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## Tribute to Dee Richard

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## B'side firehouse may return to chopping block

BY PHIL CORSO

Almost one year after city officials doused the flames caused by outrage over the potential closure of FDNY Engine Co. 306 in Bayside, tensions may heat up once again.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office is expected to release a list by early June similar to last year's index of 20 FDNY companies being considered for closure to balance the budget, including Engine Co. 306 in Bayside, 294 in Richmond Hill and 328 in Far Rockaway, according to a spokesman for the Uniformed Fire Officers Association.

Last year, Bloomberg targeted 20 companies for closure for what he said would save the city as much as \$55 million. After a heavy community response through rallies and public outcries, the City Council reached an agreement with the mayor's office to restore funding to the companies by cutting other budget lines in the department.

One year later, the absence of such a list has left the fire officers group anticipating a similar outcome. A UFOA spokesman said until they are led to believe otherwise, the group will prepare to advocate for the same 20 companies proposed for closure last year.

Uniformed Fire Officers  
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# Cops investigate warring couple

### Bayside woman dies in apparent murder-suicide but man survives: Police

BY STEVE MOSCO

Shocked neighbors crowded into a street in Bayside last week after an argument left one woman dead and one man clinging to

life.

The woman died after an argument with a man in their shared home during what appeared to be a murder and failed attempt at suicide, authorities said.

Firefighters responded to a call around 7:30 p.m. at 39-20 214th Place May 23 after neighbors saw smoke and smelled gasoline. Both victims were found in the basement apartment of the two-story home by responding law enforce-

ment officials.

According to police, the 57-year-old woman, Eun Hee Sin, was found unconscious with an apparent stab wound to the neck. The man, 56, was discovered in

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## HONORING HIS SERVICE



Bayside veteran Pat Bruno, who served as an Army Private First Class, rides with his son Pat Brun, Jr., and grandchildren Marielle, 7 1/2, and Christopher, 11, during the Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade. **See coverage on Pages 3, 40.**

Photo by Christina Santucci

# Students showcase success

## PS 159 celebrates school's best work at annual year-end fair

BY PHIL CORSO

They go to school for more than nine months of the year and their work is usually tucked away inside their Bayside classrooms.

But by the end of the year, students at PS 159 enter a gymnasium transformed into an elaborate showcase of their greatest efforts.

The annual Celebration of Learning is a year-end fair and nearly 10-year PS 159 tradition, according to Principal Paul Didio. The 2011 National Blue Ribbon School at 205-01 33rd Ave. in Bayside is also only one of two schools in the district, including Bayside's PS 162 John Golden, to host such an event.

"It's pretty amazing to see all of the work on display at once," Didio said. "I'm thankful that the school upholds the tradition."

Upon walking into the school's second-floor gymnasium, the school's students, parents and faculty marveled at the carefully laid out two pieces of artwork from each of the roughly 535 students. Different subjects were represented throughout various display tables.

Michael Verso, a third-grader at the school, walked proudly to his artwork on the back wall of the gym.

"It feels pretty good to show this to my friends," Verso said. "This is fun."

Chiara Scaduto teach-



Third-grader Lia Lopez (r.) explains a timeline presentation of her life on display at PS 159's Celebration of Learning.  
Photo by Phil Corso

es third-grade at the school and said she could see tangible benefits from the annual fair.

"You can actually see the outcomes in the kids' faces," Scaduto said. "It's a big reward for them."

The fair aims to represent each child at the school from pre-kindergarten to fifth-grade, according to teacher and Celebration of Learning Coordinator Hannah Garson.

"The children are always very proud of themselves and each other," Garson said. "We choose to put such an emphasis on this because it builds confidence and self-esteem for the students."

Mock volcanoes, 3-D presentations of the Great Wall of China and time-

lines of students' short lives so far were only some of the seemingly endless showcases available throughout the gymnasium.

Throughout the two-day showcase, nearly 75 family members and friends pass through the gallery, parent coordinator Kim Johnson said.

"For the parents, this is completely overwhelming at times," Johnson said. "To see the work from beginning to end and to see how their children progressed throughout the year makes their day."

After entering the school's front entrance, signs and arrows lead the way up the stairs and into the gymnasium, teasing at the different subjects that students had studied

throughout the year.

"We want to make sure the children know we're proud of them, so we put a lot of time into it," Garson said.

Garson said the faculty stays after hours the day before the fair's opening to help transform the gym.

But all the work, she said, always pays off in the end.

"It's quite the project to take on for all of the faculty," Garson said. "And we still do it because we're always looking for ways to engage the students."

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# Overall crime rises slightly in 111th Pct.

BY PHIL CORSO

Crime has risen slightly in the 111th Precinct, according to police statistics, with the biggest recorded increases in robberies and misdemeanor assaults out of the seven major categories.

According to Commanding Officer Jason Huerta, the current 28-day period ending May 20 showed an uptick of 5 percent in overall crime with 62 recorded incidents as opposed to 59 in the same period last year. Robberies rose to 11 total compared to six last year and misdemeanor assaults more than doubled to 19 compared to eight last year.

No murders were reported by the May 20 end date, according to statistics, but officers were investigating an alleged murder-suicide attempt in Bayside May 23.

The robberies, the captain said, may be related to youth-on-youth crimes.

"We have had several incidents where students wearing high-priced headphones and cell phones have been robbed by other students," Huerta said. "We encourage parents to adhere to the school's policies regarding cellular phones and electronics or at the very least instruct children on the dangers of using these expensive devices in public."

Huerta said the 111th Precinct, which covers Bayside, Little Neck, Doug-

laston and parts of Auburndale, regularly works with area school officials and the city Department of Education's School Safety Division to keep students safe.

"Student safety is a top priority for the 111th Precinct," Huerta said. "We patrol all of the major student corridors to ensure that children make it safely to and from school."

Police statistics also showed a slight increase in grand larcenies with 36 this year compared to last year's 31 and a rise in felony assaults to five compared from the year-ago figure of three.

According to police statistics, burglaries dropped from 14 to six, but were still relevant to what Huerta described as a recent rash of automobile break-ins.

"People continue to

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Overall crime is slightly up for Commanding Officer Jason Huerta at the 111th Precinct, according to the NYPD.

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# Veterans remembered in Little Neck-Douglaston parade

Thousands take to Northern Blvd. to pay tribute to their heroes in 82nd annual holiday procession

BY STEVE MOSCO

Parade-goers clogged Northern Boulevard as residents and elected officials gathered Monday to honor veterans at the 82nd annual Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade.

Beginning at Jayson Avenue in Great Neck, L.I., the parade — billed as one of the largest in the nation — drew thousands of onlookers and stretched to St. Anastasia Church, on Alameda Boulevard in Douglaston.

While residents somberly remembered the country's lost vets, parade participants loudly exalted their memory with drums, bagpipes and patriotic overtures.

The grand marshal for the parade was Master Sgt. Chester L. Marcus Jr., of the U.S. Army Reserve, while Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Borough President Helen Marshall served as honorary grand marshals.

"On behalf of all New York-



Col. Joyce Junior from the Army 77th Sustainment Brigade Joint Base McGuire Dix in Lakehurst, N.J. gets a ride from the Engine 343 from the Fire Family Transport Foundation.

Photo by Christina Santucci

ers, I offer my deep gratitude to the men and women of our nation's armed services who for generations have defended our country and put their lives on the line so others can live in peace," Cuomo said in a statement prior

to the parade. "Memorial Day offers an occasion for each of us to commemorate and reflect on the tremendous sacrifice of the service members who lost their lives fighting to defend the freedom that we take for granted each

day."

Among the elected officials who attended were state Assembly members Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows) and Grace Meng (D-Flushing), state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-Hollis) and City Council members Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) and Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village).

There were a number of Bayside residents in attendance who had sacrificed much of their lives overseas.

Sam L. Resnick, a World War II vet, said this year's parade was the first one he had attended in 50 years. The Bayside resident, a recipient of the French Legion of Honor medal for his efforts in liberating France from the Nazis, said he could never bring himself to attend parades past because of the traumatic memories he still endures.

"It is still very difficult to talk about or even think about 60 years after the war," said Resnick, who suffers from post-traumatic

stress disorder to this day. "I got teary-eyed just thinking about it.

"But when a young man or woman in the military today comes up to me to thank me and to shake my hand — it is just an overwhelming and awesome feeling."

Resnick struck up a conversation with another Bayside veteran, Barnet Schulman. The two World War II heroes shared stories, compared medals and marveled at the honor bestowed on them by the throngs of spectators.

"Anybody who served in the military should be proud, and everybody out here today should be proud to be American," said Schulman, who saw combat in Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. "People who didn't serve, they don't understand. But they should still be proud."

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# Dee Richard, Queens columnist, dies at 86

TimesLedger's revered chronicler of the county's political life left lasting legacy for city she loved

BY COLIN DEVRIES

Dolores "Dee" Richard was a versatile, multifaceted woman of the arts: an illustrator, a photographer and a journalist with a deep interest in the people and political machinations of the city and borough she loved. She died May 22 in her Beechhurst home at the age of 86, following a brief illness.

Known to some as "the queen of Queens gossip," Richard devoted decades to chronicling the celebrations and at times tribulations within the political and social circles in New York City's second-most populous borough.

For the last decade, Richard's "Dishing with Dee" column appeared each week in TimesLedger Newspapers, musing on the political happenings throughout Queens — positive or otherwise — and garnering respect among the borough's power players.

Even with her sometimes brutal honesty, whenever she walked into a room — camera and notebook in hand — public figures rushed to greet her with a smile in the hopes of appearing in her weekly "Focus on Queens" photo page.

U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-Jackson Heights), chairman of the Queens Democratic Party, called her "a fixture in Queens politics."

"Her column was a must-read for all of Queens," he said. "But beyond her many contributions to the community, Dee was a wonderful person whose larger-than-life personality will be missed."

Former TimesLedger Newspapers Publisher Steven Blank said he "unleashed the beast" when he introduced Richard's column, which New York Magazine compared to the New York Post's Page 6, about 10



Dee Richard with one of her two sons, Teddy, and the family boxer, Caesar, which had a penchant for channeling Little Richard on the piano, complete with howling.  
Photo courtesy Jim Damos

years ago. The magazine dubbed her the "Gossip Queens of Queens" and related the tale of a community activist who was furious after Dee wrote about her cosmetic surgery.

"But if you're having lunch with a columnist, you know you're fair game," an unapologetic and amused Richard told the magazine.

A native of Philadelphia, Richard started her career as a technical artist. During World War II, she received a scholarship to attend the Academy of Aeronautics, now known as Vaughn College, in Queens, according to her husband, Jim Damos.

After completing study in three-dimensional architectural drawing, she was hired as an illustrator by military aircraft contractor Sikorsky Corp. in Connecticut.

"She was only one of two women who got schol-



DEE RICHARD

Photo courtesy Jim Damos

arships," he said. "It was really just her in a man's world."

Damos said she went

on to illustrate some of the first experimental fixed-wing aircraft manufactured by Sikorsky. Her

drawings were prominently featured in textbooks.

When the war ended, Damos said Richard returned to New York to attend the Germain School of Photography, launching her career as a wedding — and later society — photographer.

Damos met her in 1970, at a time when she was balancing wedding photography with free-lance gigs for the New York State Sheriffs' Deputies Association. Richard became an honorary New York state fire chief, Damos said.

She transitioned from wedding photography to publicity and public relations for various groups and public figures, also operating fund-raising campaigns for law enforcement groups. At some point she was drawn into the political networks of Queens.

Her journalism career began with photo contri-

butions to several weekly newspapers in Queens, later using her knowledge of the borough's political circles to write a weekly column for TimesLedger, which was read by thousands.

Damos said that over the 40 years he had known her, he admired her strength and character.

"There are very few people I've met like her — with her convictions," he said. "She wanted to do the right thing for everybody. She believed the old-fashioned thing that all the news that was fit to print, you print it ... but it's gotta be the truth."

Her resolve shined, Damos said, when she lost four family members in a single year.

"First her mother died, then the one son, then her father died and then her other son died .... There's few people that could survive that."

Since her death May 22, heartfelt messages of praise and respect have poured into the TimesLedger newsroom.

Roz Liston, editor of TimesLedger, said "Dee was the ultimate professional. She loved the buzz of the Queens political world and was committed to reporting on the movers and shakers in the borough for the paper's readers each week. She brought a special talent and unique voice to the TimesLedger that will never be matched."

Borough President Helen Marshall said "Dee's dry wit, sense of humor, creativity and knowledge of Queens, its government and politics combined to make her a welcome presence everywhere she went."

Marshall said her coverage of events in both words and pictures for several Queens newspapers over the years "will be part of her lasting legacy."

City Comptroller John  
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(Photos [l.-r.]) Janet Malone, Myra Baird Herce, Dee Richard (back), Debbie Markell and Joann DeMartino; Barry Kleinert, Dee Richard, Jim Darnos, Joann Di Martino (back), Debbie Markell, Roz Edelstein, Nettie Mayersohn, Myra Baird-Herce and Chuck Wade; and Frank Padavan and Dee Richard.

Photos by Dee Richard

# A borough remembers its intrepid reporter

## Jimmy Darnos Husband

Dee had a boxer named Caesar. He would sit up at the dinner table wearing a bib and actually eat with her. And I swear, that dog never dropped one kibble on the table. He was a person.

## Mary Conaty Flushing

Dee was able to paint a picture of the many events and people she covered with her words. She captured them and us with her camera, passion, personality and heart. She will be sorely missed.

## Joseph Crowley Queens Democratic Party Chairman

Dee was a fixture in Queens politics and the community, and her column was a must-read for all of Queens. She was a consummate professional and was always a pleasure to work with.

## Dan Peterson Astoria

My thoughts are with Jim and his family at this time. Dee was a wonderful soul and we always said hello to one another when we attended the same events. Her kindness and writings will be missed.

## Helen Marshal Borough President

Dee's wry wit, sense of humor, creativity and knowledge of Queens, its government and politics, combined to make her a welcome presence everywhere she went.

## John Watch Flushing

Dolores "Dee" Richard has left us, but we will never forget her smile, her wit, her charm and most importantly her love for our community. There will never be another "Dishing with Dee."

## Barbara Leonardi Floral Park

Dee Richards is and will always be an icon of Queens. Her tireless efforts in giving us the inside scoops on politics will be greatly missed.

## Frank Padavan Former State Senator

Throughout my years serving the local community and the many changes that came to pass, one element stayed true and that was the steadfast and magnanimous presence of Dee Richard. Wherever there was a story to be told, an event to be covered, she was always at the forefront.

## Daniel Dromm City Councilman

She helped get gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the news at a time when very few people would cover our community. LGBT people owe much to Dee. She truly enjoyed being with us and we loved her dearly.

## Debra Markell Whitestone

Dee was a great person. She loved life. Her passion was people. She was a good person with a big heart. She is a treasured friend and will be greatly missed!

## John Liu City Comptroller

Feisty and funny, she deftly chronicled – and at times skewered – the borough's political life. Most important of all, she was a wonderful friend.

## Janet Malone Former President, Northeast Queens Republican Club

Dee was a spitfire in the truest sense of the term. She was everywhere. She was always in the middle of the action up until her very last day. She will be greatly missed.

## Nayibe Núñez-Berger Beechhurst

Dee wanted her coverage of events to reflect the diversity of Queens and she went out of her way to be inclusive. Our deepest condolences to her husband and family.

## Russell Targove Fresh Meadows

Dee will be sorely missed, but I guess that there was a call for the best photographer to cover the giant concert going on up in heaven, starring Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, Donna Summer and many other special guests, hosted by Dick Clark.

## Gregg P. Sullivan Former President, Bayside Village Business Improvement District

I can't believe I just lost my new friend. I will listen for you every time I write and every time I'm about to address a public meeting, Dee.

## Dan Halloran City Councilman

She inspired and enlivened all who knew her .... Her light will never truly go out. Godspeed, Dee.

More photos  
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(Photos [l.-r.]) Two old friends reminiscing on Nettie Mayersohn's long public service to the community; Bob Sperenza (l. to r.), Dee Richard, Frank Skala, Dan Halloran and John Casey; and Debbie Markell, Scott Stringer, Dee Richard and Matt Silverstein.

Photos by Dee Richard



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# Flushing Town Hall eyes leftover city grant funds



Astoria Pool is one of five Queens sites that missed out on thousands of dollars in funding from Partners in Preservation.

BY STEVE MOSCO

Landmarked sites in Queens missed out on a large chunk of funding after a preservation contest did not go the borough's way, but there is still more money to be had.

The committee for the Partners in Preservation, a citywide contest aimed at disseminating \$3 million of financial support to protect significant sites, will award two sites in Brooklyn and two in the Bronx after an online vote.

The four sites were chosen out of 40 historic places across the city.

Five Queens sites were in the running for the funds, but did not garner enough votes. But all hope is not lost as the Queens sites — the Louis Armstrong House Museum, the Queens County Farm Museum, the Flushing Town Hall building, Astoria Park's Pool and the Rocket Thrower sculpture in Flushing Meadows Corona Park — still have a chance at funding.

After giving funds to the winners, the contest committee intends to take a

look at the remaining sites and announce grants from the remaining \$2.1 million next month, depending on voting results and project needs.

Michael Cogswell, director of the Louis Armstrong House Museum, already knows exactly where those funds will go if his museum is lucky enough to receive the grant.

"There is a beautiful Japanese-style garden attached to the house and there has been very little work done on it since Mr. Armstrong installed it in the 1970s," said Cogswell. "It is showing its age and we would use the funds to restore it."

The Louis Armstrong House Museum in Corona, a National Historic Landmark and a city landmark, sits virtually unchanged since Armstrong and his wife Lucille called it home. The couple purchased the house, at 34-56 107th St., in 1943 and lived in it for their entire lives. Armstrong died in 1971; his wife in 1983.

"When you're in the house, you get the sensation that Mr. and Mrs. Arm-

strong just stepped out for a minute and they'll be right back," said Cogswell. "The house is our main program, but we also have the world's largest archive for a single jazz musician."

Cogswell said the Armstrong House Museum feels privileged to be one of the 40 city sites considered for the funding, as that number was whittled down from close to 400. He also said the museum led all other Queens sites in votes.

He said he hopes the museum will win the remaining funds, but he also believes every historic site should be kept and protected in order to preserve cultural and historical significance.

"Once it's gone, it's gone forever," he said, adding that landmarks can be an incredible source of revenue for the city. "Once a site is destroyed or falls into disrepair, you can never get it back again."

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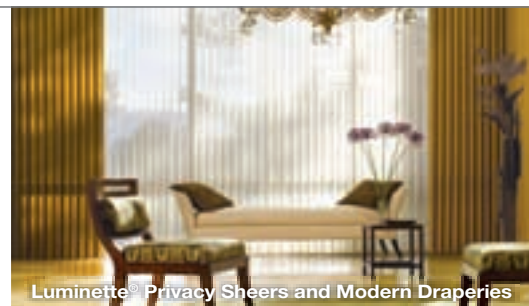
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Police respond to 41st Avenue off the corner of Bell Boulevard at about 1:45 a.m. May 23 after a vehicle struck a parked van, slammed into 7-Eleven and then fled the scene. Photo by Christina Santucci

## Car stolen after woman leaves it unattended

COLLEGE POINT — A woman who left her car unattended in her driveway just long enough to go inside for a coat had it stolen, police said.

On May 21 at about 8 p.m., the woman told police her 2011 Dodge Charger was

parked in the driveway of her home, near the corner of 151st Street and 7th Avenue, according to the NYPD.

After she went inside for a few minutes to grab a jacket, she walked back out the door to find her car missing, police said.

## Man finds dead body of another in lake: Police

OAKLAND LAKE — The body of a 21-year-old Queensborough Community College student was spotted floating in Oakland Lake early Monday morning after an apparent suicide, the NYPD said.

The man's name was withheld, police said, out of sensitivity for his family.

According to police, a man spotted the

body floating by while he was fishing in the lake shortly after 8 a.m. There were no signs of violence and the officers were unable to identify how long the body was in the water, police said.

The dead man was wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, police said.

## Laptop among items stolen from man's car

FLUSHING — A man had his Dell laptop stolen after he left it sitting inside his car all day, police said.

The man parked his car near the corner of 146th Street and 25th Road at about

7:30 a.m. earlier this month.

About 11 hours later, he returned to find his laptop and all other property in the car gone, police said.

## Two teens broke into and burgled house: Cops

COLLEGE POINT — Two alleged prowlers knocked over the house of an 81-year-old man in College Point this month, the NYPD said, and they were both under the age of 16.

On May 15, a resident who lives near the corner of 151st Street and 17th Avenue called the man to tell him that his back door was left open, police said.

When the man returned to his house in the evening, he discovered that the sec-

ond floor of his house had been ransacked and multiple watches, cash and jewelry was missing, police said.

Witnesses reported seeing two young males entering into the man's yard, and police later arrested two boys, aged 14 and 15, and charged them with burglary, police said.

The youngsters' names were not released due to their ages.

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# Living the life of Riley on four wheels in boro

BY JOE ANUTA

James Hines always wanted to have a motor home of his own, but instead of going on camping trips in the woods, he has used it to live on the streets of Queens rent-free for the last eight years.

"I've got everything an apartment has except space," he said. "It's a full home on wheels."

Hines, who asked that his exact location not be revealed, has lived in the borough most of his life.

For 20 years he rented an apartment in Pomonok Houses while he worked as a vending machine mechanic. In 2004, he paid \$7,000 for his RV, fulfilling a longtime dream.

"I planned on this a long time ago. I used to go camping every week," he said.

On those trips, Hines would see other campers pull up in their motorhomes, and he wanted in the club as well.

"I said, 'One day I am going to get one of those,'" Hines said.

But things did not turn out exactly how he envisioned.

The purchase of the recreational vehicle was more of an emergency than the result of a carefully orchestrated plan.

That year he lost his job and could not afford to pay rent, Hines said.

He was faced with liv-

ing on the streets, bouncing in and out of homeless shelters, or tweaking his RV dreams to accommodate an inconvenient reality.

He opted for the latter and scraped together his savings to purchase the mighty machine, which has lasted for nearly a decade and taught Hines a thing or two about what he can do without. Hines has two beds, a stove, a microwave and a refrigerator in his home.

During the winter, he has to turn off the heat at night to avoid any potential fire hazards, which means any standing water freezes and he awakes in something that more closely resembles a meat locker each morning.

For the most part, Hines lives a solitary existence, although he has a sister who lives in Ozone Park.

But he has learned to adapt.

To make enough money to pay for the gas and propane that power the recreational vehicle, Hines collected scrap metal for several years and sold it to a company in Willets Point.

When asked how he copes with the various hardships that come from living on the side of a road, he often answers with a casual shrug, as if the inconveniences are a small price to pay for the freedom of living off the grid.

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James Hines stands in front of his home, an RV parked on the streets of Queens.  
Photo by Joe Anuta

# CDC tests health of Queens

Agency uses boro diversity as way to gauge eating habits of country



Eric Tolliver, chief medical technologist at the mobile center, opens a refrigerator full of blood samples.

Photo by Joe Anuta

BY JOE ANUTA

Queens played a crucial role in giving the entire country its annual health checkup this month.

Part of the most thorough and comprehensive health survey in the country took place inside four large trailers parked at Queens Hospital Center, at 82-68 164th St., where residents had nearly every aspect of their bodies and diets recorded and put into a database that is used to track the rise and fall of diseases and the overall eating habits of Americans.

It is called the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, and it is funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"NHANES serves as the nation's 'health check-up,'" said Thomas Frieden, the centers' director. "The survey is a unique resource for health information, and without it we would lack

important knowledge about major health conditions."

About 5,000 participants in the survey are selected to mirror the population of the entire country, including race and ethnicity — which is why Queens is a logical stop for the roving team of medical professionals who visit 15 counties every year.

"This is a gold mine for us," said Jacque DeMatteis, a study manager. "If it's on our green Earth, we can probably find it in Queens."

Volunteers who were selected came to the parking lot of Queens Hospital Center to get blood work done and have their teeth and body fat examined. Through a touch-screen computer program, they anonymously disclosed their sexual habits, alcohol and tobacco use.

In one room, as Cristina Carrion-Tepus was recalling everything she ate over the last 24 hours,

a table full of various-sized bowls and glasses were there to help her remember portion sizes.

Babies are measured with the precision of a micrometer, and some participants wore physical activity monitors for days to track how many calories their bodies burned.

All the information is compiled as a set of raw data — a document that might seem overwhelming to anyone outside of the medical field — but one of the most important tools for health researchers, according to DeMatteis.

In the past, doctors were able to correlate elevated lead levels in blood samples to health problems, which caused the metal to be removed from paint, gasoline and soda cans, she said.

Other researchers used the data to analyze the diets of pregnant women who had babies with birth defects. The data showed a

relationship between low levels of folic acid and the defects.

The data have been collected for 50 years, which enables convenient comparisons to be made to the health of Americans dating back to the 1970s.

Charts from the agency continue to show an alarming rise in diabetes, and a shift away from healthy foods for the country's children. For example, from 1977 to 2001, the average intake of pizza for children aged 6 to 11 has increased by 425 percent, while that of vegetables has decreased 43 percent.

The research is publicly available and computer-based and also determines growth charts for children.

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# GOSSIP QUEEN OF QUEENS

On May 22, TimesLedger Newspapers lost a member of the family. Delores “Dee” Richard, who worked as a photographer and columnist for our newspapers for a decade, died after a brief illness.

Her “Dishing with Dee” column and “Focus on Queens” photo page offered an insider’s view on the political happenings throughout the borough. She attended almost every high-profile dinner and political meeting in the county. She knew every elected official from the borough president and members of Congress to the heads of neighborhood organizations — and they all knew and liked her.

Dee was 86 when she died, but despite her years and personal challenges, including the deaths of her two sons, Dee was never old. With a camera dangling around her neck and her ear to a cellphone, she loved the work she did and it showed. When she came into the newsroom, she was as full of life and as enthusiastic as the youngest reporter.

Her influence stretched beyond Queens into the rest of the city and Nassau County. After the editor of a Nassau newspaper asked Dee to shoot a fund-raiser for him in Great Neck, L.I., he was prepared to introduce her to the public figures at the event.

But as soon as she walked in the door, he realized Dee knew more of the swells in the room than he did as they greeted her.

Since her death, condolences have poured in from all corners. U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley, chairman of the Queens Democratic Party, called her “a fixture in Queens politics” and said her column was a “must-read for all of Queens.”

We were surprised to learn from her husband, Jim Damos, that during World War II she studied aeronautical illustration and worked for Sikorsky Corp. in Connecticut.

After the war, she enrolled in a photography school, launching a career as a wedding photographer. Along the way she became an honorary state fire chief and even took a course as an auctioneer in Tennessee.

Dee was an amazing woman who lived life to the fullest despite her personal travails. Less than 24 hours before she died, Dee drove to TimesLedger’s offices and asked one of the editors to come downstairs to collect her photos for the week because she felt ill.

She never missed a deadline and her last contributions to the paper would be no different. Dee left a legacy at TimesLedger and in Queens that will never be matched.



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## OTHER VOICES

# Bill properties separately if on 2 tax lots

According to state law, property owners are required to pay property taxes whether or not they receive a bill. While it is a homeowner’s responsibility to ensure that property taxes are paid, there is something unfair about the situation I am about to explain.

There are homeowners whose properties sit on two tax lots, but they are not aware of this. As long as there is a mortgage on the property, the bank pays taxes for both lots: the lot with an actual address,

where the house is, and the empty lot, where the driveway or the backyard is.

It is not a problem until you have satisfied your mortgage. At that point, the city Finance Department sends a bill for the lot with the physical address. The other lot without a house or building has no physical address and the homeowner does not receive a bill. This can go on for years until the property goes onto the lien sale list.

On the 30-day lien list for Queens, there are 231 properties without physical

addresses. Of these properties, three are within Community Board 8. Our office was able to research and find the property owner’s address and sent notices.

What about the others? Many of these property owners may not know they stand to lose their investment. This problem could be alleviated if the homeowners’ mailing addresses were included in addition to the real estate billing address for the empty lot. The Finance Department could require that the property owners fill out a form ac-

knowledging the purchase of a property on two tax lots and that separate taxes will be billed.

It would be beneficial to the city, which will collect taxes in a timely fashion, and the property owners, who would not have to face a huge bill for years of unpaid taxes.

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# More must be done to combat auto insurance fraud

Queens residents are plagued with high taxes, high home foreclosures and high auto insurance rates — all making it hard to make ends meet, whether they are hardworking middle-class folks trying to raise a family or seniors on fixed incomes.

High taxes are the result of years of excessive spending and a failure to prioritize. High foreclosure rates are the result of a myriad of factors, including the Obama economy and bad loans. We need to address these problems and implement common-sense legislation to enable us to control public spending

and get the private sector economy moving again.

High auto insurance premiums in Queens result from a number of factors, including Queens having been the auto theft capital of the nation and rampant auto insurance fraud. The NYPD has taken great strides in tackling fraud, and I commend it for its efforts. We need to support the NYPD with resources and, where it makes sense, enhancements to the penal code. This requires legislative action.

Auto insurance fraud literally costs New Yorkers more than a billion dollars a year. While the financial cost is shocking, even more

troublesome is that this activity feeds organized crime and endangers life and limb.

Too often tragedy must strike for our state Legislature to act, and tragedy strikes when it comes to auto insurance fraud. For instance, a 71-year-old grandmother was killed in Queens in 2003 as a result of a staged auto accident. Alice Ross was on her way to her daughter's house when she was intentionally struck from behind by a vehicle carrying three men looking to stage an accident.

The impact forced her off the road, where she struck a tree and was

killed. The three perpetrators were taken to a medical center, where they feigned an assortment of injuries in order to collect on phony injury claims.

Too often women and elderly drivers are targeted for these accidents by auto insurance scammers.

The state Senate recently, on the ninth anniversary of Ross' death, passed legislation S.1685. Sen. James Seward's (R-Oneonta) bill would establish a new felony-level crime of staging a motor vehicle accident.

A person who operates a car and intentionally causes a collision with intent to commit insurance

fraud would now face the charge of staging a motor vehicle accident. It would be a class D felony, punishable by up to seven years in prison.

Another passed measure, S.4507B, would enable insurance companies to retroactively cancel policies taken out by people who commit fraud. This will take away the incentive for committing these crimes.

The Republican-controlled Senate has also passed legislation — S.2004 — that would make the use of runners illegal in New York. A "runner" is a person who steers sham patients to participate in insurance fraud, thereby

driving up premiums for everyone.

It is time the Democratic-controlled state Assembly take action on these bills and help safeguard the lives and property of Queens residents. Doing so will help bring down insurance premiums, tackle crime and help make our streets safer.

*Juan D. Reyes  
President  
American Eagle  
Republican Club  
Forest Hills Gardens*

## LPC must landmark Brinckerhoff Government must follow the rules

*An open letter to Robert Tierney, chairman of the city Landmarks Preservation Commission:*

On behalf of the board of directors of the Bayside Historical Society, I am writing to express our desire that the LPC designate the historic Brinckerhoff Cemetery in Fresh Meadows as an official city landmark.

This cemetery should have been landmarked long ago. It is the final resting place of scores of early Dutch colonials, with some burials dating back to the 1600s. It is a rare historical artifact and precious to the integrity of our community.

The current attempt to de-calendar the Brinckerhoff Cemetery and develop two homes on the property

is an absolute disgrace. To desecrate the graves of those who are interred there is an abomination of all that is good and decent. Civic groups and leaders from around the area and Queens are up in arms about the current situation and demand action to have the site protected and preserved.

It has been calendared for 12 years. Not only is it time to reject any attempts to de-calendar, but it is time to commit to grant full landmark status. The BHS occupies one of the most beautiful and iconic landmarks in the city: the Officers Club at Fort Totten. We are also caretakers of the Lawrence Cemetery, which, like the Officers Club, is a city landmark.

The Lawrence Cem-

etry had a similar mishap in its history. It was mistakenly claimed and subsequently sold by the city. Only through the diligent work of the Bayside civic community was this horrendous action reversed and the burial site of more than 100 early residents of Bayside saved from desecration and destruction.

Similarly, the city should move to fix its mistake by purchasing the Brinckerhoff Cemetery property, which would be spearheaded through capital funding via local elected officials, thus making sure it is protected forever.

*Paul DiBenedetto  
President  
Bayside Historical Society  
Bayside*

I want to thank state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) for his concern and action on behalf of his constituents regarding the rules and regulations for placing refuse out for collection. Citizens may be fined if they place refuse out for collection before 5 p.m. from May to September and before 4 p.m. from October to April.

In response to my letter and other complaints, Avella indicated that the city Sanitation Depart-

ment ignored the City Administration Procedure Act's requirements prior to implementing the rules regarding refuse collection.

Sanitation failed to comply with the rule-making process by not publishing the policy and giving notice to the public, never holding a public hearing, never filing for publication in the compilation of city rules and never publishing in the City Record a statement of basis and purpose.

This situation is an ex-

ample of what Americans hate about government: oppressive bureaucratic coerciveness, unrestrained fervor to modify behavior, attempts to raise revenues at every opportunity and lack of accountability.

I support Avella's commitment to achieve a proper resolution in this matter.

*Ed Konecnik  
Flushing*

## Show teachers in U.S. respect

After celebrating National Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-11, we need to show appreciation for all teachers across the United States.

Teachers work hard under a myriad of conditions, ranging from overcrowded classrooms to dealing with discipline problems, lack

of classroom instructional materials and sometimes difficult parents and non-supportive administrators and supervisors.

Also, teachers strive to help each student reach their full potential, and that is not an easy task. Our teachers deserve the highest respect and need to be treated with the pro-

fessionalism they deserve. They also need to be paid a fair and livable salary.

Let us salute our teachers every day and thank them for all they do for the students in our country.

*John Amato  
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# QCC campaign starts scholarship fund's public phase

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BY PHIL CORSO

They are more than halfway to their goal, but members of the Queensborough Community College Fund's Edge for Success campaign still have a ways to go.

The group launched the public phase of its fund-raising campaign at Douglaston Manor, at 63-20 Marathon Pkwy., to provide students with the resources needed to sustain a college education.

"The mission is to serve both the students and the community," said Diane B. Call, interim president of the college. "The purpose of launching this fund-raising campaign is to support what we do."

The foundation has already raised \$21 million through what it called a silent campaign, according to Edge for Success Chairwoman Charlene Prounis. The foundation set out to raise \$25 million by 2015.

Prounis, a 1976 graduate of QCC, said by providing students with scholarships to stay in school, the investment goes beyond

their graduations as they become active members of the community.

"Queensborough Community College helps build the American Dream," Prounis said.

Dr. Daniel Marcus, who serves on the ACC Fund's board of directors, said the money raised was well worth the wait and would go toward meaningful programs and projects.

"This money will be put to work," Marcus said. "It's a great bargain for one's fund-raising dollar."

According to Prounis, Edge for Success exists to provide enriched learning experiences to QCC students through scholarships, allowing them to stay in school and complete their degrees.

"At the end of the day, this money becomes that little dab of grease that makes the wheels continue to roll," said Mark Kupferberg, chairman of the QCC Fund.

Chika Ugbala received a merit scholarship to study health sciences at the college and said it was crucial to her ability to obtain an

education.

"Without this generous scholarship, I could not help others as the college helped me," Ugbala said.

The campaign also supports faculty research as well as the college's cultural institutions, such as the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center, art gallery and performing arts

center. The money will also be dispersed throughout the college's 17 academic departments, the college said.

"I see a great diversity of talent from the students," said Dr. Arthur Flug, executive director of the college's Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives.

The students' schol-

arships are not given out based on financial need, but on merit, according to QCC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Rosemary Sullivan Zins.

Sullivan Zins said the initial fund-raising campaign started in 1999 through a larger City University of New York campaign and has since raised

more than \$21 million through private donations. She said the group hoped to collect the remaining \$4 million through public donations.

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Dr. Arthur Flug (at podium) explains how scholarships made possible through the Edge for Success campaign benefit students at Queensborough Community College.

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# Avella gives kudos to four vets for Memorial Day

BY REBECCA HENELY

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) honored four veterans of World War II and the Vietnam War at his office last Thursday in anticipation of Memorial Day.

While two of the honorees were unable attend, Avella said he was glad to recognize the veterans with Senate resolutions, presented at his district office at 38-50 Bell Blvd. The four former military members came from across the borough and were nominated to receive the recognition by the heads of their veterans organizations.

"It's a privilege to do it because we don't do enough for our veterans," Avella said.

Two of the honorees came from the Whitestone VFW Post No. 4787 and served in World War II. Flushing resident Loretta Weiss, who could not make the ceremony due to an illness, was recognized for



State Sen. Tony Avella (l.) honored World War II veteran Frank Peloso and others before Memorial Day last week.

Photo by Nykeema Williams

serving in the U.S. Army from 1942-45. Five years later, Weiss returned to duty as a supply sergeant and performed confidential

prep clearance in the Korean and Vietnam wars until she was discharged in 1975.

Frank Peloso, a former post commander of

the Whitestone VFW, was also acknowledged for his service in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Peloso, who served from

1939-45, participated in low-flying combat air drops in China, Burma and India.

Peloso said he was 18 when he entered the service and he was glad to be remembered for Memorial Day.

"I was very proud," Peloso said of serving, "and I was very happy to be able to help out my country."

From the Vietnam Veterans of America Queens Chapter No. 32, Middle Village resident Thomas Corbin, who could not attend due to a family illness, received recognition for his time in the war with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1962-66. He was a field radio operator at the time of his discharge.

The other recipient from Chapter No. 32 was Paul Feddern, a Forest Hills resident who served in the U.S. Army from April 1967 to December 1968 in the Vietnam War. He was humble upon getting the resolution.

"We are by far not

the heroes," Feddern said. "The soldiers that have given their lives, they're the heroes."

Chapter No. 32 President Paul Narson, who nominated Corbin and Feddern and accepted the award on behalf of Corbin, praised both former soldiers.

"Without them, I wouldn't be the president," Narson said. "One's my left arm, the other's my right arm and they're worthy of these awards."

Avella said while he tries to recognize the nation's veterans for Memorial Day and Veterans Day on Nov. 11, he believes what veterans did for the United States should be remembered every day.

"These are individuals who gave up their life at one point to go out and defend liberty," he said.

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## Flushing Rabbi honors all faiths in boro that has many

BY JOE ANUTA

Next month a Catholic organization is giving out a National Peacemaker Award to a Queens rabbi who might have seemed like an odd pick when he was hired from Nebraska to take the helm of the Free Synagogue of Flushing in 2008.

On June 3, Pax Christi, a national Catholic organization dedicated to promoting peace and non-violence, will dole out its National Peacemaker Award to Rabbi Michael Weisser, who was selected by the Flushing synagogue from a vastly different work environment in Lincoln, Neb.

For instance, the population of Queens is 10 times that of Lincoln, and the rabbi came to the most diverse area in the entire world from a city that is 86 percent white, according to the 2010 Census.

But with Weisser's lifelong propensity to reach out to people of different faiths, it is actually a wonder it took him so long to get

here.

"All religions, in my view, are aspects of one religion," Weisser said in a recent interview, an opinion that has attracted criticism as well as accolades. "I think it's just common sense. None of us have all the answers."

Weisser attracted the eye of Pax Christi for his help in planning the Interfaith Unity Walk in Queens, an annual stroll through the borough with stops at houses of worship of many religions. Out of that walk, Weisser had the idea of creating an interfaith council of Queens, a body that exists in other boroughs.

"I thought it would be nice if we could do something more than once a year," he said.

The council is still in its planning stages, but interfaith outreach is something that has always come naturally to Weisser.

The rabbi recalls the day his views on interfaith relations were solidified: He was sitting in a planetarium as a picture of the Milky Way appeared overhead.



A Catholic organization is set to present Rabbi Michael Weisser with a peacemaker award.

Photo by Joe Anuta

A voice filled the room, describing the galaxy as one of hundreds of billions of such galaxies in the known universe. A beam of light traveling at 186,000 miles per second would take 120,000 years to cross it at its narrowest point.

"Part of these religions is believing in a god who created that," he said. "How could that creator possibly be Jewish, Christian,

Muslim, Hindu, etc.? How could that possibly be?"

Weisser believes that God is so enormous that there are myriad ways to try and comprehend what is going on. Weisser accepts nearly all faiths as valid forms of worship, provided that they do not cause physical or mental harm to anyone they disagree with.

But that does not mean he agrees with everything they do,

especially in Judaism.

"The ultra-Orthodox and I disagree on almost everything," he said.

But Weisser is famed for his ability to accept others.

He once converted a grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, who had been threatening his family in Nebraska, and was named person of the year by the Nebraska National Association of the Advancement of Colored People and Man of the Year by the Nebraska American Civil Liberties Union.

He held a coat drive in his synagogue that catered toward a largely Muslim crowd and drove scared Muslim women to work in the wake of 9/11.

He currently gives free space to a Chinese dance troupe in his synagogue and teaches meditation with roots in Hinduism.

"We do formalized stretches and end it by saying, 'Namaste,'" he said. "Does that make me less Jewish or more open?"





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# Whitestone WWII vet retains flower power even at 90

BY JOE ANUTA

Red poppies are sold by veterans to commemorate all the soldiers who have died since World War I, and at 90 years old Whitestone resident Jack Lombardi has been pedaling the flowers for about half his life.

The World War II vet is a fixture at the Whitestone Shopping Center, where for 45 years he has consistently parked himself at a small table there, bringing a packed lunch.

"I know I'm doing it for a good cause," Lombardi said. "But I'm also doing it for my buddies. That's the main thing."

Lombardi served in the U.S. Navy for three years during World War II, where he was stationed in the Pacific Theater aboard the repair vessel USS Jason.

Many of his friends have not enjoyed the longevity the sprightly grandfather has, but he continues to sell the poppies to honor both them and his fellow vets.

"It helps the vets and, in our post, we have a lot of old men who have Social Security but no pen-



Jack Lombardi walks along the route of the Whitestone Memorial Day Parade.

Photo by Christina Santucci

sion," Lombardi said.

Lombardi joined the VFW's Whitestone Post 4787 after he returned home from the war. He married his wife and moved to

what he said was, at the time, the countryside of Whitestone. He raised five children and worked for the New York City Transit Authority for 30 years before re-

tiring.

But that has not slowed him down.

On Friday, Lombardi was preparing to head to Citi Field, which he calls Shea Stadium purely out of habit, to sell poppies, an international symbol of fallen soldiers.

During the Second Battle of Ypres in World War I, a Canadian doctor and soldier named Col. John McCrae presided over the burial of a friend who was killed on the battlefield in modern day Belgium.

McCrae noticed how the red poppies grew quickly on the site of freshly dug graves and penned the poem "In Flanders Field" shortly afterward.

The poppy grew to represent dead soldiers from all wars, and the tradition has stuck.

On Monday, Lombardi was at the Whitestone Memorial Day Parade, with his trusty bag of poppies around his neck.

His wife of 65 years can often be found at his side, although the couple ventures out their house less and less as they get older.

The cash Lombardi collects goes straight to his post, where it is then given out to veterans in need, disabled veterans and patients at the St. Alban's VA Hospital, for instance.

Lombardi is one of the few vets in the area who still sells the poppies as often as he can.

Before, he said, they would take carloads of people to Citi Field or churches in the area, but now the post is lucky to get two or three people to go, he said.

"I like it. I meet nice people," Lombardi said.

But there is no denying the fact that the post is not gaining new members.

Lombardi is not sure why veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq are not joining the posts, but for as long as he is able, Whitestone residents will find him at the shopping center, continuing to help his comrades 65 years after he returned home to American soil.

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## Ackerman endorses Meng, Green backs Lancman

BY JOE ANUTA

Two candidates in the race for the redrawn congressional seat centered around Flushing picked up endorsements from prominent figures in city politics Tuesday.

State Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) got the nod from U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Bayside), who holds the seat now but stunned the political establishment in March with the announcement he would leave office at the end of his term.

Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows) received the backing of former city Public Advocate and former city Consumer Affairs Commissioner Mark Green.

Ackerman lauded Meng at Pomonok Houses in Flushing, where he compared his backstory to hers.

"Much like myself, Grace was raised in Queens by a hard-



Rep. Gary Ackerman (l-r) endorses Assemblywoman Grace Meng, who is vying to take Ackerman's spot once he retires, while former Public Advocate Mark Green stands with Assemblyman Rory Lancman to endorse him and call for campaign finance reform.

Photos courtesy Meng and Lancman

working, middle-class family," Ackerman said in a statement. "Grace is without question the most qualified candidate in this race."

Meng, who has also been endorsed by the Queens Democratic Party, touted her record in the Assembly, saying she had been a voice for middle-class families as

well as immigrants, women, children and senior citizens.

The Meng campaign had been hyping a "big campaign" announcement all throughout Memorial Day weekend, declining to disclose Ackerman's support or the location of the news conference until two hours beforehand.

Later in the day, Green en-

dorsed Lancman in Rego Park, where the two of them called for campaign finance reform.

"Because Rory Lancman has been a leader to take the 'for sale' sign off our state government, I'm endorsing him today because he'll continue to lead that charge when he gets to Washington," said Green, who has authored

two books on campaign finance reform. "We need a smart, strong progressive voice in Washington — Rory's it."

Lancman and Green, who has won primaries for mayor, the House and the U.S. Senate but never won, called on the federal government to pass three proposals: one that would reverse the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Citizens United case that allows unlimited campaign donations from corporations, another that would make donations and advertisements by corporations and political action committees more transparent and finally a proposal that would create a matching funds system to encourage smaller donations instead of huge lumps of money given by special interests.

Lancman held the conference at an ExxonMobil gas station to draw attention to the tens of millions of dollars spent in Washington, D.C., by lobbyists on behalf of the oil industry.



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Association President Al Hagan said though he understood the mayor's predicament of wanting to save money, he may be listening to the wrong people when considering cutting what he called essential services.

"I think there's plenty of room in the city budget to save these companies," Hagan said. "All we are asking is to keep the firehouses we already have and I am hopeful that the City Council will restore the money needed to save them."

Hagan said he was thankful to report that the FDNY has not lost any companies under the guidance of Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan).

An official from the Council also said they expected this year's list of endangered companies to closely if not exactly resemble the one released in May 2011, including Engine Co. 306 in Bayside, which



Elected officials, including City Councilman Dan Halloran (at podium), and community leaders rally to save Engine 306 last year.

serves the communities of Bayside and Little Neck.

But to known Bayside activist and Frank Skala, president of the East Bayside Homeowners Association, the entire production is a ploy to force voters into compromising with the city.

"It's all a hoax," Skala said. "They don't intend to close them. You find a place where people will be upset like in Bayside and propose that company for closing to get pressure on the taxpayers."

State Assemblyman Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside)

said that though an official list has not been released, it might be likely that Engine Co. 306 will be put back on the chopping block.

"That is absolutely unacceptable to all of us here," Braunstein said. "Trying to balance the budget by cutting public services is just

unacceptable."

Three of the 20 companies on last year's list were from Queens. Another list is expected to be released by early June, as the Council must adopt a final budget by June 5.

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leave credit cards, wallets, purses, computers, currency and other valuable items in vehicles," Huerta said. "We ask that residents safeguard property and not afford criminals easy opportunities."

Automobile break-ins have been at the forefront of the 111th Precinct's campaign for much of Huerta's time as commanding officer since his appointment in January.

For more detailed updates on crime statistics, residents are invited to attend the 111th Precinct Community Council meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, except for July and August, at 7:30 p.m.

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## Homicide

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a closet, where he had attempted to hang himself, they said. Police would not release the man's name.

Police alleged the man doused the home with gasoline and started a fire before attempting to take his own life.

Both victims were taken to different hospitals. Police said the woman died at Flushing Hospital, while the man was in critical condition at New York Hospital Queens.

"It was a small fire in the kitchen area and they opened a bedroom door and found a female lying on the bed, apparently cut to some degree," said Queens District Attorney Richard

Brown.

The motive was unknown, but the couple had been arguing so fiercely that their landlord tried to evict them, neighbors said. The fire was under investigation as being intentionally set as part of a cover-up, officials said.

Greg Honahan, who lives a couple of doors away, said he would often see the quiet couple in the neighborhood.

"I didn't know them, but I would see them around," he said. "They were very quiet."

But another neighbor, George Gomez, said the couple argued frequently and either the woman's or the man's gambling problem might have been the catalyst for the final argument.

According to neigh-

bors, the unmarried couple had lived in the home for between several months to a year. Neighbors also said the couple did not have any children, but the man had three from a previous marriage. None of the children, who are adults, were in the apartment at the time of the incident.

Carol M., the couple's next-door neighbor, said she was walking home with her two children from Lloyd Funeral Home (214-43 39th Ave.) when they were overcome by the smell of gasoline.

"It was stifling," she said, adding she was shocked this could happen on a quiet street in Bayside. "They were a quiet couple. I never heard anything from them. This is really a tragedy."

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# Forest Park Carousel opens after three-year hiatus

BY STEVE MOSCO

Adults relived their childhoods while youngsters shouted in delight as the Forest Park Carousel whirled for the first time in more than three years last week.

Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski welcomed elected officials, civic leaders and students from nearby St. John's Evangelical Lutheran School for an inaugural spin on the historic carousel last Thursday.

"The carousel is officially back in business and we encourage everyone to spread the word," said Lewandowski.

Earlier this month, the Woodhaven Residents Block Association announced after an aggressive letter-writing campaign that Parks had selected a new operator for the famed attraction, which had been



Heather Bonilla, a second-grade student from St. John's Lutheran School, takes a ride on the carousel.  
Photo by Christina Santucci

shuttered in the park's west side since 2008.

Ed Wendell, president of the WRBA, said fighting to reopen the ride was an emotional experience for him — and even though he was confident in his group's efforts, he recalled days when he felt it might never ride again.

"It's a great feeling to see the carousel running again because there were times when I felt in my heart that we might actually lose it," he said. "To see the kids and to hear the music, it's really amazing. It's an important part of our identity and a shared experience of many in Woodhaven. It's a source of pride."

State Sen. Joseph Add-

abbo (D-Howard Beach) and City Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), both of whom took a spin on the carousel, were on hand to welcome the carousel's return to operation.

"This is a wonderful day for the carousel, but also for the entire Woodhaven community," said Ulrich. "I'm so glad to see the carousel restored to its original glory and brought back to life for everyone to enjoy."

Addabbo said he often tells his daughters Alexis and Arianna about the old days of riding the carousel.

"I'm so pleased we can stop talking about it and actually ride it," he said. "This wouldn't have been possible without the voices of the community speaking out."

The voices heard at the carousel on this day were those of children from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran School on Myrtle Avenue, who rushed the carousel when the gates opened and excitedly mounted a menagerie of expertly carved animals.

"I'm definitely coming back again," said Ethan Bertolini, who rode a horse with his friend Lael Morielle.

The new operator of the ride, New York Carousel Entertainment, also operates the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Carousel.

Forest Park's historic carousel dates back more than 100 years, when its colorful steeds were hand-carved by artist Daniel Carl Muller. Originally situated in Dracut, Mass., the carousel was moved to Forest Park in 1972. The carousel in Flushing Meadows was originally designed for the 1964 World's Fair and was created by Marcus Charles Illions.

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# York College valedictorian remembers road to results

Corporal Tony Wan, who served two tours in Iraq as U.S. Marine, ready to graduate at top of class

BY RICH BOCKMANN

This year's York College valedictorian took the long road to graduating with his chemistry degree and after overcoming many challenges, he is still looking for more.

Tony Wan, 25, served two tours of duty in Iraq as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, achieving the rank of corporal, before enrolling at York. The Flushing native said he decided on military service when he was a junior at Benjamin Cardozo High School.

"Seeing my family's financial situation and I wanted to be more independent, I thought it would be the best to take care of myself financially," he said.

After heading to the U.S. Marine Corps base in Camp Lejeune, N.C., Wan was deployed twice to Iraq, where the young man was confronted with firefights, improvised explosive devices and the death of one of his friends.

Wan said the transition back to civilian life seemed daunting at first, especially entering a collegiate setting where he feared he would not be able to relate to those around him.

"I had been hearing from a lot of friends that they were having a difficult time adjusting, like just holding back their thoughts and not screaming their heads off at fellow students or teachers," he said.

Those fears were assuaged during one of his first visits to the college.

"While I was still in the military I came home to check out schools. I went to St. John's and to York and when I got to York the first person I saw was Dr. [Emmanuel] Chang," said Wan, who was interested in the college's Physician Assistant Program. "He was doing something else and he dropped that to help me. I knew this was where I wanted to be."



York College valedictorian Tony Wan (r.) poses with Sgt. Esteban Soza (l.) and Staff Sgt. Richard Vergara during his first tour of duty in Iraq.

Photo courtesy Tony Wan

"There were a lot of different professors and students who were very open-minded. Even though they were unfamiliar with what I went through, they were willing to accept it," he added.

After three years in college,

Wan is graduating with a 3.99 grade-point average, which represents another of the veteran's major accomplishments.

"It's ironic. It took me three tries to pass chemistry in high school and now I will be applying

to medical school after majoring in chemistry at York," he said.

Wan, who was born in Belize to Chinese immigrants, came to the United States when he was 3. He is the first person in his family to go to college and is interested in studying neurology in order to help veterans and others who suffer from nerve damage and neurological disorders.

He will be applying to medical schools this summer and is partial to SUNY Downstate Medical and Stony Brook University.

When the valedictorian gives his speech during York's 42nd Commencement Exercises Friday, he will impart a few words of wisdom to his 1,003 classmates, at least seven of whom are fellow veterans.

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## Auburndale pooch ties knot for animal rescue charity

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Dawn Strain, of Auburndale, and Broadway actress Orfeh ("Legally Blonde: The Musical"), a Manhattanite, are the proud moms of newlyweds Piper (the bride), a Chihuahua, and Boo (the groom), a Pomeranian mix, who celebrated their "pup-tials" Monday evening at a glitzy wedding hosted by Twenty Four Fifth in the Village.

Both human and canine guests attended the swanky event — created by Strain, president of DJS Events — benefiting North Shore Animal League and Waggytail Rescue.

"We are so appreciative of how many [amazing] people came together to make this night happen for a cause so close to our hearts. The pups brought great smiles and laughter



Piper (l.), a Chihuahua from Auburndale, was married to Boo, a Pomeranian mix, during a fund-raiser for North Shore Animal League and Waggytail Rescue. Photo courtesy Denisimo Photography

to all, and the money we raised will help bring unconditional love to many homes [across New York and Long Island]," said Strain.

After hors d'oeuvres and Salty Dog cocktails

during Yappy Hour, the furry and fabulous couple yipped their I do's at the dog house-style altar, as Justice of the Pooch — radio personality Valerie Smaldone — officiated.

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# Halloran ahead of recovery after brain surgery

BY PHIL CORSO

As he makes headway in what he called a successful and ahead-of-schedule recovery from brain surgery to remove a benign tumor, City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) was not at a loss for jokes on his way back to the campaign trail.

"I'm out of the rough patch. Doctors are shocked," Halloran said on his Facebook account Friday, accompanied by a photo of him in the hospital bed with bandages wrapped around his head. "I am way ahead of recovery schedule."

He then went on to tap into some humor.

"They attribute it to whiskey and my thick Irish skull," he said.

Another positive takeaway, spokesman Steven Stites said with a joke of his own, was how the councilman's secret fear "that the doctors might accidentally remove a piece of his brain, turning him into a Democrat" was not realized.

A photo of Halloran's head after the surgery showed a large, C-shaped, surgical scar stitched shut behind his right ear. According to Stites, Halloran should be back on the job and the campaign trail in the next week or two.

Halloran was operated on May 23 at the NYU Langone Medical Center in Manhattan and was scheduled to return home to Flushing five days earlier than expected Saturday, his office said.

Stites said the councilman was already showing positive signs since going into the operating room for what he called a lengthy procedure.

"He's walking, talking and looks like the same old Dan," Stites said. "Aside from the scar, he is in fantastic shape. The procedure went as well as we all hoped."

According to Stites, Halloran was diagnosed in March on the morning of his campaign kick-off for the 6th Congressional District seat with a benign tumor, but he initially declined to say where it



City Councilman Dan Halloran recovers after undergoing brain surgery to remove a benign tumor.

Photo courtesy Dan Halloran's Facebook account

was located.

Hours after going into the hospital, Halloran's chief of staff,

Chrissy Voskerichian, posted on Halloran's Facebook page, reporting a successful surgery. She said

everything went well and he expected a full recovery.

"He's going to be at 100 percent capacity as if there wasn't anything wrong," Voskerichian said. "We've got a campaign to run."

Voskerichian added that Halloran would likely talk more about the procedure and his initial diagnosis upon his return.

The councilman's office remained open and active during Halloran's time in the hospital and recovery.

In a statement before going into surgery, Halloran said that although he was worried about the operation, the procedure was still a small ordeal when compared to what other New Yorkers might be living through.

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# Two SE Queens women honored for foster care



Shauna Brown (l.) and Phyllis Samaron have been honored as Foster Parents of the Year.

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### BY RICH BOCKMANN

One lost her mother at the age of 13, the other followed the example set by her mom.

Southeast Queens foster parents Phyllis Samaron and Shauna Brown were raised under different circumstances, but they share an exemplary dedication to caring for those in need.

"I survived because of the people who helped me along the way," said Samaron, who over the course of three decades has cared for about 30 foster children. "My older siblings helped raise me. I achieved a good job, a home and I felt I needed to give back. This was my way of giving back."

The 53-year-old bus driver from Springfield Gardens has dedicated her life to providing a safe, nurturing place for some of the city's most vulnerable children. Many of the children she cares for have problematic backgrounds and are generally difficult to place in foster care.

"The first one I got I adopted and raised her. She's grown and in college," said Samaron, who also has two biological children and another three through mar-

riage. "Another child I'm adopting, she's 16 now. She was a crack-addicted baby. I weened her off drugs and now she's in high school and doing well. She's one of my real success stories."

May is National Foster Care Month, and in recognition of their dedication, Samaron and Brown have been honored among 20 others as Foster Parents of the Year by the city Administration for Children's Services. In particular, the ACS noted their commitment to opening their homes to hard-to-place children such as pregnant mothers, LGBTQ youths and children with special needs.

Brown, 41, who has three biological children of her own, now cares for three foster children at her home in Rosedale.

"The first child I got was an 8-day-old abandoned baby with no parents. I finally got to adopt her after two years," she said. "She's 8 years old now and she's a blessing."

Brown is a daycare provider as was her mother, who took care of 15 foster children.

"I basically followed in her footsteps," she said.

"Her door was always open."

Over the course of nine years, she has taken in 11 children and they, along with those her mother raised, have become her extended family.

"I still talk to them. They call me. I used to have a 13-year-old girl who's now 17 and about to graduate. I'm very proud of her," she said.

But the foster parent-child relationship is not a one-way street. Brown said she learns just as much from the youngsters she cares for as she teaches and prepares for them.

"One child had sickle cell [disease]. I learned a lot about the disease that I probably wouldn't have looked up on my own," she said.

Brown added that the biggest challenge of caring for foster children is meeting their needs, which can fluctuate with their good and bad days. Nonetheless, she encourages others to reap the rewards.

"If this is something you really want to do you should pursue it," she said. "There are obstacles that could come in the way — just keep going ahead."

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# Parkway Village listed on national historic register

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BY STEVE MOSCO

A village where some believe diversity began in the borough finally received recognition on a historic level.

State Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows) joined residents and the Parkway Village Historical Society last Thursday to commemorate the listing of Parkway Village in Kew Gardens Hills on the state and national Registers of Historic Places.

"Parkway Village was Queens before Queens was Queens," said Lancman, referring to the village's diversity when President Harry Truman established it as housing for United Nations employees in 1946.

The borough is now the nation's most ethnically diverse county and home to immigrants from all over the world, a trend that accelerated sharply after the passage of the Immigrant Act of 1965.

The village, a 685-unit co-op located where Main Street

meets Grand Central Parkway, was placed on the Register of Historic Places as part of a national program to coordinate and support efforts to identify, evaluate and protect America's historic resources.

In order to meet the criteria for a listing on the register, a site usually has to be at least 50 years old, must look similar to the way it did in the past and must be determined to be historically significant. A listing on the register carries some benefits, including a 20 percent tax credit on rehabilitation expenditures for residential properties, as well as qualifying for both state and federal grants.

"We all know how much over-development threatens the character of historic neighborhoods like Parkway Village," said Lancman. "Listing Parkway Village on the state and national historic registries is both a tremendous honor for its residents and a sigh of relief for families in this area who want to see their neighborhoods and their quality of life pre-



State Assemblyman Rory Lancman presents residents of Parkway Village in Kew Gardens Hills a certificate proclaiming the community's placement on the state and nation's Registry of Historical Places.

Photo by Steve Mosco

served for future generations."

Parkway's collection of red-brick homes with white columns were once occupied by notables such as U.N. diplomat Ralph Bunche, civil rights activist Roy Wilkins and noted feminist Betty Freidan.

Current residents, like Parkway Village Historical Society co-Presidents Judith Guttman and Judy Shack, said it was gratifying to see the village commemorated after a long fight to preserve its historical significance.

"I was enticed by Parkway

Village's rich history, unique architecture and beautiful acreage when I moved here 29 years ago," said Shack. "With our listing on the state and national registry, we can now assist in preserving our homes for future generations."

"As a community struggling to survive and flourish in challenging economic times, it is gratifying for longtime Parkway residents like me to witness the official recognition of Parkway Village's illustrious history," said Guttman.

Another resident, known by locals as Little G, said the chances of finding another place like Parkway Village in the city are miniscule at best.

"I don't know of any other place like this," said Little G, who has lived in the village since 1983. "It's a nice place to live — it's a city, but without tall buildings."

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# \$2K awaits anyone who sees attack on MTA workers

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

If you witness an attack against a transit employee, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000 as part of a campaign designed to fight growing violence against MTA personnel.

"Thousands of men and women work on the front lines of the MTA system every day to make sure millions of people get to work safely," said Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who announced Transit Watch, a program to protect Metropolitan Transportation Authority personnel.

"We need to assure they stay safe as well," Cuomo said. "Transit Watch puts criminals on notice that if they assault a bus, subway or train employee, everyone who sees it happen is going to help put them in jail."

The MTA will pay for the program.

Attacks against MTA employees have increased from 72 in 2010 to 94 in 2011, MTA statistics indicate. The agency said that just under 50 MTA workers have



Assaults on city bus drivers have been rising, and the MTA is posting rewards for anyone who sees an attack on its personnel.

Photo by Christina Santucci

been assaulted so far this year, compared with 40 this time in 2011.

"An attack against any one of

our workers is an attack against all of us," MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota.

Transport Workers Union

President John Samuelson said "this is a very positive step forward."

"Transit workers face physi-

cal assaults, verbal abuse and threats every day," Samuelson said. "We want immediate action to turn a good idea into reality virtually overnight."

In 2008, bus driver Edwin Thomas was stabbed to death in Brooklyn by a passenger to whom Thomas had given a free transfer. The attacker was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Those who have witnessed an assault on a transit worker may call 1-800-577-TIPS (8477), which assigns callers an anonymous number so they do not have to reveal their names. Rewards up to \$2,000 are paid for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the perpetrator.

The MTA has installed cameras in nearly 400 buses to identify assailants, with 1,500 more to be installed over the next two years at a cost of \$22,000 for each bus.

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# People IN THE NEWS

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## Academics

**Jasper Kozak-Miller** of Jackson Heights was named to the fall 2011 honor roll at Pomfret School.

**Alemante Tedla** of Flushing, **Tiaira Myers** of Jamaica and **Angelo Hunt** of Rosedale earned honors for the winter 2012 academic term at Westminster School.

**Isaac Acosta** of Ozone Park was voted one of the Forester handball team's Most Valuable Player at Lake Forest College.

**Karen Chen**, daughter of **Hui Zhu** of Flushing, and **Yana Mayayeva**, daughter of **Olga Mayayeva** of Forest Hills, were named to the fall 2011 Colby College dean's list.

**Anira Figueira** of St. Albans was named to the winter 2011 Kent School honor roll.

**Briana Floyd** of Bayside was named to the LIM College fall 2011 president's list.

**Sungha Suh** of Little Neck, **Liana Chen** of East Elmhurst and **Gina M. Galizia** and **Jennifer T. Reyes** of Flushing have been named to the fall 2011 SUNY Binghamton Decker School of Nursing dean's list.

**Mayon Bajinath**, **Sharon Ramirez** and **Arjune Sharma** of Jamaica; **Edward Beltre** of Woodhaven; **Somatie Kissoon**



LOSHANIE PERSAUD

of Richmond Hill; **Deonarine Ramnarine** of South Ozone Park; **Nicole Taylor** of Hollis; and **Trisha VanSertima Singh** of South Richmond Hill were inducted into national honor societies at Berkeley College.

**Loshanie Persaud**, a student at Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village, has won an award from the American Psychological Association for her research on a project on fingerprints.

**Curtis Walker** of Corona is among a select group of State University of New York students chosen to receive the 2012 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

**Jocelyne C. Brillson** of Forest Hills was named to the Virginia Tech fall 2011 dean's list.

**Crystal A. Clements** of St. Albans earned honors for the winter 2012 term at Phillips Exeter Academy.

**Frederick Louis Antoine**, son of **Millicent E. Gregory** of Queens Village, was elected to the Hampden-Sydney College Student Senate.

**Jisu Ryu** of Corona and **Yael Rosenstock** of College Point were selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

**Christie Ruggiere** of Forest Hills was among more than 70 University of Scranton students who participated in alternative spring break trips in March that allowed them to work with the homeless, former gang members, children with disabilities and others in need through service agencies throughout the country.

**Rene Pucilowski** of Ridgewood has participated in Lycoming College's annual senior art show.

The following have received Berkeley College scholarships: **Mayra Asmal** of Ridgewood; **Evelyn Bedoya** and **Maria Seminario** of Elmhurst; **Joshua Bolanos** and **Veronica Ramos** of Sunnyside; **Zoe Chen** and **Kari-**



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**na Rodriguez** of Flushing; **Jennifer Cornejo**, **Leo Saito** and **Leslie Quito** of Astoria; **Ryan Cortes** of Maspeth; **Ismael Garnica** of East Elmhurst; **Rachel Moreno**, **Cynthia Sarmiento**, **Freddy Varela** and **Cynthia Ortiz** of Corona; **Nusrat Rahman** of Long Island City; **Chandrapaul Ramlackan** of Queens Village; **Monserate Reyes** of Woodside; **Kai Wong** of Fresh Meadows; **Vivian Diaz**, **Gustavo Moreno**, **Guadalupe Tapia** and **Rachell Fermin** of Ozone Park; **Ludeysi Gonzalez**, **Paul Patino**, **Daniela Vergara** and **Jessica Olivares** of Woodhaven; **Tracey Hazelwood** of Laurelton; **Mohammad Kazi**, **Marquis Totten**, **Diedre-**

**Ann Wood**, **Carl Bosquet** and **Patricia McLaulin** of Jamaica; **Kianna King** of St. Albans; and **Jenille Merritt** of South Ozone Park.

**Alex Loniakan** of Astoria has received All-Academic honors from the United States Collegiate Athletic Association for men's basketball at Berkeley College.

The following were selected to participate in the Berkeley College honors program: **Lisa Maria Roseanne Dmello** and **Ulises Taveras** of Astoria, **Maria Behrens** of Flushing, **Silvana Cevallos** of Elmhurst, **Fatimah Elsayed** of Long Island City, **Rochel Cruz Eustaquio** and **Freddy Valle** of Woodside, **Lacey Garnett** of Corona, **Sherma Francois-Quijije** and **Emily Gonzalez** of Jamaica and **Reuel Roopnarine** of Richmond Hill.

**Terry Daniels** of Kew Garden was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

**Nan Chen** of Flushing and **Justine Venezia** of Glendale have graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

**David Kim** of Flushing was named to the Eastern Oregon University winter 2012 dean's list.

## Business



TRINA AMBERS

**Trina Ambers** has joined the Cross Island YMCA board of managers in Bellerose.

Queens resident **Henry Cachia** has now become a 50-year employee of Con Edison.



HENRY CACHIA

Air Force Airman **Landel X. Thorman**, son of **Wendell** and **Terresalyn Thorman** of Jamaica, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Steve Y. Kim**, brother of **Yoon Kim** of Bayside, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Airman 1st Class **Bryan Fuss** of Ridgewood and Airman 1st Class **Ricardo Narainsingh** of Jamaica completed the U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

**Kyle Torres** of Whitestone, serving with the 1156th Engineer Co., is promoted to the rank of private.

**Jose Hernandez** of College

Point, serving with the 719 Transportation Co. (Medium Truck Cargo), is promoted to the rank of sergeant.

**William Brown** of Whitestone, serving with the Co. B (Military Intelligence), 27th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, is promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant.

**Sebastian Caraballo** of College Point, serving with the Co. E, 3-142nd Aviation, is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Michael Boakyemanu** of Corona, serving with the 145th Maintenance Co., is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Juan Mejia** of Jackson Heights, serving with the Co. G (Forward Support Co. Field Artillery), 427th Brigade Support Battalion, is promoted to the rank of private.

## Military

**Eon Myers** of St. Albans, serving with the 7th Finance Detachment, is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Karinda McKethan** of Jamaica, serving with the Co. A, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Jonathan Fowler** of Jamaica, serving with the Co. F (Forward Support Co. Infantry), 427th Brigade Support Battalion, is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Audrey Alexispeacock** of Jamaica, serving with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 27th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Ohchain Salmon** of Rosedale, serving with the 222nd Chemical Co. is promoted to the rank of sergeant.



## Academics

**Aliyah Hawkins** of South Richmond Hill, serving with the 719 Transportation Co. (Medium Truck Cargo), is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Brian Toribogarcia** of Woodhaven, serving with the Co. A (Distribution), 427th Brigade Support Battalion, is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Eddie Vega** of Kew Gardens, serving with the Co. C, 1-69th Infantry, is promoted to the rank of sergeant.

**Katherine Soto** of Woodhaven, serving with the Co. G (Forward Support Co. Field Artillery), 427th Brigade Support Battalion, is promoted to the rank of private.

**Aubrey Budhu** of Jamaica, serving with the Early Entry Element, 369th Sustainment Brigade, is promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

**John Studiner** of Richmond Hill, serving with the Joint Force Headquarters, is promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

**Daniel Malpica** of Auburndale, serving with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1-69th Infantry, is promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Army Pvt. **Wykeem E. Murray**, son of **Willie Murray** of Laurelton, has

graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Army Reserve Pfc. **Christy L. Murray**, daughter of **Edward Murray** of Howard Beach, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Army Pvt. **Jennifer Alvarado**, daughter of **Galo Alvarado** of Woodside, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Sgt. **Jose Hernandez** of College Point has re-enlisted to continue service with the 719 Transportation Co.

Spc. **Joel Reyes** of South Ozone Park has re-enlisted to continue service with the Co. A, 642nd Support Battalion.

Pfc. **Robin Fung** of Jackson Heights has re-enlisted to continue service with the Co. B, 642nd Support Battalion.

Sgt. **Atasha Gurahoo** of Queens Village has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 369th Sustainment Brigade.

Master Sgt. **Aubrey Budhu** of Jamaica has re-enlisted to continue service with the Early Entry Element,

369th Sustainment Brigade.

Spc. **Artemio Molina** of Woodhaven has re-enlisted to continue service with the Co. A, 1-69th Infantry.

Sgt. **Patricia Schuett** of Woodhaven has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 104th Military Police Battalion.

Sgt. **Yijin Huang** of Flushing has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Combat Aviation Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division.

Staff Sgt. **Daniel Malpica** of Auburndale has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1-69th Infantry.

Air Force Airman **Robert L. Williams**, son of **Karen Williams** of Rosedale, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Airman 1st Class **Curtis Grimes** of Jamaica completed the U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Airman 1st Class **Ming Zhang** of Flushing completed the Interservice Mechanic Apprentice course at Port Hueneme, Calif.

## Military

**Alisha Lahogue** of St. Albans performed in the Marist College Dance Ensemble spring semester showcase "Dance Your Story" in April.

**Safak Ozsut** of Woodside, **Cynthia Delaney** of Forest Hills, **Liza Sang Yan** of Jamaica, **Martha Chery** of Queens Village, **Jeff Oyo** of Cambria Heights, **Carissa Handiman** of Middle Village, **Jennifer Ramirez** of Flushing and **Amanda Metz** of Douglaston were recognized for outstanding academic achievement at Buffalo State's 55th annual Honors Convocation.

**Birnalisse Polanco** of Middle Village has received a Surgical Processing Technician pin from Dover Business College.

**Rene Pucilowski** of Ridgewood was featured

in the 2012 publication of Lycoming College's "Tributary."

The following have won National Merit Scholarships: **Justin W. Guo**, **Justin H. Hahn**, **Sera S. Kwon** and **Zachary Plyam** of Bayside; **Grace Xu** of Douglaston; **Catherine Chen**, **Ji Won Choi**, **Richard Zixiong Deng**, **Wei-En Lee** and **Aretina K. Leung** of Flushing; **Lily Chen**, **Charles Pan** and **Esther E. Portyansky** of Forest Hills; **Genghis Chau** and **Richard Yu** of Fresh Meadows; **Laurie M. Beckoff** of Hollis Hills; **Angela Chen** of Holliswood; **Ella Cheng** of Jamaica; **Emma Cheng** of Jamaica Estates; **Ting Cheung Cheng** of Little Neck; **Maya Averbuch** of Long Island City; and **Grace S. Lee** of Woodside.

## Awards



WENDY ALPERT



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Queens resident **Wendy Alpert**, 49, won the first Super Spelling Bee at the Evelyn Douglin Center for Serving People In Need Inc., which featured developmentally disabled adults in their 30s and 40s.

Queens College professors **Luat Vuong** and **John Dennehy** have been awarded National Science Foundation Faculty Early CAREER Development

Awards in recognition of their work.

Drs. **Benjamin Malkin**, director of otolaryngology for the Queens Health Network at Elmhurst Hospital Center; **Laurie Vitagliano**, deputy director of psychiatry at Queens Hospital Center; and **Joseph Saccoccio**, medical director at New York Foundling Hospital and a community physician, have received the Doctors' Day Awards.

## Miscellaneous



SUSAN CROLL



ANGELINA ROSE LANCELLOTTI



MELANIE CABRAL-KAMBOURIS AND JOSEPH CICILIATO

Dr. **Paul S. Lajos** has been named associate chief of vascular surgery at Mount Sinai Queens in Astoria.

**Susan Croll**, who has taught psychology at Queens College for more than a decade and is currently on academic leave, has been named among the top college professors in the nation by "The Princeton Review: The Best 300 Professors."

**Angelina Rose Lancellotti** of Whitestone has received first communion at St. Luke's Church in Whitestone May 5.

New York City College of Technology honored 10 community builders at the 2012 Best of New York Award Dinner in May, including **Daymond John**, **J. Alexander Martin**, **Carl Brown** and **Keith Perrin** of Hollis and **Angela Hines** of Far Rockaway.

**Joseph Ciciliato** of Little Neck attended the wedding of his third-grade teacher **Melanie Cabral-Kambouris** to **Christos Kambouris** May 4 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Hempstead, L.I.



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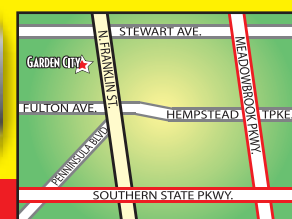


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# Con Ed conversion to make Bayside apartments greener

BY PHIL CORSO

Consolidated Edison said in a report that crews were working in an Oakland Gardens housing complex to make it easier for residents and business owners to switch from oil to a cleaner natural gas for heating.

The utility said it was converting apartment buildings at the Windsor Park complex from oil to natural gas to reduce carbon emissions and save money.

"We are so pleased with the support from Con Edison as we undertake this complex and involved oil and gas conversation," said Larry Kinitsky, president of Windsor Park. "The coordination between Con Edison and our boiler conversion contractor has been outstanding."

Windsor Park, home to 1,830 apartments and more than 5,000 residents, currently uses nearly 750,000 gallons of heating oil each year, Con Ed said.

"The conversions will help the city achieve its environmental goals and reduce the building owners' heating bills, since

natural gas is less expensive than heating oil," Con Ed said in a statement. "Windsor Park management expects to see an annual savings of up to \$800,000."

The utility said conversions will translate into savings equivalent to removing more than 430 cars off the road.

"We are confident that the project will be completed on time at year's end," Kinitsky said.

According to new regulations imposed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the city Department of Environmental Protection, No. 6 heating oil should be phased out of use by 2015 and No. 4 oil by 2030. Studies from the city health commissioner's office found that both oils have been linked to poor air quality.

In response, Con Ed said it established an entirely new department dedicated to oil-to-gas conversion projects to streamline the process for customers.

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Photo tribute to Dee Richard



1 David Rosasco, Dee Richard, Peter King and Myrna Littleworth



2 Dee with Peter Vallone Sr.



3 Dee with George and Angela Maragos



4 Joe Franco with some of the Girls' Night Out group



5 Queens honorees: Greg Lasak, Dee and John Liu



6 Phil Ragusa, John Catsimatidis, Dee and Frank Padavan



7 Dee with Capt. Donald Ferguson USMC (Ret.)



8 Dee, guitarist and Barbara Leonardi



9 Tomaz Chabowski, Dee and Chet Szarejko



10 Michael Strawberry and the birthday boy Darryl (rear), Nick Vaglica and Dee (front)



11 Dee with Georgette Mosbacher



12 Dee with Serf Maltese



13 Dan Donovan, Dee and Peter Boudouvas



14 Former Mayor Giuliani and Dee



15 Dan Halloran, Dee, Michael Feldman (back), Tom Di Napoli and Grace Meng



16 Dolly DeThomas, Jimmy Kalodis and Dee



17 Barry Kleinert, Christine Quinn, Dee, Matthew Silverstein, Debbie Markell and Warren Schreiber



18 Gary Bonelli, Al Perna, Dee and Joseph Gannascoli



19 Tom Long with Dee Richard



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# City shuts St. Albans homeowner's new door

BY RICH BOCKMANN

May is National Preservation Month, but not everybody is in the mood to celebrate.

Homeowner Leroy Weekes lives on a bucolic block in the historic Addisleigh Park section of St. Albans that used to be home to Brooklyn Dodger all-star catcher Roy Campanella and civil-rights activist Percy Ellis Sutton, former Manhattan borough president, political leader and businessman.

Weekes got a good deal last year when he purchased the Colonial Revival-style house built in 1922 in a neighborhood he admired for its picturesque qualities.

"I tend to like the neighborhood a lot," he said. "It's like a suburban setting in the city."

What he did not like, though, was the water-damaged, unbecoming fiberglass door and the windows on either side of it, so he decided it was time to replace them. He happily shelled out \$2,300 for a pair of handsome

doors made of solid Brazilian mahogany with oval windows.

"I wanted something to last, not a cheap door," he explained.

Installing the doors required a hearing with the city Landmarks Preservation Commission, however, which told the homeowner last week that in order to match the historic characteristic of the neighborhood, the board would prefer he installed doors with rectangular panels.

Addisleigh Park was developed during the pre-World War II building boom in the earlier part of the 20th century, and when the LPC landmarked the neighborhood last year, the commission cited it as a "distinctive enclave with a remarkable sense of place due to its period revival-style houses that are set back from the street on spacious well-landscaped lawns and its remarkable history that illuminates African Americans' struggle for and achievement of the basic civil right of home ownership."

One of those in favor of the neighborhood's historic designa-



One of the double doors with an oval panel Leroy Weekes would like to install rests against his Addisleigh Park house.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

tion was City Councilman Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans), chairman of the Council's Land Use Committee, who recently sponsored two bills that would alter the way LPC works.

The first bill would require

Landmarks to consider the impact a designation would have on a community, including its economic consequences, health and safety. The second would allow owners of landmarked properties to use materials available at the

time of designation to maintain their properties.

"That means a significant feature of a building could not be returned to a historically accurate condition, and the landmarks law recognizes that buildings can be returned to a historically accurate condition that helps to protect the city's history," said LPC spokeswoman Lisi de Bourbon.

Meanwhile, Weekes said he may just consider installing his double doors with oval and paying the fine. Fines are issued when a homeowner does work with an LPC permit, though de Bourbon would not specify the amount.

"I want to come home and be happy where I live," Weekes said as he stood on the paving-stone walkway leading to his front door, which he said he would like to replace. "That's the next issue I'm going to have with them."

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Artists welcome visitors into their studios for a look into the growing western Queens art scene

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Artist Ken Taro places a temporary art piece along the sidewalk near 23rd street in Long Island City as part of the LIC Arts Open event.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

A powerful form of kinetic energy must exist in Long Island City, where 500 artists commune and create. Back in the glory days of manufacturing, the largest nabe in Queens was home to many large businesses. Since 1970, its genesis as a vibrant artistic and cultural hub — saturated with galleries, studio spaces and art venues — came about as droves of artists escaped Manhattan's high rents, in search of work studios in the area.

It was another banner year for the 2012 LIC Arts Open, which ran from May 12 to May 20, and there was an impressive turnout, as a multi-faceted culture fest took the hood by storm, reminding New Yorkers that L.I.C. is much more than just a bunch of industrial buildings and expensive lofts.

The sunny final weekend of the Arts Open was a perfect way to end eight days devoted to all the arts have to offer. More than 200 artists in 10 buildings opened their studios to the public, showcasing a dizzying array of spectacular pan-genre exhibitions — everything from graffiti and abstract to hyper-realism. The block party on 22nd Street was a fun diversion for those suffering from culture overload.

The previous week's festivities featured special events: A Launch Party hosted by Reis Studios, in honor of its 10-year anniversary; theater and jazz performances; even improv acts and children's art contest, which culminated in an awards

ceremony led by Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), who sponsored the Arts Open.

Installations were on view at MoMA P.S. 1 and along Vernon Boulevard, playing host to the creative community's creations.

At the LIC Art Center Gallery, 44-02 23rd St., the jaw-dropping "Subway Goddess Pageant" series was on display. Artist Karen Kettering Dimit said it was created in response to the effect her patriarchal upbringing had on her sense of worth. Her mosaic on three-dimensional carved stone sculptures and figurines also explore the concept of ancient, powerful female figures versus today's goddesses.

"The reaction of the community has been great. I had a 2-year-old girl who could not tear herself away from Kali (a Hindu goddess)," said the artist. "I've been gratified to see a lot of people being very captivated. It's been very rewarding."

Dimit's works also have to do with the pecking order of men and women: "Of where we are with feminism in today's society," she explained. "At the time, there was an honoring of the feminine energy and its contribution to society. The message for today is that women tend to be undervalued for their contribution to society."

Her second, more organic, exhibit featured unusual alabaster with burl

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wood pieces.  
In another studio in the art center building, Meredith Nieves, artiste and president of Abingdon Square Painters, spoke about the 10-artist group who shared space there for three years: “We work together, learn together; we’re artists of all levels.”

Nieves works in oil, mostly on canvas, sometimes on wood. “I love color, so that’s what moves me and why I’m drawn to still life,” she said. “We love the Arts Open; it really is a great way to bring people to L.I.C. It’s hard to get people to come here just to see ‘your show,’ but once it’s an event, they can walk around, there’s music and dance, as well as the visual arts.”

Seated in front of a series of quirky acrylic paintings was Abingdon Square’s director, Tony Mavilia from Kew Gardens. After 32 years as a special education teacher, he’s retired and comes to the studio regularly. His work is based on photographs he took of a vine growing to the side of a building in the Meatpacking Dis-

trict, on 14th Street I do drawings that are very tangled, like society; how society pulls you in with moirés, culture, life.”

Artist Jim Plunkett stood on a ladder in his studio, putting the finishing touches on his work. The father of two comes to L.I.C. from Manhattan five days a week. He’s been in this building for six years. His thing is painting from life. Portraits, like the one of an attractive Asian woman, were displayed everywhere. “It’s a real visceral kind of drawing,” he said, referring to his use of oil on wood panels.

The Artisans Guild of America had a booth at the block party. Its wonderful exhibition at the Reis Building, 43-01 22nd St., featured 25 artisans with unique specialties including chandelier makers and leathersmiths. There were high-end, handmade baby items and linens beside hand-printed fabrics. The building housed small, niche businesses.

The guild’s vice president, Eli Rios, copies furniture and restores antiques. Working with interior designers, he has a 6,000-square-foot factory in the area. “This is refreshing. It’s a great place to work and develop,” he said. Formerly based in Man-



Artist Meredith Nieves stands in her studio in front of her artwork.  
Photo by Ken Maldonado

hattan for 20 years, Rios said he was lucky to find space in the area.

Ernie Smith, guild president and master embroiderer, has a 10,000-square-foot factory with 13 employees in L.I.C. They work by hand, using hand-guided and computer-driven machines. His company, Penn & Fletch-

er Embroidery, is located just north of the bridge at 21st Street and 41st Avenue. They do work for Broadway shows, movies, circuses, religious organizations. “We just did a curtain and Torah covers for a shul in Prague, built in 1270.” For film, they created Alice’s dress in “Alice in Wonderland” and the kimonos for “Mem-

oirs of a Geisha.” Recently, they finished a beaded Dolly Parton dress.

“We’re employers providing jobs for people who are very talented, but don’t have computer skills or educational backgrounds,” said Smith, who recalled that awhile back, Mayor Bloomberg was saying that the city was not a good place for manufacturing. “But he’s now changed his tune; he realizes how important it is to the economy of New York City. You can’t rely on the financial district only.”

Reflecting on L.I.C.’s future, Smith said, “One of the things I see happening is that people are trying to differentiate themselves. Large corporations make big quantities overseas and try and sell it to you, so everyone looks alike.

“Small manufacturers can make unique things that can’t be made on a mass market scale and now, with greater interest in individuality, people are looking to artisans to create something special.

“People are amazed this kind of work is being done in America, especially, in Long Island City.”

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Fill in the grids so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There should be no repeats; which means that no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Tips at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com) © Puzzles by Pappocom



**Pirate Pete's Parrot** – The play revolves around Pirate Pete, a lovable rogue on a mission to find his beloved runaway parrot, Polly (who prefers pancakes to boring old birdseed). Armed with an endearing crew of misfits like Jolly Roger (the insufferably happy second mate) and Miroslav, the Czech mate (get it?), Pete embarks on a journey complete with songs, sword fights, and plenty of audience interaction.  
**When:** June 2, 16, 2 pm  
**Where:** The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City  
**Contact:** (718) 392-0722  
**Website:** www.secrettheatre.com

**The Mermaids' Tale** – Following the success of the Wizard of Oz, L. Frank Baum would go on to write the charming underwater adventure The Sea Fairies, published in 1911. Though one of Baum's more obscure titles, it came to the attention of playwright and director Jack Dyville and writing partner John Stutte, who were inspired to adapt the novel into a children's musical.  
**When:** June 9, 2pm  
**Where:** The Secret Theatre, 44-02

23rd St., Long Island City  
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**La Callas & Medea** – Produced, Designed and Directed by Angel Gil Orrios. The great soprano Maria Callas encounters her most famous character, Medea, in this drama about two legendary Greek women, famed for their capacity to love and fall victim to betrayal by their men.  
**When:** Through June 24; Fridays, 8 pm, Saturdays, 3 pm and 8 pm, Sundays, 4 pm, from Friday, May 18 to Sunday, June 24  
**Where:** Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside  
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**Drama Class** – For ages 8-13. Recital in June. Pre-registration and payment required. Beginners and intermediate two separate classes.  
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## MEETINGS

**North Shore Playwrights Circle Meeting** – Formerly known as the Playwrights Circle of Great Neck, this open group features discussion, workshoping and writing exercises for playwrights in Queens and Nassau counties.  
**When:** Every other Wednesday, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**Where:** Atria, 96 Cutter Mill Road, Great Neck  
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**Outdoors Festival** – Two free concerts of Spanish and Latin American music and dance in Thomson Hill Park/Noonan Playground. Enjoy highlights of our most popular programs. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.  
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**Where:** Thomson Hill Park/Noonan Playground, Greenpoint Avenue between 42nd and 43rd streets, Sunnyside

**Symphony Concert** – Weber/Berlioz, Schubert, Debussy and Glinka Mazurka.  
**When:** June 3, 2 pm  
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**York College Ambassadors/Mambo Negro** – Jazz student of York College in Jamaica.  
**When:** June 7, 5:30 pm  
**Where:** York College Performing Arts Center, 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica  
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**When:** Through Aug. 18  
**Where:** New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., at Avenue of Science, Corona  
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By Ed Canty

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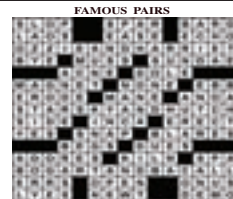
### Across

1. Priests' vestments
5. No-no in pin ball
9. Eagle's claw
14. Texas city
16. Squirrel's treat
17. "The dog ate my homework", e.g.
19. Have
20. Lt. maker
21. Balloon filler
22. Swelling
24. Yelled
29. Clearasil target
30. Statutes
31. ET's craft
32. "I don't give \_\_\_\_"
35. Prefix with phone or byte
36. French friends
37. Honor roll students may do this
40. "\_\_\_ the night before ..."
41. Drops off
42. Diamond corners
43. Canal site
44. Move, in realty jargon
45. \_\_\_ Tin Tin
46. Sticker
48. Marble
51. Turn left
52. Cinco de Mayo, e.g.
53. 'The Raven' poet's monogram
55. Close the store, e.g.
61. Main line
62. Keystone and others
63. Pumps and clogs
64. Campus figure
65. Aide: Abbr.

### Down

1. 60's hairdo
2. "Camelot" composer
3. Kleenex or Xerox, e.g.
4. Part of P.S.T.: Abbr.
5. Tabby's mate
6. Nest eggs, for short
7. Bygone Ford
8. \_\_\_ Hague
9. Prepares for takeoff
10. Capital of Ghana
11. Bud's bud
12. Hosp. areas
13. Austin-to-Dallas dir.
15. Devils Tower's locale
18. Swab target
23. Pound and Stone
24. Husky, e.g.
25. Pens
26. Childhood disease
27. Submit taxes paperlessly
28. Doctors' orders
32. "Take \_\_\_ back"
33. Big name in Scotch
34. Video game name
35. Bucks
36. Appliance brand
38. Boxer's sequence
39. First lady Adams
44. Lariats
45. Upped the bet
47. Sky-diving need

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49. SAT takers, usually
50. Relieves
52. Hornswoggle
54. "Hey ... over here!"
55. Beetle juice?
56. La-la preceder
57. Acapulco gold
58. Onetime util. overseer
59. Life story, in brief
60. Actress Long

### Quotable Quote

*I don't know if the presidential candidates are running for the White House or Animal House.*

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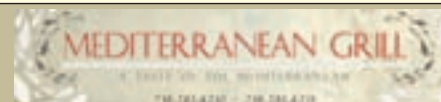
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## Queens celebrates Memorial Day

Hundreds of people attended parades over the weekend. (Clockwise from top l.) Ayram Hinostrroza, 2 1/2, waves her flags in College Point; members of Francis Lewis High School's Patriot Battalion toss their rifles in the air in Little Neck; Zane Kinane, 10 months, shows off his stars and stripes; Grace Eltabie and Roland Tatzel ride in a 1932 Plymouth; Louie Rovegno sits with his dog Poindexter in MacNeil Park; a Marine shakes hands with children on College Point Boulevard; Marisa Koller, 3, examines her flag in Whitestone; Whitestone parade grand marshal Col. John Smith who served 21 years and 20 days in the Army, rides along the route; and Poppy Queen Brianna Marie Denicker rides in a Humvee.

Photos by Christina Santucci





# Business

## Flushing business offers classes on trading

IFG Trade teaches people how to swap commodities, stock futures and other investments on their own

BY JOE ANUTA

In Asian countries including Japan, China and South Korea, stay-at-home mothers have spawned a trend of chasing big bucks as day traders, and a new Main Street business is hoping to bring the same opportunities to Flushing.

IFG Trade is in a pristine white office on the second floor of a brick building near 37th Avenue, but the computers in the main room keep a watchful eye on financial transactions taking place all over the world without the throngs of stock traders shouting over each other like on the floors of Wall Street.

In fact, potential investors have the power to get a foothold in the futures, commodities and foreign exchange markets with the click of a mouse.

"The old model is gone. The Internet took the place of everything," said Win-

ston Cheng, president of the new company. "People can go online and do it themselves cheaper and faster."

Winston's company not only specializes in trading foreign currencies, commodities and stock futures, but in training anyone interested in how to do it themselves.

The company runs classes to introduce even the greenest of traders to the basics.

"A lot of people like to trade themselves at home these days," he said. "But if you blind trade, you're basically giving out money."

For beginners, the classes don't focus on the nuances and intricacies of market fluctuations, since they can take years to master. Instead, Cheng and his staff teach a solid foundation and how to use technical analyses — a sort of formula of how a market might behave based on decades of trends.



Wilson Chen is the president of IFG Trade, a new Flushing business focused on introducing new traders to the foreign currency and commodity markets.

Photo by Joe Anuta

Stock futures refer to a buyer and a seller of a commodity, like gold or corn for example, who agree on a price for the future to avoid market fluctuations in the short term. That agreement is in the form of a contract, and that contract can be bought and sold on the fu-

tures market as well.

The foreign exchange market, often referred to as Forex, is the simultaneous buying of one currency and the selling of another. Traders basically bet on whether a currency will go up or down in value compared to other currencies.

The Forex market is how several stay-at-home mothers in Japan made fortunes from their home computers, according to a report by Reuters.

A woman named Mrs. Watanabe is the inspiration for a contingent of copycats who became influential traders in the yen market, the report said, and the trend has spread to countries like China and Korea.

"IFG Trade is helping introduce to the United States a phenomenon that has already made waves in Asia — foreign exchange and commodities trading," said John Choe, director of the community economic development center One Flushing. "If successful, IFG could make Flushing a leading force in helping ordinary people — thousands of housewives in Japan, Korea and China have already taken the plunge, becoming the next George Soros."

One advantage of trad-

ing in the foreign exchange markets, and why it has become popular with the advent of Internet trading, is because the markets were just recently opened up to individual traders a few years ago, and potential investors have access to markets all over the world 24 hours a day, according to Chen.

Trading basically moves in a seamless transition from one financial center to another. For example, as soon as the New York currency exchange closes, the market in Sydney opens.

IFG Trade is on the second floor of 37-01 Main St. More information is available by calling 718-662-3838 or by visiting ifg-trade.com.

Reach reporter Joe Anuta by e-mail at [januta@cnglocal.com](mailto:januta@cnglocal.com) or by phone at 718-260-4566.

### BUSINESS CALENDAR

**Restaurant Boot Camp** — Speakers from New Business Acceleration Team will discuss licensing/permits required for food business and micro lender to discuss special financing available for food business.  
**When:** May 31, 5:30 pm  
**Where:** Queens Chamber of Commerce, 75-20 Astoria Blvd., Suite 140, Jackson Heights

**10th Annual Queens Small Business and Procurement Expo** — The forum provides Queens and metropolitan area small business owners with the chance to meet and speak with a large number of procurement representatives about contract opportunities and to network with other small businesses. Workshops will also be offered throughout the day.  
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**Where:** Con Edison Learning Center, 43-82 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City  
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**Powerful You! Women's Network** — A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.

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

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**"Everlasting Spring" Dinner-Dance**

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**When:** June 1, 7:30 pm

**Where:** Cordon Bleu, 96-01 Jamaica Ave., Woodhaven

**Contact:** (718) 805-8300

**Centennial Concert** — Music director and conductor David Close.

**When:** June 3, 4 pm

**Where:** Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Ascan Avenue at Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills

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**17th Annual Rosa Gala** — Honoring Dorothy Lewandowski, Julia Ermish, Suzanne Karl and Lind Lam.

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**40th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Dinner** — Honoring Hillcrest High School.

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**A Matter of Taste** — Wine tasting featuring fine wines and hors d'oeuvres. RSVP.

**When:** June 10, 2 pm

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# Dee

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Liu said “feisty and funny, she deftly chronicled — and at times skewered — the borough’s political life.”

She filed her last column and photo page for TimesLedger Monday for the May 24-30 issue.

Richard was predeceased by her father, Clement Boyle, a former employee of the Philadelphia Inquirer and The New York Daily News; her mother, Beatrice Bennett; her first husband, Theodore Richard, and their two sons, Michael and Theodore Jr.

She was buried with her sons at Nassau Knolls Cemetery in Port Washington, L.I.

Donations in her memory can be made to the American Heart Association.

Editor Roz Liston contributed to this story.



Dee Richard trained at what is known today as Vaughn College to become an aircraft illustrator before eventually becoming a household name in Queens and one of the borough’s most popular writers.

Photo by Christina Santucci

# RV living

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After all, Hines pays no rent, and as he has done several times in the past, he can simply hop in the driver’s seat and take a trip.

A woman often walks her dog by the RV and says hello, and on holidays Hines visits the home of a longtime friend’s family.

“His family is really sweet,” Hines said. “They send me cards on my birthday.”

Those cards would need to be hand-delivered, however, since Hines has no mailing address.

To stay legal, all he needs to do is move the vehicle once a week.

And though Hines expects to start a new job by next month, he has no plans to move back into an apartment.

His ideal setup would involve private land and a bigger RV, specifically one with a living room that can expand outward, he said, like a dresser drawer.

Although Hines does

not park his RV in the forest like he had seen others do on camping trips, even on the streets of Queens he sometimes catches glimpses of Mother Nature.

“When we had the blizzard last year, I came out and could see 3 feet of snow and no cars,” he said. “It was like I was in the wilderness.”

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## Whitestone civic offers discount biz cards

The Welcome to Whitestone Commercial and Residential Civic Association partnered with a host of businesses around northeast Queens to offer a discount card to its members.

Card-carrying civic members can then get deals when they patronize the mom-and-pop shops that populate the area.

According to the civic’s founder, Devon O’Connor, it is a way for local businesses to give back to the community.

But to obtain a card, one must be a member of the civic association.

## Synagogue Thrift Shop

The Free Synagogue of Flushing would like to invite the community to its store.

The shop is on the synagogue grounds at 41-60 Kissena Blvd. between Sanford Avenue and Main Street in Flushing. It is open every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The synagogue also welcomes donations.

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## Volunteer ambulance service seeks new members

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It will provide the necessary training and participants will have access to opportunities for further training and participation.

If you are over 14 and want to help your community, please call 718-347-1637 or visit the corps headquarters at 257-02 Union Tnpk. in Floral Park, across from the Glen Oaks Shopping Center.

Members are available after 7 p.m. Sunday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturday for inquiries and to provide membership applications.



## BRINGIN’ BACK THE BANNERS

Mets fans Charlie Argento and Lewis Gurgis remember “The Kid” Gary Carter during Banner Day at Citi Field Sunday.

Photo by Steven Malecki



# Sports



Francis Lewis celebrates its victory over James Madison.

Photo by William Thomas

## Francis Lewis shows heart in postseason

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Francis Lewis walked its way back to the semifinals last week, but was stopped by Susan Wagner following a Madison upset.

The sixth-ranked Patriots extended their season by drawing 11 walks over No. 3 James Madison, three with the bases loaded, in a 4-2 win in the PSAL Class A softball quarterfinals May 22 at Bergen Beach in Brooklyn. It was Lewis' second straight trip to the final four and its second win over Madison, the city runner-up a year ago, this season.

The Fresh Meadows school, not known for being an offensive juggernaut, faced Susan Wagner on May 24 and fell 11-1 to the second-seeded Falcons, who advanced to the finals for the first time since 1989. The Patriots, however, showed resilience and patience until the end.

"I thought we did a

great job taking walks," Lewis Coach Bryan Brown said. "We didn't get hits, we got hits in the final innings. We kept plugging away."

Against Madison, the Patriots didn't get a hit until Kiara Libreros, Bianca Concepcion and Samantha Stelloh strung together three straight to start the top of the seventh inning. Cerda and Samantha Lallave both drew two-out walks to give their team a 4-2 lead. Madison attempted to rally in the seventh after Jennie Hosty singled and Danielle Mulle fouled off numerous pitches to work a walk, putting runners on first and second. Priscilla Lallave, who struck out five, proceeded to get the final three outs, ending with a pop-up that hung in the air before settling into Concepcion's glove at third.

"I saw the popup go and I didn't even look at her catch it," said Cerda, the designated player. "I just

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## Palmeri's bat inspires title

Archbishop Molloy lifted over SF Prep for championship win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

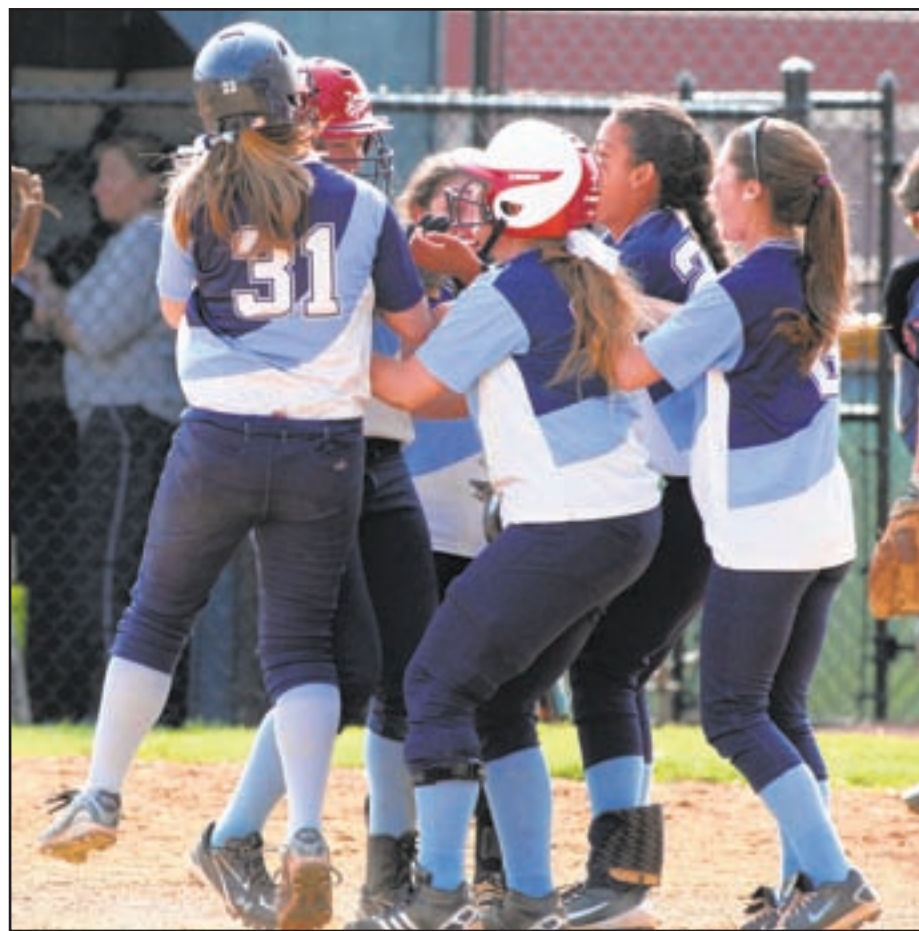
Archbishop Molloy won its first CHSAA state softball title behind a powerful middle in the batting order. It's because of those same players that the Stanners will get a chance to defend that crown.

"It definitely brought us back," sophomore Taylor Moss said. "We usually get stronger as the season comes to an end."

She had four hits and a walk, scored twice and drove in two runs, including the tying one in the top of the sixth. Moss, her sister Dana and Maria Palmeri combined to go 10-for-14 with four RBIs and five runs scored in Molloy's 7-5 comeback win over St. Francis Prep in Game 2 of the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens softball championship series Sunday at Queens College. Molloy claims its fourth straight sweep and diocesan crown.

"I'd like to think that we're peaking now," Stanners Coach Maureen Rosenbaum said. "We really haven't peaked this year."

The victory is a special one for Palmeri, who has started on all four clubs. She began this game in the circle, but was chased down 5-2 with two outs in the third inning despite only allowing one hit. The C.W. Post-bound shortstop, who saw two runs score on wild pitches, then made a diving grab to end the frame behind ace Victoria Goldbach. Taylor Moss said Palmeri never talked about what this victory would



Archbishop Molloy celebrates its victory over St. Francis Prep.

Photo by William Thomas

mean to her, but you just knew by how she played.

"The first one is always going to be my biggest memory, freshman on varsity," Palmeri said. "But now this is the completion."

The Stanners bats have Goldbach to thank for giving them a chance for their second comeback win in this series. Molloy (13-2) scored twice in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 3-2 victory all the way back to May 23 in Game 1. The senior windmill tossed 4 1/3 innings of scoreless re-

lief, allowing just two hits. SFP (9-6) got four runs in the third without a hit to make it 5-2 and led 5-3 after Molloy's Julianne Tracy brought home a run in the fourth with a fielder's choice. Theresa Conway had two hits, walked twice and scored a run for the Stanners.

"I knew our bats were going to wake up sooner or later," Goldbach said. "My main concern was not letting them score any more runs."

She was able to keep

the young Terriers lineup at bay, but it was still a successful season in SFP Coach Ann Marie Rich's mind. Her squad loses just two seniors in Lomangino, who she felt was affected by the heat in the late innings, and outfielder Eishara Campbell. She gave the Molloy middle of the order credit for what it's done against her team over the years, but likes the way her team is set for the future.

"There is still a lot of talent there," Rich said.

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# Bryant ends Lehman win streak in playoff opening

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Rocco Rotondi's pre-season message was forget the past. He kept that motto after a subpar regular season.

"We're not even worried about what we did during the regular season," the Bryant baseball coach said. "We're worried about our next game."

The 23rd-seeded Owls looked like the team many predicted after last spring's quarterfinal run, not the one that finished third in Queens A West May 23. Bryant upset No. 10 Lehman, snapping the Lions' string of two straight PSAL Class A semifinal appearances, with a 3-1 road victory in the opening round of the city playoffs.

Nick Alvarez was brilliant over 6 2/3 innings of work, allowing just three hits and one run, and Daryl Valdez came in to get the final out. Adonis Lao

tripled and drove in two runs, Alvarez scored a run and also drove one in and Justin Valentin had two hits for the Owls, who were scheduled to meet No. 7 Monroe in the second round Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Bronx.

"We're a much better team than we were a month ago, there's no doubt about that," Rotondi said. "We're playing solid baseball."

Rotondi made a few changes to ignite the turnaround, moving around a few different players in the field and rearranging the batting order. His team also began doing the little things, such as bunting and moving runners over, taking more pitches and tightening up defensively. Even before May 23's victory, Bryant did close the regular season with seven wins in eight tries, including an upset of Queens A West champion John Adams.

"We just improved, we

got better," Rotondi said. "We used our losing streak as something to learn from, that we have to go out and play each game hard regardless of the opponent."

Bryant (12-5) will only face top-end competition from here on out. Rotondi didn't want to make too much out of May 23's victory. The lineup still isn't producing as many runs as he would like to see, and while this may not be a trademark Monroe team, it remains extremely talented.

"We're gonna give them our best shot and hopefully it will be good enough to win," Rotondi said. "We're a confident team. I think my guys want to play Monroe. The fact that we were kind of forgotten after our losing streak and people didn't take us serious anymore, it kind of lit a fire in our belly."

# Francis Lewis

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ran to the gate and I was like, 'I know we got this.'

Madison (16-2) got a run in the first inning when Gina Gerone doubled and scored on an error. Lewis (16-3) evened the score in the top of the second with three one-out walks against Knights starter Cheyenne Tatesure. Neleini Esmeral's two-out walk put the Pats up 2-1. Lewis took a one-run lead in the sixth when Madison catcher Samantha Rodriguez threw down to first with the bases loaded to try to pick off Taylor Stanton. Hosty got tangled making the tag and Selina Lallave score from third.

"A lot of people doubted us, like our team — it wasn't the strongest," Priscilla Lallave said. "Everyone was like they made it to the top four, they're not making it again."

Knights Coach Brian Friedman, in his first year at the helm, was pleased with

the season his team had after losing ace Kayla Hill to graduation. The windmill led Madison, which won their division, to three straight championship game appearances and a city title two year ago. Gerone tried to spark her team back against Lewis. Two pitches after a questionable ball call, the star shortstop drilled a solo home run into left center to tie the score at 2 in the sixth.

"They have a lot to be proud of," Friedman said of his players. "It's tough if you give them gifts like that. Not to take anything away from [Lewis]. They did what they had to do."

When the season began, Brown called his club the forgotten team of the semifinalists from a year ago. Lewis had a rocky regular season, finishing tied for second with Bayside in Queen A-I. Through all that, it's the Patriots who are again playing for a chance to compete for a city title.

"Hopefully, we break the door down and get to the finals now," Brown said. "This is building something for us."

# Palmeri

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"I've got a lot of young kids. It's a good crop. We are not totally depleted."

Molloy now advances to the CHSAA state tournament where it meets Archdioc-

esan champion and rival St. Joseph by the Sea in the semifinals 1:30 p.m. last Tuesday at Kellenberg. The game will also serve as the city title game. Stanners locked up the first of three crowns as they will now defend their state championship.

"If I look back on my high school years, you won all four years I played on varsity," Palmeri said. "It's a pretty big deal."

# SJU's McArdle given honorable mention

Following a breakout sophomore season at St. John's University, Kieran McArdle was given honorable mention at the attack position by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

"I couldn't be any prouder of Kieran," said head Coach Jason Miller. "He performed at a very high level all year and proved to be one of the best attackers in the Big East. He is certainly deserving of the recognition and I'm very happy for him."

The Ronkonkoma, L.I., native finished the season with 28 goals, 32 assists and 60 points in 15 games. McArdle's totals were the most goals, assists and points in a season since program reinstatement in 2005. He led the Big East in points (3.77) and assists (2.00) per game during the regular season.

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### Easy #14

9	4	7	3	5	6	2	1	8
2	3	6	7	8	1	9	5	4
5	1	8	4	9	2	3	7	6
8	2	3	9	6	7	5	4	1
7	9	1	8	4	5	6	3	2
6	5	4	1	2	3	8	9	7
3	7	9	2	1	8	4	6	5
4	8	5	6	7	9	1	2	3
1	6	2	5	3	4	7	8	9

### Hard #14

3	5	1	6	2	4	8	9	7
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7	4	9	8	5	3	1	6	2
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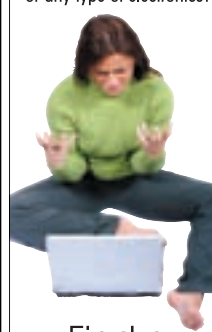
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LIVERPOOL PLAZA REALTY LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/17/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40-38 194th St., Flushing, NY 11358. General Purposes.

Notice of formation of 30-19 NORTHERN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/23/2012. Office location, County of Queens. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Storage Deluxe, 26 West 17th St. #801, NY NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of CENTER 1188 LLC. Article of Organization filed with the secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04-09-2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is C/O the LLC 136-20 38th Avenue, Ste 11G, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose of LLC: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Street address of Principal business location is: 72-43 67th Street, Glendale, NY 11385

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: CELEB PORTFOLIO, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/23/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 6341 83rd STREET MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MERCURY EXPRESS SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/07/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MANUEL D ESPINAL 4802 108TH STREET CORONA, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Daves Delivery LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4-18-2012. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 6440 65 lane, Middle village NY 11379 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FNH LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/30/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 196-36 50 Avenue, Fresh Meadows, New York 11365. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ARTISAN EVENT DESIGN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/24/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: SHEILA PERSAD 84-47 LEFFERTS BLVD. APT. C2 KEW GARDENS, NY 11415. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of PCM GREEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/23/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 940513, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of SERHANT JABBOUR, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/14/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 33-46 163 St., Flushing, NY 11358. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of Gemini Capital Managers LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 2/17/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. bus. addr.: 3901 Main St., Ste. 503, Flushing, NY 11354. LLC formed in DE on 11/3/11. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon

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whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

Notice of Qualification of Green Mountain Energy Company (NY COM) LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/26/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. bus. addr.: 211 Carnegie Ctr., Princeton, NJ 08540. LLC formed in DE on 4/20/12. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

Notice of Qualification of KZ Annex II LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/23/12. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in DE on 3/30/12. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Thomas D. Kearns, Esq., Olshan Grundman Frome Rosenzweig & Wolosky LLP, 65 E. 55th St., NY, NY 10022. DE address of LLC: c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: ownership of mortgage loans and real property.

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PHOENIX ARMS AND TRAINING CENTRE LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/14/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Caputo & Boncardo

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CPAS, P.C., 538 Westchester Ave., Rye Brook, NY 10573. General Purposes.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS  
INDEX NO. 30591/09

NYCTL 2008-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2008-A Trust, Plaintiffs, - against - JAMES WANG, if living and if he/she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiffs, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely, the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, successors in interest 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, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, successors in interest, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiffs, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATION BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC and "JOHN DOE No. 1" through "JOHN DOE No. 100", inclusive, the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein. Defendants.

ADDRESS: 36-25 UNION STREET, FLUSHING, NY 11354  
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**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

THE OBJECT of the above entitled action is to foreclose a tax lien for the amount due and interest, recorded in the office of the Register/Clerk of the County of QUEENS on the 15TH day of JULY, 2008 and bearing County Register File Number/CRFN 2008000280711 covering premises described as follows:

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WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Dated: May 10, 2012  
New York, New York

WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF LLP  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS  
NYCTL 2008-A TRUST, and The Bank of New York As Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2008-A Trust  
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PHONE: (212) 237-1075

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Court dated February 22, 2012 and filed along with the supporting papers in the QUEENS County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien.  
SCHEDULE A - DESCRIPTION

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PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING A PART OF A CONDOMINIUM IN FLUSHING, BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY OF NEW YORK AND STATE OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS UNIT NO. PHA TOGETHER WITH A 1.700 UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AS THE SAME IS DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO.

THE REAL PROPERTY ABOVE DESCRIBED IS A UNIT SHOWN ON THE PLANS OF A CONDOMINIUM PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY HEIMBERGER & SEIDMAN, A.I.A., AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1987 IN REEL 87 PAGE 151 DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM ENTITLED THE SHENG RAINBOW PLAZA CONDOMINIUM UNDER ARTICLE 9-B OF THE NEW YORK REAL PROPERTY LAW DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1987 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1987 IN REEL 2327 OF CONVEYANCES AT PAGE 1586 SECTION 25, BLOCK 5010, LOTS 11, 13, 15, 16, 17 AND PART OF 20 COVERING THE PROPERTY THEREIN DESCRIBED. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY THE PROPERTY ADDRESS IS: 36-25 UNION STREET, FLUSHING, NY 11354.  
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