board of the Sunnyside Shines business improvement district.

"She was not just a mother of five and a grandmother of five," Crowley said. "She was a mother to all of Sunnyside."

Gavin was involved deeply in Democratic politics, especially after the Donald Manes bribery scandal in 1986, when the five-time borough president resigned and killed himself days later.

"After the collapse of the Queens County Democratic Party Lily was a pillar of strength," Crowley said. "She was our unsung hero during those tumultuous years -- everyone talked to Lily."

She went out of her way to support Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan (D-Long Island City), who became the

youngest woman elected to state office in 1984. When Nolan announced her campaign for re-election to the 37th District last week, she did it at Dazie's Restaurant.

"The loss of the great, irreplaceable Lily Gavin will be felt in our hearts forever," Nolan said. "As a civic leader, Lily Gavin never said no to a needy cause. She gave generously of her time, her talents and her resources to all who asked and volunteered to help countless others. Lily always had a smile for those in trouble and an ear to all who needed someone to understand their problems. I personally benefited from Lily's wisdom many times over. Her advice, her inspiration, her brilliance, her beauty, her drive, her incredible personality were always phenomenal. I will miss her more than I can ever say."

Gavin's smile graced the cover of her funeral program. On the back, there was a photo of her hero, Mother Teresa, with her quote, "In this life we cannot do great things, we can only do small things with great love."

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Kenny Medrano (2nd from r) with his Road to Greatness team fund-raising for after-school programming in Sunnyside. Courtesy R2G



RIDGEWOOD SAVINGS BANK APPOINTS LEONARD STEKOL PRESIDENT

Ridgewood Savings Bank's Board of Trustees approved the promotion of Leonard Stekol to President and Chief Operating Officer effective July 1, 2016. Leonard was also elected Trustee to the Board of Ridgewood Savings Bank.

Leonard Stekol has been with the bank for over 23 years and has previously served as Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer as well as Chief Financial Officer prior to that. On his promotion, Leonard Stekol commented, "Ridgewood Savings Bank has always put customers first, and I am pleased to continue this tradition".

The Board approved the following officer promotions:

- Matthew Schettino, Vice President and Marketing Director
 - Barbara Giglio, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Risk Officer
 - Joyce Groza, Assistant Vice President and Accounting Officer
 - Evelyn Faya, Hector Nieves, Frank Guevara, Judy Williams - Assistant Vice President
 - Leonardo Genna, Anthonie L. Marshall, Sabrina Urso, Merari Heyman, Shahadoth Kazi, Frederick Shivrattan - Branch Banking Officers
 - Danielle Fuschetto, Assistant Risk Officer - ERM
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- Peter M. Boger, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Ridgewood Savings Bank said, "On



Leonard Stekol

behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to extend my gratitude to Leonard Stekol for his 23 years of dedicated service. I am confident that Leonard will ensure Ridgewood Savings Bank remains focused on the ideals that the Bank was founded on in 1921, and will continue to implement the forward thinking vision needed for the Bank to remain strong. Additionally, I also recognize the contributions made by all, and appreciate their continued support and dedication to the success of Ridgewood Savings Bank".

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POLICE Blotter

Alleged subway shover in Astoria: NYPD

ASTORIA—Police arrested a 44-year-old Manhattan man and charged him with assault after he allegedly shoved a 69-year-old man down a flight of stairs in Astoria last week. Jerome Blakely approached the man at the 36th Street M/R station around 1:30 p.m. July 6 and pushed him down the stairs, according to the NYPD.

The victim suffered a fractured knee and was taken to Mount Sinai Queens in stable condition, police said. Brown was charged with assault, according to the NYPD..



Jerome Blakely is caught on camera after he allegedly shoved a 69-year-old man down the stairs of an Astoria subway station. Courtesy NYPD

Man struck and killed by car on Van Wyck

JAMAICA — A man was killed in the late evening last Friday after he was struck by a car on the southbound lane of the Van Wyck Expressway.

At about 11:23 p.m., police responded to a 911 call of a man who had been hit by a car near Exit 4 on the Van Wyck, a location within the confines of the 102nd Precinct. Officers arrived and found an unidentified adult man being treated by EMS personnel. According to the NYPD, he had trauma

"about the body," and was pronounced dead after being transported to Jamaica Medical Center. Police said the preliminary investigation revealed that the man had been walking north on the left shoulder of the southbound lanes of the expressway and was hit by a 2010 Lexus sedan. The driver of the sedan remained at the scene after the incident occurred. The NYPD's Collision Investigation Squad is continuing to investigate, according to police.

Woman charged with LIC bomb threat: NYPD

LONG ISLAND CITY - Police have arrested and charged a woman after she threatened to blow up a Long Island City building in May. Vernice Brown, 26, faces many charges including making a terrorist threat after she allegedly phoned the Popper Manufacturing Company at 36-04 Skillman Ave., on May 19 and told an employee that she was going to blow up the building, according to the NYPD.

The Brooklyn resident is also charged with making a false report, terrorism and aggravated assault



Police arrest 26-year-old Vernice Brown for allegedly threatening to blow up a building in Long Island City, according to the NYPD.

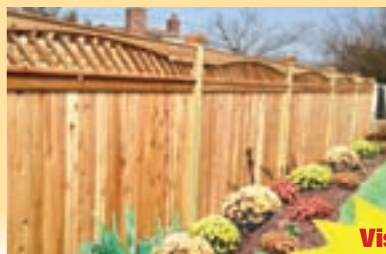
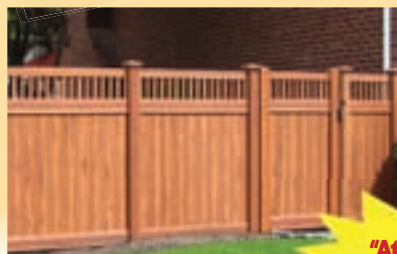
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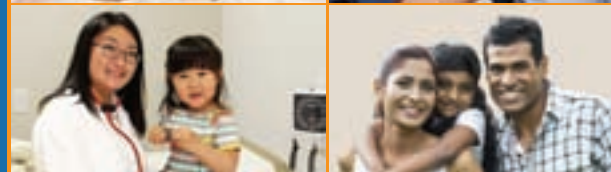
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A TOUGH CHALLENGE

The assassination of five police officers in Dallas after the killing of two black men at the hands of officers in other cities has stunned and saddened Queens.

As protesters converged on Manhattan and Brooklyn to stage demonstrations, Queens was largely quiet. Only a few elected officials from predominantly black southeast Queens issued statements as small groups of residents from those neighborhoods gathered inside churches and community centers to privately discuss police brutality and racial bias.

State Sen. James Sanders held a community meeting Saturday in Jamaica on ways to halt the violence and hear suggestions on how to change the dynamic that has made encounters with the police so humiliating, particularly for black youth.

Men, women and children were invited to hear the conversation about peaceful solutions vs. immediate action.

In Rufus King Park, the Queens County Young Democrats staged a vigil Tuesday night at which participants pointed out that the nation has never dealt head-on with the consequences of slavery.

Racism is the ultimate taboo in American society. Sex and politics are now part of the public conversation. But what we need in Queens and the rest of the city is a long overdue, soul-baring discussion of where we stand on race when it comes to policing and the black community.

A study just released by Harvard found that black men and women are subjected to harsher treatment when confronted by police than their white counterparts. But when it comes to shootings, the police use lethal force equally against both races.

There are misunderstandings on all sides. Lost in the rhetoric of the protests is the dedication of NYPD cops to protecting the public despite sometimes daunting odds. Nowhere is this disconnect more evident than in the conflicting views of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton sees Black Lives Matter as a leaderless group formed to stereotype police as racists, while Mayor Bill de Blasio believe it's "a force for good" that is compelling the nation to confront its history over the treatment of African Americans.

At the Dallas memorial for the five slain officers, President Obama said: "If we cannot even talk about these things—honestly and openly—not just in the comfort of our own circles but with those who look different than us or bring a different perspective, then we will never break this dangerous cycle."

That is the challenge facing us all—in Queens and the rest of the city.



OTHER VOICES

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- 1) Honesty
- 2) Humility
- 3) Kindness

- 4) Respect
- 5) Gratitude
- 6) Tolerance
- 7) Compassion
- 8) Responsibility
- 9) Persistence
- 10) Loyalty.

This education can be administered in the form of weekly class discussions in which all children are invited but not forced to participate, administered by counselors.

This form of mental health

education would be much more comprehensive than what is taught now in schools. Ethnic and racial groups in this day and age still self-segregate in schools and in society at large. Such interactive groups would enable children to develop healthy attitudes towards each other and within themselves.

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How riders can get East Side Access now

A recent announcement by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority that Amtrak may be responsible for additional delays on the progression of Long Island Rail Road East Side Access to Grand Central Terminal project is nothing new. Insufficient support from Amtrak, including track outages and assignment of Force Account Signal and other workers, has been responsible for periodic delays since 2006. Watch for a future MTA announcement that opening day of service has been moved from December 2022 to 2023 or 2024.

Experienced LIRR riders take advantage of existing options already available. Transferring at Woodside for the No. 7 express subway will take you to Grand Central Terminal in 15 minutes. This is just five minutes more than staying on to Penn Station. Changing at Queensboro Plaza from the No. 7 subway for either the N or Q subway will take you to 59th Street and Lexington Avenue in even less time. LIRR passengers disembarking at

either Hunters Point or Long Island City can transfer to the No. 7 subway and arrive at Grand Central Terminal in under five minutes.

There is also a ferry at Long Island City with connections to 34th Street, Wall Street and other destinations. Another option for LIRR riders is to change at Jamaica for the E subway line. The E line will take you to 53rd Street and Lexington Avenue. You can also change from the E line to the F line at Union Turnpike. The F subway line takes you to 63rd Street and Lexington Avenue. You can also change from the E line to the R line at Queensboro Plaza. The R line will take you to 59th Street and Lexington Avenue.

Until the 1970s, both LIRR and New Jersey Transit riders exiting east at Penn Station had a direct underground passageway known as the Hilton Corridor. It was also known as the Gimbel's passageway. Gimbel's was Macy's chief competitor at Herald Square. This provided a simple indoor

connection to the 34th Street Herald Square IND and BMT subway, along with the Port Authority Trans Hudson station complex.

Further, there was an underground passageway along Sixth Avenue, which went as far north as 42nd Street. As a teenager, I remember avoiding the rain and snow by using this indoor path. It would provide easy access to both the main branch of the New York Public Library and the long-gone Stern's department store on 42nd Street.

Both passageways were closed many decades ago by New York City Transit and the LIRR, due to security issues. If reopened today, commuters would have easy connections to the Broadway N, R and Q as well as Sixth Avenue B, D, F and M subway lines along with the PATH system—rather than walking outside on the street exposed to both inclement weather and heavy vehicular traffic.

By using either the subway or walking (most New York-

ers can manage walking a few blocks to work and we could all use some healthy exercise), riders would have direct access via these subway lines to Midtown or the East Side of Manhattan along either the Broadway, Sixth Avenue, 42nd, 53rd, 59th or 63rd street corridors, served by numerous subway lines and stations.

How disappointing that the Hilton Corridor, which previously provided transit options for thousands of rush-hour commuters, continues to lay dormant after so many decades.

Consider transit riders' disappointment that a proposal submitted by one of New York City's developers, Vornado Realty Trust, to pay for construction to reopen the Hilton Corridor was never completed. They had offered to do this in exchange for a city zoning variance to construct a high-rise office building at Seventh Avenue and 32nd Street. While the zoning variance was approved, Vornado Realty Trust never moved forward with

construction of the building. This was due to a weak market for potential renters.

This connection could probably be restored in several years for less than the cost of one individual East Side Access construction contract or several of the larger construction contract change orders. Vornado Realty Trust estimated that the cost for reopening this 800-foot indoor corridor would be under \$150 million. The Vornado Trust developed a proposal to reopen and widen it from some points where it narrows to nine feet for \$50 million. Converting the total length to 15 feet wide could cost up to another \$100 million. Diogenes, one of the Greek founders of Cynic philosophy, is still searching for an elected official or MTA board member to step forward and suggest adding this project for \$150 million to the \$28 billion MTA Five Year 2015-2019 Capital Program.

*Larry Penner
Great Neck*

Flushing Meadows subjected to a string of abuses

Parks are the life blood of congested urban societies. While Flushing Meadows Corona Park is the second-most-used park in New York City, mostly by the underprivileged, it is also the most abused—pock-marked with all sorts of structures, alien to legitimate public park use, that would never be permitted in Central Park or indeed in any other municipal park. Nor should it. The list of abuses include Terrace on the Park, Citi Field and its parking lot, the USTA Tennis Center and its newly added, architecturally ugly dome. There was also a previous attempt to construct a Grand Prix race track around Meadow Lake, an attempt to

construct a soccer stadium and a current attempt to build a huge mega shopping mall on the Citi Field parking lot, which is parkland.

The culprits responsible for the above are former mayors Dinkins and Bloomberg and possibly current Mayor De Blasio, former Queens borough presidents Manes and Marshall and, most of all, the vast majority of City Council members, all of whom have operated on the basis that their constituents are the real estate moguls and the privileged and not the little people.

An example of the above is the current attempt for a 1.4-million-square foot shopping mall on the Citi Field

parking lot, which included a raid on the city treasury and for all practical purposes the demise of the 2008 approved Willets Point redevelopment plan. The Council and its prime mover, Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst), negotiated and supported a plan that gave the mega-mall real estate developers Willets Point property, which was acquired by the city for tens of millions of dollars, for \$1, about \$150 million in subsidies and tax abatements.

Most egregious of all is approval to allow the postponement of construction of affordable housing in the Willets Point property, which was a significant part of approval of

the 2008 redevelopment plan, until 2025, some 17 years after it was approved in 2008. To nail the coffin shut, the developers were given the right to walk away from any obligation to construct the housing for forfeiting \$35 million, an amount that to the billionaire developers would be akin to the tip one gives the youngster who delivers their groceries, and walk away they will.

At long last there is a breath of fresh air in the City Council chambers in City Councilman Rory Lanceman (D-Hillcrest), who has initiated a lawsuit against the city and the Alliance For Flushing Meadows Corona Park, which he claims was formed to funnel money

from developers and other for profit entities in exchange for the use of park resources.

(Lancman sues over funds for parkland—Timesledger July 8-14, 2016)

The time has come, long overdue, for a full investigation into who and why Flushing Meadows Corona Park has become the dumping ground for all sorts of illegitimate public park use. I am sure the public supports and thanks Council member Lancman to let right be done.

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What Generation Z's eating habits tell us



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The answer to the second question is apparently yes. And the answer to the first, according to editor Sarah E. Lockyer, is that Gen Z is even more Millennial than the Millennials.

"We always believed that Millennials were the first digital natives," she says. "But they really weren't. They weren't born with a phone in their hand. They got them at 10 or 12."

That makes them practically pterodactyls compared to the Zs. The newest kids on the block want to eat what they see on social media, and they want to put on social media whatever they eat.

That isn't news. Food porn is possibly more popular than good old-fashioned porn porn. What is news is how the restaurants are responding. Take, for instance, Taco Bell.

"Taco Bell used to be food that you ate at 2 a.m.," says Lockyer. "You really didn't think about it. And while that still happens today, now you

can go on the Taco Bell app and you can add guacamole and take off sour cream and add extra cheese. It's very mobile friendly. You order on your phone, you pay on your phone, you go pick it up."

Restaurants that are completely interactive are the ones that are going to win, she says.

So are the ones that allow you to, in the words of an ancient Burger King jingle, "Have it your way." Even McDonald's is jumping on that trend. My husband went to the tricked-out Mickey D's near Bloomingdale's and ordered from a kiosk rather than a human at the counter. He was served a giant, juicy burger slathered in chipotle mayo that made the Big Mac look like the meat equivalent of a flip phone.

Maybe even a landline.

Burgers themselves are still cool, but Gen Z is not eating as many of them as their elders. The Zs prefer chicken, pizza, and food that is osten-

sibly "clean"—a word that is both holy and amorphous. If you ask me, it roughly translates to "\$1 extra."

YPulse, a New York market research firm specializing in young people, calls this trend the "healthifying" of fast food. Young folks aren't rejecting milk shakes or cheeseburgers, they just want them organic, or locally sourced, or something more "pure" (i.e., labor intensive).

So "clean food," light-colored, ostentatiously healthful restaurants are winning out, as are places that feel communal: You walk in and sit at a big table with people you don't know. Maybe you don't actually strike up a conversation, but at least you feel like you aren't alone. (Except if everyone else is having a great time and you're poking at your oatmeal.)

Communal tables are popular with older folks, too, particularly those folks willing to forgo a couple of car payments to afford a cup of soup at Le

Pain Quotidien. But for young people, communal eating is not a new concept, it is just the way they expect to eat: in groups and sharing food.

And then comes the sharing of the experience of the sharing of the food. Everything is documented to the point where showing friends what you ate is almost like showing them your closet or (I'm dating myself again) your bookshelf.

So if you wonder who the Gen Z kids are and what are they bringing to the table (as it were), it is: organic ingredients, hyper-customized entrees, lots of sharing each other's food without getting (visibly) annoyed about it, and phones busy every step of the way, from finding the restaurant to videoing the very last drop of sriracha dipping sauce.

This generation may still be too young to earn a living. But the way they're going, they better start soon.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote

Chris Mullin's stellar career got its start at St. John's



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Chris Mullin is a retired NBA All-Star basketball player who is currently the head coach at his alma mater, St. John's University. During his record-setting college career, the Brooklyn product became the most decorated player in program history and was selected seventh overall by the Golden State Warriors in the 1985 NBA draft.

During a career spanning 17 seasons and two teams, the two-time Olympic gold medalist played both the

small forward and shooting guard positions, scored a total of 17,911 points and pulled down 4,034 rebounds. He and his wife Liz, a former St. John's soccer player, have four children.

Christopher Paul Mullin was born on July 30, 1963 and raised in Brooklyn. As a boy who competed against the best players in all five boroughs, Mullin admired and modeled his game on hardwood greats such as Walt Frazier, John Havlicek and Larry Bird. After making a name for himself playing ball at Xaverian High School, he was named Mr. Basketball of New York State and opted to continue his career at St. John's under legendary coach Lou Carnesecca. From

1981 to 1985, the 6-foot-6 Brooklyn native earned Big East Player of the Year honors and was named All-America three times, played for the gold medal US Olympic team in 1984 and led the Redmen to the 1985 NCAA Final Four and their first No.1 ranking since 1951.

Mullin finished his college career as the all-time leading scorer in St. John's history with 2,440 career points. In 1985, he earned the John R. Wooden Award and was recognized as USBWA and UPI Player of the Year.

Following his stellar four-year run at St. John's, the All-American was selected in the first round of the 1985 NBA draft by the Golden State Warriors. Mullin played a total of 17 seasons in the league. After spending 12 years with the Warriors, including another Olympic appearance and gold medal in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, he went east to the Indiana Pacers, only to wrap up his illustrious playing ca-

reer back home with the Warriors for the 2000-01 season.

When he retired, the five-time NBA All-Star ranked 67th on the NBA career scoring list and had a .509 field goal percentage. Mullin holds several franchise records with the Warriors, including games played (807) and steals (1,360). His No. 17 jersey was retired by the Warriors in 2012 and it now hangs from the rafters of Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif. In addition, he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as a member of the 1992 Olympic Dream Team in 2010 and again the following year for his individual playing career. The former St. John's star is also in the College Basketball Hall of Fame in Kansas City.

Following his lengthy NBA playing career, the Flatbush, Brooklyn native hung up his jersey and donned a suit and tie to work in the Warriors' front office from 2002 to 2009. He was the executive vice pres-

ident of basketball operations from 2004, overseeing scouting, salaries and the college draft. Mullin then appeared on TV and radio as an NBA analyst for ESPN before returning to the pros in the Sacramento Kings' front office in 2013.

In March 2015, Chris Mullin's basketball career came full circle when he returned to New York City as men's basketball head coach at St. John's. Although his squad amassed a disappointing 8-24 record in his first year at the helm, Coach Mullin remains optimistic about turning around the once great program.

Notable Quote: Behind his desk at St. John's is a poster that simply reads "Life is full of setbacks. Success is determined by how you handle setbacks."

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

Co-op owners need to protect their rights



Bob Friedrich
■
On Point

In New York City, almost 1 million people live in co-op apartments, and many of the most affordable ones are in Queens. Efforts to maintain affordable housing in New York City are continually being challenged.

Two of the most important issues essential to co-op affordability are: (1) Protecting co-ops from excessive single-year tax and valuation increases, and (2) Preserving the J51 tax exemption/abatement program. The Presidents Co-op & Condo Council, a think tank of board presidents representing nearly 100 co-ops and condos in the city, is a driving force to keep co-ops and condos affordable and state Sen. Tony Avella, City Councilman Barry Grodenchik, and state Assemblyman Ed Braunstein have been legislative partners in this battle.

Co-ops and condos are taxed at significantly higher rates than one- to three-family homes. The property tax on Mayor de Blasio's \$1 million

Brooklyn home is less than the property tax on many modest co-op apartments. This type of egregious tax inequity is driving out the middle-class. The PCCC worked with Avella to craft a bill and its Assembly companion that would protect co-ops from the sting of double and triple digit single-year tax and valuation increases experienced by many eastern Queens co-ops a few years back.

Avella's legislation would cap annual tax increases at 6 percent, or a maximum of 25 percent over a five-year period, by creating a new property-tax "Class 1A" for co-ops and condos and have the same tax and valuation protections enjoyed by one- to three-family homes currently identified as "Class 1" properties. The legislation would create an objective methodology to assess these properties based on fair-market values using actual sales data rather than the arbitrary manner in which they are done today that has led to our inequitable system.

The legislation contains other protections to ensure this new methodology will not negatively affect middle-class co-ops and condos. A typical Queens co-op apartment would likely see a 6 percent reduction in property taxes

The property tax on Mayor de Blasio's \$1 million Brooklyn home is less than the property tax on many modest co-op apartments.

and would also be protected from future budget-busting increases under the legislation. Avella's bill passed the Senate only to die in the Assembly, where many tax reduction bills meet their fate if they fail to garner mayoral support. As a result, an all-out battle can be expected in the next legislative session as co-op residents will be energized and engaged in the crucial battle for tax equity for their properties.

Equally important as property tax equity is protecting the decades-old J51 program that has helped facilitate improvements in the city's housing stock, which has benefited working-class families and residents on fixed incomes, among others. The J51 program, a successful partnership between the city and residential housing communities, provides a dollar-for-dollar reduction in taxes on a portion of the cost of essential capital improvements.

As an example, Glen Oaks Village, the largest garden apartment co-op in New York, recently installed more than 18,000 new energy-efficient windows. This project was made feasible through the J51 program, which offset nearly 38 percent of the cost. Without it, monthly maintenance paid by co-op owners would have had to increase by 16 percent to cover the window upgrades. Such an increase would be unaffordable for seniors and many other families on fixed incomes.

Glen Oaks Village is one of hundreds of co-ops benefitting from vital capital improvement upgrades made feasible by the J51 program. The \$16 million that Glen Oaks has spent on eligible capital improvements since 2002 was offset by \$6 million in tax reductions. Without the J51, residents would have had to pay an additional \$250 per month—simply unaffordable for many families, and seniors who have seen

zero Social Security increases over the past few years. Until recently, the J51 program was available to all co-ops with tax valuations (not fair market value) below \$40,000.

A few years back, the state Legislature reduced the eligibility threshold to \$30,000, causing many co-ops to lose their eligibility in the J51 program. The PCCC asked the Legislature to restore the valuation threshold to \$40,000, so that larger co-ops such as Beech Hills in eastern Queens could again qualify. The Legislature responded by slightly increasing the eligibility threshold, from \$30,000 to \$32,000 and indexing it to inflation. This change will have a marginal effect in slowing down the number of co-ops falling out of this valuable program, but more clearly needs to be done.

The J51 Tax Exemption Program is not glamorous, and it doesn't inspire much conversation around the dinner table, but it is one of the most important programs to help keep our affordable co-ops affordable.

Bob Friedrich is a civic leader, former New York City Council candidate and president of Glen Oaks Village.

Is the path to the White House covered in ivy?



William Lewis
■
Political Action

It would seem that Ivy League colleges play a major role in educating future presidents of the United States.

When we look at the higher education backgrounds of recent past presidents, we see that Ivy League schools had a prominent spot on their resumes. Barack Obama received a law degree from Harvard as did John F. Kennedy, who was an undergradu-

ate there as well. Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt were also Harvard graduates. Woodrow Wilson, our president during World War I, graduated from another Ivy League school, Princeton. Hillary and Bill Clinton both received law degrees from Yale University.

Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee in this year's presidential race and Hillary's challenger, holds a degree from the Wharton School of Finance, part of the University of Pennsylvania, another Ivy.

There is a clear choice between Trump's and Hillary Clinton's opposing stands on many of the major issues in this year's turbulent presiden-

tial election.

One race from the recent past showed U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, a Republican, running against Democratic incumbent President Lyndon Johnson. They also differed sharply especially on economic issues. Johnson won a landslide victory over Goldwater.

Another race that could be compared to this year's presidential campaign was the New York City mayoral campaign in 1993 when the GOP's Rudy Giuliani ran against incumbent Dem Mayor David Dinkins. Giuliani, like Donald Trump, was an outspoken candidate who never hesitated to take a strong stand. Giuliani was mainly popular for his efforts in crime fighting. David

Dinkins had been in office four years and seemed to be well-liked. However, Giuliani was able to win a narrow victory and become mayor.

This is going to be a race which will be of intense interest to our voting population. We expect to see a competitive race energized by both political parties.

To look at a campaign closely resembling the presidential race that we are having this year, we have to go back to the year 1840 to the race between Gen. William Henry Harrison, the Whig Party candidate, and Democratic candidate President Martin Van Buren. That year there was probably more enthusiasm in the presidential campaign than there

was before or after any other campaign. Harrison won a close victory, although he died shortly after taking office. The Whig political party later became the Republican Party.

Trump and Clinton are divided over economic issues, trade, fighting terrorism, immigration and rebuilding our military establishment. This year's election will prove to be a turning point in our nation's destiny. Based on the election results our nation has several extremely different paths to follow outlined by the two candidates. It will be a big change and give our nation's history a new meaning.

Astoria Park Alliance unites neighborhood

Founded in church basement, organization adds value for all users of the park

BY NAEISHA ROSE

If you were to hand out awards for the best green spaces in Queens, Astoria Park would be among the top entries on the list. Amid its nearly 60 acres of land is an Olympic-size outdoor pool with a sweeping view of the East River, and that's just scratching the surface.

Situated between the Triborough Bridge and Hell's Gate Bridge, the esplanade is a source of strong communal ties, which means maintaining it is the responsibility of all Astorians.

To preserve the park's beauty and protect its waters, the Astoria Park Alliance was founded in a church basement in 2007 by seven residents who felt the need to be proactive in the park's conservation. They have committed thousands of hours of their free time towards its upkeep.

"How can the park be safer? How can it be more usable for

everybody? How can we help people take value in our park and take pride in it," said Martha Lopez-Gilpin, an alliance co-chair. "We are directly on the ground with park users... and talk with them about what they think needs to happen. We've gotten people to donate trash cans. We are in constant communication with the park supervisor and the commissioner. If there is vandalism, we try to see what we can do about that," she said.

Through its partnership with New York Cares and Green Shores NYC, the alliance now has 15 to 20 people who help to recruit temporary volunteers from other boroughs every month for shoreline and park cleanups. Twice a month they advocate for the park by creating community-oriented programs to both inform parkgoers on how to sustain an environmentally friendly park and produce a fun space where Astorians can get to learn more about



To attract new volunteers, the Astoria Park Alliance held a summer social last month at the Astoria Craft Bar Kitchen. Photo by Naeisha Rose

each other.

One of those events was the Astoria Summer Social, which took place June 26 at Astoria

Craft Bar & Kitchen, a restaurant that opened 10 months ago.

"Miriam (a Board Trustee

of APA - we need to identify here later in the story) had gotten in touch with me about a month and a half ago and asked if I would be interested in having a fund-raising event for them," said Todd Dufresne, the owner of Astoria Craft. "They asked me and I said absolutely. They do a great job in cleaning the park up and they need help. At the end of the day we are a very neighborhood bar restaurant and we want to bring the neighborhood together and help out as much as we can."

Even though she works for the city park system in Manhattan, Miriam Fedara knew she had to participate in upholding the character of her hometown's park and became a board member of the alliance.

"I live in Astoria, and I wanted to be a part of the city park in my neighborhood. I love that this is a place where people can honestly do what-

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Chamber program to support local biz

BY MARK HALLUM

The Queens Chamber of Commerce and state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) announced the allocation of \$75,000 in funding to launch the Business Accelerator Program, a service designed to help the creation and maintenance of Queens-based start-ups and keep recent CUNY grads in the borough by creating jobs for them.

There are 70,000 students at the four colleges in Queens with 48 percent being foreign-born, according to Thomas Grecht, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the program is to create jobs for the newly educated to stay in the borough and contribute to the local economy.

"We want to go out and find start-ups. We hear anecdotally there are a lot of start-ups in Queens and we know that, but we want to go and qualify them. I want to find people in the various stages of development," said Grecht. "Queens has a biography of people who have done well in a number of different businesses. I seek to reach out to them, to give back and potentially invest in some of these companies and I want the Queens Chamber to

be the facilitator of all of that."

Grecht said the program will help those hoping to build an enterprise at all stages, such as those with little more than a dream to fully developed businesses with plans to expand. The funding allocated by Avella will go toward covering expenses for the initial establishment of the program such as a base of operations and other additional overhead costs.

"I have long advocated for small businesses in Queens, and was proud to secure funding for this exciting new program," Avella said. "This will bring Queens businesses to the forefront, as this program will target small businesses in all sectors, to help them compete and grow, while prioritizing keeping Queens students in the borough after graduation. I am thrilled to have secured this funding—with this program, Queens will look to lead in job growth."

The chamber hopes to have the program up and running by the end of the year.

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Israel is for Suozzi

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Outgoing Rep. Steve Israel (D-Melville) endorsed former Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi in the general election campaign to succeed Israel in the 3rd Congressional District. Suozzi won the Democratic primary to become the party's nominee in the race, which includes parts of Nassau and Suffolk counties in addition to Bay Terrace, Whitestone, Glen Oaks and Floral Park.

"I'm endorsing Tom Suozzi today because he has shown that he will be the best candidate to continue my relentless fight in Congress for New York's middle-class families, veterans and seniors," Israel said. "Tom has also proven that he is the type of representative we need in Washington - someone who will bring big and bold ideas to the table and have the courage and political skill to solve problems."

In addition to Israel, Suozzi received endorsements from his challengers in the Democratic primary race, including Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, former North Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman, Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern and attorney Jonathan Clarke. Israel endorsed Stern during the Democratic primary race.

Suozzi will face a Republican chal-



TOM SUOZZI

Photo by Michael Shain

lenger in the fall. State Sen. Jack Martins claims he is the presumptive nominee, though he currently faces a legal challenge from former fraud investigator that could require a Republican primary to be held prior to the general election, which will be held on Nov. 8.

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Sol sets up shop on Bell Boulevard

BY MARK HALLUM

Sol Food & Drink is the latest addition to the Bell Boulevard business district, offering a sophisticated atmosphere for young professionals to gather. Business partners Paul Rhee, Dev Viswanath and Norman Cheng took over the space, which had been inhabited by Conga's Bar and Grill, to start a new adventure in the restaurant business. Sol, located at 40-09 Bell Blvd., officially opened its doors June 24.

Rhee owns a medical equipment business and has spent much of his time on Bell Boulevard. That adds up to about eight years altogether, from his time working for Chase Bank and not including his formative years spending time at the pool hall that existed on Bell and Northern.

Rhee said he saw a challenge in tackling the restaurant business and when the space opened up in Bayside, he pulled the trigger. His vision for the

restaurant was to cater to young professionals who work in the city but live on the outskirts of Queens. According to Rhee, the goal was to give his intended customer base the level of style they expect in Manhattan, but in their own backyard.

"We try to be current. Williamsburg, Brooklyn is leading the way in terms of trends in the bar industry," Rhee said, explaining that his plan was to implement strategy which is proven to work as opposed to reinventing the wheel.

The three proprietors wanted the menu to reflect the diversity of the borough in which they are doing business. Asian and Mexican dishes are on the menu, with the fish tacos and their Asian Crispy Chicken Sandwich being popular among customers.

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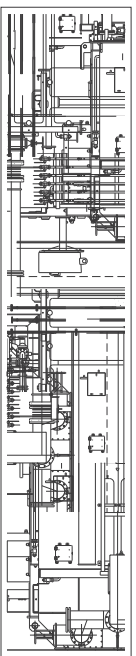
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Queens comes out to celebrate flowers

Photos by Michael Shain



The Festival de las Flores parade is a Colombian tradition characterized by "silletas," six-foot medallions made completely from fresh flowers. Local sponsors—like Queens College—underwrite the displays.

The tradition of Silleteros, farmers who sell flowers and fruit in the cities of Colombia, parading through the streets with floral displays dates back to the 1800s, parade organizers say.



Beauty queens all in white walk the route clutching red mums.



Silletas for the NYPD, Delta and the Colombian consulate make their way down Northern Boulevard in Jackson Heights.

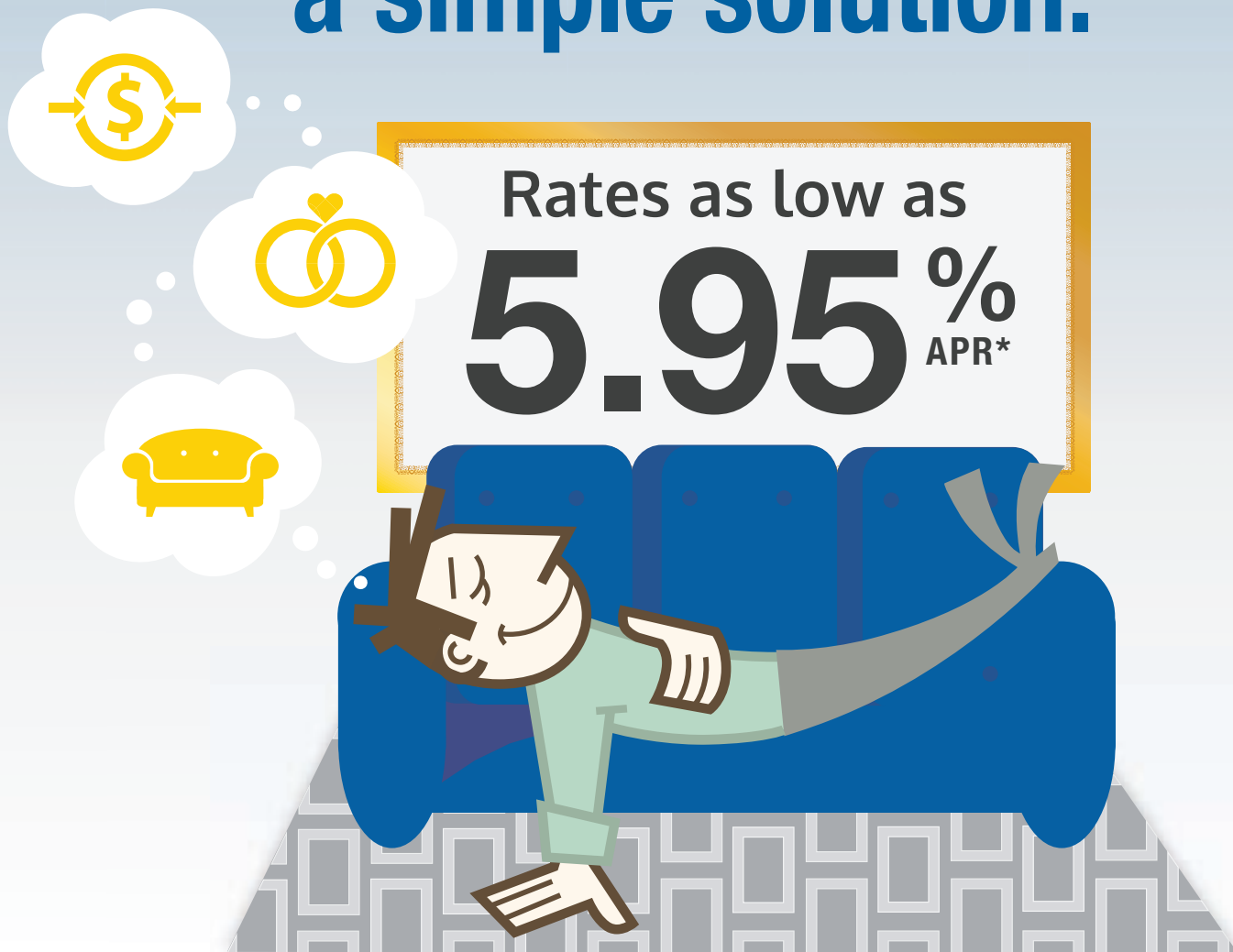


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An evening of arias sung in the open air

Photos by Michael Shain



An estimated 1,200 fans attended the Met Opera recital in Socrates Sculpture Park in Astoria Monday night.



Born in Shenzhen, China, up-and-coming baritone Yunpeng Wang made his Met debut two years ago.



Soprano Michelle Bradley is one of three young singers showcased at the Summer Recital series.



Some die-hard fans brought official seat cushions.



Waiting to be introduced, Yunpeng Wang pauses a moment before taking the stage.



Revolver the bull dog is usually a Beatles fan, say his owners, Nolan and Amanda Collins of Astoria.

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Contractor pleads guilty to trail of scams: Brown

BY PHILIP NEWMAN



never-started projects.

"Consumers should be cautious when hiring improvement contractors," Brown said

"Defective or incomplete home improvements are among the top consumer complaints to my office. Consumers should request and actually check with proper agencies to determine whether they are indeed licensed," Brown said.

The district attorney said the fraudulent activity can take a heavy toll on the victims.

"In one instance," Brown said, "a Queens homeowner who had been confined to a wheelchair had her kitchen completely demolished and for nearly a year was forced to prepare meals on a microwave or on a hotplate."

A Long island contractor pleads guilty to scamming nearly a dozen Queens homeowners.

larceny and scheme to defraud before Queens Supreme Court Justice Barry Kron, who said he would sentence Burrell to an indeterminate term of 1½ to 4½ years July 20.

The DA said Burrell entered into a contract with nearly a dozen Queens and Long Island residents between February 2009 and July 2015, accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments and leaving residents with unfinished or

Elmhurst Hospital gets its new leader

BY BILL PARRY

Elmhurst Hospital Center has a new boss.

Israel Rocha, Jr. was appointed chief executive officer of NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst last week. His expertise is in hospital operations, legislative affairs and federal and state funding programs, according to officials.

"His knowledge of the workings of the federal government make him an important addition to our team as we confront policy shifts in Washington and work toward building more support for our essential public health care system," Dr. Ram Ranju, president and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals, said. Rocha ran a comparable hospital in Edinburg, Texas, and worked for 10 years in the U.S. House of Representa-

tives and while he is a south Texas native, he is familiar with New York City, having graduated from Columbia University.

"I am so excited to be back in New York City where I first prepared for my career and to join NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst during a time of positive transformation in the public health care system," Rocha said. "While we are facing challenges, the opportunities to better serve this very diverse neighborhood and provide the best possible patient experience is energizing. I hope to lend my expertise in building support for the important mission we serve and making community connections to grow our reach and spread wellness."

Rocha replaces Chris Constantino, who retired earlier this year.

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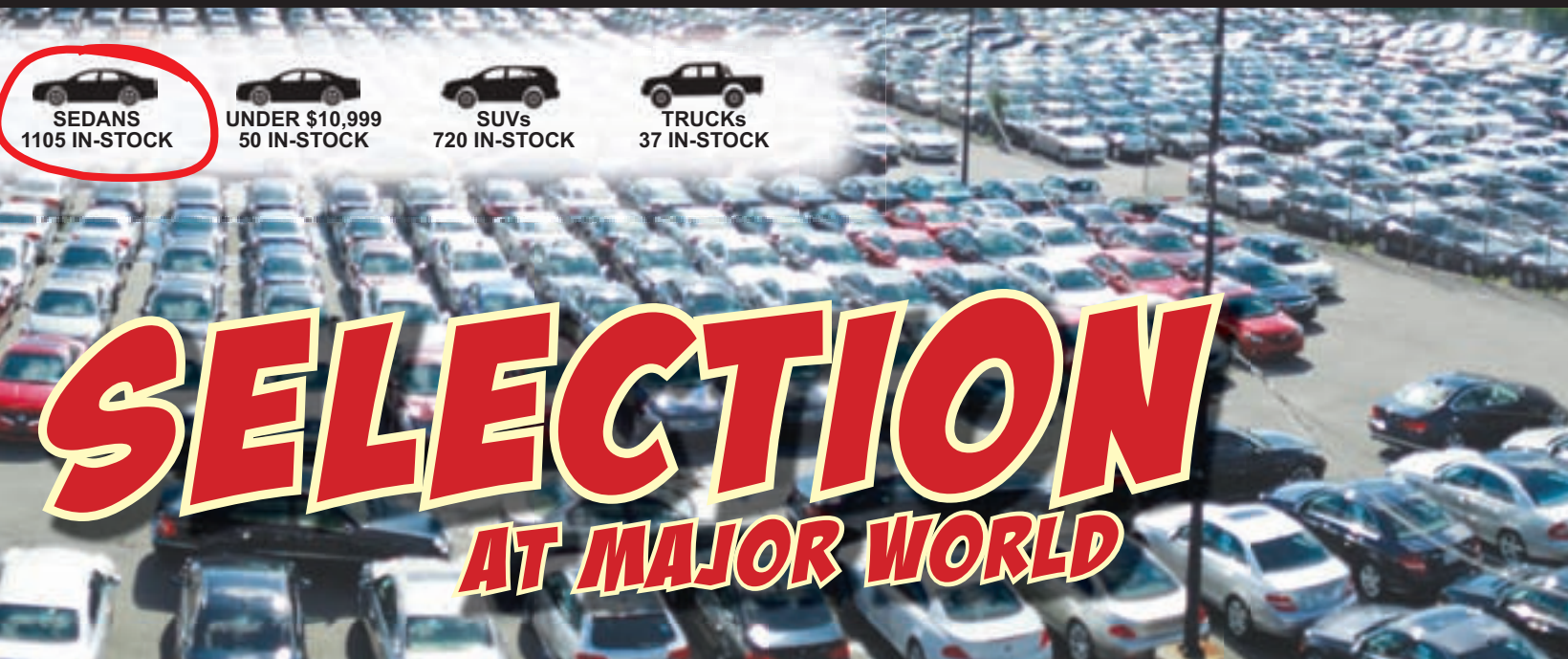
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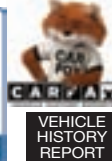
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It's not often that four members of one family graduate at the same time—but that's what happened in the Scott Family. Rev. Randolph Scott received a master's degree from Biola University and his wife, Susan Scott, got her master's from Montclair State University. They are flanked by their daughters—Shernae Scott (l), who got a master's from St John's University and Danielle Scott (r) who received a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

Courtesy of Rev. Scott



Queens Community House, the longtime settlement house that serves more than 20,000 children and adults a year, thanks council members Karen Koslowitz, Rory Lancman (shown here at right) and Daniel Dromm for a combined \$143,000 in budget funds.

Courtesy of Queens Community House



Assemblyman Ron Kim is on a listening tour of what he says will be 100 small businesses in the five boroughs with visits to the oldest nail salon in Flushing and a green market (pictured here) in Brooklyn.

Courtesy of Assemblyman Kim



The two-man band Piedmont Bluz opens this summer's Jackson Heights concert series in Travers Park.

Photo by Michael Shain



Borough President Melinda Katz, whose father founded the Queens Symphony, talks to the audience at the New York Pops concert at Forest Hills Stadium.

Courtesy of Borough President



Under the trees at the Lewis Latimer House in Flushing, papermaking is a skill coming back into style for kids under the eye of Rejin Lewis (r).

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Electeds go after JetBlue on pay

Airline accused of shelling out 'poverty wages' to workers, many of whom live in borough

BY BILL PARRY

Elected officials in western Queens are turning up the heat on Long Island City-based JetBlue for paying airport workers low wages.

On Monday, more than 100 airport workers and residents from neighborhoods surrounding LaGuardia Airport attended a town hall meeting at the Jackson Heights Jewish Center and City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunrise) led a rally Wednesday at JetBlue's headquarters in Long Island City.

State Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) and City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) called the town hall meeting to discuss two of JetBlue's subcontractors, Roma and Primeflight, which they say pay their workers low wages with little or no benefits.

"JetBlue has ads up all over the city that say 'JetBlue lives NY,' but the poverty wages that the airline allows its subcontractors to pay are causing many residents of Queens to



State Sen. Jose Peralta (c) and Councilman Daniel Dromm called a community meeting to discuss the low wages paid to airport workers by JetBlue subcontractors.

Phot by Bill Parry

live in poverty," Peralta said. "New York's hometown airline needs to be good to New Yorkers. Years ago an airport job meant a decent salary, but, unfortunately, this is not the

case anymore. A lot of airport workers struggle to make ends meet, at times having to decide between paying the rent and putting food on the table. It is my hope that some of the prof-

its the airlines make will stay with the workers and with our neighborhoods."

Corona's Josefa Haciano, a terminal cleaner at JetBlue's JFK terminal, has worked for

subcontractor Roma for the last eight years.

"I live in Queens and I don't make enough to pay the rent and buy food, let alone invest time or money in my community," he said. "This isn't only about airport workers. The way Roma treats us affects me, my family and my whole community. JetBlue shouldn't let that happen."

On Wednesday, 30 airport workers and 32BJ members rallied with Van Bramer outside JetBlue's corporate headquarters at Queens Plaza North. They complain that most airport workers live in the neighborhoods that surround LaGuardia and JFK, giving many Queens locales a concentration of poverty-stricken residents.

"My mother, father and stepfather were all union members, and because of this, they were able to have jobs with living wages and benefits to support out family," Van Bramer said. "That's why I'm standing with airport workers and 32BJ SEIU in their fight

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Free tampon program expands as de Blasio signs Julissa's bills

BY BILL PARRY

Women in the city's public schools, shelters and prisons will have access to free feminine hygiene products after Mayor Bill de Blasio signed a package of legislation Wednesday.

The bills were sponsored by City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst), who began a campaign with a free dispenser in a girl's room at Corona's High School for Arts and Business in September.

"Every young person should have their essential needs met in order to do well in school, and that includes having unfettered access to menstrual hygiene products," Ferreras-Copeland said. "Today, I am proud to lead the nation towards menstrual eq-



Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland applauds as Mayor de Blasio signs her legislation to make free feminine hygiene products accessible to students, inmates and shelter residents.

Courtesy of Mayor's Office/Ed Reed

uity by guaranteeing access to pads and tampons to hundreds of thousands of women and

girls."

The policy will apply to school buildings in which there are female students in grades 6 to 12. Schools will also host parent workshops and student information sessions about feminine hygiene products during the upcoming school year.

"There should be no stigma around something as fundamental as menstruation. The laws recognize that feminine hygiene products are a necessity -- not a luxury," de Blasio said. "Students should be able to concentrate on their studies, New Yorkers in shelters should be able to focus on rebuilding their lives, and women in our Correction Department should be able to work toward rehabilitation and release without the indignity of inadequate access to tampons and pads."

FAA bill passes with no noise provision

BY GINA MARTINEZ

After advocating for regulations to control airplane noise in Queens, U.S Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) has taken issue with the passage of the FAA Reauthorization Act. The measure, which passed the House Monday in a 90-4 vote, featured many reforms but notably absent were any provisions to mitigate airplane noise.

Meng is the founder and co-chair of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus. The group of representatives from all over the country seeks reform to reduce airplane noise, claiming it disrupts homes and businesses. They also believe it lowers the overall quality of life for citizens subjected to the sounds of passing aircraft each day. The caucus advocates for changing flight

paths and more research on the possible long-term effects of being exposed to excessive aviation noise.

Airplane noise is a major issue in Queens, particularly in the northeast neighborhoods of the borough around LaGuardia Airport and around Kennedy Airport.

A previous version of the FAA Reauthorization bill included noise-related provisions, but it was not voted on.

"The absence of any measures to combat the problem of excessive aircraft noise is a huge disappointment," Meng said. "I have consistently called for this important legislation to include provisions to mitigate airplane noise. This bill would have allowed for an opportunity to directly address the issue and the previous version of this leg-

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The Queens World Film Festival brings its greatest hits back to borough screens

BY MERLE EXIT

The Queens World Film Festival is celebrating six years of bringing the best of both local and international filmmaking to borough screens. Katha Cato, QWFF president, said its schedule of free summer encore screenings, which runs through the rest of the summer, has something for everyone—and something from just about everywhere.

In locations from Kissena Park to Hunters Point Park in Long Island City to Sgt. Collins Park in Woodside, QWFF is treating Queens audiences to short and feature-length films from China, Bangladesh, Spain, Indonesia,

France and Ireland, as well as such closer-to-home locales as Flushing, Woodside, Jackson Heights and Astoria.

And if you (or your kids) are itching to get creative rather than just sitting in front of the screen, that's on the program as well. On July 24, from noon to 4 p.m., QWFF Animation Stations at the Queens Hall of Science will offer participants the chance to learn how to build a bug and then animate it, possibly setting a new generation of Spielbergs in motion.

Upcoming programming includes evenings of Spanish-language films and works by Asian filmmakers from

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PRODUCTIONS

"A Salute to the Tonys" – With numbers taken from shows ranging from "Fiddler on the Roof" to "Spring Awakening," this revue features great singing and dynamic dancing in a family-friendly setting.

When: Sunday, July 17 at 2 pm and 7 pm

Where: Theater by the Bay, Bay Terrace Garden Jewish Center, 13-00 209th St., Bayside

Cost: \$22, \$20 for seniors (62+) and children under 13

Contact: (718) 428-6363

Website: www.theatrebythebayny.com

"Guys and Dolls" – "I got the horse right here. His name is Paul Revere" – Gambling, romance and the Salvation Army fill the stage in the classic musical tale of Sky Masterson trying to woo Sister Sarah Brown on a bet.

When: July 16 to July 24

Where: Maggie's Little Theater, St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place, Middle Village

Cost: \$20/adults, \$15/seniors, \$12/children

Contact: (917) 579-5389

Website: www.maggieslittletheater.org

"Harvey" – First String Players present Mary Chase's classic comedy about wealthy drunk Elwood P. Dowd, who begins to have visions of a giant rabbit named Harvey.

When: Through July 17

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

Cost: \$10

Contact: (718) 268-6143

Website: firststringplayers.org

MEETINGS

North Shore Playwrights Circle Meeting

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

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

Where: Atria, 96 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck
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Week 31

New horizon for a traditional art

Artist Qiu Ren Wang makes move to Kew Gardens Hills a turning point in his career

BY STEVEN BARNES

When Qiu Ren Wang first came to the United States from China four years ago, it was to participate in the huge Art Basel Miami Beach art fair. But before and after the fair he visited New York City, where he found both the artistic environment he was looking for and a community of like-minded artists from his homeland.

That combination led the artist to pick New York as his base of operations. Specifically, he chose Kew Gardens Hills, where he now lives and works between trips back to China to meet with collectors of his paintings.

"Coming to New York to settle down in Queens was a turning point in my artistic life," Wang says. He had visited Boston and Washington, D.C., but it was in New York that he found the variety of artistic opinions, as well as the knowledge of and respect for art, that inspired his decision to move here.

Wang, who has been making art since the early 1980s, produces ink-on-paper images that mix the traditional elements of Chinese art with an experimental sense of color and line. In his landscapes, the subtlety of ink painting is transformed through the addition of bright colors and varying textures. A show of his work was up earlier this month at ASA College's Manhattan campus.

He says that "combining Chinese culture with contemporary culture" is the main goal of his work, but achieving that goal was not an easy



Qiu Ren Wang's paintings mix traditional and modern methods, as in "Buddhist Realm VI," ink on paper, 2013.

thing in China.

In China, the importance of tradition is very strong, Wang says. The high point of visual art is considered to be during the Tang and Song dynasties, a period that ended in the late 13th century. Everything since then is thought of as representing a period of degeneration and decline.

For that reason, bringing contemporary influences into Chinese painting is a practice often looked down upon. In addition, the position of the government toward art is quite conservative, greatly restricting the kind of work that

can be produced. In the United States, he says, the sense of cultural and political freedom "lets artists do art," without having to spend so much time worrying about whether or not they are meeting predetermined goals.

New York has allowed Wang to expand the scope of his work in many ways. Even something seemingly as small as the kind of work on display in museums has influenced him. "In New York," he says, "you can see almost everything." He was especially impressed by such institutions as the Museum of Modern Art,

with its comprehensive collections that allow viewers to see a whole range of art across history. In China, he says, such museums are rare.

That wide-ranging view of cultural history encourages artists here to be more experimental and take more chances. "In the U.S.," he says, "artists are conceptually very active." He can see what many different kinds of artists are doing, as well as being exposed to what they are thinking about.

Wang has also been inspired by the growing number of Chinese artists who live



QIU REN WANG

and work in Queens. One of those artists, the painter Q.X. Wang, is the driving force behind the Contemporary Artists and Critics Association and the New York Modern and Contemporary Research Institute, two organizations that foster the development of Chinese art and culture in the United States. He notes that a group of artists with common beliefs and backgrounds is taking shape in the borough.

Qiu Ren Wang's career is taking shape as well. From his Kew Gardens Hills base, he is working on his next move, and is currently in discussions with the American Chinese Art Association for a projected solo show.



"Buddhist Realm I," ink on paper, 2013

FILM

Boulevard Film Festival – This artist-run film festival celebrates the talent of Queens, while benefiting Sunnyside's local economy by holding screenings at venues throughout the neighborhood. This weekend's screenings include dramas, documentaries and a kid-friendly program on Saturday afternoon.
When and Where: Friday, July 15 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, July 16 (family-friendly program) at 1 pm, Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave.; Saturday, July 16 at 5 pm, Bar 43, 43-06 43rd St.; Saturday 16 at midnight, The Dog and Duck, 45-20 Skillman Ave.
Cost: \$22 per film program
Website: www.boulevardfilmfestival.org

Socrates Sculpture Park Outdoor Cinema: "Sonita" – The story of a teenage refugee from Afghanistan living in a Tehran shelter is told in this film that will be screened under the stars. Middle Eastern food from King of Falafel, as well as music, will be available before the film.
When: Wednesday, July 20, 7 pm (film begins at sundown)
Where: Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 956-1819
Website: socratessculpturepark.org/program/sonita/

EVENTS

Star Searchers—"Exploring the JULY Night Sky" – Professor/astronomer Mark Freilich will lead an interactive astronomy program featuring an indoor question-and-answer session as well as an outdoor viewing using a professional telescope. Limited to 20 participants
When: Saturday, July 16 from 8 pm - 10 pm
Where: Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston
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MUSIC

Third Thursdays in Bliss Plaza – Latin Jazz Liaisons – This month's performance will feature the Latin Jazz Liaisons, an electroacoustic band rooted in Afro-Caribbean rhythms, infusing contemporary music with traditional Latin styles.
When: Thursday, July 21 from 6:30 pm - 7:30pm
Where: Bliss Plaza, Queens Boulevard and 46th Street, Sunnyside
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Website: www.sunnysideshines.org

KIDS AND FAMILY

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When: Monday, July 18, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
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Website: http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/event/ssk-puppetmobile-8/

SummerStage Kids: Music with a Message – Renaissance Youth Center presents the Bronx-based Music with a Message band, whose powerful songs address such issues as gun violence and homelessness, along with more lighthearted fare.
When: Tuesday, July 19, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Where: Rufus King Park, 89th Avenue and 152nd Street, Jamaica
Cost: Free
Contact: (212) 360-2777
Website: http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/event/music-with-a-message-2/

GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

Queens International 2016 – The Queens Museum's exhibition of works by artists living or creating in the borough has been staged since 2001. Works by 34 artists or groups are part of this show, which includes performance-based and site-specific pieces.
When: Through July 31
Where: Queens Museum, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: \$8/adults suggested, \$4/seniors suggested, Free/children 18 and under
Contact: (718) 592-9700
Website: www.queensmuseum.org

"The Women List" – Photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, whose "The Black List" chronicled the stories of African Americans, now turns his eye toward a wide range of accomplished women in this show of photographs.
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Website: www.flcart.org

FITNESS

Fitness Walk in Fort Totten Park – Get fit with these twice-weekly, self-guided 2 mile walks open to all adults.
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 27, at 6:30 pm
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Zumba in Little Bay Park – Attend a free weekly Zumba class, which combines aerobics with Latin and African dance moves.
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Tai Chi – Instructors from the Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA lead classes in the Taoist method.
When: Saturdays, from 11 am - noon, through Sept. 25
Where: Socrates Sculpture Park, Broadway at Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City
Cost: Free
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COMEDY

Open Mic at Rapture Lounge – All musicians,

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When: Mondays, 8:30 pm to 10 pm
Where: Rapture Lounge, 34-27 28th Ave., Astoria
Cost: No cover, \$10 minimum
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Website: bigbencomedy.com/blog/archives/astoria_comedy_all_stars

The Regulars Comedy Show – Every Wednesday night New York's up-and-coming and already arrived comedians hang out and tell jokes at The Creek & The Cave.
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Cost: Free
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Website: www.creeklic.com

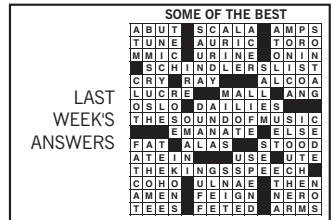
Queen's Secret Improv Club – On Friday nights, teams perform seven improvisation comedy sets on the half-hour. Tickets are good for all seven shows.
When: Fridays, 7:30 pm to 11 pm
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Contact: (718) 392-0722
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By Pete Canty

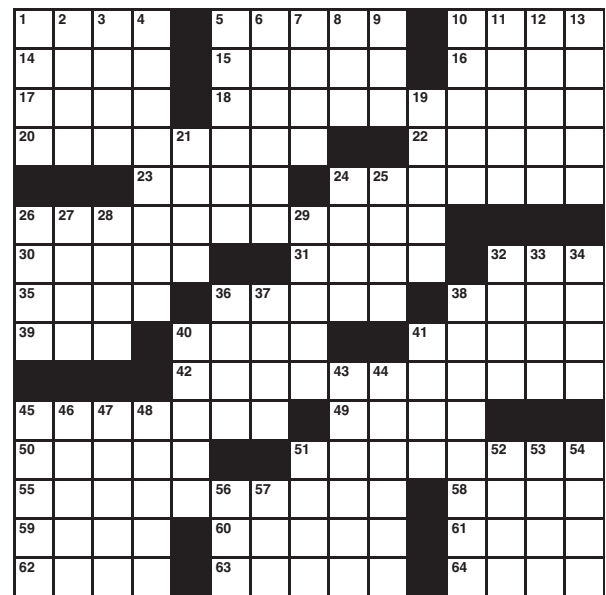
For the Birds



Across

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5. Football helmet component
10. Proper partner?
14. Island feast
15. "A League of ____ Own"
16. First-rate
17. Suffix with psych-
18. Highly decorated troop member
20. Theories
22. Literature Nobelism Hermann
23. Guitarist Clapton

24. Turned away
26. Classified narrowl
30. Feudal superiors
31. Takes a turn
32. Tack on
35. Is in the red
36. Boston NBAers
38. Sheltered, at sea
39. Route
40. Irritated
41. Peruvian beast
42. Major transgression
45. Fishy groups
49. Proper follower
50. Not rural
51. Attacked
55. Evidence of excitement, perhaps



58. Well-behaved
59. Pinnacle
60. Sacajawea's craft
61. Challenging
62. CSA soldiers
63. Oafs
64. Not that

9. Historic opening?
10. Indiana player
11. Resting place
12. Lavatory sign
13. Doles (out)
19. Loses hair
21. Cupid, to the Greeks
24. Loads
25. Flying formations
26. Snow remover
27. Early caucus state
28. Earl ____ tea
29. Made eyes at
32. "Poor me!"
33. Actress Moore
34. College bigwig
36. Naughty child's present
37. Blunders

38. From dusk til dawn, say
40. British biscuit
41. Glorify
43. Like two peas
44. Creaks and squeaks, e.g.
45. Darling
46. "Time in a Bottle" singer
47. Cold War threat
48. Caravan stops
51. K-P connection
52. Rain man?
53. Actress Spelling
54. Gambler's concern
56. Email add-on, abbr.
57. "Friendly skies" co.

Down

1. Voting group
2. Grand Theft ____
3. Game delay cause
4. Follows in office
5. Intervene
6. Primitive roof material
7. Rules, for short
8. Feel sick

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Musical pioneers make their mark in Queens

For Arthur Moon Band, the Queens Theatre serves as both a stage and a video set

BY NAEISHA ROSE

On a Friday evening last month, the Arthur Moon Band performed at Queens Theatre to celebrate the release of its first album, "Our Head," and to screen the video for "Wind Up," one of the songs from that album.

The evening was hardly the band's first time in that space, however. Not only have they played on its stage, they also shot their video there. According to Taryn Sacramone, managing director of Queens Theatre, the recent show was just the latest chapter in the connection between the theater and the band—especially its lead vocalist and front woman, Lora-Faye Åshuvud.

"The president of our board of directors, Frances Resheske, has known Lora-Faye for a long time," Sacramone said. She is a family friend. She went to see her perform and thought she would be fabulous as a performer in Queens Theatre."

Sacramone followed up on that interest.

"I met her when she filmed her music video here. So I Googled her music, and watched things online. She came out here and I got to meet her team and her director, and the producer. I showed her the stage and she had a definite vision of what the music video was going to look like. Our theatre suited it and I was thrilled that she was able to do it."

While there have been other film and television shoots at the theater, Sacramone said, this was the first time a music video has been filmed there during the three years she has been with the theater.

For the Arthur Moon Band, charting new territory is just another day's work. In addition to Åshuvud, the band is composed of vocalist Aviva Jaye, keyboardist and vocalist Rachel Brotman, guitarist Nick Lerman, drummer Dave Palazola and bassist Marty Fowler.

"I don't have any train-



Lora-Faye Åshuvud of the Arthur Moon Band

Photo by Naeisha Rose

ing," Åshuvud said. "I can refer to chords by their names occasionally. I will often call them by their wrong name just to amuse the band. I love not reading music. It helps me

make weird theory decisions. I think it helps me write unconventionally."

"When I tell people about this band," Aviva Jaye said, "one of the first things I say

is that it's highly artistic, but then I have to say more things so that they don't get the wrong idea. It's very artistic, but it is in the rock department. It's curated in a very unique way."

That sense of working with the unexpected also came into play during the production of the video at the Queens Museum.

For Allison Egdahl, the video's producer, it was her first experience making a music video. Along with director Sam Jones, she worked with the goal of bringing the artist's vision to life.

"There is very much a hierarchy in film production and television production," Egdahl said, "but what was very cool about this video was how it was collaborative between Lora-Faye, Evvie Allison [the choreographer] and Sam Jones. It's cool because they really conceptualize ideas. The process takes a bit longer since it's not just one person calling the shots, but the end

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"Saving Jamaica Bay" by Dan Hendrick

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QWFF

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Queens, as well as international films that take a look at inclusivity and remind viewers that "Love is Love is Love," Kato said.

"We are quite proud that of the 56 films to be presented," she said. "Twenty-two are from Queens and 15 are by women, nine are by Asian filmmakers and 16 are by Latino filmmakers."

QWFF is partnering with Hunters Point Parks Conservancy, Queensboro Hill Neighborhood Association, Ltd. and the Northern Woodside Coalition to present local and international indie films of all types.

The film programs are being organized according

to what the QWFF is calling "blocks," groups of movies arranged by such criteria as general topics or countries of origin. This summer's blocks include "Slices of Life from Flushing to Mumbai," "Inclusive Love Stories" and "Spanish Voices."

"We are also screening Dan Hendrick's 'Saving Jamaica Bay' and will be coordinating with the Audubon Society to raise awareness of this wonderful natural treasure right in our own backyard," Kato said.

Kato added that QWFF aims to make the filmgoing experience an inclusive one for audiences, festival volunteers and the filmmakers themselves. That inclusivity is also seen in the films themselves. "Most are PG-13, some have a little rough language



"H.O.M.E." a film by Queens resident Daniel Maldonado

Courtesy QWFF

and some have an occasional F bomb. Just like life," she said. Here is what's on the lineup

SGT. COLLINS PARK

(Broadway at 58th Street)

July 15—"International Animated Films," a group of clever, quirky and edgy animated films from around

the world
July 22—"Love is Messy," glimpses of how love can make us our own worst enemies
July 29—"Inclusive Love Stories," films that take a look at love in all its forms
Aug. 5—"Fathers and Daughters and Sons," a look at how hard it is to let your kids

grow up
Aug. 12—"New York Stories," on the many complicated lives of New Yorkers

KISSENA PARK

(Main Street and Elder Avenue)

July 21—Alvin Tsang's "Reunification," a film that looks at a family's immigration to Los Angeles from Hong Kong

July 28—"Spanish Visions," a program of nine short films from Spain, Cuba, the U.S. and Brazil

Aug. 4—"Slices of Life from Flushing to Mumbai," films that offer glimpses of life around the world

Aug. 11—"H.O.M.E.," a feature film that weaves together several stories inspired by true events

Aug. 18—"Modern Ruin: A World's Pavilion," a documentary about The New York State Pavilion in Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Aug. 25—"Saving Jamaica Bay," a look at the challenges involved in making that Jamaica Bay remains a vibrant natural habitat

HUNTERS POINT PARK

(Center Boulevard and 48th Avenue)

QWFF partners with Hunters Point Park Conservancy to present short film before each evening's feature.

Aug. 11—"BeYoutiful" (before "August Rush")

Aug. 25—"Dramoticon" (before "Zootopia")

Sept. 9—"Zugzwang" (before "Ghost")

For showtimes and more information, go to www.queensworldfilmfestival.com/events/



Members of the Arthur Moon Band (l-r): Nick Lerman (guitarist, music video editor), Rachel Brotman (vocals, keyboard), Lora-Faye Åshuvud (lead vocals), Dave Palazola (drummer), Aviva Jaye (vocals) and Marty Folwer (bassist).
Photo by Naeisha Rose

Arthur Moon

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product is something that everyone is happy with."

Nick Lerman, the band's guitarist, also edited the music video. "When it comes to the music video," he said, "I had a friend that went to film school and asked me to score one of films. After that, I said, why don't I do this [editing]. Most of the editors I know are also musicians. There is something about rhythm, and timing and pacing that just work together."

Choreographer Allison saw

unique opportunities in the Queens Theatre's space. "I'm very visual, so right off the bat I was thinking about framing, perspective...So I was like can we do an aerial shot in the Queens Theatre?" The story of "Wind Up" is about a bird that is ill and gets its parts replaced with mechanical parts, so the aerial shot is particularly fitting.

In addition to its appearance at the Queens Theatre, the Arthur Moon Band has recently appeared at Le Poisson Rouge in Manhattan, and will be onstage in Williamsburg at Baby's Alright July 24.

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Matter movement.

"He seems to be in complete denial that black people have a different experience with police," he said. "How that can be denied at this point is mind-boggling."

It was announced on Wednesday that U.S. Rep. Hakim Jeffries (D-Brooklyn), whose district includes parts of Queens, had been selected to participate in a Congressional Task Force to improve police and community relations throughout the country. A study released this week by Harvard economist Roland

Freyer found that black and Hispanic men and women are 50 percent more likely to be subjected to harsher treatment by police than white people, though the study also concluded lethal use-of-force incidents were occurred at the same rate.

Jamal Wilkerson, another attendee at the vigil, said the example needed to be set from the top down in police departments. He said that while there were good police, they were "being drowned out by the bad ones."

"In the same way we're asked not to paint all police with a broad brush," he said, "they need to not paint us in the same way."

Speaking before a crowd

of congregants at St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday, Mayor de Blasio spoke about the pain the city had endured due to the recent events that had traumatized the country and also spoke of the example New York City could offer a battered nation.

"We are far, far from perfect, but we've come a long way. This is a city that, over decades, has found more common ground," he said. "In this city we aspire to a different and better relationship between police and community. We believe it can happen."

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Vigil

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you're a leader."

Many at the vigil stressed the need for continued action and engagement, in addition to remembering the dead and injured.

"When you go home tonight, your goal tomorrow should be to make things better for the next person," Hyndman said in her brief remarks.

Nantasha Williams, who is running in the race for the late Barbara Clark's vacant state Assembly seat, spoke about the need to stay involved.

"My hope is more people will be more involved in community engagement," she said.

"I think we cannot go back to normal the next week."

Joseph echoed these concerns. He said that many point to legendary civil rights figures and question where those figures are today. He said the direct comparison was misguided.

"All those great leaders, they were never by themselves," he said, stressing the need for people to become involved. "It is your duty as a human being. It is your duty to be there in the trenches. We are the people we were looking for."

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Meeting

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stove, turn the heat on, put a lid on that pot and don't do anything about it, that pot will explode," Sanders explained. "It's science, it's not craziness. That type of shooting does not aid our struggle; however I don't understand why anyone would be surprised by it. We cannot ask

these youth to be humiliated and expect them not to do anything. They may do the wrong thing, but they are going to do something. It falls upon us as leaders to show them a better way."

Sanders also made an appearance at the community meeting held at Clyde Vanel's office in Cambria Heights delivering a similar message to those in attendance.

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Albert

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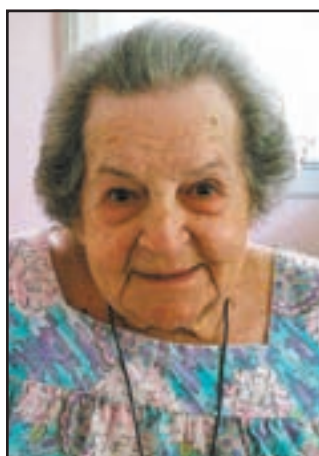
per day and operated out of his garage.

Albert's oldest sister Mary, then only 11, did not qualify for her working papers, which required a minimum age of 14. But her mother convinced her school principal to lie about her age and she soon went to work in an Astoria silk mill.

"In those days, silk was a big thing," Albert recalled. "She ran four big looms. Then she brought my mother in and she taught my mother how to do that. And that's how my mother raised us, — we were four girls."

Albert would follow her oldest sister and mother into textile manufacturing as a seamstress within a few years. Because she had to work, she never attended high school. Her youngest sister Violet died of tuberculosis at the age of 16.

In 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Ida married Paul Albert, whose Italian surname, Albergo, was changed



IDA ALBERT

Courtesy of Ida Albert

by the nuns at the Catholic school he attended.

"The Depression in Astoria, at that time, you were rationed off. You weren't allowed to go to the store and buy too much of anything," Albert said, adding that she was one of the lucky few to have a job all through the economic standstill.

It was not until 1941 that Albert's first son, Frank, was born. Her daughter, Lorraine, was born in 1944. During

World War II, Paul Albert was not drafted because he had a family.

Ida's family was once again displaced by development in Astoria when the building they lived in was torn down to make way for the Triborough Bridge.

In the 1960s, Albert, along with her mother and son, bought a house in Bayside on 220th Street for \$23,000.

Albert has two grandchildren, one of whom commands an aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy, and three great-grandchildren from her daughter Lorraine.

Albert talks about her life in Bayside as if nothing has changed in the 50 years she has been there, but she also mentions that in those years her son died at the age of 49, her husband died of a blood disease in 1983, and her section of the neighborhood has evolved from a primarily Italian community to a haven for Korean and Chinese immigrants.

At well over a century old, the only medications Albert currently takes are eye drops for glaucoma.

Bookies

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Investigations leading to Tuesday's arrests started back in January 2014 when the NYPD's Organized Crime Investigation Division, the Queens DA's Organized Crime Investigation Division and the Waterfront Commission gathered evidence from physical surveillance and court-authorized electronic recordings of thousands of hours of incriminating gambling-related conversations, Brown said.

According to the DA's office, the boss of the wire room was Simon, who is accused of bookmaking and overseeing the entire operation. Nista was allegedly Simon's primary agent and manager of the wire room located at 211-11 45th Road in Bayside, Brown said. Greene was the owner of the home and the listed subscriber for two landline phones installed there. He was allegedly paid a monthly income for the rental of the home, according to the DA's office. Bellaterra and Levin allegedly manned the two phones and handled betting action for Nista at the Bayside location, prosecutors

said, while also working as money collectors for the operation.

Court-authorized warrants were used at the defendants' homes resulting in the seizure of cash, gambling paraphernalia and gambling records, Brown said.

The defendants allegedly conspired to make money illegally through the operation of unlawful gambling that accepted bets on sporting events through a wire room located in the house on 45th Road. Bettors would place wagers calling one of two phones set up at the location, the DA said.

Nista is no stranger to illegal betting. He was indicted in April for his alleged participation in an illegal sports gambling enterprise that operated in New York and Las Vegas.

According to Brown, the latest bust represented a nationwide victory.

"Over the last few years we have taken down a number of these gambling operations and put them out of business," he said "These cases, I believe, have put a significant dent in illegal gambling nationwide and have saved individuals across the country millions of dollars in gambling losses."

Astoria

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ever they want in this space. It's not overly controlled," she said. "It's a public space. It's inviting. It's clean. It's one of the largest parks and has one of the most beautiful spots for the shoreline. Not a lot of parks have that open door policy, and that's my favorite thing about this park."

For Jody Popper, a volunteer at the alliance, Astoria Park is in her blood.

"I have three kids and a grandchild. We all use the park in different ways. We use the track almost everyday, and the workout equipment that's around the track. My grandson loves the skate park. We go to the pool in the summer. We sleigh ride in the winter. You name it we use it," Popper said.

All of the activities and safeguarding of the park by the APA these last nine years has been done without a formal structure.

"We don't have an office.

We aspire to have one. We would like to have staff. We would like to have interns to do things, but right now what we do is keep in close communication through texting and emails," Lopez-Gilpin said. "We are working with the Bohemian Hall (a beer garden with picnic tables), which provides space for us to meet, and we create so many things with so little. It's all about the goodwill of the people." In the end, what's most important to her is that "everyone's welcome, because it's everyone's park."

Greatness

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need in our neighborhood of Sunnyside-Woodside."

R2G currently provides programming for 40 children

at the YMCA and 20 at PS 199, a school that lacks full-time art or gym teachers.

"Road to Greatness is such an amazing place where kids come to draw, play and interact with one another," said Tara Delasnueces, parent of 10-year-old Leah, a participant

in the program. "The kids love it and are always looking forward to attending. We're all very grateful for Kenny's determination to get this program started. The community needs more people like him with the mind-set to make children a priority."

were not allowed to offer input or raise concerns.

"It is also very unfortunate that this bill was rushed through while keeping House members out of the process," she said "Queens and other affected communities continue to be bombarded by the roaring sounds of aircraft noise

that constantly disrupt the quality of life in our neighborhoods. A solution must be reached and I will keep up the fight until we achieve one."

The legislation expires in September 2017, meaning it will be over a year until any new proposals or amendments can be heard.

FAA bill

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isolation included ways to deal with it."

She was also frustrated with how the legislation was brought to the House floor. She said members of the House

Cangelosi

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cally for the park, according to Cangelosi's family.

Cangelosi's father joined Vallone at the ceremony and expressed his gratitude to all involved.

"I am honored to be here today," he said "On behalf of myself, my family and all families of 9/11, I would like to thank all that made this

memorial possible. A special thank you to Danny Naimoli, who devoted so much time and energy to make this happen. This beautiful memorial will not only preserve the memory of our loved ones that we so tragically lost, it will also allow future generations to remember and honor our victims and heroes."

JetBlue

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for better wages and working conditions."

Van Bramer is no stranger to the plight of the airport workers. He has attended many of the rallies and marches, and was arrested for civil disobedience in 2014, when protesters closed the 94th Street Bridge approach to LaGuardia with a sit-in.

Van Bramer and some of the workers went into the headquarters with petitions

demanding to see JetBlue CEO Robin Hayes. Hayes was not available so they asked for a meeting in the future.

"JetBlue made record profits last year," Van Bramer said. "If they wish to be New York City's Hometown Airline, they should make sure this bounty is reflected in higher wages."

JetBlue did not comment.

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Sports



Cardozo alum Dalilah Muhammad set an Olympic trials record with a 52.88 finish in the 400m hurdle finals Sunday.

Courtesy USA Track and Field

Dozo alums heading to Olympics in Rio

BY LAURA AMATO

Eugene, Ore., is 2,929 miles from Cardozo High School, but those miles didn't seem quite so far as New York City history was made at the USA Track and Field Olympic Trials Sunday.

Cardozo alums Dalilah Muhammad and Deajah Stevens both cemented themselves in the Judges' history books, earning berths to the Olympic Games in Rio next month.

The two join 84 other first-time Olympians on this summer's Team USA track and field roster.

Stevens, a three-time New

York State Champion, transferred to the University of Oregon at mid-year and was a bit of a wild card heading into the trials.

She tuned all of those questions out before the race, though, focusing on the challenge in front of her and, quite literally, sprinting towards it. Stevens placed second in the women's 200m final, posting a 22.30 finish—almost two-tenths of a second faster than reigning gold medalist Allyson Felix.

"It hasn't hit me yet," Stevens told Team USA after the race. "I'm super excited, I'm speechless. I wasn't expect-

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Cross pitcher switches

Starter Patrick Morrissey tries his hand at closing

BY LAURA AMATO

Patrick Morrissey is usually a starting pitcher. But a few weeks ago the Holy Cross baseball standout, who has been playing for the Midville Dodgers scout team this summer, was presented with an opportunity he wouldn't normally get during the high-school season.

When you're starting, you don't really begin at 100 percent, but when you close, you put everything into every pitch.

For one game Morrissey was a closer. And he loved it.

The ace came in to wrap up the game against the Great Lake Canadians July 2, earned his team the save and even managed to put up a strikeout during his one inning of work. For Morrissey, it was a step out of his comfort zone, but one he's confident taking this summer.

"I don't know how to explain it really," Morrissey said. "You do pitch differently when you close. When you're starting, you don't really begin at 100 percent, but when you close, you put everything into every pitch."

As far as Morrissey is concerned, summer is the perfect time to take a few chances on the mound.

It's an opportunity to expand his game, fine-tune his skills and, take a slightly different approach to pitching.

Of course, he's still trying to throw strikes every time he winds up. That probably won't ever change.



The Holy Cross ace was dominant on the mound this spring, but this summer he's taking a slightly different approach to pitching, looking to add another element to his game.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

"I'm just keeping my control and staying consistent in the strike zone," he said. "I'm just trying to keep pounding the strikezone basically."

In his first four games this summer—including the save—Morrissey went 2-1 on the mound, posted a 1.40 ERA and struck out 19. He gave up just seven hits in 15 innings of work.

Of course, those numbers are par for the pitching-course for the rising senior. Morrissey boasted a 0.89 ERA at Holy Cross this spring, racking up 99 strikeouts in 64.2 innings.

For good measure, he also tossed a no-hitter.

While he isn't fighting for a city title this summer, Morrissey has kept his competitive edge simply because he's wearing a Midville uniform. He knows that there are still expectations from the Midville coaching staff during the summer.

"Greg (Modica) is a good coach and he basically pushes us to our limit," Morrissey said. "He gets the best out of us. He really does."

Midville's schedule—and
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Former SJU lacrosse star shines as a pro

BY LAURA AMATO

Kieran McArdle loves running—at least when there's a lacrosse stick in his hand.

The former St. John's lacrosse standout, who is currently in his third season with the Florida Launch of Major League Lacrosse, has established himself as one of the premier offensive forces in the league and he's the first to admit that his success is built on his pure enjoyment of the game.

That game, of course, is fast. It also requires a good amount of running.

"It's a quick game, it's up and down," McArdle said. "You're not sitting there, it's not boring. Kids pick up a stick and even if they don't have the skills yet, they're still enjoying it. The speed of the game is really helping it."

McArdle loves the game and, since he turned pro in 2014, he's found the game has loved him right back.

He was named the 2014 MLL Rookie of the Year and made his second MLL All-Star game appearance in three seasons Saturday.

"Just getting that call, it's a real big honor to be up there as one of the best players in the league," McArdle said. "There's just so much talent and it's probably so hard to



Former St. John's standout Kieran McArdle has established himself as one of the top offensive threats in the MLL, earning him a second all-star nomination this season.

Photo by Greg Bartram/Florida Launch

pick those all-star teams. It's just a huge honor any time I get to play with that kind of talent."

McArdle's on-field talent is undeniable.

He set a new Launch record for points in a single season last year, notching 65 in 14 games. This year, McArdle leads Florida with 26 points, including 16 goals, heading into the all-star break.

The offensive leader of his

team, McArdle has settled into his role over the last few years, but it hasn't always been easy. In fact, when he first joined the Launch, McArdle was a bit intimidated by that pace of play he now loves.

"The speed from college to pro is a huge jump," he said. "You have the shot clock in place so there's not much settling down. You maybe get one spin and you've got to go to the cage. It's real fast-paced, up

and down, and in the beginning that was hard for me to adjust to."

McArdle is thankful for the recognition he's received and is also proud that he's found so much success in a sport he loves. But he isn't letting the attention go to his head.

He is, first and foremost, focused on winning. If he can do that, everything else will fall into place.

"I just try to play my game

to the best of my ability," McArdle said. "As long as I'm working hard on and off the field and putting the time in, I think that will show when I'm out there."

McArdle is relishing his time on the field, but he knows that, eventually, the "real world" will come calling. He's got a plan for that moment.

He is one semester away from completing his master's degree in education—something he's been working on while also playing professional lacrosse—and is anxious to start his career as a physical education teacher. If he happens to stumble across a high school lacrosse team that needs a coach, all the better.

"I'm incredibly excited about teaching," McArdle said. "That's the plan for the future."

Before he trades in his lacrosse stick for a lesson plan, McArdle is focused on helping the Launch turn their season around. With five games left on the schedule, the team still has a shot at making the playoffs.

McArdle is determined to keep his squad's chances alive. He's even willing to run a bit more.

"We play two quarters well and then the other two quarters we fall apart," he said. "I'd just like to see our team come together."

Herring uses summer ball to up his game's level

BY LAURA AMATO

John Herring just wants to get better.

It's as simple as that. Or, sometimes, it's as difficult as that.

Herring, who will be entering his senior year at Archbishop Molloy this fall, is spending his summer with the Bayside Yankees of the Premier Baseball league, working on fine-tuning his baseball skills and determined to become a stronger player.

The road to being a standout on the diamond can be challenging, but it's one that Herring is determined to walk. He knows that this summer will only help him reach his final destination.

"I started off kind of slow, but now that we're starting to play a lot of games, I'm definitely doing better," Herring

said. "And our team is starting to play well together so that makes it more fun."

As of July 7, he led the Yankees with a .326 average at the plate, racking up 15 hits in 46 at bats.

Herring is focusing on his entire game this summer, but he has to admit that he's a bit preoccupied with his presence at the plate. He wants to hit—a lot.

"I just want to keep on getting at bats," he said. "I'm trying to get my mental game down a bit more. That's always kind of hard. But I just really want to get better. That's the point."

This is the first time Herring has played with the Yankees and he's relishing the opportunity to compete with the squad.

The team boasts some of the top talent from across the



Archbishop Molloy senior John Herring is spending his summer with the Bayside Yankees, determined to improve his game.

Photo by Laura Amato

city, as well as Long Island and Westchester, and Herring is thankful to be included in

that group. He's also anxious to prove he belongs.

"I played a game with them a couple of years ago, but this is my first time playing with them full-time," Herring said. "I love it. I've played some other summer leagues and this is definitely a step up from other teams I've been on. This is a whole other level."

Just like most summer-league squads, the Yankees schedule is filled for the majority of the season. The team has already played at the Super 17 Diamond Nation tournament in New Jersey and will head to Missouri later this month for the Premier Baseball Junior National Championship.

It can be an exhausting way to spend summer vacation, but Herring wouldn't change it for the world. In fact, this is exactly how he hoped to spend his time away from the class-

room.

"It's hard, but I dedicated myself to this," Herring said. "I was expecting it. It's not a surprise and I'm not really against it. I'm just happy to be playing baseball."

Herring isn't looking too far ahead, however. He wants to get better, but it's difficult to think about next spring at Malloy when there's so much baseball right in front of him. So, he's keeping things simple. He's working on his game and enjoying the moment. He's getting better, but it's also making sure to have some fun. After all it's summer vacation.

"I try not to think about it too much because that can be a lot of pressure," Herring said. "I'm working on my game and I want to win here, too. It's just a lot of fun right now."

Mets prospects get up-close look at NYC

BY LAURA AMATO

Blake Tiberi was exhausted. He would go as far as to say he was absolutely bone-tired.

There was a good reason for it.

The Brooklyn Cyclones' third baseman, along with his teammates, played 20 straight games to open the 2016 season, including more than half a dozen extra-inning games. Tiberi was tired. The entire Cyclones roster was tired. But, luckily for the Brooklyn squad—the short-season Class A affiliate of the Mets—the team, finally, got a day off July 7.

It would have been easy for the players to sleep away their day, but the Cyclones opted to put their 24 hours of baseball shore leave to good use.

"I slept in until about noon," Tiberi said. "Then I came over to the (Coney Island) boardwalk and kicked it for a little bit with some of the guys. I just wanted to relax and try and recover a little bit."

While Tiberi decided to spend his day off close to his summer home in Brooklyn, several of his teammates from out of town turned their attention to other locations.

A handful of Cyclones players took the subway into Manhattan, braving the nearly hour-long commute on the F train, to check out the sights.



Cyclones teammates Nabil Crismatt, Ali Sanchez, Hengelbert Rojas and Joel Huertas pose in front of the National September 11 Memorial during their day off on July 7.

Courtesy of Brooklyn Cyclones

"I tried to see the city where we are. It's the first time I've been able to go out," pitcher Nabil Crismatt said. "Guys here are always talking about the city and it's so nice and I wanted to get to see it. It was crazy."

It was a memorable day for Crismatt, who grew up in Colombia and never expected to find himself in the United States, let alone Midtown.

He and his teammates—

Ali Sanchez, Joel Huertas and Hengelbert Rojas—saw everything they could, walking from Times Square to Battery Park. The quartet took in the sights and sounds of the city, wandering from block to block and, they'll admit, getting a bit lost.

"We had to stop and ask for directions a couple of times," Crismatt said. "It was all like 'Take the train and then go to this part and when you get

there, go to this street.' We were definitely lost."

While Crismatt was seeing the city with fresh eyes, a few other Cyclones seized the opportunity to check out big-name locations for a second or third time.

Catcher Dan Rizzie brought several of his high school friends to the city and the Chicago-area natives relished the opportunity to play tourist for a day.

"It was the first time I've been to Ground Zero," said Rizzie. "I've been to a couple of those other places before, but not in the last few years, so it was cool to see it all again."

The players weren't the only ones who used the day off to spend time in the city.

Brooklyn manager Tom Gamboa also spent his 24 hours away from MCU Park in Manhattan with his daughter. The pair spent time in Central Park and even took in the Broadway show 'Waitress.'

It was a much-needed break for the 'Clones, many of whom have been playing baseball long before the summer began.

"I've been playing since the beginning of the college season," Rizzie said. "It might have even been before that. So it was nice to be able to relax."

The mini Mets' next day off is July 20 and while the players are excited about another chance to explore the city, it isn't always easy to leave baseball, even for a day. After all, this is their life.

"You're spending a lot of time thinking about baseball and it's tough, even on your day off not to," Crismatt said. "I love this game, so sometimes even during the day off you start thinking about baseball and how you can be better."

Morrissey

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by extension Morrissey's—has been hectic the past few weeks. The squad competed in Indianapolis earlier this month and the hours spent traveling forced the team to bond quickly.

It's an impressive feat, particularly with players from all over the city coming together,

but if you ask Morrissey, it's not any more impressive than him coming in for a save.

"We mess with each other, but when it gets down to the game we're serious," he said. "It's really a good bonding experience. We're just playing as much as can and we're really starting to build some good bonds with each other."

Morrissey is excited for the rest of the summer with Midville and is anxious to get

on the mound as much as he can. For him, summer is the chance to get better and that's exactly what he intends to do, no matter when he comes into a game.

"It's been really fun so far," he said. "I'm hoping to find my college as soon as I can, keep pitching and get into the gym. It's just about getting better."

Dozo alums

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ing this, of course. I wanted it, but I wasn't sure. I just went for it."

While Stevens ran towards success at the trials, Muhammad hurdled over every obstacle in front of her.

The former Judges and USC star finally made good on her childhood dream of qualifying for the Olympics by putting on one of the most dominant performances of the entire week.

Muhammad not only won every one of the 400m hurdle heats she competed in, but, for good measure, set a trials record with a 52.88 finish in the finals. That time was also a personal best. It was more than enough to make her 'Dozo family back home in Queens proud.

"'14 and '15 were two very difficult years for me, just having personal problems in '14 to being injured in '15," she said. In a statement released

by Team USA, Muhammad went on to say, "I think my belief in myself kept me going, and knowing I could be better than I was in 2013. I just wanted to keep that going, and this year when it wasn't going as planned I made a coaching change, and I'm grateful that I did. It was a hard decision to make, but it's paid off. I'm so thankful for that."

The pair will return to the track July 25 for the USA track and field pre-Olympic training camp. Then it's on to the Games.

Both Stevens and Muhammad will, undoubtedly, have high expectations for their time in Rio and while the Cardozo athletic family would love to see either star bring back gold, the Judges are first and foremost proud that the duo made it to Rio.

An Olympic dream is never an easy one to accomplish and, for these former 'Dozo stars, getting there is a victory in and of itself.

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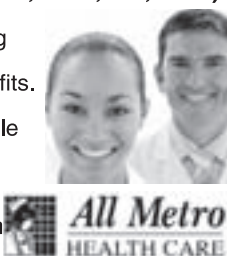
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227-06 Bayside LLC, Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/27/16. Office Location: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O The LLC, 227-06 64 th Ave., Oakland Garden, NY 11364. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

23-34 26TH STREET LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/16. 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, 204-19 23rd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

444 Grand Ave LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/28/16. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 225 Beach 143 St., Rockaway Park, NY 11694. General purpose.

ALTMEDJ Projects LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/5/16. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 13-05 44th Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. General purpose.

AUM SIDHDY VINAYAK HOSPITALITY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/20/16. 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 Harry Raptakis, Esq., P.O. Box 504, Franklin Square, NY 11010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CHARIOT TRUCKING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/19/2016. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 177-21 Liberty Ave., Jamaica, NY 11433, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COOPER STUDIO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/23/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Marcia Cooper, 104-20 68th Dr. #B37, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Cronus Holdings LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Zhao Ju Zeng, 74-19 43rd Ave, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: General.

Deli Gallery, LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 10-18 46th Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: General.

FH Group LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/1/16. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 36-58 Main St., Ste. 3F, Flushing, NY 11354. General purpose.

Jk Realty Queens LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/16/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 23 Brush Hill Rd, Kinnelon, NJ 07405. Purpose: General.

Julia New York LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 7/17/09. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 214-44 40th Ave, Bayside, NY 11361. General Purposes.

Name of LLC: Full Metal Fishie LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 5/23/16. Office loc.: Queens Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ABL COMPUTERS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/29/2003. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ALVION LEGALL 145-29 119TH AVENUE SOUTH OZONE, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of A.A.C. REALTY LLC Cert. of LLC filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on July 17, 2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 136-09 35th Ave., Flushing, NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Cheng & Cuihao LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on May 19, 2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1464 212th ST Apt 2, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: NIMBUS FEDERAL SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/05/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 4610 CENTER BLVD. APT. 1213 LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11109. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of New Classic Cooking, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/23/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 165-35 145th Drive, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of The Shepherd Sleeps LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/5/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 71-13 60th Lane, #409, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Premium Home Services LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/13. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 103-00 Shore Front Pkwy #7H, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: General.

RK CAPITAL LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 1560 Broadway Ste 1005, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: General.

We-Link Employment LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 5/6/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 27-10B 99th St, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. General Purposes.

WRA Solutions LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/28/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, P.O. Box 527656, Flushing, NY 11352. General purpose.

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Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1295790, for an On-premises liquor license, has been applied for by 96 Favor Taste Restaurant Inc to sell Beer, wine at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 135-41 37th Avenue Flushing, NY 11354 for on premises consumption

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JUN 20 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000261-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) IRIS (Last) LAMBERTY. My present name is (First) AIDA (Middle) ROSALINA (Last) RODRIGUEZ AKA IRIS LAMBERTY. My present address is 9160 193rd Street, Apt. #2E, Hollis, NY 11423-3545. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is May 01, 1969.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JUN 28 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000290-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) MARYETTE (Middle) LYVORN (Last) BAILEY. My present name is (First) MARYETTE (Middle) LA VONE (Last) SQUASH AKA MARYETTE LYVORN BAILEY, AKA MARYETTE LYVORN SQUASH, AKA MARYETTE L. BAILEY, AKA MARYETTE BAILEY. My present address is 117-15 225th Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411-1705. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is October 02, 1963.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on MAY 25 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000185-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) MAVERIC (Middle) JASMIN CHIAKEYA (Last) VAN BRACKLE. My present name is (First) JASMIN (Middle) CHIAKEYA (Last) VAN BRACKLE AKA MAVERIC VAN BRACKLE, AKA MAVERIC VAN BRACKLE, AKA JASMIN C. VAN BRACKLE, AKA JASMIN C. VAN-BRACKLE. My present address is 161-17 118th Road, Jamaica, NY 11434-2109. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is February 25, 1986.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JUN 28, 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000292-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) JEMELL (Middle) KAREEM (Last) JONES. My present name is (First) JEMELL (Middle) KAREEM (Last) BRATHWAITE AKA JEMELL KAREEM BRAITHWAITE, AKA JEMELL K. BRAITHWAITE. My present address is 178-43 137th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434-4019. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is August 03, 1984. Assume the name of (First) ALEXANDRIA (Middle) JADA (Last) JONES. My present name is (First) ALEXANDRIA (Middle) JADA (Last) BRAITHWAITE (infant). My present address is 178-43 137th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434-4019. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is June 04, 2008. Assume the name of (First) SYDNEY (Middle) ELYSE (Last) JONES. My present name is (First) SYDNEY (Middle) ELYSE (Last) BRAITHWAITE (infant).

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My present address is 178-43 137th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434-4019. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is September 29, 2015.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST P R E M L A L L NANDKISHUR, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 07, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom # 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on August 19, 2016 at 10:00AM, premises known as 91-04 175TH STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11432. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 9809, LOT 64. Approximate amount of judgment \$230,718.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 11376/12. Joseph Risi Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 706556/2015 M O R T G A G E D PREMISES: 243-58 MAYDA ROAD ROSEDALE, NY 11422 BL#: 13567-84 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 Plaintiff vs Mantovany A. Douge as heir to the estate of Raymonde Riviere and Claude Riviere A/K/A Jean Claude Riviere if living, and if he/she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and

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intended to be included in wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; Raymond Riviere as co-administrator to the estate of Claude Riviere A/K/A Jean Claude Riviere if living, and if he/she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; Lucien Riviere as co-administrator to the estate of Claude Riviere A/K/A Jean Claude Riviere, City Register of the City of New York, Queens County, New York City Environmental Control Board, Oxford Credit Corp., People of the State of New York, United States of America Acting Through the IRS, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, John Doe (being fictitious, the names unknown to Plaintiff intended to be tenants, occupants, persons or corporations having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint or their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors.) Defendant(s) To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of

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service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO MANTOVANY A. DOUGE and RAYMOND RIVIERE Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Denis J. Butler of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Second day of June, 2016 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Raymonde Riviere (who died June 6, 2011, a resident of Queens County, State of New York) dated the January 26, 2007, to secure the sum of \$396,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 200700212242 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County, on April 24, 2007; which mortgage was assigned by an assignment executed June 23, 2009 and recorded August 10, 2009, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at Instrument No. 2009000249428. The property in question is described as follows: 243-58 MAYDA ROAD, ROSEDALE, NY 11422 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: July 5, 2016 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s)

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1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No. 12697/2014 Filed: June 10, 2016 Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Plaintiff, - against - Cecil Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of William Smith, deceased, Brenda Smith, as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, if Brenda Smith be living and if she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, William Smith as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, Selwyn Smith as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, Akeem Smith, as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, United States of America, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Shakira Mclaurin, Shativa Mclaurin, Troy Starks, Charmaine Blount, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (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 OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$256,900.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register

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of the City of New York on April 20, 2007, in CRFN 2007000206042, covering premises known as 189-35 117th Road, Saint Albans, NY 11412. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Williamsville, New York April 12, 2016 By: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq. Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-070880-FO TO: Cecil Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of William Smith 1434 East 88th Street, 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11236 Brenda Smith, as Heir to the Estate of William Smith United States of America New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX # 10304/2009 FILED: 6/15/2016 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 premises are situated. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., 3476 Stateview Boulevard, Ft. Mill, SC 29715, Plaintiff(s), against JOYCE PIERRE, WARREN BROWN, any possible unknown heirs at law of Warren Brown if living, and if any be dead, their respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase,

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inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein; CONTACT RESOURCES SERVICES, LLC; NEW YORK CITY CRIMINAL COURT; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; JACQUELINE SMALL; TODD BALLEE; ROLANDE SMALL; SUNRISE CREDIT CORPORATION; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE

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ANSWER WITH THE COURT. A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if 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

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the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage bearing the date of April 22, 2008, executed by Joyce Pierre, a single person to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to secure the sum of \$513,300.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Queens County on July 25, 2008 in CRFN: 2008000296859. That Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. duly assigned said Note and Mortgage to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by Assignment dated June 8, 2010 and recorded on June 9, 2011 in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County in CRFN: 2011000205403, covering premises known as 183-140 th Avenue and 183-16 140th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413 (Block 13041 and Lot 7). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an amended order of the Hon. Marguerite A. Grays, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on 06/06/2016. This is an

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action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 13041, Lot 7, said premises known as 183-14 140 th Avenue and 183-16 140th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. There is now due and owing on said mortgage the following amounts: Principal balance of \$512,496.74, plus interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum from July 1, 2008, advances of \$757.11, unpaid late charges in the amount of \$490.21 and inspection fees of \$60.00, together with monies advanced for taxes, insurance, maintenance of premises

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and the costs, allowances and reasonable attorney's fees if permitted by the mortgage. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in

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danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State 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 you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over

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your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

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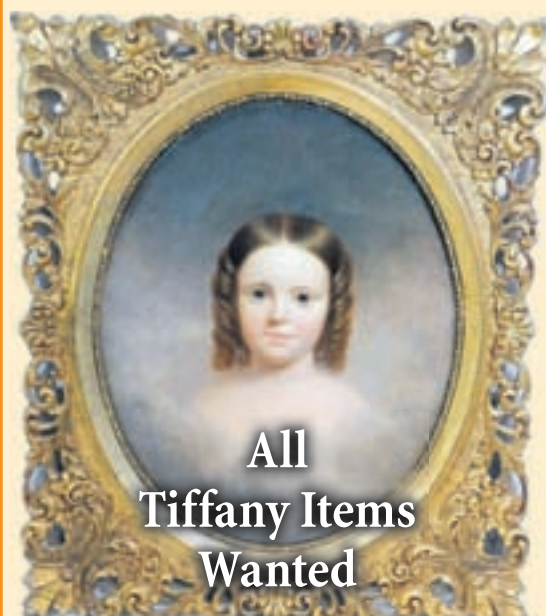
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