

3,200 people petition plan to build HS

BY TOM MOMBERG

A petition has been circulating in protest of the city School Construction Authority's purchase of the Bayside Jewish Center for a future high school site, and now with over 3,200 signatures, it is a clear indicator of some strong opposition to the project.

The petition was delivered to and addressed in last week's Community Board 11 meeting. Copies of the petition were also sent to Borough President Melinda Katz, City Councilman Paul Vellone (D-Bayside), the SCA and state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), who introduced legislation last month to change the process for community involvement in the selection of school sites.

Though the petition might be an indicator that much of the Bayside community opposes the project, public input does not have to be considered until the purchase has been finalized and an environmental impact study has been completed, according to the SCA.

The SCA announced it was in the process of finalizing its purchase of the site, 203-05 32nd Ave., in early May, but the purchase still has not been

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Wilets Point mechanics out

TRASH COUTURE



A flowery evening gown made from brown paper and cardboard is a showstopper at the Trashion Fashion Show, where all the clothes were made from recycled materials, at the Queens Botanical Garden. **See QGuide on Page 35.**

Photo by Michael Shain

Owners evicted as hunger strike deemed failure

BY ERIC JANKIEWICZ

George Molina struggled to pull down the shutter on his car shop in Willets Point. For 12 years he's made a living in a part of Queens that is filled with potholes that resemble mini caves and one of the highest concentrations of businesses aimed at fixing cars internally and aesthetically.

Molina explained that the city has been harassing him and his fellow mechanics for the whole month with tickets for continuing to do maintenance work on cars on the streets, which is illegal in New York City. As members of the Sunrise Coop, a group of 48 auto-shop owners, Molina's property was taken by the city, according to the city Economic Development Corporation, as part of deal negotiated with the city to move to a new location in the Bronx.

Now, on a Tuesday afternoon, with the temperatures boiling into the 90s, Molina was giving up. The area, which has been completely neglected by the city over many years, was now a ghost town even though some shop owners still

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Asians put on calendar

Lunar New Year to become school holiday: de Blasio

BY MADINA TOURE

After the decision to place two Muslim holidays on the school calendar renewed the push for a Lunar New Year holiday, Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña announced Lunar New Year would become an official school holiday starting next February.

Speaking before elected officials, community and business leaders and advocates in the Asian community in the atrium of PS 20 at 142-30 Barclay Ave. Tuesday morning, de Blasio said he is “very comfortable” with the decision and that the issue was implementation. “The problem was always how to do it right,” he said.

Some contended the mayor wanted to beat the state Legislature to the punch, but de Blasio said that was not the case. “They were preparing to send a strong message in support,” he explained. “We were never in doubt of getting them to go along.”

De Blasio said the city has time to adjust the school calendar, given that the holiday will go into effect in February 2016.

Christine Colligan, co-president of the Korean American Parents Association of New York, praised the decision.

“I’m very happy and I really welcome the wonderful gesture finally, our voice is heard,” Colligan said.

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) said that while growing up in Queens, she felt her ethnicity was ignored when it came to school holidays.

“It’s been a long road,” she said. “But we finally made it. At long last a school holiday for Lunar New Year will be a reality in New York City and I cannot be more excited.”

In March, de Blasio an-



Mayor Bill de Blasio comes to Flushing with Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña (r.) to announce Lunar New Year will be an official school holiday beginning next year.

Photo by Michael Shain

nounced official school holidays for Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, two Muslim holidays.

De Blasio said he believed the Eid holidays and Lunar New Year needed to be recognized, but he would not consider other holidays in the foreseeable future.

In December, a law sponsored by state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing) and state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) was passed requiring school boards to consider closing schools on days with large student absenteeism due to religious or cultural observances such as Lunar New Year, Chinese New Year and Diwali.

Meng, City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) and Kim said during the news conference that they tried to get the school holiday on the calendar under former Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s administration.

“Many thanks to Mayor de Blasio for making good on his promise to our community and

to the countless community advocates and government officials for their steadfast support of this effort,” Koo said.

Kim said the move reiterates the importance of Asian culture and heritage. “It’s about the city of New York telling hundreds of thousands of Asian Americans that their culture and heritage is part of the American fabric,” he said.

Stavisky, also at the news conference, said the decision is in sync with the city’s legacy of cultural understanding. “On this historic day, we can finally say that Asian-American children can finally celebrate the upcoming Lunar New Year without worrying about the impact on their education,” Stavisky said.

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Police arrest drifter in Forest Park slay

BY MADINA TOURE

A homeless man has been arrested in connection with the murder of a 23-year-old man in Forest Park in Woodhaven earlier this month, the NYPD said.

The suspect, identified as Zoltan Forai, 44, was arrested and charged with murder and criminal possession of a weapon, according to Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

Police spotted Forai 10 days after the crime occurred, allegedly drinking beer on Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue in Glendale, less than a mile from the crime scene, Brown said.

“The victim was brutally kicked and bashed in the head with a rock,” Brown said. “The defendant has shown a total disregard for life and if convicted should be locked behind bars to keep the public safe and to punish him for this senseless crime.”

Sometime between June 8 and June 9, Forai is said to have repeatedly kicked Diego Piedrahita, a Flushing resident, about his head and body and then used a rock to strike him in the face and head mul-



A homeless man has been arrested and charged in connection with the murder of a man in Forest Park in Woodhaven.

Photo courtesy NYPD

tiple times, causing multiple skull fractures, according to the criminal complaint filed by Brown.

Piedrahita was found unconscious and unresponsive with trauma to his head in the vicinity of Park Lane South and Woodhaven Boulevard at about 3:26 p.m. June 10, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Julie Bolcer, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner’s office, ruled the manner of death a homicide and said the cause of death was blunt impacts to the head with skull fractures.

On June 19 at about 4:02 p.m., Forai was allegedly seen drinking a 24-ounce can of Keystone Ice beer on a public sidewalk, according to the complaint. A marijuana cigarette was allegedly recovered from Forai’s right front pants pocket, it said.

He was charged with public consumption of alcohol and unlawful possession of marijuana, the complaint said.

Forai, who allegedly shaved his beard to disguise himself from looking like the bearded suspect wanted for questioning in Piedrahita’s death, was re-arrested hours later on murder charges, according to Brown.

Officials had described Forai, also known as Stephen Forai, as white, about 5-foot-7 and 170 pounds, with brown eyes, brown hair and a beard. They also said he possibly frequented the Bandshell and Victory Field areas in Forest Park.

Forai was arraigned Saturday before Queens Criminal Court Judge Bruna DiBiase. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years to life in prison. He was ordered held without bail and to return to court July 2.

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Clearview residents reflect on lives through art

Mayor's Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide helps Baysiders explore their creativity

BY TOM MOMBERG

Several residents of the Selfhelp Clearview Senior Center have spent the last five months exploring self-expression by creating art under the instruction of an acclaimed artist, which culminated with a gallery exhibition at the center on Tuesday.

The class, taught by Steve Palermo, was part of a free program Clearview applied for through the Mayor's Age-Friendly NYC Initiative, called Seniors Partnering with Artists Citywide, or SPARC. About 50 senior centers throughout the city took part.

As the class wrapped up with the art show this week, Palermo reflected on his time with the group of about a dozen retired Baysiders, who he said helped him get through a difficult period in his own life.

"My father passed away in April, and I missed one class," Palermo said. "But when I got back the next week, I was embraced by the outpouring

of love and compassion from my class and the staff of the Clearview Center."

Through the class, residents at Clearview could pick and choose classes each week to create abstract and surreal paintings, self portraits, collages, tile art and scrolls that allowed each person to tell their life story in a visual and abstract way.

"There are some here that are artists, there are some that don't know and are afraid to do something, but when they do something, it's just beautiful," Palermo said.

Palermo, who also works with youth and other art programs, said working with seniors is even more so about breaking down his students' walls of insecurity than working with children.

"I make them feel at home, it's about making them feel comfortable with their own brain and working together with their hands and minds," he said. "It's a great feeling."

But Clearview resident



Artist and class instructor Steve Palermo shares his thoughts with Clearview resident Carmen Mosca on his last day with the group.

Photo by Tom Momberg

Esther Cohen still refused to accept the artistic value of her work. As her friends and peers complimented her on her seemingly abstract self portrait, she said, "What? No, that's horrible." Yet she was the first to admit how much fun she had with the class.

Another Clearview resident, Carmen Mosca, said every person who took the classes had varying levels of experience with art, but that Palermo encouraged each of them to find their own way of doing things.

Mosca said she was just

happy to have been given some instruction with painting again.

"I have always done art," she said. "I've had artists in my family, so they have always encouraged me since I was a teenager. But my parents said, 'Well, you either have to be the best of the best or you will starve in the street.' So I put it to the side, but creative writing and creating art is my peaceful time."

The art gallery exhibition on the last day of the class gave residents an opportunity to finally exchange words about each other's work and to share it with friends and family.

To learn more about the city's SPARC program, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcla/html/sparc/sparc.shtml>.

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Charleston's losses felt in Queens

Greater Allen AME's Flake urges congregation in Jamaica to rise above hate after massacre

BY TOM MOMBERG

Southeast Queens tried to come to terms with the shooting at a historic black church in Charleston, S.C. as several city leaders gathered at the Greater Allen AME Church in Jamaica to share their perspectives.

Members of the congregation were eager to hear their elected officials speak Saturday, reflecting on the loss caused by a single disturbed young white man, Dylann Roof, 21, who after attending Bible study for an hour at the historic black church, is accused of opening fire and killing nine people.

Roof was arrested and appeared in court within days. The victims' family members took the opportunity to speak in the Southern city, offering God's forgiveness and love in the face of suffering.

And as the Emanuel African AME Church in Charleston reopened for services over the weekend, Greater Allen AME Rev. Floyd Flake said the strength shown by the people



The Rev. Floyd Flake delivers a prayer during the Greater Allen AME Cathedral's service in remembrance of the Charleston AME shooting victims.
Photo by Tom Momberg

in Charleston can guide the rest of the country to rise above hate, and not give in to the terror one man tried to create.

"For many of us whose

opinions are waffling, we are trying to determine what this is really all about... But look into the mind of a people who come to a prayer meeting every week and still can stand

strong with what has happened," Flake said. "These people did not show anger, but they talked about it in their relationship with God."

State Sen. Leroy Comrie

(D-Hollis) said he would not have been so forgiving in the moment.

"I have been struggling with this and trying to figure out what to do because I'll tell you: Part of my heart wanted to see him hang that evening," Comrie said when asked to speak. "Part of me wanted to see immediate retribution for someone that I view as pure evil."

But Comrie said the one thing he would do, and suggested others join him, is never speak the shooter's name ever again.

"I want to put out a call to the media: These copycats happen because the name is in the media. He is doing this for publicity... he wasn't trying to do anything but try to make a name for himself, and we should take that away from him," Comrie said.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) also spoke during the church's memorial service. He said the only way to defeat hate is not to fight it with more hate or to dwell on racism and

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City gathers in St. Albans Park to remember shooting victims

BY TOM MOMBERG

Hundreds of African Methodist Episcopal churchgoers and members of communities from around the city and Long Island marched down Merrick Boulevard Saturday to mourn the nine lives lost in a race-provoked massacre at an AME Church in Charleston, S.C., concluding the day with a vigil at St. Albans Park.

Emanuel AME churchgoers confronted the man who shot nine members of the church's Bible study June 17 to express forgiveness, and they came back together to mourn and rebuild over the weekend. The AME community around the country and the world poured out support for the families of the victims. And in New York, city officials, residents and the AME community rallied



Mayor Bill de Blasio mourns with the AME community during a vigil in St. Albans Park.
Photo courtesy of mayor's office/Ed Reed

around that strength, lighting nine candles, one for each victim.

People sang common civil rights songs like "We Shall Overcome" as they rallied. They carried signs citing

Bible verses, several of which were hashtagged, #IamAME. A Long Island AME pastor yelled out, "We assemble today to say, hate: You have already lost."

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Museum lit up orange for gun violence victims

BY MADINA TOURE

Elected officials, community leaders and anti-gun violence advocates spoke out against the Charleston massacre and gun violence in Queens Monday night in front of the Queens Museum.

An interfaith prayer vigil and lighting ceremony honored victims of the massacre as well as other gun violence victims. The front exterior of the museum in Flushing Meadows Corona Park was lit orange, the official color of Gun Violence Awareness Month. The orange lights have been on every night since and that will continue until June 30.

Public Advocate Letitia James and Queens District Attorney Richard Brown were at the ceremony, as was Queens Borough President

Melinda Katz who called the massacre a "senseless act of violence" and said it was clearly an act of racism.

Referring to the motto of the 1964/1965 World's Fair, "Peace Through Understanding," Katz urged everyone to speak out and fight against gun violence.

"We want to make sure that we are heard loud and clear that gun violence will not be tolerated," she said.

In 2013, both houses of the state Legislature unanimously passed a resolution proclaiming June as Gun Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness in the state and promote bipartisan efforts to address the issue.

Erica Ford, founder and CEO of LIFE Camp Inc. in Jamaica, sporting a shirt with the organization's motto, *Continued on Page 44*

Late Flushing activist Weinstein eulogized

BY MADINA TOURE

Shirley Weinstein, a well-known community and civic leader in Flushing who died at the age of 90 June 13, was described by friends and fellow community leaders as a hardworking, honest activist who was always “civic-minded.”

Weinstein, who died of an undisclosed illness, had just celebrated her 90th birthday June 5. The burial was held June 15 at New Montefiore Cemetery in West Babylon, N.Y. Her husband, Hal, an accountant, died in July 2012.

Weinstein is well-known for serving as secretary for Community Board 8 for 28 years and for founding the Mid Queens Community Council about 40 years ago, a meeting of civic association leaders and other organizations in central Queens such as religious organizations. She was actively involved with the council, for which she served as president, until her death.

She also served as treasurer for the 107th Precinct Community Council, a board member of the Queens Child Guidance Center, president of Aguilar Gardens Coop at 156-11 Aguilar Ave. in Pomonok and an officer of the St. Joseph's Hospital Community Advisory Board.

Her accomplishments include confronting stores in her neighborhood that were not properly managing their garbage and cutting down on car theft in the 107th Precinct area, said Morton Povman, who served as a city councilman for 30 years.

He knew her as a personal friend, noting that they both had boats moored in a yacht club in Long Island.

“I had many contacts with her over local problems, her own building problems and

she was a watchdog for the community,” Povman said. “She didn’t just wait for things to happen, she used to anticipate something going on and avoid it.”

CB 8 member Jim Gallagher, president of the Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association, called Weinstein a “mentor.”

She encouraged him to become president of the Mid Queens Community Council, a position he held in the late 1980s, he said.

“She had such great insight into the community, what needed to be done, what needed to be corrected and she had known all the elected officials,” Gallagher said. “She was greatly respected by everybody. She was a firm woman. She was not a push-over.”

Weinstein was raised in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn and moved to Aguilar Gardens in 1966, where she lived until her death.

City Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) said he became acquainted with Weinstein when he joined CB 8 while in college, calling her a “mainstay” of the civic community of northeast Queens.

“She was always a friend and always outspoken about the needs of our community,” Lancman said in a statement.

John Callari, vice president of the Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association, recalled a time when she donated money to his PAC 174, a Boy Scouts troop, at PS 173, that they used to buy supplies for the scouts’ projects.

“It was very nice of her to do that,” Callari said. “She was very ill at the time.”

Jeff Gottlieb, president of the Central Queens Historical Association, who previously served as Povman’s

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Queens Library heals

System enters new era with fresh board after Galante years

BY MADINA TOURE

Following a management shakeup, the head of the Queens Library says the system has entered a new era of transparency and has new sources of funding.

Out of the library’s 19 board of trustee positions, 18 have been filled following the scandal involving former Queens Library CEO Thomas Galante, according to Bridget Quinn-Carey, the interim president and CEO. All but four appointments are new to the board. Five senior managers have resigned.

In September, Galante was placed on indefinite leave as he was being investigated by the FBI, federal prosecutors and the city Department of Investigation for alleged misuse of funds. An audit by City Comptroller Scott Stringer revealed expensive furniture and lavish meals, among other purchases, in his expense accounts.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and Mayor Bill de Blasio were also able to remove eight of the 19 trustee members, with the ninth resigning.

Since then, the library



BRIDGET QUINN-CAREY

Photo by Michael Shain

has developed new business-expense and conference-attendance policies and is revising its bylaws, Quinn-Carey said in an interview at the TimesLedger offices with reporters and editors earlier this month. Stringer’s audit is in its final stages and an independently contracted auditor is conducting an internal au-

dit for the library. The external audit is available on the library’s website.

Quinn-Carey, who previously served as chief operating officer and has worked as a librarian for the past 25 years, said the combination of her experience, new trustee members and new elected officials

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Concannon runs for Council

BY TOM MOMBERG

Political activist Joe Concannon is not likely to have any competition in the primary election as he campaigns for Mark Weprin’s City Council seat. As he officially announced Monday outside the NYPD’s 105th Precinct in Queens Village, Concannon has the backing of both the Republican and Conservative Party lines.

Concannon, a retired NYPD captain and U.S. Air Force veteran, said his family, friends and conservative supporters influenced his decision to enter the City Council race, which will follow the normal election cycle for a general election on Nov. 3.

After running against Councilman Paul Vallone (D-Bayside) in 2013, Concannon



Joe Concannon launches his campaign for City Council District 23 outside the NYPD’s 105 Precinct in Queens Village Monday.

Photo by Tom Momberg

said he again hopes to turn the tide in the City Council and expand his party’s influence in the city. He also challenged state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) in 2012.

Since retiring from the NYPD, Concannon has been a political activist. He has organized rallies in support of police as a response to what

he saw as hostile positions toward the department from the public and city administration after the Staten Island chokehold death of Eric Gardner.

“I’ve spent a lifetime in commitment to public safety and security, both in public service and in the private sector,” Concannon said during a news conference. “I stood up, here in the city of New York, when our city mayor was tearing our city to shreds, I stood up in each one of our boroughs and said ‘support our local police.’ That is as important today as when I first started that message, and we will continue there.”

Present to announce their
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Shirley Weinstein with her husband, Hal Weinstein.

Photo courtesy of Jim Gallagher

Albany pols play it safe in soft budget pact

BY TOM MOMBERG

Deals were reached in Albany Tuesday, a week and a half into a prolonged legislative session, extending both rent regulations and the Republicans' prioritized property tax cap by four years, but the tentative accord left much of the legislative agenda unresolved.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (D-Bronx) sought to extend New York City mayoral control over the city Department of Education by three years, but Cuomo said at a Tuesday news conference that negotiations would not allow more than a one-year extension.

Mayor Bill de Blasio asked the Legislature at the beginning of the session to make mayoral control of city schools permanent, and though the Democratic-controlled Assembly passed a three-year extension, Senate Republicans did not back down from their wish for only a temporary extension.

The deal also set aside \$250 million in state funds to support nonpublic schools over the next two years and administered a tax credit to families paying for private schools and to individuals and companies that finance scholarships.

Cuomo and the Legislature also raised the charter school cap by 180, including 50 more in the city. One more



Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie discusses the details of a budget deal reached in Albany Tuesday.
Photo by Mike Groll/AP

education item got passed in the deal, requiring the state Department of Education to disclose more information to parents, something Cuomo said was important to both houses.

"Many parents have questions about what is happening with the teacher evaluation testing," Cuomo said at the news conference. "It is hard to get answers. This will basically open up the

black box that is SED (state DOE) and SED will give more information about questions, growth patterns, growth measures."

Among issues that the Assembly and Senate could not agree on: the establishment of the Dream Act, which would provide state tuition assistance to undocumented college students; a minimum wage increase; criminal jus-

tice reform; and a raise in the age for adult prisoners from 16 to 18.

Because compromise made little headway, Cuomo stepped in with two executive orders: one that would give authority as prosecutor to state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman over police killings of civilians for one year, and another that demanded all minor inmates to be held at separate facilities.

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) said he had not seen all parts of the omnibus bill, but that there were still several important pieces of legislation that were included.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature to ensure that we pass a bill that will preserve affordable housing, give homeowners much-needed relief from ever-increasing property taxes, as well as address the myriad other issues," Avella said in a statement.

Both the Senate and the Assembly ended the session with new leaders since Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) and state Sen. Majority Leader Dean Skelos (R-Nassau) were arrested on federal corruption charges. Both resigned their leadership posts but remain in office.

Legislators will have until July 1 to finalize and approve the deal specifics in both chambers.

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Schools chancellor addresses PS 120 carnival

DOE head criticizes exclusion of students, addresses overcrowding in Queens schools

BY MADINA TOURE

Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña had some harsh words at a roundtable discussion last week for former PS 120 Principal Joan Monroe, who was reassigned after she banned students who did not pay a required fee to attend a Flushing school carnival.

Speaking at a community and ethnic media roundtable at Tweed Courthouse at 52 Chambers St. in Manhattan, she said her "personal and professional belief" is that fundraising should not take place during the school day and that kids could receive tickets for fund-raising activities outside school hours.

"How could you have had anything where students are looking right through a glass window to something that's not available to them?" she said last Friday morning.

Nearly 100 low-income students whose parents did not pay a \$10 admission fee for the

carnival, which took place outside on school grounds, were forced to sit in the auditorium of the school, located at 58-01 136th St.

Monroe was reassigned to administrative duties and replaced by Francine Marsaggi, the school's assistant principal, who will be the interim principal. Monroe refuted claims she banned students in a letter to students' families.

Elizabeth Rose, deputy chancellor for the Division of Operations, said the department is working to find new sites for overcrowded schools, noting that it is building an addition to PS 303 to make more seats available to PS 144 and PS 196 students in Forest Hills.

"In terms of overcrowding, Queens certainly has many problems where we have significant overcrowding. We are searching for new sites to build new facilities," Rose said.

Fariña also addressed concerns about an official school holiday for Lunar New Year,



City Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña speaks during a roundtable discussion in Manhattan.
Photo by Madina Toure

noting that the holiday continued to be in the works.

But she and Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Tuesday morning that Lunar New Year would become an official school holiday beginning in February 2016.

In March, the city announced that Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha would become of-

ficial school holiday starting in the 2015-2016 school year.

Last fall, the DOE enrolled 53,000 children in full day pre-kindergarten, according to Josh Wallack, deputy chancellor of strategy and policy.

Earlier this month, the city offered seats to 70,000 families, he said. The second round of enrollment started Monday

and will end July 10.

The department, in particular, is offering more support to the 94 schools that are part of the School Renewal Program, which seeks to transform struggling schools. She said they are planning to use assessment tools to determine what the schools need and are lacking as well as the type of professional development they need.

The schools will also each have a community-based program that would explore issues beyond academics and instill in parents the importance of attending school.

"Our approach is to give them support," Fariña said.

Fariña also fielded questions about diversity of teachers and books in schools, translation services and summer meals for students.

She also said that thanks to the Common Core, social studies has become less fact-driven, emphasizing the importance of bringing in novels and picture books to discussions.

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Rent laws extended for another 4 years

BY ERIC JANKIEWICZ

Governor Andrew Cuomo and elected officials announced a tentative deal for a four-year framework to extend rules that protect rent-stabilized apartments.

The rent regulations at stake control how much rent can be increased for about 1 million apartments in New York City. The rent-stabilization regulations expired June 15 after the state Assembly and state Senate failed to pass a bill to either extend the regulations or expand on them.

According to state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach), legislators came to an agreement for a four-year extension. But he warned the details of the legislation have yet to be worked out.

"The details will tell us if we can approve something like that," Addabbo said. Under the new legislation being considered now is a proposal to increase the cap to \$2,700 at which a rent-stabilized apartment is decontrolled. Republicans in the state Senate would most likely reject a large increase in the ceiling that an apartment needs to reach before leaving stabilization, according to Addabbo, and so legislators are working on a capital improvement project that would allow landlords to raise the amount on rent-stabilized apartments to make necessary upgrades and maintenance on buildings.

While legislators hailed the agreement of a four year extension, tenant advocates called the deal a defeat for tenant rights.

"He took no action at all to strengthen the rent laws," said Katie Goldstein, the leader of the Alliance for Tenant Power, an advocacy group. "Cuomo made empty promises and lied repeatedly while helping the Senate Republicans advance a bill that is a massive giveaway to landlords." Under the new framework, the alliance argues, tens of thousands of rent-stabilized apartments will be lost every year since the cap was only increased by \$200 for decontrol. The alliance advocated for a complete repeal of the state's vacancy decontrol law.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and elected officials came to an agreement June 18 for a five-day extension, which was retroactive. On Friday, lawmakers were once again unable to create a bill that was acceptable to everyone. But this time lawmakers were able to reach a deal by the time deadline arrived in the early hours of June 24.

Lawmakers also plan to reduce how much landlords can boost rents when they make capital improvements. Currently, landlords can spend enough on renovations and new appliances to send rents up 20 percent from one tenant to another. The new cap would be 15 percent. The city Rent Guidelines Board delayed a vote on rent levels for lease renewals until next week.

And while disagreement rules in the Capitol -- echoing a national trend -- the Assembly's democrats held a closed-door meeting on Friday where they agreed to stand unified against any significant changes in rent laws, according to Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven).

Major changes were proposed by the Republican held State Senate, where a bill passed last week that included provisions to make tenants verify incomes and residency status, according to State Senator Leroy Comrie (D-Hollis). The Assembly rejected this bill.

"The Senate Republicans are trying to do as little as possible," Comrie said just hours before Tuesday's session began.

He said that the verification elements that Republicans advocate for are unnecessary since there are already "checks and balances" in place to check people's income.



STATE SEN. LEROY COMRIE

Blaz bends on cops

City gets 1,300 officers, \$40M for libraries in budget

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

Negotiations on the fiscal 2016 city budget took a major turn and concluded earlier than expected Monday night, when the City Council and mayor announced an agreement that includes almost 1,300 additional police officers and more funding for the city's libraries.

The \$78.5 billion budget deal addresses income inequality, the aging population, education, immigrants and in a major shift by Mayor Bill de Blasio providers for the hiring of 1,297 additional officers and moving 415 officers from desk positions to street duty.

"What is clear is we share values. We share strong values, and that animates this budget. It doesn't mean everything went easily," de Blasio said. "Sometimes there were some tough conversations. But we got through them, because we had a common resolve to help our communities. We also knew we had to secure the fiscal future of this city."

An estimated \$170 million will be used to add the new uniformed officers to the NYPD, coupled with reforms in overtime and the use of civilians that are expected to generate over \$70 million in savings when fully phased-in. The new officers will be dedicated to counter-terrorism efforts and neighborhood policing.

"This early, fiscally responsible budget will uplift New Yorkers in every neighborhood across the five boroughs," said Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan), who cited the plans to establish a new citywide bail fund and to create new jobs for young adults.

One of the challenges was the library budget, which has not been completely restored since it was cut back in 2008. In a major step, \$39 million was allocated to support universal six-day library service, extended hours and other improvements.

"By investing nearly \$40 million to implement six-day service in every community library, we offer hope and opportunity while striking a blow against inequality," said Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), the majority leader and chairman



The new 2016 budget agreement between the City Council and the mayor's office includes an additional 1,297 police officers.

Photo by Ellis Kaplan

of the Committee on Libraries and Cultural Affairs.

The budget will help establish a citywide bail fund to keep those accused of nonviolent, low-level offenses out of jail. The bail fund will provide those arrested with bail of up to \$2,000, saving the city millions of dollars in incarceration costs.

"The New York City bail fund will keep New Yorkers out of Rikers who shouldn't be there and will save millions of taxpayer dollars at the same time," said Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest), chairman of the Courts and Legal Services Committee.

In education, extended resources will be supplied for Renewal schools, free breakfast and lunch for stand-alone middle schools, special education resources from K-12 and comprehensive expansion of physical education departments.

Other budget highlights in-

clude expansion of the Emergency Food Assistance Program and veteran services, major reforms for the aging population, new immigrant resources in health care and an extensive youth employment program.

Earlier this month, all three major rating agencies affirmed the city's bond ratings, according to the mayor's office.

In the executive budget, general reserves were boosted by \$1 billion a year to provide much-needed protection in the event of a downturn; an extra \$2.6 billion for the Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund; and the first-ever capital stabilization reserve of \$500 million to protect the city's ability to invest in infrastructure and other needs, the office said.

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POLICE Blotter

Youths wanted for criminal mischief in parking lot

FLUSHING — Police were looking for three youth who threw a fire extinguisher at the windshield of a moving car in Flushing earlier this month.

At about 5 p.m. June 2, three boys threw the extinguisher from an upper level parking garage, smashing the car's windshield as it was entering the lot at The SkyView Mall at 131-07 40th Road, according to the police.

The driver was not injured during the incident, police said.

Officials described the first suspect as a white male, between the ages of 13 and 14, wearing a black long-sleeve sweater, black pants and black sneakers.

The second suspect, also a white male, is between the ages of 12 and 13 and was last seen wearing a black-and-white striped T-shirt with a blue jacket wrapped around his waist, black pants, blue sneakers and carrying a cap.

The third suspect is described as a black male between the ages of 12 and 13 and was wearing a red T-shirt and black pants.

The investigation was ongoing, according to a police spokeswoman.



Police believe these two boys threw a fire extinguisher off a garage roof. NYPD

Fake customer rapes woman at massage parlor: NYPD

FLUSHING — Police were searching for a man who posed as a customer and raped a woman in a massage parlor in Flushing June 16.

At about 3:30 p.m., the man entered the massage parlor in the vicinity of Union Street and 37th Avenue, where he solicited a massage from a 40-year-old woman, according to the police.

Once inside a private room, the man raped the woman and fled the parlor, police said. The victim was taken to Queens Hospital for treatment and evaluation.

Officials described the man as a light-skinned Hispanic with black hair and a beard, between the ages of 23 and 27, from 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-6 in height and weighing from 150 to 160 pounds.

He was last seen wearing a gray tank top, blue jeans and black boots, and was carrying a duffel bag with a Nike logo.

The investigation is ongoing, according to a police spokeswoman.



Police are looking for a man who allegedly posed as a customer at a Flushing massage parlor and raped a woman.

Photo courtesy of NYPD

Man wanted for grand larcenies in Queens:

FLUSHING — Police were looking for a man who cashed checks from the accounts of a Bayside man and a Flushing woman in mid-March.

The man opened a bank account in someone else's name March 16 at the Chase Bank on Frederick Douglass Boulevard in the Bronx, according to the police.

Before this took place, unknown suspects stole checks out of the two victims' mailboxes, a practice known as "mailbox surfing," police said. The suspects then changed the names on

the checks to match the name on the account that was opened.

On March 18, an unknown suspect or suspects went to six different banks in the Bronx and cashed six checks from the two victims totaling more than \$10,000, police added.

The first victim is a 63-year-old man who lives in Bayside and the second victim is a 53-year-old woman who lives in Flushing, officials said.

The investigation is ongoing, according to a police spokeswoman.

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Flushing bus riders deserve a new terminal

What is missing from “LIRR Station on Main St. Waits for 2017” (June 19 issue) is construction of the long-forgotten Flushing Intermodal Bus Terminal. In the early 1960s Flushing Municipal Parking Lot 1 was thought of for construction of an intermodal bus terminal. This facility would take hundreds of buses off the surrounding streets, where they discharge and pick up riders. For over 50 years, generations of public officials, on a bipartisan basis, have failed to secure any funding necessary to support environmental review, design, engineering and construction of this badly needed transportation improvement.

From the 1960s to today, there has been an explosion

in the number of commuters riding buses to Flushing and transferring to the subway. This has been complemented by a huge growth of commercial businesses accompanied by the demolition of homes to support construction of apartment houses and multi-family homes in the surrounding neighborhood. Just walk in any direction from the corner of Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue in downtown Flushing and see for yourself. Buses traveling to, from and through downtown Flushing move at slow speeds due to excess traffic not only during rush hour but also off peak. This results in a longer commute for riders and periodic bunching of buses on many routes.

Construction of a climate-

controlled intermodal bus terminal could assist in improving traffic and pedestrian circulation in and around the intersection of Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue along with the rest of downtown Flushing. Over 60,000 rush hour No. 7 subway riders and thousands more off peak would be protected from heat, cold, rain, snow and winds. There could be a smoother transfer between the bus and subway. Opportunities would still be available for air rights above the bus terminal for parking, joint development of retail, office and/or residential units, including affordable housing.

How disappointing that no elected official has ever stepped forward to honor this

commitment from decades ago. The New York City Department of Housing, Preservation and Development recently announced plans to build 260 units of affordable housing which would also reserve 60 units for seniors at the Flushing Municipal Parking Lot 3. This facility is located just off of Main Street adjacent to the Flushing Long Island Rail Road station. It is only two short blocks away from the intersection of Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue along with the Flushing 7 subway station. While there are other locations in and around Flushing for construction of affordable housing, Municipal Lot 3 is the last opportunity for construction of any viable intermodal bus terminal that

could provide reasonable bus to subway transfers.

Why not combine this project with plans to improve the existing Flushing LIRR station? Use Municipal Parking Lot 3 for building an intermodal bus terminal instead of current plans for construction of affordable and senior housing. Over 60,000 rush hour plus thousands more off-peak riders could benefit by a transportation improvement versus less than 1,000 potential housing tenants. Diogenes is still looking for any MTA board member or public official to add this project to the MTA's proposed 2015-2019 Capital Plan.

Larry Penner
Great Neck

Give America hope

What is urgently needed to help resolve the crisis in America's deprived urban and rural areas is for Congress to create a domestic Marshall Plan, similar to the one George C. Marshall called for in a 1947 speech at Harvard. His European recovery program of \$12 billion from Congress restored war-torn Europe to pre-war conditions.

Washington needs to develop “access opportunities” to rescue urban and rural youth who live in poverty. My idea is to create Rescue American Youth (RAY),

somewhat like FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), which provided work for 250,000 young men in reclamation projects across America. My “ray of hope” should focus on education and employment—to move poverty-stricken youth into mainstream America.

I was pleased to learn that Kweisi Mfume, a well-respected former Maryland congressman, is also calling for an American Marshall Plan.

Anthony G. Pilla
Forest Hills

Punishment must fit the crime

Interestingly, the Democratic versus Republican fence in the City Council has been torn down with the recent joint proposal of Councilmen Lancman (D) and Ulrich (R) for more diversion routes (in lieu of punishment) in “veterans courts” for veteran criminals in lockstep with Mayor de Blasio's task force on behavioral health and the criminal justice system, whose recommendations are premised upon the false conclusion that the social environment-mental disorder complex determines sociopathic behavior and criminal acts.

Although environmental factors may influence a person's personality and mental health status (in addition to genetic factors), they certainly do not determine a person's decisions and actions, which are freely motivated by the human will.

In Messrs. Lancman and

Ulrich's misguided efforts to streamline the criminal justice system, their Get Out of Jail Free modus operandi, even in cases of non-violent crimes, is actually unjust towards the victims of the crimes, targeted by miscreants who, in the absence of criminal insanity, choose to perpetrate their crimes. Further, the factor of deterrence of crimes due to the threat of punishment (fines and/or incarceration) is eliminated. The “reform” policies of these carbon-copy liberals shall actually result in an expansion of criminals in every community and increased recidivism.

Presently, the plea bargain routes in the state Supreme Court for pre- or post-trial remand to rehabilitation (the ubiquitous “rehab”) are just a concession to the excuse of environmental determinism, and a failure perpetuating a lifetime of substance abuse

and associated crimes.

The public, as well, needs to be protected from criminal predators, no matter how venial or mortal their crimes may be, none of which are victimless. There remains a requirement in any just society towards retributive justice (for the victim and the criminal) and social order. The more these liberals in the City Council “reform” the criminal justice system, decriminalize crimes, and tie the hands of the NYPD, the more we shall see rampant criminality and anarchy in New York City. Then you can thank Mayor de Blasio, Council Speaker Mark-Viverito, Public Advocate James and all the other leftist loons in the New York City Council for their “progressive” myopia.

Joseph N. Manago
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Latino Leadership Institute shapes a generation



Tom Allon
■
Mayoral Spin Cycle

In a world dominated by skyrocketing tuitions and onerous student loans, the Latino Leadership Institute stands out in being able to provide a superlative education to young people who would otherwise not be able to afford it — for free.

That's right, free.

The organization, which pays the City University of New York for the space it occupies, does not charge for the excellent instruction it provides in that space. Everyone there, including the instructors—featuring noted experts like election lawyer Jerry Goldfeder—donates his or her considerable skills and expertise.

In this day, age, and city, this is nothing short of a small miracle.

Led by New York politico

and visionary Jaime Estades, the institute was started in 1999 and has continued building its influence through the years, turning out graduates that have gone on to successful careers in politics and community organizing in New York and throughout the country.

Although its mission statement says the organization exists “to empower Latinos and other minorities by increasing their participation in the democratic process,” Estades is quick to point out that it is no longer an Latino-only academy.

“More than half of the students each year are white, African-American, and Asian combined,” he said.

Much has been made lately by politicians and pundits alike of the growing political importance of Latino voters in elections. According to the Pew Research Center, the Latino demographic in America has grown six-fold since 1970 and, in fact, Asians and Latinos are now the fastest rising demographic groups in the

country.

In an important development for U.S. cities, nationally Latinos are displacing African-Americans as the dominant urban minority. Recently, a pollster for presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio said that the GOP must top 40 percent with Latinos to win the White House in 2016.

In short, there has never been a better time for the Latino Leadership Institute and others like it to be educating young minds and preparing them for the political and social justice battles of the future.

One shining example is recent graduate Sandra Hughes O'Brien, who garnered 2.1 million votes statewide to become the first Latino elected to the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

“Currently, I am in the third year of my eight-year term,” she said. “The Latino Leadership Institute played a huge part in my winning.”

So it was no surprise to me when, in Lower Manhattan a couple of weeks ago, an event

took place heralding the institute that has also produced such notable New York movers as Shaun D. Francois, President Local 372; Marvin Holland, Political Action Director TWU Local 100; Anthony Perez, Executive Director, Bronx County Democratic Party; and CUNY Dreamers Monica Sibiri, Jazmin Cruz and Ana Guillcatanda.

One by one, local political luminaries took the stage and spoke passionately of the positive impact that this remarkable organization and its leader have had on politics and leadership in New York.

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Congressman Charles Rangel, Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright, Assemblyman Keith Wright, Anthony Wells, President Local 371, John Samuelson, President TWU Local 100 and many others, all spoke of the commitment to the education of budding young leaders in the areas of public policy, electoral politics, ethics, La-

tino history and more.

The Institute has had many success stories like this one and they all lead to one inevitable conclusion: While it may be Sen. Marco Rubio, Sen. Ted Cruz, and others who are the political influencers in this generation, it will almost certainly be Jaime Estades' Latino Leadership Institute and others like them who will be developing the young leaders who will shape America in the next generation.

Moments to savor are rare in politics and, indeed, even when contemplating the future of our country sometimes, but when I think about the Latino Leadership Institute and other organizations like it, I get the feeling that America's future just might be in good hands after all.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

Queens high schools accomplish much in 2014-15



Bob Harris
■
The Civic Scene

As the 2014-2015 school year ends, I again print some of the many fine things happening in our high schools.

Richmond Hill HS's team won second place at North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital's First SPARK Video Contest. After learning about career pathways in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) the students produced a video. Five hundred students from many counties took part in the event.

August Martin HS hosted a hip-hop culinary competition. The students prepared dishes related to hip-hop lyrics. The event, called Stay Hungry, is the first of its kind. Professional cooks judged the

dishes based on cooking time, description of the dish, presentation and creativity of the use of lyrics. August Martin won second place.

Pan American International HS, Elmhurst, has an Internship Program. Students are placed in positions for the latter half of their school day where they receive work experience and school credit.

Long Island City HS, Queens Vocational & Technical HS, and Thomas Edison HS students took part in the 15th Annual NYC FIRST Robotics competition. Each school in the competition receives several boxes of similar parts. They have to build a robot which performs specific activities only using these parts.

The new Maspeth HS presented the March of Dimes with a check for \$1,132 raised by 18 clubs and teams. The girls soccer team also raised \$1,000 for cancer by participating in the Making Strides Walk in Central Park.

The Humanities and the Arts HS in the Campus Magnet Complex, Cambria Heights has started producing a school newspaper called “The Humanities Tribune.” It is an eight-page newspaper full of fine stories about the school, the students and the teachers.

The Law, Government & Community Service HS in the Campus Magnet Complex is sponsoring two programs which are open to students in other schools in the complex. Project Hype is a mentoring and tutoring program for boys in the sports teams in the complex. Rose, formerly called Blossom, is a mentoring program for girls which works to improve their self-esteem and prepare them for college.

The Business, Computer Applications and Entrepreneurship HS in the Campus Magnet Complex has an outstanding Virtual Enterprise International program. The VE class is operated as if it was a company selling a product

which in this case is education training apps. The students learn how to operate a company. They won second place in the Marketing Brochure competition at a recent VE Trade Fair in Manhattan.

Hillcrest HS is a large urban school which has been divided into nine Institutes or Small Learning Communities with the help of a Bill and Melinda Gates \$1 million grant several years ago. Each Institute is in a separate section of the building and specializes in a different career field.

Thomas Edison HS in Jamaica is a Career Technical education school. It has a SkillsUSA Club, a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working to enrich the student's stay at Edison HS. The club does community service and supports the activities of other clubs in the school.

Martin Van Buren HS, in eastern Queens, is partnering with Syracuse University Project Advance to provide

students with high school and Syracuse University credit. Four MVB HS teachers went to Syracuse to take the necessary training to teach college courses in their school.

The Francis Lewis HS Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, Fresh Meadows, is the only school in its brigade to receive a U.S. Defense Department honor with distinction award for receiving a perfect score for their activities. The Lewis JROTC unit was formed in 1994.

Newtown HS has a very distinctive guitar ensemble. This award-winning group has entertained groups in communities all over New York City.

Cricket is a sport growing in high schools all over Queens. Schools which have teams are John Adams, Jamaica, Springfield Gardens, Martin Van Buren, Richmond Hill and Hillcrest. This year Richmond Hill was the winner with John Adams, last year's champs, taking second place.

To see where technology is going, look back



Lenore
Skenazy

■
*Rhymes
with Crazy*

As you fantasize about getting yourself the very coolest, hippest, newest gadget on the block—an Apple Watch, that is—pause for a moment to consider the perspective of the stunned and shaken Bradley Johnson.

Johnson is a director at Advertising Age magazine, the bible of the marketing business (and a place where I worked eons ago), who recently set himself a kind of crazy task. He would look through 85 years of issues to search for “The beginning of everything”—everything being technologies that changed the way we communicate.

The idea was to create a special issue of the magazine, which he did. It was so fascinating, I called him up to hear more. What did the technologies look like as they emerged? Who saw the promise? Who changed with the

times? And what can Apple learn from Zenith?

Oh please, dear reader. You’ve never heard of Zenith? That’s like never having heard of MySpace!

MySpace. It was like Facebook, except—well, never mind.

Zenith began as a radio company in the 1920s. It introduced the first portable radio in 1924. In the ’50s, it started making televisions, and in the ’60s, it made color televisions. To own a Zenith was to own the classiest gadget around. It gave you bragging rights.

Meantime, RCA—as in Radio Corporation of America—was right there, too.

“Both those brands made the jump from radio to television,” said Johnson. He spent days reading old articles about their incredible foresight and brilliant marketing. “Yet fast-forward and Zenith is technically now owned by LG. And RCA is—” he paused. “I don’t know if it’s even a factor in the consumer electronics market. The kings today are Samsung, LG and to a lesser extent, Sony.”

Somewhere along the way, the early giants lost their mojo.

And how about IBM? Sure,

it is still a huge company and I loved watching Watson kill on “Jeopardy!” but it isn’t the juggernaut it was in the ’60s. As Johnson looked over the old ads from that era, “The most beautiful tech advertising that I came across was for the IBM electric typewriter. The hot product at the time was the Selectric—the typewriter with the ball element in it, the pinnacle of typewriters. If you’re an executive and you have that sitting on your secretary’s desk in the ’60s, that’s a sign of success.”

The machines were so sleek and iconic, IBM’s print ads for them were simple: Show the object, light it well, and wait for the orders to flood in. In fact, they reminded Johnson of ads for Apple.

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These days you can still sometimes find a Selectric at a garage sale.

Hmm.

If the companies were caught flat-footed over and over, was there anyone who truly understood where technology was taking us?

Turns out there was: An ad exec named E.B. Weiss, who wrote a column in *Ad Age* in the ’50s and ’60s.

“I was not familiar with

Weiss,” said Johnson. But reading those old issues of the magazine, “I was stunned by his prescience.”

In his 1960s column, Weiss actually wrote that someday, “It will be possible to communicate with anyone, anywhere, at any time, by voice, sight or written message— instantaneously. All information will be instantly recorded— instantaneously retrievable.”

Johnson’s jaw dropped as he read more Weiss: “Ultimately, individuals equipped with miniature television transmitter-receivers will communicate directly with one another worldwide, using personal channels similar to today’s personal telephone— and just as simply.”

Weiss also told the *Mad Men* of the hippie era that television, books and magazines will be “converted into identical bits of energy for transmission over any distance,” and a “home console” will allow people to perform “functions that previously could be performed only in the business office.”

Weiss was in his sixties in the ’60s, and saw almost exactly where we were going.

Zenith, RCA—and let’s not forget Kodak—did not.

Oh, they had a good run.

Someday, maybe around 2115, some curious historian may paw through dusty posts from the day when people read blogs to find out: “What’s Apple?”

The kind Apple—and Facebook, and Uber, etc., etc.—are enjoying now. But someday, maybe around 2115, some curious historian may paw through dusty posts from the days when folks read blogs (how quaint!) and have to Google (or whatever they’ll be doing by then) to find out: “What’s Apple?”

So don’t feel too bad if you can’t afford one of those watches.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker and founder and writer of the book and blog Free-Range Kids.

Celebrating even the hardest part of Ramadan



Sadeef
Ali Kully

■
*Guest
column*

Ramadan, the holy fasting month for Muslims, started for me and my TimesLedge colleague Madina June 18 at the TimesLedge office. During Ramadan, Muslims fast—no eating or drinking at all—from sunrise to sundown.

Just to make things clear, I have been fasting during Ramadan for a long time so the idea of fasting is not anything new for me.

But this year things are a

bit different, Muslims in New York would be fasting for over 17 hours because of the long days. I do not remember ever having to fast this long and I could already imagine the hunger and thirst that I’d feel while I was out in the heat, reporting all over the borough. Would I be able to survive?

As I write this, I am about six days into Ramadan and while my news editor eats a burger and fries that exude the grease smell that I love—I am surviving.

The first week of the fasting can be the hardest part. That’s the time when your body has to physically adjust to its new regimen.

But as for me, what I am really in mourning for, is lunch.

On the first day I fasted, I had two meetings, I cannot really recall what happened during those meetings, because I was too busy thinking about food. I kept daydreaming about the chicken nacho soup I had last week from Bayside Natural Market and mourning how I would not have lunch with some of my colleagues for the next 30 days.

As a Muslim, that is shameful. I am supposed to own my hunger and really feel it because there are people in the world who cannot remedy their hunger or quench their thirst in an instant. I am supposed to overcome these feelings in order to achieve self-control over desire. During Ramadan, Muslims are also

supposed to refrain from gossiping, and to avoid anger or lust. But here I am sitting at my desk, thinking about my morning coffee and all that it means to me, just as if it were a lost lover.

Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam, which also includes the testimony of faith, prayer five times a day, charity and the holy pilgrimage to Mecca. It is during the month of Ramadan that, Islam’s holy book, the Quran, was revealed to the people by Islam’s Prophet Muhammad.

The ritual of breaking a fast is the best part for me. My family spends a couple of hours in the kitchen putting together our favorite dishes, then we eat and drink. Every fast is broken with a tra-

ditional date and is followed any regular or special meal.

While fasting, I spent the morning at Jamaica Bay, covered a job workshop at Queens Library and reported on Jamaica Business Improvement District’s annual meeting which included cream cheese and bagels that I could smell a mile away.

Despite my food mourning, I do feel better physically compared to the first day and it is only suppose to get easier from here on out. Happy Ramadan!

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Alley Pond salt marsh sees revitalization effort

The Natural Areas Conservancy led a volunteer effort Saturday to restore the salt marsh at Alley Pond Park in Little Neck, which was damaged by debris and trash from severe weather and Hurricane Sandy.

The conservancy, which is a non-profit organization that partners with the city Parks Department to rehabilitate areas of environmental concern, took in about two dozen volunteers from New York City and Nassau County. They cleared debris and planted over 1,000 clusters of smooth cordgrass and salt-marsh bulrush, both of which are native to the salty soil of that section of the park.

“The debris was smothering the native grasses and if left sitting on the marsh, it would eventually prevent any vegetation from growing back,” said Hunter Armstrong, a spokesman for NYC Parks. “Reduced vegetation can lead to erosion and less habitat for wildlife.”

As an inlet to the Little Neck Bay, Alley Pond Park has several wetlands over its 600 acres, both freshwater and saltwater. The salt marsh where volunteers focused their efforts is at the mouth of the bay in the northeast cor-



Volunteer Rebecca Gorney plants grass native to Alley Pond Park's salt marsh.

Courtesy of Natural Areas Conservancy

ner of the park near the Cross Island Parkway.

Weeks prior to Saturday's effort, the Natural Areas Conservancy organized volunteers to remove tons of lumber that washed up from docks and pilings during major storms, filling a 20-foot dumpster.

~Tom Momberg

State lawmakers pass bill to change nail salon field

BY MADINA TOURE

State lawmakers passed legislation introduced by state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing) that would target unlicensed nail salons but also protect vulnerable workers.

“This legislation will create a new pathway toward certification for new workers, who are mostly female immigrants entering the nail business and will punish unscrupulous business owners who are operating without a license,” Kim said in a statement.

In 2014, the beauty salon industry added more than 40,000 jobs and generated more than \$3.2 billion in revenue in the state, Kim said.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the agreement addresses exploitation in the workplace.

“Our actions will make the nail salon industry safer and fairer, and I am proud that New York is standing up to protect workers who cannot protect themselves,” Cuomo said in a statement.

The legislation would create a new nail specialty certification program so individuals can train while working

at a business specializing in waxing, nails, hair, skin services and natural hair braiding to be eligible for a nail technician license.

The bill also requires state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to start a court action against owners who continue to operate without a license despite a cessation order.

Businesses that operate without a license, or when under suspension or revocation or in violation of a cessation order, would face a misdemeanor charge with a penalty of up to six months in prison and/or a \$2,500 fine.

The secretary of state would be able to issue a cessation order after a hearing demonstrates a lack of bond or liability insurance and would be punishable by a \$2,500 civil penalty.

Prostitution and sex trafficking convictions could result in reprimand, suspension and revocation of any license or registration under the appearance enhancement article.

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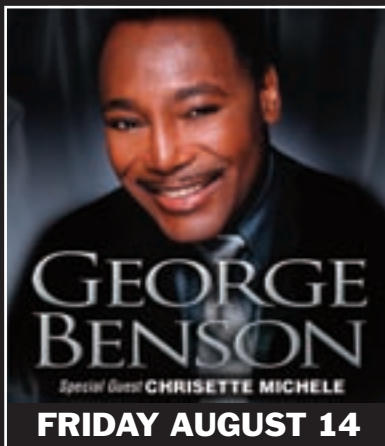
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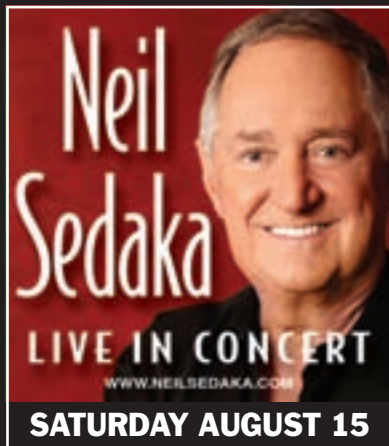
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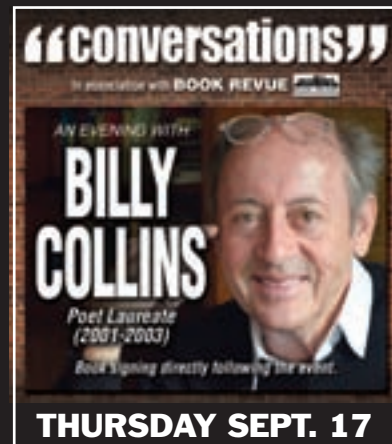
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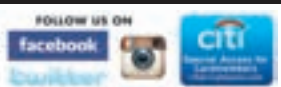


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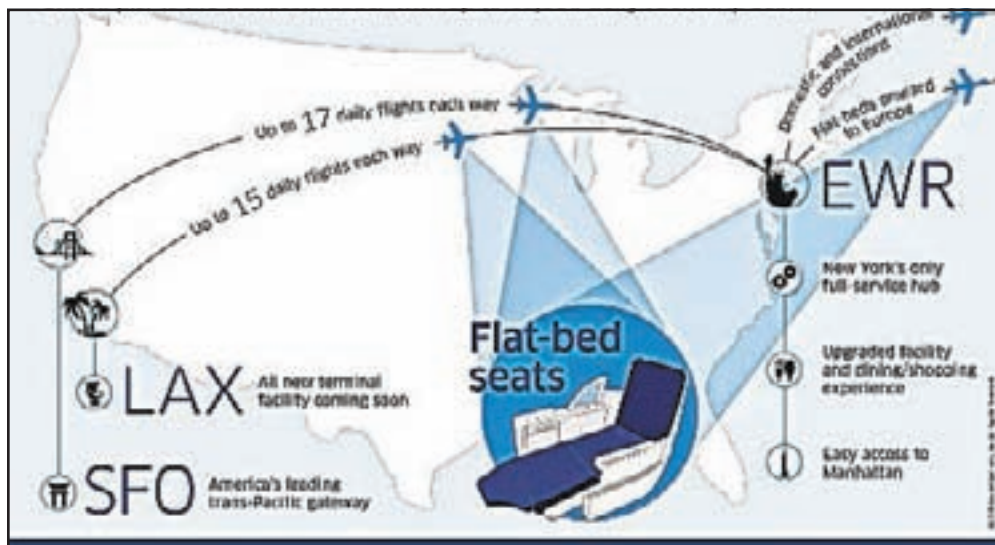
BY SADEF ALI KULLY

United Airlines announced that it would leave John F. Kennedy International Airport permanently by Oct. 25 and move its West Coast daily flights to Newark Liberty International Airport.

Located in Terminal 7 at JFK, United Airlines said it plans on selling its JFK flight slots. Delta Air Lines plans to acquire United's JFK flight slots in a swap arrangement under which United would acquire Delta's flight slots in Newark. Each transaction is subject to regulatory approval.

United currently has 15 daily flights to San Francisco and up to 14 daily flights to Los Angeles from Newark Airport. At JFK, it has seven daily flights to San Francisco and six daily flights to Los Angeles.

Despite its move from JFK, United said it would maintain a significant presence at LaGuardia Airport, where the airline flies 37 daily departures to several of its domestic hubs, including Chicago, Denver, Houston and Washington-



United Airlines will move from JFK Airport to Newark Liberty International Airport in October due to the lack of profit made over the last seven years.

PRNewsFoto/United Airlines

Dulles.

United said the airlines was not serving enough passengers with the current options.

"For our West Coast passengers, the Kennedy service was effectively terminating their trip," Rahsaan Johnson, spokesman for United Airlines, said.

"JFK has been unprofitable for the last seven years for United," Johnson said. "With the extent of operations at Newark, we can provide for more customers, provide more service and do it profitably."

United Airlines' JFK employees will have the option of either relocating to another

airport or leaving the company altogether, Johnson said.

"The introduction of premium service to Newark Liberty, the New York/Newark region's premier airport, offers Los Angeles and San Francisco travelers the highest levels of service in the air and on the ground," said Jim Compton,

United's vice chairman and chief revenue officer. "We are investing in the three critical components of the travel experience for our customers—our network, our product and our facilities."

United said that beginning Oct. 25, all regularly scheduled Newark-Los Angeles and Newark-San Francisco flights will offer flat-bed seats, more extra-legroom Economy Plus seats than any other carrier, in-flight Wi-Fi and personal on-demand entertainment with individual seat-back monitors and power ports for customers in every row.

The airline also said it will make a multimillion-dollar investment to renovate United's Terminal C lobby at Newark and bring its new airport lounge design concept to all United Club locations at Newark Liberty.

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Rainbow store to exit

The Rainbow store in the Whitestone Shopping Center will be closing after more than 40 years of serving shoppers in the area.

The apparel chain, located at 153-39 Cross Island Parkway, has been offering junior and plus-size clothing, shoes and accessories for women and teens.

Devon O'Connor, president of the Welcome to Whitestone Civic Association, said the announcement "came out of nowhere" and he was not aware that business was slow at the store.

He said it could be an indication of changing times as people can buy clothes online now.

"Nowadays, you can purchase clothing and different kinds of things online from the comfort of your own home," O'Connor said. "You can be anywhere, on your iPhone, smartphone, whatever. It's definitely a sign that things are changing."

He said the store is a staple in the area, noting that people have been



The Rainbow store in the Whitestone Shopping Center is closing.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Fuchs

shopping there for a long time.

"My mother, she's been here her entire life ... she used to shop there in the '80s and I have people writing on our Facebook page that they were shopping there in the '60s," he said.

Dads reconnect with kids

In celebration of Father's Day, the city Department of Youth and Community Development brought hundreds of fathers who don't have custody of their children together with their kids at the Queens Zoo on Saturday to reconnect over nature and animals.

The fathers, who came out for what was DCYD's eighth-annual Nurturing Through Nature Father's Day Celebration, are enrolled in the department's fatherhood programs, which help non-custodial fathers reconnect with their kin and develop essential parenting skills.

Children came from throughout the five boroughs to participate in a scavenger hunt, a parrot show, zoo tour and

even got a chance to hand feed some sea lions, while also connecting with their fathers, guardians or father figures.

DCYD's fatherhood programs provide children and dads with up to six months of case management by helping them with material and financial support as they navigate the engagement and responsibilities of family life.

The programs serve three different groups of fathers: Young fathers under the age of 24, older fathers and dads with a history in the criminal justice system. Visit www.nyc.gov/dycd for more information.

—Tom Momberg

City makes deal on Rikers reforms

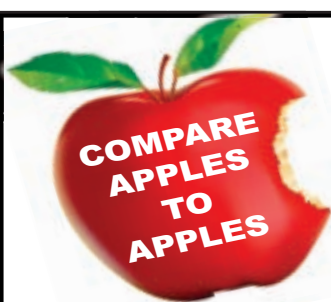
The city and the U.S. Justice Department agreed Monday on a package of comprehensive reforms at Rikers Island. The deal includes the appointment of a federal monitor, new policies restricting the use of force by guards and the installation of 7,800 surveillance cameras and a pilot program for body cameras on correction officers.

"Today's settlement builds upon the important changes this administration is bringing to our correctional system and reinforces the necessity of Commissioner (Joseph) Ponte's current reforms on Rikers Island," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. The deal comes after

months of negotiations after Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara joined a class-action lawsuit in December.

"This comprehensive framework requires the city to implement sweeping operational changes to fix a broken system and dismantle a decades-long culture of violence," Bharara said. "It's ongoing implementation will be overseen by the court and an independent federal monitor. Federal prosecutors will remain vigilant to ensure that the constitution protects each person within the walls of Rikers Island."

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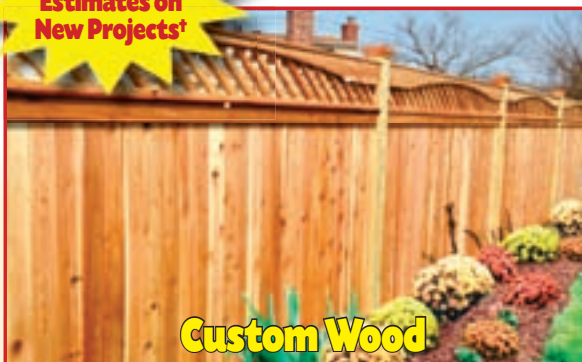


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Queens Library revitalizes employment aide program

BY SADEF ALI KULLY

The Queens Library has revamped the job search workshop that the library conducts at several of its locations across the borough.

The Consortium for Worker Education and Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow have partnered with Queens Library to train and place New Yorkers in living-wage jobs.

"This program is different because we will provide each individual with the services they need to get ready to work, to build specific skills, and then help place them in a career-track job," said Debbie Buxton, deputy executive director for Workforce Training at Consortium for Worker Education.

The program is available at the library's Central Branch in Jamaica, as well as the Astoria, Long Island City and Laurelton community libraries. The new services will also be provided at the Ridgewood

Community Library when it reopens following renovation.

"They bring an extra dimension to the services the library already provides, with additional and more advanced training resources and part-time job counselors who will work right in our libraries," said Bridget Quinn-Carey, the interim president and CEO of Queens Library.

The new program builds on the existing job assistance services at Queens Library. At each of the five library branches, residents will have access to workshops facilitated by employment counselors and job readiness services. Initial training will include computer skills, resumé writing and job interview practice. Each library will be paired with a community organization to assist with specific vocational training and job placement.

"We provide a lot once we assess their need to prepare them for their future job," said Nicole Mason, corporate re-

cruiter at OBT. Towards the end of the workshop, Mason approached one of the participants, Dawn Paulette Carter, with a job opportunity.

Carter, a 64-year-old certified fitness specialist, left the position she had held for 11 years after she felt growing ageism in the workplace. She started the workshop so that she could improve her resumé and look for opportunities.

"I want to go beyond just fitness specialist—health promotion has always been important to me," she said.

The new library programs are funded by the City Council, which has made job training and placement a priority through funding for the Consortium for Worker Education Jobs to Build On program.

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District 29 candidate backed by Dem leaders



Alicia Hyndman, the frontrunner for the District 29 Assembly seat, is an education activist who has strong support from state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-Hollis) to take William Scarborough's place.

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BY SADEF ALI KULLY

Alicia Hyndman, Democratic candidate for William Scarborough's state Assembly seat, is one of the first contenders to announce her campaign for the special elections.

Hyndman, a 43-year-old mother of two daughters, is

former president of the Community Education Council in District 29 and has been leading the education dialogue in southeast Queens for almost a decade.



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The Tale of Two de Blasios

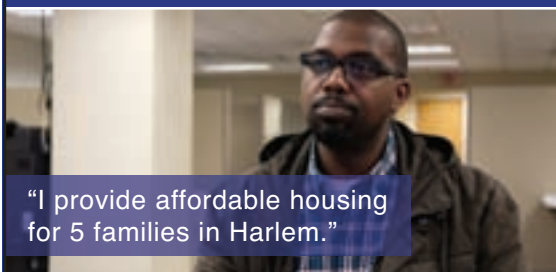
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Simotas' prenatal care for all bill passes

BY BILL PARRY

New York state has become the first in the nation to advance legislation to ensure prenatal care for all after lawmakers in both chambers passed a bill, last week to make pregnancy a qualifying event for enrollment in a health insurance plan. The legislation, introduced by state Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria), followed a report by city Comptroller Scott Stringer that highlighted the need for expanded access to vital prenatal care.

Under current law, New Yorkers can enroll in a health insurance plan only during a designated open enrollment period, unless they experience a qualifying event triggering a special enrollment period. Qualifying events include marriage, divorce and gaining citizenship, among others.

While giving birth opens enrollment, becoming pregnant does not. This legislation closes this loophole, allowing women who become pregnant to apply for insurance at any



Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas presents her argument in favor of prenatal care for all during a recent floor debate.
Photo courtesy Aravella Simotas

time and guarantees access to prenatal care.

"Today, New York State took a major step towards establishing access to prenatal care as a right for all women, regardless of income," Simotas said June 18. "I know firsthand how important prenatal care

is and I am so grateful to NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer for championing this issue."

Stringer's report showed that the failure to provide prenatal care to mothers and their children hurts public health and the economy, and he urged Gov. Cuomo to "sign

this bill into law."

Joan Malin, the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of New York, said, "It's essential that women who are uninsured when they become pregnant have the opportunity to get insurance through the Affordable Care Act outside

of the open enrollment period. This legislation will improve the health of pregnant women, their families, and their communities."

The following day, Simotas announced the passage of another bill to crack down on offenders who rub up against or ejaculate on another person on a bus, train or subway. The legislation passed by the Assembly and Senate increases penalties for these crimes.

"Grinding or ejaculating on a victim is a disgusting act that violates not only the individual but all of us who ride the subway," Simotas said. "The law must reflect that these crimes on public transportation are particularly egregious because riders are essentially captives of their attackers."

These offenses currently carry a maximum sentence of 90 days imprisonment or one year probation for the first offense. If the governor signs it, the legislation would raise the maximum sentence for the first time to one year in prison or three years probation.

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And the winner—by a considerable distance—is Ethiopian runner Ayele Megersa Feisa, 27, who ran more than six miles in 30 minutes and 14 seconds.



At the start, more than 8,600 runners lined up near the fountain waiting anxiously for the starting horn.



At the finish line, runners who complete the 6.2-mile race get a medal, no matter how fast or slow their times.

Rain puts no damper on Queens 10K race

Photos by Michael Shain

New York Road Runners' flagship event in Queens returned to Flushing Meadows Corona Park Sunday, bringing out 8,650 runners for the 2015 Queens 10-Kilometer Race.

A night of heavy rain Saturday made for a humid run, but that did not discourage runners. Both men's and women's races had fast times. Etaferahu Temesgen won the women's race, setting a new women's course record of 33 minutes and 16 seconds.

The top finishers among Queens residents were Sunnyside's Jerry Faulkner, 25, who came in fifth in the men's race with a time of 31:54, and Mekides Bekele, 28, of Jackson Heights, who placed fifth in the women's race with a time of 40:04.

Welcoming runners onto the 6.2-mile course was Deputy Borough President Melva Miller. The event also featured Queens bagpiper Darius Kauffman, who performed at the course's four-mile marker.

Queens was the third 10K in the New York Road Runners' Five-Borough Series. The next race will be the Bronx 10-Mile Sept. 27. —Tom Momberg



Getting a head start on the elite runners, Alexander Garrett of Jamaica Hills has been running competitively, he says, since he was in grade school.

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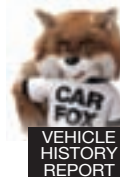
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COMPILED BY MICHAEL SHAIN



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng introduced seven Queens youngsters she nominated for U.S. service academies this year, including 6-foot-6 Zachart Kurre of Glendale, who is off to West Point next month. "From now on, the Army can find pants to fit him," his mother said. Photo by Michael Shain

The Grover Cleveland High School Science Club celebrates its three top finishes in the Citywide Science Olympiad Competition with Council member Elizabeth Crowley. Photo courtesy of Council member Crowley



The sport of indoor bike racing is making a comeback with this unusual night in Maspeth where more than 40 local riders, including Tyrone Williams (shown here), compete on a figure-8 track. Photo courtesy of Red Bull/Alex Goodlett

Three classmates from The Alley Pond School (PS46), (l-r) Anthony, Marcus and Jamal, in Oakland Gardens celebrating their elementary school graduation. Photo by Julie Weissman



On Father's Day weekend, Jamaica residents cleaned up an abandoned lot and former park at 109th Avenue and 171st Street. Photo courtesy of cleanupjamaicaqueens.com

Veritas Academy in Flushing held Student Recognition Night for top achievers with a 90-plus average and more than 10 hours of community service. Courtesy of Veritas Academy

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You can prevent sunburn and related conditions by protecting your skin. Dr. Jonathan Trager, a board certified dermatologist at Flushing Hospital Medical Center, recommends that whenever you are outdoors, "even on cool or cloudy days, use a sunscreen with SPF 15 daily, even under your make-up."

Here are some tips to ensure proper protection against harmful UV rays:

- Don't wait until you are in the sun to apply sunscreen. Sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes before exposure to the sun.
- Make sure to use a sunscreen with a high enough SPF. Sunscreens with a SPF of 30 block 97% of the of UV rays.
- Use sunscreens that protect against both UVA and UVB rays, usually labeled "broad spectrum" on the container.
- Don't forget commonly missed body parts like your feet, underarms, back of the

neck, ears and hands.

- Choose a water-resistant sunscreen if you plan on swimming or being physically active. Non-resistant versions tend to run off in the water or when you perspire.

- Make sure you apply enough. This can be difficult with the more popular spray-on sunscreens. When applying, hold the can six inches away from your skin so you can see the moisture cover your skin.

- Protect your lips, but don't use the same sunscreen you use on your body. Instead, buy a lip balm with SPF protection.

"Getting a base tan will not protect you from sunburn and is not a substitute for using sun protection," says Dr. Trager, who also recommends that you reapply throughout the day, every 90 minutes, if possible, to maintain skin health.

If you follow these tips the next time you are outdoors this summer, you can avoid painful burns or even more serious, long-term conditions.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Trager, or another one of our dermatologists, please call the Ambulatory Care Center at 718-670-5486.

Styrofoam containers on their way out in city

BY SHANNA FULD

After July 1, the city will no longer permit restaurants to use EPS products, commonly referred to as Styrofoam, a good and cheap insulator used to hold food and beverage products.

There will be a six-month grace period from July 1 until Jan. 1, 2016 during which businesses will be permitted to use whatever Styrofoam products they have in stock. Restaurants will be warned and fines will kick in after the new year. Non-profits and small businesses earning less than \$500,000 in annual revenue may apply for hardship exemptions. The city Department of Education is replacing the typical foam lunch tray with compostable trays.

The reason for the ban is that Styrofoam is not a biodegradable material, though it can be recycled into other materials. Store owners using Styrofoam cups, bowls and containers will need to switch to materials like plastic or paper for their take-out products. This means that Queens businesses will be affected since the new containers are expected to cost more than Styrofoam, in many cases..

The impact is likely to range greatly. Restaurants owned by corporations stand to be less affected, while smaller businesses will need to make significant changes.

The local Dunkin Donuts may seem like a small neighborhood hub, but in reality, their policies are set by the big guys at Dunkin' Brands. Senior Director of Corporate Social Responsibility



The citywide ban on plastic foam takeout containers kicks in July 1.

Photo courtesy of newswire.net

Christine Miller said that for now all the city's Dunkin Donuts branches will use a No. 5 recyclable polypropylene cup that complies with the regulations. This cup is accepted in the city recycling program. However, the company plans on continuing an investigation to find the best cup ecologically and economically and will come up with a new decision by the end of 2015.

But it's not going to be a corporate decision for the many family-owned restaurants in Queens.

"It's definitely going to change prices," said Felix Hernandez, store manager of Krave It restaurant on Bell Boulevard in Bayside,. Prices for sandwiches at Krave It now run from \$9.50 to \$12, and Hernandez said the price of new, compliant containers could raise those prices between \$1.75 and \$2 per sandwich.

Restaurants that do not rely heavily on Styrofoam for take-out orders will not be subject to major changes, but

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2nd Ave. subway remains on track for 2016 opening

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria), speaking amid the din of construction on the Second Avenue subway, expressed hope the first phase of the long-sought project will be completed on schedule next year, but cautioned that delays would cost more millions.

"In May the MTA reported that the project was 65 percent finished—and it's now more than 83 percent complete," Maloney told the press assembled at 72nd Street and Second Avenue Friday for a progress report. She has shepherded, encouraged and brought in federal money for the project since the mid-1990s.

"That's good news, but they have a lot more to do if they are going to finish

it by December 2016," Maloney said, "We want to make sure they meet their target. I believe that in construction, time really is money. If the project goes long, costs will go up."

As Maloney spoke, workmen swarmed the upper floors of a new MTA building designed to house what the MTA terms ancillary equipment, including machinery involved in operation of subway trains.

When the first phase of the project is completed down to the 63rd Street station, the Q line from Queens will be diverted and become the Second Avenue subway. Ridership has grown on the N and Q trains in recent years, raising questions about what plans the MTA has to serve riders with only

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FROM TRASH TO TREASURE

Queens Botanical Garden hosts Trashion Fashion Show of recycled designer clothing

BY SHANNA FULD

Where one person may see a pile of garbage, another might envision haute couture.

To prove the point, more than two dozen women modeled dresses created from recycled materials during last weekend's Trashion Fashion Show at the Queens Botanical Garden.

"What you are going to see is designs that will make you rethink waste," Amy Merli, founder of the Trashion show said. "I had such a wonderful mix of designs [in NYC] compared to our other shows."

Designers had to create clothes out of garbage, changing waste into exquisite eco-friendly outfits.

The garden was buzzing with viewers, insects and birds on a sunny Father's Day as models strutted down the runway in their dresses.

Queens Botanical Garden Executive Director Susan Lacerte talked about living more environmentally and said the fashion show "inspires us every day to think what trash we can use."

To violinist David Marks' playing, models sashayed down the outdoor runway, passing shrubs and flowers and stopping for audience members to take photos. Many models were ballerinas, dancing down the runway in pointe shoes and striking athletic poses in their stunning dresses.

Designer Mary Ambrose made three pieces for the show, all part of her growing collection called Bird Seed.

The piece called Wild Bird Seed is made out of a bird-seed sack and was accessorized by a hat topped with a stuffed green bird. Another piece called Raven was worn by a fierce model with a feather fashioned to one of her eye's lashes. The dress could easily be worn for a fancy night out on the town. Using a template, Ambrose cut each feather for the Raven dress out of bicycle tire inner-tubes, which she said was a very forgiving material. The result was a black dress that looked as sleek and chic as leather. It was subtly highlighted with ruby red gems, some of which were fashioned into a bracelet as well.

"Everybody's got jewelry that I made," Ambrose pointed out. "The shawl [referring to the third piece] is all tire. There's a small hole in it. The local bike store saves the tires for me."

Another dashing example was a bridal gown fashioned by designer and wedding planner Pamela Bar-

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Hannah Sharp models Danielle DePalma's floor-length gown made from K-cup coffee containers.

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New York Pops to summer in Forest Hills

From Broadway tunes to '70s rock icons, musical acts volley back to tennis stadium

BY ERIC JANKIEWICZ



Conductor Steven Reineke leads the New York Pops in a performance at Isaac Stern Auditorium in Carnegie Hall earlier this year.
Photo courtesy Richard Termine

The New York Pops are shimmying over to the Forest Hills Stadium this summer with thousands of free tickets for students in the area.

The Pops recently announced that the stadium at the West Side Tennis Club would host its summer performances this year and for many summers to come. They are planning two shows in August. "The New York Pops is proud to call the Forest Hills Stadium its new summer home," Steve Reineke, the orchestra's music director and conductor, said.

"New York Pops concerts are all about having fun," he said. "I'm so happy to have such a great venue in New York City."

The orchestra's new outdoor summer home will give them a chance to get a little fresh air, Reineke said, since the orchestra plays indoors, at Carnegie Hall, during most of

the year.

The Pops will perform their first Forest Hills show Aug. 6 with Tony Award winner Sutton Foster, who will be bringing a Broadway-style performance to the outdoor stage.

The next day the Orgeon-

based group Pink Martini will join the orchestra "for a crazy and wild performance," Reineke said.

At Carnegie Hall, the Pops runs a program that offers tickets to 100 students for each concert. The Forest Hills pro-

gram will give out more than 1,000 tickets per concert for Queens kids. The stadium has more than 12,000 seats.

"This shows a true commitment to the community and to education," said Deborah Dillingham, a representative

for the Panel for Educational Policy, during an event at the stadium June 18.

The stadium, once the home of the U.S. Open before it moved to Flushing, used to hold regular musical performances, including visits from Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones.

After falling into disuse for many years, the stadium has recently reopened with performances by The Who, Mumford & Sons and Van Morrison. Upcoming performances this summer include shows by James Taylor (Aug. 4), Santana (Aug. 14) and Alabama Shakes with Drive-By Truckers (Aug. 19).

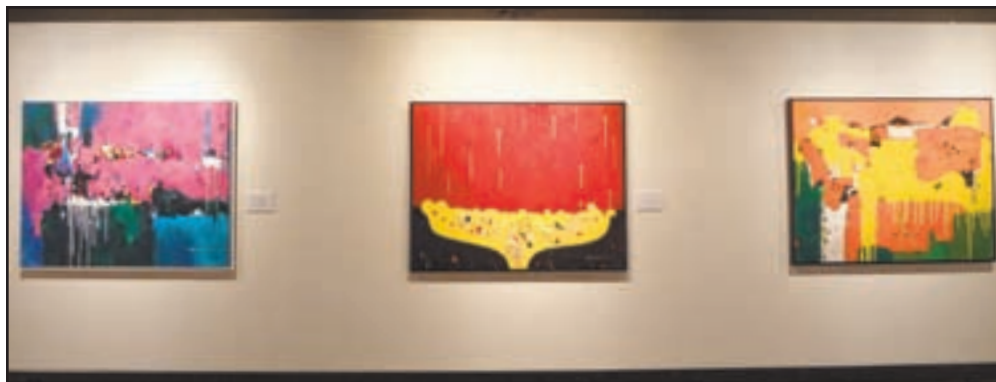
"Our stadium has been experiencing a revival," said Roland Meier, president of the West Side Tennis Club. "We rocked the neighborhood and we're doing it again."

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Artist celebrates intimacy and femininity in works

Taiwanese painter Sophie Wen-Shuo Yen's show hangs at Flushing's Hwang Gallery

BY SHANNA FULD



Three of Sophie Wen-Shuo Yen's paintings, "Spring Playing Its Melodic Scales" (l. to r.), "A Bed" and "Dense, Sweet," are currently on display at the Hwang Gallery in Flushing.
Photo by Shanna Fuld

An exhibit by Taiwanese artist Sophie Wen-Shuo Yen is bringing serenity and femininity to the Hwang Gallery high above the bustling streets of Flushing.

"We are extremely selective. You [the artist] can only be invited to do an exhibit, and there's no charge for the artist to do the show," John Hwang, gallery owner, said.

Hwang insists the artist give a lecture during the opening days of the exhibit. His interest in the artist even reaches to social levels. Hwang said he monitors the artist's social groups and keeps an eye out to make sure their main purpose continues to be art.

"Is it art or merchandise?" Hwang questioned.

Hwang believes the most integral part is that the artists hang onto the originality and passion for creation that they came with.

The gallery has two collections by Yen: one that had been done about five years ago called "Color Temperature"

and one that was recently finished, "Cutting Fragrance," after she gave birth to her child.

With 22 works in the show, the connection between all the pieces are the colors used, the employment of mixed media, and the recurring motifs of blood, flowers and femininity. The "Cutting Fragrance" collection showed larger works with great vibrant colors.

Yen is fascinated with seasons and often feels melancholy during autumn, and in the "Color Temperature"

works oranges, reds, yellows and other warm autumn colors exaggerate the bittersweet feelings of the season, the gallery's editorial assistant, B.J. Pang-Chieh, said.

The pieces are highly textured — mainly acrylic paintings on canvas with added floral cloths, dried acrylic paint, shiny paper and any other material she chooses. Yen often times writes poems to match her works of art.

Each piece in the gallery has a short caption, often, a

line from one of the poems. The poems can often be read erotically, but Yen says the eroticism is about her love for creation, leading to many of her pieces that embody femininity and birth.

Yen's Cesarean section changed her views of life and so many pieces are infused with paint drippings to resemble blood. The drips continue all the way down the canvas' because she actually tilted the pieces to get that effect.

"Spring Playing its Melodic

Scales" is a piece showing a cherry blossom tree's reflection in blue water. Its colors of deep blues and greens of the water are broken up with the dripping pinks and reds of the cherry blossoms and a slight bit of space to using yellow and white.

"A Bed" is probably the most intrusive and evocative piece, showing a large open flower and dripping yellow and red streams headed for the flower.

The deep contrast in the yellow and red is what makes the piece exceptional, not to mention the cloth flowers cut and placed in the center.

Yen's show continues through Sunday.

IF YOU GO

Sophie Wen-Shuo Yen

When: Through Sunday, June 28

Where: Hwang Gallery, 39-10 Main St., Third Floor, Flushing

Contact: (212) 225-8400

Website: www.hwanggallery.com



Contact: (646) 580-6003
Website: www.chain-theatre.org

"Guys and Dolls" — Luck be a lady, tonight, when the Rockaway Theatre Co. stages the classic American musical based on the stories of Damon Runyon.

When: June 26 - June 28, July 10 - July 12, July 16- July 19

Where: Rockaway Theatre Co., The Post Theatre, Fort Tilden, Far Rockaway

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

Contact: (718) 374-6400

Website: www.rockawaytheatrecompany.org

PRODUCTIONS

"Floyd Collins" — The musical, written by Adam Guettel and Tina Landau, is based on the true story of cave explorer Floyd Collins, who became trapped inside a cavern, and the country's first media circus that sprang up surrounding the rescue effort in 1925 Kentucky.

When: Through June 27; Friday and Saturday at 8 pm

Where: Ophelia Theater, 21-12 30th Road, Astoria

Cost: \$18, Sunday is pay what you can

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opheliatheatre.com

The 2015 Unchained Theatre Festival — For the third annual festival, 15 one-act and feature-length original plays will be staged at multiple times.

When: Through June 28

Where: The Chain Theatre, 21-28 45th Road, Long Island City

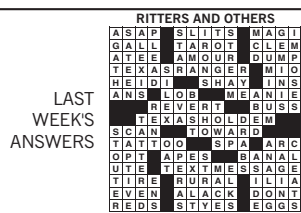
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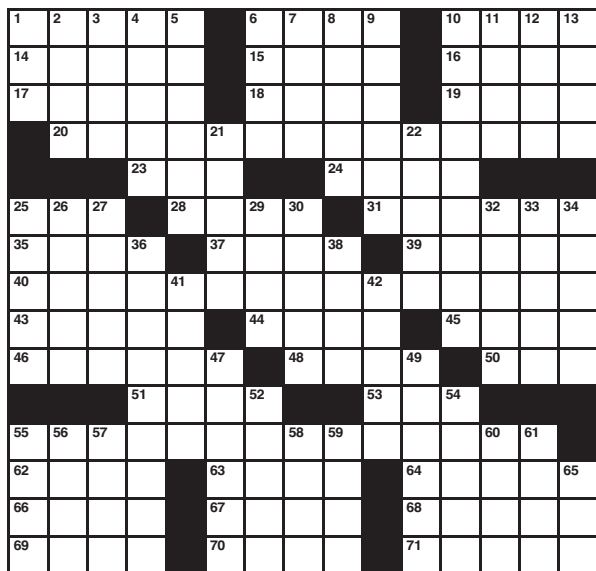
By Bill Deasy

Show the Way



Across

1. Masquerades
6. Arabia's Gulf of ____
10. Topic of FX's The Americans
14. "March comes in like ____."
15. Aesop's also-ran
16. "Pet" plant
17. ____ dive (throw a fight)
18. What lies in the Seine
19. Tiara features
20. Army college student
23. Actors' dialogue: Abbr.
24. Bit of saltwater?
25. Big inits. in camping
28. Goddess queen
31. Pressure
35. Best movie in 2012
37. Rockers ____ N' Roses
39. Clash
40. Tennis ace?
43. Prepare baby food, perhaps
44. Cabby's passenger
45. " ____ Yellow Ribbon..."
46. After a long wait
48. It may be presidential
50. Aut. opposite
51. Platelet goal
53. Crude dude
55. Follows the touchdown signal
62. Sautéing acronym, à la Rachael Ray



63. Tepee shape
64. Letters on a screen?
66. Grande and de Janeiro
67. "-- boy!"
68. U. S. Grant's foe
69. Stays on the bench
70. Norse god
71. Sudden outburst

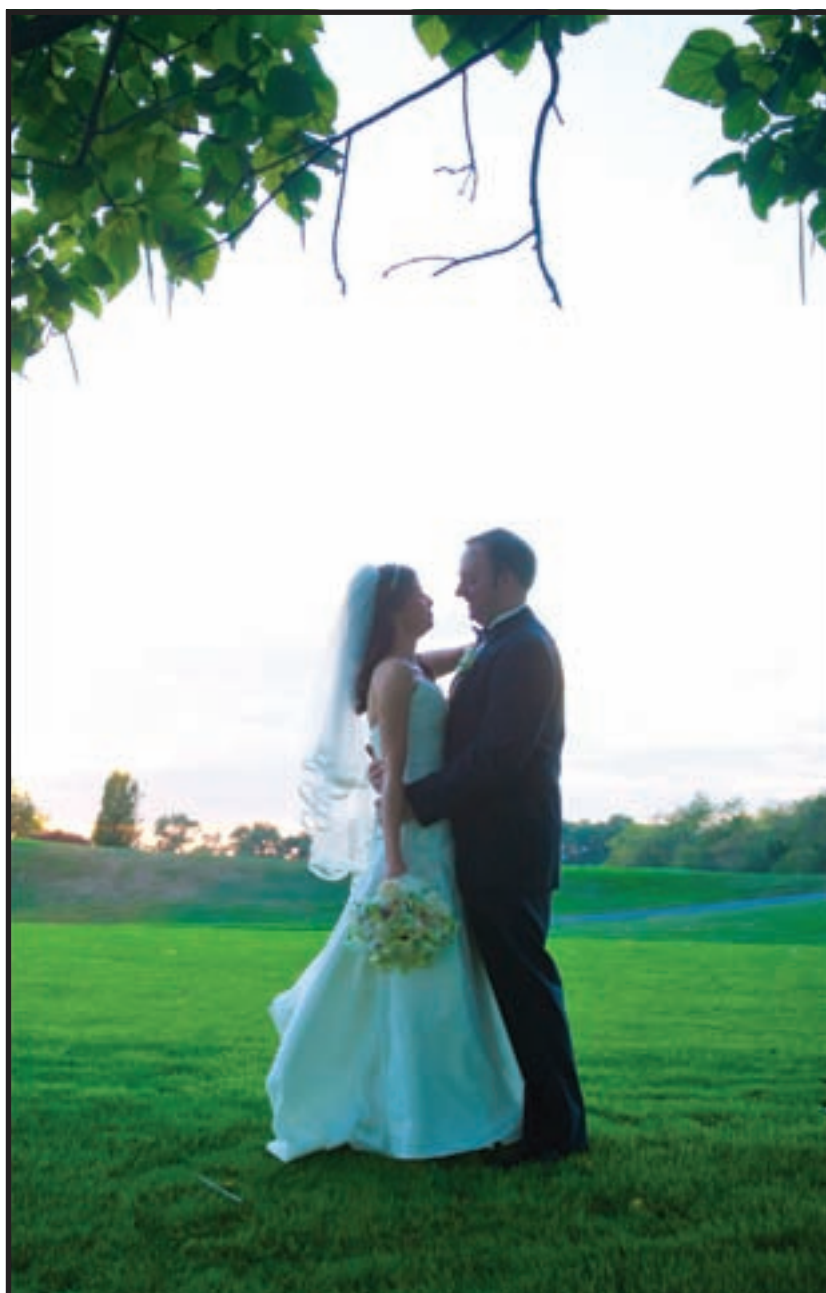
Down

1. Belfry resident?
2. ____ unto itself
3. Enjoy
4. Loam deposit.
5. Seize before it passes
6. 2004 battleground state
7. Timbuktu's place
8. ____ you done yet?

9. Like Russian dolls
10. Lead role in "Hawaii Five-0"
11. Expressed surprise
12. Lawn care product
13. It's right in your atlas
21. Competitor of Ragú
22. Effect's mate
25. Phi Beta ____
26. "In ____ -- make up your mind!"
27. "I Kissed ____": Katy Perry hit
29. Dennis' dog
30. Kournikova and others
32. Needle boxes
33. Penicillin treats it
34. 1 Down has this
36. First clue
38. Like bad losers

41. Coil inventor Nikola
42. Slam on the brakes, e.g.
47. Officer Dibble's nemesis
49. Kobe's squad
52. Gear part
54. ____ dozen (abundant)
55. Plural suffix with mountain
56. 1983 Super Bowl designation
57. Blow
58. Take ____ account
59. About to arrive
60. Don't raise
61. Chicken ____
65. "Dr. Hug" Buscaglia

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tlett. She posted a photo of a design on Instagram she made for a trashion show back home in Rhode Island, and was contacted by the organizers of the Queens show, who asked her to take part.

"These are grocery store shopping bags and beer can tabs that I painted white. I took quilting for a few years and got inspired," Bartlett said. "The bouquet is brooches and pins all together. Many are from my grandmother and I wanted to bring her with me."

The tabs had actually been woven together with the white shopping bags very smoothly and some tabs were kept silver, making a diamond design running down the front, into a triangle cut down the front to leave room for walking legs. Bartlett said that all the materials are made from garbage. It took her 180 hours of time and more than 5,000 can tabs, which she collected from family and friends who saw her requests on Facebook.

The bride modeling the dress, is actually to be married in August and has been Bartlett's model before.

"It's a little sticky walking and I can only get so far. I can't use the bathroom or anything like



Clockwise, from above, Alaysia Burgos (r.) sports a red-flower dress fashioned out of plastic bags and paper, Rose Orelup models her own creation composed of coffee filters, and Helen Phelan is dressed in Saul Rodriguez's wallpaper outfit. Rachana Talati (l.) wears Jess Brey's dress made from bubble wrap and small mirrors while Alexa Pagnani is dressed in Francis Sollano's design of melted plastic. Model Yomairy Cueto is shown wearing Mary Ambrose's outfit created out of bicycle tire inner tubes

Photos by Michael Shain

that in it and by the end of the day it's a little heavy," she said.

Merli currently participates in education programs in public and charter schools doing creative art-based programs using reusable materials as well as science and environmental protection courses to teach students about preserving our world.



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

EVENTS

Astoria Park Festival – A four-day celebration to kick off summer includes rides, games and entertainment.

When: Friday, June 26, 4 pm - 11 pm; Saturday, June 27, noon - midnight; and Sunday, June 28, noon - 11:30 pm

Where: Astoria Park parking lot, 19th Street and Hoyt Avenue North, Astoria

Cost: No admission fee, but rides, games and food available at additional cost

Historic New York: Native Americans – The Urban Rangers lead a walking tour of the park discussing Native American culture.

When: Sunday, June 28, at 1 pm

Where: Fort Totten Visitor's Center, Fort Totten Park

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 352-1769

Website: www.nycgovparks.org

Central Astoria LDC 2015 Independence Celebration

– Get a jump on your Fourth of July celebrations with this annual event hosted by the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition. The West Point Band will perform, followed by a fireworks display from Grucci.

When: Tuesday, June 30, from 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Where: Shore Boulevard between the Hell Gate Bridge and the pool, Astoria Park, Astoria

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 728-7820

Website: www.centralastoria.org

Bayside Historical Society Concert – A performance by Phil Costa and the Something Special Big Band will be followed by a fireworks display at 9:15 p.m.

When: Wednesday, July 1, at 6 pm

Where: Parade Grounds in Fort Totten Park, Bay Terrace

Cost: Free

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A Laurelton resident, she took interest in education after struggling with getting her daughters into a good school.

"I missed the deadline for the school's lottery process. I hated that feeling, I felt powerless and it really motivated me to get involved," she said.

Raised in southeast Queens, Hyndman has already gained the support of such Democratic leaders as state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) and Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans), as well as district leaders from the area and the Queens County Democratic Organization.

She is currently collecting petitions for her ballot across the district.

The seat for Assembly District 29—which covers Hollis, Jamaica, St. Albans, Laurelton and Rosedale—recently became open when Scarborough resigned in May after pleading guilty to state and federal corruption charges.

The economic issues facing southeast Queens, such as foreclosures, and the troubled state of city schools are two issues that Hyndman wants to focus on. "We have more homeowners, but our schools are not doing too well," Hyndman said.

She is also concerned about the lack of minority women-owned businesses in the area.

"Women in leadership positions, in political parties, or businesses, that is the key," she said.

Hyndman also intends to focus on the environment by continuing the efforts that

Scarborough made on flood resiliency projects.

In terms of the recent rise in gun-related crimes, she said she would work to bring back initiatives like the Gun Buy-Back program.

"Seniors and women need to feel secure," Hyndman said. "I want to bring back resources for the district and address the issue of gun violence."

Hyndman earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in communication media and black studies from SUNY New Paltz, where she also played as a forward on the Hawks basketball team and belonged to the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

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The first phase of the Second Avenue subway is more than 80 percent done, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (c) says, and is due to be completed in December 2016.

Photo by Philip Newman

Maloney

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the N train remaining to Astoria.

"As for Astoria, the level of service we operate on the Astoria line is needed for the ridership there," MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said. "While the route letters may change and exactly what will happen hasn't been determined yet, we have no plans to reduce service on the Astoria or any other line when SAS opens."

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer marked the progress.

"Eighty-six years after the Second Avenue subway was first proposed, phase one is finally rolling toward completion," she said. "East Side residents will finally see

a reward for their amazing patience."

At 63rd Street, the new line will link onto the existing Q line tracks, providing a one-seat ride from 96th Street on the Upper East Side to Times Square, Lower Manhattan and Coney Island in Brooklyn.

The first phase of the project includes four new stations: 63rd Street (89 percent completed), 72nd Street (61 percent completed), 86th Street (44 percent completed) and 96th Street (69 percent completed).

The Second Avenue subway's first phase will carry more than 200,000 riders daily and help relieve congestion on the 4, 5 and 6 trains, which carry more than 40 percent of all New York City strap-hangers in the most jammed trains in the system.

Styrofoam

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those with a larger share of take-out businesses face major problems.

Jean Shim, who has managed the Bell Garden Chinese restaurant in Bayside for five years, said prices will have to

go up because everything is becoming more expensive. She mentioned that in addition to paying more for plastic take-out containers, food prices have risen significantly.

"Everything is expensive," she said.

But some businesses simply don't want to deal with the change yet. For Ralph's, an Italian ice store on 41st Avenue

in Bayside, finding an inexpensive substance to keep ices cold is difficult. Paper is more expensive and some argue that Styrofoam does the best job at keeping items hot or cold.

"I'm not even dealing with it until the following season. I have six months to figure it out," store owner Nina Foley said.

Gun violence

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"Peace Is A Lifestyle," noted that last year during Memorial Day weekend there were two shootings and four people shot in the 103rd and 113th precinct areas, which covers southeast Queens.

This year the area had no shootings during that time period, which she said was tied to people stepping up to combat gun violence.

"Things like that happen

because people come together and they commit to a lifestyle," Ford said. "People come together and commit to a vision. People come together and are selflessly giving of themselves to do more than just think about themselves."

Encouraging attendees to repeat his chant, "Enough is enough!" Rev. Dr. Alfonso Wyatt of the Greater Allen AME Cathedral in Jamaica said people have to come together to combat the violence.

"We've been moving but we need movement, a movement

against violence," Wyatt said.

Pastor Richard Hogan of Divine Deliverance Ministry in Jamaica, father of gun violence victim Laseam Hogan, 27, who was shot and killed in the Pomonok Houses in 2010,, led a prayer.

"Thank you, God," Hogan said at the vigil. "In the midst of chaos, you are bringing order."

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Vigil

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Mayor Bill de Blasio and other city officials joined in the rallying cry for the victims, voicing a need for tougher gun laws and potentially increased security around houses of worship.

"Brothers and sisters, this was an act of domestic terrorism. It was an act of racist terrorism," de Blasio said during the vigil. "This is a moment of reckoning. Now it is our time to say, this is that 'never-again' moment."

The mayor held conference calls with the Commission of Religious Leaders of NYC and the Clergy Advisory Council just last week to start discussing those security needs and how they play into existing counter-terrorism efforts.

As the country's attention turns to racism and gun violence, the parishioners in Queens said they would just do as Charleston and the families of the victims have done: Try and find room to forgive

the shooter.

Many of AME's churchgoers said they were not concerned for their safety at church, but were there to pray for the victims of a single act of hate.

Rev. Henry Belin of the First AME Church: Bethel in Harlem, a friend of one of the shooter's victims, Rev. Clementa Pinckney, said it would be a struggle to move on, but that AME has the strength to forgive. He said that however devastating the Charleston tragedy was, the strong organization and power of AME supersedes any hatred in the world with love.

"We have all been affected, but you know, we are a people who understand what it means to go through struggles. One thing we've learned about struggle is that we cannot remain silent," Belin said. "Power concedes nothing without struggle."

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Church

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violence, but to move on, remember and forgive.

"Well, the sanctuary and solace of that Bible circle, of that wonderful church, was shattered. But we all know the wound is fresh and we will heal together. Indeed the perpetrator has been apprehended and will face the mighty hand

of justice, although we know justice won't bring back those nine beautiful faces."

Dr. Henrietta Fullard, the assistant director and presiding elder of the Jamaica Long Island District of the AME Church, said the church's mission was always to open its doors and to serve communities, which is exactly what Emanuel African AME Church did, meaning there is much to accomplish moving

forward.

"We must put an end to the naysayers of our mission, bringing us once again to ward against a senseless act of terror and a brutal execution of our sisters and our brothers," Fullard said, delivering her sermon. "Yes, we are black. Yes, we are Christians. Yes, we are African Methodist Episcopal, and there is nothing you can do about it."

Sports



Benjamin Cardozo's Sanghyeon Park became the first PSAL golfer to win a state Federation title. Photo courtesy of Sanghyeon Park

Dozo's Park wins Federation golf title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Sanghyeon Park never misses a moment to swing a golf club and his dedication earned him a historic victory.

The Benjamin Cardozo junior became the first PSAL golfer to ever win the New York State Federation boys' golf championship at Bethpage Black June 14. Park won with a score of 77, one stroke better than his next closest competitor. He was unaware of the feat until PSAL golf commissioner Carrie Huggins told him after he was declared the victor.

"That's something very special," Judges coach Tim Demirayak said.

Park has been playing golf for less than three years, but since then a day hasn't gone by that he isn't on the links. He plays Bethpage Black regularly and said his familiarity with the course is an advantage. Park sneaks in extra holes after the team's practice or after dispensing an opponent in a league match. Demirayak said it isn't an extra half hour or hour of practice, but hours.

"I try to finish the round as soon as possible and go get more practice in," Park said. "That's what probably helped me win the championship—

practice."

Park was told by some of his competitors on the course that he was in position to win, but he didn't take it for granted. He saw some good scores posted on the front nine holes and never let his focus waver. Park made a key birdie on the 11th hole that he felt was a big factor in his win.

"I knew I had to stay consistent or play better to win," he said. "I just tried to stay focused and continue what I was doing."

He hasn't been able to take anything with golf for granted since problems with his grades took him off the team's roster halfway through last year. It cost him a chance to help his team compete for an individual city and Federation crown as a sophomore.

"Because of me the team couldn't make it to playoffs," Park said. "I realized I should be stepping up my school grades to play for the team."

There isn't a noticeable flaw in Park's game if you ask Demirayak. "I don't think he has a weak part," the coach said. "He's very good off the tee. He's excellent on his approach shots and he has a very fine touch around the greens."

All thanks to a little practice.

Queens softball's best

Archbishop Molloy leads the pack on all-star roster



Archbishop Molloy coach Maureen Rosenbaum is TimesLedger's All-Queens Softball Coach of the Year.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Archbishop Molloy has reclaimed its place atop both the borough and the city.

The veteran Stanners won their first CHSAA state title since 2011, also taking home the Catholic city title and the Brooklyn/Queens regular season and playoff crowns along the way. It had to rally from a game down to rival and defending champion St. Francis Prep in the diocesan final to make it all happen.

There wasn't a return trip to the PSAL Class AA final in the cards for Construction, but it remained one of the city's top clubs despite the graduation of ace Britney Rodriguez. A fresh-faced Bay-side team placed second behind the Red Hawks for PSAL Queens A division title with the memory of former coach Steve Piorkowski in their

hearts. Francis Lewis, Benjamin Cardozo and Mary Louis also had strong seasons.

Here are the players who were the best during another stellar softball season in Queens:

All-Queens Player of the Year: Alexandra Yule, Archbishop Molloy

The Columbia-bound Yule did a little bit of everything for Molloy this season on her way to a CHSAA state title. The senior shortstop, who also went 10-3 in the circle, was a superb fielder and hit a team-leading .613. She tossed a gem in a 5-1 win in Game 2 of the diocesan championship to get Molloy back on track. Yule then held St. Joseph by the Sea to just one run on four hits in the state semifinal.

All-Queens Coach of the Year: Maureen Rosenbaum, Archbishop Molloy

The best thing you can say

about Rosenbaum's teams is that they get better from year to year and over the course of each season. The 2015 group was a perfect example. She guided them from being run-ruled as sophomores and through a devastating playoff loss as juniors to the program's second state crown. It took a few lineup shuffles by Rosenbaum to finally find the right combination to get this group playing at its best.

All-Queens Softball First Team

C Victoria Brown, Archbishop Molloy

The junior came into her own this season both with the bat and behind the plate. Brown batted .440 and delivered a number of key hits. Rosenbaum gave her more freedom calling games and she always knew what to say to refocus her pitchers.

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Representing Queens on the football field



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BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Charles Driver looked around at Empire Challenge practice and was shocked to see there were very few players of his kind there.

The Campus Magnet tight end and Holy Cross linebacker Chris Manfre were the only players from Queens on the New York City roster in its 34-27 loss to Long Island in the annual senior all-star football game benefiting the Boomer Esiason Foundation for cystic fibrosis research at Hofstra University Tuesday.

"I was surprised because there was a lot of talent in Queens," Driver said. "It gets overlooked a lot. It does. There are a lot of athletes in Queens who should be in this game right now, but they are not. That's what happens."

The New York City roster and its coaching staff are



Christopher Manfre of Holy Cross plays in the 20th Anniversary Empire Football Challenge, an all-star game between Long Island and New York City high schools at Hofstra University.

Photo by Robert Cole

Brooklyn-dominated, as the borough has become the hotbed for football talent in the Big Apple. There are 28 players from Brooklyn on the team, 15 from Staten Island, eight from the Bronx and just the two from Queens. The only Queens coach on staff is former Holy Cross head man Tom Pugh, who is in an advisory role. It has left Driver and Manfre to carry the torch.

"We know we have to put Queens on the map and let

people know in the city that Queens has players," Driver said.

While 2015 was not a banner season for Queens football, there were a few players who could have helped the city squad—starting with Flushing quarterback Terrence Chavis, the TimesLedger All-Queens Player of the Year. The senior scored 25 touchdowns and compiled 2,153 total yards of offense last year. Red Devils teammate Keron Hermit, a re-

ceiver/cornerback, would also be a solid addition.

Over in the CHSFL there was Holy Cross receiver Paul Yodice, who had 36 catches and averaged 10.3 yards per grab. Knights offensive lineman Will LeClarie could have been an anchor on the New York City line. St. Francis Prep linebacker Richard Posch can cover ground with the best of them, as evidenced by his 64 tackles. New York City and Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor said a

borough's representation fluctuates from year to year.

"It was tough," O'Connor said about the selection of players for the New York City squad. "We did it off of film and guys didn't pop off or pop at us compared to the other guys this year. Last year we only had three or four Staten Island kids...That goes in cycles."

Driver and Manfre have plenty to show people after dreaming of playing in this game as youngsters. Driver saw his brother James, who also went to Campus Magnet, compete for New York City three years ago. Manfre, who made a team-leading 98 tackles last year for Cross, remembers watching the game as a 10-year-old, picturing himself on the field down the road.

"I thought one day if I was ever to wear that red uniform it would be pretty sick and I am here now," Manfre said."

Now that he finally gets to wear it, he along with Driver not only represent New York City, but were the flag bearers for their borough.

"I feel like I have to strongly represent Queens out there," Manfre said. "Can't have Brooklyn getting all the shine."

Ahmed blossoms into cricket star at John Adams

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Talk to Amran Ahmed and he will use a few simple words to get his point across. They will be barely audible, because the John Adams cricket star is as shy as they come off the field. On the field, however, it's a different story.

"It's just his personality," Spartans coach Alex Navarrete said about Ahmed. "He's such a humble kid. It just shows when you talk to him how soft he is. Then you see him play and he is so aggressive."

Ahmed is one of the best cricket players of his age in the nation. He was honored with the PSAL Wingate Award earlier this month as the top senior in his sport. Navarrete told Ahmed, who is from Bangladesh, that his jersey would hang in the school to commemorate the honor.

"I feel proud to be honored

like this," Ahmed said. "My school gave me a big opportunity."

He's taken full advantage of that opportunity. It took some time for Ahmed to emerge from the shadow of Derek Nardine after the duo helped Adams to its first ever PSAL city title last season. This year, with some prodding from Navarrete, Ahmed became the team's top player and unquestioned leader. He led by example with his play and never missed a chance to be more vocal and give his teammates advice.

"It's kind of like he transforms himself when he is up there and facing the best bowlers in the city," Navarrete said. "He doesn't get intimidated. He will challenge anybody in the city. That's what makes him good."

He led Adams to the top seed in the playoffs. The Spartans earned a return trip to the title game, but were upset by No. 6 Rich-

mond Hill. It was a tough end to a fine overall season for Ahmed, who was named the school's Male Athlete of the Year.

He posted three centuries by scoring 100 runs or more in a single game and was close to a few more, according to Navarrete. Ahmed averaged 59 runs per game and was also one of the team's top bowlers.

"I always knew this kid was going to come out of his shell at the right time," Navarrete said. "He put up the impressive numbers."

His skills have been developing since he picked up the sport as an 11-year-old with his brother Fahim Shakil Opu. It's translated into a fine career that included getting the program its first crown after Navarrete and Adams had lost in three title games.

"He was so happy for us," Ahmed said about his coach. "I was so happy for him."



John Adams' Amran Ahmed won the PSAL Wingate Award for cricket and helped lead his team to city title in 2014.

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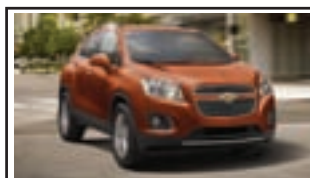


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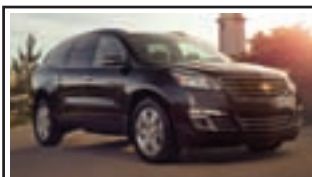


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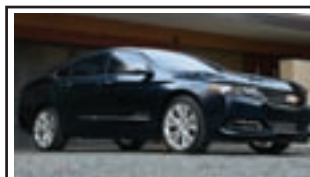


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Softball

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1B Catherine Hanson, Bayside

Hanson flourished in her increased role and became one of Bayside's most reliable bats. The junior posted a .451 average during the regular season with 19 RBI, 20 runs scored



Molloy's Alexandra Yule is the All-Queens Softball Player of the Year. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

and four home runs out of the No. 3 spot.

CF Jessica Kovach, Francis Lewis

The senior is one of the borough's best all-around players. Kovach covers plenty of ground in center with her strong arm.

She also hit .544 with 41 RBI, 26 runs scored and five home runs as the cleanup hitter for Francis Lewis.

C Kelly Licul, St. Francis Prep

There are few bats more feared than the Rhode Island-bound Licul's. She hit .448 with 13 extra-base hits, including four home runs. Licul went 4-for-5 with three RBI in the last two diocesan final games. She also calls a superb game at catcher, a big reason behind SFP's pitching success.

P Emily Perez, Construction

Perez excelled at the task of taking over in the pitching circle from Britney Rodriguez. The senior went 13-2 with a 2.80 ERA and 78 strikeouts in 75 innings pitched. She was also a major threat at the plate, hitting .560 with 33 runs scored and 31 RBI.

P Victoria Perez, Bayside

The junior spoke all season about how she felt the need to prove herself with Heidi Gomez no longer in the circle for Bayside. Perez did that by winning 12 games while pitching to a 3.05 ERA with 129 strike outs in 94 innings. She also hit .478 with 25 runs and 15 RBI.

SS Lizul Portual, Construction

There may not be a more athletically gifted player in New York City. The sophomore was always a threat to take an

extra base or two and is a fine defensive shortstop. Portugal hit a blistering .694 with 39 runs scored, 38 RBI and 17 extra-base hits.

CF Taylor Russo, St. Francis Prep

The junior is one of the borough's best defensive centerfielders, a key to the great defense SFP played all year. Russo hit 356 out of the lead off spot for the Terriers and really made the team's offense go with her speed.

1B Camille Sears, Archbishop Molloy

Sears was arguably the unsung hero of the Stanners. The junior first baseman hit a whopping .524 with a team-leading 10 home runs and 40 RBI. Her three-run homer ac-

counted for the only Molloy runs in a state semifinal win over St. Joseph by the Sea.

SS Alyssa Seiss, St. Francis Prep

The junior was as sure-handed as they come at short and formed a formidable 1-2 combination in the middle of the Terriers order with Licul. Seiss had the second-highest batting average on the team at .356, to go along with three homers.

P/CF Amanda Zeni, Archbishop Molloy

The senior rebounded well after missing most of last year with tendonitis. She went 11-2 in the circle and was superb in the state championship clincher against St. Anthony's. Zeni allowed one run on five hits.

Honorable Mention

C Gabriella Conelli, Bayside
SS Crystal Estrada, Benjamin Cardozo
3B/SS Jessica Hickey, Archbishop Molloy
P Sarah Kampuries, John Adams
C Selina Lallave, Francis Lewis
3B Sam Merino, Mary Louis
SS Taylor Milata, Mary Louis
C Jayleen Ovalles, Construction
3B Nicole Ovelheira, Construction
SS Maxine Sanchez, Forest Hills
P Katie Siano, St. Francis Prep
P Breanna Taphouse, Frank Sinatra

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Willets Pt.

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were serving customers. But the city is moving ahead on a multibillion-dollar plan to turn the area into a commercial and residential development.

The city technically evicted all members of the Sunrise Coop, according to the EDC, and the property was taken by the city June 5. The EDC said it received written certification from the coop that all tenants in the coop have vacated. But Molina, who has two kids in college, and others continue to work on customers', incurring tickets everyday for commercial operations on a public street and for violating the agreement.

"Everyone will lose their job," he said through a translator as he tried to pull the shutter down on his shop. "I now have nothing to do. The city did a bad thing over here."

A group of auto-shop owners in Willets Point led an unsuccessful hunger strike protesting the eviction.

The strike ended on June 5, just four days after almost a dozen auto shop owners swore off food. The strike was led by the coop's president Marco Neira. Since then, Molina and others in the area are be-

ing barraged with tickets for working on cars on the street that they cannot pay for as the city increases pressure for the mechanics to leave the area.

In March, the city gave the group about \$5.8 million to relocate their operations from Willets Point to the Hunts Point Section in the Bronx.

But according to Neira, the 17-auto repair shops were supposed to have been fully constructed in Hunts Point by July 1, but so far nothing has been built. According to the city Department of Buildings, construction has not started because the Sunrise Coop has not filled out the necessary paperwork to get things moving.

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. at a meeting of editors for Community News Group, parent of the TimesLedger, said the Bronx could not proceed with the Hunts Point project until Queens completed the certificate of occupancy application and other requirements.

But none of this really matters—or makes any sense—for the dozens of auto shop owners who were forced to close down their businesses June 5. Molina, like most of the people who work in Willets point, does not speak English.

The agreement specified that the EDC would pay \$4.8 million and the Queens Development Group, the site devel-

opers, would provide \$960,000. The Sunrise Co-op was expected to contribute \$143,000 and the group would have to leave the site by June 1.

"The group got a raw deal," Diaz said. "The city should have given them more resources—sizeable subsidies."

Now members of the Sunrise Coop will move to Hunts Point early next year, according to Neira but for the time being, the mechanics have nowhere to go nor do they have any place to store their hefty equipment.

The \$3 billion Willets Point Development Plan, which increased from 62 acres to 108.9 acres, includes a megamall that would be built on parkland, a hotel, mixed-income housing, community facilities and a convention center.

The current plan is centered on the first phase of Willets Point, which covers 23 acres of the 62-acre site. The remaining 39 acres will be addressed in the future.

"Tickets. Tickets. Tickets. We're getting tickets for working in the street and keeping the cars on the street," said Gustavo Peralta, a mechanic working in the area for a decade.

Speaking in Spanish, he continued, "Everything is going in the trash because we can't keep it, including parts of cars."

Concannon

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endorsements of Concannon were Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), former Queens Congressman and new County GOP Chairman Bob Turner and Queens Conservative Party Chairman Tom Long.

"We definitely need people with some common sense on the City Council," Ulrich said. "The Council these days is a crazy place with a lot of crazy ideas... With all the problems in this city with education, with crime, with housing and all of the issues that really need to be addressed, the fact that we are wasting time and precious resources on an issue like [using city tax money to help people make bail], is really a disservice to the people of New York."

Turner said Concannon would better represent a large faction of Queens that is fed up with career politicians.

"I don't think the City Council is represented by the people that are in there now."

The people in Queens have no interest in being represented by (Council Speaker) Melissa Mark-Viverito or the mayor," he said. "This is not a progressive agenda here. We are going to have our own agenda that represents Queens, and the person to do it is Joe Concannon."

Concannon has entered the race for the Council seat previously held by Weprin, who left to take an administrative job under Gov. Andrew Cuomo. He is focusing his attention toward the needs of police and families, as well as addressing domestic violence, education and job creation. He said he expects to release full details of his campaign platform in the coming weeks.

Working on Concannon's campaign are campaign manager Maureen Daly, who worked on Grant Lally's GOP congressional campaign against Steve Israel in 2014, and communications director Liam McCabe, who worked for Michael Grimm's last two Staten Island congressional campaigns, as well as for Ulrich's 2009 race for City Council.

Library

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has started a new era for the library.

"I found it a huge opportunity for me to say, 'OK, this is the time for me to take a fresh look and see how things could be better,'" she said.

Quinn-Carey also said the library has re-established ties with the DC 37 and Local 1321 unions after it stopped contracting out custodial work.

The City Council and de Blasio reached an early agreement Monday night on a \$78.5 billion budget for fiscal year 2016 that devotes \$39 million to universal six-day library service, extended hours, and other improvements at the city's three library systems.

Queens Library will receive \$10.88 million above what it received in operating expenses in fiscal year 2014, which is \$8 million above fiscal year 2015, according to Joanne King, the library's communications director.

The money will be used to hire additional staff to expand

hours of service and programs and to buy additional library materials for loan, King said.

About 85 percent of the library system's funding comes from governmental sources, primarily at the city level and a little bit from the state and federal levels, while the other 15 percent comes from sources such as private donations, Quinn-Carey said.

The New York, Queens and Brooklyn libraries had asked the city for about \$1.4 billion to cover capital needs, she added. Mayor de Blasio ended up pledging \$300 million over 10 years, or \$100 million for each system in the new budget deal.

Quinn-Carey, who visited the paper before the city budget accord was reached, said the \$6.5 million in funds cut from the city libraries' budget back in 2008 have had an adverse impact on the system's ability to provide its basic services.

Out of the Queens Library's 65 locations, only 20 have a six-day week with Saturday hours, Quinn-Carey said. That will change now with the new in-

flux of funds.

In addition, the library's efforts to provide educational services have been stretched thin, with about 1,000 people being turned down for free ESL classes due to an insufficient number of seats, she said.

Katz had allocated about \$13 million in capital funding for the Queens Library this year, which includes \$2.75 million for a new elevator at Flushing Library, and has committed funding for other borough projects.

"Thankfully, the borough president has come through with a number of commitments to the library system as far as capital goes in this coming fiscal year," Quinn-Carey said.

Despite the funding challenges, the system boasts a new library scheduled to open in Elmhurst by 2016, the upcoming Hunters Point Library and the reopening and renovations of libraries affected by Hurricane Sandy such as Far Rockaway, Peninsula and Seaside.

High school

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completed. The SCA said the purchase agreement is currently undergoing public review.

Construction of a school on the site a little larger than an acre would create 800 more seats and has been allocated \$114 million in the city Department of Education's proposed five-year capital plan amendment.

The SCA said it would also complete a traffic study alongside the required environmental impact study in response to growing community concern that traffic congestion would increase due to the proposed project's close proximity to Bayside High School and its athletic fields.

The petition, circulated in part by Friends of Bayside High School, a nonprofit support community for students and alumni of Bayside High, cites poor planning and a possible detraction from the quality of life in calling for a halt to the construction process.

"With proponents hinting they will sneak the project past needed approvals during the summer, these 3,200 voices are just an initial step," Friends of Bayside High School Vice President Dave Solano said in a statement. "The community is speaking with legal counsel to obtain files under the Freedom of Information Law to determine what is behind this \$114 million unwanted project at the expense of our community."

Weinstein

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chief of staff and president of the JFK Democratic Club, said that when he became involved in civic life in 1973, Weinstein took on many causes, especially pertaining to parks, zoning and other environmental concerns.

He noted that the Mid Queens Community Council was her way to put pressure on civic groups, legislators and political leaders to get things done.

"I just remember her being honest and decent and a tough person, but she did it for the communities that she represented in central Queens," Gottlieb said.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS INDEX NO. 707943/2014 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial situs of the real property JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. RANSFORD O. WOODSTOCK; KAREN WOODSTOCK AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF RANSFORD O. WOODSTOCK; JONATHAN WOODSTOCK AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF RANSFORD O. WOODSTOCK; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Index No. 4637/2014 **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE CITIMORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff, against MELISSA BASTAS, if she be living and if she be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees,**

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legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the complaint, **SPYROULA BASTAS A/K/A DIONISIOS BASTAS, JR., STATE FARM BANK, F.S.B., CAPITAL ONE BANK, CREDITONE, LLC, BANK OF AMERICA, NA, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants.** To the above named defendants: **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the amended complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended complaint is not served with this supplemental summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys

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within 20 days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE**

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PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Darrell L. Gavrin, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Queens County, dated the 22nd day of January, 2015 and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, State of New York. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT** This is an action to foreclose a mortgage lien on the premises described herein. The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$247,400.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of Queens County on January 16, 2004 in CRFN 2004000005735, covering premises known as 47-09 213TH STREET, BAYSIDE, COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK (Block 7330 Lot 16). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above.

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The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant, **SPYROULA BASTAS A/K/A DIONISIOS BASTAS, JR.,** for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises, unless discharged in bankruptcy. Premises lying and being in the Borough of Queens. BEGINNING at a point in the easterly side of 213th Street, 285.52 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 213th street with the northerly side of 48th Avenue; being a plot 20 feet by 118.63 feet by 20.03 feet by 213th street. **BLOCK 7330, LOT 16.** Dated: Rego Park, New York 2015 **SWEENEY, GALLO, REICH & BOLZ, LLP.** By: Rosemarie A. Klie, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000

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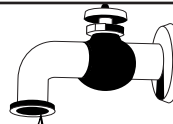
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