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Queensbridge breaks ground on park house

BY BILL PARRY

The extreme makeover of Queensbridge Park took another step forward last week with the ground-breaking for a new \$6.25 million Park House that will replace an old dilapidated structure that stood unused for decades.

Demolition of the original facility, built in 1941, began in the morning of March 29 and City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) joined community leaders and city Parks officials for the ceremony at the 20-acre park. It runs along the waterfront beneath the Queensboro Bridge and directly across Vernon Boulevard from Queensbridge Houses, the nation's largest public housing development.

"This new Park House will bring new amenities to all who use Queensbridge Park," Van Bramer said. "Ensuring that this park has all the features and amenities needed to serve the seniors, families and children of Queensbridge and Western Queens has always been a priority for me. I have been working to bring improvements to this park since taking office and am proud to have secured funding for this Park House project."

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MTA cuts back station repairs

Reconstruction projects along N/W line in Astoria will not be curtailed

BY BILL PARRY

The MTA is scaling back its original plan to overhaul and modernize 32 subway stations throughout the five boroughs after most of the program's \$936 million budget has already been spent on 19 stations, including two in Astoria on the N/W line's 30th Avenue and 36th Avenue stations.

Astoria will not be spared additional closures during the scale-back of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Enhanced Station Initiative as projects planned for the 39th Avenue station and the Broadway station remain on track beginning in June and the partial closure of the Ditmars Boulevard station will begin in April because it was not part of the governor's initiative.

"The budget for ESI is unchanged," MTA spokesman Jon Weinstein said. "We are looking to do as much work as possible during the station closure, which is more than we originally scoped in order to take advantage of increased productivity and reducing station closure time, resulting in less inconvenience for our customers. These additional tasks

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TEACHING THE MLK WAY



Queens Library President Dennis Walcott reads to a group of elementary school students from "We March" – a children's book about Martin Luther King Jr. – at the library's Jamaica branch to mark the 50th anniversary of King's assassination,

Photo by Michael Shain



St. John's Prep Dancers volunteered to pack 161 Easter baskets for children living in shelters.

Courtesy of Debra Befumo

Students bring Easter to shelter kids

BY BILL PARRY

Students from St. John's Prep in Astoria and St. Leo's Catholic Academy in Corona donated their time and efforts to brighten the Easter holiday for children living in two shelters for homeless

families Sunday.

The youngsters prepared 161 brightly decorated Easter baskets filled with candy, small toys, craft and hygiene items and delivered them to the Boulevard Family Residence at the former Pan American Hotel in Elmhurst and the Metro Fam-

ily Shelter in Woodside as part of a project spearheaded by St. John's Prep dance director Debra Befumo.

"As a child, I couldn't wait to receive an Easter basket filled with toys from my parents, but for children living in

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Free Wi-Fi for Gantry

Park will become 'best office in world' for LIC residents

BY BILL PARRY

Free Wi-Fi service is now available in Gantry Plaza State Park, the 12-acre oasis along the East River waterfront in the Hunters Point section of Long Island City, the state Parks Department announced last Friday.

The expansion of the program builds on a free public Wi-Fi system already installed at Jones Beach, Robert Moses and East River state parks.

"New York's remarkable state park system welcomes tens of millions each year, and more and more families are looking to explore the outdoors and make the most of precious leisure time by having access to popular convinces," state Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey said. "Working with our partners, we are pleased to expand this valuable service at these treasured parks and destinations for the upcoming season, building on our commitment to improving the overall visitor experience."

Users can access the service called "Oh, Ranger!" Wi-Fi by selecting the network on their devices and accepting terms and conditions. The service, including its equipment, installation, programming, and maintenance, is made possible through the support of Toyota.

"We're grateful for this opportunity and hope that it will enhance the experience of visiting these New York public parks," Toyota North America Vice President Steven Curtis said. In addition to providing free connectivity for visitors, the Toyota-supported public Wi-Fi is a digital information portal that can help educate visitors, identify park visitation patterns, generate awareness of upcoming programs and events, serve as an operations management tool, and



The state Parks Department announces its expansion of free public Wi-Fi has come to Gantry Plaza State Park in time for its 20th anniversary next month.

Photo by Christina Santucci

promote volunteerism.

"We're thrilled that Toyota's ongoing commitment allows us to bring free internet to millions of visitors to New York state parks, as well as other iconic outdoor destinations all across America," American Park Network Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Mark Saferstein said. "They've set a great example of how corporations can serve the public good. We look forward to collaborating with Toyota to encourage everyone to get outdoors."

The leadership of the Hunters Point Parks Conservancy, which works to preserve and enhance the neighborhood's parks, green spaces and waterfront, was pleased with the program's expansion into Gantry Plaza State Park.

"It's a great addition to the park," HPPC President Rob Basch said. "Our Long Island City community has many people who work from home and effective Wi-Fi provides the opportunity for these people to use the park as the best office in the world."

Today, the park is a popular destination due to its spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline along the four piers that jut

out into the East River, as well as its manicured gardens and open spaces. The restored gantries, which were used to load and unload rail car floats and barges, serve as a reminder of the neighborhood's post-industrial past

The vice president of the Conservancy, Mark Christie, flashed back to the early 1990s when he joined the late Bill Bylewski, the founder and long-time president of the Friends of Gantry, and began cleaning the waterfront and making it more accessible to the people of Hunters Point.

"It was all abandoned warehouses both north and south of the gantries and everything was neglected," Christie said. "And now the park is coming up on its 20th anniversary in May. It makes me very proud that our park is high on the list with the state Parks Department with Jones Beach and Robert Moses State Park, the other crown jewels in the system."

The Hunters Point Parks Conservancy is planning a 20th anniversary celebration at Gantry on May 5, which is I Love My Park Day, in which thousands of volunteers help beautify park spaces across the state.

Sunnyside attorney charged with fraud

BY BILL PARRY

A Sunnyside-based immigration attorney has been charged with asylum fraud and knowingly making false statements on more than 180 asylum applications for clients, according to federal prosecutors.

Andreea Dumitru, 42, whose law firm Andreea Dumitru & Associates is located at 48-23 Skillman Ave., faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on the asylum count and 10 years on the false statements count.

"Andreea Dumitru, an immigration attorney, is alleged to have submitted fraudulent forms for over 180 clients, each containing statements and representations she knew to be false," Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman said. "She now faces prison time for her alleged crimes."

The indictment alleges that between 2012 and 2017, Dumitru participated in a scheme to submit fraudulent I-589 Forms in connection with applications for asylum. Specifically, she submitted more than 180 applications in which she knowingly made false representations regarding applicants' criminal histories and containing personal narratives of alleged persecution while certifying each application as true and correct under penalty of perjury, prosecutors said.

"Dumitru is alleged to have used her trusted position to defraud the government, submitting fraudulent documents to claim asylum," Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent-in-Charge Angel Melendez said. "Her alleged actions took up time and resources while those with valid asylum claims waited in line. Now Dumitru will enter a courtroom as a defendant to

face the consequences for her alleged actions."

The charges come in the midst of the Trump administration's crackdown on immigration into the United States and increased enforcement activity by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is proud of the hard work of our fraud detection officers that leads us to important cases like this one, and ensures that those who try to commit immigration fraud will face justice," U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services New York Asylum Office Director Patricia Menges said.

Last year, state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced a five-count tax fraud indictment against Dumitru and Evgeny "Taxi King" Freidman alleging the two had pocketed \$5 million owed to the MTA. That fraud case is set to go to trial in June.

Dumitru served as chief financial officer at Evgeny's Taxicab Management, which operates a fleet of more than 800 taxicabs out of several depots across the city, including one on Roosevelt Avenue in Sunnyside.



A Sunnyside attorney is charged by federal prosecutors with knowingly making false statements on more than 180 asylum applications.

Photo by Bill Parry

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Former city cop gets 14 years for Astoria extortions

NYPD officer led double life as Albanian mobster protecting gang's so-called turf: Feds

BY BILL PARRY

A former city cop was sentenced to more than 14 years in prison in Brooklyn federal court late last month for his role in two schemes to extort small business owners in the Albanian community in Astoria.

Besnik Llakatura, 38, was an officer at the 120th Precinct on Staten Island when he forced two small business owners to pay bribes in exchange for protection between May and November 2013, according to the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District. Llakatura pleaded guilty March 27.

Denis Nikolla and Redinel Dervishaj, Llakatura's co-conspirators in the organized crime gang, were sentenced to 18 and 57 years in prison, respectively, federal prosecutors said. The three conspired to extort more than \$24,000 from an Astoria seafood restaurant owner, with Dervishaj telling the victim he had to pay \$4,000 a month because he had opened in "our

neighborhood," according to court filings.

When he failed to make the payments, Nikolla and Dervishaj threatened him on a public street and chased him at gunpoint. The victim, a friend of Llakatura, sought help from him not knowing he was involved in the scheme. Llakatura discouraged the victim from going to the police, court papers said.

The gang also attempted to extort \$1,000 a week from the owner of two social clubs, who refused and stopped visiting his clubs out of fear for his safety. Llakatura and his co-defendants threatened, punched and pulled a gun on the victim's head, leaving him with injuries to his face, federal authorities said. The victim fled to a foreign country to avoid the defendants threats, and later sold his clubs.

"Besnik Llakatura took an oath to serve and protect the citizens of New York City as an officer with the NYPD, while simultaneously pledging his allegiance to a violent organized



Former NYPD officer Besnik Llakatura is sentenced to more than 14 years in prison after he took part in extortion schemes that targeted small business owners in Astoria.

Courtesy of the U.S. Attorney's Office

crime group bent on shaking down local Queens business owners within the Albanian community," FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge William


Sweeney said. "He quickly discovered what happens to those who find themselves on the wrong side of the law, and after his guilty plea, was stripped of

his shield of honor."


Llakatura was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Eric Vitaliano to 14 years and three months in prison for his convictions on two counts of Hobbs Act extortion conspiracy and one count of brandishing a firearm in relation to a crime of violence.

"In flagrant violation of his sworn duty to serve and protect the community, former Police Officer Llakatura, along with his criminal partners, used fear, intimidation and threats of violence to demand payment from hardworking citizens who dared to open businesses on their so-called 'turf' of Astoria, Queens," U.S. Attorney Richard Donoghue said. "Today's sentence drives home the message that no one is above the law and a police officer who commits crimes against the community he serves will be held fully accountable."

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Schneiderman files suit against Trump

Multiple attorneys general fight to block citizenship question set for 2020 US Census

BY GINA MARTINEZ

The fight for a fair 2020 census has led to a lawsuit to block the Trump administration from demanding citizenship information.

On Tuesday morning, New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman filed the lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan. Schneiderman was joined by 17 attorneys general, six cities and the bipartisan U.S. Conference of Mayors. The coalition argued that a question on citizenship would depress turnout in states with large immigrant populations, threatening states' fair representation in Congress and the Electoral College and leading to the potential loss of billions in critical federal funds for education, infrastructure and Medicaid.

The census controversy began Dec. 12, when the U.S. Department of Justice requested that the Census Bureau demand citizenship information in the 2020 census form sent to every household in the United States even though the census is supposed to count all persons, citi-



Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's lawsuit looks to block the Trump administration from demanding citizenship information in the 2020 US Census.

zens and non-citizens alike. The DOJ argued that the collection of citizenship information was necessary to ensure proper enforcement of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

But according to Schneiderman and 18 other states in a letter sent to the Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in February, the demand would have the opposite effect by driving

down participation in immigrant communities. The potential undercount would deprive immigrant communities of fair representation when legislative seats are apportioned and dis-

trict lines are drawn, the letter said.

Queens is the nation's most ethnically diverse county, where nearly half of the residents are foreign-born.

Schneiderman said he is proud to lead this coalition in the fight for a full and fair census. He said that for decades, both parties have respected the constitutional requirement with respect and now the Trump administration is recklessly breaking with that tradition.

"One of the federal government's most solemn obligations is a fair and accurate count of all people in the country, citizen and non-citizen alike," he said. "With immigrant communities already living in fear, demanding citizenship status would drive them into the shadows, leading to a major undercount that threatens billions in federal funding for New York and our fair representation in Congress and the Electoral College."

Schneiderman's lawsuit was brought under the Enumeration Clause of the U.S. Constitution, arguing that by asking

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Cuomo releases state budget with focus on city improvements

BY MARK HALLUM

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced details of the fiscal year 2019 state budget with a message that tightened oversight of City Hall and stood defiant against the administration in Washington.

With increased sway over public schools under mayoral control, increased funding for NYCHA housing, plans for the eventual closure of Rikers Island and a middle-class tax cut designed to shield New Yorkers from the effects of the federal tax plan, the \$168.3 billion state budget placed a heavy emphasis on improvements in the city.

"This budget is a bold blueprint for progressive action that builds on seven years of success and helps New York continue to lead amid a concerted and sustained assault from Washington



Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced oversight of NYCHA and city schools as part of the \$100 billion state budget on March 30.

Courtesy of Gov. Cuomo's office/Mike Groll

on our values and principles," Cuomo said.

Schools will see a 3.9 percent increase in funding over last year with \$26.7 billion for the 2018-2019 year, which will amount to a 36 percent increase in education funding from 2012

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levels when Cuomo took office.

The bill also requires the school districts to be transparent about where they allocate funds and invests \$25 million in pre-K and after-school programs.

The state answered the calls of Queens elected officials to cut through bureaucracy to implement improvements to NYCHA facilities with \$250 million after Astoria Houses received backup generators in February, which had been in the pipeline following Superstorm Sandy.

Cuomo said he would issue an executive order for City Council to appoint an independent monitor to work in collaboration with the state and residents in

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AG leads coalition fight versus POTUS travel ban

BY BILL PARRY

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, leading a coalition of 17 attorneys general around the nation, filed a new amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court last Friday opposing President Donald Trump's third travel ban. The brief supports Hawaii's case against the Trump administration.

In this third challenge, the district court entered a nationwide preliminary injunction that prohibits enforcement of Trump's indefinite ban on entry into the United States from six overwhelmingly Muslim countries: Iran, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Yemen and Chad. North Korea and Venezuela are also on the list.

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the injunction, which protects

foreign nationals with a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States.

"Since day one, our coalition of attorneys general has been on the front lines of the fight against this unconstitutional, unlawful, and un-American," Schneiderman said. "President Trump's discriminatory ban both hurts the families caught up in the chaos of his draconian policies and undermines our state's residents, institutions, businesses, and economies. We'll continue to act to protect our residents and our states."

In addition to New York, the brief was signed by California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and the District

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Mayor talks education

Blaz praises boost in pre-K attendance at town hall

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Mayor Bill de Blasio was in Jackson Heights last week for a town hall to announce progress on two major park projects in the neighborhood and extended trash pickups to combat litter. Some of the other announcements that elicited cheers from the hundreds in attendance involved education, hospitals, sanitation, transportation and public safety.

Fewer than 50 members of the throng who filled IS 145 — located at 33-34 80th St. — at the March 28 town hall knew that all middle schools in the city had free after-school programs, so the mayor asked the crowd to spread the word.

The mayor also notified attendees that preschool attendance has increased in the last four years from 58 full-time preschoolers to 1,573 in Jackson Heights, that every 3-year-old will have free preschool by September 2021 in the city and that

PS 398 will open in the fall of 2019 at 69-01 34th Ave.

“This is a community where there is a real need for new school space,” de Blasio said of the overcrowded school district.

Repairs are about to start at PS 69 — located at 77-02 37th Ave. — and the mayor expects the work to be done by the end of April.

The two-acre Travers Park at 76-09 34th Ave. will open September 2019 and Diversity Plaza will become a permanent pedestrian space after an \$8 million investment. The plaza’s grand opening is in July, the mayor said. Jackson Heights Library will also receive an \$11 million face-lift.

After being informed that Elmhurst Hospital has the eighth busiest emergency room in the nation, the city has invested \$30 million to expand and renovate both the ER and the hospital’s trauma center.

Many complaints were made about overflowing litter in Jack-

son Heights and additional year-round service was added to the area starting March 28.

There are now extra trash pickups on Fridays along 37th and Roosevelt avenues, while Broadway has gone from five to seven days of service each week.

The Department of Transportation will add more lighting fixtures for the 7-train from Roosevelt Avenue stretching from 71st to 81st streets. To tackle the congestion at 73rd Street and 37th Avenue, a new traffic agent will be at the spot starting April 2.

Some of the questions during the Q&A portion of the town hall were about the LGBT community at schools, school buses and gentrification in Jackson Heights.

“We have the most school buses in any city, but our air quality is the third worst,” said Tevin Grant, the founder of the Electric School Bus Campaign.

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Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks to a capacity crowd at a town hall at IS 45 in Jackson Heights, where he discussed a number of topics with members of the community. Photo by Naeisha Rose

Subway service not in sync with more travel outside 9-5

BY MARK HALLUM

City Comptroller Scott Stringer issued a report on the subways that shows how the agency has failed to adjust to the needs of a modern city where residents no longer abide by the 9-to-5 workday.

Since 2010, ridership between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. began to rise with little response from the MTA to accommodate straphangers in the growing health-care, hospitality, retail, food services, and entertainment industries, according to Stringer.

While the traditional peak hours have become increasingly overcrowded, those working outside the 9-to-5 routine have been left with sparse train service, the report said.

“During rush hour, we’re packed into subway cars like sardines. But outside traditional 9-to-5 travel, off-peak service is fundamentally failing to meet demand. It’s



City Comptroller Scott Stringer claims the MTA has not updated its service schedule despite ridership growth outside peak hours. Photo by Michael Shain

a crisis within a crisis, because over the past decade, the nature of our economy has changed and ridership late nights and early mornings has risen while actual service to match it has not. That means that those who need service to get to work during non-traditional hours are stuck with a crisis not of overcrowding, but

of infrequency,” Stringer said.

These types of jobs comprise about 40 percent of private sector employment, according to the report, a 57 percent increase over the past decade while the state agency still runs 60 percent fewer trains during the hours most utilized by these demographics.

In 1985, about half of subway ridership into Manhattan’s central business district was between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., but these numbers had dropped by 28 percent by 2015.

“We’ve looked at the human impacts of delays, the economic cost of slowdowns, and the crisis above ground with our bus system,” Stringer continued. “Now we’re showing how immigrants, New Yorkers of color, and lower-income neighbors are disproportionately affected by the off-peak subway crisis. The time for action is now. We need more service in

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On the one-year anniversary of the electrical workers union strike against Spectrum cable company, members of the City Council rally in support of the nearly 2,000 union members still off the job. Courtesy of Miller’s office

Rally at City Hall

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Dozens of people were outside City Hall last week to condemn Charter Communications, a cable company that also goes by the name of Spectrum, to mark the one-year anniversary when many of the multibillion-dollar corporation’s employees went on strike.

After Charter acquired Time Warner Cable in 2016, the \$41.6 billion company proposed eliminating the benefits

of its union employees, according to Councilman I. Danee Miller (D-St. Albans), the elected official who represents many of the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local 3) in Queens.

“Roughly 10 percent of the more than 1,800 Spectrum workers represented by Local 3 live in southeast Queens,” said Miller, chairman of the Civil Service and Labor Committee. “These skilled women and

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Simotas rape kit preservation bill now law

BY BILL PARRY

The \$168 billion 2018-2019 state budget approved and signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo early Saturday contained legislation, sponsored by Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria), ensuring sexual assault survivors have a greater opportunity to seek justice by preventing the premature destruction of sexual assault evidence kits, commonly referred to as forensic rape kits.

Simotas' legislation is now law in New York state, where each rape kit must be preserved for 20 years so that evidence remains available for use in investigations and prosecutions.

Currently, if a victim chooses not to make an immediate police report, the hospital that collects the rape kit is only required to retain the evidence for 30 days before it can be discarded. This is often not enough time for a

traumatized victim to make a decision about moving forward with a criminal complaint.

"Preserving untested rape kits preserves a victim's right to move forward with a prosecution of the perpetrator," Simotas said. "No sexual assault survivor should ever be told that a prosecution is not possible because a rape kit was disposed of prematurely."

The new law requires that such rape kits be retained for at least 20 years from the date of collection at a centralized secure storage facility. This will include clothing, cotton swabs, slides and other relevant items, which will be identified with a code matching the survivor's medical records.

Speaking at a news conference Friday, Gov. Cuomo, who made Simotas' Rape Kit Preservation Bill a priority, said the longer time frame for storing the sexual assault



Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas' Rape Kit Preservation Bill is now law after it was included in the State budget agreement.

evidence kits will help prosecute attackers in the future.

"We know that DNA is now the fingerprint for many

crimes," Cuomo said. "We haven't been keeping rape kits long enough to really have a database that we can

then go back to. Increasing it from 30 days, you never really had an opportunity to build up a database. Now you'll have 20 years of data."

The new law will also ensure that sexual assault survivors are not billed for the sexual assault forensic exam. Even if the survivor has private insurance, she or he can choose to have the New York State Office of Victim Services reimburse the hospital where the exam was conducted. The law will also create a tracking system so sexual assault survivors are notified where their kits are stored and when the 20-year storage period is about to expire.

"Compassion must always be paramount in the law enforcement response to sexual assault victims," Simotas said. "Preserving rape kits is the right thing to do and it will help lock up dangerous criminals."

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Endorsements mount in Peralta-Ramos race

BY BILL PARRY

State Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) received an endorsement from the Uniformed Firefighters Association Monday on his re-election campaign, citing his commitment to first responders and their families. The UFA becomes the fourth labor endorsement for Peralta, including the Uniformed Fire Officers Association last month as well as Plumbers Local 1 and RWDSU.

"It's important for our members to have strong partners in Albany who will fight for their safety and rights," UFA President Gerard Fitzgerald said. "Senator Jose Peralta has been a tireless advocate for firefighters, sponsoring legislation to provide financial assistance to the families who give their lives on the job."

His challenger in the Democratic primary, Jackson Heights resident Jessica Ramos, received an endorsement from City Comptroller Scott Stringer last week in Corona. Stringer became the first citywide elected official to endorse a candidate running against an incumbent member of the Independent Democratic Conference, which shares power with Senate Republicans allowing the GOP to control the chamber.

"Democrats have actually won these seats," Stringer said. "They go to Albany, but instead of working with Democrats, they work with the Republicans. There's imbalance."

He added that during the era of President Donald Trump, it is now more important to support "true Democrats" as the first line of defense in Albany.

"I'm here today because I want to see a Democratic state Senate. I want to break the dam," Stringer said. "And I also want to support the next generation, not just in the Latino community, but throughout the city, and I believe Jessica Ramos, through her government resume and her life story, is somebody who is going to get to the state Senate and fight for change in a way we've never seen before."

Ramos worked with Build Up NYC to fight for construction, hotel, and maintenance workers in New York City and served as a Democratic district leader from 2010 to 2014. She most recently served as director of Latino Media in the de Blasio administration before stepping down to challenge Peralta.

For Ramos it is her third major endorsement in two weeks after City Councilman Costa Constantinides



State Sen. Jose Peralta receives his fourth labor endorsement for his re-election campaign against Democratic primary challenger Jessica Ramos. NYS State Senate

(D-Astoria) supported her campaign last week and City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) followed with his endorsement Monday at the Woodside Houses. The Queens-born mother of two said she was honored to have Stringer join her campaign against Peralta.

"I'm running for state Senate to increase school funding, expand affordable housing, and fix our broken subway system," Ramos said. "My community deserves a leader who will put working families first — instead of Jose Peralta, a senator who empowers Republicans at the expense of his district."

The Peralta campaign dismissed the comptroller's endorsement.

"While Senator Peralta is focused on delivering results for his constituents on public housing, fixing the MTA, immigration and funding education, it seems Scott Stringer is playing politics to satisfy his mayoral ambitions," said Jennifer Blatus, Peralta for Queens spokeswoman. "He should focus on his day job. We will not be distracted by his useless politicking."

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Pols fight to save Lefferts Blvd. Bridge

Rosenthal, Comrie introduce bill to rehabilitate 90-year-old Kew Gardens structure

BY NAEISHA ROSE

State Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal (D-Flushing) and state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) announced Monday that they have introduced a bill to rehabilitate Lefferts Boulevard Bridge.

Before the bill can move forward, the Metropolitan Transit Authority must conduct a study to explore the feasibility of restoring the Kew Gardens structure between Austin and Grenfell streets. The bridge is still in use.

The Long Island Rail Road bridge was built 90 years ago and has become unsafe for residents and the surrounding 12 businesses, according to the lawmakers.

For years, the community has complained about the lack of maintenance surrounding the infrastructure.

Zee N Kay Management LLC, the company that is supposed to maintain the LIRR bridge, may not have its contract renewed. That could leave the future of the bridge up in the air, according to the pols.

Residents do not want the bridge to be demolished or fall into the hands of developers.

"The MTA has been an irresponsible landlord and is now asking the community to bear the consequences," said Rosenthal. "Despite years of complaints raised by our residents, nothing was done to address the hazardous disrepair at this location. Our legislation ensures that our community does not bear the burden for decades of neglect."

Comrie agreed with Rosenthal and is calling for action.

"Years of delinquency have brought us to this critical juncture," said Comrie. "I stand united with the business owners, residents of Kew Gardens, community advocates, Assembly member Rosenthal."

Dominick Pistone, the resident of the Kew Gardens Civic Association, said it was about time somebody did something about the perilous bridge.

"Our elected officials un-



Residents fear that if stores are torn down to rebuild the Lefferts Boulevard Bridge, the cash-strapped MTA will lease the property to developers – as they did years ago on a similar bridge within sight of the Kew Gardens LIRR station.

Photos by Michael Shain



A proposed bill would require the MTA to figure out a way to fix the Lefferts Avenue Bridge without evicting a dozen store owners, including Nathalie Reid of Thyme Natural Market.

derstand the importance of this issue to the Kew Gardens community and to keeping the neighborhood livable and desirable," said Pistone. "We hope the MTA/LIRR will recognize that keeping the stores and restoring the bridges is important to us. We look forward to working with them."

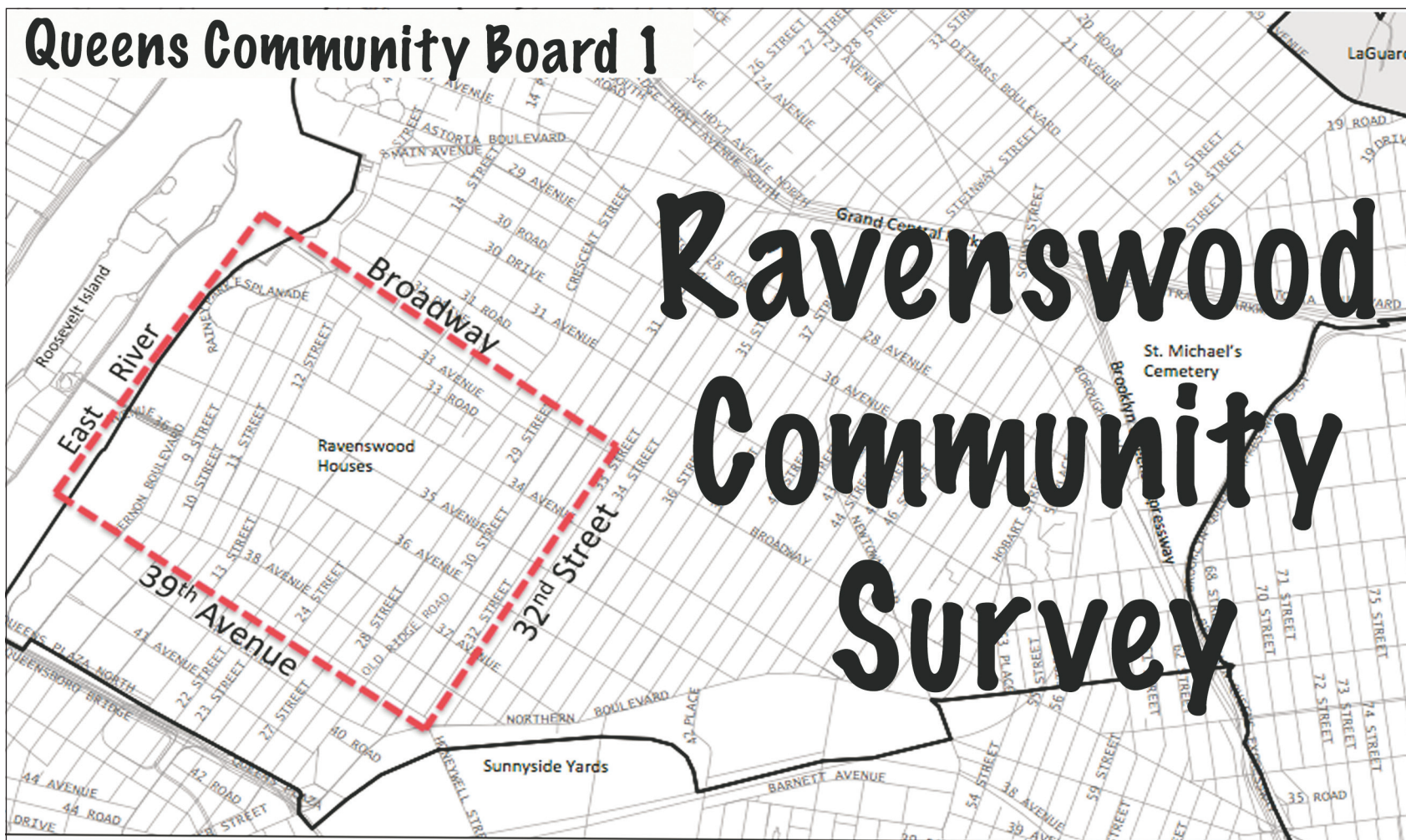
If the bill becomes law, findings in the study would have to go to the state Legislature, the mayor and the governor by March 2019.

Reach reporter Naeisha Rose by e-mail at nrose@cnglocal.com or by phone at (718) 260-4573.



The floor under the health food store on the bridge is starting to rot. This is the view from the station platform looking up.

Ravenswood Community Survey



The Western Queens neighborhoods of Greater Astoria & Long Island City have seen a tremendous amount of change and growth in the last several years. Often, as zoning and other changes are proposed, residents feel left out of the process. Queens Community Board 1 is surveying those who live, work and play in Ravenswood. We want to know how you feel about your neighborhood-what's good, what needs improving-to ensure that the voice of the community informs any future proposed zoning or development.

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Ridgewood teacher charged with sexting student

RIDGEWOOD — A Ridgewood middle school teacher has admitted to sexting a student and faces a jail sentence, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

Michael Cognato, 35, of Bethpage, L.I., pleaded guilty in the attempted use of a child in a sexual performance and second-degree criminal contempt in Queens Criminal Court last week, according to Brown.

Cognato, a math teacher at IS 93, engaged in sexually explicit communications with a 15-year-old girl who had once been his student, receiving sexually explicit photos and videos of her, Brown said.

"He preyed on this young student whom he had once been entrusted to teach," he said. "This case should serve as a clear and unmistakable warning that parents must be mindful of the people their children communicate with online. And let this be a warning to sexual predators that law enforcement is prepared to pursue you

just as diligently as you go after young, innocent children."

As part of his plea agreement, Cognato has resigned from the New York City Department of Education, surrendered his New York state teaching license and must successfully complete a sex offender program. He will also be subject to the Sexual Offender Registration Act.

Cognato admitted that from July 2017 to September 2017, he engaged in sexually explicit conversations with the victim — who was 15 years-old at the time — and convinced her to send him sexually explicit videos of herself, Brown said.

He also admitted to violating the order of protection by contacting the victim following his arrest, according to Brown.

Cognato faces six months in jail and 10 years probation at his May 3 sentencing.

— Gina Martinez

Flushing man pleads guilty to fatal stabbing

FLUSHING — A Flushing man admitted to stabbing his girlfriend to death in their home, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

Naser Alzein, 55, pleaded guilty to a first-degree manslaughter charge in Queens Supreme Court last week for the November 2014 stabbing death of his 68-year-old estranged girlfriend Josefina Mendoza, Brown said. Police found Mendoza's body under a table in the apartment the couple shared.

Brown called the manslaughter vicious.

"This was a violent murder scene," he said. "The victim had been stabbed more than 300 times -- many of the knife wounds to her face. The defendant called 911 and claimed he found the woman dead in the apartment. As a result of this horrific crime, the de-

fendant will be incarcerated for a very long time."

Josefina Mendoza was stabbed more than 300 times between 7 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. on Nov. 8, 2014, according to the charges. The 68-year-old had more than 200 wounds to her face alone, Brown said.

Alzein called 911 to report he had found the woman in the Northern Boulevard apartment already dead, but he had a cut on his hand and was seen on video surveillance pacing outside the apartment building before going back inside to call the police, according to the charges.

Alzein faces up to 24 years in prison at his April 24 sentencing.

— Gina Martinez

Man crushed to death inside LIC factory: NYPD

LONG ISLAND CITY — A 50-year-old man was crushed to death underneath a marble slab at a Long Island City warehouse Friday, according to the NYPD.

Police from the 108th Precinct responded to a report of a man injured inside the Leadstone USA facility — located at 50-09 27th Ave. — and discovered the victim with severe trauma to the neck, police said. EMS responded and pronounced the worker dead at the scene.

The worker had been using a hoist to move large slabs of marble inside the "quartz countertops company" when he became trapped beneath one of them, according to authorities.

The Medical Examiner's Office were working to determine the cause of death and the investigation was ongoing, police said. The identity of the deceased was pending family notification.

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CENSUS SHAKEUP

The Trump administration's decision to implement a question regarding citizenship on the 2020 U.S. Census has rightfully been met with resistance from across the country — from New York to California, and here in Queens, too.

The administration says that the question, which will ask everyone in America if they are U.S. citizens, is meant to enforce the Voting Rights Act. It will help provide an accurate count on the number of eligible voters, the Trump White House says. Census data also provides the baseline for planning decisions made by the government.

But is all that the true meaning of the inclusion of the controversial question in the census for the first time since 1950?

As U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) puts it, "asking respondents if they are citizens will likely decrease response rates in immigrant communities, and as a result produce an inaccurate and incomplete count that will impact the distribution of federal resources, and the number of congressional districts that each state receives."

Census results are used to determine the number of seats allocated to each state. Money is also a factor, as the census helps determine how much federal tax goes to states and local governments.

At least 12 states — including New York — have announced their intention to sue the Trump administration in an effort to block the decision to add the citizenship question on the grounds that it violates the Constitution and would lead to fewer Americans participating in the census.

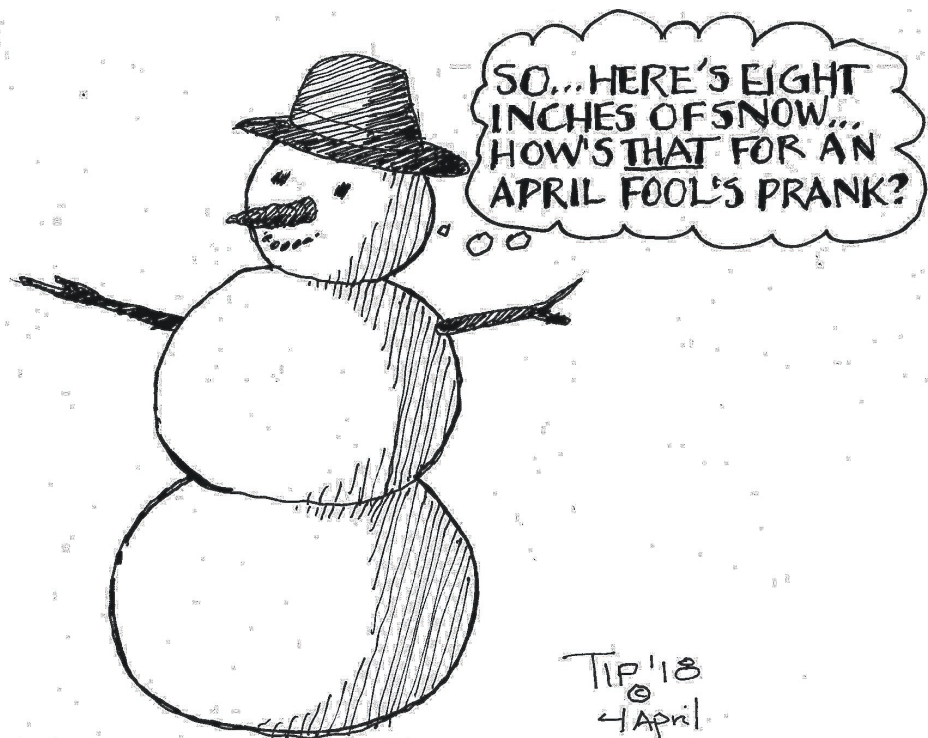
"A fair and accurate 2020 count is constitutionally mandated to ensure political power and resources remain with the people — where they belong," Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

Queens is the nation's most ethnically diverse county, where close to half of the residents are foreign-born. Nearly 1.1 million immigrants live in Queens, according to figures in the 2018 MOIA report.

With the implementation of the citizenship question on the census, how many of those immigrants will choose to participate? It is likely that there will be a lower response rate in Queens — and New York in general — which will lead to an incomplete count.

Those who oppose the inclusion of the question contend the Trump administration could be looking to reduce the population count in mostly Democratic areas where more immigrants reside ahead of state and national redistricting in 2021.

It certainly seems that the decision to include the question is politically charged. And that's not what the census should be about. The census is about getting an accurate count of every resident in the United States. It should stay that way.



OTHER VOICES

CB 1 launches Ravenswood survey

Community Board 1 is launching a community survey to gather input from residents, business owners and other stakeholders in the Ravenswood neighborhood.

Spearheaded by the community board's Land Use and Zoning Committee, the survey is designed to capture stakeholder thoughts on growth in Ravenswood, concerns about housing, new development, jobs and other issues, as well as express a vision for the future of this area of Astoria.

The western Queens neighborhoods of Greater Astoria and Long Island City have seen a tremendous amount of change and growth in the last several years. Often, as zoning and other changes are proposed, residents feel left out of the process. This survey will help the committee and the community board be responsive to community

concerns when proposals are reviewed and ensure that the voice of the community informs the board's recommendations on future rezoning actions and developments.

The survey will be available online in English, Spanish and Bengali beginning on or about Wednesday, April 4, through Monday, April 30, and will be disseminated via Community Board 1's website, Facebook page, and Twitter account. Paper surveys will also be available.

Members of the Land Use and Zoning Committee will be visiting civic associations, community groups, and any interested organizations in Ravenswood to disseminate and collect paper surveys. For the sake of this survey, the Ravenswood neighborhood boundaries are Broadway to the north, 39th Avenue to the south, 32nd Street to

the east and Vernon Boulevard to the west.

Ravenswood stakeholders who are interested in participating in the survey can visit the community board website, www.nyc.gov/queenscb1, where a link will be set up for direct access to the survey. The survey can also be accessed using the mobile codes shown on a flier that will appear in local newspapers and be distributed in the neighborhood.

To request paper copies of the survey, schedule a presentation at a community group site, assist with disseminating the survey, or for more information, please contact the Community Board 1 office at (718) 626-1021 or cb1survey@cb.nyc.gov.

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Support bike lanes in Sunnyside, Woodside

As a Sunnyside father and husband, I support the installation of protected bike lanes and safer crosswalks for pedestrians on Skillman and 43rd avenues. Let me tell you why.

One year ago, another father, Gelacio Reyes, was killed on 43rd Avenue by a drunk driver as he biked back home to his family in Corona from his job in the Upper East Side. This hit close to home. You see, for the past two years, I have been biking my 3-year-old son to and from nursery/day care.

Maybe that sounds crazy to you — my wife thought it was crazy, too. She was used to bike lanes

in Beijing, which were wider than car lanes, so when she saw what it was like to bike in Sunnyside, she was very hesitant. I was eventually able to convince her after taking our boy to day care a few times on the back of the bike, but her cautiousness remains when we are on unprotected bike lanes.

Biking has meant a lot to me as a father. I have less restraint in my schedule, which makes me freer for my son. I save money on transit that I can put back into our family. We tried driving, but it was slower than biking. Uber was too expensive. Taking a kid on a train is too stressful — es-

pecially around rush hour. But our streets could still be so much safer for families who bike like mine.

At last week's Town Hall, I listened to several PTA officials from Sunnyside public schools express grave concerns over the danger of protected bike lanes. While I get that fear of change can be overwhelming, their concerns just don't mirror the reality of our city's recent experiences. Over and over again, protected bike lanes have been installed near schools with young students, and over and over again the schoolchildren are safer than before. Simply using common sense or

basic physics would suggest that a 200-pound person/bike going 10-15 mph is objectively less dangerous than a 2,000-pound car going any speed.

These PTA officials are correct in observing the streets are dangerous for our children, but bike lanes aren't. It's the road conditions they should be worried about.

I used to work as a bike messenger so maybe I am used to this lifestyle, but I would like to see other parents (preferably those who haven't worked as a messenger) biking their kids around. I'd like to see my wife biking with our son. And protected bike lanes

on Skillman and 43rd avenues will help make that happen, creating more safety for my wife and for other parents to feel comfortable when biking with their kids.

I strongly support the plan to bring protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety improvements to Sunnyside and Woodside. I hope our local city officials, including Community Board 2 and Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer, do the same.

My family is counting on them to do the right thing and approve this safety plan.

*Will O'Meara
Sunnyside*

Read before voting

Today's generation in Congress could learn much from the late Idaho Republican Sen. James A. McClure, who died seven years ago on Feb. 26, 2011.

His claim to fame on Capitol Hill was for his 18 years in Congress, he read every word of every bill before voting on it. For many years, he signed his own mail.

Fast forward to today, did members of Congress take an Evelyn Wood speed-reading class to absorb the 2,232 pages contained in the fourth temporary Stop Gap spending bill for \$1.3 trillion, which will cover the remaining sixth months of our current federal fiscal year?

This legislation passed in the dead of night with no real debate. They received this bill with less than 24 hours before being asked to vote up or down. Only the infamous Washington "K" Street lobbyists, key congressional staff members employed by the House and Senate leadership teams who actually wrote the fine print within the 2,232 pages on behalf of their bosses had any idea of the details buried in the actual contents.

There should be a two-week minimum time-out period. This would provide adequate time for members of Congress but also ordinary citizens, the media and independent good government watchdog groups to under-

stand all of the contents contained in any proposed bill. Everyone would also have the opportunity under an open process to comment and discuss the merits or consequences before others vote up or down for adoption.

This bill broke the 2011 Budget Control Act spending caps agreement, which was designed to reduce our multitrillion-dollar long-term debt. It was supposed to result in a real balanced budget with no borrowing within ten years. Instead, we added \$78 billion in additional military and \$52 billion in domestic spending by borrowing.

No attempt was made to offset these expenditures with real cuts elsewhere. Promised anticipated "savings" projected to pay for increases down the road never happen. Liberal or conservative, Democrat or Republican, we would all be better off if members of Congress would take time to actually read, line by line and openly debate in public any proposed legislation before voting. Their legislative actions affect both our economic and civil liberties. Future generations have to pay for and live with the consequences of a \$21 trillion national debt.

This red ink is on a path to grow \$1 trillion annually for years to come.

*Larry Penner
Great Neck*

Airplane noise must be reduced

For the last three days, and as I write this letter to the editor, it sounds like a ballistic missile is screaming above the homes of the Broadway-Flushing Historic District. I am sure it is much worse in downtown Flushing.

The FAA must help the LGA Committee develop alternative flight patterns that disburse noise, make planes fly higher, and advance the FAA's CLEEN Program (Continuous Lower Energy Emissions and Noise) in the long term. The FAA must help TRACON (New York Terminal Radio Approach Control) coordinate flight patterns between JFK and LGA. Ex-

cept for dire emergencies, air traffic controllers must consider every alternative before using any anti-noise mitigation flight pattern such as TNNIS or anything that resembles it.

Any flight pattern that concentrates this level of noise and causes this much destruction must be abolished. It is just wrong to cause this much hardship to our health, property, and the environment. The LGA Committee and NYCAR will keep fighting towards a positive and equitable outcome. The FAA's overall mandate is one of safety and their record is exemplary, but the FAA will never achieve a successful

modernization of the air traffic system at the expense and sacrifice of people living on the ground.

The LGA Committee and NYCAR (New York Community Aviation Roundtable) want to work with the FAA and Port Authority to develop these noise mitigation flight patterns and foster better coordination with TRACON. The traveling public deserves no less, and our lives and homes depend on it. We simply cannot live with this level of excessive airplane noise that never existed before 2012.

*Maria Becce
Broadway-Flushing*

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1. The belief that any time kids are out of their parents' sight, they're automatically in grave danger.

2. Cell phones.

Here's the toxic scenario:

A passerby sees a child outstayed on his own. This has become so rare, it is like spotting a lemur escaped from the zoo. So what do they do?

They whip out their phone and dial 911. Then they pat themselves on the back — after all, they just “saved” a child — and off they go. Do they stop and make sure the child is actually OK? Of course not! All that matters is that they made the call. They're on a moral high.

What happens next can involve anything from a shrug by the cops, to a warning to the parents, to a Child Protective Services investigation, to an actual arrest. For instance:

•The state of Illinois cited Natasha Felix for neglect after she let three children, aged 5, 9, and 11, play in the park next to her home, where she could see them from her window. She

checked on them every 10 minutes, but a passerby thought the kids were unsupervised, and called Child Protective Services. It took two years of fighting before a state appellate court overturned the finding of neglect.

•An Omaha woman taking her niece out of an SUV was shocked when the wind blew the door shut with her keys and the child inside. The car locked! The aunt, the girl's mom, and two other relatives frantically tried to open the door open using a hanger and screwdriver, and when they couldn't, they called 911. The cops arrived, broke the window, and got the child out, safe and sound. Then they ticketed the mom on “suspicion of child abuse by neglect.”

There have been other stories of families investigated for letting their kids, 10 and 6, walk home from the park in Silver Spring, Md.; a South Carolina mom thrown in jail for letting her 9-year-old play in a popular sprinkler park without her; a Connecticut mom clapped into handcuffs when she overslept

and her son, 8, walked to school on his own. And closer to home, a dad here in central New York was investigated for letting his 9-year-old wait in the car with her 6-year-old (snoozing) brother, while he ran an errand.

These are not crazy decisions that endanger kids. Even waiting briefly in cars is safe — kids who die in cars were forgotten there for hours, not waiting a few minutes while their parents picked up the dry cleaning (And actually, more kids die walking across parking lots than waiting in cars, so why do we criminalize the safer of the two alternatives?).

As for abduction — the rarest of crimes — our crime rate today is back to what it was when gas was 29 cents a gallon. Back then we didn't arrest parents who let their kids walk home from the park.

Decent, loving parents should not have to worry about being second-guessed by authorities excessively worried about unlikely dangers. Especially since *not* giving kids any independence turns out to be dan-

gerous in its own right.

Peter Gray, one of the co-founders of my new non-profit, Let Grow, has been studying the connection between free time and child development for decades. He's a professor of psychology at Boston College and author of the text book “Psychology” used at colleges across the country, including Harvard. He has determined that when kids have all their time structured and supervised by adults — parents, teachers, coaches and tutors — they don't get a chance to develop the skills that make them healthy, well-adjusted adults. Skills like creativity, compromise, and problem-solving.

“Nothing we do, no amount of toys we buy or ‘quality time’ or special training we give our children, can compensate for the freedom we take away. The things that children learn through their own initiatives, in free play, cannot be taught in other ways,” Gray has written.

Parents must be allowed to give that freedom back to their kids.

Queens immigration advocates blast change to census



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New Voices

is unclear what the government's motivations are for collecting this data. The American Community Survey, which is administered yearly and based on the census in 2010, is used to track demographic data and already contains questions on citizenship. Unlike the Census, however, the data is not used to apportion congressional districts.

In addition to falling asleep in government hearings, Ross is best known for overt hostility to foreign trade. His world view has made him a natural fit for the nationalist agenda of the Trump administration, which has positioned itself as opposed to immigration, legal and otherwise.

The change is being made over the objections of some in the leadership at the Census Bureau as well as the Census Scientific Advisory Committee — the experts that advise on the accuracy of the survey. In a statement, the panel blasted the re-introduction of the citizenship question as “flawed logic.” In a memo agreeing to the change, Ross cited the

American Community Survey as evidence that the citizenship question was “tested” and asserted that adding the question would have a negligible impact on response rates as many of the undocumented had already decided not to participate.

The MinKwon Center for Community Action, an immigration advocacy group based in Flushing, blasted the change, asserting that Asian-American and immigrant communities are undercounted and warned that the immigration question will “only lead to fear and depressed response rates.” The organization is part of a broader advocacy coalition of 18 organizations called APA Voice, which aims to increase civic engagement in immigrant communities across the city.

In a Feb. 14 letter to Ross, APA Voice questioned the legitimacy of census data that includes a citizenship question and noted that Asian-Americans in particular would be affected by the census change, with two-thirds

of the community being foreign born and one in five in a household with no one over the age of 14 fluent in English. The group sees efforts to force disclosure of immigration status as a move to intimidate immigrants and contrary to their efforts in ensuring that accurate data is collected in 2020. Historically, the Census Bureau has focused on matters such as translation of the questionnaires and outreach rather than politically charged issues.

There is precedent for undocumented persons to be wary about revealing their status to the government. Last year immigration hardliners sued New York City to prevent the destruction of data from the IDNYC program. The municipal ID program had enabled all New Yorkers, including the undocumented, to obtain a government picture ID that allowed some limited access to city services. Advocates were concerned that the data could be used by the Trump administration to track down undocumented persons.

Additionally, the undocumented youth that disclosed their status as part of the Deferred Action Against Childhood Arrivals program now face deportation after President Trump declared DACA “dead” after Congress refused to provide funding for the border wall. This breaks the covenant of trust these youth had placed in the federal government.

In short, this move to require a citizenship question on the census is consistent with the Trump administration's obsession with tracking and counting undocumented persons. As mass deportation remains unfeasible, the administration has pivoted to removing them from the public eye, through the targeted detention and deportation of activists, raids on “sanctuary cities” to intimidate undocumented immigrants who live openly. Though the undocumented cannot vote (and allegations of “voter fraud” remain a fantasy) the communities they live in elect representatives who grant them the voice they would otherwise be denied.

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Law targets NYPD sexual misconduct

BY MARK HALLUM

City and state elected officials announced the passage of legislation last Friday that will amend the penal code, making it illegal for police officers to engage in sexual activity with those in their custody.

State Assemblyman Edward Braunstein (D-Bayside) introduced the bill in November in support of Councilman Mark Treyger (D-Brooklyn), who drafted the legislation after a September 2017 incident in which two detectives in Brooklyn, who have since resigned, were alleged to have had sex with a teenage girl in their custody who they claimed consented.

Not only has it passed at the city level, but both the Assembly and Senate came through for the bill, which now awaits Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signature.

"The power dynamic between someone in custody and the officers themselves is such that the individual in custody is incapable of consenting to sexual activity," Braunstein

said. "State law already prohibits sexual contact between Correction officers and parole officers and those in their custody. This common-sense legislation ensures that individuals in police custody are also protected from coercive sexual behavior committed by officers exploiting their authority."

While Treyger's bill sought to change the penal code to make sexual conduct between a peace officer and a person in their custody a misdemeanor, the highest offense designation allowed to be passed at the city level, Braunstein's bill would make the offense punishable as a Class E felony.

"There can be no sexual consent when someone is in police custody," Treyger said. "This horrific rape outraged our nation, and from day one, I have made it clear I would do whatever it took to advocate for common-sense consent laws to make sure that this could never happen again. I am proud that our leaders at the state level have recognized the need to finally close this antiquated



A bill to make sexual misconduct between cops and those in their custody illegal just needs the governor's signature to become law.

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loop-hole and ensure that our laws on sexual consent align with basic common sense and human decency."

The bill was picked up by state Sen. Andrew Lanza (R-Staten Island), according to a spokesman for Braunstein, and saw support from leaders at both the city and state levels, including Assembly Speaker

Carl Heastie (D-Bronx).

"This legislation helps ensure that New York's laws regarding consent protect all individuals, including individuals held in police custody, from sexual abuse," Heastie said. "It is simply wrong that someone exercising custodial government authority, such as a police officer, would vio-

late the trust that should exist between law enforcement and the communities they serve."

Public Advocate Letitia James got behind the bill in November.

"There have been a wave of high-profile, powerful men accused of sexually abusing and harassing vulnerable women and men — and officers who sexually harass and abuse vulnerable individuals in their custody are no different," James said. "While the vast majority of officers are hardworking and deeply principled, we must have laws in place to hold those few unscrupulous officers accountable. The bills introduced by Assemblyman Braunstein and Council member Treyger to ensure that sexual activity between officers and those in their custody is prohibited are common-sense measures to ensure that no individual is above the law."

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Transit advocates criticize 2019 budget

BY MARK HALLUM

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The state budget for FY 2019 aims to raise short-term MTA funds while attempting to reduce road congestion. Photo by Julie Jacobson/AP

congestion pricing, however, the governor will enact a surcharge in the meantime of \$2.75 on all for-hire vehicles entering Manhattan below 96th Street, which the Citizens Budget Commission said dodges creating meaningful change.

"New surcharges will be placed on trips made by taxis and for-hire vehicles in New York City's central business district, but the can will be kicked down the road on a fuller congestion pricing plan to reduce traffic and provide a significant long-term revenue source," the CBC statement said. "Instead, to increase short-term revenues, the city of New York will be forced to provide \$418 million for the Subway Action Plan or have its sales tax revenues withheld—even though New York City taxpayers pay the overwhelming majority of MTA taxes and subsidies."

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo's state budget for 2019 set the ball in motion to reclaim the failing transit system in the city through short-term funding of projects in the outer boroughs and a requirement that the city pay up its half of the \$836 million Subway Action Plan.

But the \$168.3 billion budget failed to resonate with transit advocates, who claimed commuters would continue to feel the pain of widespread delays and meltdowns without a dedicated and comprehensive revenue stream for the MTA to set the subways back on track.

Transit advocates groups, led by Riders Alliance and including Transportation Alternatives, The Straphangers Campaign and StreetsPAC, issued a joint statement calling for the implementation of Fix-NYC's congestion pricing proposal, which made no appearance in the budget released March 30.

"Our transit system is on life support. Fixing our transit system should have been Al-

bany's first priority this year; unfortunately, the final budget does not offer a credible plan to modernize the MTA, nor provide a sufficient revenue stream to make it possible. The crisis in our subways and on our streets will continue, and New Yorkers will continue to demand action from Gov. Cuomo and state lawmakers," the joint statement read. "First, Gov. Cuomo must use a portion of the new revenue to help implement comprehensive congestion pricing... and addressing needs in transit deserts around the city. Then the governor must establish, and commit to, a timeline to make congestion pricing a reality in New York."

The FixNYC proposal released in January would place an EZPass charge of \$11.52 on cars entering Manhattan during peak hours and a \$25.34 fee for trucks to encourage overnight deliveries to businesses.

The plan would keep all East River bridges, which have been toll free for over a century, as they have been. But upon entering Manhattan, cars going south into the central business district would be charged a premium.

The plan has also seen opposition from Queens elected officials who represent the east side of the borough, as the charge could affect up to 5 percent of these residents.

The MTA will begin receiving the funds for the Subway Action Plan in April, and will be handed the full \$836 million by the end of 2018.

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FAA to look at new methods to measure aircraft noise



Quiet Skies Caucus secured provisions in a congressional spending bill that seeks to reduce excessive airplane noise.
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BY GINA MARTINEZ

Queens representatives are optimistic following new provisions in the \$1.3 trillion congressional spending bill that will update an outdated metric used to measure aircraft noise.

Members of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus, a group of House members raising awareness and finding solutions to aircraft noise, announced that they had secured a provision in the newly enacted omnibus spending bill, directing the Federal Aviation Administration to find new methods of measuring aircraft noise in an effort to reduce the impact of excessive airplane and helicopter noise over their Queens and Long Island districts.

The Omnibus Appropriations Bill was signed into law March 23.

Queens caucus members include U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-Flushing), Tom Suozzi (D-Little Neck), Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) and Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica), among others.

The FAA currently uses the Day-Night Average Sound Level 65 metric, the national standard at which the agency determines acceptable levels of aircraft noise. The provision will allow the administration to evaluate other methods to address community airplane noise concerns and will encourage the FAA to make these recommendations based on actual noise levels. Caucus members said the current measure of the impact of noise relies heavily on modeling and simulations to determine "annoyance" levels of aircraft noise over communities, but rarely takes into account actual noise on the ground.

Meng, whose district is directly under the LaGuardia Airport flight path,

said the metric of 65 DNL has long been outdated and does not adequately measure the true impact of aircraft noise.

"That is why it's time to for the FAA to re-evaluate it," she said. "The blistering sounds of airplane noise in Queens continues to negatively impact the quality of life of borough residents, and looking at a more accurate measurement of noise effects would go a long way towards creating quieter skies over our communities. I look forward to seeing what other metrics the FAA proposes."

Suozzi, co-chair of the Quiet Skies Caucus, said Queens and Long Island residents deserve to live in peace and quiet and this new provision will require the FAA to take important steps in addressing noise reduction so people are not bombarded at all hours of the day and night.

Crowley, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, argued that the issue is not just about noise pollution but about residents' long-term health.

"I'm deeply concerned about the long-term impact noise pollution has on the health and well-being of my neighbors in Queens and the Bronx," he said. "Our communities have been burdened with a barrage of noise from airplanes and helicopters because of our proximity to two major airports, and this provision will help us better understand and curb the impact of noise pollution. It is important that the FAA realize the serious effects that noise pollution has on our communities and take further steps to reduce these inconveniences."

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Chris Burdier and Yamilet Yaport of Corona are ready for Opening Day.

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Fans are eager to head into the ballpark ahead of the Mets' home opener at Citi Field .

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George Samuels of Jamaica stands near section 106.

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Noah Tech of Queens shows his support with his Mets gear.

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Jamaica resident Angelo Clemena takes a break from the action on the field.

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(From l. - r.) Queens residents Gabriela Arevalo, Maggie Vargas and Jayme Spyridon-Tow, are ready for baseball.

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BY NAEISHA ROSE

Two branches of the Queens Public Library system will close for temporary upgrades.

On April 14 through the fall of 2019, the 10,800-square-foot Glendale Community Library will receive \$4.7 million in renovations, according to the Queens Public Library.

In December 2017, there was a groundbreaking ceremony at the three-story library, which is located at 78-60 73rd Place.

The interior of the library's building and a walled-off rear garden will undergo restorations. There will also be reconstruction of the front stairs, a wheelchair-accessible entrance to the building and the addition of a book drop.

Other installations include a new adult room, a new teen reading room, an elevator and a vestibule.

The Italian Renaissance-styled library was built in 1935 and has a Spanish-tiled roof with original woodwork, details and finishes.

Queens Public Library will have a mobile library for the Glendale Branch starting April 27 on Fridays from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. outside the facility.

The library has also suggested that users can visit nearby branches during the Glendale Library renovation: Ridgewood Community Library, 20-12 Madison St., Ridgewood; Middle Village Community Library, 72-31 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village; North Forest Park, 98-27 Metropolitan Ave., Forest Hills; Woodhaven Community Library, 85-41 Forest Parkway, Woodhaven.

South Jamaica Community Library will also be undergoing construction, but it will be significantly less extensive and the branch will be closed for a shorter period of time. The South Jamaica branch, located at 108-41 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., will close from April 5 to August 2018 to replace the building's roof, which costs approximately \$900,000.

A mobile library will be outside the library on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting April 9.

Avid readers could also go to nearby locations as an alternative: Central Library, 89-11 Merrick Blvd., Jamaica; Baisley Park Community Library, 117-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica and St. Albans Community Library, 191-05 Linden Blvd.

Travel ban

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of Columbia.

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The brief, like previous ones filed by the same coalition, details the numerous grave and irreparable harms the states have continued to face as a result of the Trump administration's travel bans, and which could very well now be permanent due to the indefinite nature of this third ban. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments on the Trump administrations travel ban beginning April 25.

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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.

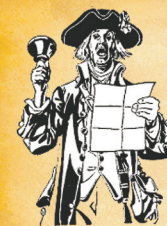
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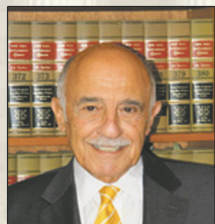
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Easter celebrations across the borough



Members of the Blessed Sacrament Church re-enact Christ's path to Calvary – the Stations of the Cross – in a hugely popular tableau and parade through the streets around the church on Good Friday in Jackson Heights.

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At the 100th Precinct's annual Easter party in Far Rockaway, cops try to pass off this mounted-unit horse as a bunny.

Photo by Bruce Adler



Admission to the daylong Easter Egg Hunt at the Queens County Farm Museum was sold out before the gates opened at 11 a.m.

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Counting his eggs before they're hatched, this youngster shows off his haul after the egg hunt in St. Albans Park.

Photo by Nat Valentine



Hundreds of kids – and their parents – waited in line patiently for up to an hour for the chance to gather toy-filled eggs from the Queens County Farm Museum's great lawn.

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These children are off and running at St. Albans Park during the city Parks Department's Easter Egg Hunt, an all-day event that includes food and sack races.

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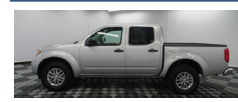
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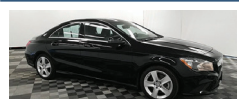
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City app-based drivers push for minimum wage increase

BY GINA MARTINEZ

More than 15,000 city Uber and Lyft drivers have signed a petition calling on the city to pass a law raising the minimum wage in New York City by 37 percent, according to the Independent Drivers Guild.

The IDG, which represents over 60,000 drivers, submitted its proposal to the Taxi and Limousine Commissions last week asking for a raise for drivers and a cap on new drivers. The guild said they settled on the 37 percent because as of now the average work day for drivers is 11 hours a day and the guild's goal is for workers to be able to make a living in an eight-hour day. In addition to a raise, the Guild is seeking a cap on new TLC-licensed drivers. The number of drivers has outpaced demand, forcing drivers to work longer and longer shifts and increasing unpaid downtime between fares. The cap will help current drivers make a better living while reducing traffic congestion, according to the IDG.

The guild said a cap on drivers is the labor-friendly way to address the overcrowded streets and improve the ability for all for-hire drivers to make a living.

IDG cited an MIT study that found that a significant portion of Uber and Lyft Drivers make less than minimum wage after expenses. The study said that in New York City, where nine out of 10 drivers are their household's main source of income, many drivers make less than minimum wage after expenses.

IDG founder Jim Conigliaro, Jr. said after years of pay cuts and exploitation, city ride-hail drivers can't make ends meet and many are earning less than minimum wage after they pay expenses.

"We are calling on the city to close this minimum wage loophole and enact a livable minimum pay rate for app-based drivers," he said. "We cannot allow multibillion-dollar corporations to profit off the labor of New York workers without paying them a fair rate."

IDG member Aziz Bah is an immigrant from Senegal working as a driver to support his two children.

"We are making much less than we were just a few years ago -- and companies like Uber and Lyft are pocketing more," he said. "To try to make up the difference, drivers are forced to work longer and longer hours, but we are still unable to make ends meet."

The city is required to respond to rule petitions within 60 days, either agreeing to grant the petition and



Uber and Lyft drivers are petitioning for rideshare minimum pay rate.

Photo by Mary Altaffer/AP

initiate rule making by a specific date or denying the request.

Last year, IDG members petitioned for and won a New York City law and a TLC rule that forced Uber and Via to add a tipping option to their apps. Guild members and the TLC have had ongoing discussions on the need for pay protection rules since shortly after the IDG's launch in 2016.

"Uber is always working to improve the driver experience, most recently through our 180 Days of Change Campaign, which included improvements to earnings like fees for returned lost items, extra POOL pick-up fares, and tipping," an Uber spokeswoman said. "We have regular meetings with the Independent Drivers Guild to listen to and discuss issues that matter most to them."

The New York Taxi Workers Alliance were not so happy with this new petition. They called IDG "Uber's company-financed pseudo union" and said the guild wants to regulate app-based drivers separately, creating divisions between workers and giving Uber a free pass to continue destroying taxi drivers full-time profession.

"We reiterate to the mayor and Taxi and Limousine Commission that we need a livable income and a halt to the race to the bottom, not proposals aimed at protecting Uber's bottom line," the group said in a statement. "NYTWA is calling for the yellow and green cab regulated meter to be the minimum rate across the industry to establish a wage floor for all drivers. Uber and Lyft already charge rates to passengers higher than the rate by which they compensate drivers. So requiring the regulated taxi meter rate as the floor protects drivers from being undercut."

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Seniors may feel less stress than younger people.

Some benefits of growing older

Many people are quick to think of growing older in a negative light. There certainly are some side effects of aging that one may wish to avoid, but people may find that the benefits of growing older outweigh the negatives.

Seniors are a rapidly growing segment of the population. In the United States, the Administration on Aging states that the older population — persons 65 years or older — numbered 46.2 million in 2014 (the latest year for which data is available).

With so many people living longer, it's time to celebrate the perks of getting older rather than the drawbacks. Here are some great benefits to growing old:

Higher self-esteem: The insecurities of youth give way as one ages, and older people have less negativity and higher self-esteem. A University

of Basel study of people ranging in ages from 18 to 89 found that regardless of demographic and social status, the older one gets the higher self-esteem climbs. Qualities like self-control and altruism can contribute to happiness.

Financial perks: Seniors are entitled to discounts on meals, museum entry fees, movies, and other entertainment if they're willing to disclose their ages. Seniors also can enjoy travel perks, with slashed prices on resorts, plane tickets, and more. The U.S. National Park Service offers citizens age 62 and older lifetime passes to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites for just \$10 in person (\$20 online or via mail).

Reasoning and problem-solving skills: Brain scans reveal that older adults are more likely to use both hemispheres of their brains simultaneously — something called bilateraliza-

tion. This can sharpen reasoning skills. For example, in a University of Illinois study, older air traffic controllers excelled at their cognitively taxing jobs, despite some losses in short-term memory and visual spatial processing. Older controllers proved to be experts at navigating, juggling multiple aircrafts simultaneously, and avoiding collisions.

Less stress: As people grow older, they are able to differentiate their needs from wants and focus on more important goals. This can alleviate worry over things that are beyond one's control. Seniors may realize how little the opinions of others truly mean in the larger picture, thereby feeling less stress about what others think of them.

Growing older may involve gray hair or wrinkling skin, but there are many positive things associated with aging.

Potential long-term expenses to account for in retirement

Retirement planning involves more than just investing in a 401(k) or IRA. Individuals who hope to live comfortably in retirement must account for various expenses, including those associated with their health.

A 2013 report from the U.S. Senate's Commission on Long-Term Care found that each year an estimated 12 million adults in the United States require some type of long-term care. Planning for the following potential expenses can help men and women ensure they will have enough money to live well in retirement:

Housing

Many individuals would prefer to spend their golden years living in their own homes. However, adults who can no longer take care of themselves or their homes may need to move. Homeowners who simply want to downsize may be able to finance their transitions to retirement communities by selling their existing homes. But those who need to move into assisted living facilities may find that even selling their homes might not provide enough capital to pay for such residences. According to Genworth's 2016 Cost of Care Survey, the annual cost of assisted living facilities greatly varies by state, with costs as high as \$65,550 in Massachusetts and as low as \$30,438 in Missouri.



Planning for potential expenses can help seniors live comfortably in retirement.

Whether they invest in long-term care insurance or develop another plan with their financial advisors, men and women must consider ways to finance potential housing costs in retirement.

Renovations

Home renovations are another potential cost in retirement. Aging men

and women who can no longer comfortably navigate staircases but are otherwise healthy may need to renovate their homes to account for their limited mobility. Such renovations might include the installation of a staircase chair lift or a ramp connected to the entryway of a home. Some may even need to convert a first-floor den or liv-

ing area into a bedroom, which may also require adding a full bathroom.

Maintenance

Homeowners who want to stay in their homes in retirement must also factor potential maintenance costs into their retirement plans. Aging men and women may no longer be capable of maintaining their properties in retirement. Consider the potential costs of landscaping, home maintenance, and maid services when making a retirement plan.

Transportation

Diminishing vision and slower reaction times compel many retirees to give up driving. But retirees who still enjoy getting out and about will still need a way to get around. Moving to a retirement community with daily shuttle service to and from town centers is one way for seniors who no longer drive to get around. But men and women who do not want to move to such communities will need to find alternative means of transportation, the costs of which can add up quickly.

Financial freedom in retirement is a goal for many working professionals. Attaining such freedom involves planning and saving for all potential expenses in retirement.

Safety renovations for seniors' homes

Feeling safe and secure at home is a priority for any homeowner. But safety is of particular concern for aging men and women who are at greater risk of being involved in accidents at home than younger men and women.

Harvard Health Publishing says that accidents at home are among the leading causes of injury and death in the United States. The chances for fatalities increases as one ages, and by age 75 and older, men and women are almost four times as likely to die in a home accident as people a decade younger.

As people age, their balance, eyesight, and general physical abilities can begin to diminish. Furthermore, a fall or incident that may only bruise a younger individual can cause more serious breaks or damage for seniors, resulting in potentially lengthy recovery times.

The Home Care Assistance organization says that one million elderly people are admitted to the emergency room for injuries every year. People concerned about the safety of their homes or the homes of their aging loved ones can retrofit such properties to make them safer:

Falls

According to The Senior Social Club, which offers care and community services to seniors, falls are the most common accidents affecting seniors. One out of every three seniors aged 65 and older falls at least once a year.

In addition to working with doctors to improve mobility and modify medications that may cause unsteadiness, changes around the home can help. Grab bars placed in bathrooms and high-traffic ar-

eas can help seniors stay more stable when changing from sitting to standing positions.

Potential tripping hazards should be assessed. Area rugs without nonskid backings, clutter on floors, extension cords that extend into walking areas, and uneven flooring pose tripping hazards. Anti-slip coatings can be added to floors to reduce the risk of tripping.

Poorly lit staircases and entryways also can contribute to falls. Consider the installation of motion-activated lighting so that dim areas can be automatically brightened when necessary. A nightlight or LED lights placed near molding can help guide seniors to the bathroom during mid-night visits.

Physical limitations

Arthritis can impede seniors' ability to turn on and off appliances, water faucets, or handle certain kitchen tools. Kitchen and bathroom modifications can include the installation of ergonomic and user-friendly handles and spigots.

Task lighting can make it easier to prepare meals, and appliances that automatically turn off after a certain period of time can be a safety feature for forgetful individuals.

Reorganize kitchen cabinets to make commonly used items as accessible as possible.

Smart homes

Friends or family members can have greater control over seniors' homes by installing smart home systems. This way they can remotely adjust thermostats, control lights, view cameras, engage locks or alarm systems, and much more without



Stairs are a major source of injuries for aging people.

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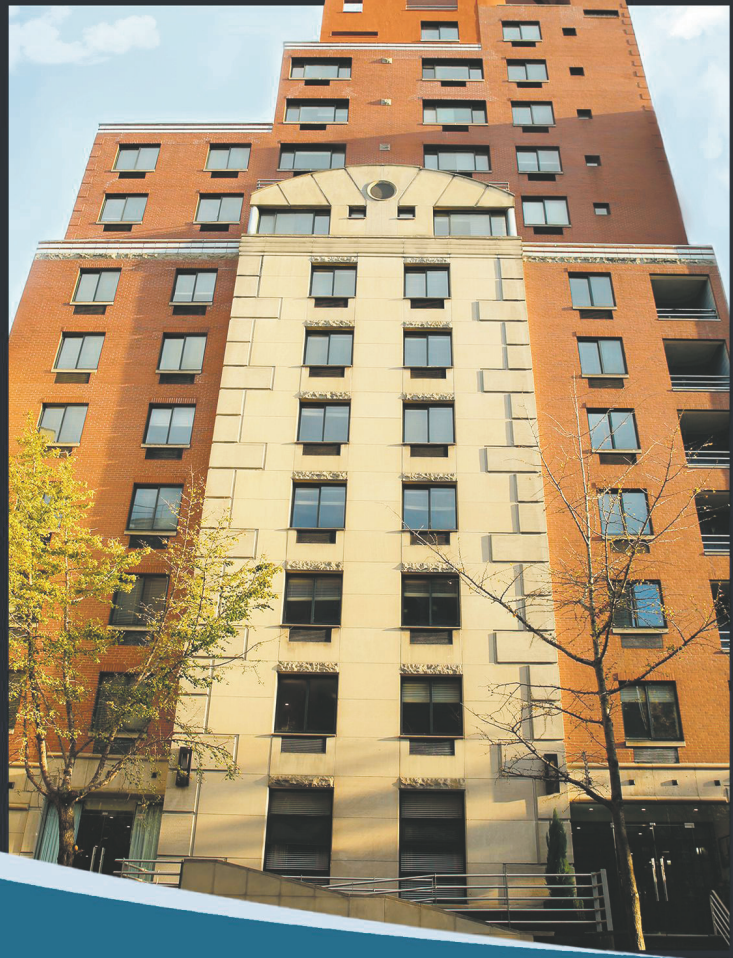
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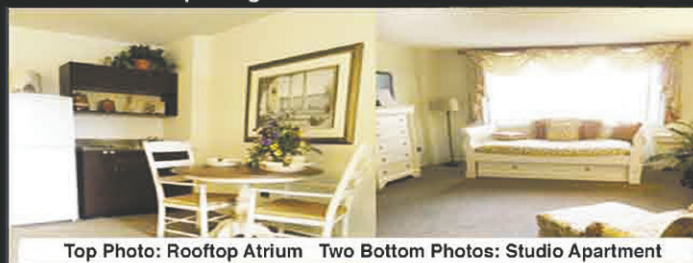
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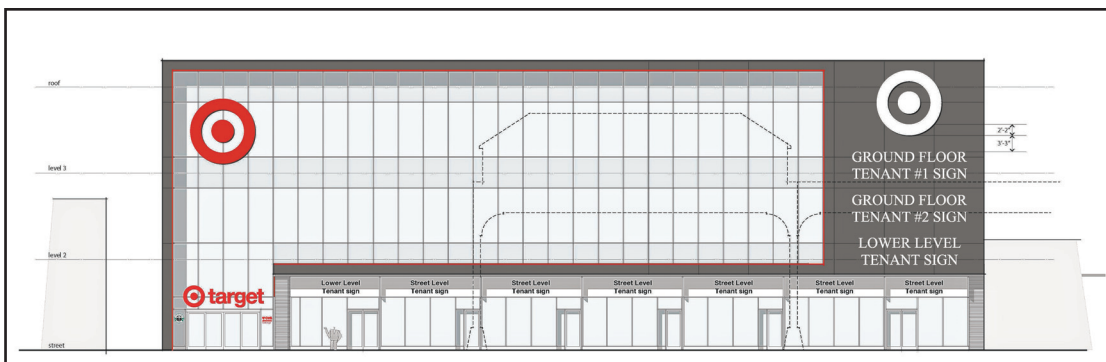
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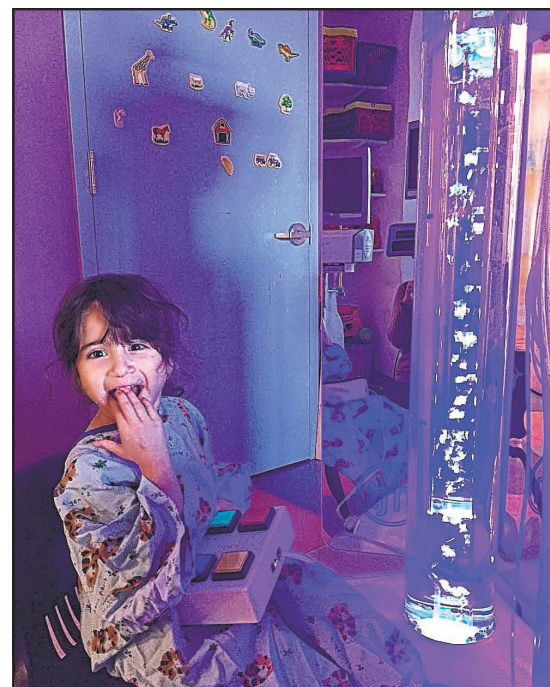
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Very young patients at Flushing Hospital Medical Center got a gift from the enCourage Kids Foundation: a Mobile Sensory Station. The device helps pediatric patients cope with fear and anxiety they may experience in the hospital. Courtesy of Flushing Hospital



Borough President Melinda Katz (c.) meets with the Vietnam Veterans of America local chapter to report on the progress of a project that is close the group's heart: a \$2 million Queens Vietnam Veterans Memorial project, which is expected to be erected in Elmhurst Park by 2020. Courtesy of the Borough President's office



Court Officer Nadine Coates receives a retirement gift from Administrative Judge Jeremy Weinstein of the Queens Civil Court last week. Photo by Walter Karling



After visiting the U.S. Virgin Islands on a relief mission last month, Assemblywoman Nily Rozić (l.) organized a Kasher-for-Passover food shipment for the territory that was ravaged last fall by Hurricane Irma. Courtesy of Rozić's office



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Q GUIDE

TO THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING



A sold out crowd attended a recent tribute show at QPAC presented by Chris Lemmon, who channels his dad in A "Twist Of Lemmon," based on his memoir of the same name.
Courtesy of Chris Lemmon

Honoring a Hollywood legend

Actor pays tribute to late father
JACK LEMMON at QPAC

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

For over half a century, Chris Lemmon's beloved dad was a "human leprechaun" could make 'em laugh while breaking their hearts.

"Pops was my very best friend," said the actor, 63, the only son of Hollywood legend Jack Lemmon, who died of cancer in 2001 at age 76.

Chris Lemmon spoke at length about their special relationship

during a phone conversation with TimesLedger, while en route to a lecture he was giving in Connecticut, where he lives with his wife Tina. The father of three just finished teaching a course titled, "The Golden Age of Hollywood" at New Haven University.

If you're a person of a certain age, you probably remember Jack Lemmon's moving performance in Billy Wilder's Oscar-winning 1960 comedy-drama, "The Apartment," and in the 1959 gender-bending classic, "Some Like It Hot," with Marilyn Monroe.

The two-time Oscar winner ("Mister Roberts," "Save the Tiger") played an everyman in other classics as well: "Missing," "The Fortune Cookie," and "Short Cuts." But in his varied roles, which were quite poignant and complex, he was anything but ordinary.

Lemmon also starred in dramas like "Days of Wine and Roses," but he's probably best known for the memorable comedies he starred in with pal Walter Matthau, including 1968's "The Odd Couple," 1993's "Grumpy Old Men" and 1995's "Grumpier Old Men."

Chris Lemmon, appeared with his father in three films, including "That's Life!" in 1986, and said it was "a wonderful experience" that he cherishes to this day.

An acclaimed memoir about all the great and not-so-great times spent with his father was published several years after Jack's death, followed by a tribute show based on delicious stories that Chris shares in the book.

Continuing its successful three-year run, "A Twist of Lemmon" has been described as an incredible performance piece in which Chris Lemmon tells heartwarming family stories, recounts intimate father-son conversations, and interesting anecdotes from and about his dad.

On March 11, the show came to the Queensboro Performing Arts Center in Bayside, after wowing audiences from Australia to London and all across America. Chris, who said it was "a hoot, and lots of fun," played to a packed house and got a standing ovation.

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Week 45

Ivy Lane Players have Queens connections



Ronald B. Hellman
The Play's The Thing

Once upon a time, Nassau County was part of Queens — until 1898, when Greater New York City was formed. It has lots of theater companies, and many Queens residents, actors and theatergoers venture east across the city border — no passport required — to see what these groups are up to.

One of the more notable troupes is the Ivy Lane Players, which is about to present two plays making their Long Island debuts, "I Was Here" and "Courtied: Love on Trial." The productions, being performed under the joint title "Uncertain Fate," will run for six performances April 13-22.

Ivy Lane has been around since 1963 and, according to its mission statement, offers works



that might otherwise never see the light of day on the Island, while seeking to have their audiences "challenged, shaken up and, at times, annoyed, pestered and bothered by what happens on stage". Which, I might add, is what good theater should be all about.

They've produced 80 shows to date — about three each year. Ivy Lane works out of its home at

its patron, the Levittown Public Library (1 Bluegrass Lane), presided over by **Henry Brewer** as president, and his wife **Tara Labell** as treasurer. Unlike much of the competition, the group charges no admission — that's right, free tickets available at the library reference desk — relying on contributions and the kindness of strangers, unlike the Metropolitan Museum of



(From l. - r.) Jennifer Pappas, Eric L. Grayson, Leo Bifulco, Eirinn Kless, Victoria McGuinness, and Emmanuel Ramirez.



Courtesy of Ivy Lane Players

Art, which lets New York City patrons pay what they want.

Brewer often directs, but this current production is guided by **Cailin Kless**, the daughter of two local theater actors, and a native of Douglaston now living in Queens Village. Kless made her stage debut in 1993 as an angel in the Christmas pageant at the Zion Episcopal Church and has had a number of more earthbound roles since. She is currently studying directing at The Barrow Group.

Several actors who will soon strut their

stuff in Levittown can claim connections with Queens. **Christopher Blika**, originally from Flushing, is a graduate student at Queens College; **Alexander Larkin** spent some time in Queens Village and makes his third appearance with Ivy Lane; **Jennifer Pappas**, a librarian by trade, is from Floral Park; **Louis Scavo** was born and lived on Eldert Lane in Cypress Hills, and makes his living as a paralegal; **Joseph Sherer**, a fellow member of the legal profession, resided in Rego Park and Whitestone; and **Mara**

Lee Silverman is a former resident of Astoria and College Point.

All of this is made possible for these actors and the other cast members by the most important person in any production, the playwright. He's **Eric L. Grayson**, out of Coney Island and Sheepshead Bay, and the word is that his two plays for Ivy Lane are all about love.

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UniverSoul thrills with exotic acts at Roy Wilkins Park

BY MERLE EXIT

An opening night weather delay did not deter a great show for UniverSoul Circus at Roy Wilkins Park.

The show got off to a rousing start with two groups of young cheerleaders taking the stage. Rather than having the ringmaster, Lucky Malatsi and his sidekick Zeke introduce the first act, UniverSoul Circus checks out the audience prior to the show and invites attending schools to showcase their talent.

The fashionable, colorful Fresh the Clowns are always scouting out the crowd perspective dancers for later in the show to add to the

audience participation segments. Most of the younger crowd were able to sing along to the pop, classical R&B, hip-hop and Latin music, which set the mood for an energetic circus performance.

UniverSoul brought in performers from all over the world. Caribbean Dynasty, from Trinidad and Tobago, was the first act, a combination of flamboyant dancers and performers in masks on stilts. At one point, a limbo bar goes to six inches and ablaze.

There are three acts that involve the use of animals, the cutest being Pampered Pooches, a comedy act from Chile. Their costumes and

playful antics delighted everyone, especially dog lovers.

Returning from last year's show are the Flat Out Free-Style Riders Motorcross Dare Devils from right here in the United States. The door is opened at both ends of the big top as you hear their engines start, zoom and fly 30 feet into the air, jumping 75 feet across. It was quite exciting and brought you to the edge of your seat.

High wire and acrobatic acts are always a great circus jaw-dropper. That's the case at UniverSoul, with an act from The Wiley Family from Columbia, which was composed of a six-person troupe with performers



Caribbean Dynasty, from Trinidad and Tobago, is the opening act at the UniverSoul Circus, marking its 25th year at Roy Wilkins Park. Courtesy of UniverSoul Circus

between the ages of 21 and 54. Skillful balancing certainly made the difference on the high wire. Nomads flew up there on their teeterboards.

Two acts — Morning Bird and Duo Amour, both from Havana — used poles to produce a more flowing type of en-

tertainment.

Other performances added to the sounds of music and short delays led to on the spot ideas, such as throwing huge inflatable balls into the audience.

The circus will remain in Queens at Roy Wilkins Park — located between Merrick and

Baisley boulevards in Jamaica — until Sunday, when it will break for a few days to set up at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn. You can catch performances at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday; at noon, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and at 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.


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Lemmon

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As he channels his father, he believes Jack is always there in spirit, watching him sing and play the piano — he's a classically trained pianist. He also does a tip of the hat to a number of his dad's films, actually re-enacting scenes from them. He incorporates a great deal of all that wonderful music from the golden age of Hollywood, which he arranged. There's a large multimedia presentation that goes along with the show, which his wife runs.

"Fortune Cookie" begins a section devoted to his father's friendship with Matthau section, as it's where the two actors first met. As an example of their unique bond, Jack presented his buddy Walter with a funny gift one Christmas: a blown-up photo of himself lying naked, belly down, on a bear skin rug.

"The whole thing [book and show] started as a search for catharsis after my father died. I found it very healing to write down our memories and experiences together. I wanted my kids to know him too, as an incredibly generous person both emotionally and as an artist," Chris Lemmon explained. "And then one day, a sentence came to me: The father-son relationship is enigmatic to say the least. Loving yet competitive, caring yet judgmental. And I thought, 'Oh I might have something here.'"

After the book came out, the concept for his show blossomed.

"I think spiritually, it's the most rewarding. Because it's a story about the fact that we humans are flawed, and our relationships can be flawed. If we understand that about each other we can rise above that and create wonderful bonds where there might not have been," Chris said. "My father and I had a great relationship and he was also one of the most brilliant actors on the face of the earth. His profession came first, which caused a great deal of problems. But we all have problems in our relationships, and my father and I both grew to understand that and superseded that, and we ended up becoming, over the course of 30 years, the best of friends."

That is, indeed, the heartbeat of the show.

"It's also full of beans and lots of fun; there are so many great characters, all of whom make 'appearances.' So, it's got the ability to make you laugh and make you cry at the same time, which is what my father strove for in his performances and as an artist. And it's my duty as a narrator to tell that story. And from what I've been told, I'm successful," he added.

The LA Times said, "It's hard to believe it's Chris and not Jack on stage," in its review of Chris' performance.

Chris Lemmon grew up in and around Hollywood before moving to Miami, Fla., after his mom — actress Cynthia Stone — remarried. He

said that after his parents divorced when he was just two, his father took a bachelor pad up in the Hills.

"And he'd come over when he could and grab me and bring me up for a visit. And there was one particular night when he tucked me into bed and called up a few friends and got the party started." Six-year-old Chris heard all the ruckus as he lay half asleep holding his "security blankie," when suddenly someone came down the hallway. It was none other than Jimmy Cagney!

"He spied me, grabbed me and pulled me out to the party and said [in his unmistakable voice]: 'Take a look here everybody, it's a little Lemmon; he wants to have a little fun here too, see?'" Chris said. "So, Cagney and Gregory Peck basically paraded me around all evening long, with the likes of Billy Wilder, Shirley MacLaine, and Jimmy Stewart. And there I was at just six, wading through a sea of some of the greatest actors of all time, and they loved it and I had a ball. I remember it absolutely crystal clear to this day,"

For 20 years, the father and son duo took annual fishing trips together in Alaska, then played golf for another 10 years until Jack passed away.

These days, the actor still stays in touch with all his siblings, who are steps and halves, he says, and is trying hard to put together an Off-Broadway run for his show, hoping to make it happen, perhaps in time for Father's Day. But first, he needs investors.

Talking about his dad's famous mantra, Chris Lemmon remembered that he would whisper, "magic time" before filming a scene or going on stage.

"And I say that, too, before I perform," he said. "In my book, Kevin Spacey wrote the forward, and he says he felt those words were more than just a calling to Jack's muse; that it was a statement to his character because being with Jack was magical... and every moment with him was magic time. I agree with that assessment."

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FILM

Tale of the Bunny Picnic —

The Muppet bunnies are all preparing for their annual Bunny Picnic with songs and decorations except for Bean Bunny whose siblings tease him for being smaller and getting in their way. But when Bean discovers the farmer's

dog nearby he tries to warn the other bunnies of the danger to them and their picnic. No one believes Bean until the dog interrupts the festivities and Bean must help save the day.

When: Friday, April 6, Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8, at 11 a.m.

Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria

Cost: \$15

Contact: (718) 784-0077

Website: www.movingimage.us/

The Muppets Take Manhattan

— When the Muppets' college revue is a big hit, they decide to take it all the way to Broadway. Filled with cameos by such New Yorkers as Mayor Ed Koch, Gregory Hines, and Liza Minnelli, the movie ends with a wedding between Kermit and Miss Piggy. Is it part of the show... or could it be real?

When: Friday, April 6, at 1 p.m.

Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria

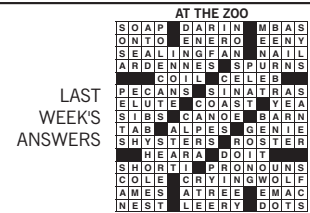
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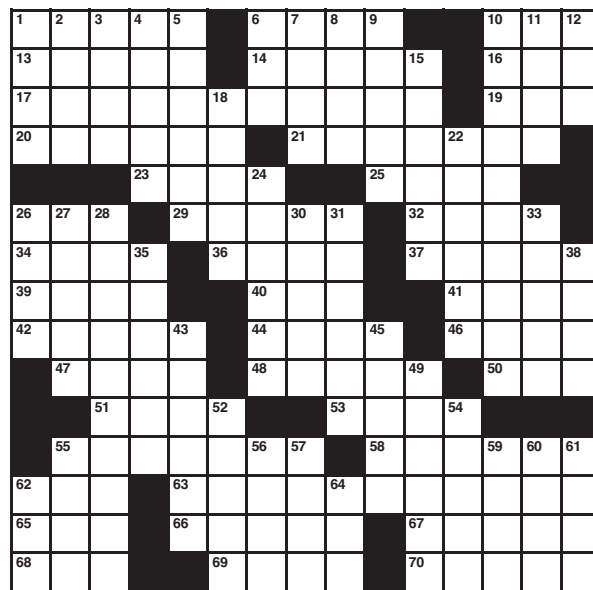
By Bill Deasy

Fine Feathered Friends



Across

- Native American pole
- "When I Was ____" ("HMS Pinafore" song)
- Authority at home
- Ebony's partner
- "M*A*S*H" character
- Sod buster
- Pirate's pet desert
- Org. for Ginsburg and Thomas
- Grabs some z's
- He wrote The Praise of Folly
- Lever 2000 competitor
- "The ____ McCoy"
- It doesn't go full circle
- Spheres of interest
- Old Icelandic saga
- Anthony who married J. Lo
- Morton product
- Word after stinking
- Secret target?
- ____'easter
- Bad spots for teens?
- Flightless New Zealanders
- Transitional word
- Record problem
- Stevie Wonder's '____ She Lovely'
- Camel lot?
- "Game, ____, match!"
- Like a fine Merlot
- Religious schism
- Fished like a caveman
- Put the pressure on
- Beverage measured in spots?
- Anti-war mail
- Row boat need
- Sugar partner, in a verse
- Unsavory one
- "Little Giant" Mel
- ____ gin fizz
- Roots author Alex



- Add punch to punch?
- Jewish calendar month
- Senegal seaport
- Helpful moving birds
- Flash ____ (impromptu gatherings)
- Split ____ soup
- Tend to the bird feeder
- Russian royals
- Plaid fabric
- Wilderness home
- Uncontrolled
- Geometry r's
- Birds separating
- Hilo hello
- Cause of some fractures
- Tomorrow singer

- Recoil in distaste
- Stayed fresh
- Bed and home attachment
- Bro's daughter
- Rob Roy need
- Hints of rain
- Tank fish
- Center of government
- Villain's forte
- Art ____ ('20s style)
- Part of an angler's gear
- Prairie Indian tribe
- Award presented by Chris Berman
- "A Bridge ____ Far"
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The show has also wowed audiences across the U.S. and in Australia and London. Courtesy of Chris Lemmon

Witty, comedic dialogue drives '[title of show]'

BY MERLE EXIT

The uniquely-named "[title of show]" has begun its run at Long Island City's Secret Theatre.

Directed by Scott Guntrie, "[title of show]" first debuted at the 2004 New York Musical Theatre Festival prior to its Off-Broadway run and continues its run at Secret Theatre — located at 44-02 23rd St. — through April 14.

The plot centers on two gay men, Jeff Bowen (Jason Moody) and Hunter Bell (Jeffrey Scott Stevens), who decide to write a musical to submit to an annual festival to help boost their struggling acting careers. They have just three weeks to get the job done.

The musical gets its name based on a submission form that reads, "[title of show]," which the creators chose to use as the title. The show is a



From l.-r.: Christopher Lengerich, Jeffery Scott Stevens, Chelsea Barker, Jennifer Swiderski, Jason Moody shine on stage.

Photo by Reiko Yanagi

humorous spoof on what needs to be done to execute their dreams.

As the show progresses — without an intermission — the writers decide that they are going to use the dialogue that comes up between the four main characters as

the dialogue in the play. The dialogue proved to be witty and comedic, especially with one subplot: the casting of the show.

Since they are continuing with the festival, from Off-Broadway to the Great White Way, they are also attempting to get

in touch with people who might be interested in being in the Broadway version, both major stars — in their dreams — as well as unknown actors.

The acting and singing talent of the cast was enjoyable to watch. They were excellent,

though a little more enunciation would have further enhanced the show, as it was sometimes difficult to understand some of the dialogue and lyrics.

The show started with a fast pace and continued that way through

most of the performance, but the end of the play dragged on just a bit.

Will "[title of show]" succeed on Broadway? As the cast sings, "I'd rather be nine people's favorite thing than 100 people's ninth favorite thing. Those nine people will tell nine people. Then we'll have 18 people lovin' the show! Then 18 people will grow into 525,600 people all lovin' our show!"

You can catch performances of "[title of show]" at the Secret Theatre until April 14, with show times offered every day at 7:30 p.m. except Monday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 10. There will be an additional matinee show on Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m.

For get tickets, call the box office at (718) 392-0722 and visit the Secret Theatre's website for more information.

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EVENTS

Nature Exploration Hike –

The natural world is the best playground in New York City. Join the Urban Park Rangers on a hike through Astoria Park.

When: Friday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Astoria Park

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-1769

All About Insects – Join the Urban Park Rangers to learn about insects and search for six-legged critters under rocks and logs.

When: Friday, April 6, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Forest Park

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-1769

Art Show – Stop by the art show to take a look at the work of 13 talented artists.

When: Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Straddling the border of Brooklyn and Queens in Highland Park is the amazing Ridgewood Reservoir. Get a rare chance to take a guided tour Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Courtesy of Ines Leong / L-INES

Where: Glendale Maspeth Methodist Church
Cost: Free

Ridgewood Reservoir

Community Tours – The Ridgewood Reservoir in Highland Park straddles the border of Brooklyn and Queens. A lush and dense forest has grown in its two outside basins while a freshwater pond with waterfowl sits in the middle basin. Explore this incredible

natural resource in the heart of New York City. Please register at www.eventbrite.com/e/ridgewood-reservoir-2018-community-tours-tickets-43104726397

When: Saturday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Ridgewood Reservoir

Cost: Free

Contact: (917) 656-2984

Children's Carnival – Stop by the Queens County Farm Museum for a kids carnival.

The price of admission includes carnival rides and children's entertainment. Midway games, hay rides, pony rides and access to the petting zoo are available for an additional fee.

When: Saturdays, April 7 and 14 and Sundays, April 8 and 15, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Queens County Farm Museum

Cost: \$15

Contact: (718) 347-3276

Solar-Lunar Transcriptions

– This exhibition by Flushing Town Hall Teaching Artist Tina Seligman explores the rhythms and patterns of the sun and moon through visual art, music, and poetry. At a time when the world is so fractured, shared experiences of the sun and moon remind us that we are all profoundly connected through nature.

When: Saturday, April 7, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Flushing Town Hall

Cost: Free for members of students; \$5 suggested donation

Contact: (718) 463-7700 x222

The Broadway Dolls – A concert featuring a roster of the most dynamic women on Broadway, this all-singing, all-dancing show is truly a unique live theatrical experience.

When: Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m.

Where: Queensborough Performing Arts Center, Bayside

Cost: Price varies

Contact: (718) 631-6311

Holocaust Remembrance

Program – The 11th annual program consists of a memorial candle lighting ceremony by survivors and their descendants.

A complimentary light kosher supper will precede the program Registration required at www.brandeisassociation.org

When: Wednesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. (5:30 p.m. for supper)

Where: Queens County Civil Court Jury Room, 89-17 Sutphin Blvd.

Cost: Free

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Budget

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NYCHA housing, which sparked controversy regarding the long-running feud between the governor and the mayor.

“New York will also become the first state to implement new measures to shield families from the devastating federal tax law’s elimination of full state and local deductibility — an economic arrow aimed at the heart of this state’s economy,” Cuomo said. “This budget also delivers for the most vulnerable among us, including the NYCHA tenants who have had to live with mold, lead and no heat and were placed at risk by a failed bureaucracy, and those who have had to endure the injustice that is Rikers Island.”

Although the budget includes funds to expedite the construction of new jails leading to the closure of Rikers, former judge and Chairman of the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice Jonathan Lippman claimed the effort just is not enough without additional

changes to criminal justice laws in place.

“Closing Rikers and improving our criminal justice system is a moral imperative that requires courage and persistence from our elected leaders,” Lippman said. “Before the end of session, I hope that our state legislators take action to reform our broken bail system, make discovery fairer for defendants, and improve our speedy trial laws. The sooner Albany passes legislation that improves our criminal justice system, the sooner we can close the accelerator of human misery that is Rikers Island and bring justice to thousands of New Yorkers who suffer from our unfair system every day.”

The governor included a \$4.2 billion middle-class tax cut to 6 million residents across the state, which should save an annual \$700 per household in Phase I of the plan and will eventually save \$4.2 billion for residents by 2025.

The Citizens Budget Commission said it was a good start, with more precautions needed further down the road.

“State lawmakers deserve credit for making changes to

the state’s tax code in response to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,” a commission statement said. “Creation of an Employer Compensation Expense Tax, state and local funds for charitable contributions, and other technical fixes are changes needed to blunt the impact of the federal tax law, particularly for taxpayers that will be adversely affected by the cap on state and local deductions (SALT cap). The state’s decoupling from the federal tax code will also eliminate a \$1 billion unplanned tax increase, but may present new challenges in administration.”

Not mentioned in the budget was a means to launch the Fix-NYC’s congestion pricing proposal, an \$11 fee on cars entering Manhattan below 60th Street, to create a reliable, long-term funding stream for the MTA.

Instead, Cuomo laid out a plan to charge for-hire vehicles \$2.75 to enter Manhattan below 96th Street and the dedication of funds from the Payroll Mobility Tax to the MTA to grease the wheels on the Subway Action Plan, a short-term strategy to curb the widespread delays and meltdowns on the system.

cially when the goal of the questionnaire is to get a real count of the population,” he said. “These un-American, racist tactics will hurt us because it will provide a bad, inaccurate count, since many immigrants, out of fear, won’t participate.”

Schneiderman pointed out that the Census Bureau’s own research shows that the decision to demand citizenship information will “inevitably jeopardize the overall accuracy of the population count” by significantly deterring participation in immigrant communities, because of concerns about how the federal government will use citizenship information. Schneiderman and other lawmakers said these

concerns have only been amplified by President Trump’s anti-immigrant rhetoric and pattern of actions that target immigrant communities.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has been vocal against Trump’s anti-immigrant stance, said he is joining the lawsuit to stop the president from politicizing the census.

“A fair and accurate 2020 count is constitutionally mandated to ensure political power and resources remain with the people — where they belong,” he said. “President Trump’s decision puts our amazing city of immigrants in jeopardy and threatens federal funding for infrastructure, health care and public safety in New York.”

Lhota’s \$836 million strategy for stabilizing the failing transit system until a more comprehensive overhaul can be funded and completed.

During the early morning and late evening hours, only about 10 percent of trains run with five minute wait times and only 43 percent have wait times less than 10 minutes.

Stringer has been a proponent of sharing the cost of Subway Action Plan, some \$800 million, to stabilize the system while more aggressive upgrades are made to the aging infrastructure, something

that was not lost on the MTA in its response to the report.

“We appreciate the controller’s continued calls for the city to fund its half of the Subway Action Plan,” MTA spokesman Jon Weinstein said. “The challenges of running of a system 24/7, 365 days a year are well known — and not done anywhere else in the world. We balance round-the-clock service, safety and critical repair work towards the singular goal of a better subway system for all New Yorkers.”

Spectrum

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men have suffered 12 grueling months out of work because Spectrum values its billions of dollars in profits over the long term security of its workers and their families.”

He took part in the March 28 rally at City Hall attended by other council members, including Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest).

Charter CEO Tom Rutledge received over \$98 million in 2016, while in that same year the company planned to eliminate Local 3’s pension plan, slash health benefits by more than half and insisted that its members pay monthly premiums out-of-pocket, according to Miller’s office.

Local 3 filed a complaint against Charter. The company could default on its franchise agreement with the city if an audit by the Department of Information Technology & Communications finds out the organization was hiring out-of-city contractors during the strike.

“We won’t tolerate its union busting efforts and stubborn refusal to come to the table any longer, and vow to take aim at its prized Franchise Agreement with the City,” Miller said.

Miller and Local 3 were not

alone in their fight.

“What is clear is that Charter cares more about its own bottom line than the well-being of its workers,” Lancman said. “I will continue to fight to ensure Local 3 receives a fair contract and that Charter is held accountable for any violation of the Franchise Agreement.”

In a statement Spectrum spokesman John Bonomo said that the company is focusing on best serving their customers.

“Our dedicated team of NYC employees is working hard every day to deliver the best TV, internet and voice experience to Spectrum customers,” he said. “We continue to meet customer demands for installation and repair work, and we’re also investing in even better Spectrum services, including increasing our starting internet speed to 200 Mbps and offering gigabit connections to NYC residents.”

Local 3 also received support from Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), Councilman Barry Grodenchik (D-Oakland Gardens), and Councilman Francisco Moya (D-East Elmhurst).

The Queens Library Guild and the New York City Central Labor Council also supported Local 3.

building curricula that reflected the whole community. This is something that we want to do a lot with to reflect the totality of our city.”

Ann Heppermann, a new Jackson Heights resident, feared she would no longer be able to afford to stay in the neighborhood due to gentrification.

“They say that Jackson Heights is an untapped asset,” Heppermann said. “They say that [Hayes Court] was supposed to be a rent-stabilized building, and I’m middle class. I’m not going to be able to enjoy the amazing things that are coming to Jackson Heights, because I’ll be gone.”

DSS Commissioner Steve Banks, who was in attendance, along with many of the city’s top officials, told Heppermann that no matter who buys her building that she still has her rent-stabilization rights. The mayor also offered her free legal service.

“As a general matter, if someone buys your building, it does not wipe out the rights that you have,” Banks said.

Census

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for citizenship information, the Trump administration will impede an “actual enumeration” required by the Constitution. It was also brought under the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows courts to set aside unlawful or arbitrary and capricious agency decisions.

State Sen. Jose Peralta (D-Jackson Heights) said the citizen question on the Census 2020 is just another attack on immigrant communities coming from Trump.

“No one should be using the census as a political tool, espe-

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“School buses harm the kids more than anyone else.”

Although Councilman Danny Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) has drafted a proposal for more electric school buses, the mayor said he was not aware of it.

“I have not read the legislation, but I do like the idea,” de Blasio said. “We are putting electric vehicle charging stations all over the city and it stands to reason that we want to go for the maximum amount of electric school buses.”

Stephen Petrus, a historian who works at LaGuardia and Wagner archives at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, asked the mayor about introducing curriculum to high schools.

“Noting that new Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza was starting his job this week, de Blasio said, “In San Francisco and Houston he focused on

Stringer

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the early morning and evening and we need to immediately fund the Lhota emergency plan to ensure those trains are actually running on time. Now more than ever, New York City needs to step up to support the MTA in this time of crisis.”

Under the state budget for 2019, passed on March 30, the city will be required to pay up half the cost of the Subway Action Plan, MTA Chair Joe

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Mets fans attended Opening Day with heavy hearts after the passing of team icon Rusty Staub.
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Mets icon remembered for his philanthropy



Zach Gewelb



The 2018 Mets season began on a sad note, as legend Rusty Staub died last week just before the team's home opener against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Staub, a New Orleans native, died in West Palm Beach, Fla., succumbing to organ failure March 29. He was 73.

"It's a sad day for the Mets. Ironical that it's Opening Day," general manager Sandy Alderson said before the Mets' 9-4 victory over the Cardinals at Citi Field. "Perhaps the overcast [weather] was an indication of how Mets Nation is feeling."

Staub played for five teams in his 23-year career, including nine seasons in two stints with the Mets. He was a six-time All-Star and slugged 292 home runs. Aside from having a reputation as a good player on the field, the outpouring of love and support in the aftermath of his death shows how he earned the respect of his fans and baseball colleagues by being an even better person.

"Obviously this is a sad day for Metland here. Rusty's a very dear friend, and he has

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Francis Lewis falters

High school baseball squad drops tournament game



Edwin Almazar winds up to deliver a pitch.

Photo by Robert Cole

BY ROBERT COLE

The Francis Lewis High School baseball team faced off against the Monroe Eagles in the 49th annual James Monroe Campus Holiday Invitational Baseball Tournament and fell 8-1 to last season's PSAL champions.

"We have a little bit of

work to do," Francis Lewis coach John Palladino said after the game. "But I like what we have done so far in the preseason."

Things got tough early for the Patriots in the non-conference game, as Monroe jumped out to an early lead in the first inning. Mental mistakes, walks and errors led to four runs for Eagles,

putting Francis Lewis in a hole it could not dig itself out of.

An error allowed Monroe's first run to cross the plate. Back-to-back Monroe batters were hit by pitches, which resulted in three more runs coming across as the Eagles jumped out to a 4-0 advantage.

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Short-handed Construction falls to Bathgate

Redhawks competitive early, but can't keep up with Bulldogs in tournament loss

BY ROBERT COLE

With several players away on vacation, Construction coach Daniel Paradis, used the opening round of the 49th Annual James Monroe Campus Holiday Invitational Baseball Tournament to reward some of his younger players with game experience and play other starters in different positions.

That resulted in a 13-3 loss, as the Redhawks fell to the Bronx's Bathgate Bulldogs at George Washington Field last Saturday in Manhattan.

"It's our first game in the tournament and it was tough day," Paradis said. "We played a tough game, made a couple of errors here and there and they got ahead after the fourth inning. We are a young team and we played hard, but we did not pull it off."

Bathgate jumped ahead to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but Construction responded in style during the



Construction's Nicholas Font makes a play at the plate.

Photo by Robert Cole

bottom half of the frame.

Marcus Ortiz started the inning with single. He stole third base after being forced to second when Matthew Ser-rata walked. Ortiz scored

Construction's first run on a wild pitch, knotting the score at 1-1. The Redhawks loaded the bases when Justin Garcia reached after being hit by a pitch, and Nicholas Font

followed with a walk. After back-to-back strikeouts, Xavier Tejada showed patience at the plate, working a walk that brought home another run, giving the Redhawks a

2-1 lead going into the second inning.

The lead would hold until the third inning, when Bathgate tied the score following a walk and a drive to the left field fence.

Construction reclaimed the lead in the bottom half of the third after loading the bases and scoring on another walk, this time by Erick Aybar, as the Redhawks went up 3-2.

But Construction's defense struggled in the fourth, when a series of errors, combined with some walks and a hit batsman, led to six unearned runs for Bathgate. The Redhawks couldn't recover and ultimately fell 13-3.

Despite the tough loss, Paradis said he believes his team will bounce back and put together a strong season in 2018.

"We should be alright. We are in a strong division, but we are a good team," he said. "We were shorthanded today, but we will be alright."

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his place in Met lore, and also the city. It's a tough day," said Keith Hernandez, another Mets legend who played with Staub from 1983-85.

Even City Council Speaker Corey Johnson chimed in, expressing his sorrow over Staub's death.

"The Borough of Queens and the City of New York lost a titan today: legendary New York Met Rusty Staub," Johnson said on the day of Staub's death. "On this Opening Day, Rusty's loss leaves a void at Citi Field and baseball stadiums across the country. Rusty not only was a champion in baseball but also a champion for all humanitarian causes. He was as good off the field as he was on. Rusty helped all New Yorkers — whether you were a child or a senior citizen, rich or poor or even a Yankees fan. New Yorkers will miss Rusty greatly, and the Council expresses its deepest condolences to Rusty's family and Mets fans everywhere. Viva Le Grand Orange," referencing Staub's nickname, which honored his shock of red hair.

Staub was a known humani-

tarian, someone who always wanted to give back. His charity has raised over \$17 million since its inception in 1985. The Rusty Staub Foundation has established food pantries and mobile units in all five boroughs that serve thousands of meals annually. The foundation also provided aid for the families of first responders who died in the line of duty.

And he always made sure to give back to baseball by becoming an advocate for the players' union.

"He will also be remembered by the fraternity of players as a smart, tireless advocate on their behalf who helped build the Major League Baseball Players Association and stood at the forefront of the fight for player rights," MLBPA executive director Tony Clark said in a statement. "Upon retirement, he devoted himself through his foundation to helping the widows and children of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Rusty will be missed, but the legacy of his humanity and compassion will live on."

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Patriots

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The Patriots responded in the top of the second inning, adding a run to cut into Monroe's led. Francis Lewis drew four consecutive walks, making the score 4-1. But that was as close as the Patriots would get.

Monroe's pitching staff quickly settled down, recording nine more strikeouts — for a total of 12 — to keep the Patriots' bats silent for the remainder of the game.

The Eagles continued to take advantage of Francis Lewis mistakes to add to their lead, taking on four more runs to make the score 8-1, which would prove to be the final score.

"I felt like we started to clean it up later in the game," Palladino said. "We started to show more promise and had some good at-bats later in the game. The score does not reflect that, but we started playing better as the game went on."

Despite the tough loss, Palladino believes his team can put together a nice season in 2018.



Francis Lewis' Devine Marin makes a play at second base.

Photo by Robert Cole

"Our goal is to be a play-off team as we have been in the past, and we are well on our way to working toward that," Palladino said.

Despite the loss, Francis Lewis sports a 1-0 record

in the PSAL AAA Eastern League, and — weather permitting — the squad hopes to have an opportunity to work out more preseason kinks before resuming league play April 9 against Cardozo.

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Week 45



The MTA is scaling back its program to update and modernize 32 subway stations throughout the city but it will not cut back on projects scheduled for the N/W line in Astoria.

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MTA

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beyond those originally estimated in the scope have included platform, column and state-of-good repair work. We will have a surplus of about \$90 million after completing 20 stations, and we will put that money towards making an additional station fully accessible and ADA-compliant."

Astoria's elected officials and community leaders rallied several times in recent months to protest the projects because they did not include improved subway service, updated signals, or renovation of the track or elevator installations to make the stations more accessible to people with disabilities, seniors and parents with strollers. State Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) and City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) frequently referred to the work as "expensive cosmetic changes," which made the MTA communications bristle.

In February, the MTA escorted a small group of reporters inside the 36th Avenue station construction site to show that the work was necessary, pointing out corroded and dilapidated steel that holds up platforms made of crumbling concrete.

"We are replacing steel, we are replacing concrete, we



The steel beam holding up the western platform of the N/W 36th Avenue station in Astoria is rusted through in many places.

are replacing platforms, we are replacing all the things that keep this standing up," Weinstein said during the February tour. MTA chairman Joe Lhota told the Wall Street Journal Monday that costs rose after contractors began work on stations and discovered "infrastructure rot," particularly on the Astoria line, which broadened the scope of the work.

So the work will continue on the Astoria line stations, inconveniencing residents and endangering small businesses along the 31st Street business corridor according to Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) who will continue to urge passage of her legislation to provide tax relief to any New York

small business that experiences significant loss or dislocation from a state or local infrastructure project,

"My bill will strike a balance so that costs of achieving a common good stemming from infrastructure projects are shared and not borne solely by a struggling small business sector," Simotas said. "Astoria's merchants, small shops and restaurants are absolutely essential to the life of our community, giving the neighborhood its vibrancy and character. These businesses must survive."

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Easter

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shelters, such gifts are usually not possible," Befumo said. "Our project allows these children to forget any struggles they might be facing and enjoy their childhood doing what all kids love to do: play!"

The students who volunteered for the St. John's Prep Easter Basket Project enjoyed participating.

"Perhaps the kids receiving these baskets will remember this always, and this memory will cause them to reflect upon the real celebration of this Easter holiday," St. John's Prep Junior Georgia Patronas said. St. Leo's first grader Javion Halbert added, "There were a lot of baskets and the kids looked so happy. I liked helping."

It was the second year in a row Befumo organized the effort.

"Unfortunately, almost every New Yorker sees the visible homeless as they go about their day, but we seek to serve the invisible homeless -- those children tucked away in shelters, having had to give up most of their treasured possessions, fighting to keep their classmates from knowing where they live, often being too ashamed to

explain to their friends why they suddenly had to change schools," Befumo said. "It is these invisible homeless children who most need our kindness and generosity."

The Department of Homeless Services encourages New Yorkers who are interested in volunteering at a homeless shelter or to assist with delivering homeless services, to visit www.nycservice.org/search/#s and search by interest using the category Homelessness and Housing.

"As the mayor has said, New Yorkers experiencing homelessness come from literally every community in this city -- and we are encouraged by New Yorkers who want to do more to support our homeless neighbors as they get back on their feet, especially during the holiday season," DHS spokesman Isaac McGinn said. "Whether by volunteering or donating, we welcome communities that want to give back and are committed to working with interested community members to ensure their efforts and energies are most effectively directed to improve quality of life for New Yorkers in need."

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Park

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Since he took office, Van Bramer has secured in excess of \$6 million for Queensbridge Park, which included \$3.4 million to fix the once-crumbling seawall along with a 6-foot-wide promenade along the East River with benches, plantings and a small wharf. That area was later named in honor of longtime park advocate Elizabeth McQueen.

The new 1,500-square-foot field house will include a community room and office area for Parks staff, a public restroom, and storage space for athletic teams which compete on nearby baseball, football and soccer fields. It will be surrounded by an outdoor plaza area complete with seating, bicycle racks and drinking fountains. The building's design includes: efficient plumbing fixtures to reduce water use; an energy-efficient heating and cooling system; energy-efficient lighting; in-

creased ventilation; and light-colored paving to reduce the heat island effect.

Van Bramer allocated \$2.5 millions in City Council funding with an additional \$3.75 million from Mayor Bill de Blasio. The design was unveiled at a community event in 2017 and the facility is expected to be reopened in summer 2019.

"Queensbridge is a picturesque park with astounding views of the skyline, and an active community who loves and cares for it," Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski said. "The new field house we are building will provide storage and office space for Parks staff, an indoor space for community programming, and -- best of all -- it will finally bring a bathroom facility to the southern end of the park."

The only other comfort station in the park is on the north side of the site, at Vernon Boulevard and 41st Street.

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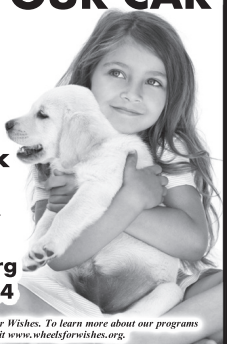
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK --COUNTY OF QUEENS - Index No. 12395/17 - Date Purchased: December 27, 2017 - SUMMONS WITH NOTICE - Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial-- Basis of venue: is Plaintiff's residence. --KAREN CARLBERG, Plaintiff, against MICHAEL RAMM, Defendant -- ACTION FOR DIVORCE -- To the above named Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons is complete and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Dated: December 27, 2017 Queens, New York. Law Offices of Donald Mastrodomenico By: Donald Mastrodomenico, Esq. Plaintiff's Attorney 107-19 71st Ave. Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375 (718) 268-8111 - NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL section 170 subd.(7) - the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is: That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance. The Plaintiff is not seeking maintenance as payee as described in the Notice of Guideline Maintenance. That both parties may resume the use of any prior surname. That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper. The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution. NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW SECTION 236 PART B, SECTION 2, THE PARTIES ARE BOUND BY CERTAIN AUTOMATIC ORDERS WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ACTION. NOTICE OF GUIDELINE MAINTENANCE You are hereby given that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$178,000 to be paid by

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK -- COUNTY OF QUEENS - Index No. 7388-17 - Date Purchased: July 19, 2017 - **SUMMONS WITH NOTICE** - Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial-- Basis of venue: Plaintiff's residence - **JOSEPH BROWN**, Plaintiff, against **TEKA BROWN**, Defendant - **ACTION FOR DIVORCE** - To the above named Defendant: **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons is complete and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Dated: July 19, 2017, Queens, New York. Law Offices of Donald Mastrodomenico By: Donald Mastrodomenico, Esq. Plaintiff's Attorney 107-19 71 st Ave. Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375 (718) 268-8111 - **NOTICE:** The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL section 170 subd.(7) - the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months. The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is: That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance. That the child of the marriage, Jo-Anna Brown born on August 24, 2003, resides in Jamaica, West Indies. New York does not have jurisdiction over issues of custody, visitation and child support. Future determination of said

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issues shall be reserved to Jamaica or any other country or state of competent jurisdiction. That both parties may resume the use of any prior surname. That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper. The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution.

NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW SECTION 236 PART B, SECTION 2. THE PARTIES ARE BOUND BY CERTAIN AUTOMATIC ORDERS WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ACTION.

NOTICE OF GUIDELINE MAINTENANCE You are hereby given that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$178,000 to be paid by the party with the higher income to the party with the lower income according to a formula, unless the parties agree otherwise or waive this right. Depending on the income of the parties, the obligation might fall on either the Plaintiff or the Defendant in the action.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THESE NOTICES YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE MATRIMONIAL PART, SUPREME COURT, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica, N.Y. 11435, TEL (718) 298-0950. DRL 255 Notice. Please be advised that once the judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both parties must be aware that he or she will no longer be covered by the other party's health insurance plan and that each party shall be responsible for his or her own health insurance coverage, and may be entitled to purchased health insurance on his or her own through a COBRA option, if available.

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Notice is hereby given that a license, #1308806 has been applied for by Lions Den Sports Bar and Lounge LLC to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a restaurant. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 194-01 Linden Blvd Saint Albans, NY 11412 for on premises consumption. Lions Den Sports Bar and Lounge LLC

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York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) **EVI** (Last) **ANGELAKIS**. My present name is (First) **EVIS** (Last) **ANGELAKIS** FKA **EVIS KOKALARI**. My present address is 25-22 14TH PLACE, 3F, Astoria, NY 11102. My place of birth is **TIRANA, ALBANIA**. My date of birth is January 17, 1975.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 8, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000185-18/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) **JONATHAN** (Middle) **JOSHUA** (Last) **RAMIREZ CRESPO**. My present name is (First) **JONATHAN** (Last) **RAMIREZ**. My present address is 145-44 23RD AVENUE, Whitestone, NY 11357. My place of birth is **GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR**. My date of birth is July 22, 1992.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on February 13, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000037-18/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) **Angelo** (Middle) **Nicholas** (Last) **Bougiamas**. My present name is (First) **Nicholas** (Middle) **Angelis** (Last) **Bougiamas** (infant). My present address is 2028 27th St, Astoria, NY 11105. My place of birth is New York, NY. My date of birth is July 25, 2017.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 3/2/18, bearing Index Number NC-000190-18/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) **HAROLD** (Middle) **JOHN** (Last) **SCHNECK**. My present name is (First) **HARRY** (Last) **SCHNECK** AKA **HAROLD J. SCHNECK**, AKA **HAROLD JOHN SCHNECK**. My present address is 9060 UNION TURNPIKE,, APT. 20E, Ridgewood, NY 11385. My place of birth is **BROOKLYN, NY**. My date of birth is January 11, 1941.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 6, 2018 bearing Index Number NC-000224-18/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) **PETER** (Last) **PIPELIAS**. My present name is (First) **PANAGIOTIS** (Last) **PIPELIAS** AKA **PETER PIPELIAS**. My present address is 56-42

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CLOVERDALE BLVD., Oakland Gardens, NY, 11364. My place of birth is **QUEENS, NY**. My date of birth is October 28, 1971.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 3/28/18, bearing Index Number NC-000257-18/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) **ELENA** (Last) **WENG**. My present name is (First) **SHIRLEY** (Last) **WENG** (infant). My present address is 3239 UTOPIA PARKWAY, Flushing, NY 11358. My place of birth is **QUEENS, NY**. My date of birth is February 27, 2017.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 3/6/18, bearing Index Number NC-000251-18/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) **YAHSHUA** (Last) **ALLSTAR**. My present name is (First) **DAVID** (Last) **AZOULAY** AKA **DAVID CHARLES AZOULAY**, AKA **DAVID C. AZOULAY**. My present address is 72-34 Austin Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375-5300. My place of birth is **BROOKLYN, NY**. My date of birth is November 04, 1979.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 22, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000271-18/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) **CHARISSE** (Last) **WONG**. My present name is (First) **LO SZE** (Last) **WONG**. My present address is 2705 PARSONS BLVD., APT. 4C, Flushing, NY 11354. My place of birth is **HONG KONG SAR**. My date of birth is July 25, 1994.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on February 21, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000138-18/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) **LARRY** (Middle) **ROBERT** (Last) **DAVIS**. My present name is (First) **LAWRENCE** (Middle) **ROBERT** (Last) **DAVIS** (Seniority) JR AKA **LAWRENCE R. DAVIS**. My present address is 155-01 71ST AVENUE, Flushing, NY 11367. My place of birth is **QUEENS, NY**. My date of birth is November 25, 1989.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 6, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000220-18/QU, a copy

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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) **SHERYL** (Last) **LAU**. My present name is (First) **MIN** (Last) **WU** AKA **MIN LAU**. My present address is 144-54 25TH DRIVE, 2ND FLOOR, Flushing, NY 11354. My place of birth is **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**. My date of birth is December 16, 1972.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 02/02/2018, bearing Index Number NC-001131-17/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) **ABRIA** (Last) **HASAN**. My present name is (First) **ATIYA** (Middle) **A.** (Last) **MUMU** AKA **ATIYA ABRIA MUMU**. My present address is 15002 88th Avenue, Apt. #E5, Jamaica, NY 11432-3742. My place of birth is **BANGLADESH**. My date of birth is October 10, 1995.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 2/15/18, bearing Index Number NC-0001253-17/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) **STEPHANIE** (Middle) **MARIE** (Last) **BITTER**. My present name is (First) **FEMALE** (Last) **LANZA** AKA **STEPHANIE M BITTER** AKA **STEPHANIE MARIE BITTAR** AKA **STEPHANIE BITTER**. My present address is 21-69 37TH STREET, Astoria, NY 11105. My place of birth is **BROOKLYN, NY**. My date of birth is September 08, 1949.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 03/08/2018, bearing Index Number NC-000728-17/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) **LANCE** (Last) **TOMAS**. My present name is (First) **LANCE** (Middle) **ROLAND** (Last) **CRUZ TOMAS** AKA **LANCE ROLAND TOMAS**. My present address is 34-34 30th Street, Astoria, NY 11106-3043. My place of birth is **MANHATTAN, NY**. My date of birth is March 24, 1989.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 3/19/18, bearing Index Number NC-000242-18/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) **KAM** (Middle) **LAN** (Last) **FUNG**. My

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present name is (First) **KAM** (Middle) **LAN** (Last) **FUNG** AKA **KAM LAN FUNG**. My present address is 1403 209TH STREET, Bayside, NY 11360. My place of birth is **HONG KONG**. My date of birth is March 22, 1965.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 3/5/18, bearing Index Number NC-000207-18/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) **NEAL** (Middle) **LABRONE** (Last) **CHATMON**. My present name is (First) **NEALIE** (Middle) **LA BRONE** (Last) **CHATMAN** AKA **NEAL L. CHATMON**, AKA **NEALIE LABRONE CHATMON**. My present address is 223-07 112RD, Queens Village, NY 11429. My place of birth is **QUEENS, NY**. My date of birth is October 03, 1964.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff AGAINST Melissa Surpris; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 4, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on April 20, 2018 at 10:00AM, premises known as 137-53 174th Street a/k/a 13753 174th Street, 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 12580 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$500,222.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 26351/2010. Anthony V. Lombardino, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 16, 2018 52071

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS Index No. 700133/2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. **UNKNOWN HEIRS, D E V I S E E S , DISTRIBUTUTES OR SUCCESSORS** IN INTEREST OF THE LATE **GLORIA LYONS A/K/A GLORIA CLARKE A/K/A**

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GLORIA L. CLARKE, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, G R A N T A G E E S , M O R T G A G E E S , LIENORS, HEIRS, D E V I S E E S , DISTRIBUTUTES , E X E C U T O R S , ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVICES, DISTRIBUTUTES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, U.S. BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2002, AMONG CREDIT-BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION LLC, A S S E T - B A C K E D F U N D I N G CORPORATION, LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-CB1, MICHAEL GRANT, SANDRA CARTER, EARL MURRAY, ALVIN GRANT, CITY OF NEW YORK E N V I R O N M E N T A L CONTROL BOARD, and JOHN DOE, 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 attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to 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.

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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.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Cheree Buggs, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 15th day of March, 2018, at Jamaica, New York. Block: 11660 Lot: 18

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of 135th Street, distant 430 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 135th Street with the northerly side of 115th Avenue, as said street and avenue are shown and laid down on a certain map entitled, "Map of Van Wyck Heights, property of the John H. Ireland Realty Co.," in the Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, New York City, surveyed October, 1919 by John Middleton C.E. and C.S. and filed in the Queens County Clerk's Office on April 21, 1922 as Map No. 4103;

RUNNING THENCE westerly parallel with the northerly side of 115th Avenue 100 feet; THENCE northerly and parallel with the westerly side of 135th Street, 23 feet;

THENCE easterly again parallel with the northerly side of 115th Avenue 100 feet to the westerly side of 135th Street; THENCE southerly along the westerly side of 135th Street, 23 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 11416 135 th Street A/K/A 114-16 135 th Street, South

Ozone Park, NY 11420. WOODS OVIATT GILMAN LLP

Attorney for Plaintiff
700 Crossroads Building
2 State Street
Rochester, NY 14614
Tel.: (585) 987-2800

Summons and Notice of Object of Action
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 717483/2017 CIT BANK, N.A. Plaintiff vs UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF MARIE ANTOINETTE LAUORE AKA MARIE-ANTOINETTE LAUORE IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO

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PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ASSOCIATES FIRST CAPITAL CORPORATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO A S S O C I A T E S CONSUMER DISCOUNT COMPANY, CITY REGISTER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, trustees, administrators, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s) M O R T G A G E D PREMISES: 116-38 219TH STREET CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411 BL #: 11319-48 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,

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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 UNKNOWN HEIRS to the Estate of Marie Antoinette Laurore AKA Marie-Antoinette Laurore Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Cheree A. Buggs of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the March 15, 2018 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 Marie Antoinette Laurore AKA Marie-Antoinette Laurore (who died on July 31, 2016, a resident of the county of Queens, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$469,342.50. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2005000421587 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County on July 28, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 28, 2009 and recorded on October 9, 2009, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2009000330304. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 5, 2017 and recorded on June 23, 2017, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2017000232720. The property in question is described as follows: 116-38 219TH STREET, CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 16, 2018 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

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attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 52994-1

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court of the State Of New York County Of Queens Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 715986/2017 Bank Of America, N.A., Plaintiff vs Regina G. Hare As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Thomas Pugh As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Michael Pugh As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Veronica Pugh As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Unknown Heirs As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, United States Of America Acting Through The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, People Of The State Of New York, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Court Of The City Of New York, Andrew L. Jaloza & Associates LLC John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s) Mortgaged Premises: 428 Beach 25th Street Far Rockaway, NY 11691 BL #: 15774-63 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Frederick D. R. Sampson of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the Ninth day of March, 2018 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, dated April 25, 2008, executed by Clare Pugh (who died on December 5,

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2016, a resident of the county of Queens, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$544,185.00. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2008000194796 in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County on May 14, 2008. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 10, 2008 and recorded on October 7, 2009, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2009000327074. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 26, 2009 and recorded on November 9, 2009, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2009000365723. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 9, 2010 and recorded on May 7, 2010, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2010000154147. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 23, 2017 and recorded on January 30, 2017, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2017000039331. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 14, 2017 and recorded on March 31, 2017, in the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2017000126186. The property in question is described as follows: 428 BEACH 25TH STREET, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 14, 2018 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. 52894-2

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Queens Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 716845/2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff vs Kenneth Wodiska Aka Kenneth I.

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Wodiska If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, 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, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Successor By Merger To Wachovia Bank, National Association, New York City Environmental Control Board, People of the State of New York, United States of America acting through the IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s) Mortgaged Premises: 209-19 28th Road Bayside, NY 11360 BL #: 5995-85 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Kenneth Wodiska AKA Kenneth I. Wodiska Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David Elliot of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Sixth day of March, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County

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of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below dated August 2, 2006, executed by Kenneth Wodiska AKA Kenneth I. Wodiska to secure the sum of \$153,076.50. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2006000490507 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County on August 30, 2006. The property in question is described as follows: 209-19 28TH ROAD, BAYSIDE, NY 11360 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 9, 2018 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. 52659-1

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 162-14 112TH ROAD JAMAICA, NY 11433 Block: 12180 Lot: 6 INDEX NO. 22362/2011 ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff, -against- DAVID BROWN, AS PROPOSED EXECUTOR UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUCILLE C. MONROE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; GWENDOLYN HENDERSON, AS P R O P O S E D SUCCESSOR EXECUTOR UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUCILLE C. MONROE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; ERROL BERNARD BROWN, AS PROPOSED BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUCILLE C. MONROE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; DAVID F. BROWN, AS P R O P O S E D BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUCILLE C. MONROE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007;

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TROYNITA RUSSELL, AS P R O P O S E D BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUCILLE C. MONROE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; UNIQUE HAYNES, AS P R O P O S E D BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUCILLE C. MONROE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2007; ROBIN YELDELL BRYANT, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE C. MONROE; REGINA YELDELL DORE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE C. MONROE; CHARLES YELDELL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE C. MONROE; 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, 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; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and "JOHN DOE 1" to JOHN DOE 25", said names being fictitious, the persons or parties intended being the persons, parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged 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 & #39;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

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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 \$544,185.00 and interest, recorded on May 23, 2008 at CRFN # 2008000209115 of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 162-14 112TH ROAD, JAMAICA, NY 11433. 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: February 21, 2018 Westbury, New York RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: IRINA DULARIDZE, 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 **S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS** Mortgaged Premises: 108 -16 171ST PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433 District: Section: Block: 10254 Lot: 13 INDEX NO. 713327/2017 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA TILLMAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BACON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BACON; 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

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wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns 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; M O R T G A G E E L E C T R O N I C R E G I S T R A T I O N SYSTEMS, INC.; FRANKLIN FIRST FINANCIAL, LTD.; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; JOHN DOE #1; "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven 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 \$177,500.00 and interest, recorded on March 21, 2013, at Liber 2013000116276 Page , of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 108 -16 171ST PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433. 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

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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: March 26, 2018 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: IRINA DULARIDZE, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280- 7675

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff, -against- Nassau County Public Administrator, as Administrator for the estate of Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley, Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley her respective heirs-at- law, next-of- kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assigns, committees, lienors, 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, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Warren Franklin Hartley as heir to the Estate of Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley if he be living and if he be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as maybe dead, and her spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees, and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, Warren R. Hartley aka Richard Hartley as heir to the Estate of Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley, Paramand Harriall a/k/a Paramand Harriall, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Gomatti Ramsaran, Ramsaran, Ramsaran, Ramsaran Defendants. Index # 711893/2016

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Filed: 3/23/18 **S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS** Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. 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 attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Bay Shore, New York March 19, 2018 FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP BY: Linda P. Manfredi Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-081815-F00 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 \$151,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 21, 2007, in CRFN 2007000148898, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County, New York, covering the premises known as 533 Beach 67th Street, Arvene, NY 11692 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.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 710409/2017 Date Filed: 3/6/2018 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, -against- Daniel Braun a/k/a Daniel W. Braun, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Donna Braun, if she be living or dead, her spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Discover Bank; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants.. **PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 39-09 212th street, Bayside, NY 11361 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 a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Joseph Risi, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens County, entered March 5, 2018 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to secure \$313,938.19 and interest, recorded in the Queens County Office of the City Register on August 10, 2016, in CRFN 2016000275895 covering premises known as 39-09 212th street, Bayside, NY 11361 a/k/a Block 6236, Lot 73. The relief sought in the within action is a final

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judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SIJMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS F O R E C L O S U R E PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: February 12, 2018 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. Senior Associate Attorney SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 Our File No. 16-051757 #94389

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property **INDEX NO. 8347/2010 S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS** Mortgaged Premises: 107-17 WATSON PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433 Block: 10252 Lot: 9 **FINANCIAL FREEDOM LLC**, Plaintiff, vs. ERIC WALKER, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ENOCH SMITH, 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,

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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; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL

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CONTROL BOARD, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10", inclusive the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the persons, tenants, occupants, or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged 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

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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 \$475,500.00 and interest, recorded on 8/28/2008 at CRFN 2008000344878 of

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QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 107-17 WATSON PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433. 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

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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: March 14, 2018 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: DANIEL GREENBAUM, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675



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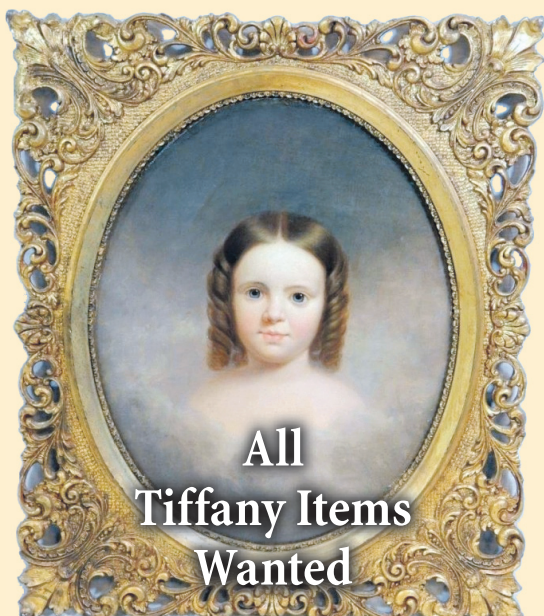
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