

Ferry advocate warns landings designed wrong

BY BILL PARRY

The city's fleet of 19 vessels for the new Citywide Ferry Service is officially under construction in two world-class shipyards, the mayor's office announced Thursday. The 85-foot-long aluminum boats are being constructed by 200 full-time builders in Alabama and Louisiana and will have the capacity to handle 150 riders each with storage space for bikes.

"We are moving full steam ahead and bringing modern ferry boats, outfitted with the latest technology and safety features, to our waterways," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "This new fleet of ships will help us connect commuters and visitors alike to neighborhoods throughout the city."

Twelve of the vessels are expected to be ready for the system's launch by ferry operator Hornblower early next summer, and will include service to Astoria and Rockaway.

"With vessel construction now fully underway, we're one step closer to bringing fast, affordable ferry service to neighborhoods across the city," New York City Economic Development Corporation President

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Rally urges closure of Rikers

Astoria march organizer says reforms at prison are 'lipstick on a pig'

BY BILL PARRY

Nearly 1,000 protesters demanded the closing of Rikers Island during a march through Astoria on their way to a rally at the base of the bridge to the notorious prison complex. Glenn E. Martin, founder and president of JustLeadershipUSA, which organized the event that drew celebrity speakers such as Russell Simmons and John Legend and a host of former prisoners, advocates and elected officials, marvelled at the turnout.

"It was everything I imagined and more," Martin said. "On Saturday evening our hashtag #CLOSERikers trended No. 3 on Twitter around the world. Our message is clear. Closing Rikers is not just a local issue, we find it representative of the jail problem in America."

JustLeadershipUSA's mission is to cut the U.S. prison population in half by 2030. Martin was VP of the Fortune Society, the Long Island City-based non-profit that helps former prisoners re-enter society, before starting the organization in 2014.

"I was sent to Rikers on a shoplifting charge when I was just 16 and within two days I was stabbed in a fight,"

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Protesting conditions at the city's central jail system, nearly a thousand people marched through Astoria last weekend to demand that Rikers be closed and new, smaller jails be built around the five boroughs.

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Gov. touts LIRR funds

Cuomo announces plans for Jamaica and Penn stations



Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced new massive improvements for Jamaica Station, as well as a refurbishment of Penn Station in Manhattan, (pictured above). Courtesy of Governor's office

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

The state is giving the Long Island Rail Road \$64.9 million to build a new platform and tracks at the Jamaica Station—an attempt to update the hub for the growing number of commuters who pass through it.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the cash injection Sept. 24. The improvements will offer “better, faster and more reliable train service” for commuter train passengers, he said.

“Time and time again, transportation investment has a ripple effect of progress and economic growth on the surrounding community,” he said.

The Jamaica Station improvements will make it easier to re-route trains and also to take them in or out of service between Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn.

The new platform will include wi-fi, USB charging stations for phones, and heated waiting areas.

After work is completed, shuttle trains will depart ev-

ery 7.5 minutes between Atlantic Terminal and Jamaica during peak hours—and every 15 minutes during off-peak hours, according to the state. The work will reduce time commuters spend waiting, according to the head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which runs the LIRR.

“More tracks and platforms mean fewer delays. This award for Phase I of the project, which is funded by the Capital Plan, is great news,” said Thomas Prendergast, the chairman and CEO of the MTA.

The revenue comes as part of a massive, \$442-million investment into Jamaica Station in order to modernize the tracks for the 200,000 commuters who use them every weekday. The passengers include people commuting to and from Manhattan for work, as well as travelers heading to the city via the Air Train from John F. Kennedy International Airport, which stops in Jamaica.

The refurbishing work will help improve track configurations, which have remained mostly the same since the station was first built in 1913. The

total funding for the state’s investment is coming from a combination of the MTA’s 2010–2014 capital plan and the 2015–2019 capital plan.

On Tuesday, Cuomo also announced the plans to transform the James A. Farley Post Office on 8th Avenue in Manhattan into a home for LIRR and Amtrak trains currently utilizing Penn Station. The latter station will be completely renovated with higher and brighter corridors, as well as a concourse that will connect the to the new Moynihan Train Hall. According to Gov. Cuomo, the state aims for the new train hall to be ready for use by 2020. The new train hall will span 250,000 square feet, 50 percent larger than Penn Station’s current size. Additionally, the subway stations enclosed in Penn Station, including the A,C,E and 1,2,3 lines, will be entirely renovated. Cuomo said the total cost of the project will be \$1.6 billion.

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Helen Marshall honored with atrium dedication

BY MARK HALLUM

Former Queens Borough President Helen Marshall was honored for her career in politics and service to Queens at the grand opening Tuesday of the Helen Marshall Cultural Center, an 11,000-square-foot atrium at Queens Borough Hall.

The project cost about \$23 million, according to current Queens Borough President Melinda Katz.

Katz led the dedication of the new space, followed by remarks from state Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry (D-Corona), as well as Marshall’s daughter Agnes and grandson Chasen.

Helen Marshall, who now lives in California, was not able to attend the dedication ceremony.

“Helen Marshall spent her life leaving a legacy to the future of the City of New York,” Katz said of Marshall’s contributions. “Aubry told the audience of around 400 how Marshall was present as he was first introduced to community politics. He talked about how her learned from Marshall and how she worked tirelessly to better serve her community.

Agnes Marshall spoke

about how her mother was not only a Girl Scout leader but also a protest demonstration organizer. Chasen Marshall told the audience he was happy to see that so many people in Queens hold his grandmother in such high esteem.

The ceremony also included a musical performance from General Assembly, who played a variety of folk songs from the Mediterranean on acoustic instruments from the region. Students from the Dual Language Program at PS 127 Aerospace Science Magnet School in East Elmhurst read poems in Spanish and English, and a choir from PS 127’s middle school performed “The Star Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America.”

Born in 1929, Marshall attended public schools and studied education at Queens College. She left the teaching profession in 1969 to help found the Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center in Corona. In 1982, she was elected to her first of five terms in the state Assembly. She would later be elected to the City Council, where she served as the

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Queens Borough President Melinda Katz honored predecessor Helen Marshall with the opening of an atrium at Borough Hall dedicated in her honor. Photo by Michael Shain

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Rail operator blamed for Maspeth train crash

Federal investigation complete, Meng criticizes company for cutting corners on safety

BY BILL PARRY

A federal probe into a fiery train crash last year faults the railway operator, U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) announced Sunday. The crash occurred July 8, 2015, when a freight train operated by New York and Atlantic Railway (NYA) slammed into a tractor-trailer at the railroad crossing at Maspeth Avenue and injured the truck's driver.

The tractor-trailer was leaving a warehouse on Maspeth Avenue when the train clipped it. The truck's cab then burst into flames as the train dragged it for nearly 200 feet. The driver jumped out of the cab before his truck caught fire, avoiding serious injury.

The Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) investigation concluded that the locomotive engineer failed to follow NYA's operating rules and special instructions for the grade-crossing. The FRA found that the conductor's fail-

ure to take any action to bring the train under control contributed to the accident.

"The FRA's findings are very disturbing," said Meng, whose congressional district includes Maspeth. "NYA cut corners, which put lives at risk. The faulty recordkeeping, inadequate training, unclear certification, and need for grade-crossing safety is indicative of other troubling practices at NYA, and we're lucky that more accidents have not occurred with trains that company operates. The lack of clear records certainly explains why it has been so difficult for me to get answers about NYA's practices in the past."

The investigation was further complicated by the disappearance of the train's engineer.

"FRA was not able to interview the engineer involved in the accident as he went missing immediately after the accident," the FRA's Focused



A federal investigation into a 2015 freight train collision in Maspeth blames the operator for several safety lapses. Photo by Michael Shain

Safety Review stated. "In the aftermath of the accident, the locomotive engineer left the scene and did not return to the railway. NYA subsequently terminated his employment."

The FRA was able to interview the train's conductor, who was cooperative and raised safety concerns regarding whether he had been adequately trained. The FRA identified several safety issues that NYA needs to address, including its failure to provide

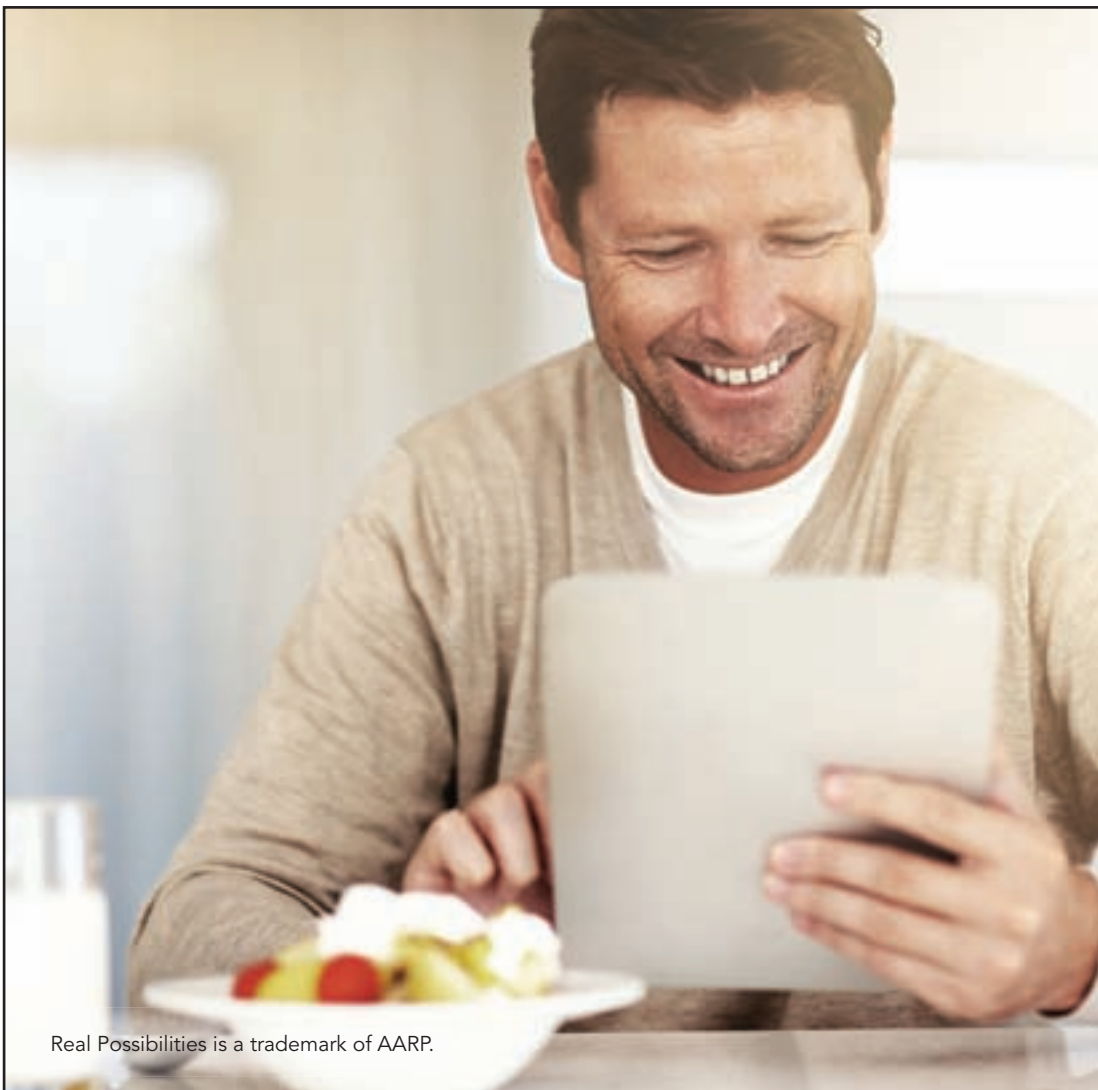
and document adequate training as testing of locomotive engineers and conductors, failure to issue certificates for the engineer and conductor, faulty record-keeping software, and the need for several actions to improve grade-crossing safety for motor vehicle users.

"The FRA's findings are obviously unacceptable, and the way NYA functions must change," Meng said. "I call for the FRA's recommendations to be fully implemented and I

will continue to monitor the situation until these essential improvements are made. Another accident cannot be allowed to occur, and public safety cannot remain at risk."

NYA says it fully cooperated in the investigation and has already taken steps to improve safety and service including the paving of grade-crossing surfaces at the Maspeth Avenue and other measures.

"While we disagree with some of the conclusions in this report, we have already implemented FRA recommended actions and completed all the necessary crossing repairs prior to the report's release," NYA Chief Safety and Compliance Officer Thomas Leopold said. "We perform a vital service to the flow of commerce in New York City and Long Island, and hold ourselves accountable to keep our customers, employees and the communities in which we operate safe at all times."



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Maspeth shelter fight regains strength

Protesters outraged by de Blasio administration's 'classic communist propoganda' video

BY BILL PARRY

Did the de Blasio administration go a tweet too far?

An organizer of the ongoing Maspeth homeless shelter protests believes so after a slick video appeared on the mayor's social media accounts after more than 200 protesters appeared at rallies outside hotels that house homeless families in Bellrose and Floral Park, Long Island.

Juniper Park Civic Association President Bob Holden said the protesters, who were exhausted after nearly seven weeks of rallies at the Holiday Inn Express on 55th Road, have been rejuvenated by the video and more neighborhoods are planning to join them after they were vilified on social media.

"He's fanned the flames, for sure, and the mayor is making us stronger" Holden said. "We're on the move, Sunset Park, Rosedale and Woodside, and we're planning to take this fight to the steps of City Hall. It's a revolution now, and the mayor is feeling the pres-

sure or else he wouldn't be making videos to sway public opinion."

This comes just over a week after 300 residents boarded three buses for a road trip to Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn, where they protested at the home of Human Resources Administration Commissioner Steven Banks, who oversees the Department of Homeless Services, drawing the ire of Mayor Bill de Blasio, who said the city will not be intimidated by the angry residents. On Saturday, nearly 200 made the bus trip to protest at two hotels owned by Harshad Patel that have been converted to shelters.

When the city got wind of the protesters' plans, DHS transported dozens of children and their families from the two shelters to spend the day at the Children's Museum in Manhattan rather than being subjected to angry protesters on their doorstep. The administration dispatched camera crews to both the shelters and museum and the video they produced, which featured

Banks, appeared on social media Sunday.

"How do you explain to children why angry adults are out in front of they place they're living and want to throw them into the streets?" Banks asks. "So we thought today we would take the children and their families to some place nice where they can experience a helping hand from adults rather than the back of the hand."

Holden called the video reminiscent of communist propaganda.

"Stalin would be proud," he said. "These tactics should not be tolerated by the taxpayers. Maybe that money should have gone to the homeless themselves. To spend city resources like that is shameful and disgraceful."

The anger was compounded by de Blasio spokeswoman Aja Worthy-Davis who said, "Opponents of our efforts to house the homeless have now trained their sights on homeless toddlers. It's disgusting and dangerous, and our city

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Maspeth and Middle Village residents take their protest on the road to Bellerose and Floral Park drawing more scrutiny from the de Blasio administration. Photo by Michael Shain

Task force urges a closer look at city tax breaks for developers

BY BILL PARRY

The city has been giving tax breaks to developers without tracking how effective their projects have been for economic development, according to a new report.

Last Thursday, the City Council's Committee on Finance released a report on development tax expenditures, with recommendations on how to evaluate their effectiveness. The report, published by the Council's Task Force on Economic Development Tax Expenditures, calls for the establishment of a standardized and regular evaluative process to improve transparency and the Council's oversight.

"The city gives billions in economic development tax incentives each year, and we do not know how well they



Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland hears testimony from task force members regarding tax breaks for developers.

Courtesy Ferreras-Copeland's office

work. We should know their effects to ensure the public is getting the best bang for its buck," said City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst), who is the chairwoman of the Council's Committee on Financing. "I

am proud of the work the Task Expenditure Task Force has done, which will help make the government more transparent and prudent. I look forward to working with the Speaker and my colleagues to develop a process that will allow us to evaluate these programs, understand their effects, and make better decisions about our scarce resources."

The city funded \$7.7 billion towards tax benefits aimed at spurring economic growth and development in Fiscal Year 2016; however, no public process exists to evaluate whether the benefits achieved their stated goals. Ferreras-Copeland and the Finance Committee heard testimony last week from task force members, the Partnership for NYC, the Fiscal Policy Institute, and

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Hillside Avenue stores announce new website

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

the community."

The Jamaica Hills Partnership celebrated the establishment of a new website to help business and homeowners around Hillside Avenue collaborate, as well as to help visitors to the area learn more about local merchants.

The partnership celebrated the website during a meeting at the Star Kabab and Chinese Restaurant at 168-21 Hillside Ave. Community leaders, members of the partnership, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation Board Chairman Peter Kulka and Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) attended the event.

"The website is for the use of businesses on Hillside Avenue," Lancman said during the meeting. "It's also for the benefit of people shopping in

The partnership started about a year-and-a-half ago with a few business owners on Hillside Avenue, according to Azahar Haque, owner of local business Exit Alliance Realty and a member of the partnership. The group was originally called the Jamaica Hills Merchant Association but changed the name to help attract interest from homeowners in the area, he said. He said attendance was slowly creeping upward.

"It used to be very bad, but it's improved," he said, noting that more homeowners started attending meetings when representatives from the city Departments of Sanitation and Transportation attended. He wanted to procure more brochures that would include a full listing of busi-

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New school planned for East Elmhurst

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

An intersection near the Grand Central Parkway in East Elmhurst will soon be the site of a new middle school, according to Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst) and the School Construction Authority.

The new school will be located at 111th Street and Astoria Boulevard, which is also the intersecting point for Ditmas Boulevard and an entrance and exit for the expressway. This marks the eighth school being built in Ferreras-Copeland's district, according to the councilwoman.

"Constructing schools to meet the needs of my community has been a challenge and a priority for me since day one. Every student deserves a beautiful space to learn," she said. "I have canvassed my district for the past six years to find adequate sites for schools, and I thank SCA for moving quickly to make this middle school a reality for families in East Elmhurst."

The School Construction Authority's revised 2016 capital plan for fiscal years 2015-2019 identified a need for 1,397 new seats in the sub-district of School District 30 that includes East Elmhurst. The subdistrict also includes Jackson Heights.

According to Ferreras-Copeland, the school design process will begin shortly, followed by a community engagement process and a vote before the New York City Council. Considering Ferreras-Copeland supports

the location, the Council will likely follow her lead and vote in favor of the location of the new school.

Myrna Palacios, a parent leader and board member for the Queens chapter of Make the Road New York, applauded the news of the new school.

"A new middle school that will relieve school overcrowding is precisely what our community needs," she said. "Immigrant children and families like mine across Queens have suffered for too long due to inadequate classroom space and school facilities, and this new school will be an important step to ensuring that our children have the opportunity to thrive."

Astoria Boulevard has undergone pedestrian improvements in the past few months, including the addition of pedestrian islands in the street, and the SCA will take traffic concerns into consideration during the construction of the school, according to a spokeswoman for Ferreras-Copeland.

Additionally, the School Construction Authority is moving forward on a new addition to Public School 143 at 34-74 113th St. in North Corona. The structure will be an addition to the existing building, and will include 1,020 new seats, according to the SCA. The school currently enrolls 1,723 students, according to the school's DOE website.

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The School Construction Authority announces a new middle school will be built at this site in East Elmhurst. Photo by Bill Parry

Hospice care funded

Jamaica Hospital touts palliative care renovations



One of the mockups for the intended renovations of the hospice care unit at Jamaica Hospital. The staff believes the new approach will create a more comfortable atmosphere.

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Jamaica Medical Center's hospice care unit began with four beds in 2010, with a palliative care staff who worked to ensure dignity and comfort care for patients. The wing expanded throughout the years, but Sept. 22 the hospital announced a new renovation to be completed for the space, creating a home-like atmosphere patients and families.

"The care the doctors are giving is so wonderful, but the place doesn't match that," Cassandra Valesse, a social worker on the palliative care staff, said about the renova-

tions. "I'm happy we're making it more of a home than a hospital."

The new space will be called the Ferrara Family Center for Hospice Care, named for Joseph A. Ferrara, a humanitarian who supported the new renovations. The improvements will include suites for patients and family members, a conference room for meetings between caregivers and family members, as well as a more welcoming and comfortable atmosphere.

"When you meet the palliative care staff, you won't meet a more dedicated staff," Ferrara said prior to the start of

the ceremony. "It's great that we can give them some better tools so they can do their job."

The announcement of the renovation took place in the north garden room of the Jamaica Hospital facility at 89-40 135th St. In addition to Ferrara and much of the palliative care staff, attendees included Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach), Jamaica Hospital President Bruce J. Flanz, and Ed Schraeder, who had worked as a respiratory therapist at the hospital for 38 years and had two family members die

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Fariña attends Qns town hall

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña touted what she said was significant progress towards alleviating parent concerns in recent years during a town hall meeting for parents, teachers, and students in eastern Queens Tuesday.

The event took place at Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School 74, at 61-15 Oceania St. in Oakland Gardens, and was the first scheduled meeting of the school year for School District 26's Community Education Council. The city's highest-achieving district, it includes parts of Bayside, Fresh Meadows, Douglaston and Jamaica Estates, among other areas.

Fariña started by acknowl-



Councilman Barry Grodenchik (l), Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña and Assemblyman David Weprin smile for photos during District 26's town hall. Photo by Patrick Donachie

edging a parent's question from a town hall meeting in District 26 last year, asking

that cursive writing be reinstated for students. She said she had made a recommendation to include cursive writing in third-grade lessons. She also lauded the increase in science, technology, engineering and math classes and lessons, also known as STEM learning.

"For a lot of people, they still think STEM is computer labs and sitting around," she said, noting that students in the eighth to 12th grades were sometimes more computer literate than teachers. "In reality, STEM is a lot more than that."

Fariña also said Mayor Bill de Blasio and the Department of Education are working to give every student an equal opportunity to attend college.

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MTA rolls out new Q70 bus to speed LGA access

MTA introduces LaGuardia Link to help commuters around airport's notorious traffic jams

BY BILL PARRY

The MTA relaunched its Q70 bus on Sunday as the new LaGuardia Link special bus service which will provide travelers and airport employees with better transit options to and from LaGuardia to transit hubs at 61st Street in Woodside and 74th Street/Broadway in Jackson Heights. The specially marked buses will speed service with off-board fare collection.

"We look forward to the newly branded LaGuardia Link playing an even greater role in making the airport more accessible," MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said. "We have launched marketing and promotions that will add to the strong ridership the Q70 has by both tourists going to and from flights and employees at the airport."

Transportation advocacy groups Global Gateway Alliance and Riders Alliance applauded the MTA for providing riders with quick, convenient

and recognizable access from LaGuardia to the E, F, M, R and 7 trains and the Long Island Rail Road. The new transit access will provide relief for travelers from traffic snarls at the airport due to the airport reconstruction project now underway.

On Aug. 22, the gridlock was so bad passengers were forced to leave vehicles and make a mad dash through traffic on foot in order to make their flights, although the Port Authority and LaGuardia Gateway Partners have made adjustments to traffic patterns, moved the taxi stand further east away from the front of the airport and established a mobile command station.

"Finally, getting to LaGuardia on public transit is an easy and intuitive option for riders," Riders Alliance Executive Director John Raskin said. "The new LaGuardia Link provides a clear connection between the airport and the subways, bringing LaGuardia one step

closer to the city and making air travel easier for transit riders. If we got the word out, the new LaGuardia Link can even help untangle some of the airport's notorious traffic jams by getting more people out of cars and onto public transit."

Raskin and Joe Sitt, the Chairman of Global Gateway Alliance, urged the MTA to make the LaGuardia Link a free service to maximize its ridership and alleviate congestion at the airport by motor vehicles.

"In order to be truly effective, the MTA must now also make the route free," Sitt said. The Q70 was already popular with more than 4,000 daily riders, an 18 percent increase from 2014.

"We don't agree with the premises behind the proposal to run it free," Ortiz said. "We have no doubt that people would ride MTA services more frequently if they were free, but that's simply not financially feasible."

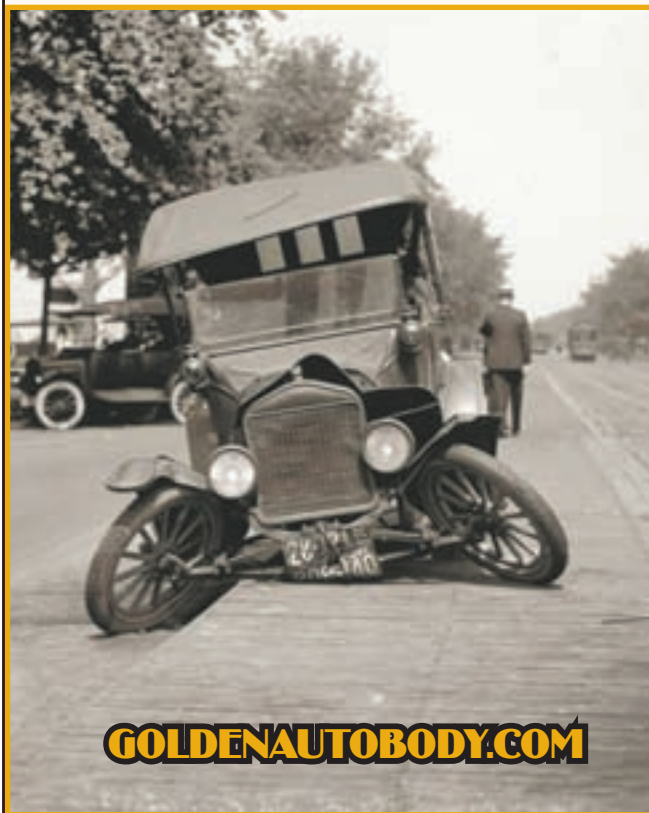


The MTA debuts its rebranded Q70 SBS giving travelers better options to and from LaGuardia Airport. Courtesy of Riders Alliance

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For Queens GOPers, Trump takes night

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

The Queens Village Republican Club partnered for a watch party with the Nassau County Federation of Republican Women, joining them at the Park City Diner in Garden City, Long Island to enjoy a buffet dinner and cheer on Republican candidate Donald Trump against his opponent, Hillary Clinton.

About 40 people attended the event, according to Queens Village Republican Club President Philip Orenstein.

“Everybody was very upbeat for the debate. We were happy to see that Donald Trump brought out the substantial issues about the economy, and about jobs coming back to America,” Orenstein said. “I believe he got across the major issues about our trade deals around the world, and putting our country first.”

The debate was held on the campus of Hofstra University, a mere 15 minute drive from the Park City Diner. The issues covered were wide-ranging, and the debate was mod-

erated by NBC Nightly News host Lester Holt. Though Orenstein was happy with Trump’s performance, he expressed frustration with Holt’s performance.

“My own feeling was Trump had two opponents instead of one and Lester Holt was attacking him on minor things,” he said. “But Trump got his message across.”

The next scheduled debate between Trump and Clinton is scheduled for Oct. 9 at Washington University in St. Louis, MI. It will be moderated by ABC anchor Martha Raddatz and CNN host Anderson Cooper and will be conducted in a town hall format. Orenstein expressed hope that Trump would continue to push a message of economic growth and safety from terrorism.

“He should stress his qualifications as a very successful businessman who can get the job done,” he said.

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Debate party in LIC

Van Bramer roots for Clinton at first presidential debate viewing



Minutes before the Presidential debate begins, Council member Jimmy van Bramer stands right in front of the projection TV to talk to the crowd at his viewing party in LIC. Twitter

BY MARK HALLUM

Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) hosted a presidential debate viewing party at The Creek and the Cave, at 10-93 Jackson Ave. in Long Island City, Monday night, along with the club’s owner, Rebecca Trent. The event was primarily a chance for Clinton supporters from the area to mingle with one another and cheer on their candidate.

Van Bramer voiced strong admiration for Clinton as well as his belief that she is the choice for progress in the United States. The councilman said he would take a bus load of supporters to Philadelphia to go door to door for the Clinton campaign.

“She has to win this election for women, for immigrants, for people of color, for gay men who like being married, and for gay women too,” Van Bramer said.

As the interaction between the two candidates progressed, those in attendance cheered at rebuttals that Clinton made to remarks by her opponent. If there were any Trump supporters in the room, they kept their opinion to themselves.

Brent O’Leary, who is

President of the Hunters Point Civic Association and worked with the Democratic National Committee for four years, was another Clinton supporter at the event. He said he thought that a major source of division in the country is due to the general tone of the national discourse about politics, which has taken on a strongly personal emphasis.

“It’s not just an intellectual debate anymore, people think their character is being attacked,” he said before the debate started, adding he would like for America to see how Trump rarely elaborates on the broad statements he makes. “I’m hoping she brings up policy and shows that he doesn’t have the experience,” O’Leary said.

According to Van Bramer, Trump was not able to gain the upper hand in the debate with Clinton displaying control in the face of what Van Bramer saw at the outlandish remarks Trump made. He also noted that Clinton did not let the chaos that her opponent thrives on govern the time allowed for her responses. Clinton made her case with examples and “substance,” Van Bramer said, whereas he noted that Trump seemed to lack any intention

to elaborate on any claims of how he could improve the U.S. economy.

“It’s like she’s standing up to the class bully in front of the world,” one Clinton supporter said. “There’s a veil that’s hopefully going to be uplifted tonight.”

William Garret, who has lived in Long Island City for over 20 years, said he thought Trump may have been subdued in comparison to his appearances in other debates, possibly because his new campaign manager has better control over the candidate. However, he was not impressed by how often Trump bragged about his wealth.

All in all, though, the atmosphere at the LIC establishment was focused on Clinton, and the mood in the room was generally cheerful and positive about her performance in the debate.

The Queens Village Republican Club did not hold an event in Queens, but dined at the Park City Diner in Garden City, LI.

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Members and supporters of the Queens Village Republican Club gathered to view the presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. Photo by Joe Raedle/AP

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POLICE Blotter

Cops seek suspect in attempted robbery

ELMHURST—Police were searching for a man who allegedly attempted to rob a bank in Elmhurst.

On Sept. 9 at 2:20 p.m. the suspect entered a Citibank at 87-11 Queens Blvd. and passed a note to the bank teller demanding money, police said. The suspect fled the bank without any money, according to the NYPD.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, between 30 and 35 years old, with a light complexion. He is believed to be approximately 5-foot-9 and weigh about 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a blue baseball hat, black sneakers, a striped shirt and blue jeans.

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



The man in this surveillance photo is sought in connection with the robbery of a Citibank branch at 87-11 Queens Blvd.

Courtesy NYPD

Alleged groping in Jackson Heights: police

JACKSON HEIGHTS—Police from the 115th Precinct were searching for a man suspected of allegedly forcibly touching a woman in Jackson Heights.

On Sept. 12 at 9:30 p.m. a man grabbed a woman's buttocks while she was walking down Roosevelt Avenue and 89th Street, police said. The suspect then fled in an unknown direction, according to police.

Police are describing the suspect as a Hispanic male between 30 and 40 years old. Police say he is between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-8, approximately 180 pounds and was last seen wearing a gray striped shirt, blue jeans and black sneakers.

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Police are seeking this man in connection with a forcible touching/sexual abuse incident that took place in the 115th Precinct.

Courtesy NYPD

Suspected Bayside ATM skimmers sought

Police were searching for two men who allegedly used an ATM skimming device in Bayside.

According to police, at some time Sept. 1 or Sept. 2, two suspects placed a skimming device on an ATM inside of a Dime Community Bank at 61-38 Springfield Blvd.

Surveillance video shows two men apparently installing and checking the skimming device on Sept. 2, right before it was discovered by bank em-

ployees. Police say they have found no unauthorized financial transaction associated with the incident.

The suspects wore a blue Nautica baseball cap and a camouflage baseball cap which they would swap to confuse identification.

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A CONTINUING CRISIS

Finding a way to make sure every Queens resident has a safe, secure place to live is one of most important, and difficult, problems the borough faces.

Two possible solutions—shelters to help get the homeless into safe living situations, and the construction of more affordable housing to give lower- and middle-income families a fair chance at a home to call their own—have been fraught with controversy.

The recent proposal by Phipps Houses to construct a 10-story, 209-unit affordable-housing development on the edge of the Sunnyside Gardens historical district drew such heated opposition from neighborhood residents and City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer that the application for the variance that would have allowed for the development's construction was withdrawn last week.

Van Bramer not only voiced disapproval of the project's scale and the developer's unwillingness to incorporate changes desired by people who live in the surrounding community into the plan, he also questioned whether the cost of units in the development would be affordable enough to help those currently priced out of the housing market. A spokeswoman for the mayor countered by saying that the failure of the Phipps Houses project was "bad for our city and for working families struggling to pay their rent."

For those families who have fallen through the cracks of the system, shelters are, while not perfect, at least a temporary way of providing some sense of security. But events of the past weeks have shown that creating more shelters is perhaps more contentious than is building affordable-housing projects.

Protests over the conversion of a Holiday Inn Express in Maspeth into a shelter for homeless families have brought things in the neighborhood to a boil as close to two months of daily protests outside the facility spilled over into a march to the doorstep of the hotel's owner last weekend. Once again, questions of a project's scale and its potential effects on the surrounding community have sparked strong resistance.

The disconnect between the city's attempts to solve the crisis of homelessness and the resistance of those who would be affected by those attempts shows little sign of winding down in the near future, so perhaps it's time to look for new solutions.

One could be the Home Stability Support plan recently introduced in the State Assembly by Assemblyman Alan Hevesi. Under that plan, those threatened by eviction would qualify for a rent supplement, letting them stay in their current homes. While that plan will likely encounter resistance too, it is at least a starting point on a new path toward dealing with what has become one of the city's thorniest issues.



OTHER VOICES

Keeping America safe is everyone's job

Bombs have gone off in New York City and New Jersey. The one that blew up in the Chelsea section of New York City had injured 29 people and the other in Seaside Park in New Jersey failed to blow up in time ended up with no fatalities.

The suspect in the bombings, Ahmad Khan Rahami, was captured while in a shootout with New Jersey police. Two police officers were shot in Linden, N.J. There are maybe more suspects out there after all is said and

done.

The capture, I feel, is due to excellent police work by New Jersey police, the NYPD, FBI and Homeland Security. We also had other agencies involved like the FDNY, AFT, Port Authority and EMS.

Let me also point out there were reports by average people who saw something and said something. Our law enforcement can't do it alone—we are all in a war with these evil doers. These egregious and nefarious acts require all of us to remain vigilant.

We are living in dangerous times but these terrorists must learn that they can run but can't hide.

As Americans we will be constantly vigilant and be aware that there are those that desire to hurt us, but we will go on with our lives and refuse to live in fear. Remember this too: Evil thrives when good people do nothing.

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Crowley's light-rail solution is non-starter

Central Queens is currently in a state of crisis regarding its public transportation network. People from the area have to spend over two hours waiting in the crush of traffic to get to and from work, lowering their quality of life and destroying our environment.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley plans to remediate this by building a light rail line on the Lower Montauk Branch, a freight line that runs through Richmond Hill, Glendale, Middle Village, Ridgewood, Maspeth and Long Island City. However good this project may look on paper, its construction would be extremely unlikely, as in the plan's current form construc-

tion would violate the federal laws that govern transportation and transit safety in this country.

Right now, the Lower Montauk Branch is used almost exclusively to haul and sort freight trains. These freight trains carry the vast majority of rail cargo going to and from Suffolk, Nassau, Queens and Kings counties, using a yard along the line as an origination/termination point. Under the federal government's common carrier rules, any operator of a freight line has to provide rail service to customers along that line, regardless of shipment type or destination. This responsibility is transferred between owners of a

line, so that when a new company buys a line, freight service is preserved. This would not be possible if light rail was to use the tracks as safety laws dictate that light rail trains may not operate on the same tracks as freight trains, unless temporal separation is ensured.

The only way to place light rail on the line, then, would be to forcibly evict the rail carrier from the line, either using eminent domain or abandonment. It is almost certain that neither of these strategies would work, as in these proceedings, stakeholders (in this case, every freight rail customer in Queens and on Long Island) are given time to

comment. They would point out that removing freight rail access from the line would not only harm their businesses, but also the environment, as hundreds of thousands of trucks would be needed to carry a year's worth of freight rail onto the island.

This leaves the light rail group with three options: temporal separation, a distinct set of tracks for light rail, or the usage of freight compatible equipment. The first requires that each user of the tracks gets a block of time in which they alone can ply their trade. As the freight railroad needs to sort cars all day long, and as residents of Queens need 24-hour service, this option is

out of the question. The second would almost certainly cause the condemnation of properties along the line, including countless houses, businesses and possibly parts of a cemetery. The final option, running freight compatible equipment, would lead to excruciatingly slow commutes, owing to the additional weight (and therefore slower acceleration) needed to comply with crashworthiness standards.

Central Queens most certainly is in need of a transit 'fix', but Councilwoman Crowley's proposal is most certainly not it.

*Uday Schultz
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Celebrating 70 years



VALENTINE AND EVELYN FREY

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine and Evelyn Frey of Bayside, who will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary Oct. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Frey have been residents of Bayside since 1948 and they raised two daughters here.

Daughter Christine is married to Steven Moeser (also a former Bayside resident). They reside in Har-

vard, Mass. The other daughter, Irene Kremka, still lives in Bayside.

The couple's four granddaughters, five great-grandchildren and other friends and loved ones wish them all the best as they mark this very special occasion.

Their favorite comment about their upcoming anniversary: "Love is eternal."

Bioswales are bad news for Bayside

Maybe you've been puzzled by all the strange green paint markings popping up in recent weeks on sidewalks all over Bayside (and probably elsewhere). It's about a new New York City initiative called "bioswales." And it's not good.

Mayor Bill DeBlasio didn't bother to publicize or explain it to neighborhoods affected by this project—maybe because he knew it doesn't make sense. It's on the website (nyc.gov/html/dep/html/stormwater/bioswales.shtml)—but few know it's there.

Bioswales are swampy rectangular patches that will soon be cropping up on our sidewalks. Based on the markings, some will occupy roughly two sidewalk squares of space (2.5 feet x 5 feet), with others stretching closer to five squares. Supposedly, they'll alleviate pressure on our sewer system during heavy rains by channeling water as it rushes

down streets and holding captured water until it evaporates. Instead of tearing up our sidewalks for this, why not save money and annoyance by just clearing the sewers of leaves and other debris so they don't clog?

Some blocks may have five or six of these mini-swamps. A couple will be in front of Bayside's Omega Restaurant, which means customers parking there (many of them elderly) will have to walk around these bioswales—very carefully—or slide over to exit on the street side. And after snow falls, covering these bioswales, the likelihood of accidents will no doubt rise.

Oh, and while we were worrying about Zika outbreaks at the Rio Olympics and in the Miami area, New York City was mapping out what will be super-breeding grounds for mosquitoes carrying West Nile and eventually Zika. Not

long ago, the city was worried about standing water in our backyards and on rooftops. Now they've decided it's OK to just build big swampy areas right in front of our homes and places of business!

Earlier this year, the city tried to sneak one past the Bayside community with a proposed public high school on 32nd Avenue. But thanks to the efforts of the Northwest Bayside Civic Association and state Sen. Tony Avella, that ill-conceived plan was foiled. Now that association and Sen. Avella again are in the forefront of fighting City Hall by trying to mobilize opposition to this bioswales boondoggle.

Maybe more residents would complain if they knew about it.

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Modesty and beauty are not opposites



Lenore Skenazy
Rhymes with Crazy

way to focus on my value as a person.”

“Why do women cover? Sexuality is something that belongs in the home.”

Answer: Jew, Muslim. But they were both nodding along with each other.

The Jewish woman here is Michelle Honig, a fashion journalist who often writes about the intersection of fashion and modesty. She was wearing a green striped sweater with a white long-sleeve shirt underneath, a slim dark skirt, and long blonde hair—a wig that mostly, but not totally (she admitted) covers her hair. Her shoes looked straight out of Vogue.

Admittedly, she said, the idea of a religiously observant Muslim, Jewish or even Christian woman “doesn’t bring to mind very fashionable women.”

But just because they are covering more of themselves than your average secular lass doesn’t mean they have to be dowdy. Honig goes shopping at popular stores, “browsing through the racks, each piece going through some mental calculation of how to modestify it.”

To do that, she usually adds

layers, or maybe she’ll sew up the slit of a slinky skirt. Voila: a fashionable young woman in “normal” clothes that just happen to cover the knees and elbows.

Dian Pelangi, head designer of the Indonesian fashion company that bears her name, took the podium next, looking regal in a stunning floor-length green cape with a black hood. “Hijab means ‘to cover;’” she explained to the half of the audience that wasn’t already wearing one of these Muslim headcoverings.

“There was a time when the hijab was considered weird, backwards and old-fashioned,” Pelangi said. But now it is “huge trend.” Witness the fact that a Jakarta designer showed the first “modest” fashion line at New York Fashion Week this year. And the fact both Tommy Hilfiger and DKNY brought out a Ramadan collection. Or even the fact that Pelangi herself has 4.3 million Twitter followers who look to her for advice on modest styles.

With 23 percent of the world’s population Islamic, catering to Muslim women’s fashion needs makes business sense.

“For me,” said Pelangi, “modest fashion is the next emerging market.”

And yet, for the women at this symposium, fashion meant more than just looking good.

“The fashion world as it exists today is about very public sexuality,” said Ann Shafer, an art historian and architect specializing in Islamic culture who teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology. “So I’m trying to provide another world view”—the view that “sexuality is not a sort of public phenomenon.”

Shafer herself converted to Islam and was covered except for her face.

But don’t think this made her—or any of the women on the panel—feel second class. On the contrary, they spoke of the freedom and joy of dressing this way.

In countries like America, where women have the choice to dress any way they please, “If women still choose to cover their bodies,” said Honig, they are not “victims” who need to be saved, they’re making a statement. “They take pride in their modesty because it’s part of who they are.”

Added Shafer, “It is often

assumed that Muslim women who wear conservative dress don’t have a relationship to their bodies.” On the contrary, “Islam is very open about sort of how to treat your body as a sexual phenomenon”—just not in public.

The other speakers concurred. They don’t want to be thought of as sexless, just maybe excess-less. Rejecting a culture that reveals too much.

“Modest dress should not be the ‘other’ choice, just an equal choice,” said Malky Weichbrod, the observant Jew behind the website, “My Therapist Told Me to Write a Fashion Blog.”

And if ladies kick it up a notch by making it look great, they’ve got the best of both worlds. As Lyn Bakri, founder of the modest fashion line Aneqa, said, “You don’t have to show much skin to look beautiful and be confident.”

The women at NYU, in their robes and scarves, wigs and heels, were evidence of that.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker, author and founder of the book and blog Free-Range Kids, and a contributor at Reason.com.

How life was in Queens on the brink of war

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On Sept. 1 Queens, not to mention the nation as a whole, was on the cusp of great change as 1941 drew to a close.

The borough was still not far removed from a quieter, agrarian past where farmland studded with stately homes provided food to a burgeoning Manhattan just across the East River. It was in September that Elmhurst bid farewell

to the Combes mansion, which had stood near Elmhurst Avenue and Broadway since the 1850s. Built by Samuel Lord, the founder of Lord & Taylor’s department stores, the home boasted “white marble fireplaces, huge windows reaching from the floor to the ceiling and broad, impressive staircases.” Before the house was demolished, police arrested two youths on the property on suspicion of vandalism. The suspects were taken to the Jamaica Children’s Shelter.

As America stepped ever closer to the widening global

conflict that would become World War II, her children blissfully began another school year in spite of the drumbeat of worrisome news. In Queens, the school year started on Sept. 9 when 180,000 children marched through schoolhouse doors across the borough. Complaints abounded of conditions in schools described as “antiquated [and] crowded [where] part-time classes rob them of a great part of the education to which they are entitled.”

A glimpse at local newspapers of the day reveals a society in which youth had apparently gone wild. In Kew Gardens, a young couple was arrested for robbing a home on Pembroke Place while the owner, a railroad executive, was upstate on vacation. In East Elmhurst, three men were arrested for stealing \$45

from the cash register in Morris Seligman’s candy store at 98–04 Astoria Blvd. September also saw holdups at a Sunnyside delicatessen and a Woodside bar on the same day. The barroom bandits slowly sipped beers and selected a number on the jukebox before making off with their loot—\$55 and a bottle of gin.

As the holiday season approached, the people of Queens stocked the icebox with groceries from stores like Bohack’s, where oxtails sold for 15 cents a pound, coffee at 37 cents for 2 pounds and Long Island potatoes at 17 cents for 10 pounds. Bohack’s also accepted orange and blue food stamps and sold national defense stamps. Men and women stocked up on warm clothes for the fast-approaching autumn at Marcy’s on Junction Boulevard in Corona, where

sweaters retailed for \$1.98, felt hats for \$1.25 and pure silk panty hose for 59 cents a pair. In 1941, one-family homes on 27th Street in Astoria were advertised for \$4,590 with monthly payments of \$38.

Even 75 years ago, many in Queens sought to defend the borough’s rapidly vanishing residential character. As small homes gave way to apartment blocks in neighborhoods like Forest Hills, residents picketed City Hall on Sept. 23 to have the area rezoned to prohibit apartment construction. Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, who was in Washington, D.C. at the time, did not meet with the picketers, who the Long Island Star Journal noted were “well-dressed and orderly,” unlike the “Communist demonstrations when nobody goes on the picket line unless his hair is mussed.”

Cuomo must clean up the Albany cesspool



Tom Allon
 ■
 Mayoral Spin Cycle

If you do the same thing over and over and over again and expect a different result each time, that is called insanity.

So it is clear that during the last decade, our city and state government have gone insane.

Last week's federal complaint against nine people in state government and its vendors is once again a sad spectacle that will only deepen the public's already low regard for public officials.

Put aside the insane and dispiriting race for president, and for a minute ponder our current state of affairs in New York.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a take-no-prisoners executive who started out so promisingly in 2010 when he miraculously pushed thru a same-sex marriage bill with bipartisan support (after delivering the first on-time budget in years), is now stigmatized by the indictment of his close aide and long-time friend and a group of prominent upstaters who thought they could feast off the governor's "Buffalo Billion" initiative.

Cuomo began his tenure six years ago vowing to clean up the cesspool of corruption in Albany. Instead, the waters have risen and are now washing up all around him.

It is extremely unlikely that the governor himself engaged in misconduct or was even aware that his closest aide was carrying out a Sopranos-like scheme to enrich himself and others.

But the governor has missed numerous opportunities the

past six years to clean up our government and eliminate (or at least mitigate) the chances that corruption will flourish.

The first, and probably most disheartening, miss was when Cuomo did not follow through on his pledge to implement nonpartisan redistricting. Why is this important? Because it is the fundamental underpinning of good government and true democracy.

As the late Mayor Ed Koch summed it up so perfectly: "In a democracy, voters should pick their leaders. Not leaders should pick their voters."

Why Cuomo abandoned his pledge to fix this remains a mystery. He should now redouble his efforts to make that a priority.

In addition, the governor needs to lead the charge for dramatic campaign finance reform. The way the system works now, people and companies that donate to candidates in essence own a piece

of them. When elected, these leaders need to pay back these supporters in order to keep the campaign dollars flowing.

Huuuuuge problem, as one presidential aspirant would call it.

Getting big money and corporations out of politics to drain the cesspool is long overdue. These may be draconian, but the governor should champion a number of bold reforms:

- Institute campaign finance limits and matching funds like the city has. The cap on donations from one person should be no more than \$500 and it should be matched by a 6-1 program.

- No fund-raising in Albany or New York during the legislative session from January to June.

- Eliminate the L.L.C. loophole that allows one corporation to create multiple entities in order to circumvent campaign donation limits.

- If you have done business with the state or city in past five years, you may not donate. This would go for lobbyists and vendors so that we do not create a class of people who have unfair access to our leaders.

- Create an office of Chief Integrity Officer in state government. Independent of the governor, it will vet all appointees, audit the awarding of contracts, and establish ethical guidelines for elected and appointed leaders. Put someone with a lifetime of credibility in charge of it, such as former Lt. Governor Dick Ravitch.

- Institute term limits for state legislators. A decade is enough. Holding power for too long corrupts.

These are just the tip of the iceberg of what is needed to restore faith in our government.

Will our leaders finally listen or will they continue to watch the cesspool draw closer and closer to their knees?

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City media program fights Islamophobia



The de Blasio administration rolls out a new social media campaign to combat Islamophobia in support of more than half a million Muslim New Yorkers. *Courtesy City Hall*

BY BILL PARRY

The de Blasio administration has rolled out a new initiative to combat Islamophobia.

The Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, the Office of Immigrant Affairs, and the Commission on Human Rights announced a series of ongoing events and a new social media ad campaign in support of the city's more than half-a-million Muslims Monday.

"Now more than ever, it is important for every New Yorker to stand united as one city and reject hate and violence," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "In New York, everyone deserves to be treated with respect. Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, Hindu, Agnostic and Atheist—it doesn't matter. We are all New Yorkers, and we all deserve to live safely and free from hate and discrimination. We will not tolerate discrimination or violence of any kind, and we will not rest until all New Yorkers, including our Muslim brothers and sisters, are treated with the dignity they deserve."

Reports of attacks and threats against Muslims have surged nationally, most likely fueled by national and international terrorist attacks and political vitriol, according to researchers and law enforcement officials. The city's Commission on Human Rights, the agency charged with fighting discrimination, has increased investigations into discrimination based on race, national origin, and religion in New York City by more than 60 percent in the last two years.

"To combat xenophobia and Islamophobia, we must come together in solidarity to develop strategies against it," Commissioner Nisha Agarwal of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs said. "Our recent convening with Muslim community leaders, immigrant advocates, and refugee rights advocates is leading to the creation of a shared action plan."

The campaign will feature a social media push that will direct people to the online hub NYC.gov/iammuslimNYC, which contains a downloadable fact sheet about legal protections that are already in place to help Muslim Americans, such as laws that punish businesses and landlords who discriminate based on religion. The campaign will continue into 2017 and includes a series of educational programs aimed at building trust and awareness of Muslim New Yorkers' rights.

"The diversity of this great City has made it the best in the world, and in order to make sure we continue to grow, embracing those of all backgrounds and religions will raise everyone's quality of life," said City Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans), the sole Muslim member of the City Council. "The initiatives that this administration has taken to embrace the Muslim community have not only benefitted those who believe in our faith, but everyone who lives here as well."

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Jamaica man killed during robbery



Police were looking for the men pictured in this photo in connection to a murder in a Jamaica deli last weekend.

NYPD

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Police are investigating the murder of a deli worker in Jamaica Saturday morning and have released surveillance video of the suspects. The NYPD is encouraging the public to assist them in solving the case.

On Sept. 24 at 6:33 a.m., police from the 113th Precinct responded to a 911 call for a man who was reported shot inside the Sunshine Deli, near the corner of Merrick Boulevard and 111th Avenue. When they arrived, police discovered Mamadou Diallo, 46, lying on the floor of the deli with a gunshot wound to the head.

Diallo was pronounced dead by EMS workers who responded to the scene. Police subsequently released a surveillance video taken from inside the deli at about 4:53 a.m. Saturday. The video shows two individuals, one clad in a red hoodie and black pants and the other in a dark hoodie and gray jeans, walking past the camera, police said.

The cash register was emptied of \$60 during the robbery, and the killers tried to clean the crime scene by using bleach before exiting the premises.

Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans), who represents the area where the shoot-

ing occurred, decried the murder in a statement he released online Sunday evening and encouraged anyone with information about the murder to contact police.

“Mamadou Diallo came here seeking the American Dream, and gave back to our community his compassion for others and kindness. My thoughts and prayers are with the Diallo family as we celebrate his life,” Miller said. “Remember, we are a community which values life, and anyone who has information about the person who perpetrated this senseless act of violence should share it with the NYPD.”

Diallo came from Guinea approximately 20 years ago. He was living in a home only a few blocks from the deli where the shooting occurred, according to the NYPD.

Police are asking anyone with any information about the two men in the video or about the crime to call the NYPD Crime Stoppers at 1 (800) 577-TIPS, or to submit a tip online at www.nypd-crimestoppers.com. All calls are confidential, police said.

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W returns in November

BY BILL PARRY

Astoria and Long Island City will have their W subway line again beginning Nov. 7, according to MTA officials. The agency discontinued the service amid budget cuts in 2010, but will relaunch the W to replace the Q train, which will depart Queens to operate on the 2nd Avenue subway line in Manhattan beginning in December.

It's a boon for area straphangers, one local pol said.

"The growing population of western Queens is in desperate need of improved mass-transit service, and the return of the W train will help deal with this growing demand," state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) said.

The W train will run between Ditmars Boulevard in Astoria and Whitehall Street in Manhattan on weekdays. The train will not run on weekends or late nights, forcing riders in Astoria and Long Island City to use the N



The W train returns to Astoria Nov. 7 replacing the Q train which becomes part of the Second Avenue subway plan.

train.

R train service will not be affected, according to the MTA.

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Jamaica Hills

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nesses in the partnership.

The partnership includes a large number of immigrant merchants—including many from Bangladesh—and the span of the partnership runs from 172nd Street to Parsons Boulevard, from Hillside Avenue to Union Turnpike.

The website can be viewed in either English or Bengali, and includes a full searchable business directory, information on upcoming events and tips for business owners on negotiating city mandates and regulations, including how business owners can prepare

for an inspection from the Department for Consumer Affairs.

Haque said he intended for the partnership to hold more consistent monthly meetings and expressed hope that the new website would increase interest and attendance among local business owners.

"Hillside Avenue is a thriving business corridor filled with exactly the kind of businesses that people love to brag about," Lancman said. "We want to make sure this community and its interests are expressed in city government."

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Fariña

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Every public school student will now be able to take the SAT exam free of charge in their own school during a school day, she said. Previously, some students had trouble taking the test because it cost too much money, was conducted too far from their home, or took place during weekend hours when they work to support themselves or their families.

"College is for everybody, and we need to make that clear to all our kids, starting in pre-K," she said, also announcing that the City University of New York system will now waive its application fee for low-income students.

Fariña also answered questions written on comment cards by District 26 parents and teachers. The topics

varied from the amount of district resources to dual language programs. Fariña said that since District 26 was such a high-performing district, it would be difficult to procure federal Title I funding, which can be allocated to school districts to improve academics for students in distress.

Fariña was particularly emphatic about her views on how to approach learning in pre-K, saying that it was not a place for rote workbook assignments or filling out ditto sheets. She said pre-K needed to be a venue for students to learn how to get along, to share and to learn how to be inquisitive and excited about their explorations.

"Every class should be about inspiring kids to want to learn," she said.

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Middle Village celebrates its bicentennial

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At the 200th birthday party for Middle Village, held in Juniper Valley Park, T-shirt sales are brisk.

Borough President Melinda Katz shares a laugh with real-estate-firm owner Sal Crifasi, head of the Middle Village Chamber of Commerce.



As in any park in the city, the pick-up basketball game doesn't stop just because there's a concert next door.



We didn't know what to make of these three women — (l-r) Cara Marino, Wendy Schmidt and Shorty Rock — who showed up to the bicentennial celebration wearing these animal masks. "I have a ton of these at home," says Wendy.



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Rapper J. Cole added to Meadows Fest lineup

BY NAEISHA ROSE

The Meadows Music and Arts Festival, which will take place on Saturday and Sunday at Citi Field and Flushing Meadows Corona Park, got a little bigger following a scheduling mishap involving one of its headliners, The Weeknd, and the season premiere of "Saturday Night Live."

The Weeknd's original time slot would not have left him enough time to make it to 30 Rockefeller Plaza in time for the "SNL" broadcast, so it was up to Tom Russell, a partner and project manager of Founders Entertainment, the company behind the festival, to find a solution.

The solution he reached is one that should please many music fans. Not only did he arrange for the St. John's University alum and rapper J. Cole to take The Weeknd's original slot, he also managed to pull enough strings to get The Weeknd an earlier time spot, allowing him to meet both of his obligations.

"Managing schedules is in-



Rapper J.Cole was added to this weekend's Meadows Music and Arts Festival lineup at the last minute.

Photo by David Grunfeld/AP

credibly, incredibly tough, and there are a lot of moving pieces" says Russell. "We are happy to have The Weeknd back in the festival and to have J. Cole, who went to St. John's and is

one of the best upcoming hip-hop stars of our generation."

The Weeknd and J. Cole are just the tip of the iceberg as regards the lineup for the two-day music fest. In addition

to Kanye West and Chance the Rapper, The Meadows will feature a diverse array of acts. Saturday's roster includes Empire of the Sun, Pretty Lights, Post Malone, Kamasi Wash-

ington and Lolawolf, while Sunday will bring Kygo, The 1975, Cage the Elephant, Mac Miller, Borns, Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires and many more to the stage.

The festival's diversity extends past its musical offerings. There will be a variety of ethnic foods to choose from, curated by Queens food scribe Joe DiStefano, aka the "Guy Who Ate Queens," according to The Meadows spokesperson Kerri Lyon.

Plus, in a nod to the upcoming presidential election, reps from HeadCount, the voter registration site, will be there to help those who haven't registered yet.

According to the festival's organizers, The Meadows is meant to benefit Queens as well as provide entertainment for its audience. A portion of its proceeds will be donated to such Queens organizations as the Far Rockaway RBI Little League, Queens Public Library, and the New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund, ac-

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Bell Blvd. rings in its Sunday Stroll

Photos by Michael Shain



The Sunday Stroll on Bell Boulevard has become a fall standard now in Bayside, with the main commercial strip shut down for fun and games.

This young baseball fan at left deserves some credit for jumping right in with the girls for a princess dance.



A contingent of reservists from Ft. Totten take in the sights of the Sunday Stroll.

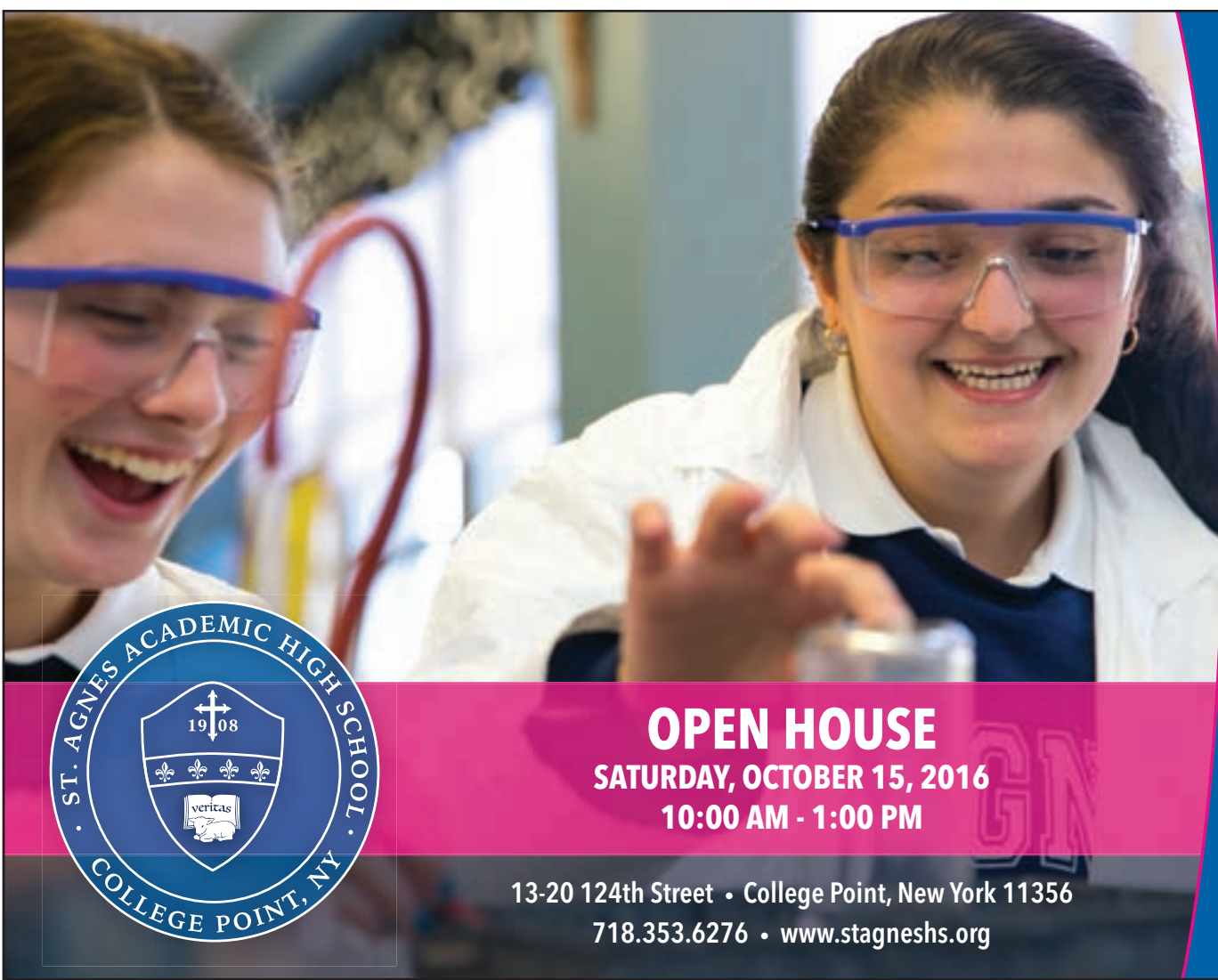
Don't mess with her. She's been training for this demonstration of martial-arts prowess all summer.



An energetic Nala leads his owner, San Kim, through the heart of the festival's café-table-and-chairs setup.

The lead singer for Landing Approach belts out some heavy metal vocals.

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Hospice

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in the hospital's hospice care unit.

Schraeder told the audience about his aunt, who was diagnosed with a terminal carcinoma and needed medical help beyond home hospice care. Schraeder said the care given by the staff in the hospital's hospice care unit was exceptional, a feeling he said was shared by his aunt.

"On her deathbed, she said, 'I made the right decision coming here,'" he said.

Dr. Alan Roth, the chairman of the hospital's Department of Family Medicine and

the chief of the Palliative Care Medicine Department said that hospice care in a hospital was reserved for those with the most severe symptoms and needs, including pain medication delivered intravenously or patients that need frequent adjustments to their medication.

"Hospice is not a place. It's a philosophy of care," Roth said, noting that most hospice care was done in the home.

Roth also said he hoped the refurbished care unit would help to educate the surrounding community about how patients can benefit from hospice care, noting that doctors are sometimes reticent to suggest it as an option and patients are

sometimes unwilling to accept it as a treatment path, with the result being that patients often enter hospice care long into an illness, having undergone health difficulties that could have been mitigated through palliative care.

"It's about the full circle of life," he said. "It's about the love of life."

Roth said the renovations would take about six months to complete, and the hospital hoped to begin work within the month.

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Marshall

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founding chair of the Higher Education committee.

She became Queens Borough President in 2001 as the first black woman and second woman to serve in the position, immediately succeeding Claire Shulman, who was present at the dedication ceremony.

During her time in office, Marshall allocated more than

\$600 million in capital projects which went toward education and public spaces as well as local organizations. She was known for her positong in support of better health care, elder care, quality education and environmental protection.

Others in attendance were state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-Hollis), state Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria), Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills), Councilmen Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) and Council-

man Peter Koo (D-Flushing), among others.

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Tax breaks

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tute, and SEIU 32BJ, as well as expert testimony from the Pew Charitable Trust.

It also heard from the Independent Budget Office, the entity the task force recommended take on the role of evaluator. A regular review process would allow the city to make more prudent decisions about how to best use its resources, and bring increased transparency to the city's budget.

"The city needs to do much more to ensure that it isn't simply throwing away taxpayer money when it offers

tax incentives," City Councilman Daniel Garodnick (D-Manhattan), the chairman of the Council's Economic Development Committee, said. "We deserve regular evaluation and a critical eye before these things go into perpetuity, and the recommendations of this task force provide a blueprint for this evaluation."

The task force met multiple times over a period of two years. Members included Seth Pinsky, RXR Realty; Javier Valdes, Make the Road New York; Marvin Markus, Goldman Sachs; Marilyn Marks Rubin, John Jay College; and Hector Figueroa from SEIU 32BJ.

Meadows

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cording to Lyon.

"We always had the credo of supporting local community partners," Lyon said.

This year the sixth-annual Governor's Ball, which was held on Randall's Island in June, and was also produced by Founders Entertainment, brought in an estimated \$40 million to New York City, according to a company

statement. Founders Entertainment has similar expectations for the economic impact of The Meadows.

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Using mobile phones

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

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

Daydreaming

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

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

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

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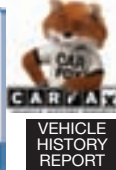
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Borough Beat

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Bayside High School defeated Eleanor Roosevelt High School at Yankee Stadium last June to win the school's first PSAL Baseball championship. To mark the moment, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein presents the team with a commendation. Shown here (l-r): Assistant Coach Kevin Brown, First Baseman Jesse Spellman, Shortstop Daniel Alfonso and Assemblyman Braunstein. Courtesy of Assemblyman Braunstein



FDNY Commissioner Daniel Nigro (l) promoted 116 new first lieutenants and captains at ceremonies in Brooklyn this month—but only two new chiefs, including Bradley Walls (c) of Middle Village, here with his wife and daughters.



Here come the borough beauties. this year's Miss Queens is Mackenzie Perpich (r), seen here shortly after being crowned alongside Miss Brooklyn, Brittney Hollingsworth. Next stop: the Miss New York pageant and, if all goes well, Miss America. Courtesy of the Miss Brooklyn & Miss Queens Pageant



In Corona, celebrating the career of Andrew Jackson (c), the driving force behind the Langston Hughes Community Library until he retired earlier this year, are Rep. Joe Crowley (l) and Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry. Courtesy of Rep. Crowley



The Whitestone chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America tweets out this photo to announce that a site for a Queens Veterans Memorial in Elmhurst Park has been selected. Twitter



The commanding officer of the 109th Precinct tweeted these before and after photos of Weeping Beach Park at 37th Avenue and Bowne Street in Flushing, letting everyone know that the homeless encampment there has been taken care of. Twitter



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Adjusting the lighting around their work areas is one way for men and women to reduce computer-related eye strain.

Simple ways to fight eye fatigue

Eye strain affects people from all walks of life. Many professionals suffer as a result of too many hours spent staring at computer screens. The same can be said for children, who might spend hours doing homework on their computers before hitting the couch for a few spirited rounds of video games.

Whatever the cause of your eye strain, it's important that people recognize they are not defenseless against this common foe. But before you can combat eye strain, it's best to confirm that your vision troubles are the result of it and not something more serious. Eye doctors can provide such confirmation, but you can also be on the lookout for common symptoms of eye strain:

Symptoms of eye strain

Perhaps the most common side effect of is how annoying it can feel. Professionals working at their desks, truck drivers spending long, uninterrupted hours on the road, and students working on schoolwork can attest that time tends to fly once they get in a zone. While landing in that zone can lead to increased productivity, the Mayo Clinic notes that the following are some symptoms that can pop up when eyes are overused:

- Sore, tired, burning, or itching eyes
- Abnormally watery eyes
- Abnormally dry eyes

- Blurred or double vision
- Headache
- Increased sensitivity to light
- Feeling that you cannot keep your eyes open

How to address eye strain

If you remain uncertain about what is causing your vision troubles, consult your eye doctor. If eyestrain is the culprit, then there are some ways to remedy your problems:

Adjust lighting. Use a screen filter when staring at a computer screen. When you will be spending long hours at a desk, the Mayo Clinic suggests lighting your work area with a shaded light positioned in front of you — which can prevent light from shining directly into your eyes.

Take frequent breaks. When sitting at your desk, look away from your monitor. The Mayo Clinic notes that looking at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds every 20 minutes can provide the respite your eyes need.

Make yourself cry (artificially). Artificial tears, which are over-the-counter products that can be found at many pharmacies, can refresh dry eyes. But artificial tears also can be used to prevent eyes from drying out. Even if your eyes feel normal, a few drops of artificial tears can keep them lubricated and prevent the onset of eye strain.

Learn more about eye strain at www.aao.org.

Keep an eye out

Spot warning signs of childhood vision troubles

Adults know when they are beginning to experience trouble with their vision. In such instances, men and women will book appointments with their eye doctors to determine what's causing their problems. But whether it's a fear of eyeglasses or simply feeling their symptoms are normal, kids might be hesitant to tell their parents about any vision problems they're having. As a result, parents must learn to recognize certain warning signs that indicate their children are experiencing vision problems.

Vision problems in youngsters can be especially problematic, as many of the lessons kids learn in school still begin on a chalkboard. The following are some potential indicators that kids might be dealing with vision problems that require medical attention:

Reading habits: As youngsters learn to read, they might use their fingers to keep their place while they figure out the pronunciation of certain words. But kids eventually grow out of that habit. Kids who are still doing so long after they have learned to read may be having trouble seeing words on the page.

Viewing habits: Kids who sit too close to the television may be struggling to see what's



Parents must know the warning signs that indicate their children are experiencing vision problems — and require medical attention.

on the screen, as opposed to just being overexcited to see their favorite shows. Kids who prefer to watch programs on tablets they can hold as opposed to televisions may also make that choice because it's easier for them to see on their tablets than on the television.

Eye rubbing: Many kids, and even adults, rub their eyes when they are feeling fatigued. But kids who seem to rub their

eyes frequently and at times of the day when they should not be tired may be experiencing vision troubles.

Eye activity: Some kids begin to close one eye when reading, watching television, or attempting to read signs. That may be indicative of a refractive vision disorder, in which the eye struggles to focus, or refract, light correctly on the retina.

Help kids adapt to eyeglasses

Children's vision problems often become apparent when youngsters first enter school. Poor performance in the classroom may have little to do with a learning disability or a stubborn student, and a lot to do with poor vision.

Parents may find it challenging to acclimate a child to eyeglasses, but there are a few strategies to help make that transition go more smoothly:

Shop together: Children may be more receptive to eyeglasses if they get to choose those glasses. Kids should select various pairs of glasses they like and try them on.

Dispell fears of 'ugly' glasses: Lens and frame technology has transformed the look and feel of eyeglasses. Lenses may be thinner and less apparent than ever before. Eyeglass manufacturers have developed frames that are bendable or almost entirely invisible thanks to frameless lenses.

Present positive images of glasses-wearing role models: In addition to many celebrities, such as Tina Fey, Elle Fanning, Justin Timberlake, Joe Jonas, and Anne Hathaway, who frequently don eyeglasses, there are likely many people in your family or group of friends who wear

glasses, and kids often want to emulate their elders.

Choose the right time: Make sure a child is well rested and happy before she dons eyeglasses for the first time. Start with a few minutes per day and build up to wearing the glasses for the prescribed duration.

Point out benefits: Highlight activities that will be improved by better vision as they relate to your kids' interests. Perhaps glasses will make gaming easier. Point out to kids who love to read how much more comfortable they are now that they can see the words on the page more easily.

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Bette Midler will be on stage at Forest Hills Stadium Oct. 8
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FREAK OUT LET'S DANCE BRINGS THE DISCO ERA BACK TO FOREST HILLS STADIUM

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

If you remember the 21st night of September as something more than just a date on the calendar, then Forest Hills Stadium next weekend may be the place for you.

Just in case you were wondering, it's also the famous first line from "September"—Earth, Wind & Fire's No. 1 R&B single, which filled the airwaves when

it came out in 1978.

Earth, Wind & Fire is just one of the many acts from disco's heyday to be performing at the all-star Freak Out Let's Dance FOLD NY Festival, which is coming to Forest Hills Stadium Saturday, Oct. 8.

The festival is being curated and produced by Grammy-winning composer, producer and guitarist Nile Rodgers, who will be headlining with his multi-plat-

inum band CHIC—of "Le freak, c'est chic" fame. And if those musical icons aren't enough for you, how about the Divine Miss M herself? Bette Midler is on the festival lineup as well, taking a break from preparations for her upcoming Broadway run of "Hello, Dolly!" by performing with Rodgers and CHIC.

Another act that captures the essence of the disco era—The Village People—will be

there, too, along with contemporary acts DJ Cassidy, Alex Newell and DJ Nicky Siano of Studio 54.

According to the event's organizers, festival-goers can expect a kaleidoscope of styles, with lots of spontaneity. Spanning every popular genre, including electronica and old-school classics in addition to disco, FOLD NY promises a memorable event that combines

get down and boogie music with big fun to be had by everyone (that's another line from the CHIC hit "Le Freak").

In a promo video describing the upcoming concert, Rodgers said, "This is the turbo charger in my engine. This is what makes me feel great—the fact that I can walk out on stage and play with people that I respect and that I love."

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THEATER CALENDAR



The Underpants Godot –

This farce is about a director who's surreptitiously rehearsing for an avant-garde production of "Waiting for Godot," with the main characters played by young men in their underpants instead of old men. A representative from the notoriously litigious Samuel Beckett estate crashes a rehearsal to investigate and decide whether the performance should be allowed.

When: Through Oct. 2, 7:30 pm

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

Cost: \$15

Contact: (718) 392-0722

Website: www.secrettheatre.com

Apartment for Sale (tenant included) OR Se vende Apartamento (con inquilino) –

This play by Spanish playwright Juan Carlon Rubio tells the story of three peculiar characters: an old woman who only has

the apartment she lives in, a young businesswoman who has everything she wants and a real estate salesman who is a total disaster. On alternate nights, the play will be performed in English and Spanish versions.

When: In English-Sept. 30, 8 pm; Oct. 1, 3 pm; Oct. 7, 8 pm. In Spanish-Oct. 1, 8 pm; Oct. 2, 4 pm

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

Cost: \$25

Contact: (718) 729-3880

Website: www.thaliatheatre.org

Hedda Gabler – Hedda is an unhappy newlywed.

Bored with her new station in life, she can't resist creating catastrophe when the means to do so present themselves. Her desire to control cannot be satisfied until she, herself, becomes the object. Written with an eerie silkiness, this play effortlessly builds to a horrific climax, with plenty of comedy, character

development and plot twists along the way.

When: Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. (performances through Oct. 16)

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

Cost: Seniors/Students/Under 35, \$13; General, \$18

Contact: (718) 392-0722

Website: http://instigatorsheddagabler.bpt.me/

The Importance of Being Ernest –

Both Jack and Algy pretend their names are Ernest. Jack loves Gwendolyn. Algy loves Cecily. Both women love "Ernest." Miss Prism loves Rev. Chasuble--a celibate--and Lady Bracknell doesn't love anything much at all! Confusion ensues and tempers flare in this witty, scandalous farce.

When: Friday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. (performances through Oct. 16)

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

Cost: Seniors/Students/Under 35, \$13; General, \$18

Contact: (718) 392-0722

Website: http://instigatorsbeingernest.bpt.me

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Week 45

'The Underpants Godot' works on many levels

Secret Theatre gives modern look at Beckett's classic play a raucous, racy spin

BY STEVE BARNES

From the moment you're handed your program, it is clear that "The Underpants Godot," currently running at The Secret Theatre in Long Island City, is an unusual production.

Instead of just one playbill, there are two. The outer one is for the show within the show, a production of "Waiting for Godot" being put on by a group called "Bleeding Unicorn Productions." The inner one is for "The Underpants Godot" itself, and the relationship between those two programs pretty much encapsulates the story that Duncan Pflaster's play tells. Named Best Play in the Secret Theater's 2015 UNFringed Festival, it is at once a farcical look at the theater business, an examination of the problems involved in re-



Patrick Walsh (l-r), Mark-Eugene Garcia, Roberto Alexander and Alyssa Simon in "The Underpants Godot." Photo by Reiko Yanagi

interpreting an author's work and a look at how sexuality influences the way we look at art.

Oh, and as the title might lead you to expect, it is mostly performed by actors wearing little more than their underpants.

As the play begins, Douglas (Patrick Walsh),

the director of the Beckett play within the Pflaster play, is seen dealing in a rather harried manner with the inevitable problems any director faces. Whether barking cues to the tech staff up in the booth or dealing with an actor who wants the rehearsal schedule

changed so he can go home early, Douglas is a burst of comic energy, setting up a frantic, slapstick tone that becomes increasingly complicated as the story moves along.

Then the actors for the play within the play come in. Mark (Mark-Eugene Garcia), who portrays

Vladimir in the Beckett play, and Tim (Roberto Alexander), who is Estragon, do their best to get into the mood of the piece. That attempt is first interrupted when Biff (Michael Andrew Daly), the production's Pozzo, bursts in and begins making his attempts to reorganize everything.

But that interruption, it turns out, is the least of everyone's problems. Soon a fully dressed intruder invades their space—Tara (Alyssa Simon), a representative of the Samuel Beckett estate. It seems that she has been informed about this scantily clad version of Beckett's piece and is not at all pleased. She wants to get a look at what's going on, so that she can decide whether or not the production can continue.

This sets off a chain of conflicts and discussions. While Tara and

Douglas head offstage to hash out their difficulties, the actors are left alone to talk about how they view the play itself, the whole idea of so-called cutting-edge directors continually reinventing plays and the ways in which one's personal life collides with what happens on stage.

The resulting monologues and interchanges are both amusing and enlightening. From a discussion of the endless versions of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to an analysis of the merits of the "Batman" films directed by Joel Schumacher, each actor is given his moment in the spotlight to tell his own story and pass his own judgment on this production of "Waiting for Godot."

In fact, the fate of the production itself becomes *Continued on Page 44*

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FILM

Movies Under the Stars: The Jungle Book – Director Jon Favreau uses visually stunning CGI to create the community of animals surrounding Mowgli (Neel Sethi), a human boy adopted by a pack of wolves. This version of the Rudyard Kipling classic features the voices of Idris Elba, Ben Kingsley, Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson, Christopher Walken, Lupita Nyong'o, Giancarlo Esposito and Garry Shandling. The movie begins at dusk. You should come early to get a spot and bring a chair or blanket.

When: Saturday, Oct. 1, 7 pm - 9 pm
Where: 47th Street Entrance and 20th Avenue in Paul Raimonda Playground, Long Island City
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 393-7370
Website: www.nycgovparks.org/events/2016/09/24/movies-under-the-stars-the-jungle-book

EVENTS

Rosh Hashanah – Rosh Hashanah services in Queens are held in synagogues, community centers, and churches around the borough. Many Queens Rosh HaShanah services are open to nonmembers for a fee, and some are free. Find a Rosh Hashanah service in Queens that meets your needs at <http://www.ujafedny.org/high-holidays/high-holiday-services/> or contact UJA-Federation's J-1 Information and Referral Center at 1.877.852.6951 for a free and confidential referral.

MUSIC

The Meadows – This music and arts festival features the very best in hip hop, electronic, indie rock and more, featuring a lineup that includes Kanye West, Chance the Rapper, The Weeknd, Mac Miller, Cage the Elephant and many, many more.
When: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and Oct. 2, 11:45 am - 10 pm
Where: Citi Field, Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Cost: One-day general admission ticket, \$115

Website: www.themeadowsnyc.com

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When: Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 pm
Where: Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside
Cost: \$45, \$40, \$35
Contact: (718) 631-6311
Website: www.visitqapac.org

The Songs of Music: Voices from Taiwan – Curated by Dr. Hsing-Lih Chou and Chinese American Arts Council, this concert will immerse the audience in beautiful harmonies from across the continents. The Hai Tien Chorus joins forces with the seasoned Taipei Harmonic Chorus to demonstrate compelling vocal techniques and collaborative efforts.
When: Sunday, Oct. 2, 1:30 pm
Where: Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing
Cost: \$10
Contact: (718) 463-7700
Website: www.flushingtownhall.org

KIDS AND FAMILY

Drop-in Family Workshop: Magical Map Making – The Queens Museum invites children 5-12 and their adult companions to explore different works on view each week through a variety of fun hands-on art making activities. Children with special needs welcome, adaptations available. No fee or advance registration required. Just show up and stay for as long as you like. This week we will create magical maps using our imaginations in connection with the exhibit: Nonstop Metropolis: The Remix by Rebecca Solnit.
When: Sunday, Oct. 2, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Where: Unisphere Gallery

(second floor), Queens Museum, Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Cost: Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for senior, free for children 18 and under
Contact: (718) 592-9700
Website: www.queensmuseum.org

The Amazing Maize Maze – Kids and adults alike will have a blast finding their way out of this 3-acre corn maze! The adventure begins with a "Stalk Talk" to prepare you for the challenge of finding clues, solving puzzles, and making your way out of the maze. Feel up to the challenge? Then join us for the fun of getting lost and loving it! This year's maze theme is "The Big Apple."
When: Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 30, 11 am - 4:30 pm
Where: Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Floral Park
Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-11; free for kids 3 and under
Contact: (718) 347-3276
Website: www.queensfarm.org

GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

Confluence/Influence: Mingei in Contemporary Abstraction – Mingei, a Japanese folk craft movement that translates to "arts of the people," contributed to the development of Abstraction in the mid-twentieth century. The artists in this show include Regina Bogat, Martha Clippinger, John Crawford, Kathy Erteman, Christopher French, Sheila Hicks, Richard Kalina, Ruth Laskey, Douglas Melini, Melissa Meyer, Alyssa Pheobus Mumtaz, Odili Donald Odita, Don Porcaro and Altoon Sultan
When: Through Sunday, Dec. 11
Where: Dorsky Gallery Curatorial Programs, 11-03 45th Ave., Long Island City
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 937-6317
Website: www.dorsky.org/

Language as Representation – Including works by John Baldessari, Nancy Dwyer, Neil Jenney, Barbara Kruger, Suzanne McClelland, Richard Prince and Ed Ruscha, this exhibit shows how words can also be striking visual elements in art.
When: Through Monday, Nov. 28
Where: Fisher Landau Center for Art, 38-27 30th St., Long Island City
Cost: Free
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how old we are, our bodies always benefit from physical activity.
When: Monday, Oct. 3, 10 am -12 pm
Where: Astoria Park Field House in Astoria Park, Hoyt Avenue and 21st Street. Also at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, 111th Street
Cost: Free
Contact: (212) 360-8172
Website: www.cityparksfoundation.org/sports/seniors-fitness/

COMEDY

The Creek & The Cave – "Dark Spots" is a monthly comedy show where comedians are asked to perform their

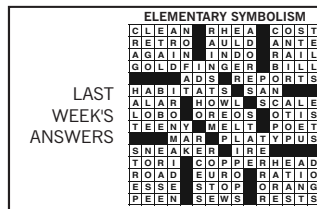
darkest and saddest and most traumatic—but funny—bits. Hosted by Shane Torres (Comedy Bang Bang, Just for Laughs), Nate Fridson (Bridgetown Comedy Festival, AST Records), and Alison Zeidman (New York Times "Loose Ends," Helium Comedy Club - Philadelphia), performers are asked to do a set inspired by a different dark theme, such as death, illness, depression, divorce, addiction, and more.
When: Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 pm
Where: The Creek & The Cave, 10-93 Jackson Ave., Long Island City
Cost: \$5
Contact: (718) 706-8783
Website: www.creeklic.com

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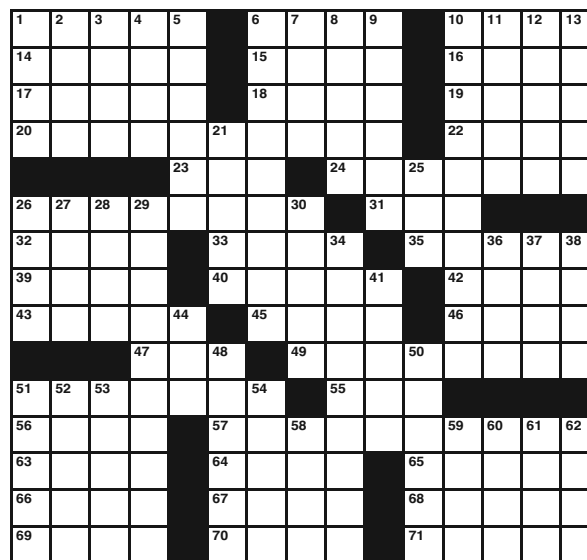
By Pete Canty

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Country music finds a home at LIC Bar

BY MARK HALLUM

Some things in New York City simply do not meet expectations. Take the Island City Outlaws, for example. When Matt Cusack and Alex Kerckhoff started bringing the cowboy tunes of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Hank Williams—among others—to Queens about three years ago, acceptance from borough musical audiences might not have been totally expected. But that's what has happened.

LIC Bar, at 45-58 Vernon Blvd. in Long Island City, acts as the main headquarters for Island City Outlaws' shows and was the location of their Labor Day performance paying tribute to one of the fathers of the outlaw country movement, Waylon Jennings. Jennings is most famous for recording songs such as "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys," and "Luckenback, Texas" and for his membership in the country supergroup The Highwaymen, which also featured Cash, Nelson and Kris Kristofferson.

"It's the sort of thing when

we just talk to people, they don't necessarily know this music or admit to being fans of it. But whenever we play it for them, they realize that they love it," Kerckhoff said. "The reception in Long Island City has been really great. People that we've never met come because we put a poster up and they've been there the last two, three, four shows and they keep coming back, which is amazing."

But Island City Outlaws is more than just a cover band. Each set they play is put together as a tribute to a single country music legend, rather than creating a mixed bag of cover songs. They are, however, also prone to play the occasional original song. With Cusack on acoustic guitar and Kerckhoff playing his Fender Stratocaster, the first show Island City Outlaws performed was a tribute to Willie Nelson.

"The idea for the band is to do these tribute nights and have friends join in singing these old country standards and lost gems," Cusack said. We usually have a handful of guest players and singers each time we put



Alex Kerckhoff (l) and Matt Cusack of the Island City Outlaws. Instagram

these nights together."

The two said that keeping to a certain theme is not only fun for the audience, but it also

helps the musicians to discover the more obscure hits from each artist. When Island City Outlaws paid tribute to Dolly

Parton, they had to go beyond the tunes she is best known for.

"Getting into the deeper tracks is one of the more interesting parts of focusing on one artist," Cusack said.

With many of the artists to whom Island City Outlaws pays homage growing old and dying, the tributes become increasingly sentimental. Guy Clark's death was acknowledged in May with Kerckhoff performing "Step Inside this House," a song which was picked up by Lyle Lovett and became the title track on his 1998 album.

The Island City Outlaws have a Hank Williams tribute slated for November. They are calling the show Hankssgiving.

The surprising aspect of sharing country music with New Yorkers, Cusack said, is that the dance hall aspect of the genre comes to the surface during live performances and audiences cannot help but get into the rhythm.

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years, makes him a particularly appropriate choice to helm an event like this. The artists he has worked with could constitute their own wing in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame themselves. He has produced records for David Bowie ("Let's Dance"), Madonna ("Like a Virgin") and Diana Ross ("Diana"), and has also collaborated with artists like Sister Sledge, Duran Duran, INXS, Mick Jagger, Grace Jones, Steve Winwood, Peter Gabriel, The B-52s and Michael Jackson. Those efforts have resulted in the sale of more than 200 million albums and 50 million singles worldwide.

Rodgers is currently at work on "It's About Time," the first new CHIC album in 25 years. "I'll Be There," the album's first single,



Nile Rodgers performs on stage during the 2015 BMI RB/Hip-Hop Awards. Photo by Paul A. Hebert/Invision/AP

went to No. 1 on the Billboard Dance Chart, while the accompanying video generated nearly 3 million views in less than a week. In June, Nile Rodgers and his CHIC bandmate, Bernard Edwards, became the latest inductees into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

In addition to headlin-

ing at the world's most prestigious venues, Rodgers' endeavors include his role as Chairman and Founder of the We Are Family Foundation, which is dedicated to creating programs that promote cultural diversity while nurturing and mentoring the vision, talents

and ideas of young people who are positively changing the world. That charitable work shares many of the same goals as his music does. "Art is something that opens up and enhances your emotions," he says, "and that's what I like to think I'm doing."

Freak Out Let's Dance is just one-half of a blockbuster weekend at Forest Hills Stadium. Sunday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m., the stadium's stage will host Van Morrison. Since the stadium debuted its 2016 season, thousands of concert-goers have enjoyed a diverse lineup of trail-blazing movers and shakers, including Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Dolly Parton, Louis C.K., Mumford & Sons, Flight of the Conchords, Chris Stapleton and Flume.

Godot

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secondary to the surrounding stories of its characters. While the resolution of that fate is certain to amuse, it is the interchanges between those characters that the audience is

most likely to remember. The acting, as in the Secret's production of "The Merchant of Venice," is of a uniformly high quality. Simon, as the Beckett estate representative, has the comic timing and loopy body language of a natural comedian, and she uses it to good effect

here. Walsh, as the director, is equally funny. And the play within the play's actors, who are responsible for putting the word "underpants" in the title of this production, are all excellent as well. That includes Jason Pinter, who plays Kevin, the production's Lucky. While quiet

for most of the show, he finally blazes forth in a monologue that exhibits a sharp comedic sense. One slight warning: During most of the play within the play, the actors are in their underpants, but at a few moments they dispense with even that last vestige of clothing. But given the show's theme,

even then they remain totally in character. "The Underpants Godot" runs through Oct. 2 at The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For more information, go to <http://www.secrettheatre.com/underpantsgodots.html>.



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Sports



Fordham Prep's Shane Queenan and Molloy's Jack Mangin fight for the ball during a CHSAA crossover soccer matchup. CNG/Laura Amato

Molloy fails to score, falls to Fordham

BY LAURA AMATO

There's still a lot of season left—that was the message Molloy soccer coach Andy Kostel gave his team after the Stanners 1-0 loss to Fordham Prep Sept. 22.

The CHSAA crossover matchup was a rematch of last year's city championship—one that saw Molloy nab a 1-0 victory in double OT—and while the regular-season loss certainly stung, the squad knows there's still plenty of time to turn things around.

"It was tough when we beat them last year," Kostel said. "Now it's just the feeling reversed and we still have a season to work on it."

The game-winning goal came in the 75th minute of play as Fordham Prep sophomore midfielder Jorge

Gonzalez connected on a perfectly placed ball just outside the box.

Gonzalez—who came into the game as a sub just moments before his goal—grabbed control after a Rams' throw-in and a header by James Corsantiti, directing the ball into the back of the net.

"I just knew I was going to hit it," he said. "One touch and I knew it was going to go in. I was very happy for the goal."

But while Gonzalez's game-winner seemed to come almost easily, possession was not easy to come by in the matchup and much of the first half was played at midfield as the two squads struggled to find a rhythm.

Fordham Prep seized a bit of control just minutes before

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Holmes hits the top

McClancy baseball star makes lineup for Team USA



McClancy senior Quentin Holmes has racked up baseball accolades over the last few months, but making Team USA's 18U squad last week, and competing in the PanAm Games, was a big-time moment for the outfielder.

Photo by Robert Cole

BY LAURA AMATO

McClancy baseball star Quincy Holmes has picked up so many accolades and been named to so many all-star teams over the last few months that the senior speedster has gotten used to seeing his name listed among the top players in the country.

But, this time, things were a bit different.

Holmes was named to Team USA's 18U squad last week—after several days of competing against 39 other prospects in Houston—and the outfielder is the first to admit he's thrilled with this latest honor.

"It's just excitement," Holmes said. "I wasn't too surprised to make the team, but it's crazy to think about making this team. I was just dreaming of being here last year."

Holmes—who commit-

ted to Mississippi State last year—made a country-wide name for himself this summer with standout performances at the Perfect Game National Showcase and USA Baseball's Tournament of Stars.

But these last few days in Houston—which included a game at Minute Maid Park and matchups against area college squads—let Holmes show just how dominant he can be on the diamond. He connected on an RBI-single in Team USA's 5-4 extra-inning loss to Texas on Saturday and is nothing short of confident going forward.

"I had a good game that day, so it was just kind of feeling that this is really happening and it's been incredible," Holmes said. Holmes' reputation on the field has been built on his athleticism. His speed—both on the base paths and in the outfield—drew interest

from top-tier college programs long before he committed to the Bulldogs. And now that he's cemented his roster spot with Team USA, Holmes is ready to take that athleticism across international borders. The squad played a handful of tune-up games in Texas earlier in the week before heading to the PanAm Games in Mexico Friday.

"It's still crazy to me right now," Holmes said. "I know I made the team and we've already started playing, but it's still crazy to think about making this squad and then going to another country to play baseball."

Holmes, of course, was focused on putting bat on ball throughout his time in Texas, but he also made sure to relish the opportunities in front of him.

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Italian volleyball trio joins Red Storm

BY LAURA AMATO

For three St. John's volleyball stars, one big thing to remember is to not speak Italian on the court.

Erica Di Maulo, Gaia Traballi and Margherita Bianchin grew up thousands of miles away from the St. John's campus—playing volleyball in Italy—but the trio found their way to Queens and the group have settled into their roles with relative ease.

It hasn't always been easy—that pesky language barrier does get in the way from time to time—but the Red Storm's Italian coalition is determined to make sure things work, both on and off the court.

“In a game point of view, it's a lot easier to play [when we're together]. We can communicate faster on the court,” said Bianchin, a sophomore outside hitter and captain this season.

“We had to learn how to manage the situation because we play in America and our teammates speak English on the court. We learn that we can't talk too much in Italian because our teammates have to understand what's going on. But we're definitely getting better.”

Bianchin, who leads the



Margherita Bianchin, Erica Di Maulo and Gaia Traballi have given the St. John's volleyball team a distinctly international flavor this season, joining the squad after growing up in Italy. St. John's Athletics

team in kills (point-scoring plays) this season, came to St. John's a year before her teammates—recruited by Red Storm coach Joanne Persico—but she did her best to make sure both Di Maulo and Traballi were comfortable as soon as they got on campus.

The trio communicated before the season began this fall and the team has welcomed the group with open arms. Af-

ter all, the three of them have become a key part of the Red Storm's plans this season.

“I don't like to use cliches like changing the culture, but I think we've really done a good job of creating an atmosphere where they feel safe and secure and supported,” Persico said. “They've worked so hard just to get here, taking the SAT in another language, and everything is totally dif-

ferent. We're really proud of them and we're really pushing everybody.”

St. John's is a young squad this season, starting four freshmen, but the Red Storm is also determined and its Italian trio is focused on one goal—winning.

After all, they didn't cross an ocean to come up short of that goal.

“I think we have moments

when we play really well and then there are moments when we play really bad,” Di Maulo said. “If we can manage this attitude, I think we can do really well.”

The Red Storm team may be young, but they boast some serious experience, including the Italian trio. In fact, Traballi and Di Maulo are well acquainted with each other's games—having competed together and against each other while they were growing up.

“In Italy we played a lot of years and many of us have played in a national championship or at a playoff level,” said Traballi, who boasts 177 kills this season. “I think we are young, but know what we are doing and we know how to do it.”

The Red Storm's Italian trio isn't the only international aspect of this team. The squad boasts six players from other countries and while finding and even footing hasn't always been easy, St. John's main goal—winning—is clear in any language.

“This is what we're trying to show to everyone,” Persico said. “We are different, but we have common goals and we love to play volleyball and a lot of positive things can come out of that.”

SJU players use hoops skills for worthy cause

BY LAURA AMATO

For the sixth straight year, the St. John's men's and women's basketball teams combined practicing the fundamentals of the game with raising money for the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation as they quite literally dribbled around campus in the Dribble for the Cure.

But while the Red Storm coaches were certainly happy to see their players with a ball in their hands—just a few days removed from the start of the season—the money raised for the cause was the main focus of Saturday's event.

This year's event raised over \$105,000 for the Foundation and the event has now raised more than \$500,000 at St. John's since it started in Queens in 2011.

“It means a lot to be here, to be here for the kids and all



The St. John's men's and women's basketball took to a slightly different court Saturday, dribbling around campus as part of the sixth annual Dribble for the Cure event. St. John's Athletics

of the families going through things,” said sophomore guard Malik Ellison. “It's great to be here with my teammates and for us to bond. The little kids get excited and that's the best

part.” Dribble for the Cure first started at St. John's as a carry-over from former coach Steve Lavin's time at UCLA. In fact, the Pediatric Cancer Research

Foundation is based out of California.

But, even after Lavin left the Red Storm, the teams maintained their relationship with the organization and the

event has only gotten bigger over the last few years.

“I've watched this event grow so it's really cool to watch an event from California come out here to New York and be able to pass on the love and generosity that you guys have for the research we've supported for over 35 years,” said Jeri Wilson, the executive director of the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.

The money raised over the last six years has already been put into action and, after a few hours of dribbling around campus, the Red Storm basketball teams have helped ensure the future of many children across the country.

Dribble for the Cure funds the research of Dr. Mitchell Cairo whose work over the last few years has raised survival rates in certain types of childhood cancers from 20 percent

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

BY LAURA AMATO

The Christ the King football team is keeping it dramatic.

They staged yet another late-game, goal-line stand on Saturday afternoon, holding off St. Anthony's two-point conversion attempt to notch a 14-12 victory and improve to 3-0 on the season.

It was the second straight week of final-second drama for the Royals, who kept Poly Prep out of the end zone on the final play of the game to seal a victory in week 2.

While the defense held strong once again, the offense was sparked by quarterback Demetrius Wilson. Wilson went 11-for-16 through the air for 148 yards, while Siddiq Muhammad and Hasan Chambers rounded out the effort with rushing touchdowns.

Anthony Lang, meanwhile, was a tackling force on defense, racking up a team-best eight takedowns in the victory as well as a sack.

Although the victory may have been a bit too close for complete comfort—St. Anthony's scored with just 20 seconds left in regulation—a win is a win and, right now, Christ the King is winning games.

Bayside 33, Jamaica 6: The Commodores stayed perfect on the season with another solid showing, cruising to a win in the Bowl Conference tilt.

Tequan Evans threw for 152 yards and a touchdown pass to Robert Williams. Jonathan Cato chipped in 90 yards on the ground and two touchdowns, while Williams finished with 202 all-purpose yards.

Springfield 26, Grady 0: Senai Haywood rushed for 88 yards and two touchdowns and added an interception on defense to spark the Golden Eagles. Neiko Morris added six tackles and two sacks as well.

Holy Trinity 47, St. Francis Prep 18: The Terriers couldn't slow down Holy Trinity's offense in the lopsided loss on Saturday. If

there was a silver lining for St. Francis, however, it came from quarterback Christopher Auricchio who notched a passing TD and two-point conversion.

Info Technology 26, Kipp NYC College Prep 22: Both teams racked up the yardage, combining for 541 yards, but Info Tech was able to pull out the win with a fourth-quarter touchdown. Quarterback Clifford Jackson led the charge with 207 passing yards and three touchdowns, including two to Peter Pogorzelski.

Curtis 44, Flushing 12: A 20-point third quarter was enough to put Flushing in a hole the squad couldn't climb its way out of on Saturday afternoon.

Curtis' two-QB attack was efficient on the field as Quincy Barnes and Alpha Barry combined for just 11 completions, but four touchdown passes.

Eagle Academy III 30, Long Island City 14: Gary Newman did a bit of everything for his squad, throwing for 86 yards and one touchdown, running for another score and notching an interception on defense.

Javon Speid packed his own stat sheet on defense with eight tackles, one interception and one sack, while Jordan Turley set up camp in the LIC backfield with four sacks on the day.

John Adams 34, Stuyvesant 12: Joseph Alvarado threw for a touchdown, but the Spartans star was most effective on defense, racking up 12 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Kareem Herring and Anthony Gray combined for 179 rushing yards and each scored a touchdown as well.

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St. John's hurler heading to World Baseball Classic



Former St. John's pitcher Alex Katz didn't see much action during the World Baseball Classic Qualifier in Brooklyn this weekend, but he's thankful for the experience and the chance to represent Team Israel.

St. John's Athletics

BY LAURA AMATO

Former St. John's pitcher Alex Katz missed a week of school to get a shot playing in the World Baseball Classic, but he's more than convinced that it was worth it.

Katz—who is currently in his final semester at the school—earned a spot on the Team Israel roster earlier this year and, Sunday night, saw the team earn its first-ever berth to the World Baseball Classic in Seoul next year.

Israel defeated Great Britain 9-1 at MCU Park in Brooklyn in the final game of the qualifying tournament and while Katz didn't do much pitching over the course of the weekend, he couldn't have been more pleased with what the squad accomplished.

"This is a dream come true," Katz said. "The ultimate goal of this experience is to spread the game of baseball in Israel. Hopefully winning this tournament, we can spread the growth of the game."

Katz was one of 20 MLB-affiliated players on the Israeli roster, and he's hoping that the team's success will help spark a brand-new interest in baseball across the country.

A 27th-round pick by the Chicago White Sox in 2015, Katz was promoted to Class A Advanced at the end of the 2016 season, playing four games with the Winston-Salem Dash of the Carolina League. Over those four games he posted a 1.69 ERA, allowing just two hits and one run over 5.1 innings.

"I had a pretty good season," Katz said. "The last couple of months I've been pretty happy just getting promoted to high-A. That definitely helped my confidence."

Of course, those kinds of numbers aren't foreign to Katz, who helped lead the Red Storm to a Big East title during his junior season.

In fact, he considers his seasons at St. John's as some of his best. "My junior year, especially, was fantastic," Katz said. "We had six guys drafted that year

and then a couple other guys got picked up the year after. So that just shows the type of program we have there."

Katz wasn't the only player on the Israeli roster with Queens-based ties. Former Mets infielders John Satin and Ike Davis also competed for the squad, drawing fans to the Coney Island Boardwalk.

A Long Island native, Katz came back to Queens the day after winning the WBC Qualifier—getting back into the swing of classes as he preps to graduate this December.

He didn't pack a stat sheet over the weekend, but the experience is one Katz won't soon forget and the cheers of the small, but very loud crowd, at MCU will ring in his ears for weeks to come.

It was worth the missed assignments and extra work he'll have to make up.

"It was an amazing experience so far," Katz said. "It's only the beginning and I can't wait to go to South Korea in March."

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Holmes

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In fact, stepping onto the field at Minute Maid Park—meeting with Astros players and even the team's GM—had Holmes nearly pinching himself. "We played on that field the first day we got there, but it just seemed like a completely different place when it was full of people," he said. "It was awesome to see."

Holmes has spent the better part of the last six months crisscrossing the country and

while success has become the norm, he's not taking anything for granted. While he's got his sights set on the future, Holmes isn't quite sure at what level that future will play out—college or the pros.

It's a problem he's more than willing to have.

"I'm always thinking about what's going to happen in the next couple of months," he said. "There's always scouts at these games and I've been keeping in touch with my college. So I'm always thinking about both possibilities, but, at the moment, I don't know what I'm leaning towards."

Dribble

Continued from Page 48 to more than 60 percent.

It's an astounding number and one the Red Storm athletic community can't help but take a bit of pride in.

"Off the court, that's what St. John's is all about: taking care of your brother," said men's basketball coach Chris Mullin. "On the court, I tell my guys that and I was taught by Coach Carnesecca that a good player can do for himself but a great player does for other

people. And that's what we're all here to do today."

Both of the Red Storm basketball squads kick off their schedules in November, and while they will certainly be doing plenty of dribbling once the season starts, this one day of fundamentals might have been the most important of all.

"The people involved can see how special this St. John's family is and how much everyone wants to support them," said junior guard Aaliyah Lewis. "Everyone is happy to be a part of this cause."

Molloy

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the break, however, notching the first real scoring chance of the game in the 37th minute. The Rams added a pair of free kicks before the break as well and came out firing on all cylinders early in the second, setting Molloy's defense back.

"We knew it was going to be a good, physical game and a good team with Molloy always," said Rams coach Peter McNamara. "They just had to switch on and stay matched up and stay ready, try to com-

bine a little bit and play a little bit better soccer than they did in the first half."

Of course, Molloy's offense fought for chances as well and the Stanners notched a handful of scoring opportunities in the second half.

They just couldn't connect on them.

A shot in the 64th minute went just wide of the net and a set piece off a corner came to naught as the ball landed directly in the arms of Rams' goalie Michael Kennedy.

It's not the first time the Molloy offense has struggled to put the ball in the back of the net. The Stanners drew 0-0 with rival St. Francis

Prep last week and another shutout was nothing short of frustrating.

"Take the St. Francis quotes [from that game] and just put them right in there," Kostel said. "Except we actually had more opportunities today, we just didn't finish them."

This loss hurt, certainly, but the Stanners aren't focusing on that. There's still more soccer to be played and, possibly, another matchup against the Rams.

Molloy just needs to find the back of the net.

"The open net has to be finished," Kostel said. "There's no excuse for that."

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Rikers

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Martin said. “Mayor de Blasio often lists the reforms his administration has introduced to improve some of the most egregious conditions on Rikers Island. While his efforts are noble, to us it is like lipstick on a pig.”

Martin is part of a high-profile commission chaired by former New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman that is studying the logistics of closing Rikers and Governor Andrew Cuomo has expressed openness to the idea. The mayor has explored the issue and found it would take years and cost billions, so he embarked on a 14-point reform movement.

“Creating a culture of safety in our jails is our top priority—today, not a year from now,” de Blasio spokeswoman Natalie Grybauskas said. “While the City continues to examine whether Rikers Island’s closure is feasible and to work with Lippman’s Commission, our focus today remains on reform of the correctional system that will make our jails safer now.”

Martin calls the reforms necessary and important but the growing citywide coalition of more than 100 organizations that marched Saturday vowed to work as speedily as possible toward the ultimate goal of shuttering the facility.

“Piecemeal improvements cannot address the root of the

problem with Rikers, which is Rikers itself,” he said. “It is a place where thousands of New Yorkers, including children, are robbed of their sanity, their dignity, their families, their communities and sometimes their lives. It is a broken institution that cannot be fixed.”

In 2014, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara issued a report that highlighted “the culture of violence” endemic to the facility. City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) told the crowd that the complex is a hell hole.

“It needs to be shut down immediately. Every time I’ve been there I’ve seen horrible conditions wherever they took me,” Dromm said. “While the city’s efforts to curb violence and injustice on Rikers Island are admirable they fall very short of solving what is a decades-old problem. Our resources can and must be put to better use.”

On Tuesday, the city agreed to pay \$5.75 million in a settlement in the 2013 death of a mentally ill inmate, Bradley Ballard, who was discovered covered in human waste after he was locked in his cell for six days without medication for his schizophrenia and diabetes.

“Across that bridge, thousands of my brothers and sisters are held in dangerous and isolated cells. They all suffer and some even feel forgotten,” Bianey Garcia, LGBT organizer at Make the Road New York, who served 18 months on Rikers, said. “The violence and

corruption in Rikers makes it a place no one should see. It is a broken system that tried to break me. On Saturday I marched to raise their stories. Closing Rikers will not be easy, but it is possible and necessary.”

Many of the protesters carried posters of Kalief Browder, whose brother Akeem spoke at the rally. Browder was sent to Rikers on a shoplifting charge at age 16 and held for three years without a trial or conviction, two of them in solitary confinement, because his family could not raise \$3,000 bail. Browder committed suicide after his release in June 2015.

Martin said 80 percent of the current population of 7,600 are imprisoned on the island because they are too poor to afford bail and 40 percent of the population should be in a mental health facility instead. While he is hopeful that training guards in de-escalation techniques will bring about a sustained reduction in the savagery, Martin is skeptical that training alone can eradicate the “culture of violence” that is embedded in Rikers’ DNA.

“It is a human grist mill and an ugly stain on our city’s reputation for being progressive and compassionate,” Martin said. “Rikers cannot be fixed. It is time for Mayor de Blasio to close this disastrous jail once and for all, and instead build our communities.”

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Ferry

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Maria Torres-Springer said. “We can’t wait for New Yorkers to see these modern and efficient boats, which will arrive in New York Harbor starting early next year.”

The city is also investing \$55 million in infrastructure upgrades, including construction of barges for the 10 new ferry landings, currently under construction at a Staten Island facility. The landings are designed for both docking the vessels and a passenger waiting area.

However, an activist from the Rockaways is throwing cold water on the design of those landings.

Belle Harbor resident Joe Hartigan, a former FDNY lieutenant and ferry advocate for more than 23 years, sent an 11-point critique of the design to Torres-Springer and her team at the NYCEDC calling the system “inadequate, very dangerous and an accident waiting to happen.”

“If there is a hard docking there could be as many as 150 people hurt, or worse, knocked into the water,” Hartigan warned. “The ferry landing design with open sides and no heat will be disastrous for slips and falls (especially) in the wintertime with snow or freezing rain. On windy days waves splashing near or onto the barge deck will cause the deck area to be a ‘slip and fall’ zone.”

On the current East River Ferry, passengers are told to remain seated while the vessel is docking to prevent injuries in case of a hard docking, but the current design has waiting passengers standing, Hartigan points out.

“All ferry landings should have two barges: one for an enclosed waiting area and the second for docking of the ferry, especially if there is no onshore waiting area or pier,” he wrote. “All passengers should be in the waiting until the ferry has docked and passengers have disembarked.

Then—and only then—can passenger loading begin.”

Hartigan’s final point pertains to lightning strikes on or near the landings, which are made of metal with several metal pilings. He said a person standing 10-feet above the water surrounded by a metal structure in a lightning storm is a prescription for disaster.

“Every element of the Citywide Ferry Service is being designed to the highest safety standards by a team of expert engineers, and to suggest otherwise is baseless and inaccurate,” NYCEDC Sr. VP of Public Affairs Anthony Hoglebe said. “We’re proud to have worked with the Rockaway community throughout the planning process, and we’re excited to launch new ferry service in summer 2017.”

Hartigan has not heard back from the NYCEDC, although he did exchange pleasantries with several officials in Long Island City last week, where he attended the announcement of the location of a landing in Gantry Plaza State Park.

“I’m just trying to prevent accidents from happening,” he said. “I’m putting them on notice with some common-sense stuff. These boats weigh 60 tons, that’s a lot of force during a hard docking. Just look at video of a Hornblower vessel crashing into a dock in San Diego. I’ve been to more outreach meetings than I can count and trust me, I’m not the only one complaining about the design of these landings.”

When Hartigan was named one of the “Heroes of the Harbor” by the Waterfront Alliance in May 2015, it was for his “commendable and tireless ferry reactivation efforts.” He accepted his award aboard the Hornblower Infinity.

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Maspeth

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must stand up against it.”

Holden claims the protesters didn’t even know there were children in the two shelters.

“They clearly had a plan going in to make it look like we’re attacking kids,” Holden said. “They tried to make us into villains and racists because we’re mostly white, and that’s not right, because the homeless come in all different colors and ethnicities.”

Just two nights before the protest, organizer Mike Papa implored the crowd at a Juniper Park Civic Association to keep the focus of their rally on the de Blasio administration.

“We don’t want to aim this at the homeless, they are the victims here too,” Papa said. “We are aiming at the de Blasio administration and DHS.”

State Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) was at that meeting last Thursday, and he spoke at the Bellrose Inn rally Saturday.

“This kind of genuine anger among my constituents was cased by the mayor. If the administration had come to us asking for help instead of dictating, all this could have been avoided had we worked on this together,” Addabbo said. “There’s no question it’s spreading to other neighborhoods in Queens. I’ve heard from Leroy Comrie in Jamaica where they already have homeless in a brand-new hotel, and I’ve heard from Jose Peralta about discovering homeless living in a Corona hotel. In all my years of public service, I’ve never seen neighborhoods so angry. What the city is doing is not working.”

As Holden and the Maspeth protesters plan more rallies at shelters around the borough,

he is drafting letters to the Department of Investigation and U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara.

“Bloomberg would have just ignored us,” Holden said. “And here you have de Blasio spending taxpayer money on a communist propaganda operation. I’m asking DOI and Bharara to look into the mayor’s conduct and his spending and his dealings with Patel, who has admitted to bribing a government official in the past. Meanwhile, I spoke with Patel last week and he reaffirmed that he will not go through with converting his Maspeth hotel into a shelter and that there is no agreement while the city says negotiations continue. This is all very strange.”

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23-60 37TH STREET LLC.
Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/27/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20-55 49th Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

32 Crystal Realty LLC
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41 Road Rehab Acupuncture PLLC, a domestic PLLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/24/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The PLLC, 133-29 41st Rd., #1A, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Acupuncture.

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Notice of Formation: CXM Hotel Management Group LLC Arts of Org filed with Sec. of State of New York (SSNY) 01/21/2016. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to the LLC, 4160 Main St STE 207B, Flushing, NY 11355 Purpose: General

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CONNECTIONS IN RECOVERY NEW YORK LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/8/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Levy, Stopol & Camelo, LLP, 1425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1425. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of EcoFrank LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/06/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: EcoFrank LLC, 36-16 29th St., Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 60-23 56TH ROAD, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/05/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 116 ARLYN DRIVE W MASSAPEQUA, NY 11758. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PIVOT FUSION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/09/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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Notice of Formation of PRECISION GEAR TECHNOLOGIES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/13/16. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 112-07 14th Ave., College Point, NY 11356. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to M. Briggs Forelli at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

WHO I AM, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/26/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agent: Interstate Filings LLC 2071 Flatbush Ave Ste. 166 Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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THE DANIEL L. FELDMAN LAW FIRM PLLC, a Prof. LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/31/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O the PLLC, 41-46 Main St., Ste 200, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: To Practice the Profession of Law.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST NAZMA B. KHAN, SHAMEENA B. KHAN, NASEEM B. BEEN AND SHADIA N. FAROOQ, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 09, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom # 25 on a Friday at 10:00 A.M. 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on October 28, 2016 at 10:00AM, premises known as 76-04 97TH AVENUE, OZONE PARK, NY 11416. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 9048, LOT 2. Approximate amount of judgment \$398,253.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 17891/10. Kerry J. Katsorhis Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Queens Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Samantha Zangrillo, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8/9/2016 and entered on 8/12/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on October 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM premises known as 122-22 Grayson Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. All

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that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings erected and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 12703, LOT: 41. Approximate amount of judgment is \$763,857.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 26156/2009. Michael G. Sileo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS PONCE DELEON FEDERAL BANK, Plaintiff against THE O D O R E DOUMAZIOS, MARIA DOUMAZIOS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 17, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Court Room # 25, Jamaica, N.Y. on the 21 st day of October, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. premises described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Westerly side of 137 th Street distant 52.51 feet Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Southerly side of 11 th Avenue (Avenue C) and the Westerly side of 137 th Street; being a plot 62.50 feet by 100.00 feet by 62.50 feet by 100.00 feet. Said premises known as 13-02 137 th Street, Malba, N.Y. 11356. (Block: 4017, Lot: 5, 6). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,235,340.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 23028-09. Neda N. Melamed, Esq., Referee. DeRose & Surico Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 213-44 38 th Avenue Bayside, N.Y. 11361

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE Index No. 6595-2014 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE CBA COMMERCIAL ASSETS, SMALL BALANCE C O M M E R C I A L MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE, SERIES 2002-1 Plaintiff, - vs - JOSE PEREZ, ANGELA PEREZ, THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, QUEENS SUPREME COURT,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT: In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 19, 2015 and entered in the above entitled foreclosure action in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Queens on December 16, 2015, I Steven Wimpfheimer, Esq., the undersigned Referee named in said Judgment, will sell as one parcel at public auction on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Room 25, in Jamaica, State of New York, the premises described in said Judgment as follows: The premise to be sold is identified as: Block 1723, Lot 31, 108-01 34th Avenue (a/k/a 33-39, 33-97 and 33-43 108th Street), situate in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, subject to the terms of sale announced at the time of sale; to any state of facts an accurate survey may show; to the purchaser assuming all uncompleted obligations of the Receiver relating to any improvements to the property; to any possessory interests of existing tenants or other persons in possession, to the extent not foreclosed by this action or to the extent such tenants or persons remain in possession post-sale; to all encumbrances, mortgages, liens, judgments, covenants, restrictions, easements, and rights of way, if any, not being foreclosed and extinguished herein; to any violations, building and zoning regulations, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which the mortgaged premises lie; to all unpaid taxes, assessments and pure water charges, if any; to the existing "AS IS" condition of the mortgaged premises whether or not an inspection of the mortgaged premises would disclose such condition; and to any state of facts an inspection of the mortgaged premises might disclose. **JUDGMENT AMOUNT:** \$449,666.34, plus interest thereon, costs and attorneys' fees. Prospective purchasers should note that a ten percent (10%) deposit in cash or certified check made payable to the Referee is required at the time of sale. Dated: September 8, 2016

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STEVEN WIMPFHEIMER, ESQ., Referee (347) 732-9524 NIXON PEABODY LLP Attn: John D'Amanda, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff Office and Post Office Address 1300 Clinton Square Rochester, New York 14604 Telephone: (585) 263-1000

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At an IAS Part 4 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Queens, at the Supreme Courthouse, located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on the 11th day of August, 2016 PRESENT: HON. MARGUERITE A GRAYS, Justice

In the Matter of the Application of WILLIAM SEABERRY, a holder of Thirty-Three and 1/3 (33.33%) Percent of All Outstanding Shares of N E M F O D O G , INCORPORATED Petitioner, For the Dissolution of N E M F O D O G , INCORPORATED, a Domestic Corporation

Index No. 708271-16 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE UPON the reading and filing of the annexed petition of WILLIAM SEABERRY, the holder of thirty-three and 1/3 of all outstanding shares of N E M F O D O G , INCORPORATED (the "Corporation"), entitled to vote in an election of directors of said corporation, verified the day of July, 2016

LET NEMFODOG, INCORPORATED, CHARLES MORANT, the State Tax Commission and all interested persons show cause at a term of this Court, before the Central Motion, Part thereof, to be held at the courthouse located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Room 25, Jamaica NY, on October 13, 2016, at 2:15 p.m. of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, why an Order should not be granted for the following relief:

(1) Dissolving the Corporation pursuant to Business Corporation Law § 1104-a; (2) Directing the Corporation to give a full and complete accounting to the Petitioner pursuant to BCL § 624; (3) Allowing the Petitioner by his agents to inspect all of the Corporation's financial books and records for the three preceding years pursuant to BCL § 1104-a; (4) Appointing a receiver for the Corporation pursuant to BCL § 1113; and (5) For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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furnish the Court with a statement of the corporate assets and liabilities, and the name and address of each shareholder and of each creditor and claimant thereof, including any with unliquidated or contingent claims; and it is further ORDERED pursuant to BCL § 1104-a(c) that, in addition to all other disclosure requirements, the director or those in control of the Corporation no later than thirty days after filing of the petition, shall make available for inspection and copying to the Petitioner by his agents, under reasonable working conditions, all corporate financial books and records for the three preceding years, and it is further ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be published in Jamaica Times, once in each of the three weeks before the time for the hearing thereon; and it is further ORDERED that a copy of this Order, together with copies of the Petition upon which it is made, along with the index number and date of purchase and the Request for Judicial Intervention, shall be served upon NEMFODOG, INCORPORATED, CHARLES MORANT, the State Tax Commission, and the New York State Attorney General in the manner prescribed in Section 1106(c) of the Business Corporation Law, and that such served be deemed sufficient. Enter Hon. Marguerite A. Grays, J.S.C.

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Probate Citation Citation File No. 2016-3061 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Bobby Hoffman David Hochberg Fred Hochberg Yair Hochberg Gila Hochberg Harel Yoav Hochberg Mattiyahu a/k/a Matty Hochberg Dani a/k/a Danny Hochberg Queens County Public Administrator Distributees of Post Deceased Ellen Hochberg Sheffield Morgan H Sheffield and To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Murray H Hochberg deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Jerry Gurewitz who is/are domiciled at 461 Oak Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10306 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica,

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New York, on December 1, 2016, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Murray Hochberg, aka Murray Harry Hochberg, Murray H. Hochberg lately domiciled at 64-52 215th Street, Oakland Gardens, New York 11364 United States admitting to probate a Will dated November 4, 2010 (and Codicil(s), if any, dated), a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Murray Hochberg deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Jerry Gurewitz Dated, Attested and Sealed, SEP 16 2016 Honorable Peter J. Kelly Surrogate Margaret M. Gribbon Chief Clerk Attorney Maureen P. Fonti, Esq Firm Fonti & Fonti, Esqs Address 8516 23rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11214 Telephone (718) 837-0677 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

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Index No. 711585/2015 Date filed: 9/9/2016 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Premises being foreclosed: 25-60 99 Street East Elmhurst, NY 11369 ACTION TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE ON PROPERTY SITUATED IN QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS U. S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of and with respect to AJAX Mortgage Loan Trust 2015-B, Mortgage Backed Notes Series 2015-B, Plaintiff, -against- Esther E. Perry, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff, except as herein stated Oxford Resources Corp., Midland Funding LLC dba in NY as Midland Funding of Delaware LLC, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, and Internal Revenue Service-

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United States of America, Jennifer Toro, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiffs attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of the Summons exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear, or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in this Complaint TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Allan B. Weiss, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens County, entered July 25, 2016 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Queens on June 14, 2005 in CRFN #2005000343955, covering premises k/a 25-60 99 Street, East Elmhurst, NY a/k/a Block 1372, Lot 33. Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place for trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANCER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: August 10, 2016 Carle Place, New York.

K&K No. 62100A Index No. 13378/2011 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS BORN TO BUILD LLC, Plaintiff, -against- IBRAHIM SALEH, a/k/a Abraham Saleh,

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YAAKOUB YOUSSEF SALEH a/k/a Yaakoub Y. Saleh, a/k/a Yaakoub Saleh and QING LING MEI, Defendants. -----X 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 on the plaintiffs attorneys within TWENTY days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or if this supplemental summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York, within THIRTY days after the service is complete); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein. Plaintiff's address: 23 West Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11595 Dated: New York, New York July 27, 2015 Defendants' addresses : Ibrahim Saleh Lebanon (current address unknown) Yaakoub Youssef Saleh Lebanon (current address unknown) Qing Ling Mei China (current address unknown) Gene Kazlow, Esq. KAZLOW & KAZLOW Attorneys for Plaintiff 237 West 35th Street, 14th Floor New York, NY 10001 (212) 947-2900 description of the property: 38-16 220th Street, Bayside NY 11361, a single family dwelling located in the borough of Queens in the City of NY

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX No. 703631/2016 SUMMONS WITH NOTICE The basis of venue is the premises in dispute. BLOCK 12278 LOT 10 Jamaica, New York 11434

CRYSTAL A. COTTON and BRENT D. WEEKS Plaintiffs, -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS/DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE ROBERTS Defendant(s).

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiffs' Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the

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complaint. NOTICE: The nature of the action is ADVERSE POSSESSION in that Plaintiff has been in actual possession of "real property" known as 132-02 154th Street Jamaica, New York (Block 12278, Lot 10) in the county of Queens State of New York and has adversely claimed the premises under claim of right, have held same exclusively and has been in hostile, open and notorious and actual possession of the same continuously for more than ten years prior to the assertion of this claim and such possession continues to the present time. RELIEF SOUGHT: A judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs ordering: 1. That Defendant(s), and all persons claiming property under them, be forever barred from any and all claims to an estate or interest in the real property; 2. That it be adjudged and finally determined that the Plaintiffs CRYSTAL A. COTTON AND BRENT D. WEEKS are the lawful owner and vested with an absolute title in fee simple absolute to title subject property; 3. That the Defendant(s) be permanently enjoined from entering upon damaging or otherwise interfering with the subject property; 4. Such other and further relief as the court deems just, proper; 5. Plaintiffs has no adequate remedy at law and the element on money damages is only incidental to the equitable relief sought by the plaintiffs herein Dated: August 28, 2015 EVERETT HOPKINS, ESQ HOPKINS LAW GROUP, LLC Attorney for Plaintiffs 186-17 Merrick Boulevard, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413 (718) 949-9792 TO: Unknown Heirs/Distributees of the Estate of Catherine Roberts

Block 12278 LOT 10 P R O P E R T Y DESCRIPTION All that certain plot, piece, or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, City and State of New York, more particularly described on the Tax map of the City of New York, for the borough of Queens as Section 32 Block 12278 LOT 10 as said tax map was on January 1, 1967. Also known as real property located at 132-02 154th Street, Jamaica County of Queens, City and State of New York .

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS C O M M E R C I A L MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACTION SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 16826/2014

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Date Purchased: 11/19/2014 PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL Plaintiff Address: 144-51 Northern Blvd Flushing, NY 11354 -----X FLUSHING BANK, F/K/A FLUSHING SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, -against- JOSELITO CRUZ, IF HE BE LIVING, AND IF HE BE DEAD, HIS EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, RECEIVERS, TRUSTEES IN BANKRUPTCY, COMMITTEES, LIENORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND HIS HUSBAND'S, WIFE'S OR WIDOW'S, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS, RECEIVERS, TRUSTEES IN BANKRUPTCY, COMMITTEES, LIENORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, IF ANY, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH AND UNDER ANY OF THEM, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, DISCOVER BANK, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATION BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIROMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF NEW YORK, EMANUEL DHANRAJ and EPN DELI GROCERY, Defendants.

Property Address: 109-52 123 rd St. South Ozone Park, NY 11420 BLOCK 11603 LOT 33 TO EACH OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the second amended complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the second amended complaint is not served with this supplemental summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty days after service is complete if this supplemental 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

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taken against you by default, for the relief demanded in the second amended complaint. Dated: Garden City, New York September 12, 2016

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Yours, etc.
JASPAN SCHLESINGER
LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
B y
Kevin J. Etzel, Esq.

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foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Allan B. Weiss, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens County, dated August 23,

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2016 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the

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Office of the City Register, Queens County on August 10, 2005 in CRFN#2005000447960, covering prem. k/a 109-52 123 rd Street, South Ozone Park, NY a/k/a Block 11603, Lot 33.

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