

New movie theater coming to Flushing

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Flushing will be getting its first movie theater in 30 years at the former site of Flushing mall on 133-15 39th Ave. between College Point Boulevard and Prince Street.

Construction has begun on the 1.2 million-square-foot, mixed used Tangram project. It will be made up of four 15- or 16-story buildings with 300 luxury condo units, 80,000 square feet of office space and a hotel. Construction is expected to be completed in 2018.

The 34,000-square-foot movie theater will be located in a two-story retail portion of the project, with six to eight screens and seating for up to 800 people. There will also be a 24,000-square-foot food hall, themed restaurants, a culinary food hall, beer garden and a variety of entertainment options, according developers F&T Group and SCG America.

Geoffrey Bailey of SCG retail, one of the developers of the Tangram, said the new mixed use building will be a welcome addition to downtown Flushing.

"Flushing is ready for Tangram," he said. "The demographic shift in Flushing
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New PS 332 worries Bayside

City report on school's construction sparks complaints on traffic, home values

BY MARK HALLUM

A representative from the School Construction Authority vexed residents at Monday's Community Board 11 meeting when he announced progress has been made on the construction of PS 332 in Bayside. The new school raised concerns over decreased property values and aggravating already congested traffic conditions.

About 50 people attended the meeting.

Construction on the controversial school, which will have 468 seats in a four-story building containing 20,000 square feet, began in the summer of 2015. The SCA has projected the school at 210-07 48th Ave. on the former Keil Bros. property will be completed by next September. It is supposed to relieve overcrowding at PS 31, 41, 159, 162 and 203, which are operating at more than 100 percent of capacity.

What started as spirited display of progress by SCA Director of External Affairs Michael Mirasola became an acrimonious meeting in the MS 158 auditorium at 46-35 Oceania St. when the residents began voicing grievances. One resident complained about the building cast houses in per-
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JINGLE BELL BOULEVARD



Santa arrives in Bayside on the back of a vintage pick-up truck, the last marcher in the village's newest old tradition, the Christmas Parade down Bell Boulevard. The afternoon ends with a tree lighting at the train station on 40th Avenue. **More photos on Page 24.**

Photo by Michael Shain



Council member Daniel Dromm at an anti-hate rally in Jackson Heights.
Photo by Mark Hallum

Bias incidents up across borough

From anti-LGBT graffiti in Astoria to swastikas in a Maspeth, bias incidents have risen in western Queens and across the city since Election Day. But when Astoria resident Soha Salama became the third woman targeted in anti-Muslim attacks in a week, Mayor Bill de Blasio pointed

the finger at President-elect Donald Trump's campaign rhetoric and threats to deport Muslims.

"You can't have a candidate for president single out groups of Americans negatively and not have some ramifications," de Blasio said, adding that while Trump

disavowed white supremacist groups, he should do more. "A few times recently the president-elect has spoken out against it and he needs to keep doing that," de Blasio said. "The temperature has to be brought down."

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Rescue for Big Rock

Advocates kick off program to revive Udalls wetland

BY MARK HALLUM

The Big Rock Wetland in the northern section of Udalls Cove is a stretch of reeds and grass at the mouth of Little Neck Bay where pollution has led to environmental change.

A restoration effort kicked off Saturday to bring back shellfish and spartina grass negatively affected by landfills and water run-off from the city. State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) with Catherine Bealin of the Douglas Manor Environmental Association and Udalls Cove Preservation Committee President Walter Mugdan led the event at Alley Pond Environmental Center, where hundreds of students from surrounding schools were exposed to the scientific process of data gathering.

Natural wetland in the region would consist of spartina grass and shellfish enjoying the shallow, muddy water and filter pollutants. According to Bealin, the shellfish no longer live in the cove and the grass has given way to phragmites, an invasive species of reed known to flourish in polluted waters and a symptom of poor water quality and decreased salinity from freshwater run-off from roadways.

"The project itself would first look at how to address the issue of why the phragmites is there to begin with instead of the spartina," Bealin said. "The project itself will be looking at why there was replacement [of spartina with phragmites] and how we can mitigate it and get the spartina back, but it would also be looking at re-landscaping the land to rehabilitate it."

Mussels and oysters serve as an anchor for spartina, but are no longer at the site.

The current conditions at Big Rock are the result of mid-



Walter Mugdan, president of the Udalls Cove Preservation Committee, gives students from PS 98 and MS 67 a tour of Udalls Cove from the Douglaston side, the first event of a major preservation project.

Photo by Michael Shain

century landfills, which damaged the previously balanced environment of the six-acre site now containing about two acres of degraded tidal wetland.

About 350 students combined from PS 98 and MS 67 were the highlight of Saturday's kick-off, Bealin said, explaining how the event presents a unique opportunity for them to learn about the methods scientists use to collect data to monitor and improve environmental conditions.

Science, technology, engineering and math education is expected to continue at the site as restoration progresses.

"As vice chair of the New York State Senate's Environmental Conservation Committee, I am proud to see the schools in my district take a step towards stimulating youth participation in the planning, development, use, and maintenance of local parks and

wetland areas," Avella said. "Creating a curriculum to get children engaged in the environment is important for our community. I applaud DMEA's efforts and hope they are replicated in schools across the city to foster a love of the environment in our children."

Save the Sound, an organization which uses data to rate the water quality of inlets along the shore, has consistently given the Big Rock an "F" on its annual Long Island Sound Report Card.

"The community in general has never been proactive about caring for the shoreline," Bealin said. "So this is our first attempt at proactively shoring it up for storms and making the water cleaner, and looking at this idea of bringing back native species."

According to the environmental association, Avella has pledged to seek funding for the restoration.

Whitestone Taxpayers discuss harbor noise

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Traffic and noise from booze cruises in the harbor were the main topic of conversation at the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association meeting last week.

City Councilman Paul Val-lone (D-Bayside), state Assemblyman Edward Braunstein (D-Bayside) and Richard Gippetti from the Department of Transportation's Queens-borough commissioner office attended the meeting and answered residents' questions and concerns.

Gippetti said there have been a lot of calls to the DOT about speeding.

"One of the bigger issues in Whitestone is speeding," Gippetti said. "We get a lot of requests for stop signs to curb speeding. I bring this up because stop signs are not meant to curb speeding—stop signs are to assign the right of way of vehicles."

One resident asked if speed limit signs could be posted on Clintonville Street, where she said school buses from Vallo Transportation drive by at full speeds, not following the speed limit and endangering pedestrians.

"The speed limit is 25 mph

unless otherwise posted," Gippetti said. "You can always request speed limit signs from the DOT, but I think you might get a response to the tune of 'the speed is 25 mph unless otherwise posted'. We would look into speed humps, but Clintonville is a bus route so we can't put speed humps."

One man was critical of the newly installed street lights. He said the new LED lights are fine, but they need a diffuser so that the light spreads and is brighter.

"It acts like a spotlight not a floodlight," he said. "A diffuser makes it spread like a floodlight, especially in the Whitestone community, where there are several trees in the neighborhood. You can be 20-feet away from the light and be pitch black. Last week I popped the hood of my wife's car and I had to get a flashlight, I was only 10 feet away from the light and it was totally useless. Mechanically, it should sit a few inches lower and with a diffuser."

Gippetti said the point of switching to LED lights was to make it more efficient, but he agreed it can get dark.

"You can request a lighting adequacy survey," he told the member. "I would make

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Assemblyman Edward Braunstein speaks to Whitestone residents

Photo by Gina Martinez

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Celebrities entertain kids at Bayside hospital

Nick Cannon, Gavin DeGraw connect with patients at St. Mary's for holiday concert

BY MARK HALLUM

Entertainer Nick Cannon and Grammy-nominated musician Gavin DeGraw toured the St. Mary's Hospital for Children facility in Bayside Wednesday in a lead up to their annual benefit concert in Manhattan.

Cannon, who serves on the board of directors, hosted a brief performance in the lobby of the hospital at 29-01 216th St. by artists Confidence and The Craig Lewis Band from "America's Got Talent" and later handed out gifts to the patients.

"I get to come here every couple of months, I wish I could come more. But to see the smiles on everyone's faces, from the children to the amazing staff, to the amazing families that support these amazing children ... it truly is special," Cannon said. "No matter what is going on in the world, I can come in here and actually see a smile on these kids' faces. It



Nick Cannon, Gavin DeGraw host an event at St. Mary's Hospital for Children prior to their annual benefit in Manhattan.

Photo by Michael Shain

puts everything in the proper perspective."

According to Victoria Falcone, a spokeswoman for St. Mary's, Cannon is familiar with the patients to the point of knowing many of them by name, but the frequency of his visits does not diminish the children's enthusiasm for spending time with the celebrity.

"Our kids don't really get to leave here and this is their home, so being able to bring something special like this, where Nick will come and see them in their home ... It's so special because they don't get this often," Falcone said, "He knows these kids by name. It's so special because these kids, they have rough lives, so being able to bring this much joy and happiness really helps"

Wednesday morning's event was followed by a benefit concert by Cannon and DeGraw at Mercedes-Benz Manhattan.

"St. Mary's is the largest

provider of long-term care for children with complex medical conditions in New York. This concert is a great way to celebrate our achievements while pushing ourselves to continue providing the very best care," said Dr. Edwin Simper, the CEO. "Quality health care is expensive. Through our generous donors our patients have one less [thing] to worry about. They can focus on what is important — their children."

The benefit concert will raise money for St. Mary's so that the not-for-profit health-care organization can continue providing intensive rehabilitation, specialized care and education to children with life-limiting conditions.

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Pols push for chokehold measure

Eric Garner's mother joins Lancman at City Hall rally to show support for passage of bill

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Two years after a Staten Island grand jury cleared officer Daniel Pantaleo of any wrongdoing in the chokehold death of Eric Garner, The National Action Network held a rally for justice on the steps of City Hall last week.

City Councilmen Rory Lancman (D-Hillside), Jumaane Williams (D-Brooklyn) and Robert Cornegy (D-Brooklyn) introduced legislation that would criminalize the use of chokeholds by police. So far the bill has 28 co-sponsors and the rally was an attempt to garner more support for the measure, which Mayor Bill de Blasio has already vowed to veto.

Garner died in July 2014 in Staten Island after being placed in a chokehold as he was being arrested for selling loose cigarettes in front of a grocery store. Pantaleo put Garner in a chokehold for 15 seconds after Garner told police he was tired of being targeted and resisted arrest. Garner, a heavyset man, re-



Councilman Rory Lancman introduced legislation that would criminalize the use of chokeholds by police.
Photo courtesy of Rory Lancman

peated 'I can't breathe' as Pantaleo and three other officers restrained him on the ground. He died waiting for an ambulance. The entire incident was caught on tape and made national headlines. Protesters

questioned the excessive force used on Garner who did not appear to pose a physical threat to any of the officers. The use of the chokehold was criticized by lawmakers and the fight to outlaw it continues.

The NYPD Patrol Guide forbids the use of the chokehold, but there is still no law against it. De Blasio has supported officers using the chokehold when the situation called for it.

Garner's mother, Gwen

Carr, attended the rally and called for the choke hold legislation to be passed into law.

"We need the chokehold ban to be legislation, not policy," she said last Friday. "It can't help my son now, but it may help your son. It's been two years tomorrow that there was no indictment, no justice, no accountability. So now we need to change. We're here today to speak about the chokehold bill. And we don't need policy, we have policy. We need to pass legislation."

Lancman, Chairman of the Courts & Legal Services Committee, said chokeholds are being used too frequently by police with little repercussions.

"Eric Garner's family deserves justice and instead of receiving it, our city has added loopholes to make it easier for officers to justify using chokeholds," he said. "The number of chokehold complaints received and substantiated by the Civilian Complaint Review Board is troubling proof that officers are using this banned move and facing little to no re-

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City shifts policy on IDNYC after documents lawsuit filed

BY BILL PARRY

A New York state court blocked the city from destroying personal records of 900,000 IDNYC cardholders after two Republican lawmakers from Staten Island filed a lawsuit Monday. City officials had been considering destroying copies of passports, birth certificates, educational records and other documents submitted by applicants for the municipal identification cards if President-elect Donald Trump moves forward with plans to deport illegal immigrants.

"The court has temporarily barred the city from doing away with records associated with the IDNYC program," City Hall spokeswoman Rosemary Boeglin said. "The mayor is absolutely committed to protecting the security of our



A pair of Staten Island lawmakers sue the de Blasio administration to prevent him from purging the records of the IDNYC program.

data. As we continue to review all of our options, we are confident that we can keep the IDNYC data private."

The city will no longer require such personal information from those who apply for

IDNYC. A state judge will decide whether to extend the stay after both sides file additional court papers by Dec. 21.

The intrigue began Monday when Republican Assembly members Nicole Malliotakis and Ron Castorina filed the lawsuit in Staten Island Supreme Court citing state public-records laws.

When IDNYC was introduced in 2015, the New York Civil Liberties Union warned the city to retain as little information as possible. It is believed nearly half of the cardholders are undocumented immigrants.

"If you look at the original legislation, which is the law of this city, it was quite clear we were not going to be -- we were not going to allow ourselves to be in a situation where those

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MTA talks fare hikes at Jamaica hearing

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

New Yorkers at or below the poverty line would be unduly burdened by proposed subway and bus fare hikes, according to members of the public who spoke at an MTA hearing at York College in Jamaica Monday evening.

Elected officials and community members alike rallied against the lack of commuter options in southeast Queens, questioning where they could find a return on their investment into the public transit system.

"The service we receive is unacceptable," South Jamaica resident Michelle Hall said. "You start saying, 'do I buy this food for my family or do I pay for the Metrocard so I can get to the job and I can pay for my maintenance and my rent?'"

Many MTA board members were on hand for the event, including Chairman Thomas Prendergast and Vice Chairman Fernando Ferrer. The MTA is considering two options for increases to fares and tolls over the next two years, which the agency said would be the lowest projected increase since 2009.

The first plan would maintain the base fare at \$2.75, with a 5 percent round-trip bonus. With Plan B, the base fare would increase to \$3 with a 16 percent round-trip bonus. Monthly Metrocards would reflect a fare increase in both plans. The increases will be voted on in January and could be enacted in March.

City Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans) criticized the state of public

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Astoria mom targeted in anti-Muslim attack

BY BILL PARRY

The NYPD's Hate Crimes Task Force is investigating a possible bias incident that left an Astoria woman bruised, sore and frightened. The 45-year-old mother of four was called a "terrorist," shoved down a staircase and injured during an apparent anti-Muslim attack at Grand Central Station early Monday morning, according to the NYPD.

Soha Salama, an MTA station agent originally from Egypt, was riding a Manhattan-bound No. 7 subway train when she was first accosted by a 5-foot-10 Hispanic man around 6:20 a.m.

"A person approached her, called her a terrorist and said she should not be working in the city," an NYPD spokesman said. A sketch of the suspect was released by the NYPD Tuesday. He is described as 25 to 35 years old, 5-foot-9 to 6-foot, 150 to 180 lbs., and was last seen wearing a dark colored jacket, and a black knitted winter hat.

Salama was on her way to work wearing an MTA uniform and a traditional Muslim headdress, known as a hijab. As she left the subway in Grand Central, the suspect followed her and pushed her down the flight of stairs, injuring her ankle and her knee but not breaking any bones, police said.

"I wasn't able to say anything. I was running for my life," Salama told report-

ers. "I was afraid he was going to throw me down on the tracks or do more bad to me than he already did. I think this hate was raised after the election. During the Obama administration this hate wasn't there. It's because of the hate speeches we hear on the media. In the 20 years I live here, I didn't experience something like that. As soon as the election and Mr. Trump spreads this hate speech around it's different now. He leads the people in the wrong direction."

Mayor Bill de Blasio agreed, placing the blame for the surge in hate crimes on the president-elect. Chief Robert Boyce cited statistics that showed a 115 percent increase in hate crimes in New York City since Election Day to 43 cases compared to 20 in November 2015.

"Do I blame Donald Trump for using hate speech during his campaign? Absolutely -- he did. It is a fact," de Blasio said. "He said horrible things about Muslims, horrible things about Mexican Americans. I don't need to recount what happened for a year and a half in this country. We can't airbrush that out of our history. It was not acceptable. We now need to work with him and he has a chance to make it better by amending his comments and being a force of reconciliation. I think he has to do more of that."

Following Monday's attack on Salama, Gov. Andrew Cuomo asked the MTA to work with the NYPD to investigate the incident as a hate crime.

"This is the great state of New York, we welcome people of all cultures, customs, and creeds with open arms. We do not allow intolerance or fear to divide us because we know diversity is our strength and we are at our best when we stand united," Cuomo said. "The work of the Hate Crimes Task Force has never been more urgent and we will continue to crack down on this type of criminal behavior. I wish a speedy recovery for the victim, and I want to let her know we are seeking justice for her and for all New Yorkers."

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Police released this sketch of a man wanted for questioning in the attack on a hijab-wearing MTA worker from Queens at Grand Central Terminal. NYPD

March against hate

Protesters gather in Jax Heights to stand against discrimination

BY MARK HALLUM

Organizations and immigrant groups came together for a march through Queens to declare a hate-free zone last week.

Beginning at Diversity Plaza in Jackson Heights and ending in Corona, nearly 1,000 people were involved in the demonstration against the policies proposed by President-elect Donald Trump as well as his controversial cabinet picks.

Muslim, Jewish, LGBTQ, Latino, South Asian, Asian, and black organizations were present at the opening news conference led by Ana Iza Caballes, deputy director for Desis Rising Up and Moving, a group dedicated to helping low-wage immigrants through social and policy change. City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) delivered remarks expressing solidarity with the protesters.

"I feel that we here, the people who came to this rally tonight, have something to show the rest of America, which is that we can all live together in peace and harmony," Dromm said last Friday. "We all will stand united in this battle. And I must say, that as the Council member in this district, I will do everything in my power to



Immigrant and ethnic groups in Queens rallied in Jackson Heights to protest proposed policies by the Trump administration. Photo by Mark Hallum

resist the Islamophobic, the homophobic, the misogynistic policies and agenda of the Trump administration."

Trump has expressed his desire to exclude Muslims and Hispanic people through heavy immigration vetting, while his Mike Pence signed into effect the Religious Freedom Act designed to allow business owners to bar LGBTQ people on religious grounds while governor of Indiana. During the campaign, audio surfaced of Trump admitting to using his celebrity status to take grope

women with women without consent. Dromm added that he and other members of the City Council were meeting to discuss ways to mobilize against policies which President-elect Trump may be looking to enact.

Jewish Voice for Peace, an organization which opposes bigotry in all forms, is campaigning against Steve Bannon being tapped as chief White House strategist for the Trump administration for his Islamophobic views and
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More bias incidents in Astoria

BY BILL PARRY

After two instances of anti-LGBT graffiti were discovered in Astoria last weekend, one elected official took immediate action and then announced plans to continue to organize his community to respond to the rise of hate crimes, bigotry and bullying in western Queens since Election Day.

City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) received news of another troubling bias incident in western Queens Sunday. Someone had scrawled "kill fags & dykes" on a poster for World Pride in Madrid, Spain, at a bus stop on Steinway Street near 31st Avenue in Astoria.

Van Bramer alerted the authorities and gathered some



Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer scrubs away anti-LGBT graffiti found on Steinway Street before hundreds of kids who walk by could see the message. Courtesy of Council member Van Bramer

window cleaner and a sponge and removing the offending graffiti himself.

"Hate crimes are on the rise. It's on all of us to step up

and say loud and clear that these are not our values and this is not normal," Van Bramer said. "When a constituent notified me of the hateful and homophobic graffiti on this bus shelter, I reported it immediately, but couldn't stand to see it up a second longer—so I cleaned it up myself. I know that in Queens we value and celebrate our differences, and when we come together, love will always trump hate."

Later Sunday, state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) was made aware of the same message defacing a second bus stop in Astoria, near 30th Avenue and 36th Street. He alerted authorities who removed it immediately.

"I will not allow hostility
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Kew Gardens gets its own film festival



The Kew Gardens Cinema will host the first Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema from Aug. 4-13, 2017.

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BY STEVE BARNES

A new film festival is making its debut in Queens next year, but aspiring borough filmmakers already have a chance to get in on the act.

The Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema will run from Aug. 4-13 at the Kew Gardens Cinema at 81-05 Lefferts Blvd. The festival's organizers say that while it will be the first-ever film festival to be held in Kew Gardens, the scope of its films will cover the international as well as the local.

"We aspire to draw not only artists and filmmakers from around New York City, but from all over the world," said Jayson Simba, the festival's founder and director and a Glendale native. "We are giving the residents of Kew Gardens and its surrounding neighborhoods the opportunity to experience Hollywood in their own backyard."

Having appeared as the backdrop for such films as "Goodfellas" and "Spider Man" as well as a range of TV shows that includes "The Good Wife" and "Blue Bloods," Kew Gardens is also known for such home-grown talent as Ray Romano and Rodney Dangerfield. The festival is hoping to add a few new names to that list by the time the festival is over.

Simba emphasizes the spirit of independence that he sees as a central focus of the festival.

"We want to see the work of filmmakers and their teams who have poured their blood, sweat and tears into making their vision come to life," he said. "Our goal is to remind people why film festivals exist in the first place—to give otherwise unknown filmmakers the opportunity to screen their film in front of large audiences

and have their work seen."

The festival is aiming to show more than 100 short- and feature-length films in such genres as documentary, horror, comedy, animation and experimental. Each film will be judged by a jury of industry professionals.

In addition to screening films, the festival organizers say there will be filmmaker Q&A's after each screening as well as industry panels featuring some top names in independent cinema discussing strategies for making it in the film business. Industry figures who have expressed interest in participating are Lloyd Kaufman, founder of TROMA films; Larry Fesenden, actor/writer/director/producer with Glass Eye Pix; and Joe Minion, writer of "Vampire's Kiss" and "After Hours."

Winners in every category will receive their awards at a gala on the festival's last night. The event is set to be held in the rooftop penthouse of Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Submissions for the festival are already being accepted. The final submission deadline is April 23, but to get a break on entry fees filmmakers should submit their works by Jan. 8. Entries can be submitted for the following categories: narrative short (40 min or under), documentary short (40 min or under), documentary feature, narrative feature, animation, experimental foreign feature and student film.

For more information on how to submit a film to the Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema, or just to find out about its programming, visit <http://www.kewgardensfestivalofcinema.com/> or check out their video at <http://bit.ly/2gIVG65>.



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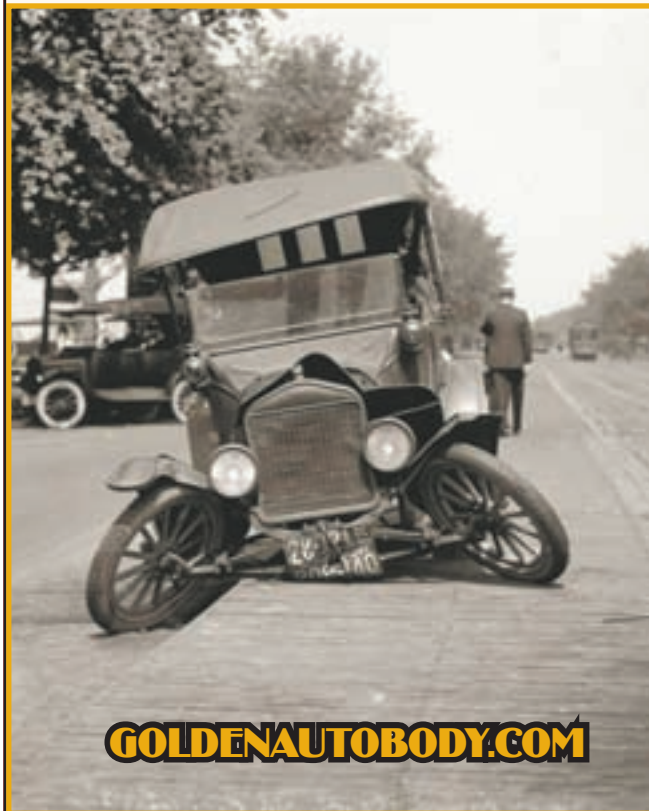
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Medical marijuana program expanding



Vireo Health of New York operates the borough's only dispensary of cannabis-based medications now available to patients suffering from chronic pain. Photo by Bill Parry

BY BILL PARRY

Thousands of New Yorkers who suffer from chronic pain will be able to seek relief with medical marijuana after the state Health Department agreed to loosen strict eligibility rule. The DOH will develop a proposed regulatory amendment, which will include language specifying the chronic pain conditions that will qualify for medical marijuana.

"After conducting a thorough review of the scientific literature, it became clear that there may be certain benefits in the use of medical marijuana by patients suffering from chronic pain," Health Commissioner Dr. Howard A. Zucker said. "Medical marijuana is already helping thousands of patients across New York State, and adding chronic pain as a qualifying condition will help more patients and further strengthen the program."

At Vireo Health New York, the company that operates the Queens Patient Center in Elmhurst, the only dispensary of cannabis-based medication products, executives were pleased the program will be expanded.

"The announcement is welcome news for New Yorkers suffering from chronic pain," Vireo Health of New York CEO Ari Hoffnung said. "Patients struggling with pain deserve more treatment options and it is our hope that medical marijuana will help address one of the biggest public health challenges facing our State -- the opioid crisis."

Cannabis-based medications are seen as a better choice for relieving chronic pain than opioid drugs which are dangerous, addictive and have serious side effects. The current qualifying conditions are cancer, HIV infection or AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, neuropathies, and Huntington's disease.

The pharmaceutical grade cannabis-based products distributed at the Queens Patient Center, located at 89-55 Queens Blvd., comes in pills, vaporized oils and sprays dispensed by licensed pharmacists.

"We applaud the Department of Health's decision and are ready to serve patients with chronic pain," Vireo Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Stephen Dahmer said. "We will continue to advocate for measures that improve patient access to dependable and safe medical cannabis and improve the quality of life for New Yorkers suffering from life-threatening and debilitating diseases."

Vireo Health of New York was awarded one of five licenses in the state to manufacture and provide the cannabis-based products under the state's Compassionate Care Act that was signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2014. Distribution of the medication is conducted according to a very strict protocol under the auspices of the state Board of Health.

Jamaica legal clinic celebrates one year

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

The Legal Hand Project's Jamaica clinic, which marks one year in the neighborhood this month, moved into a new space more conducive to the services the group offers in October.

Jennie G. Kim, the project's staff attorney, stressed that all were welcome.

"Everyone is a walk-in," she said. "We are a great first place to come to."

Legal Hand operates in Queens and Brooklyn and is run by the Center for Court Innovation via a collaboration with the Legal Aid Society, Legal Services NYC and New York Legal Assistance Group. The clinics occupy storefronts in New York neighborhoods, offering referrals and assistance as needed on a range of issues. Kim said housing was a primary concern in Jamaica, estimating that about 60 percent of walk-ins had questions about their rights as tenants and homeowners.

KimsaidsoutheastQueens residents often faced eviction issues. Some landlords, Kim said, illegally refused to accept Section 8 vouchers or other government issued-subsidies, while other landlords would refuse to make necessary fixes to tenants' apartments in the hopes that they would leave.

"In rent-stabilized places we see this on a regular basis. Though in New York, we have more means to deal with landlords, it's still a very slow process," she said, noting that the elderly were particularly endangered by unscrupulous practices by landlords. "They deliberately target these folks and look to

not do repairs to force them out."

The clinic shared space with Community Mediation Services at 89-64 163rd St. after opening on Dec. 18 last year, but acquired a spacious store at 149-13 Jamaica Ave. and opened there in October. The new space is a block from Rufus King Park and a few steps from Queens County Family Court. Jose Torres, the volunteer coordinator for the site, said about 10 volunteers worked at the center, with a range of expertise to assist people who walk in.

"We want the community to assist the community," he said. "If you teach one, you'll teach multiple people, and the community becomes their own empowering source."

Kim and Torres said they are continuing to do outreach in the surrounding area, from handing out fliers to coordinating with community boards and the Jamaica Community Partnership. Kim said she also spoke to local mosques about potential issues of discrimination. Torres said the clinic was hoping to prepare "city sanctuary maps" for individuals to help them learn where they can obtain social services and plans to begin hosting regular "Know Your Rights" seminars in January.

Kim said they were also intending to hold information sessions on next year's Inauguration Day to inform people of their rights, particularly when it comes to the status of undocumented New Yorkers.

"We are one of the sanctuary cities, so one thing we need to be talking about is how do we protect our people.

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Maspeth ends rallies

Protesters change strategy hitting the road instead



The Maspeth shelter protesters rally outside Department of Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks' house for a fourth time.

Photo by Bill Parry

BY BILL PARRY

After protesting the city's plan to convert the Holiday Inn Express into a homeless shelter every weeknight since mid-August, the Maspeth-Middle Village Task Force announced a change in strategy Sunday.

The group will no longer hold rallies in front of the 55th Road location. Instead they will continue to take road trips to protest at hotel owner Harshad Patel's home and those of his business partners as well as other communities that are part of its growing coalition of anti-shelter civic associations.

"We realized that we were keeping paying customers away from the hotel, which in turn freed up more rooms for DHS to rent," Juniper Park Civic Association President Bob Holden said. "By bringing the protests to the doorsteps of Harshad Patel and his cronies, we will let them know that we are not backing down until they end their relationship with the city and the Acacia Network at the Maspeth Holiday Inn Express."

Patel's New Ram Realty is facing a lawsuit by property owner KCM Realty after Patel rented 30 rooms to the Department of Homeless Services to house 30 single men beginning Oct. 10. DHS is now renting 39 rooms to house 78 homeless individuals.

On Saturday, Holden and the task force rented a bus and traveled to Windsor Terrace in Brooklyn for their fourth visit to the home of Department of

Social Services Commissioner Steven Banks, who oversees DHS. They were joined by representatives of other neighborhoods in the coalition, including Elmhurst, South Jamaica, Ozone Park and Richmond Hill.

"As of this morning, the NYC Department of Social Services reported a total of 60,579 people living in the shelter system. This figure is much higher than the day Commissioner Banks took over the office a year ago," Holden said. "Just like in the '80s, hotel shelters, such as Maspeth's Holiday Inn Express, do not work -- they're expensive, they are not designed to function as shelters, and they have neither the adequate security to protect nor the social services to help the residents."

Protester after protester demanded Banks come up with real solutions to alleviating the homeless problem, including construction of affordable housing on unused city land, or else resign.

Holden dismissed Banks' latest program known as Home For the Holidays, in which the city would pay family and friends of homeless families to house them.

"I think it's strange offering money to take in families," Holden said. "It's another sign of him doing damage control with programs to reduce the number of people in the system. Look, Banks is not a bad man, he's just not a good manager."

Another issue raised during the rally was the calibre of

people in the system. Two men from Park Slope in Brooklyn told a cautionary tale of the city converting hotels into shelters in their neighborhood.

Delvis Valdes recalled that in the first 30 years he lived in the neighborhood there were only two hotels. In the last five years a dozen more have opened with another currently under construction.

"You tell me that's for tourists? Last I checked Sunset Park, although it's a wonderful neighborhood, is not at the top of the list of tourist attractions in New York City," Valdes said. "We don't have a need for all these hotels in Sunset Park unless it's for the mayor to come in and contract out those rooms. This nonsense has got to stop."

Richard Villar said more of these hotels would be converted into shelters presenting a danger to the community.

"There was a child molester living at the 49th Street Sleep and (provider) Samarian Village said no way -- they lied," he said. The city refused to admit it had placed convicted child molester Daunte Gonzales in the facility near three public schools, but officials with the state's Division of Criminal Justice Services, which tracks predators for the state's sex-offender registry, confirmed he was living there in early November and since moved to Manhattan.

State Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) discovered a Level 2 sex offender living in the Corona Holiday Inn

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Jose Torres, Legal Hand's volunteer coordinator (l) and staff attorney Jennie Kim say the legal clinic is for all New Yorkers.

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Two suspects sought in Flushing grand larceny



This man and woman are wanted in connection with a larceny in the Briarwood E/F subway station.
Courtesy NYPD

gFLUSHING—Police were searching for two suspects in a Flushing grand larceny.

According to police, on Nov. 16 at 12:09 a.m. at Sparkling Supermarket at 133-63 41st Road the two suspects stood behind a 56-year-old victim as she shopped. They then unzipped her pocketbook and took an iPhone valued at \$900, according to police.

Police described the first suspect as an adult male with a light complexion

and dark hair. He was last seen wearing a dark colored baseball cap, multi-colored scarf and a black jacket.

The second suspect is described as an adult Hispanic female with brown hair. She was last seen wearing black pants, a dark-colored scarf and a dark colored full length jacket.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477)

Armed robbers hit Elmhurst cellphone store

ELMHURST - Police were looking for a pair of armed robbers who held up an Elmhurst cellphone store Saturday. Two men entered the T-Mobile store located at 86-16 Queens Boulevard around 5:30 p.m. and displayed a black handgun and ordered everyone to move to the rear of the store, according to the NYPD.

The suspects removed \$600 and fled the store. One of the employees gave chase, but one of the suspects fired a shot towards him.

No one was injured and the suspects got away, police said.

Investigators described the first suspect as a black man, 5-foot-10 with a dark complexion and a Caesar-style haircut. He was last seen wearing a black baseball cap, a black face mask, a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and tan gloves. The second suspect is described as a black man, 6-foot-2 and 250 pounds with a dark complexion and dreadlocks. He was last seen wearing a brown coat, a blue hooded sweatshirt, black pants, tan shoes and a tan shirt over his face.



This surveillance photo shows a man wanted in connection with a robbery in the 110th Precinct.
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QUEENS FIGHTS HATE

This is supposed to be the season of peace and goodwill, but a series of hate crimes have marred the holiday spirit in Queens, which prides itself on being the World's Borough.

A Muslim woman who works as an MTA station agent was pushed down the stairs Monday as she left the No. 7 train in Grand Central by an attacker who called her a terrorist. The Astoria resident was wearing a hijab.

Over the weekend someone scrawled homophobic messages on a poster for World Pride in Madrid at an Astoria bus stop and defaced another stop nearby.

In Reiff Playground in Maspeth gold swastikas were sprayed on signs near the entrance to the park. Anti-Semitic, anti-Christian and anti-police graffiti also have appeared in the park.

Hate crimes have risen by 35 percent since Queens native Donald Trump won the presidential election after an inflammatory campaign in which he targeted Muslims, Hispanics and other immigrants as a potential threat to the United States.

Hundreds of Queens residents took to the streets last week to establish a hate-free zone in the heart of the borough. They were joined by demonstrators from Muslim, Jewish, LGBT, Asian and South Asian groups across the city who marched from Diversity Plaza to present a united front as Trump assembled his Cabinet.

Those who have known Trump, a longtime New York Democrat before he switched gears and parties, claim he is not a racist nor anti-immigrant. After all, he is the son of a Scottish immigrant and has married two women from Czechoslovakia.

But the rhetoric he tweeted and his speeches on the campaign trail painted a picture of a predominantly white America where the foreign-born were not welcome. Trump's controversial positions have unsealed some lips and spray can valves among supporters who apparently feel they now are free to express their hate—a disturbing development for this city.

Many, but not all, Queens lawmakers have spoken out against the spate of bias incidents. Every elected official should take a public stand and condemn these acts that have sowed fear in the borough.

We're waiting for Trump to denounce the hateful intolerance that has surfaced since the election as he did with the white nationalist group that resorted to Nazi salutes to celebrate his victory in Washington.

This is not America, it's not Trump and it's not Queens. He has the power of the presidential bully pulpit to deflate the spreading message from these reactionaries and take the first step toward reuniting the bitterly divided country.



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Extend the Air Train to LaGuardia

The situation at LaGuardia Airport could have been avoided had there been some thought and planning, but once again incompetence has shown up.

We only have to look at the Air Train that feeds the JFK terminals to Jamaica Station. Can you imagine if that had not been built, considering the endless construction on the Van Wyck? JFK would have to close as the airport would be totally inaccessible.

What we should have done at LaGuardia before we started modernizing it is build another Air Train line from Jamaica Station up the Grand Central to LaGuardia. There is no other way. Plus, if it made a stop at CitiField during the baseball season can you imagine the revenue generated? That would pay for it the first

season, as it would be accessible from Suffolk/Nassau County/New York City and would alleviate highway congestion.

A similar scenario is possible regarding the reactivation of the Rockaway-Rego Park LIRR line. It would help the people of the Rockaways—including Sandy victims—to get to Manhattan faster. It would also help the people of Rego Park, as it would eliminate much of the need for the R, M, E and F trains, as passengers could connect to the main LIRR line via a rebuilt Rego Park station that would feed straight to 34th Street-Penn Station.

It would lighten up the congestion on the overcrowded subways, bring in people to our shopping centers and relieve our congested roads. It would also be a much-

needed shot in the arm for our economy. I seriously think that our infrastructure has got at the most 10 years before it comes to a grinding halt. The roads today are so congested it's impossible to get around. On top of that the roads are never maintained or repaired until there is no option.

We want the Queens economy to work and we have to prioritize the important plans that are needed, and our transportation and infrastructure is the lifeblood of our country/city and it's not being addressed. To ignore it would start a degradation of business, manufacturing and service-related jobs in Queens. This could happen faster than you think.

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Rego Park

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Facing the Affordable Care Act's future

In the midst of the recent presidential election results, many of us are wondering what the future will look like, including the future of the Affordable Care Act. Donald Trump has promised to repeal the Affordable Care Act even though over 20 million Americans have gained access to quality, affordable health care coverage since the ACA's enactment in 2010.

You may be wondering how this will affect you and your coverage. While the threats to the ACA are very real, the likelihood that it will be fully repealed immediately is slim. You still have the opportunity to enroll in the New York State of Health Marketplace for coverage in 2017. Open enrollment began Nov. 1, meaning that you can now enroll, re-enroll or change your insurance plan until Jan. 31.

At Planned Parenthood of New York City we are com-

mitted to helping New Yorkers enroll in insurance and get the access to the care they need. Health insurance protects you and your family, which means you can get the care you need, when you need it, without huge medical bills. If you don't have health insurance through a job, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program or another source, the New York State of Health Marketplace offers a range of health insurance plans and financial help so you can secure the plan that is right for you.

But with so many different plans offered, it can be confusing to know what you qualify for. You don't have to figure it out alone – PPNYC can help you learn about the ACA and your insurance options. At any of PPNYC's health centers, our financial counselors can help explain your health insurance options, what each plan covers, and the protections

that guarantee you access to quality care from trusted providers, including PPNYC. We can also help you determine if you qualify for affordable coverage through Medicaid or for financial help to buy a plan through the Marketplace. And even if you already have insurance through the Marketplace, we strongly recommend you check the Market Place again. Health insurance plans and costs change every year and there might be a better plan for you for 2017.

At PPNYC, we believe that everyone should have access to quality, affordable health care. Not only has the ACA helped get millions of people covered, it has also led to better health care for all people by expanding coverage for preventive services. Because of the ACA, all insured people, including those with private health insurance, can get preventive care (including birth

control, and breast and cervical cancer screenings) without a co-pay. Millions of New Yorkers have benefitted from the ACA's enactment, and we will fight to keep it intact.

And our fight doesn't just end there. Nearly 1 million New Yorkers are still uninsured, including many individuals from our city's immigrant community, because of cost or ineligibility due to immigration status. At PPNYC, we stand with the immigrant community, and provide free or low-cost services to everyone, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay. All of our services are confidential and we provide care to everyone who walks through our doors at any of our five centers.

We do not know yet what will happen to affordable health care in the upcoming years. But what is certain is that we will keep fighting,

no matter what, and that our doors will stay open as a resource for all New Yorkers. We offer and will continue to offer the full range of sexual and reproductive health services to all New Yorkers, including birth control, STD testing, and preventive care like cancer screenings. Whether you have insurance or not, we will continue to be a resource for you.

We invite you to our health centers to learn more about the ACA and how you can use it to get the best health insurance coverage for you and your family. To make an appointment for our reproductive and sexual health services or for help enrolling in insurance, call us at 1-800-230-PLAN or visit www.PPNYC.org.

*Joan Malin
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How one Brooklyn neighborhood welcomed the homeless

In late 2015, the residents of the Brooklyn neighborhood Kensington received news that a homeless shelter would be going up in their neighborhood. People were concerned. A Facebook group formed. Residents expressed their fears.

One Kensington resident, Catherine Barufaldi, expressed a simple sentiment: "How they are welcomed will speak volumes about each of us and our community as a whole."

Kensington took this call

to action seriously. The community's local Girl Scout troop designed welcome cards for the shelter's first residents. Others donated gift cards to local supermarkets and businesses, along with cookies, toys, games, and diapers. As a result of their efforts, they have been recognized as a compassionate community by the Coalition for the Homeless.

Maspeth and Kensington are demographically similar places. Maspeth, in fact, has a higher average income than

Kensington. The two communities' crime rates are identical. There is no clear reason these communities should react in such wildly divergent ways to the same issue. But Kensington threw its time and energy into supporting the homeless. Maspeth has spent its time and energy on constant protests to show them just how unwelcome and unwanted they are.

Ostensibly, the shelter protests are about solutions, not shelters. Shelters, to be sure,

are not ideal. Homelessness and poverty are complex issues, and it is well within any resident's right to disagree with the mayor's approach to these issues. But this rallying cry would be much easier to take seriously if there was any indication that any of these protesters were working for real solutions. Instead, it is transparently clear that the groups' primary concern with the Holiday Inn shelter is not its lack of kitchens or subway service, but its proximity to

their own backyard.

Thirty-five homeless people froze to death on the streets of New York last year. These people probably would have benefitted from affordable housing initiatives. They would have benefitted from facilities with kitchens. But, first and foremost, they needed shelter. In winter, lack of shelter kills.

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We find out the theories behind food fads



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Okay, I did it. I actually gave my head a pitying shake when a friend told me she had just discovered a fantastic restaurant in Jackson Heights that sells the giant Indian crepes called dosas.

"It's so great!" she said. "It's called —"

"Dosa Delight," I interrupted, as condescending as if she'd just discovered a great fast food restaurant called McDonald's.

But food pride goeth before a food fall. Just a day later I found myself speaking with Katie Sutton, of the food trend-watching company (yes, there are such things) Food and Drink Resources. I'd read some of its predictions—egg pizza from Georgia (the coun-

try), Japanese cuisine by way of Peru, and even fried Brussels sprouts—in an industry newsletter called Restaurant Hospitality. Could these eats truly be coming our way?

Turns out they're already here—and I'm one of the last to know.

But possibly, so are you.

For instance, Katie said, both coasts are now obsessed by Poke, and it isn't a virtual reality game on your phone. It's a Hawaiian dish consisting of cubes of raw fish marinated in sauce and served in a bowl, sometimes with rice.

There are already several poke (poh-kay) shops in our city, some so popular that long lines form at lunchtime. Having once been absolutely positive that sushi was going to prove a flash in the pan (or, more accurately, a flash in the plate since it's raw), I feel reluctant to predict a quick demise for this new fad. But really how many Hawaiian creations have made it to the big time and stayed there? Besides Obama, I mean.

For now, though, poke is

so ubiquitous that New York eateries are already cross-pollinating it with other popular foods, leading to items like the poke burrito. Meantime, the "phorrito" is another rising star. That's a burrito filled with Vietnamese pho, a soup of braised meat, herbs, and noodles. All of which leads me to my Food Theory No. 1: Wrap a burrito around anything that's already delicious and it will be a hit.

Theory No. 2 is: The glopier the better, which is why we're talking about eating a wrap filled with soup. But you can also see this trend with egg sandwiches. Katie pointed to a West Coast restaurant called Eggslut, famous for the runniest eggs around.

Another big trend she's seeing is fruit soups.

"It's like taking a smoothie and dumping it into a bowl and putting chunks of fruit into it," she said.

So here's my Food Theory No. 3: Anything chunked and put into a bowl is going to be a hit.

One important ingredi-

ent finding its way into these soups is dragon fruit, which I've seen at Asian fruit stands for years but have always been too intimidated to try. They're pink and green and look straight out of Dr. Seuss. But to catch up with the trends, I finally got two in Flushing, sliced them open and: Total shock! One was white inside with poppyseed-like seeds, but the other was ruby red, same seeds. So gorgeous!

And so incredibly bland! Yecch. They tasted like giant kiwis, minus the flavor. And the fact that they cost about \$5 apiece just makes me wonder how popular this fruit can ever be. But I'm the gal who bet against sushi, so let's move on.

Another counter-intuitive trend is dark food on dark plates. After what feels like a century of ever lighter cuisine, Katie says the trend has gone 180. Charring, once known as "overdone," "burnt" or "ruined" in my family, is now one of the two hippest methods for preparing vegetables. (The other is deep frying.) Katie says she has started charring

her salad greens on the grill, which I could understand if they got kind of pleasantly caramelized. But I tried charred broccoli recently and simply cannot understand why my own, equally unhip method of broccoli prep—steaming till it is bendable, soft and slightly gray—lost out. Douse really soft broccoli in melted butter and I say yum.

Of course, I say that when you douse almost anything in melted butter. (I'm convinced that's why lobster made it big: The shameless butter-dipping made it chic.)

And speaking of dipping, the last food trend we've got time for today is deconstructed ramen called tsukemen. The noodles are separate from the broth. You dip them in and slurp them down.

Slurping, glopping, chunking and wrapping are clearly the order of the day, so here's Food Theory No. 4: Any obscure cuisine that we haven't discovered yet will burst onto the scene in 2018.

And in 2019, it will be wrapped in a burrito.

Making sure young immigrants are protected



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New Voices

Fearing the end of the DACA program, activists and universities scrambled to assure young people that they would not risk deportation under the Trump administration. DACA, which stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, is a program that protects undocumented individuals who were brought into this country as children and had no say in violating immigration law. DACA let these children work towards legalizing their status as well as go to school or join the military.

Donald Trump, as a candidate, made conflicting statements about immigration

while campaigning, leaving the future of DACA ambiguous. His rhetoric on immigration, ranging from the fanciful "border wall" to a call to end birthright citizenship, has activists convinced that the program's days are numbered. Trump and his surrogates have also threatened to use federal funding as a bargaining tool against "sanctuary cities," such as New York, that decline to cooperate with immigration enforcement.

Even with DACA, protections for childhood arrivals are limited. Adam Crasper, a man born in South Korea who was adopted at the age of 3, was deported in November after 37 years of living in the United States. Though 41 and with a family, his adoptive parents neglected to file for U.S. citizenship. Abused as a child and placed in foster care, Crasper committed a few misdemeanors in his youth, including breaking into his former fos-

ter parent's house to retrieve belongings from his childhood in Korea. The Obama administration, which has deported more undocumented persons than any other administration, stresses that it has prioritized those with criminal records for deportation. However, little protection exists for people like Crasper, who now returns to a country he doesn't remember, not knowing the language and leaving his family without their father.

On Dec. 2, community groups rallied at Diversity Plaza, in Jackson Heights to protest growing hostility against ethnic and religious minorities. One youth, who gave her name as Poonam, spoke at the rally and said she was a beneficiary of DACA.

"The current political climate has increased the uncertainty and fear in all of our communities," she said.

Community organizations anticipate the possibility that

DACA recipients will lose their ability to work and protection from deportation. In a press release, the MinKwon Center, a Flushing-based community center for the Korean-American community, announced expanded access to legal services, including assistance with renewals for those with statuses expiring within six months. The organization said it planned to coordinate with other organizations against "federal government hostile to immigrants in a way not seen in generations."

Area universities also moved to assure international students and students who might be undocumented that they were protected. In a statement, Andrew Hamilton, president of New York University, reiterated the university's commitment to diversity and inclusiveness. He cited New York as a sanctuary city and pledged to treat undocumented students as equals "in

regard to housing, privacy and other matters."

Regardless of federal funding, the university will continue to provide funding to undocumented students. Columbia University also pledged to protect students that lose DACA status or are otherwise affected by policy in Washington.

Even if President-elect Trump discovers a pragmatic streak and scales back deportations, for hundreds of thousands of people the loss of DACA is the loss of the right to work. This exacerbates the divide between traditional employment and cash-based employment. The cash-based economy exists without legal protections and is notorious for exploitation. The disaffected voters who put Trump in office will find that stripping people's right to work does not create jobs for themselves or their communities.

A unique publication leaves print behind



Tom Allon
Mayor of the City Cycle

Out of the depths of the 1987 stock market crash emerged a salmon-colored weekly newspaper, The New York Observer, that animated and chronicled New York's halls of power for almost three decades until its sad death last month.

It would probably be unfair to say that the Observer is the first media casualty of the Trump era, but you wouldn't be that far off—the print edition of The Observer, owned by President-elect Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, was shut down the same week as the stunning presidential victory.

I have marveled at the small but influential newspaper's arc for the last 30 years from a unique vantage point—first as an editorial compet-

itor, then as someone who The Observer tried to hire, then as a publishing competitor and also as someone who bid to buy it in 2006 when Kushner bested my company's offer by quite a few million dollars.

The Observer's death has not received nearly enough ink (or pixels) this past month. The weekly had outsize influence despite its limited circulation of 50,000: elected leaders, Wall Street titans, media moguls, East Side socialites and others who were part of the Manhattan elite cared deeply about its contents each week.

An all-star team of media talent graced its staff box over the years: Graydon Carter (Vanity Fair), Susan Morrison (The New Yorker) and the late great tweedy editor Peter Kaplan steered The Observer through the thicket of BS and self-importance that litters the streets of Manhattan.

The gossip weekly also boasted an impressive stream of columnists including: Candace Bushnell (Sex and the City), Jack Newfield, Joe Conason, Terry Golway, Mi-

chael Thomas, Jim Ledbetter, and Michael Tomasky. These smart and punchy pundits made the weekly a must-read for more than two decades and each of them eventually moved on to make their mark in larger media ponds.

I recall my first visit to the Observer's cramped offices in an East 60s brownstone in 1990. The founding editors, John Sicher and Ken Paul, two of the most serious and ethical journalists I've met, wanted to see if I'd like to join the staff as a weekly media columnist, a dream job that to this day I lament turning down. A few years later, when I had crossed over to the business side of publishing, founding owner Arthur Carter offered me the publisher role and once again, I demurred because I thought that this media gem could perish any day.

Arthur Carter was a fascinating New York personality who is the last of a dying breed: a multimillionaire who was willing to finance great journalism at his own expense. The Observer was ru-

mored to be losing at least \$2 million a year and yet, Carter kept on feeding his journalism machine so that it could produce some of the best stories by some of the best journalists in the hyper-competitive media capital of the world.

Someone once said to me that The Observer was "Arthur Carter's gift to New York," and that sounds right because he lost more than \$40 million during a 20-year period in his quest to ensure that his weekly was a key player in the New York media landscape.

But even mega millionaires have their limit: in 2006, Arthur Carter sought a buyer for The Observer and after I tried to pry this media gem loose for about \$1 million, another, much more deep-pocketed buyer emerged: 25-year-old Jared Kushner, from a New Jersey family that had recently suffered some legal problems. It was a perfect fit: a money-losing media property in search of a savior and a wealthy real estate family seeking to make a splash in Manhattan.

The last decade of The

Observer coincided with the most turbulent period ever for media. The print publication repeatedly morphed into different formats (broadsheet to tabloid, pink to white) and its website became a more national platform for real estate, politics, technology, and society coverage. Until last month, the print publication hung on for dear life as dailies around the country bled red ink and shrank their newsrooms.

On Nov. 11, three days after the owner's father-in-law became the leader of the free world, came the inevitable news: The New York Observer would become digital-only.

As the publisher of a weekly magazine about New York politics (and a columnist for a chain of weeklies in the boroughs), I am still a big fan of print journalism. There's nothing like curling up with a newspaper or magazine and reading your favorite writers.

Unfortunately, the once great New York Observer will no longer land in my mailbox every Thursday.

NYO (1987–2016), RIP.

Fresh Meadows voices its concern over new hotels



Bob Harris
The Civic Scene

The civic associations in Fresh Meadows have been concerned about the use of three hotels, which are being built in the neighborhood. Noting what is going on in other neighborhoods of Queens, the Fresh Meadows residents have been fearful that the hotels might be turned into homeless shelters. At a meeting arranged by state Sen. Tony Avella, however, the owners of the two Marriott Hotels being built along the north side of the Long Island Expressway at 183rd Street emphatically stated that their hotels are being built as regular hotels.

Avella convened the meet-

ing of representatives from the West Cunningham Park Civic Association, Civic Association of Utopia Estates, Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association, Fresh Meadows Tenants Association, and the East West United Realty in his office. The owners of the two Marriott Hotels explained that they will not rent out to the homeless because they have learned that hotels which take in homeless residents have had vandalism with rooms destroyed. They then can't get regular hotel guests to rent rooms and when they take in more homeless, they have more vandalism.

One of the hotels will be a Courtyard by Marriott and the other will be a Fairfield Inn. The owners have carefully thought out their plans. They plan to obtain customers from family members who have students in local colleges, family members of people in local hospitals, people passing

through and from tour groups who will find it cheaper to rent out rooms in Queens rather than in hotels in New Jersey. It will be a quick ride from Fresh Meadows to Manhattan along the Long Island Expressway. They will also be close to sporting events in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

The hotels will have meeting rooms, which can hold about 50 people and can be used for business meetings. They have no plans to have party events. There will be parking for 150 cars depending on how many buses there will be. The owners and the manager said they plan to open in March and will soon be reaching out to the community.

The civic association leaders came away from their meeting much relieved, but there is still concern about the hotel being built on 186th Street off of 64th Avenue. The owner of that hotel has never met with the local civic leaders and we

don't know what his plans are. Avella is trying to arrange a meeting, but so far there have been no results.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK: Federal prosecutors have brought charges against scores of people in India and the United States for operating call centers, which defrauded Americans with phony tax schemes. The crooks would call people and pretend to be from the IRS or customs officials or police officers and claim the victim owed money. The victim would be conned into buying a prepaid debit card, which the crook would then cash and send back to India. The con artists have bilked Americans out of about \$300 million. People should realize that the U.S. government would never ask people to buy a debit card to pay a supposed tax bill. The crooks sometimes obtain personnel information about a victim to convince them that they are real offi-

cials. People should be very careful.

BAD NEWS OF THE WEEK: Airlines are reducing seat space and charging fees for someone to get more space or even bring a carry-on bag on a plane. To squeeze more money from people the airlines seem to be charging for everything these days. Economy class seats have shrunk an average width from 18 inches to 16.5 inches. And the space between rows of seats has dropped from 35 inches to 31 inches. If the person in front of someone in economy class pushes their seat back, the person in the rear is trapped in a box-like position. My wife and I had a bad experience flying economy class recently. We wonder if people squeezed into these small spaces are not in danger of thromboses because they can't stretch out or move around a lot.

Making the arts accessible to everyone

BY STEVE BARNES

With its diverse, vibrant communities and the energy they generate, Queens is turning into a destination for the arts. But there are some roadblocks in the path to the full flowering of its cultural scene. Such problems as the high rents faced by artists and cultural venues, a lack of diversity in the workforce employed by cultural organizations, and limited access to cultural opportunities for low-income people and immigrants still affect the borough, as they do the city as a whole.

Tom Finkelpearl, commissioner of the city Department of Cultural Affairs, outlined some possible solutions to those problems during a panel discussion that took place last week at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism in Manhattan. Finkelpearl's roots in Queens run deep. He served as the director of the Queens Museum from 2002 to 2014, and has also worked at MoMA PS1.

Addressing an audience that had been brought together

by CUNY's Center for Community and Ethnic Media, he detailed several initiatives that have been set in place to both help artists and cultural organizations carry out their work and make the arts more affordable and accessible to city residents.

Those initiatives include the Cultural Development Fund, which enables qualifying cultural organizations to apply for grants from DCLA; Materials for the Arts, which provides art materials free of charge to a wide range of city arts, cultural and educational organizations; and the local arts councils that furnish support at a grassroots level in each city borough. (For information on the Queens Council on the Arts, go to www.queenscouncilarts.org.)

The concerns the borough has about the state of artists and the arts were addressed on the panel by Javier Castaño, the director of Queens Latino, a minority-owned media company. Castaño brought up two main issues: the lack of appropriate places at which com-



Department of Cultural Affairs
Commissioner Tom Finkelpearl
Courtesy NYC DCLA

munity groups can stage cultural events in Queens and the prohibitive cost of admission to city cultural institutions. For example, at the New York Hall of Science, with an admission price of \$15 for adults and \$12 for children between the ages of 2 and 17, a family of four would have to spend over \$50 to attend.

While Finkelpearl acknowledged that affordability problem, he noted that most

city cultural institutions had set aside hours during which admission is free. At the New York Hall of Science, those hours are run Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

In addition, he spoke about the success of the IDNYC program, under which recipients of the city ID card can obtain free memberships to such institutions as Flushing Town Hall, the Queens Museum, the Museum of the Moving Image and the Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning. Finkelpearl said the 900,000 IDNYC cards that have been issued so far have resulted in more than 400,000 free memberships to cultural organizations being activated.

He also brought up DCLA's increasing focus on diversity in all aspects of the city's cultural life—from the range of art presented to the people who are provided with gainful employment through cultural organizations. "There are so many ways to make a living in the arts," he said. DCLA has taken part in a study on

"cultural workforce participation," which has found that despite the city's diverse population, at least two-thirds of the workforce of its cultural institutions are white.

DCLA intends to use the results of that study to help broaden its outreach and contribute to the Cultural Plan for NYC's development. The organization is continuing its effort to solicit participation and feedback from the community, and is also encouraging Queens residents to take advantage of its resources.

For organizations that would like to take advantage of the Cultural Development Fund, for activities taking place between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, applications will soon be available. For a copy of the CDF guidelines and more information, go to www.nyc.gov/culture. If an organization wants to benefit from the Materials for the Arts program, they can go to www.nyc.gov/mfta. And for general information about CDLA and its activities, go to www.createNYC.org.



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New pedestrian plaza unveiled in Ridgewood



On November 22nd, NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst hosted a “Turkey Drive” for needy families in the community. The annual event, led by Chris Johnson, Facilities Management Plumber, Elmhurst Engineering and Maintenance staff, and the Department of Social Work. With their help, patients who are having a hard financially were provided with all the makings for a complete Thanksgiving meal, including donated turkeys, canned goods, and other food items.

This year 127 families were able to receive the donations, which were distributed in Elmhurst’s Auditorium by Elmhurst CEO Israel Rocha, State Senator Jose Peralta, and hospital staff. Seven additional turkeys with all the trimmings were also donated to P.S. 019, a local elementary school near the hospital.



Funds to support the drive were raised in part from a bake sale and raffle held at the hospital.



Judith Kottick lost her daughter, Ella, to a traffic accident on Myrtle and Wyckoff Ave.

Photo by Gina Martinez

BY GINA MARTINEZ

The city Department of Transportation unveiled a new pedestrian plaza at the intersection of Wyckoff Avenue, Myrtle Avenue and Palmetto Street in Ridgewood last Friday. The project is part of Vision Zero, an effort from the DOT to make streets safer for pedestrians. The intersection was the site of 38 serious traffic injuries and three deaths between 2010 and 2014.

At the unveiling were Queens DOT Commissioner Nicole Garcia, Brooklyn DOT Commissioner Keith Bray, families of the victims who died in traffic accidents at the intersection, members of Community Board 5 and Councilman Antonio Reynoso (D-Brooklyn).

“All of the people standing here today, by working together we helped transform this street and the intersection,” Garcia said. “Just going back to the summer you can think, ‘Wow, we came a really long way.’ It’s a joy to be standing here at this beautiful new plaza, which is the result of a much-needed Vision Zero project. As many of us know, this is a unique, six-legged intersection for residents and commuters for both boroughs.”

The safety improvements include widened crosswalks to match widened paint-based sidewalk extensions, re-configured signal timing that increases pedestrian crossing time and new road markings. According to Garcia, the changes do not stop there. She announced a capital project for the plaza that is slated to include such features as improved landscaping and trees as well as street lighting. She said that work on the project is expected to start in fall 2018.

“We have the busy Ridgewood bus

terminal, which serves six bus lines, the L and M subways and several schools nearby,” Garcia said. “It was clear that safety work needed to be done. After gathering community input and conducting various studies, DOT proposed a design that can be summed up like this—‘simpler is better, simpler means safer.’”

Judith Kottick attended the unveiling in honor of her daughter Ella, who died at the intersection.

“Ella was killed four years ago on a January evening on her way to work in a psychology lab at Columbia University,” she said. “It’s hard to describe how difficult it is for us to be here, to relive the memory of the nightmare we now live with every day, but it’s important for us to be here with all of you to give us a chance to admire the transformation of this intersection.”

She commended the DOT and Mayor de Blasio’s office for recognizing the importance of the project, Councilman Reynoso for his advocacy and Community Board 5 for approving the plaza.

“My husband, son and I appreciate that you included us in this team effort to redesign an intersection that was one of the deadliest in the city,” she said. “Unfortunately, it took three pedestrians to be killed here and thousands to be injured for this bold action to be taken. It has been our hope since we joined this effort in the months after Ella was killed that all of you and your family members would be spared the heartbreak of losing a loved one this way.”

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The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Queens, City and State of New York, and known as:

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on the Tax Map of the City ("Disposition Area").

The proposed project is part of the City's Build-It-Back Program for Sandy recovery. Under the Build-It-Back Program, new homes are constructed to replace homes that were damaged or destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. In most cases, the new homes are constructed on the same property where the damaged or destroyed homes were located. However, where the storm-damaged homes are in an area where there is a higher risk of hazardous flooding, the new homes are constructed elsewhere. The families who had lived in the storm-damaged homes then acquire and relocate to the newly constructed homes.

Under the proposed project, the City proposes to sell the Disposition Area to Project Rebuild, Inc., the designated sponsor, for the nominal price of one dollar per tax lot. The sponsor will then construct three one-family homes and one two-family home in the Disposition Area as replacement homes for four families whose current properties were damaged or destroyed by Sandy and are in a high risk area for flooding. When completed, the sponsor will convey the new homes to such families in exchange for their current storm-damaged property.

The City proposes to sell the Disposition Area to the sponsor at the nominal price of one dollar per tax lot pursuant to Section 507(2)(d) of the GML. The sponsor will then construct three one-family homes and one two-family home on the Disposition Area to provide five dwelling units.

The proposed Land Disposition Agreement and the Plan are available for public examination at the office of HPD, 100 Gold Street, Room 5-A4, New York, New York during its regular hours on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on December 21, 2016 at 1 Centre Street, Manhattan, Mezzanine at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached on the calendar, at which time and place those wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed sale of the Disposition Area pursuant to Section 507(2)(d) of the GML and Section 1802(6)(j) of the Charter.

Individuals requesting sign language interpreters should contact the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, Public Hearings Unit, 253 Broadway, Room 915, New York, New York 10007, (212) 788-7490, no later than seven (7) business days prior to the public hearing. TDD users should call Verizon relay services.

NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development

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Mom gifts daughter

BY PHILIP NEWMAN



A 31-year-old Woodhaven mother has been sentenced to jail for stealing money from her daughter's malpractice lawsuit settlement and spending it on a tummy tuck operation and a trip to Disneyland.

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Megan Mele had pleaded guilty in September to second-degree grand larceny.

Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Dorothy Chin-Brandt sentenced Mele to six months in jail to be followed by five years of probation.

Brown said that according to court charges, in January 2007 a settlement was reached in a medical malpractice lawsuit on behalf of Mele's daughter, who was born in 2004 with a brachial plexus to her right arm with almost no feeling.

The agreed settlement provided for the girl to receive payments beginning after her 18th birthday in 2022. Under the settlement an account containing \$50,000 was established at Cross County Savings Bank in March 2007.

Brown said the defendant was required to submit requests to the court before making any withdrawals from the bank account. Mele requested \$47,000 but a judge denied it.

On March 27, 2015 Mele submitted a forged court order for \$47,000 purport-

A Woodhaven mother is sentenced to six months in jail for stealing from her daughter's trust fund.

edly for the child to undergo surgery at a San Diego hospital. An investigation revealed that the child had no record of being a patient in San Diego.

Brown said the defendant used part of the money for a trip to Disneyland in California.

He said Mele also spent the money on Amazon.Com purchases and a lipo-suction tummy tuck and purchases in local stores.

"Instead of safeguarding her daughter's malpractice award - money set aside for the disabled youngster's future — the defendant admittedly dipped into the account to finance a Disneyland trip, cosmetic surgery, online shopping and other splurges," Brown said.

Banks

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Express in late October. DHS began renting rooms at that location in September and moved quickly to transfer the individual. Also in October, DHS began renting "a small number of rooms" at the LaGuardia Marriott in East Elmhurst, which means Peralta has to keep an eye on seven such facilities now sheltering the homeless in his district.

"Here we go again with DHS. Another hotel in the district housing homeless people, and as usual, DHS is allergic to transparency, and they did

not notify the community," Peralta said. "I understand we are in the midst of a crisis in the city as the homelessness population continues to rise, but acting unilaterally is wrong."

Banks assured Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and other elected officials in October that he would announce when homeless New Yorkers would be housed in hotels or similar facilities, Peralta recalled.

"I am wondering what happened to that project, as we didn't know anything about it," he said.

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Legal Hand

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We are seeing a lot of people with fear and we want to make sure we don't give out any misinformation," she said. "We are here to help people regardless of their immigration status."

Torres noted the Jamaica clinic was the only Legal Hand site in Queens,

and he wanted to make sure more affected residents of the borough were aware of their services.

"The issues affecting this area are not only here," he said, speaking about Jamaica. "It's a microcosm of the borough and New York City."

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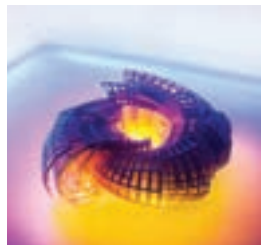
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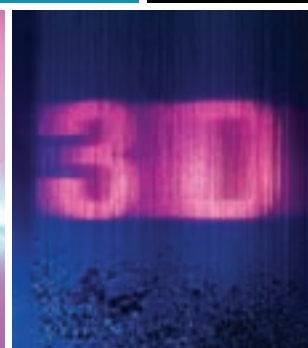


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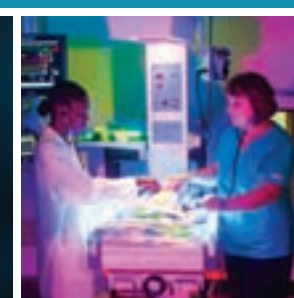
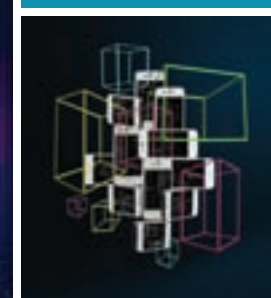
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Maspeth cop honored 45 years after death



In Maspeth, the corner of 62nd Street and 53rd Drive is renamed for Det. Joseph Picciano, killed in the line of duty in 1971, with (l-r) son Joseph Jr., Council member Elizabeth Crowley, widow Theresa Picciano and Det. Michael Palladino, head of the Detectives Endowment Association.

Photo by Michael Shain

BY GINA MARTINEZ

A Maspeth NYPD detective who died in the line of duty 45 years ago was honored Saturday with a street renaming. The Maspeth block where he lived with his wife and children, 62nd Street and 53rd Drive, will now be co-named "Detective Joseph A. Picciano Way."

"It takes a special person to protect and serve as a member of our NYPD," City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) said. "You must be brave, you must be committed and you must be selfless – all qualities very apparent in Detective Picciano."

Picciano's widow, Theresa, and their three children attended the renaming, along with dozens of family members and officers. His wife told reporters what the co-naming meant to her.

"It's a very important day for my children that their father was honored in this way and it's a beautiful thing," she said. "The Police Department I know because I know a lot of the widows and they are always with us."

Picciano died on Feb. 15, 1971 while working at the 41st Precinct in the Bronx. He was fingerprinting a man accused of abducting a 13-year-old

boy. Picciano and the suspect got into a scuffle when his revolver fell to the floor, the suspect grabbed the gun and shot Picciano twice, killing him. He was the first officer to die in the line of duty in the 41st Precinct.

Detective Picciano's cousin, Ann Cozanni, reached out to Crowley's office a year ago with the request to honor her late cousin with a street co-naming. In just a few months Crowley's office was able to get the renaming approved.

"This street co-naming will keep Detective Picciano's legacy thriving," Crowley said.

Robert Boyce, NYPD chief of detectives, spoke to reporters and said the department never forgets the sacrifices of its officers, no matter how much time has passed.

"1971 seems like a long time ago," Boyce said. "The city was a different place because of the sacrifice of police officers than what we have now, the safest city in America. So we're enormously proud of that and we can never forget who helped us get there. Joe Picciano did."

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Bayside parade rings in holiday season

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The NYPD Honor Guard Band tunes up before the start of the annual Bayside Christmas Parade on Bell Boulevard.

That's Rep. Grace Meng (l) being introduced to beauty queen National American Miss by Council member Paul Vallone on the parade route.



No. 1 rule of school Christmas shows? Never get in the way of the moms recording the kids.

The chorus from PS 41 takes the stage in front of the LIRR station in Bayside.



Can you spot yourself in the giant selfie everyone posed for at the end of the Bayside Christmas Parade on 40th Avenue? Not fair if you are Mr. Met.

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Elves are welcome, too!

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Hours before the Christmas tree lighting, kids romped in the blocked-off area between 51st and 43rd streets..

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Santathon is an annual holiday rite for fans of the local pub scene, who don Santa suits and pony up \$10 (for Toys for Tots) for the chance to hit nine bars—including Bar 43, just off Queens Boulevard—in a single night.

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Santa talks with children at the first annual Skillman Avenue Holiday Festival, six blocks of Christmas cheer in the heart of Woodside.

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Cooks from Turkiyem Market grill kebab in front of the store on Skillman Avenue for hungry festival-goers.

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The holiday shopping rush hits full swing in the weeks before Christmas Day, but there are many ways shoppers can get their shopping done and avoid the crowds at the same time.

How to avoid the holiday shopping rush

Holiday shopping can be both fun and hectic. It's fun to scour stores looking for can't-miss gifts for your loved ones, but shopping amongst the crowds also can prove hectic.

The opportunity to see and feel potential gifts in person compels many people to do the majority of their holiday shopping in-store, and there are ways for such shoppers to avoid the holiday shopping rush as they begin their quests for the perfect gifts:

Shop during off-peak hours

Weekends and weeknight evenings tend to be the busiest times to go holiday shopping. Professionals who have weekends off may put off their shopping during the week, choosing to do so on Saturday and Sunday afternoons when they have extra time to browse and comparison shop. Shopping off-peak hours, such as during weekday mornings or even early mornings on weekends, is a great way to avoid crowds. Parents of

young children might want to take a morning or even a full day off of work to get their holiday shopping done so they can avoid shopping with their kids in tow.

Make a list

Knowing what you want to buy online can decrease the amount of time you spend wandering around malls and stores. The longer you linger without an idea of what to buy, the greater the chance you will be joined

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Eggnog is a beloved tradition

The holiday season is rife with tradition, from Christmas trees to lighting displays to visits with Santa Claus at the local mall. Families reunite come the holiday season to exchange gifts, enjoy meals together, and do a little catching up along the way.



But the holiday season also is synonymous with parties. Whether it's to enjoy an office holiday party, a gathering with family and friends, or a more intimate gathering at home, such celebrations are a big part of the holiday season and a main reason why this is such a festive and beloved time of year.

As this is a season of celebrating, it's good to remember that no holiday party is truly complete until eggnog has been served. Enjoyed almost exclusively during the holiday season, eggnog is as much a staple of holiday celebrations as stockings hung by the chimney with care. This year, impress your holiday guests with the following recipe for "excellent eggnog" from A.J. Rathbun's "Good Spirits" (Harvard Common Press).

Excellent eggnog

Serves 8

INGREDIENTS:

8 large eggs, preferably organic
2 1/4 cups superfine sugar
8 ounces brandy
8 ounces rum
4 ounces bourbon
1 quart milk
Freshly grated nutmeg for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

1. Separate the egg yolks from the egg whites, setting the whites aside for a moment.

2. In a large mixing bowl, beat the yolks with a hand mixer until completely combined. Add the sugar and beat until it reaches a creamy consistency.

3. Add the brandy, rum, and bourbon, and then the milk, beating well.

4. In a medium-size mixing bowl, beat the egg whites with a hand mixer until soft peaks form (be sure before beating the whites that you have cleaned and thoroughly dried the beaters).

5. Fold the egg whites into the yolk-sugar-alcohol mixture. Refrigerate the mix until well chilled (at least 3 hours).

6. Stir to recombine as needed. Serve the eggnog in mugs, topping each serving with some nutmeg.

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Select educational gifts for children



Developmental toys and educational games for kids make for popular gifts.

When shopping for holiday gifts for children, shoppers can easily be overwhelmed by the many toys, electronics, apparel, and other items available for kids. Those who may not be up-to-date on the latest trends may even find shopping for kids a bit like solving a difficult puzzle.

Some shoppers may want to get kids the flashiest toy, but others may prefer gifts that are both fun and mentally stimulating. Developmental toys and educational games for kids make for popular gifts. Shoppers looking for fun, educational toys and games for the kids on their shopping lists have a host of items to choose from:

Building blocks

Blocks that enable children to design and construct are popular among youngsters of various ages. Blocks come in many different forms, from early education wooden blocks that fill nursery floors to the more intricate, interlocking building sets that are coveted

by older children.

STEM toys

Some of the latest trends in children's toys veer away from regular video games and apps and cater to the rising interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. Early introduction to these fields can result in skills that can pay dividends later in life, considering students who have an emphasis on STEM knowledge are highly coveted among employers.

Toys may include robot-building kits, toys that help young learners test the boundaries of physics, apps that help kids learn computer programming, and even scientific experiment kits that illustrate cause and effect.

Sensory toys

Young children can benefit from toys that stimulate the senses. Items to consider include water toys, sands (including the newer kinetic varieties), playdoughs, musical instruments, and bubbles. Even food-related toys, such as those that encourage baking

or cooking, will appeal to various senses and can help kids learn valuable skills.

Imaginative play toys

Imaginative play is an effective way to stimulate creative thinking and may help children become better learners. The Creativity Institute, specializing in toys for creative play, says playing is important to children and the way they practice growing up.

According to an article by Dr. Scott Kaufman that appeared in *Psychology Today*, "Systematic research has increasingly demonstrated a series of clear benefits of children's engagement in pretend games from the ages of about 2 and a half through ages 6 or 7."

Dress-up toys, puppets, dolls, action figures, and toys that mimic real-life activities are all examples of products that promote imaginative play.

Not only will educational toys encourage children to play and have fun, but they'll serve as building blocks to a lifetime of learning as well.

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Frugal gift wrapping ideas

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Children's artwork: Over the course of a school year parents can accumulate dozens of original pieces of art from their children's time in the classroom. Instead of relegating those pictures to a memory box or temporary glory on the refrigerator, turn them into unique gift wrap. Pair these pieces of art with colored ribbon, and everyone who gets a unique masterpiece will feel special.

Newspaper: Recycle newsprint and comics into wrapping paper. Encourage everyone to wrap in newspaper for a cohesive look come Christmas morning.

Cloth: Leftover cloth from Halloween or cloth purchased to create homemade curtains can be turned into giftwrap for awkward-shaped gifts. Use decorative ribbon to seal the

bundle shut.

Brown paper: Brown paper tied with twine or ribbon is inexpensive and can easily be recycled after use. Use a marker to put the names of gift recipients on each package to save on gift tags as well.

Glass jars: Use mason jars when wrapping smaller gifts, including gift cards, to give them an arts-and-crafts feel.

Fabric gift bags: If you're handy with a needle and thread, sew sacks out of leftover fabric to make gift bags of various sizes.

Cookie tins: Find unique cookie tins from yard sales or leftover tins from holidays past and use them as gift boxes.

Recipes: If you will be giving a cookbook or food-themed gifts, print recipes that can be used as gift wrap and then later used to make certain dishes.

Baby linens: From blankets to wash cloths, use baby linens to wrap infant-themed gifts for new parents.

Baskets: Wicker baskets are available in various shapes and sizes. They can be used to make a gift collection and then reused over and over again.

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Smart ways to finance holiday purchases

Consumerism reaches a fevered pitch during the last quarter of the year, when the holidays fuel increased spending on everything from dining and entertainment to gadgets to toys. It can be easy to get swept along during the season of spending and fail to pay attention to budgets when the urge to splurge on loved ones sets in. However, failure to take inventory of where money is going can leave individuals facing some unwanted financial repercussions come the new year.

Spending beyond their means is something many holiday shoppers fall victim to. Perhaps they didn't accurately budget for the year, or surprise purchases crop up, pulling resources away from holiday allowances. That's when credit cards can become so attractive, and potentially dangerous.

Buying with credit cards makes overspending easy. Consumers who want to avoid holiday debt can take a proactive approach and explore

some other financing options this holiday season:

Layaway

Various retailers have reinstituted layaway policies to make it easier for shoppers to buy holiday gifts. With layaway, instead of paying for an item all at once and leaving with it the same day, shoppers pay a percentage of the cost of the item. In the meantime, it is held in layaway. Once an item has been paid for in full, the merchandise is free to leave the store. Spacing out payments can help shoppers avoid overspending, and many stores do not charge interest fees on layaway purchases.

Holiday clubs

Financial institutions may offer savings clubs that can help people save for holiday spending over several months. The "club" is simply a special short-term savings account set up to encourage holiday saving. Many such accounts can be opened with a nominal deposit. At the end of the



Using layaway, holiday club accounts and credit card perks, shoppers can take some of the bite out of end-of-year spending.

term, the money can be withdrawn and used for holiday purchases. Shoppers likely won't miss the small amount

of money being set aside each paycheck, but are surprised to see just how quickly savings can add up.

While some banks still offer Christmas club accounts, which reached the height of their popularity in the 1970s, today they are most commonly offered by credit unions. According to the Credit Union National Association, nearly 72 percent of credit unions run Christmas clubs, and consumer interest in these clubs is holding steady.

Credit card perks

Smarter credit card usage during the year can be handy come the holidays. Choose cards that will yield cash back or other perks, such as discounts at certain retailers. Also, be sure to pay the balances off in full when the bills arrive, so as not to rack up high interest charges throughout the year. Use the cash-back rewards you accumulate during the year as a holiday spending allowance.

Holiday shoppers can implement a few saving and spending strategies to avoid going into debt this holiday season.



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Safety first when stringing holiday lights

Holiday decorations help make a special time of year even more memorable. Whether you're hanging mistletoe above a doorway or decking the halls, safety must be a priority when decorating a home for the holidays.

Accidents can happen no matter what type of holiday decorating you're doing, but stringing holiday lights around your home may be especially dangerous. This season, keep the following safety tips in mind when stringing lights so this season of celebration starts off safe and sound:

Work with a partner

Partnering up when stringing holiday lights allows decorators to use both of their hands to climb up ladders instead of using one of their hands to carry lights. Once they reach a point where it's safe to hang lights, they can then have a helper hand them the lights. If possible, work in groups of three so someone can hold the ladder steady at all times.

Inspect lights

Lights are not built to last

forever, and over time holiday lights can suffer damage that has the potential to be dangerous. Wires can fray, and sockets can crack or break. Inspect lights and wires before hanging them, replacing any that pose a hazard. When replacing bulbs, be sure to replace them with bulbs of equal wattage.

Use an extension cord of adequate length

Exterior holiday lights are often plugged into extension cords that extend to a shed or garage. Do not connect several extension cords to power holiday lights; instead, use just a single cord that's lengthy enough to reach the outlet. Connecting extension cords is a fire hazard. In addition, make sure the amperage of the decorations matches the amperage rating of the extension cord, which can be found on the product label or possibly on the manufacturer's website.

Make sure lights do not pose hazard inside

Lights might be hung on



Safety should reign supreme when stringing holiday lights outside in or inside your home.

Christmas trees or along hallways. Such lights and the cords connecting them to power sources should never pose safety hazards, so make sure they are not lying on the floor. Staple lights to the wall and never place them beneath furniture or rugs. Lights can overheat when placed beneath rugs, and lights that are not

properly secured to a wall can pose certain dangers, including being potential tripping hazards.

Hang the correct lights

When stringing lights, make sure you hang lights designated as exterior lights on the exterior of your home

and those designated as interior lights inside your home. Hanging lights in the wrong places poses a fire hazard and creates additional safety concerns, so adhere to manufacturer instructions when stringing lights.

Safety should reign supreme when stringing holiday lights around the house.

Holidays can potentially be hazardous to your pets

The holiday season is full of joy. But in the midst of decorating and socializing, pet owners may overlook the needs of their pets. Hectic schedules and homes full of unusual décor can throw pets off-kilter.

No pet owner wants his pet to feel uncomfortable or suffer any injuries, so it's important that owners exercise caution with the following items come the holiday season:

Bones

Small bones or bone chips from turkey can become lodged in the digestive tracts of pets and cause serious injury. If you want to provide your pet with a holiday treat, choose a safer, store-bought bone.

Chocolate

An abundance of treats seems to be par for the course during the holiday season. Dogs should avoid all chocolate, but dark chocolate poses

a particularly serious threat. Chocolate can cause agitation, elevated heart rate, diarrhea, vomiting, seizures, and even death.

In addition, candy or cookies sweetened with the artificial sweetener xylitol can cause a dangerous drop in blood pressure for dogs.

Pine needles and trees

When ingested, pine needles can puncture the intestines of pets. In search of an easy drink, dogs and cats may be drawn to the fresh water reservoir of live trees, increasing the likelihood that they knock over a Christmas tree, injuring themselves and causing damage around the house.

Trees should be properly secured, and fallen needles should be promptly discarded.

Tinsel

Skip the tinsel if you have

a cat. Felines are likely to mistake tinsel for a toy. Eating tinsel can cause severe damage to a cat's intestinal tract, as it may get caught in the stomach while the rest of it continues to pass through the intestines.

Tinsel also may wrap around the tongue, increasing the cat's risk of choking. Ornaments also are tempting playthings. Cats may pounce on glass ornaments, breaking them and suffering injury.

Electrical cords

The American Animal Hospital Association says holiday lights mean more electrical cords for kittens and puppies to chew. Secure all cords and keep them out of reach of pets.

Candles

The subtle flicker of a lit candle can add ambiance to a space. But all it takes is the swish of a tail or the pat of a paw to knock over a candle and spark a fire. Never leave



Ensure that these festivities are as safe for pets as they are enjoyable.

lit candles unattended.

If you have boisterous pets, opt for LED-simulated candles instead.

Alcohol

Spirits are sometimes a part of celebrations, but alcoholic beverages should be kept

out of reach of pets. Alcohol suppresses the immune system, and it can result in significant health issues for pets who consume it.

The holiday season is a time for celebration. Ensure that these festivities are as safe for pets as they are enjoyable.

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Make a child's first holiday special

A baby's life is filled with milestones. First smiles, first steps, and first words are just a few of the moments parents will treasure.

A baby's first holiday season is another special time to cherish. Shoppers seeking gifts to make a baby's first holiday special have many clever, cute, and functional items to choose from. Several of these gifts can become keepsakes to be tucked into memory boxes for growing kids to look at later in life:

Christmas pajamas

What better way to await for the arrival of Christmas than in a pair of snuggly pajamas? Send pajamas ahead of Christmas Day so that new parents will have plenty of adorable photo opportunities as their baby boy or girl tears open the gifts.

Stores stock several different fun and festive prints, or look into pajamas that can be

personalized.

Photo print package

Photography packages can involve the entire expanding family and will catalog special moments in time.

Purchase studio or on-location time with a private photographer, or use one of the popular photography chains found in malls and department stores.

Personalized framed print

Commemorate the first holiday season with your child by getting a print made with his or her name and age.

Leave a space on the print so that the child's parents can customize it even further with their son or daughter's footprints. Include a matted frame and child-safe ink or paint to complete the gift.

Keepsake ornament

Some families embrace

the tradition of adding a new ornament to their Christmas trees each year. Purchase an ornament for the new baby with the year so he or she can join in the tradition.

Crochet or knit blanket

Crafty individuals can make a blanket that the newest addition to the family can enjoy during the chilly days of winter.

These blankets often become treasured keepsakes that may be passed down throughout the family or kept tucked away for kids so they can give them to their own children once they start their own families.

Rocking horse

Babies don't wait long before they start to run around and climb. A classic rocking horse makes for a fun baby gift, and rocking horses come in many different styles.

If you are the family car-



Thoughtful gifts can make this first holiday season one of joy for new children in the family.

penter, you can even purchase some unfinished wood from a craft store and then make this into a homemade gift your favorite little guy or gal will al-

ways cherish.

Gift-givers can make a baby's first holiday season one filled with joy and whimsy with creative gift ideas.



Discover the ways to make a visit with Santa a pleasant experience.

Tips for parents visiting a store Santa Claus

Christmastime is filled with many different traditions. Many people decorate their homes with Christmas trees, and songs are sung with family members who come from near and far to share gifts and companionship.

Families with young children often make visiting Santa Claus a part of their annual traditions. During the holiday season, Santa can be found taking up residence in department stores and malls across the country. Thousands of children and their parents will wait in line to get some face time with jolly old St. Nick.

The following are a handful of ways to make kids' visits with Santa even more pleasant:

Do a test run

If your child has not taken a photo with Santa before, he may be frightened and the

result will be a poor photograph. The beard and the red coat coupled with the fact that kids are sitting on a stranger's lap can be terrifying for youngsters.

Acclimate your child to the experience by visiting the mall to see Santa and become familiar with what he looks like and how he acts.

It may take a couple of visits before your child is ready to wait in line for the real visit.

Go off-peak

Visit Santa when the store just opens or when lines are not as long, such as during school hours or dinner time. This should cut down on the wait and create a less tense experience.

Confirm visiting hours so you don't arrive only to find he's out to lunch or feeding his reindeer. Do not schedule anything after the Santa visit, so you don't feel rushed.

Dress comfortably

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing so neither you nor the kids will be uncomfortable. The goal is to look nice for the photo, but not at the expense of the children's comfort level.

And while you should be comfortable as well, be sure to look presentable, in the event you have to hop into the photo if that's the only way your son or daughter will tolerate the experience.

Pack some supplies

Bring snacks and drinks for the kids so hunger does not make them antsy. Bring along a change of clothes in case someone spills food or spits up before your turn.

Above all, try to have a good time and don't expect perfection. Sometimes the best Santa-visit moments are the ones that are unrehearsed.

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Christmas cookies made simple

Baking cookies is a holiday tradition for many families. Come the holiday season, many homes are filled with the inviting scents of vanilla, cinnamon, and melting chocolate.

Baking cookies can be a social occasion in which family members and friends gather to create recipes passed down through generations. Or, baking can be a solitary venture in which cookies are prepared and packaged as holiday gifts. Either way, people who bake during the holiday season understand that making Christmas cookies can be a time-consuming, yet rewarding, process.

This year, holiday bakers can embrace a number of time-saving tips and tricks to reduce the amount of time they spend in the kitchen and possibly even improve on existing recipes:

Use a cookie mix

Who says you have to toil and make cookies from scratch? It's the thought that counts, and any number of cre-



Holiday bakers can embrace a number of time-saving tips and tricks to reduce the amount of time they spend in the kitchen.

ative recipes can begin by utilizing a premade baking mix.

These mixes already have most of the dry cookie ingredients sifted together, including flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, and sugar. All you have to do is add the wet ingredients and any extra em-

bellishments to make the mix your own.

Prepare ahead

Many cookie dough recipes can be made and stored for later use. In fact, refrigerating a log of cookie dough can make it easier to cut or handle later

on. Spread out the bulk of your baking over two days and you might feel less taxed.

Try a no-bake recipe

Creative culinary experts continually reveal their clever tricks, and many of these in-

clude no-bake versions of favorite desserts. No-bake cookies come together in a matter of minutes, but still employ a host of delicious ingredients.

Recipes frequently feature similar ingredients to traditional cookies, but rely on chocolate, honey, or peanut butter as the setting agent to keep them together. Bakers may also like not having to turn on their ovens.

Recycle leftovers

If you have a fair amount of cookies remaining or several that broke apart or do not look good enough to serve, never fear. Such cookies can be used as part of another delicious dessert.

Grind cookies into crumbs that can serve as a pie crust for pudding pies or no-bake cheesecakes, or mix cookie crumbs with cake frosting or a nut butter and roll into balls. Dunk the balls into melted chocolate, add a lollipop stick, and make delicious cookie pops.

There are ways to reduce the amount of work and time required of holiday baking.

Hanukkah foods are steeped in tradition

Hanukkah, which roughly translates to "dedication" or "induction," is a Jewish holiday celebrated each year in November or December, depending on the Jewish calendar. Although it may not hold the same level of spiritual significance as some other holidays of the religion, Hanukkah is a highly anticipated and popular holiday among people who practice Judaism.

Two miracles are celebrated on Hanukkah. One of them is a victory by a

small number of Jews known as the Maccabees, who defeated the Greek army occupying the Holy Land. The other miracle occurred when the Maccabees liberated their Temple from the Greeks. They only discovered a single night's worth of oil to light the menorah. However, that oil managed to burn for eight days and nights.

Hanukkah celebrations include various traditions that commemorate these miracles. Many celebrations focus around food and fun. It's common

to find similar foods in Jewish households during the eight days of Hanukkah. Here's a look at some of the more common foods and their significance:

Latkes: Latkes have different names among the sects of Judaism, but they're essentially fried potato pancakes. Different fried foods, like latkes, are eaten during Hanukkah to honor the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. Other fried foods include jelly-filled doughnuts called "sufganiyot."

Loukoumades: These deep-fried puffs dipped in honey or sugar are treats used to represent the cake eaten by the Maccabees.

Dairy: Dairy was not always included in Hanukkah traditions, but cheese, blintzes, and cheesecakes emerged to symbolize the story of Judith. Legend says Judith was a beautiful woman who saved her village from attacking Babylonians. She was able to enter the enemy camp thanks to her beauty, charm, and a basket of wine and cheese she brought along. She fed the enemy general, Holofernes, who consumed lots of salty cheese and wine and passed out. Judith killed the general, and the Babylonians left shortly thereafter.

Brisket and tongue: Although these foods are not tied to a particular Hanukkah story, they have grown quite popular as traditional Hanuk-



Fried jelly doughnuts are a treat enjoyed on Hanukkah.

kah meals. Beef brisket pairs well with potato latkes, and beef or veal tongue also may be served.

Kugel: Potatoes are often baked, along with other hearty vegetables, into casseroles called "kugels."

Challah: Challah is a leavened bread traditionally baked and served on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays. The braided white bread is both attractive to look at and tasty to eat.

Food plays a big role in many Hanukkah traditions, as there are various delicious dishes steeped in historical significance.

RUSH

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shoppers. If possible, call stores before you leave the house to confirm if they have certain items in stock, or buy items online from retailers who offer an in-store pickup option. Check-out lines for in-store pickup items are often separated from more traditional checkout lines, further reducing your risk of waiting in long lines.

Shop local

Small local businesses may not boast the inventory of larger retailers you're liable to encounter at the mall, but local small businesses tend

to deal with thinner crowds than national stores during the holiday season. Items in such businesses may be more unique than items sold at nationwide retailers.

Start early

Crowds only grow bigger and more impatient between Black Friday and the final days before Christmas, so shoppers who can find the time to shop before the height of the shopping season might find parking lots and checkout lines more to their liking.

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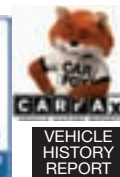
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'Tis the season for a comics convention

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TV actresses Nichelle Nichols (r), the original Uhura from "Star Trek," and Adrienne Barbeau, who has made a second career in horror films like "The Fog," reminisce about their movies at Wintercon, the fantasy and comic convention at Resorts World.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, in a naughty or nice sort of way.



For Wintercon goers, dressing up like characters from sci-fi movies and comic books is a break from the 9-to-5 world.



In cosplay (a contraction of "costume play") participants adopt characters from manga, comic books and video games, adding a dash of their own attitude.



Yes, Ariel from the Disney movie "The Little Mermaid" is in the house at the Wintercon fantasy convention. And The Joker is providing her with security.



Take me out to the ball game with the Furies, a fictional street gang from the 1979 movie "The Warriors," which inspired this group of convention goers.

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

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MTA

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transit for southeast Queens residents when he welcomed the board members.

"I hope you took public transportation," he said. "I just came from City Hall and it was a two-hour ride, to let you know what we're dealing with out here."

Samuel Santaella, a member of Riders Alliance from St. Albans, spoke about his support for half-price fares for poor New Yorkers, hoping to see the MTA improve economic opportunity for riders.

"I'm fighting for fair fares for myself and my community," he said. "Let's make our turnstile an entryway, not a barrier."

An MTA spokeswoman said fares from customers only accounted for about half of the MTA's annual budget.

"The MTA always tries to

keep fares as low as possible and still provide safe, reliable service," she said. "The MTA already makes a substantial commitment to low-income city riders, including \$625 million annually MTA spends to subsidize services primarily available for NYC-only residents (such as elderly, para-transit and schoolchildren)."

The Riders Alliance partners with the Community Service Society of New York, which released a report in April about the detrimental effect fare increases are having on low-income New Yorkers. The study suggested the reduced fare be open to city residents between the ages of 18 to 64 in families with incomes below the federal poverty level. The study estimated about 800,000 New Yorkers could qualify.

According to the analysis, 25 percent of the city's near-poor, defined as households with a total income between

poverty and twice the poverty level, reported frequently being unable to afford bus and subway fares, with 28 percent of those living below the poverty line reporting they could not do so.

Nancy Rankin, the agency's vice president of policy research and advocacy, said she thought momentum was growing in the push to assist New Yorkers at or below the poverty line. She said Mayor Bill de Blasio had the legal authority to ask the MTA to consider reduced fares for a category of riders provided the city made up the lost revenue in its budget. Rankin said CSSNY estimated a need of about \$200 million per year if the reduced fare option was fully phased in.

"That's consistent with what he rode into office on, which was ending the tale of two cities," Rankin said.

IDNYC

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records would be turned over to the federal government," Mayor Bill de Blasio said Monday. "The whole idea of IDNYC was to give people an opportunity in this city to live a better life for themselves and their families, to have a deeper connection with the city and city government. And it has been successful, but the reason people were willing to trust us is we made very clear that there would never be a situation where it would lead to their deportation, and we're going to keep that pledge, and it's part of our law."

Castonia and Malliotakis, citing public-records law, said in their lawsuit that destroying government records "due to the results of a federal election is against the ideals of the United States and has

no basis in law."

One Queens lawmaker took umbrage with his fellow members of the Assembly.

"When we should be reinforcing the trust between our immigrant communities and the agencies that serve them, my colleagues have instead opted to further erode that trust," Assemblyman Francisco Moya (D-East Elmhurst) said. "When IDNYC launched, we asked people to put their trust in this city, our city. This lawsuit only betrays them and scares them back into the shadows. The election has given undocumented immigrants in my district and throughout New York a lot to be concerned about, but getting an identification card should not be one of them. It hurts our ability to provide them services; it hurts families by making their lives more difficult."

Garner

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percussions. It's clear NYPD internal policy is not enough, and the New York City Council's legislation banning chokeholds must be passed into law immediately."

Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Elmhurst) said there are alternative methods to restrain suspects and the ban on

chokeholds could potentially save lives.

"In honor and in memory of Eric Garner, I stand with Council Member Lancman in calling for an end to the NYPD's chokehold policy,"

he said "Medical and criminal justice experts agree that chokeholds are dangerous and too often put the life of those under arrest at risk. The NYPD has safer methods of detaining suspects at its dis-

posal, and must employ those methods."

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GingerBread Lane will be open at the New York Hall of Science through Jan. 15.
 Photo by Naeisha Rose



Good Enough to Eat

BY NAIESHA ROSE

With Christmas just around the corner, one of the holiday's most traditional features—the gingerbread house—is getting its moment in the spotlight at the New York Hall of Science. Whether you just want to have a look at (and eventually a taste of) some of those creations, or if you'd rather try your hand at making one of your own, there's something available at NYSCI's GingerBread Lane.

From now until Jan. 15, visitors to GingerBread Lane can stroll past houses made completely from edible gingerbread, royal icing and candy. The houses are drafted, designed, baked, planned, built and decorated by chef Jon Lovitch over the course of an entire year. GingerBread Lane has won the Guinness World

Record for 2013, 2014 and 2015 for the largest gingerbread village and Lovitch's creations will contend for that title again this year.

For his last record-breaking effort, Lovitch said that he made 1,102 gingerbread houses. This year he hopes to beat his own record by clocking in at around 1,200 icing-covered structures.

While Lovitch is a master of the traditional gingerbread house, he also likes to broaden his horizons a bit. "At the absolute best, my theme would be Charles Dickens' London," said Lovitch. "I love the black and white look that you see in the old Ebenezer Scrooge movies, and a little bit of the Tim Burton flair... like 'Corpse Bride,'" he added.

Becoming a gingerbread village world record holder was not an easy feat for Lovitch. Despite learning to become a chef

at Johnson County Community College in Kansas City, Mo., his specialty was Southern cuisine, not baking.

"I was actually in a gingerbread competition in 1993 named Gingerbread Lane... and I lost," said Lovitch. "I could handle losing, but I couldn't handle the fact that everybody that I lost to was not making gingerbread houses or not using gingerbread, which unfortunately was allowed for the rules."

Always looking for a challenge, Lovitch decided to keep training himself in the art of making gingerbread houses by building an entire gingerbread village the following year.

"The very first village I made in 1994, I had no clue of what I was doing," he said. "It took several years to get the icing right."

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GingerBread Lane brings holiday spirit to the New York Hall of Science

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When: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10 and Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 14-16 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 pm; Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 pm

Where: Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. South, Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Cost: \$18

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Thalia Hispanic Theatre – Colombian Dance Company Cali Salsa Pal' Mundo is performing in "The History of Salsa." This show explores the history of a genre that for decades has been embraced throughout the world and continues to enchant audiences with its rhythms and dance moves.

When: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at 8 pm; Sunday, Dec. 11, 4pm

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

Cost: \$40

Contact: (718) 729-3880

Website: www.thaliatheatre.org

Fancy Theater Blues! – This play by Seanie Sugrue tells the story of Rick McCabe, an emerging playwright tackling the trials and tribulations of a life in the theater.

When: Friday, Dec. 9 and Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 8 pm; Saturday, Dec. 10 at 5 pm; Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 pm

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

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A Charlie Brown Christmas – First shown as an animated television special in 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" has been a big part of holiday tradition ever since. This family-friendly holiday musical based on the special follows Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the whole Peanuts gang as they grapple with the meaning of Christmas.

When: Dec. 20-24, 27-30 at 8 pm; Dec. 24 at 2 pm

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Week 9

Clothing dealer's find tells complex historial tale

"The Jacket from Dachau" uses prisoner's jacket to tell story of Holocaust survivors

BY MARK HALLUM

A 2015 estate sale in Long Island led to the discovery of a rare and alarming relic of the Holocaust—a jacket that had belonged to prisoner No. 84679 from the Dachau concentration camp.

Lithuanian Benzion Peresetski had been assigned the jacket when he was held captive in the camp. After his liberation in 1944, Peresetski kept the jacket, bringing it with him when he eventually moved to the United States. It stayed in his closet for the next 65 years—until 37 years after his death.

That jacket is the centerpiece of an exhibit currently at the Kupferberg Holocaust Center in Bayside. "The Jacket from Dachau: One Survivor's Search for Justice, Identity and Home" tells the story of a man who was forced into a ghetto, suffered for 10 months at the hands of the Nazis, and then spent years in a displaced persons camp in Landsberg, Germany before seeking reparations in the United States as



A jacket found by a vintage clothing dealer at an estate sale tells a story about the Holocaust in the exhibit "The Jacket from Dachau" at the Kupferberg Holocaust Center. Courtesy Queensborough Community College

an emigre. During World War II, his brother had been murdered by the Nazis.

Once he got to America, Peresetski faced troubles similar to those experienced by other immigrants, such as unemployment and identity crisis. He changed his name multiple times and eventually

settled on Ben Peres.

A photograph in the exhibit shows him in front of the Unishpere in Flushing Meadows Corona Park with a young boy in his arms. It was taken during the years he spent in New York City, from 1950 to 1968.

In 1968, Peresetski used

the \$4,173.70 he received from the German government for the pain and suffering he experienced as a victim of the Third Reich to make a down payment on a home for him and his mother in Bellmore, L.I. In 1978, Peresetski died at the age of 52 of a stroke during his daughter's Bat Mitzvah. The estate sale at the Bellmore house in 2015 uncovered an item his children did not even know he carried from his time in Dachau.

"This authentic jacket provides anyone who comes near it an opportunity to be instantly transported into the past. Few Holocaust survivor stories can be told so completely," Dan Leshem, director of the Kupferberg Holocaust Center, said.

"I was stunned by the condition of the coat," Leshem said. "After all, this is a 70-year-old garment. I understood this survivor wanted to make sure that this artifact outlived him, which it ultimately did."

The exhibit offers a tangible link to the life of one of the many survivors of the Holocaust.

"The lessons of the Holocaust, particularly as contextualized within education about other genocides and crimes against humanity, offer an unparalleled opportunity to address the cultural, educational, and civic needs of our diverse community," Dr. Diane Call, president of Queensborough Community College, said. "The KHC is neither a museum nor a library. We are a learning laboratory where students, survivors and members of the global community learn through their hearts, minds and actions."

The full exhibit features documents and photographs of Peresetski's life, which were provided to the museum by his daughter. Those artifacts take viewers from his time in the displaced persons camp after the war, to his life in New York City and Long Island.

The exhibit is expected to run through January.

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Beatbox Boom Bap Around the World – In "Beatbox Boom Bap Around the World," director Pascal Tessaud lets the audience hear some of the best vocal percussionists in the game. Alongside Rahzel and Kenny Muhammad from New York; Flashbox, Alem and BMG from France; and an international roster of beatbox superstars; there is also a visit to the world championships in Berlin. Along the way, Tessaud unearths the rich sounds and textures of the art of beatboxing.
When: Friday, December 9, 7:30 pm
Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria

Cost: \$20 (\$15 for members at the Film Lover and MoMI Kids Premium levels / free for Silver Screen and above).
Contact: (718) 777-6820
Website: movingimage.us
Karaoke at the Movies: The Little Mermaid – This series makes its audience the star of the movie, as they are encouraged to sing and dance their way through Disney favorites. Tonight, they'll be singing along to "The Little Mermaid." Against her dad's wishes, Ariel journeys beyond her own world to the surface, where she falls in love with Prince Eric, a handsome human. Foolishly, the little mermaid enters into an agreement with evil sea witch Ursula in order to become human herself.
When: Saturday, Dec. 10

6:30 pm
Where: Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside
Cost: \$5
Contact: (718) 631-6311
Website: visitqpac.org

EVENTS

Holiday Bazaar Extravaganza – This day of food, fun and entertainment includes such activities as arts and crafts, games, face painting, music and a magic show. There will also be a variety of vendors with many products and services for sale. From 1 pm - 2 pm, there will be a special performance by Jazzman "S," in which he will perform his unique blend of magic, music and comedy.
When: Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 am - 2 pm
Where: Cross Island YMCA, 238-10 Hillside Ave., Bellerose
Cost: Free (\$5 per person for Jazzman "S")
Contact: (718) 551-9300
Website: ymca.org/crossisland

The Great Northeast Cheese Fest – Dozens of artisanal creameries from New York State and beyond showcase a diverse selection of artisanal cheeses, from sharp Cheddars, to luscious triple cremes and tangy goat cheeses along with the finest wines and spirits. Top chefs will also create dishes with featured cheeses.
When: Saturday, Dec. 10, 6 pm

Where: Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
Cost: \$60/\$100 VIP
Contact: (718) 463-7700 x 222
Website: flushingtownhall.org

MUSIC

St. Francis Prep Christmas Concerts – Eleven ensembles, and nearly 600 students,

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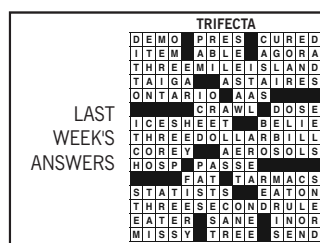
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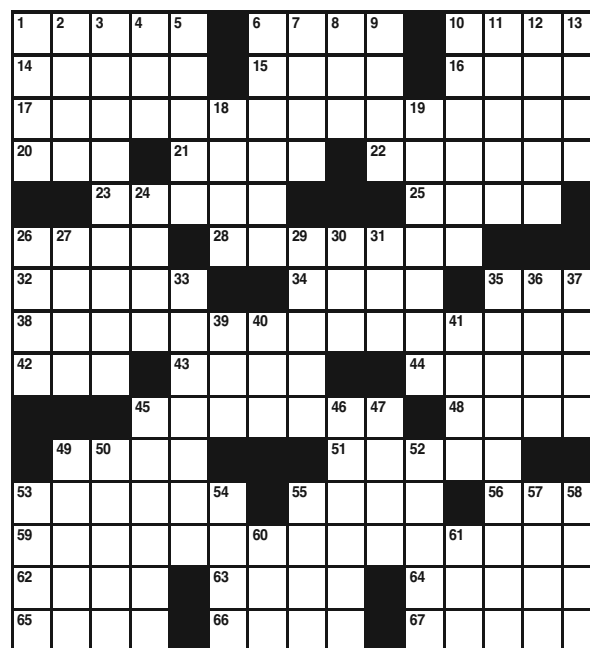
By Ed Canty

JEWELS



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6. Amusing old guy
10. Like taking candy from a baby?
14. Best way to leave Vegas?
15. Kuwaiti, e.g.
16. A Grimm beginning?
17. C.E.O. protector?
20. Pupil's spot
21. One kind of order
22. Laughed loudly
23. Begin
25. Prevaricated
26. Taxi door info
28. Insect-repelling compound
32. Type of bay?
34. "Attention please..."
35. Bud holder?
38. Gem of a financier
42. Maglie of baseball
43. "Bye now"
44. Chaplin and others
45. Ancient writing material
48. Wound healer?
49. "The _____ thickens"
51. Agents making busts
53. Conversation
55. A shade of beige
56. Leaves in hot water
59. Like Dorothy's traveling shoes
62. Workers' purchase arrangement, for short
63. Kitten's pick-up spot?



64. Makes bread?
65. Board members: Abbr.
66. "Roget's" info: Abbr.
67. German coal city
73. Animal house?
74. Bridge call?
75. Heavenly
76. Taken in
77. Swell subject?
78. Per _____
79. Grueling exam
80. Boat propeller?
81. Apparatus for pullups?
82. Angora
83. Accustom (to)
84. Appeared on stage
85. Financial aid factor
86. A crack investigator?
87. Capital of Sri Lanka
88. Rain cats and dogs
89. Casting requirements?
90. Pavarotti specialty
91. "Hot Lips" Houlihan's rank
92. Beta preceder?
93. Border line?
94. 'You are here' arrow, e.g.
95. Kitchen containers
96. Bachelor No. 1?
97. Wall St. workplace
98. Barely beat
99. Calendar square
100. Campus military org.
101. Sea anemones, e.g.
102. Sam and Tom, relatively?
103. Apology from Indian seamstress?
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106. Indian coin
107. Great Scott?
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Symphonic sounds come to Jax Heights

BY MERLE EXIT

The Jackson Heights Orchestra, led by Artistic Director and Founder Patricia Glunt, will kick off its fifth season with a concert Wednesday, Dec. 14. In addition to playing music by Bach, Krommer and Mozart, the orchestra will perform a piece, Peri Mauer's "All Along the Heights," that was commissioned to celebrate its fifth birthday. Also featured is soloist Thomas Piercy on clarinet.

For Glunt, who serves as the conductor, the Jackson Heights Orchestra is the realization of a longtime goal. "It's something I've always wanted to do," she said. "Having some free moments in my life, I decided to conduct a local orchestra in Jackson Heights through the Jackson Heights Beautification Group, whose mission is to preserve, restore, revitalize and maintain the community of Jackson Heights."

Glunt, a former assistant principal from Long Island City High School and president of the Music Educators' Association of New York, said she "wanted a venue where the amateur musicians could meet with like-minded people, rehearse and come together

to play. It has now become a great journey for me and the community." The orchestra practices once a week on a Tuesday evening with two months of rehearsals prior to a performance.

She describes the members of this adult community orchestra as a "mixed bag of semi-professionals and amateurs, as well as those who have played instruments during their high school or college education." When Glunt first held auditions back in 2012, the orchestra only had nine members, leaving them scrambling to find nine more to be able to play their first concert.

Since then, the orchestra has expanded. "Presently, we have about 30 members," she said, "with a focus on building up the string sections and filling up the lesser ones such as the bassoon, trombone and French horn. Woodwinds and brass tend to have two on each instrument." There are times that she further reaches out when another instrumentalist is needed.

Glunt's musical career got started when she learned to play the violin as a small child. She attended a conservatory in California for her college education and

attained her master's degree in Music at Queens College. Having always played first violin, she preferred playing second violin for "the inner voicing of the instrument and parts" in later years.

At times she takes a break when her assistant, Dr. Steven L. Rosenhaus, conducts the orchestra. "It is important for the orchestra to see different people in front of it as well as being good for the audience to see the orchestra as its own entity," she said.

That sense of seeing the musicians and the conductor as equal partners extends to her approach when she is the one holding the baton. Usually a conductor dictates exactly how things are to be done. Glunt's approach is to work with the possible interpretations that a soloist might want to bring to the table and then work from there. "Ultimately," she said, "the group plays as one instrument."

The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, located at 82nd Street and 34th Avenue in Jackson Heights. All are invited to the reception afterward. The concert is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$10, \$5 for seniors and students.



Artistic Director and Founder Patricia Glunt of the Jackson Heights Orchestra
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Gingerbread

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After years of making gingerbread houses, Lovitch learned about the strictly “gingerbread and icing” Guinness World Record event in 2012. He knew he had to be in the 2013 competition. Facing competition that included bakers from Norway, India and Germany, Lovitch won by making 157 gingerbread houses and following the strict guidelines, which prohibited using any inedible products to hold the houses together.

After leaving his career as an executive chef of southern cuisine at such hotels as the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott, he is now a fulltime gingerbread village baker.

“Between the three exhibits I did this year, I spent 3,100 hours,” said Lovitch. His other displays are at the Kennywood Amusement Park near Pittsburgh and the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn.

When it comes to his partnership with the New York Hall of Science, he couldn’t help but notice how it was a perfect fit.

“It’s chemistry,” he said. “It took me 10 years to understand that part of it before it



Jon Lovitch holds the Guinness World Record for gingerbread villages. Courtesy Jon Lovitch

took off.”

Over a decade, Lovitch learned to use just the right amount of oil and water at the correct temperature to make the perfect gingerbread house, but he hasn’t mastered his emotions when it comes to the bittersweet moment of giving the delectable homes away.

“I conduct the giveaway

myself. It’s actually fun... people get in line because they want a piece of it... but it is gut-wrenching for me because a whole year’s work is gone in literally a matter of hours. Something that took me over 3,000 hours and 11 months is gone in two hours. That’s sad for me. I’m like, wow! But it is also good, because now I can start over.”

If you’d like to follow in Lovitch’s footsteps and make a gingerbread house yourself, NYSCI is offering several GingerBread Lane House-Building Workshops over the next few weeks. In those workshops, participants will be able to build their houses from a kit containing the same materials Lovitch used to create the GingerBread Lane exhibit: gingerbread pieces, icing and candy. The workshops will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 10, 17, 28 and 29. The cost of the kit is \$10, \$8 for NYSCI members.

But if you’d rather sample Lovitch’s work than your own, you can come to the giveaway on Monday, Jan. 16. The gingerbread houses will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until GingerBread Lane is nothing but a memory. Visitors are asked to bring a box or bag (flat-bottomed shopping bags or paper grocery bags work best) to carry their gingerbread loot



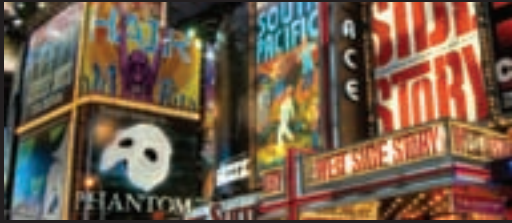
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home. The Giveaway runs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. with the line beginning at 2 p.m. Free with NYSCI admission.

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Sports



Moses Brown scored 28 points for Archbishop Molloy in their victory over St. John the Baptist.

Stanners open season with lopsided victory

BY BEN LEIBOWITZ

The Archbishop Molloy boys' basketball team certainly knows the right way to start the season.

The Stanners opened up the year in impressive fashion Dec. 2, cruising to a 100-55 victory over St. John the Baptist in a non-conference tilt. It was all Molloy from the get-go as the squad showcased its roster, including the explosive talents of big men Moses Brown and John Herring.

"Frankly, we haven't practiced well this week, so I thought it was highly important for us to get out in front early," said Molloy coach Mike McCleary. "The lead we got early in the game helped us stay aggressive throughout the game."

Molloy jumped out to a 13-

point lead after the first quarter and never took its foot off the gas, sparked by a 10-point run in the final two minutes of the frame.

The team continued its aggressive style of play and by the end of the first half the Stanners took a commanding 54-29 lead.

It was Molloy's effort on defense, however, that prevented any sort of momentum from St. John the Baptist. The Stanners regularly forced quick shots and mistakes, racking up 21 steals and pushing the ball out in transition to pad their cushion.

St. John the Baptist also struggled to find an answer for either Brown or Herring. The seven-foot Brown finished with 28 points—going 14 of 16 from the field—while

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Eagles take PSAL title

Strong defense key to Eagle Academy III's triumph



Eagle Academy III poses with its championship banner after defeating FDA 12-6 in the PSAL cup championship at MCU Park.

Photo by Laura Amato

BY LAURA AMATO

The Eagle Academy III football team never had any doubt that its defensive line would hold.

Coach Kevin Williams stood in front of his players Saturday night, looked them in the eye and told them they were going to win. Their defense would not back down. It would hit and hit hard.

It did. Twice.

The Eagles staged a pair of goal-line stands—once at the end of regulation and again in overtime—to notch a 12-6 victory over Frederick Douglass Academy and secure the PSAL cup championship at MCU Park. Gary Newman scored the game-winning touchdown on Eagle Academy's overtime possession.

"We hang our hat on our defense," Williams said. "This wasn't the first time we had to make a big stop. The first

thing I said when they got it, was 'We've been here before.' I knew going into overtime they were never going to score."

It was a defensive show-down throughout the game, as both teams struggled to move the ball in the second half following early touchdowns. Eagle Academy (12-0) thought it had a chance to take the lead in the fourth quarter, however, when Tyler Nation picked off Lions quarterback Omari Hill with 1:25 left on the clock.

But on the very next play, a tipped ball in the middle of the field turned into an interception and FDA took over on the 16-yard line. The Eagles' defense didn't miss a beat, forcing Hill out of bounds on fourth down at the two-yard line as time expired.

"The defense held it down today," Newman said. "We did our job. We came up with a couple of clutch plays and tackles."

FDA converted a fourth-and-four on its OT drive as Hill evaded tackles in the backfield and set the ball up on the seven-yard line. An off-sides penalty two plays later put the Lions (11-1) up at the two-yard line, but, once again the Eagles held strong—dropping Mamadou Miete for a loss and keeping Hill out of the end zone on fourth and goal.

"It's about going back to your roots, finding what's inside of you and finding your why," said junior linebacker Omar Morrissey, who notched the game-saving tackle. "That why is what got us that stop on fourth down."

Newman made good on his late pick on the Eagles' ensuing possession—hitting Dean Parham for a 21-yard strike on third down and following up with a one-yard run for the game-winning touchdown.

"To come out here and get

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Patriots come up short vs. South Shore

BY LAURA AMATO

The Francis Lewis girls' basketball team couldn't quite handle the pressure.

The Patriots struggled against South Shore's full-court press and aggressive defense in a rematch of last year's PSAL championship game, falling 68-30 in their season opener on Monday night.

"Once they put some pressure on us, we started turning the ball over," said Francis Lewis coach Stephen Tsai. "And it almost looked like some of our girls were playing for the other team. We were just giving them ball."

Both teams struggled to put the ball in the hoop early on before Natalia Bonhomme notched the first points of the night with just under three minutes left in the first quarter.

Francis Lewis actually felt confident after the opening eight minutes of play—bolstered by a strong zone defense that kept South Shore's experienced roster on its toes. But as soon as the Lady Vikings settled into their full-court press and a man-to-man, Francis Lewis lost its focus, struggling to maintain pos-

session.

And, more importantly, the Patriots lost their offensive edge.

Francis Lewis was held to just one field goal in the second quarter as South Shore jumped out to a 29-10 lead at halftime.

"We've been working on our press breaker during practice, trying to get it together," Bonhomme said. "We've been pushing the ball faster now than we did before, but it's hard to get it going in game time."

South Shore didn't slow down coming out of the break and, once again, the Patriots were held to just one jumpshot in the frame. The Lady Vikings outscored Francis Lewis 25-to-5 in the third quarter, forcing the Patriots into tough shots and bad passes.

It was a defensive attack that left Francis Lewis searching for answers on the court and on the sideline.

"I think it's the pressure and we kind of fed into them," Tsai said. "I thought in the beginning we were solid, but once they started creating turnovers we started to panic. And when we panic, even the basic things, we weren't doing that."

As time ticked off the clock, Francis Lewis struggled to keep pace with South Shore. The Lady Vikings excelled in transition in the lopsided victory as nine different players put points on the board and even when the Patriots had chances, the squad missed a handful of open looks.

Francis Lewis did notch a few positives in the fourth quarter—actually outscoring South Shore 15-14—but it was far too little, far too late. Bonhomme finished with six points in the loss, while senior forward Sabrina Clement chipped in six points of her own as well as seven rebounds.

It was a disappointing showing for the Patriots—particularly after coming up short against South Shore in last year's championship game as well—but Francis Lewis is determined to turn things around sooner rather than later. After all, this is only the beginning.

"Our season just started today and that's the great thing," Tsai said. "Hopefully we can improve from this. And each of these girls look at it that way."



Francis Lewis senior Natalia Bonhomme attempts to go up for a shot against South Shore in the Patriots' 68-30 loss.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

Red Storm's Udobi stands out by giving back

BY LAURA AMATO

St. John's redshirt senior Sandra Udobi didn't think she was doing anything impressive. She was simply doing what made sense.

Udobi is one of 278 college athletes across the country nominated for the 2017 All-state WBCA and NABC Good Works Team, honored for the work she does in her native Nigeria. And no one was more surprised by the honor than Udobi herself.

"It's great being recognized, but at the same time the whole idea behind all of this, I didn't realize it was such a big deal," Udobi said. "When I found out I was really excited and the support I get here is really great." Udobi's determination to help her community stems from her own experiences growing up. She didn't start playing basketball until she was 14—recruited when a youth coach in Nigeria told her she should

come out to the court "because she was tall"—and she wasn't particularly impressed with the sport at the start.

After she came to the U.S. to play high school ball in New Jersey, it took a little while—and a few long practices—but Udobi discovered that in addition to being tall, she also had the skills to succeed in college basketball. She's now hoping to help foster her love for the game in the new generation of players.

"Little girls came up to me and told me that they love this game, but we don't have anyone to support us or tell us it's ok," Udobi said. "And I want to show them it's not just a men's game. It's a women's game too."

Udobi isn't just making sure young girls know they can play—she's also making sure they have the gear to do it.

St. John's teamed up with Under Armour in 2013 to outfit

all its teams and, since then, Udobi and her teammates have received more gear than they could ever wear. So, she decided to bring some of it home.

"I didn't think anyone would really want to keep all of this," Udobi said. "And I started to think back to when I started playing and what the struggle was like to get gear, shirts, shoes and all that stuff that made it easier to play. So I knew people at home would really appreciate it."

Udobi has always wanted to give back—even before she got to St. John's—but her college hoops experience has only added fuel to the fire. She knows, better than anyone, what kind of opportunity she's been presented with, particularly after missing the entire 2013-14 campaign due to a handful of injuries.

"It opens up this whole thing about being thankful every day for what you have," Udobi said. "It's something I



St. John's redshirt senior Sandra Udobi spends her offseasons giving back to her community in Nigeria and, now, she's being recognized for her service.

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SJU beats Cal State

BY LAURA AMATO

By the end of the St. John's mens' basketball team's second-straight victory, the game had turned into the Shamorie Ponds show.

The Red Storm squeaked out a 76-70 win over Cal State Northridge at Carnesecca Arena Monday night and they did it on the shooting touch of freshman standout Shamorie Ponds.

The Brooklyn native racked up a career-high 25 points, excelling in the backcourt without the help of fellow guard Marcus LoVett who was sidelined with an ankle injury.

"I just tried to be more aggressive and be a leader," said Ponds, who connected on 10 of his 18 attempts from the floor. "I wanted to be more vocal, get all of my teammates involved, and dig out a win."

Just a few days removed from a convincing victory on the road over Tulane, the Red Storm's (4-5) offense struggled a bit without LoVett in the lineup.

St. John's led 40-36 at the break, but the Matadors refused to go down without a fight, tying the game several times throughout the second half.

"Our [offensive] flow wasn't really there," said St. John's coach Chris Mullin. "We kind of grinded through the game. We never really found a good rhythm. In the first half, we made some threes but we really just kind of grinded it out."

Cal State Northridge took a 62-61 lead with just under seven minutes in regulation, but the Red Storm defense held its own down the stretch—a much-needed performance from a St. John's squad that has struggled to wrap up close games this season.

"That's everything. Just like winning on the road," Mullin said of the down-to-



St. John's freshman guard Shamorie Ponds racked up a career-high 25 points as the Red Storm grabbed a 76-70 victory over Cal State Northridge at Carnesecca Arena. St. John's Athletics

the-wire performance. "When it was a two-point game, I thought they did a decent job of making enough free throws, getting enough stops and doing what we needed to do to get a win."

St. John's rattled off a seven-point run—five of which came from the free-throw line—with four minutes left in the second half and the Red Storm continued to press the ball as time ticked down.

It was an effort that kept the squad focused in the waning minutes of the non-conference tilt, even when the Matadors made it a two-point game with 41 seconds left to play.

"We just kept going," said Ponds, who hit a pair of free throws with 19 seconds left. "We were battling down the stretch and making sure we kept our energy levels high, which helped us grab this win."

In addition to his double-

digit point performance, Ponds also chipped in a team-high five assists and just one turnover. Bashir Ahmed added 13 points of his own, while Federico Mussini and Malik Ellison finished with 12 and 10 points each.

It was a much-needed two-game stretch for the Red Storm after the squad fell to Delaware State in embarrassing fashion on Nov. 29. Now, St. John's turns its attention to a pair of local rivalry games—with Fordham and LIU Brooklyn—on the schedule next before opening up Big East play later this month. And, after a win like this, the Red Storm is feeling like they're back on track.

"I think it helped bring us together," Ponds said. "Down at Tulane, we really came together as a team and played like a team. We are going to continue to move forward with this momentum."

Molloy

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Herring chipped in 12 points, missing just one field goal.

"Both of them catch the ball every time it gets thrown to them, and both of them are tremendous finishers," McCleary said. "Our guards are more than happy to give the ball off to them, they are the keys to our success."

Molloy outscored the Cougars 26-13 in both the second and third quarter and while most of the starters were off the floor for the fourth, the Stanners stars were still proud of their early-game effort.

"Coach emphasized patience to us before the game so I tried to stay patient out there and tried to be in the right place at the right time tonight," said Brown. "Ev-

erybody wants to see each other succeed, and I think the guards just want to see everyone get chances, and get better."

This was only game one—and Molloy certainly isn't willing to rest on its laurels after just one game—but the Stanners' dominant performance from every angle is enough to give the team a bit of confidence heading into the rest of its schedule.

Molloy is determined to make a run at a city championship this winter and this victory could be the first step towards that title.

"Today was the first of many building blocks for us," McCleary said. "The best part of the game was the selfless play from our team. Our team showed that we are willing to share the basketball."

Eagles

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clutch moments like this, that really helped a lot and meant a lot," Newman said. "I just put my shoulder down and hit him."

The Eagles fell to FDA in the semifinals of last year's postseason, but since then have been nothing short of dominant. It's a shift in gridiron culture that has

the school anxious for what's next, determined to defend its title again next fall.

"As you look up that sideline you see a lot of heart, but not a lot of numbers," Williams said. "I'd rather bring 10 wolves than 100 sheep though and that's what we've got. We've got a lot of wolves on that sideline. They wanted it. They were not going to leave here without a victory."

Udobi

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have a passion for—even if I stop playing, I'm still going to keep doing something with basketball. The opportunities the game has provided me are incredible."

Udobi is in full-season mode now, determined to walk away from the Red Storm with another Big East championship. Still, she

knows, whatever happens on the court this winter, she can still use this game to help others. In fact, she's already got big plans for the summer.

"The good thing with St. John's is we're all about mission here," Udobi said. "They understand the whole idea behind giving back. It's going to continue. We're ready for another camp this summer, even bigger than before."

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Theater

theater for Flushing residents is College Point Multiplex Cinema in Whitestone.

This will be the first movie theater in the neighborhood since the historic RKO Theater opened on Christmas Day 1928. In its heyday it hosted performances by mega stars Bob Hope, Judy Garland and Jerry Lewis. In 1984 the theater's lobby and staircase were designated landmarks by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. The theater was closed down in 1986 and since then its fate has been in limbo with multiple developers buy-

ing, then selling the theater. RKO was recently purchased by Xinyuan Real Estate, a China-based real estate developer and property manager in August. Xinyuan acquired the derelict building located at 135-35 Northern Blvd. for \$66 million and plans to build a 269-unit residential building. Xinyuan is the fifth developer to try to convert the abandoned theater.

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coming from. It wasn't coming from the Citi Field parking lot, it wasn't coming from Flushing Meadows or from Randall's Island. A lot of times you couldn't tell, even into November, because we had a warm November. They were advertising booze cruises along Whitestone and they would pick up at Citi Field marina and the question became, "What do we do about it?"

Vallone said he put a group together to design a new system of enforcing activity on the harbor. Vallone said there was confusion over jurisdiction between the 110th and 109th Precincts. Initially it was believed the 109th controlled the Citi Field Marina, but it was actually the 110th, which would call Harbor Patrol and

by the time they got there the boats were gone. Vallone said he is working with Braunstein to create bills to revoke the permits for the boat companies who have gotten previous complaints and a bill that says the booze cruises have to be a mile offshore

"Because Whitestone raised their voice," he said, "like you did with the helicopters, now when the season starts on Memorial Day the 109th is going to be outfront along with the 110th and harbor patrol, so things will stop rather quickly."

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land Security appropriations bill that would help ensure the protection of non-profit facilities and places of worship from potential threats.

"No New Yorker should ever live or worship in fear. With hate crimes on the rise in New York and across the country we can't stand idly by and let these incidents go unanswered," Gillibrand said. "We must make sure our plac-

es of worship, our community centers and non-profits have every resource necessary to be protected and safe from threats. I'm fighting for this additional Homeland Security funding because we must stand strong against threats, hatred and attacks against our community institutions."

think the threat of anti-Semitism is being used to deflect from the rampant Islamophobia. At the same time, anti-Semitism is real... Breitbart, we know, is anti-Semitic."

Pedro Valdez Rivera Jr. from the Justice Committee, a Latino organization dedicating to stopping police violence and systemic racism, was at the rally to push for solidarity between the different groups regardless of who is in office at all levels of government.

Chelo Silva, a transgender man from Queer Detainee Empowerment Project, reminded

the crowd of the important impact policies toward undocumented immigrants has had under the Obama administration.

"Hundreds of people are deported every day," Silva said. "They do not get the right to defend themselves, the right to get help, the right to look for options so that they can fight from the outside but being inside the country. We should not remain with our arms crossed. We must seek help, trust in community organizations."

CB 11

this kind of activity taking place on Sunday as well.

In other CB 11 news, Steve Newman, a board member for more than 20 years, has turned in his resignation after moving to Florida.

Councilman Barry Grodenchik's (D-Oakland Gardens) legislative council, Steve Behar, said an effort to co-name a stretch of road near Union Turnpike and Bell Boulevard after the late Father John Murray has been revived.

Murray was a parish priest at American Martyrs Roman Catholic Church at 79-43 Bell Blvd. for eight years. He was known to have been able to establish a connection with not only the congregants who were outspoken and active, but also with those who were less likely to reach out. He was a recovering alcoholic of 30 years before he arrived at the parish.

The plan became idle after the original sponsor, then-Councilman Mark Weprin, resigned to take a position with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office. The co-naming had already passed CB 11 before Weprin resigned in June 2015, but Grodenchik brought it back to a vote to ensure that the existing board was in favor.

"Council member Grodenchik is very much in favor of this and wants to get it done," Behar said.

The motion passed unanimously.

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manent shadow and rendered adjacent homes "unsellable" due to the proximity of the facility.

"There is no such thing as a perfect school," Mirasola responded. "We have to make concessions and sometimes there is a shadow. Every building we build, there is a shadow. It's regrettable, but it's just a fact of life."

One Baysider admitted the school was an impressive and large building, but it did not fit the character of the neighborhood, which led to applause. A woman who spoke up said her understanding was that the original plans called for a two-story structure and she was now seeing the building grow to four floors. Mirasola said he was not aware of any changes in the plans from a two- to a four-story building.

The discussion turned toward the negative impact the school will have on already clogged residential streets, and a Bayside father said that while his children will be attending the school, construction alone is affecting traffic as workers move cranes and other heavy equipment on Saturdays to meet the September 2017 deadline. There was concern at the meeting that construction may fall farther behind, leading to

Bias crimes

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and prejudice to divide our great community and will work to ensure any form of bigotry will be aggressively rejected," Gianaris said. "It is disgusting to see these incidents continuing in our country. We must continue to respect one another, no matter our differences."

Van Bramer announced Monday a third mass action in his #QueensValues campaign. In the weeks since Donald Trump became president-elect, Van Bramer hosted a Community Speak Out in Sunnyside followed by a march across the Queensboro Bridge to Trump Plaza that drew more than a thousand protesters Nov. 26.

"Hate crimes, bigotry and bullying are on the rise -- just

this weekend, three drunk men harassed and attacked a Muslim woman on a train platform while bystanders stood by and did nothing," Van Bramer said. "That's why I invite everyone to a community self-defense, anti-bullying, de-escalation, and upstander training, so we all know how to respond in hateful situations."

The Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment and the Center for Anti-Violence Education will provide the training at the Sunnyside Community Services center, located at 43-31 39th St. Wednesday, Dec. 14. All are welcome between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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is more dramatic than anywhere in the five boroughs and its existing retail and entertainment options have not evolved to meet the needs of this demographic. From this perspective, Tangram checks all the boxes. It's a transformative project that will provide unique options under one roof for all of the greater Flushing area to enjoy."

Right now the closest movie

Whitestone

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those requests in the spring when the leaves are coming out of the trees and we'll go out there and check the luminosity."

Vallone updated Whites-tone residents on an ongoing battle they have had with noise coming from boats, especially booze cruises, on the harbor. Vallone said the first task force meeting focused on the booze cruises.

"Whitestone was inundated with not just helicopters but also with the boats, which decided to start blaring music along our coastlines," he said. "A lot of times we couldn't pinpoint where the noise was

Muslim

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Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is calling for additional federal anti-terrorism funding to help safeguard civil, religious and community institutions. She is urging a \$5 million increase for a total funding level of at least \$25 million in the 2017 Home-

Hate free

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to confront what they view as not only a fascist regime, but a crisis situation for Jews and Muslims. Bannon is a founding member of Breitbart News, a far-right news website.

"We think it's our responsibility to stand and support Muslims, people of color, people who are vulnerable," said Rosalind Petchesky, a former political science professor at Hunter College and Jewish Voice for Peace leader. "We

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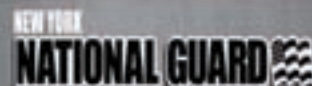
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Sienna Properties LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/21/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 2417 Jericho Tpke., Unit #152, Garden City Park, NY 11040. General purpose.

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Desai Medical PLLC, a domestic PLLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/27/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Neal Desai, 165-21 Hillside Ave., Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Medicine.

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Notice is hereby given that a license number 1283158 for on premise liquor license has been applied for by PIURA CORP to sell liquor at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 39-32 Bell Boulevard, NY 11361 for on premise consumption.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on OCT 21 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000625-16/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) BETSAIDA (Middle) JUDITH (Last) RAMIREZ GABRIEL. My present name is (First) BETSAIDA (Middle) JUDITH (Last) RAMIREZ (infant). My present address is 139-34 87th Drive, Apt. #2FL, Jamaica, NY 11435-3010. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is May 11, 2016.

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NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. 2007-AHL1, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH SERIES

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2007-AHL1, Plaintiff, v. ROLANDO QUINDE, DIANA PULLA A/K/A DIANA K. PULLA, et al., Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT IN pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Queens County on September 28, 2016, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on January 6, 2017 at the Queens County Supreme Court, in Courtroom #25, located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, County of Queens, State of New York, at 10:00 A.M., the premises described as follows: 109 88 142nd Street Jamaica, NY 11435 SBL No.: 11929-30 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 28061/2011, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage. Catherine R. Glover Esq., Referee Judgment Amount: \$698,804.11 Michael Jablonski, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel: 585.987.2800

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Queens Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST Lisa Sooknanan, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/23/2015 and entered on 1/8/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on December 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM premises known as 154-02 119th Avenue Jamaica, NY 11434. 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: 12213, LOT: 62. Approximate amount of judgment is \$366,076.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 17264/2011. Nora C. Marino, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY. RAIN TRUST 2010-1, Pltf. vs. DHARAMDEO KUMAR, et al., Defts. Index #701113/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 17, 2016, I will sell at public auction in Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., prem. k/a 107-16 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, NY. Said property located at a point on the westerly side of Gut R. Brewer Blvd. (New York Boulevard), distant 135 ft. southerly side from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Guy R. Brewer Blvd. and the southerly side of 107 th Avenue (Atlantic Street); being a plot 18 ft. x 115 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$521,257.29 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. ANTHONY V. LOMBARDINO, Referee. CROWELL & MORING, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 590 Madison Avenue., New York, NY. #90252

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LEGAL NOTICE: SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE, JAMESSETTA HALLEY BOYCE, Plaintiff, against HILLARY RANDOLPH BOYCE, Defendant, Index No. 27212/2007. To the above named Defendant: At the Matrimonial Part CATFM, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Queens, at the Courthouse located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11435 before the Honorable Special Referee Tracy Catapano-Fox. Upon the reading and filing of the affidavit of the Plaintiff, Jamesetta Halley Boyce, duly sworn to on March 14, 2016 and the affirmation of her counsel, Louis F. Simonetti, Jr., dated March 21, 2016 and upon all papers and proceedings heretofore had herein, LET the Defendant, HILLARY RANDOLPH BOYCE, or the attorneys acting on his behalf, show cause before the Court at an I.A.S. Part CATFM, before the Honorable Special Referee Tracy Catapano-Fox, or any other Justice of this Supreme Court, Queens County, at the Courthouse located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Courtroom 505, Jamaica, New York 11435, on January 10, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an Order should not be made and entered as follows: a) Pursuant to CPLR §5601 and 6401, appointing the Plaintiff, Jamesetta Halley Boyce, receiver of the premises known as and located at 102-37 Remington St., Jamaica, N.Y. 11435 (County:

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Queens, Block: 11020, Lot: 87) and b) For such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper. In The Event That You Fail To Appear Or Answer, Judgment Will Be Taken Against You. By Default, For The Relief Demanded In The Order To Show Cause. The above is served upon HILLARY RANDOLPH BOYCE by publication pursuant to an Order for Alternate Service of the Honorable Special Referee Tracy Catapano-Fox, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, dated November 1, 2016 and entered on November 22, 2016 in the Queens County Clerk's Office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11435.

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2016-957/A
SURROGATE'S COURT, Queens County THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and independent TO: The heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of MARGARET J. SCHAEFER a/k/a MARGARET SCHAEFER, Deceased, if living and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence Public Administrator A petition having been duly filed by RICHARD ZINNIE, JR. who is/are domiciled at 600 Graceland Pl., Westfield, New Jersey 07090 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on January 19th, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARGARET SCHAEFER a/k/a MARGARET J. SCHAEFER lately domiciled at 109-16 85th Street, Richmond Hill, New York 11418, United States admitting to probate a Will dated January 11, 2011 (and Codicil(s), if any, dated a copy of which is attached, as the Will of MARGARET SCHAEFER deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to RICHARD ZINNIE, JR. Further relief sought (if any) Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 16th, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate MARGARET M. GRIBBON Chief Clerk Print Name of Attorney JOHN M. McFAUL, Co-Counsel to James F. Rooney Firm RIVKIN RADLER LLP

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Telephone (516) 357-3043 Address 926 RXR Plaza, Floor 10, Uniondale, New York 11556 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

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S T R E E T , J A M A I C A , N E W
Y O R K 11434.
BL #: 12836 – 50.
Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF QUEENS REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, -against- IRA DARROUX, if living and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff ET AL, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE

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ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS F O R E C L O S U R E P R O C E E D I N G A G A I N S T 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. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage a secure \$525,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of QUEENS on January 13, 2012, in CRFN number 2012000015334, covering premises known as 120-04 170 th Street, Jamaica, New York 11434 – BL #: 12836 – 50. The relief sought in within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendant Ira Darroux, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Marguerite A. Grave of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, dated October 14, 2016. Dated: New Rochelle, NY November 2, 2016 MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C. /s/ SONIA J. BAEZ, Esquire Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210 New Rochelle, NY 10801 p. 914-636- 8900 File # 15-314605 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE F O R E C L O S U R E PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN

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ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. **Summons and Notice of Object of Action** SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 1063/08 M O R T G A G E D P R E M I S E S : 177-57 106TH AVENUE JAMAICA, NY 11433 BL #: 10333-Lot - 91 ----- X U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN XS TRUST SERIES 2007-9 Plaintiff vs ARTHUR STANLEY, BANK OF NEW YORK, TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT SERIES 1997-A, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, DERRICK FERGUSON, LEONARD HUXLEY, REUBEN OKORU, TISHA HUXLEY, VIESO MUNBA, WINTER GRANNUM JOHN DOE (being

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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) ----- X 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 Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In 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 Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Salvatore Modica of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated November 22, 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 Arthur Stanley dated the October 26, 2006, to secure the sum of \$500,000.00. The mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2006000686013 in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, Queens County on the December 14, 2006 The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 19, 2009 and recorded on March 6, 2009, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2009000065979; The property in question is described as follows: 177-57 106TH AVENUE, JAMAICA, NY 11433 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

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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: December 2, 2016 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. **SUMMONS, NOTICE AND BRIEF STATEMENT OF NATURE OF ACTION CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTION** SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Index No. 7 0 9 4 5 7 / 2 0 1 5 N A T I O N S T A R MORTGAGE, LLC d/b/a CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, -against- RONELL ARMSTRONG A/K/A RONELL C. ARMSTRONG; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND P E R S O N A L REPRESENTATIVES OF LUCILLE ARMSTRONG AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, et al., Defendants. TO THE DEFENDANT(S): ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND P E R S O N A L REPRESENTATIVES OF LUCILLE ARMSTRONG AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the 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 answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of QUEENS. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of QUEENS, New York. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE

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MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS F O R E C L O S U R E P R O C E E D I N G A G A I N S T 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. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of HON. LESLIE J. PURIFICACION, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on the 28th day of October, 2016 in Long Island City, New York and to be duly entered in the QUEENS County Clerk's Office, Long Island City, New York. The Nature of this action pertains to a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff on real property owned by the above named defendants as specified in the complaint filed in this action. The above named defendants have failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage and said instruments secured by said mortgage, by failing and omitting to pay the balance due and owing and the Plaintiff has commenced a foreclosure action. Plaintiff is seeking a judgment foreclosing its mortgage against the real property and premises which situate in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York and is commonly known as 117-03 201st Place, St. Albans, New York 11412 and all other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. DATED: November 17, 2016 SCHILLER, KNAPP, LEFKOWITZ & HERTZEL, LLP BY: WILLIAM B. SCHILLER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 950 New Loudon Road Latham, New York 12110 Telephone: (518) 786-9069 **SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF QUEENS** INDEX# 705513/2014 FILED: 12/19/2014 **S U P P L E M E N T A L** **S U M M O N S A N D N O T I C E** Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, against WINSTON L. BARRETT AKA WINSTON BARRETT, WINSTON R. SMITH AKA WINSTON SMITH if they be living and if he/she/they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, distributees,

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executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, NYC PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE", the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS 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 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 serviced 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 the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF

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ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Home Equity Line of Credit Mortgage in the sum of \$100,000.00 dated October 3, 2001, executed by defendant(s) WINSTON L. BARRETT AKA WINSTON BARRETT, WINSTON R. SMITH AKA WINSTON SMITH to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. recorded on November 15, 2001 in Mortgage Liber 6086, Page 803, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of QUEENS, covering premises known as 21806 137th Ave, Jamaica, NY 11413 AKA 21806 137th Ave, Laurelton, NY 11413. (Block 13032 Lot 18). The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an amended order of the Hon. Salvatore J. Modica, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on 10/31/2016. This is an action to foreclose on a reverse 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 and City and State of New York, Block 13032 Lot 18. Said premises known as 21806 137th Ave, Jamaica, NY 11413 AKA 21806 137th Ave, Laurelton, 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. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: The balance of the principal due upon said Note and Mortgage is \$99,999.99, with interest thereon at 4.240% as of the Maturity Date. 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

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COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York state Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. 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

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and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200 Melville, NY 11747 Our File 24019

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 116-43 219TH STREET CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411 District: Section: Block: 11320 Lot: 11 INDEX NO. 712428/2015 Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDEX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-AR27 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR27, Plaintiff, vs. BEVERLY TUCKER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF EARLINE TUCKER, 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 the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TERRISHA TUCKER (JOHN DOE #1); KENNITA GEDEON (JOHN DOE #2); ANNIE GREEN (JOHN DOE #3); KENT GEDEON (JOHN DOE #4); SIMONE HART (JOHN DOE #5); CAROL HART (JOHN DOE #6); MARCUS JONES (JOHN DOE #7); MARCELLA JONES (JOHN DOE #8); MARY COWELL (JOHN DOE #9); CYNTHIA COWELL

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(JOHN DOE #10); and "JOHN DOE #11" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the 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) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$324,000.00 and interest, recorded on August 15, 2006, at Instrument number 2006000460313, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 116-43 219TH STREET CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: September 7, 2016 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: Samantha Flores, Esq. 900

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 114-103 230TH STREET CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411 Block: 11276 Lot: 22 INDEX NO. 707871/2016 JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. LAVERN POWELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CLAIRE POWELL, 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 the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the 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) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer,

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judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$630,000.00 and interest, recorded on September 15, 2009, at Instrument number 2009000297126, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 114-103 230TH STREET CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: November 29, 2016 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: SHANNON FUHRMAN, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 139-16 230TH PLACE LAURELTON, NY 11413 Block: 13185 Lot: 45 INDEX NO. 707021/2015 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. HELENA HARTE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF WAVENEY HARTE, 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 the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees,

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legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNITED

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STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; US TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK CORP. AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF 4/1/85 N/A US TRUST CORP.; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the

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premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the 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) in the event the United States of America is

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made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$562,500.00 and interest, recorded on June 27, 2012, at Instrument number 2012000253960,

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of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 139-16 230TH PLACE LAURELTON, NY 11413. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the

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PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: July 21, 2016 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: JOSEPH J. KARLYA III, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 NY, NY 11590 (516) 280-7675



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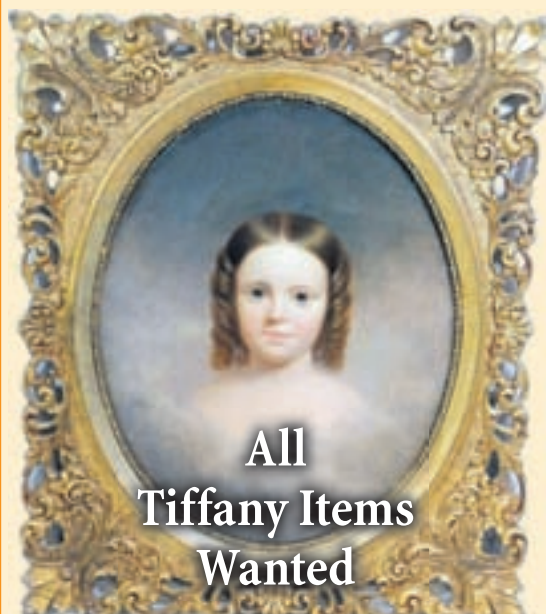
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