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Creedmoor boss promises Avella better security

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Community members are cautiously optimistic that the security situation — or, rather, the lack of security situation — at the Creedmoor Psychiatric Campus in Bellerose is going to improve after meeting with the head of the state's Office of Mental Health last week.

"I think his exact words were that they 'let the situation get away' from them," said state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), who set up the meeting with OMH Commissioner Mike Hogan and various other stakeholders. "He admitted that security is lax and recognized that more needs to be done."

The Creedmoor campus is split into two sections by Union Turnpike, with the OMH's inpatient hospital on the northern campus, which is locked down by

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State fights foreclosures in Qns.

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The Royal Drummers and Dancers of Burundi take the stage at the York College Performing Arts Center. The group has used the same drumming techniques for centuries, passing down the tradition from father to son.

Photo by Christina Santucci

Jamaica non-profits among four in boro given allocations

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Four Queens nonprofits will receive a share of more than \$16 million the state attorney general's office has set aside this year to assist homeowners in avoiding foreclosure, though it was not certain whether the grants would allow the groups to expand their services or simply compensate for other sources of funding that have run dry.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced last week that the Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project in Jamaica, Queens Legal Services, the Chhaya Community Development Corp. and Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica would be among the 94 legal-service and housing-counseling providers across the state

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Eight officers honored as precinct's top cops during summer months

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Four officers, including three who were struck by a suspect's car as they tried to make an arrest in August, were given a stirring round of applause last week as they were honored at the 105th Precinct's community council meeting.

It all started around 10 p.m. Aug. 16, when a man hijacked a vehicle in Flushing and led cops from the 109th Precinct on a high-speed chase, according to Deputy Inspector Joseph Courtesis, who caught up on three months' worth of Cop of the Month awards at the council's first meeting after its summer hiatus.

The 109th officers lost sight of the vehicle on Jamaica Avenue and called in the description to the 105th Precinct, and about 3 1/2 hours later Officer Ryan Scannel spotted the car. When Scannel attempted to pull the vehicle over, the driver took off at speeds of more than 90 miles per hour, Courtesis said, blowing through red lights before he tried to ditch the car.

Scannel chased the suspect down and apprehended him and then called for the assistance of Officers Joseph Grubert, Anthony Crescimanno and Joseph Manzella, who took the car back to the precinct and secured it in the lot while Scannel locked the driver up.

As the officers were



Officers Joseph Manzella (l.-r.), Ryan Scannel, Anthony Crescimanno and Joseph Grubert are honored by Commanding Officer Joseph Courtesis as the 105th Precinct's Cops of the Month for August.

Photo by Rich Bockmann

standing out by the parking lot, they noticed a man drive by a few times looking into the lot.

"The male informed the officers that his friend was just arrested and that he left his phone inside the car that is in the parking lot," Courtesis said.

The officers began to grow suspicious that the driver may have something to do with the carjacking and asked him to step out of the vehicle, at which point he put the car in gear and hit Crescimanno on his hip and elbow and ran over Grubert's foot before hitting a parked car, according to the 103rd's top cop.

He then threw the car into reverse and knocked Manzella to the ground, running over both his legs twice before speeding off, Courtesis said.

All three officers were taken to North Shore Man-

hasset Hospital. Crescimanno and Grubert were released, and Manzella spent two days in the hospital.

"After one month on the injured list, he just got back to full duty," Courtesis said. "These guys were lucky. The incident just demonstrates how quickly things can go bad."

Courtesis said the driver later turned himself in and was charged with two counts of attempted murder and one count of assault on a police officer.

The precinct's top cop continued to dole out the congratulations to two more officers, Michael Cerrula and Steven Ricca, who were honored as the June Cops of the Month.

The school safety officers recovered a firearm and a mask when they chased down four suspects they had noticed driving

around in a vehicle casing students near a school.

"This alone deserves the Cop of the Month Award, but what makes this a little bit more significant is while they had the four perps in custody, one wasn't standing appropriately," Courtesis said. "Something just didn't look right about him."

When the officers looked in the suspect's shoe, they found another gun, Courtesis said.

"This could have been really bad," the deputy inspector said. "They could have put the guy in the car, driven him down to the station house and something terrible could have happened."

Officers Suzanne Peterson and Michelle Collier were honored as the July Cops of the Month for thwarting a burglary in progress.

Rochdale LL coach sentenced to 18 yrs.

BY RICH BOCKMANN

The 54-year-old man who admitted to using his position as a Little League coach at Rochdale Village to sexually abuse his young players was sentenced to 18 years in jail last week, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown announced.

David Hartshorn, once named "Rochdale Village Little League Coach of the Year," was sentenced by Queens Supreme Court Justice Richard Buchter Friday after he admitted to sexually abusing three teenage boys and filming two others in sexual acts between July 2009 and August 2010.

"A coach can have a lasting impact on a child's life. In this case, unfortunately, it was not in a good way," Brown said. "The defendant has admitted to being a sexual predator who took advantage of his position as a Little League coach to get close to young boys before sexually abusing them. For that reason alone, the prison sentence meted out by the court today is more than warranted."

Hartshorn, who has been held on bail since he was arrested in February 2011, pleaded guilty in August to one count of first-degree criminal sexual act, two counts of second-degree criminal sexual act and two counts of using a child in a sexual performance.

Hartshorn collapsed in

court in the winter of 2011 when he was arraigned on charges that could have put him away for up to 25 years.

According to the district attorney, Hartshorn had used his position as coach to gain the trust of his young players and lure them back to his home, where he showed them pornographic materials, videotaped them in sexual acts and played a sordid game of poker, where the loser would have to perform sexual acts with another boy.

The authorities got tipped off when one of the young boys told his mother, who then went to the police.

Brown said a search warrant executed on Hartshorn's home turned up VHS and DVD movies showing the young boys engaged in sexual acts, as well as

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Former Rochdale Little League Coach David Hartshorn is sentenced to 18 years for sexually abusing teenage boys.

Photo by Ellis Kaplan

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College-bound youngsters get advice on their next step

City Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott visits St. Albans looking to steer students in right direction

BY STEVE MOSCO

Young people from southeast Queens exploring their academic options got a visit, and plenty of advice, from city Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott at a college fair in the St. Albans Congregational Church Saturday.

The church's 14th annual college fair, at 172-17 Linden Blvd., drew students from throughout Queens and gave them the opportunity to hear Walcott's story, which took him from St. Albans all the way to the office of schools chancellor.

"I've always been just a kid from southeast Queens. I'm you," said Walcott. "I knew I wanted to do something that would benefit the community, but I had many stops along the way."

Walcott told the students of his early days at the



The Rev. Henry Simmons (l.) introduces city Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott to the crowd at the St. Albans Congregational Church.
Photo by Steve Mosco

University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. The chancellor said he found the school at a college fair similar to the one they are attending and it was the perfect fit for his life at that time.

"I knew I wanted to go

away, but I didn't want to be too far from home. I also knew I wanted a campus environment, but I didn't want it to be too large," he said. "I found the school through exploring and asking questions, which is

what all of you should be doing today."

While at Bridgeport, the chancellor said he learned the importance of becoming a well-rounded individual. He advised the students to try things out

of their comfort zone and to take on challenges they would normally shy away from.

He recalled volunteering to act as master of ceremonies at a school event — even though at the time he was terrified of public speaking.

"Put yourself in challenging positions in order to make yourself a better student, a better person and more well-rounded," he said. "You will become a stronger adult with more success. Couple that with a college degree and the world is yours."

The chancellor told the students about his getting a master's degree in social work and from there becoming a worker at the United Way. From there, he was president of the New York Urban League, where he eventually met Mayor

Michael Bloomberg.

Walcott then became Bloomberg's deputy mayor, which led him to the schools chancellor's office.

"I could not have done any of this without a college degree," he said.

The chancellor stressed the importance of a diploma in today's world, saying that his father, who dropped out of high school, would not be able to get a job and support a family these days.

"My father was able to support us as a high school dropout, but times have changed," he said. "It is more and more difficult to get a well-paying job without a degree. Life requires you as students to go on to college, finish college and perhaps go on and earn higher degrees."

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Group against waste station veils donors

Friends of LaGuardia keeps source of funds secret for their protection, but policy invites speculation

BY JOE ANUTA

A group opposing the city and federal government over construction of a College Point garbage facility near LaGuardia Airport has a policy of keeping its donors anonymous, leading some community members to question who is driving the media blitz about bird strikes.

Friends of LaGuardia Airport Inc. is a nonprofit registered with New York state that has attempted, through advocacy and legal challenges, to put the brakes on the North Shore Marine Transfer Station, a proposed garbage collection point for the eastern half of queens.

The group contends the facility, where trucks would drop off refuse to be sorted and then packed into barges and floated out of the borough, would attract winged creatures

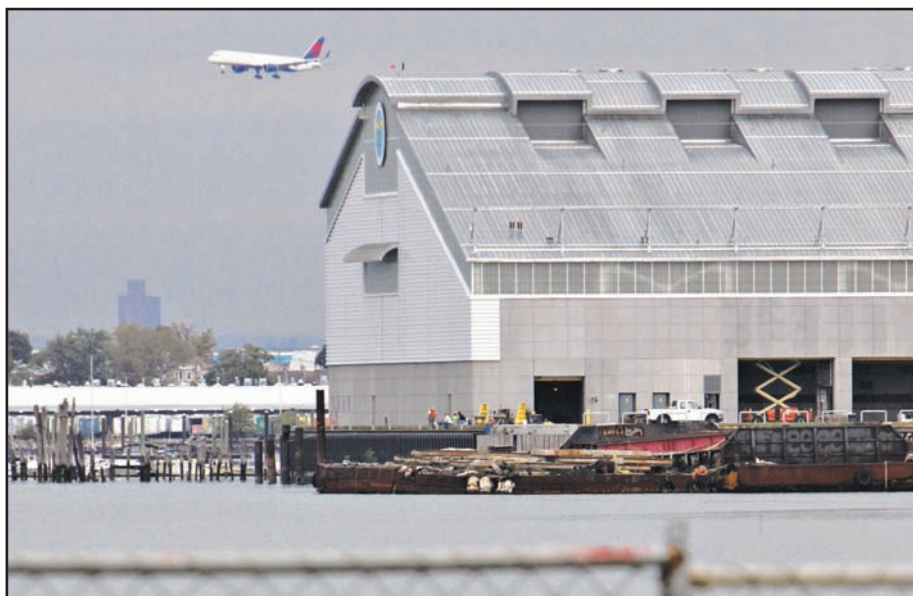
in search of food and thus increase the likelihood of a fatal plane crash due to bird strikes.

The facility is less than 5,000 feet from the end of one of the runways, and the group's message has been widely covered in the New York City press.

Friends of LaGuardia Airport is led by Ken Paskar, a pilot who previously worked with the Federal Aviation Administration on mitigating safety issues, but is now leading the charge against the federal agency.

Paskar has a policy of cloaking the identities of donors to the nonprofit. The policy, he said, is designed to protect contributors from potential retribution from the FAA or from the city government — retribution he contends is real and has already been exacted on him.

"I've got to protect ev-



A group that opposes a trash transfer station near the end of a LaGuardia Airport runway has a policy of not disclosing its donors.

Photo by Christina Santucci

erybody else," Paskar said. "This way, the only person anybody can go after is me."

Before Friends of LaGuardia, Paskar was on

the FAA Safety Team as a volunteer who acted as a liaison between the aviation community and the agency to try and find solutions to thorny safety issues. In

that capacity, the pilot began questioning the safety of the proposed facility beginning in 2009, when the file landed on his desk.

As his opposition to

the facility became stronger, he began to sense resistance from the FAA, he said, and he was eventually booted off the team in 2010.

Paskar also claims FAA brass instructed the administration's legal team to go after a close friend's flight school due to the owner's association with Paskar. The Friends of LaGuardia head contends that the FAA wrongfully prosecuted the business for an alleged infraction on federal flight rules. Paskar contends these two episodes justify concealing the source of the funds.

Because Friends of LaGuardia Airport is a relatively new nonprofit — it was first incorporated in April 2011, according to state records — it does not have tax returns on file with the Internal Revenue Service or the state Department of State. And even

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Boro Sikhs, pols petition NYPD to end ban on turbans, beards

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Several Sikhs and elected officials in Queens are throwing their support behind a petition urging the NYPD to reform its dress code to allow Sikh employees to wear turbans and beards in accordance with their religious faith.

"New York City, which is home to such great diversity, should be more considerate and open to those communities that have decided to make this city as their own," said Harpreet Singh Toor, chairman of public and external affairs at the Sikh Cultural Society, in a statement.

The society is based in Richmond Hill and repre-

sents the largest Sikh temple in New York. Its chairman, Mohan Singh Khatra, is the nephew of Suvez Khatra, who was killed recently in a shooting rampage at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis.

State Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Little Neck), who introduced a bill that would prohibit discrimination against uniformed employees who wear religious dress, also released a statement in support of the petition.

"An individual should never have to choose between their place of employment and their religious observance," he said.

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica)

also came out in support of the petition, saying it is important for the NYPD to be reflective of the city's diversity.

City Comptroller John Liu and the city-based Sikh Coalition and United Sikhs, a United Nations-affiliated nonprofit, are circulating the petition, ramping up efforts for religious tolerance in the wake of the Wisconsin shooting. Other efforts include a recent letter Liu sent Mayor Michael Bloomberg asking for the same policy change.

The petition is addressed to Bloomberg and was launched last Friday. It argues the NYPD's policy prohibiting Sikhs

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Lipsky gets 3-month sentence after cooperating with feds

BY JOE ANUTA

The prominent lobbyist sentenced last week to three months in prison for bribing a state senator was involved in several Queens issues, and some in the borough's political circles wonder what he told federal investigators, since court documents showed he cooperated to get a lesser sentence.

Richard Lipsky is a well-known lobbyist in Albany and City Hall and has often taken cases concerning development and commerce. In Queens, he was recently associated with fighting the city's planned \$3 billion redevelopment of Willets Point, the collec-



Queens political circles are speculating about what Richard Lipsky told federal prosecutors in order to get a lesser sentence.

tion of junkyards and auto body shops across from Citi Field.

But Lipsky was hired by many other Queens groups over the years.

His lobbying firm, Richard Lipsky Associates Inc., was formed in 1983, according to records from the

state Department of State.

Records in a city database for lobbyists do not go that far back, but recently Lipsky had a hand in lobbying against another megadevelopment in Flushing.

In 2010, Lipsky was hired by the Flushing Coalition for Responsible Development, a group opposed to the development of Flushing Commons, an \$850 million, mixed-use complex that is set to take the place of Municipal Lot 1 between Union and 38th streets and 37th and 39th avenues. The project eventually received all of the legislative green lights needed, but has not commenced due to funding problems.

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JetBlue breaks ground on expansion at JFK

BY RICH BOCKMANN

JetBlue Airways broke ground Monday morning on an extension project to its terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The project, expected to be completed in early 2015, will add approximately 150,000 square feet of space and three additional gates to the airline's Terminal 5. With the conversion of three existing gates, JetBlue's new terminal will have six international arrival gates as well as an International Arrivals Hall with facilities for the U.S. Custom and Border Protection and Federal Inspection services.

"Today is truly a groundbreaking day for JetBlue as we begin work on our international arrivals terminal at T5," JetBlue President and CEO Dave Barger said. "We're excited to work with all of our partners at JFK and beyond to move forward with this project which, when completed, will make all domestic and international operations seamless and convenient for our customers and consolidate our flight operations under one roof."

Barger said the airline opened Terminal 5 in 2008

amid an international expansion to countries such as Colombia and Bermuda, and the company plans to add more international destinations later this year.

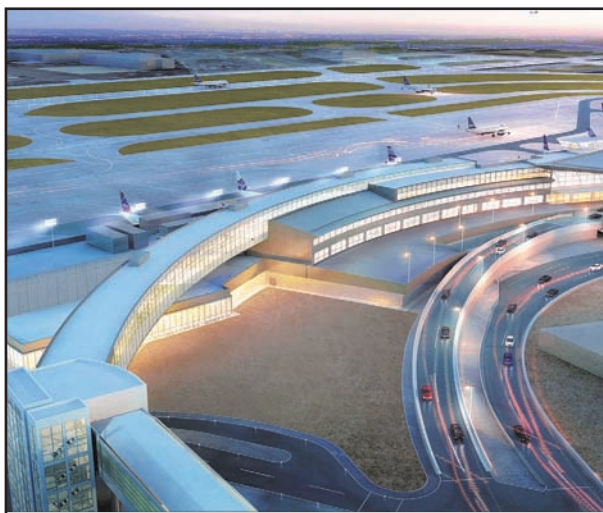
He said the design of the expansion will mirror that created by the Gensler firm for the existing terminal in order to create a "seamless ground experience" for passengers.

The design attributes include an abundance of natural light, low-flow water fixtures, an efficient heating and cooling system and circulation paths designed to get customers through gates and customs with ease.

Berger said the building would even use concrete reclaimed from JFK's aircraft apron as the base for the concrete within the new building.

"We designed this addition to T5 to welcome people to New York, greeting them with natural daylight and a view outside," Gensler Principal Bill Hooper said. "Our goal is to put passengers first and make it easy and fast for people to get where they want to be."

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A JetBlue rendering shows the expanded Terminal 5 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, which is set to be completed in 2015.

Vallone slams corrupt pols

Councilman says electeds' nonprofit groups should be investigated

BY REBECCA HENELY

In the wake of charges that outgoing state Sen. Shirley Huntley (D-Jamaica) misused taxpayer dollars, City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria) said every nonprofit connected to an elected official should be the subject of scrutiny.

"It's rife for corruptions," the councilman said.

Vallone discussed the role of nonprofits in political scandals, policing and a potential run for borough president during a recent interview at TimesLedger Newspapers' offices with editors and reporters. The councilman said the second he was elected in 2002, people recommended that he build a nonprofit of his own.

Vallone said the nonprofits often act as places to employ former staffers or relatives of the elected official associated with the nonprofit and can serve as fronts to build up campaign treasuries or otherwise use money or resources for the politician's own political



City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. speaks about political corruption, policing and a potential borough president run during a visit to TimesLedger Newspapers' offices. Photo by Christina Santucci

gain.

Huntley, who recently lost a primary election to City Councilman James Sanders Jr. (D-Laurelton), was charged in August with conspiracy, tampering with physical evidence and falsifying business records amid allegations that she used her Parent Workshop Inc. nonprofit to steal almost \$30,000 from taxpayers.

"It's outrageous that

any elected official would violate the trust of the people they represent," Vallone said.

The councilman, chairman of the Council Public Safety Committee, also reiterated multiple changes he would like to see made in how the city conducts its policing. Vallone said he believes there has been an attitude shift among city officials who say the problem of crime in

the city is over.

He said the Safe Cities, Safe Streets program, implemented in 1991, eventually increased the city's police force from 31,000 to 41,000. That number has since dropped to less than 35,000, and while the city is far less dangerous than it was in the early 1990s, crime has started to rise in all areas except homicide, Vallone said.

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Pressure to race led to horse deaths: Report

BY STEVE MOSCO

A task force investigating a spike in horse deaths at Aqueduct Racetrack in South Ozone Park last winter is calling for widespread rule changes in veterinary structure and the prohibition of certain drugs.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo had called on the task force last March in an effort to learn why Aqueduct equine deaths were close to double the national average from November 2011 to March 2012, and the governor announced his office received the findings and recommendations of the New York Task Force on Racehorse Health and Safety Friday.

"New York is committed to placing the health, safety and welfare of the equine athlete as the top priority



Gov. Andrew Cuomo's task force looks to make changes to ensure the safety of horses and jockeys at Aqueduct Racetrack. Photo by Christina Santucci

of horse racing," Cuomo said. "As we bring accountability and responsible business practices to horse racing, these recommendations will be an integral part of a new and improved racing product."

The governor directed the task force to review the circumstances involving the deaths, analyze the causes and recommend any necessary action to prevent equine breakdowns at New

York Racing Association-operated facilities.

Howard Glazer, director of state operations for New York, reported the findings and said while the investigation did not yield a single root cause for the fatalities, a combination of factors likely led to an increased rate of equine deaths.

These factors include the use of drugs that may have masked pre-existing medical conditions, leaving the horses vulnerable to catastrophic injuries; a lack of protocol and inconsistencies in pre-race inspections and veterinary procedures; increased purses due to the success of Resorts World Casino, incentivizing stakeholders to place horses in races that were above their skill level; and

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Residents pit train track park against Rockaway line revival

BY STEVE MOSCO

Two groups with opposing plans for the abandoned Rockaway rail line clashed with residents in Woodhaven at a special forum Saturday.

While transportation advocates want to revive the railway and give southern Queens easier access to the city, Friends of the QueensWay, an organization consisting of city residents, hopes to transform the tracks into an outdoor park similar to the High Line, an elevated park in Manhattan.

"This is 3.5 miles of derelict land," said Andrea Crawford, who sits on the QueensWay committee, about the rail line running through Forest Hills, Glendale, Woodhaven, Richmond Hill and Ozone Park. "We want to create a cultural greenway to spur de-

velopment along the tracks, boosting the soul, spirit and economy of the area."

The Rockaway Branch of the Long Island Rail Road has been inactive since 1962, when it was shut down due to lack of ridership. Since its closure, there have been many attempts to revive the line, but reactivation routinely proved infeasible for a variety of reasons, including cost, environmental impact and detrimental effects on residents.

Many of the residents attending the forum, held by the Woodhaven Residents Block Association at Queens Tabernacle, at 86-03 96th St., voiced their concerns about a revived rail. Some cited train noise, while others questioned what train vibrations would do to the structural integrity of the older houses in the area.

"What will happen to the houses built in the 1920s?" asked Mildred Facinelli, whose house on 98th Street is adjacent to the abandoned rail. "And the area is not secure at all. I see teenagers walking those tracks every day — it's not safe."

But not all residents were in favor of the QueensWay. One resident said easing the traffic on Woodhaven Boulevard is far more important than greenery.

"A garden? Forget that," said Rockaway resident John Mack. "We need to help people get to work."

Transportation advocate John Rozankowski said modern advancements in transit would mitigate noise and vibrations from the trains. He also said the economic impact of a rail line far exceeds the need for arts and culture.



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POLICE Blotter

Cops seek suspect found in bed with young girl



Police released a sketch of a suspect, who was found in bed with a girl in Jamaica.

Sketch courtesy NYPD

JAMAICA — Police released a sketch last week of the man suspected of sneaking into a Jamaica home and getting into bed with a 3-year-old girl as she slept.

At about 1:30 a.m. last Thursday morning, the suspect, who police described as a Hispanic man between the ages of 25 and 35 and standing about 5-foot-7, snuck into the home on 88th Avenue and got into bed with the young girl before her father chased him out into the street, according to the NYPD.

The girl was taken to Jamaica Hospital for an evaluation to determine whether she had been sexually assaulted, police said.

The suspect was seen wearing a gray shirt and black jeans. The sketch circulated by police showed him as having a small mustache.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477). The public can also submit their tips by logging on to Crime Stoppers' website at nypdcrimestoppers.com or by texting their tips to CRIMES (274637), then enter TIP577. All calls are strictly confidential.

Sick dolphin dies on Rockaway Beach: Post

ROCKAWAY — The New York Post reported an emaciated dolphin that washed up on Rockaway Beach Friday died from its injuries the next day.

The 5-foot female died at 3:15 p.m. at a Long Island facility for marine animal rescue.

According to published reports, a biologist on the scene said the dolphin was sick and underweight.



A female dolphin washed ashore in Rockaway Friday.

AP Photo/NYPD

Police searching for suspect in A train rob



Police released this photo of a suspect wanted in connection to a robbery aboard the A train.

Photo courtesy NYPD

ROCKAWAY — The NYPD is seeking the public's assistance in locating a suspect wanted in connection with a robbery Friday.

Cops said a man approached a 15-year-old victim on the Manhattan-bound A train and flashed a gun. The suspect then allegedly took a set of Dr. Dre Beats headphones and a Samsung Galaxy phone from the teen, before fleeing the train at the Beach 60th Street station, police said.

A witness took a photo of the suspect, who cops described as a black man between the ages of 25 and 30, standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing approximately 150 pounds.

He was last seen wearing a camouflage hat, dark skirt with skull prints and blue jeans.

Got tips?

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NE Qns voters to pick two House lawmakers

BY JOE ANUTA

Voters in central and northeast Queens will be choosing two members of Congress in November in newly drawn districts, one of which was carved out of the center of the borough and the other absorbed a few neighborhoods in the northeast into a district largely based in Long Island.

In a race that is heating up in the weeks leading up to Election Day Nov. 6, City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) is up against state Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) for the central Queens seat, while five-term U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Hauppauge) faces challenges from multiple parties: Stephen Labate on the Republican, Conservative and Tax Revolt party lines; Anthony Tolda on the Constitution Party line; and Michael McDermott on the Libertarian line.

The boundaries of the central Queens district cover the neighborhoods of Ridgewood, Glendale and Maspeth in the west, then travel east through Elmhurst, Rego Park and Forest Hills and into Flushing and Fresh Meadows before ending in Bayside.

The policies of Halloran and Meng largely differ on ideological lines. For example, Meng supports a

progressive tax system, including a millionaire's tax, while Halloran is in favor of a three-tier flat tax system and eliminating loopholes.

Outside of a relatively subdued forum, the two have bashed each other in the press over issues involving ethnicity and the disclosure of personal finances.

The seat is heavily Democratic. In the 2008 presidential election, the residents within the newly drawn district voted 63 percent in favor of President Barack Obama, and 35 percent for U.S. Rep. John McCain (R-Ariz.), roughly dovetailing state ratios, according to a New York Times report.

But farther north and east, the neighborhoods of Douglaston, Little Neck, Glen Oaks, Floral Park, Bellerose, Bay Terrace and Whitestone will vote in the recently redrawn district that largely covers parts of Nassau and Suffolk counties and is slightly more conservative than the rest of the state.

In the 2008 presidential election, 53 percent of the residents within the district voted for Obama, while 45 percent voted for McCain, according to the Times report.

Israel decided to run in the district after Rep.

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City Councilman Dan Halloran (l.) and state Assemblywoman Grace Meng are competing for a congressional seat that comprises much of central Queens.

Assembly races heating up

Primary victors prepare for November challengers in final stretch

BY PHIL CORSO

With November's general election looming, six different races for state Assembly have shaped up throughout Queens, according to the city Board of Elections.

According to a city-wide candidacy list provided by the BOE, Assembly races in the borough will be decided Nov. 6 for the 25th, 30th, 33rd, 36th, 37th and 40th districts.

In the 25th District, which runs from Flushing to Douglaston and includes most of Bayside Hills, September's Democratic primary winner, Nily Rozic of Fresh Meadows, will face off against Republican Abraham M. Fuchs and Conservative William N. Garifal Jr., as well as her defeated opponent Jerry Iannece, who will appear on the Independence Party line.

Rozic, who ran on a platform that pushed improving vital services for women and seniors, bested Iannece in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary with more than 56 percent of nearly 4,000 total votes, the BOE said. Iannece campaigned largely on bringing his experience to Albany after spending more than a decade as president of the Bayside Hills Civic Association and chairman of Community Board 11.

Fuchs said he was running largely on an education-first agenda while Garifal has campaigned for lower taxes and fiscal responsibility.

As for the 30th District in central Queens, including most of Maspeth, incumbent Margaret Markey (D-Maspeth), who was first elected in 1998, will see a rematch against Republican and Conservative can-



Democratic incumbent Barbara Clark (l.) is defending her state Assembly seat in the 33rd District against More Jobs Party candidate Clyde Vanel this November.

didate Anthony Nunziato Nov. 6.

In 2010, Markey bested Nunziato in the same race with 9,745 Democratic votes against her opponent's 5,029 on the Republican line, 439 on the Independence line and 768 on the Conservative line, according to the BOE.

Markey has signed onto several bills throughout her more than 10 years in the Assembly, including one that sought to address sexual abuse in private schools. In his last run against Markey, Nunziato campaigned largely on job creation, capping government spending, cutting taxes, fiscal responsibility and school vouchers.

Democratic and Working Families Party candidate Barbara Clark, of Cambria Heights, will face Clyde Vanel, of the More Jobs Party, in November to decide who will represent the 33rd Assembly District in that region.

Clark bested Vanel in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary with more than 63 percent of about 4,700 votes, campaigning on her experience against Vanel's pro-business platform.

Clark was first elected

to the 33rd Assembly District in 1986, which includes all or parts of the neighborhoods of Bellerose, Queens Village, Cambria Heights, Hollis and St. Albans.

In the 36th District, which encompasses northwest Queens and most of Astoria, Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) will defend her seat against Republican challenger Julia Haich, of Astoria. Simotas will be running on both the Democratic and Working Families party lines.

After running unopposed in the Nov. 2, 2010, general election, the Greek-American Simotas said she has focused in Albany on revitalizing New York's economy, protecting neglected consumers and strengthening our criminal justice system. Her opponent, Polish-American Haich, has campaigned on reforming crime prevention, senior outreach programs and lowering real estate taxes.

In the 37th District, which includes Sunnyside, Woodside, Astoria, Maspeth, Queensbridge, Long Island City and Ridgewood, incumbent Catherine Nolan (D-Ridgewood) will defend her seat against Re-

publican challenger John Kevin Wilson.

Nolan, who will appear on the ballot as a Democrat and Working Families candidate, has held onto her seat since her initial election in 1984 and was appointed as chairwoman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Education in 2006. Wilson, an actor and bartender, has campaigned on breathing new life into the Assembly seat and reforming education and spending in Albany.

In the 40th District, which encompasses downtown Flushing, Democratic, Working Families and Independence candidate Ron Kim will face Republican Philip Gim after both candidates won primaries Sept. 13.

Kim, who received more than 27 percent of the nearly 4,000 votes cast in the Democratic primary, has campaigned on promoting small business growth and education. Gim, a small business owner, former postal worker and U.S. census supervisor, ran his campaign focusing on cutting state regulations that hinder small business growth, which he said would create jobs.

NYPD warns about burglary patterns in 105th

BY RICH BOCKMANN

With the 105th Precinct experiencing a surge in burglaries, authorities are warning neighbors to be on the lookout for two sets of suspects operating on opposite ends of the command's territory.

Deputy Inspector Joseph Courtesis told the precinct's community council last week that following a quiet summer, burglaries were up 7 percent for the year and 17 percent in the last 28 days.

"The condition has been spread out throughout the command," he said. "It seems that once we take out one crew ... another condition pops up on the other side of the command."

The 105th Precinct is geographically one of the largest in the city, stretching 13 miles along the Queens-Nassau County border from Glen Oaks in



Joseph Courtesis (r.), commanding officer of the 105th Precinct who is shown in this file photo, warned residents to be on the lookout for groups of burglary suspects in the precinct.

the north to Rosedale in the south.

Courtesis asked residents in the northern sec-

tion near Queens Village to keep their eyes open for two white men posing as plumbers. He said they were tar-

geting elderly residents, claiming to be doing work on the block.

The suspects tell their

victims they need to check pipes in the basement and ask the resident to go in the backyard and turn the hose on. Courtesis said he got a tip from one homeowner who thought the faux plumbers were acting suspiciously.

"She was pretty sharp," he explained. "She felt something was wrong right away. She actually called the police as they were leaving because she knew something was wrong. It wasn't like she had to go back in the house and find something missing. She just realized, 'Hey, all of a sudden they're done and they're just rushing out of my house like this?'"

In another burglary pattern the precinct was investigating, a neighbor told police she saw three black men in a green, older model Buick leave the scene of a burglary in the Rosedale area. Courtesis

asked neighbors to be vigilant on their blocks and call 911 whenever they spot suspicious activity.

The 105th sends out alerts via its twitter handle, @105ComCouncil, to inform residents of crime patterns in their area. The community council is also continuing to recruit members for the NYPD's Block Watcher program, which assigns a PIN to residents so they can anonymously call 911 or 311 to report incidents.

The council, which normally holds its monthly meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at the precinct headquarters, at 92-08 222nd St. in Queens Village, will meet one week earlier this month on Oct. 24 in order to accommodate the precinct's Halloween party.

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DEPENDS ON WHAT HE MEANS

City Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott said the new school year “is going to be a year like no other year.”

Whew! Last year was a disaster. Walcott and his crew spent it trying to convince Queens residents that the city’s plan to close 24 public schools — seven in Queens — and reopen them as new schools with new names was a good thing.

The plan called for the city to replace more than half the teachers at those schools.

Residents didn’t buy it. They fought the chancellor who grew up in the Queens public school system. The teachers union fought the plan in court.

A state judge ruled that they were, in fact, the same schools and that the plan violated union contracts. The city wasted valuable resources promoting this plan and fighting for it in court. A year was wasted and the city Department of Education was a distraction.

If Walcott means 2012-13 won’t be like 2011-12, we’re all for it.

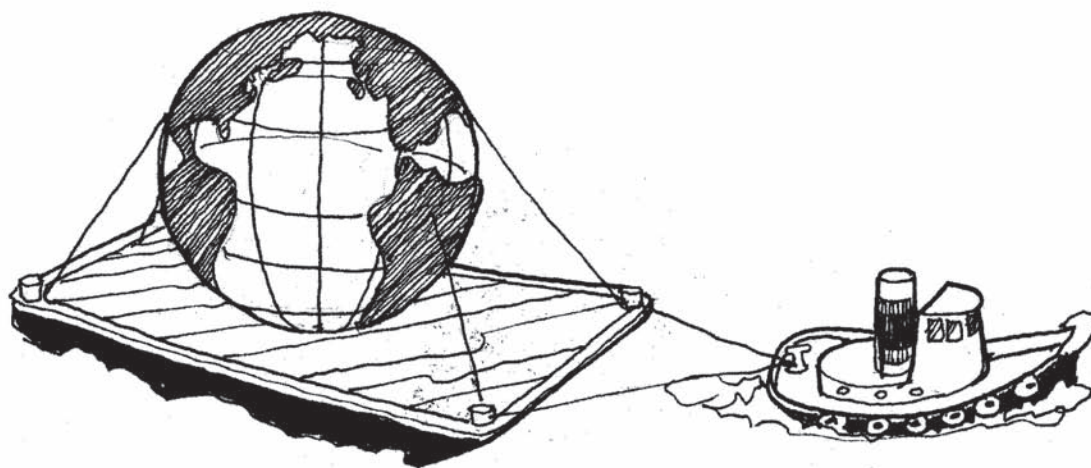
He emphasized his commitment to the mayor’s policy of providing parents with school choice, including charter and new schools. Good. Neither the mayor nor the chancellor listened to the people last year.

“As far as if there’s a school that’s not performing well ... we have a responsibility to serve the students, not serve the adults in the school,” he said.

But only as long as he doesn’t base his decisions solely on standardized tests. Schools that serve single-parent and immigrant families with limited incomes face challenges. The department needs to work with administrators and teachers to understand and address these challenges. That cannot be done by looking at scores on a spreadsheet.

But what does “we have a responsibility to serve the students, not serve the adults in the school” mean? The schools are there to serve the community, children and parents. They must also serve teachers who often lack basic supplies. Walcott and his staff should seek to be their partners.

Let’s sum it up. Last year was a disaster for everyone involved in the education system. Unlike his boss, Walcott knows how important public education is. The challenge is enormous but there is time to make this the best year ever in public schools.



THE CITY PLANNED SO MUCH IN FLUSHING MEADOWS THAT THE UNISPHERE HAD TO GO...

OTHER VOICES

Do not develop Flushing Meadows

Flushing Meadows Corona Park is the centerpiece of Queens.

It was the site for the 1939 and 1964 World’s Fairs. The recent interest by several organizations to acquire land in the park for development needs to be carefully looked at before any type of major alterations to the park are done.

We need to retain the park in its current state

because, for thousands of Queens residents, it is the only place to come with family and friends to relax. There are hundreds of trees and plants of various species that are growing and thriving throughout the park, as well as the famous Queens Zoo, which is home to many types of animals and birds.

Also, there are many types of animals and birds

that live within the park’s several thousand acres. Development of the park would surely eliminate many trees and wildlife and would encroach on the zoo’s area as well.

There must be some type of compromise on any possible development in the park. If no compromise can be reached, then the idea of development in Flushing Meadows needs to be ta-

bled permanently. We need parks in Queens. We do not need to have them ruined.

Flushing Meadows should be given national park status by the federal government, since it was the site of two World’s Fairs.

John Amato
Fresh Meadows

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Publicize poll site changes

Four years ago, in the U.S. presidential election, voter turnout was higher than usual across most of the country. This year, Americans are once again gearing up to go to the polls Nov. 6 to choose our president. Here in New York City, we must do our part to ensure that the election runs as smoothly as possible for every voter.

Following the decennial redistricting that the U.S. Constitution mandates, the city Board of Elections reconfigured all election districts. While the newly enlarged districts may result in administrative savings, they are turning out to be a headache for some voters.

As a result of the new

districts, many voters will have to go to different poll sites this year. Before the primary election in September, the BOE sent out notices to voters whose poll sites were changed. Unfortunately, some voters did not see or take note of the mailers.

Those who did learned that after years of voting at the same location, they will have to go to different places to vote. Come November, confusion about where to vote will present an unnecessary obstacle for many citizens.

I am urging the following to help curb the Election Day chaos. First, the BOE must put into place an extensive outreach effort to let voters know how to

confirm that they are registered and find out where to vote. Second, every voter should take the responsibility to make sure that he or she is registered and knows where to vote on Election Day, as there is a good chance his or her poll site has changed.

Log on to vote.nyc.ny.us or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC.

In our representative democracy, the vote is precious. Let's do what is necessary to make sure New Yorkers can exercise their right to vote in November.

Mark Weprin
City Councilman
(D-Oakland Gardens)

Act on noisy LGA flight tests

In view of the arrogance and duplicity of the Federal Aviation Administration — in regard to the “Tnnis Climb” departure trial run using the new RNAV navigational system at LaGuardia Airport’s Runway 13, which has environmentally affected Briarwood and other Queens communities from Feb. 13 to Aug. 13 — I recommend that plaintiffs who were medically and/or psychologically affected file a class-action lawsuit in the Eastern District of the U.S. federal court.

There exists substan-

tial scientific evidence, as reviewed in “Noise: A Health Problem” from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Noise Abatement and Control in August 1978, that loud noise in general, and aircraft noise in particular, can “produce serious physical and psychological stress ... [be] a complicating factor in heart problems and other disease ... aggravate existing emotional disorders” and “additional links between noise and birth defects have been noted.”

Despite the fact that the FAA said it would take

in public comment solely in an advisory capacity — without City Council oversight — before making the new route permanent, I suggest anyone who believes their medical and/or psychological condition to be adversely affected by this FAA blitzkrieg seek medical consultation and legal advice to proceed to the federal court.

We must not wait for some sham public hearing because time flies.

Joseph Manago
Briarwood

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Halloran needs to face facts

We know better. At the Sept. 18 Auburndale Civic Association meeting, City Councilman Dan Halloran (R-Whitestone) sang the inaccurate chorus some candidates keep reprising.

Halloran sings well, but the lyrics are filled with inaccuracies. No, the current policy of this country does not throw Israel

under the bus just because we do not sing Netanyahu’s words. And the city’s current unemployment percentages are misleading because the city was undercounted in the 2010 census.

We are adding jobs at the fastest rate in the country. One reason the debt has risen during the current administration is the accrual of interest on the

unpaid expenditures of the previous administration.

Finally, Halloran’s refusal to consider raising revenue as part of a solution to the debt problem is illogical and irrational. He tries to sing loud enough to drown out the truth, but we know better.

Debra Michlewitz
Bayside

GOP should dump the Tea Party

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, at a recent Values Voter Summit, made clear his values.

He proudly said the conservative movement will never have the elite, smart people on its side, nor colleges and universities because the church and families are all that are necessary.

It may be a shock to his limited vision of man’s aptitude but people can be smart and believe in God and cherish family. Santorum need not worry about the elite, smart people knocking down his door to be a part of today’s distort-

ed version of the once-proud Republican Party and dare intrude upon them — that evil term — intelligence.

Whatever happened to the Grand Old Party? It’s Tea-struction was and is sad to witness. Nevertheless, it is what it now is and not the party its hero, President Ronald Reagan, would be a part of, nor Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Teddy Roosevelt or Abraham Lincoln.

Charles Joseph Crist Jr., the ex-governor of Florida, said, “I didn’t leave the Republican Party; the party left me,” and that sentiment

was echoed by Jeb Bush, who said, “Reagan himself would have been too moderate, too reasonable for today’s GOP” and that there would be no place for neither his father nor Reagan.

Hopefully, old time/in-line Republicans, if there are any left who have not been pushed out, will turn out those interlopers responsible for the degeneration of their party and resurrect the once-cerebral and proud GOP.

Nicholas Zizelis
Bayside

MTA has to double check its math

No wonder the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is cash-strapped. Seven percent of \$2.25 is 16 cents, making the fare \$2.09 — not \$1.63, as said by Chairman Joseph Lhota.

With such a lack of basic math skills, what other miscalculations are related to the deficit? Remember that the MTA has use of the money on a multiple fare card until the rides are taken, and fewer cards

need to be produced and distributed.

The discount helps both sides. Let’s keep it.

Ronnie Sussman
Flushing

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Voter apathy cost Iannece victory in Assembly primary



William Lewis
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Political Action

The 25th state Assembly District, in northeast Queens, which includes East Flushing and Whitestone, was expected to have a fairly quiet Democratic Party primary this year, with community leader Jerry Iannece being successful. Such was not the case.

A young 26-year-old insurgent, Nily Rozic, ran a campaign against Iannece and won. In her campaign, the Working Families Party played a major role in aiding Rozic's victory.

This year in New York City was the year of change. Reapportionment led to different district lines being drawn in addition to a significant number of Democratic office holders either retiring or seeking higher office. In the case of the 25th District, Assemblyman Rory Lancman (D-Fresh Meadows) gave up his safe Assembly seat to run in the Democratic primary for Congress in the 6th Congressional District.

He was defeated by Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing). This led to the recently concluded primary between Iannece and Rozic, with Rozic winning by a decisive margin.

Rozic's victory was certainly one of the most surprising results of the primary season. Iannece had

the endorsement of most of the Democratic elected officials in the area, including U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Bayside), state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), Meng, Councilman Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens), former Borough President Claire Shulman, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria), Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) and others.

When we look at Iannece's record of service over the last 20 years, we see a record of accomplishment. From 1995-2002, he served as president of the Bayside Hills Civic Association. He received its Man of the Year Award. From the YMCA during the same period, he received the Community Service Award.

He also served as a board member at St. Rob-

erts Home School Association during the 1990s. Iannece also participated during the 1990s as a Little League coach and coached for the CYO and Bayside Little League.

He held the position of vice president of the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens. He was chairman of the Queens County Columbus Day Parade.

In recent years, Iannece has been chairman of Community Board 11 from 2002-07 and again from 2009 to the present.

A major issue Iannece worked on while chairman of the community board was the Oakland Ravine Project, which stopped major flooding in Bayside, in addition to saving Oakland Lake. He also worked on the

rezoning of Queens homes and helped to keep Fire Engine Co. 306 from closing in Bayside during 2010.

It can only be wondered, with such a record of achievement and service for 20 years to the community at large, how Iannece could have lost an Assembly race, especially with most of the district in his own neighborhood.

There definitely was voter apathy. This year we had three sets of primary elections, so registered voters got tired of it. A significant number of them did not want to come out a third time. Many of those who did not show up at the polls were Iannece supporters.

The opposition, as stated, had strong support from the Working Fam-

ilies Party. Labor unions, including the Communication Workers of America, the Teamsters and the Hotel Trade Council, joined in the effort for Rozic against Iannece in the closing days of the campaign. These labor organizations brought plenty of volunteers. They were able to bring into focus a huge campaign organization.

In one statement given by Iannece recently, he said, "I feel I have given a lot of effort in helping to build our community. I had hoped to do even more."

In summary, it is hard to believe that such an outstanding record held by Iannece would not be approved in terms of winning this recent election.

We wish attorney Iannece success in the future.

Use your voting power can clean up Albany of corruption



Bob Friedrich
■
On Point

The depth of corruption in New York politics is unfathomable, so let's summarize and review the last few months of corruption du jour.

State Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera (D-Bronx) is being investigated by the state attorney general and the Bronx district attorney for looting taxpayer funds to lavish sinecure positions and benefits on her family members and boyfriends. With unemployment in New York at almost 10 percent, Rivera had a "friends and family plan" that guaranteed full employment.

A jilted boyfriend is now cooperating with investigators to expose this cesspool of nepotism and malfeasance.

Then there was the indictment of state Sen. Shirley Huntley (D-Jamaica). She made front-page news by being escorted to a precinct in handcuffs. Her alleged scheme was setting up family-run charities to funnel taxpayer dollars to enrich herself and her relatives.

These elected officials bestow thousands of taxpayer dollars on their families and friends while families and friends in our communities are trying to make ends meet in the face of ever-increasing property taxes and unprecedented job loss.

The icing on the cake came most recently when Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan)

admitted to secretly authorizing at least \$103,000 in taxpayer-funded hush money to pay off the female victims of his pal Assemblyman Vito Lopez's (D-Brooklyn) unsavory sexual advances.

The details of the Lopez-Silver scandal have emerged with the help of an unrelenting investigative press — and without any cooperation from the speaker himself. The state agency he helped create last year to root out corruption, the Joint Commission on Public Ethics, was the brainchild of New York's power trio: Gov. Andrew Cuomo, state Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos (R-Rockville Centre) and Silver.

In its first real test, it failed by taking a clandestine vote and deciding to investigate Lopez but not Silver. Surprised? Of

Incumbency in New York state is a ticket to a lifetime of perks and power.

course not.

While civic leaders like myself and others regularly plead for library funds and desperately needed sidewalk and curb repairs, politicians tell us such funds are unavailable. Meanwhile, community tax dollars are readily available to the elected elite to keep unethical and possibly unlawful activities of political friends out of the public eye.

Lopez agreed to relinquish his Brooklyn Democratic leadership post but

refused to resign his Assembly seat. Silver believes an apology should be sufficient for acting as Lopez's bagman, providing the pay-off money to silence the victims. Not a single critical word was uttered by Democratic Assembly members about Silver's compromised ethics and misuse of taxpayer dollars.

With the lone exception of Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside), the party's members remain silent about this violation of the public trust. The fact that Silver is able to emerge from this hush-money scandal without being asked to resign as speaker demonstrates that Albany's dysfunction is alive and well.

Unless you are willing to risk having your staff and office moved into an Albany broom closet, Silver's unbridled power to dispense legislative salary

perks and office space renders any criticism of him verboten.

As long as elected officials put political gain ahead of ethics and allegiance to the speaker ahead of voters, Albany will remain a den of corruption. In a state where incumbency is the ticket to a lifetime of perks and power, more New York politicians have lost their seats due to criminal conduct than by being voted out of office.

How much more of this unethical behavior must we endure before we say, "Enough is enough?" In less than two months, voters will have the power to answer that question.

Bob Friedrich is a civic leader and president of Glen Oaks Village.

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Creedmoor

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its security personnel. The southern campus, however, is home to a number of programs run by other state departments and various nonprofits, each responsible for providing its own security.

Neighbors have long complained that the lack of a comprehensive security plan on the southern campus leaves patients free to act unruly on the edges of the campus, which abut nearby residential neighborhoods. They also say the campus, which houses pro-

grams for people dealing with chemical dependencies, has become a magnet for drug dealers who can reach a lucrative clientele at Creedmoor with little or no security deterrent.

Deputy Inspector Joseph Courtesis, of the 105th Precinct, told community members in June that 911 calls to the campus were spiking and that on average he had to send officers to Creedmoor six times a day.

Frank Toner, president of the Rocky Hill Civic Association, said Creedmoor's executive director has pledged to clear brush around the southern campus, install lighting and in-

crease security patrols as well as look into manning a gate at Creedmoor's main entrance.

"She said there are no plans to add security at this point," Toner said. "But she said they're going to increase security patrols. I'm not sure how that's going to work."

Toner said two of the outpatient programs have plans to leave the campus within the next few years and hoped that when the state looks to fill those buildings, it will be an opportunity to rectify some of the security lapses.

"Part of our wishes is that we be included in that process," he said.

Coach

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similar photographs showing boys younger than 10.

In the wake of the scandal, Rochdale Village canceled its 2011 Little League season, and one lawmaker highlighted the case as he

made an effort to reform the state's sex offender laws.

State Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi (D-Forest Hills) said Hartshorn had pleaded down to similar crimes in the late 1980s, at a time when there was no sex offender registry.

If that happened today, Hevesi said, Hartshorn would still have been able

to slip through the system's cracks, so the lawmaker introduced a bill that would have low-risk sex offenders added to the public database. The bill did not gain any traction, but with Hartshorn's guilty plea, Hevesi pledged to redouble his efforts when the state Legislature reconvenes in January.

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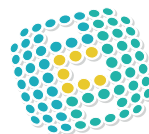
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Foreclosure

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to receive the grants, which represent the first year of his office's three-year, \$60 million program to aid struggling homeowners.

In February, Schneiderman and 48 other state attorneys general reached a \$25 billion settlement with Ally Financial (formerly GMAC), Bank of America, Citi, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo after a joint federal-state investigation found the country's five largest mortgage servicers had improperly signed off on foreclosures between 2008 and 2012.

As the foreclosure crisis heated up, New York took steps — and provided funding — to help borrowers stay in their homes.

In 2008, the state Legislature passed a law that created a mandatory foreclosure-settlement conference for homeowners with subprime mortgages, designed to help them renegotiate their mortgages. As

the crisis escalated, the law was expanded in 2009 to include all borrowers facing foreclosure.

The state's budget for 2008-09 provided \$25 million in grants to nonprofits that assisted homeowners with foreclosure prevention services. The next year's budget appropriated another \$21.8 million under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Those contracts expired at the end of 2011.

Mark Weliky, executive director of the Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project, said starting in 2008 he used the grants to hire three lawyers, who provide legal assistance as well as training to the pro-bono lawyers.

He said the attorney general's funding picks up where the previous grants left off.

"Just on a dollars-and-cents basis, it just about replaces the money that we're not going to be getting," he said.

Schneiderman acknowledged the state was facing what he called a

"catastrophic lack" of legal services for low-income New Yorkers last Thursday when he spoke at one of four hearings state Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman scheduled before he reports to the Legislature on the need for more funding.

Lippman said he estimates that only 20 percent of the need for legal aid services throughout the state is currently being met.

Queens continued to lead the city in the second quarter of 2012 with 106 foreclosures, down 7 percent from a year earlier but up 31 percent from the first quarter from the beginning of the year, according to the real estate website propertyshark.com.

Sujatha Raman, director of development and communications at Chhaya Community Development Corp., said she currently has enough funding for one foreclosure counselor and would like to be able to hire another.

"We're really hoping this will be additional funding, and not just replace existing funds," she said.



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S. Ozone man charged in doctor fraud scheme

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A 50-year old South Ozone Park man may find 15 years a bitter pill to swallow after he allegedly passed himself off as a Harvard grad with intentions of opening a medical facility in order to steal the identities of six doctors and cash in on their lines of credit, according to the Queens district attorney.

Tom Hill faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted on the larceny, forgery, identity-theft and scheme-to-defraud charges described by District Attorney Richard Brown Friday.

"This is a disturbing case in which it is charged that doctors who thought they were applying for jobs at a new medical facility were, in fact, targeted for identity theft, sadly underscoring that even the most-sophisticated and well-educated individuals are vulnerable to scams such as this," Brown said. "Identity theft is a serious crime which can take years to untangle."

According to the criminal complaint filed against him by the DA, Hill allegedly went around touting his imaginary Ivy League credentials and convinced his landlord and another individual to invest a total of \$65,000 in his phantom medical facility.



Queens District Attorney Richard Brown (shown in this file photo) announced that a South Ozone Park man has been charged with stealing the identities of eight individuals.

Once his plan got rolling, Hill allegedly interviewed six medical doctors for positions in the sham practice, but instead of their legitimate qualifications, he was more interested in their personal identity information, Brown said.

Hill, who also had a fugitive warrant out for him from a criminal case in Virginia, allegedly used all eight of his victims' IDs to open three lines of credit totaling more than \$415,000 with a medical equipment

financing company, the district attorney said.

Investigators with the NYPD's Financial Crimes Task Force were able to diagnose Hill's alleged scam and shut it down.

Hill was ordered held without bail and was due back in court Oct. 16.

The district attorney asked that any doctors or individuals who believe they may have been scammed by Hill to contact his economic crimes bureau at 718-286-6675.

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	Rosh Hashanah Children's Service	1:00 p.m.
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Developer on tax payoff plan for historic theater

BY JOE ANUTA

The owner of the crumbling RKO Keith's Theatre in downtown Flushing still owes more than \$380,000 in unpaid back taxes and entered into a payment plan earlier this year to prevent the city from putting a lien on the property.

Developer Patrick Thompson is seeking to build a 16-story, mixed-use building around the landmarked lobby of the historic theater, at 135-35 Northern Blvd., and is trying to secure finances to get a shovel in the ground at the site of the \$160 million project.

In March, TimesLedger Newspapers reported Thompson owed the city Department of Finance nearly \$400,000 for 2011 unpaid property taxes. In April, Thompson entered into a payment plan in order to balance the books. At that time, he owed about



The owners of the RKO Keith's Theatre in downtown Flushing still owe back taxes to the city.

\$373,600, according to Finance.

But the most current records show Thompson still owes about \$385,000 —

which is actually \$11,500 more than the initial balance when he entered into the agreement, according to department records.

"He's on the way to paying it," said Michael Nussbaum, spokesman for Thompson.

According to the de-

partment, if the developer had not entered into a payment plan before May 17, the city would have placed the property on its tax lien sale list, meaning that a third party could have potentially taken possession of the land.

Not only does Thompson need to fork over installments to chip away at the outstanding balance, he also needs to pay taxes for this current year. In total, if he were to pay off everything he owes for the payment plan and his current taxes for the rest of the year, the developer would be required to write a check for roughly \$500,000 to the city, records show. That is more than double the yearly property tax value of the parcel.

The hefty bill comes at a time when the community is questioning the theater's fate, since Thompson received all the required approvals to start building

in May, but still does not have enough funding to start construction.

"We're still proceeding with the financing, and they are still proceeding to get the thing done," Nussbaum said of the project, adding that there has long been an unnamed developer Thompson has partnered with for the project.

The most recent approval from the Federal Aviation Administration is valid until October 2013. If Thompson does not start building by then, the FAA will have to go through another review process to determine if the proposal poses a threat to aviation, since the structure lies in the glide path of LaGuardia Airport.

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Food stamp cuts could leave boro poor hungry

BY KAREN FRANTZ

With more people falling below the poverty level in Queens, the unemployment rate remaining high and the sluggish economy showing little signs of a turnaround, New York City's food bank is worried proposed cuts to the national food stamp program could have a devastating impact on the borough's poor.

"None of us want to see a family go hungry, but that's really what's at stake right now," said Triada Stampas, director of government relations and public education at the Food Bank for New York City.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps, is what Stampas called the nation's first line of defense against hunger. The program awards a card that eligible people can use to buy food at grocery and convenience stores.

But in an effort to cut down the deficit, the U.S. Congress is considering massive cuts to the program. The U.S. House of Rep-



Dania Peralta picks up bags of groceries for herself and her three kids at the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Long Island City. The Food Bank of New York City says potential cuts to the nation's food stamp program could drive more people to pantries and soup kitchens.

resentatives has proposed up to \$16.5 billion in cuts as part of reauthorization of a larger Farm Bill, and the U.S. Senate already passed its own bill that cut \$4.5 billion from the program.

The House failed to pass the legislation before its deadline last weekend, but it is expected to take up the issue in the lame duck session following the elections.

Stampas said that with the Senate's proposed cuts, 190,000 households citywide would lose \$90 a month in benefits. With the House's version, another 220,000 households would lose benefits entirely, she said.

Stampas said even with the current level of funding for the food stamp program, many food pantries and soup kitchens in Queens have seen people show up at the end of the month after their food stamps have run out — and pantries and kitchens themselves have been stretched beyond capacity, she said.

"What we see in New York is that these benefits aren't adequate to last the month," Stampas

said.

Thus the proposed cuts to food stamps would be "a significant blow" to struggling households in the borough at a time when demand for food assistance programs have gone up in the city, she said.

She said a 2011 Food Bank survey revealed that about 30 percent of Queens residents said they were concerned about needing food assistance within the next 12 months and 40 percent said they would not be able to afford food within three months of losing household income. In addition, almost twice as many people are out of work now as they were before the recession and the costs of living and food in New York remain high, she said.

Such factors mean Queens residents need strengthened food assistance programs now more than ever, Stampas said.

She said representatives in Congress need to take a long, hard look to make sure they are not trying to fix the deficit on the backs of poor people and families.

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Flooding relief remains elusive after town hall in Forest Hills

BY KAREN FRANTZ

Tensions ran high at a town hall meeting in Forest Hills last Thursday, where city Department of Environmental Protection officials offered little hope to people who say rainstorms are flooding their homes and businesses — sometimes with sewage.

The DEP officials had no assurances that a city solution would be at hand anytime soon, if ever.

“We’re desperate for answers,” one man pleaded at the meeting held at the Forest Hills Jewish Center, at 106-06 Queens Blvd. The man demanded of a DEP official, “Is your house getting flooded with fecal matter?”

City Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) and Community Board 6 Chairman Joseph

Hennessy also attended the meeting.

The mood in the packed auditorium quickly soured as Ed Coleman, assistant commissioner for operations at the city Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations at the DEP, explained the complexity of the sewer system, much of which contains combined storm and sanitary sewers.

The pipes in Forest Hills are built to handle 1.5 inches of rainfall per hour, Coleman said, and any storm that produces more can overwhelm the system, causing floods. He added that such storms are projected to occur about once every five years.

Many people shouted angrily from their seats, however, that their homes were getting flooded much more frequently.

“It happened twice this

year,” one person yelled, as another woman cried that she was flooded just a few weeks ago.

As residents and business owners lined up in droves to share stories and ask what they can do to prevent flooding, they appeared frustrated with DEP’s response that they should call 311 to report clogged catch basins and install check valves.

Many people recounted experiences calling 311, only to have DEP workers come to perform perfunctory checks on the catch basins without actually clearing them — or not showing up at all. Others questioned the suggestion to use check valves because they worried they would then be responsible for flooding their neighbors’ homes or balked at the installation cost.

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New M. Wells won't serve horse meat: Owner

BY REBECCA HENELY

Sarah Obraitis, half of the team behind the much-mourned French-Quebecois diner M. Wells, is furious over a controversy spurred after she and husband Hugue Dufor had considered adding horse meat dishes to their new spot at art institution MoMA PS1.

"It's not on our menu," Obraitis said flatly.

M. Wells, opened as a stand-alone diner in Long Island City in 2010, had to close a year later due to disputes with the landlord. In the ensuing time, Dufor and Obraitis had showcased their Quebecois-style takes on traditional diner fare at food festivals and for special events, but last Thursday they opened a location in the cafeteria of the popular contemporary art museum, at 46-01 21st St. in Long Island City.

"It's a wonderful fit," Obraitis said about the



M. Wells' new dinette in contemporary art gallery MoMA PS 1 had ample lines on its first day despite controversy over the eatery potentially serving horse meat.

Photo by Rebecca Henely

opening of the dinette.

Obraitis said she and Dufor had served horse meat on a previous occasion and had thought about offering it as part of the

dinette's ever-changing menu later down the line. But since reports began circulating about the potential equine option, Obraitis said they have had people

call them "disgusting."

"It's a total non-issue," Obraitis said.

Quebec has a large horse meat business, and butchers offer the food in

Since reports began circling about the potential equine option, Obraitis said they have had people call them disgusting.

other parts of Canada. The United States removed a five-year ban on horse meat last year as part of the passage of the 2012 federal spending bill.

Despite the controversy, many came out to try M. Wells' offerings last Thursday, with the dinette serving long lines of people in the last hour that day. Items on the menu included rabbit terrine, beef tartare, vegetable banh mi and cod

brandade. The dinette also offered croissants, coffees, wines and iced hibiscus tea.

Before opening, M. Wells had partnered with MoMA PS 1 to provide food for an art fair in May. In homage to MoMA PS 1's former life as a school, the dinette is set up like a school cafeteria with communal tables and the changeable menu written on chalkboards.

Obraitis said the new location initially presented some challenges, since it is a renovated schoolroom, but it turned out to be a perfect fit.

"In a way, it's just another gallery," Obraitis said. "It's a gallery of food."

The dinette is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

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HOARDING: ARE SENIORS MORE PRONE?

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

We have all heard about or seen the TV programs — “Hoarders” and “Hoarding: Buried Alive.” In every show, cleaning crews are called in to excavate the residents from homes stacked from floor to ceiling with piles of papers, stacks of unwashed dishes, mountains of trash, and more. Most of us watch these shows with our faces scrunched up and say “Ewww!” But, studies show that hoarding is a growing problem that is not confined to people of any certain age group, income level, or upbringing. Sometimes, circumstance can cause people to become hoarders — and many seniors fall victim to this behavior.

Hoarding is even a greater concern in congested areas like New York City and its boroughs where many seniors live in small apartments in highly populated areas. When their homes become so packed with “stuff” and infested with rodents or insects, it then becomes a serious health and fire hazard not only to them, but to others who live in close proximity. Here are some reasons why seniors are prone to hoarding:

Collecting memories

As we age, we gather years of memories, and for many people this includes collecting items associated with these memories. These treasures include such things as family heirlooms, collections of family photos, souvenirs from trips, childhood items, children’s belongings, books, magazines or newspapers put aside to read or reread later. This might not be a problem if you have enough room to store it, but when items overwhelm a space, it can become impossible for a senior with failing eyesight, slowed reflexes, or unsteady gait to get around. The home becomes an obstacle course with falls and injuries waiting to happen.

Mental handicaps

People in the beginning stages of Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairment might unwittingly begin to hoard. As their memory fails, they have trouble making minor decisions, such as deciding what mail is important and what is not.

This is an overwhelming thought to them, so they tend to put all their mail aside so they can go through it later. It

doesn’t take long for this to pile up.

My family became aware of my mother’s memory decline related to Alzheimer’s disease when my husband, son, and I drove down to her home in New Jersey to visit. We found boxes of halvah stacked in the refrigerator, on the counters, and stored in cabinets. My father has a weakness for halvah, so apparently Mom would buy it whenever she passed a candy counter. She had no idea there was already a lifetime supply at home because she couldn’t remember!

Physical handicaps

Physical handicaps can be another cause of hoarding. An older person suffering from painful arthritis might find simple household tasks like cleaning the table, washing dishes, or hanging up clothes too difficult to handle. Or a person with poor eyesight might be too proud to ask a neighbor to come in and help him remove the trash. Instead, the trash may pile up, becoming a magnet for rodents and insects. This can be a problem for both the resident and his neighbors.

Social isolation

Social isolation can also contribute to hoarding, especially in the elderly. As people age, they often lose the ability to perform many activities. Sometimes just maneuvering around the home becomes quite a chore and going outside the home can be so difficult that it just becomes easier to stay home rather than visit senior centers or attend outside events. It’s easy for these folks to become reclusive, depressed, and uncaring about how their apartment looks. Since nobody is there to see it, they are less inclined to clean or throw things away. Studies have also shown that people who are isolated tend to become more attached to possessions. Many seniors who stay at home begin to bond with items around them and are unable to part with them. This could cause them to keep things that they might normally throw away, or to pick up items that might offer them solace.

Downsizing

My friend, Liz, once confided in me: “I would probably be considered a hoarder if my apartment were smaller.” With unlimited space, we rarely have to make decisions on what to keep and what to throw

out, but when one needs to move into a smaller space, making choices on what is necessary and what can be given away can be very difficult. There is now a growing industry of consultants whose sole job is to help people part with their items so their new homes will not become booby trapped with too many possessions.

Hoarding by seniors is becoming a growing concern in the five boroughs, particularly for apartment dwellers where it affects more than one family. Next month I will discuss some of the programs that

agencies are considering to help seniors handle this problem.

Joanna Leefer is an eldercare adviser with 10 years experience working with aging issues. She was the primary caregiver for her parents for more than seven years and worked for Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged, Inc., an advocacy organization for the elderly. For more information on her services, visit www.joannaleefer.com. Her book, “Eldercare Basics,” will be available spring, 2013.



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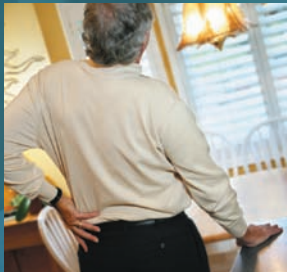
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SENIORS RETIRING TO RURAL AREAS WON'T FIND DOCTORS

BY JEFF BARNARD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nina Musselman had no trouble finding a family doctor when she retired to rural Oregon nine years ago to be closer to her children. But then that doctor moved away, leaving her to search for another who would take Medicare.

After a year of going from doctor to doctor, she finally found one who stuck.

As record numbers of baby boomers go into retirement, many are thinking about moving from the places they needed to live to make a living, and going someplace warmer, quieter, or prettier.

If they choose small towns like Grants Pass, 250 miles south of Portland, they could well have a hard time finding a family doctor willing to take Medicare, even supplemental plans, rather than private insurance.

"It's a sad situation for seniors," she said.

There are several reasons boomers, the 78 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964, could face difficulties finding a doctor if they retire to small towns during the next 20 years.

First, many primary care doctors prefer to live and work in urban areas because of greater cultural opportunities, better schools, and job opportunities for spouses.

Also, Medicare pays rural doctors less per procedure than urban physicians because their operating costs are supposedly less. That makes rural doctors less likely to accept Medicare patients.

With cuts to Medicare reimbursement for doctors targeted under the federal health care overhaul, the shortage is likely to get even worse, said Mark Pauly, professor of health-care management at the University of Pennsylvania.

That is, unless increasing reimbursements for nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants encourages those providers to take up the slack, Pauly said.

If the Medicare cuts go through, "the doctors are saying: 'We're out of here,'" Pauly said. "The least they are saying is: 'We'll treat Medicare pa-



Dr. Bruce Stowell examines patient Robert Busch at his office. Stowell is among many doctors in rural areas who have capped the numbers of Medicare patients they take due to low reimbursement levels.

AP/Jeff Barnard

tients like we treat Medicaid patients,' which is mostly not."

Still, there is some good news, depending on where you live.

Pauly said the Affordable Care Act "puts a lot of emphasis on wellness programs and primary care. Nurses, especially nurse practitioners, are intended to play a major role there."

In Oregon, Washington, and 14 other states, nurses, and nurse practitioners "can operate independently of doctors, writing prescriptions, ordering tests, and even running clinics," Pauly said.

Nationwide, the 22.5 percent of primary care doctors who practice in rural areas roughly matches the 24 percent of Medicare patients living there, said Dr. Roland Goertz, chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians board.

A survey of academy members nationwide shows 83 percent take new Medicare patients. But there is an overall shortage of primary care physicians that still makes it hard for retirees to find a family doctor.

The real problem, he said, is that the healthcare system "has not supported a robust, adequate primary care workforce for over 30 years."

According to the American Association of Medical Colleges, rural areas need about 20,000 primary care doctors to make up for the shortages, but only about 16,500 medical doctors and 3,500 doctors of osteopathy graduate yearly.

"We are always trying to recruit doctors. We are barely keeping even," said Lyle Jackson, the medical director at the Mid-Rogue Independent Physician Association, a cooperative of doctors in Josephine County, where Musselman lives.

Taking part in the Medicare Advantage program, which pays a higher rate to doctors than standard Medicare, helps, but is still not enough, said Jackson, a former family physician.

A 2009 survey of doctors in the Oregon Medical Association showed concern over Medicare reimbursement rates topping the list of 23 issues, with 79 percent rating it as very important, said Joy Conklin, an official at the association.

The survey showed 19.1 percent of Oregon doctors had closed their practices to Medicare, and 28.1 percent had restricted the numbers of Medicare patients.

Safety a major factor in the choice for assisted living

Thousands of people every year begin the process of evaluating assisted living facilities either for themselves or a loved one. Personal safety is one of the primary reasons individuals choose to enter a care facility.

Seniors often cherish their independence and don't want to admit they may need help in certain areas of daily life. However, injuries in and around the house have become a routine part of many seniors' lives. At some point in time a conversation has to be had if it is no longer safe for an elderly person to live alone.

Although there are other living arrangements available, such as in-law suites in homes or a visiting nurse service, for many seniors the practical choice is to enter an assisted living facility.

Assisted living facilities are suitable for individuals needing help with activities of daily life, but who desire to live as independently as possible for as long as possible. A facility acts as a transition between independent living and a nursing home. It is practical for those who cannot live on their own but do not require constant supervision.

Facilities may offer a host of services, including assistance with eating, dressing, bathing, housekeeping, and other needs. The center also may be able to provide some level of medical care. However, this medical care won't be as extensive as in a nursing home or hospital setting.

Many times, facilities are part of a larger web of care called a Continuing Care System. This means there is a network of facilities in an adult community, from independent living to assisted living to a nursing home. This enables a person to work with one organization and travel comfortably through the system as need warrants.

Because safety is the primary reason for seeking a new living arrangement, safety should be one of the foremost considerations when choosing an assisted living facility. Here are some questions to ask when visiting properties.

- Is there adequate lighting indoors and outdoors?
- Are apartments equipped with grab bars in the bathrooms and safety railings in the hallways?
- Can a person move freely throughout the apartment without tripping on carpeting or other obstructions?
- Are there safety signaling devices inside the residence in case of an emergency?
- Are there personnel available 24 hours a day in case assistance is needed?
- Is a call-in system present to ensure that residents are doing well every day?



An assisted living facility can offer seniors a host of services, including daily tasks such as taking medication.

MEDICARE 101 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

Free learning sessions help seniors how to get the most out of Medicare benefits

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will host free public workshops at hospitals and large health centers in Queens just in time for the Medicare open enrollment period to help senior citizens, other beneficiaries, and their caregivers apply for Medicare and get the most out of their benefits.

Health Insurance Specialists will conduct Medicare learning sessions at Elmhurst Hospital Center and Queens Hospital Center before and during open enrollment from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

The workshops will provide Medicare information and materials that are current, accurate and consistent for beneficiaries, healthcare professionals, including coming-of-agers (people approaching age 65, when they become eligible for Medicare), and those who want a refresher

course. The sessions will also cover updates brought about by the Affordable Care Act, the healthcare reform law passed by the U.S. Congress in 2010 and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in June.

Seniors are a significant and growing part of our patient population and we are providing this important information to assist them in making informed decisions about their healthcare," said Health and Hospitals Corporation President Alan D. Aviles.

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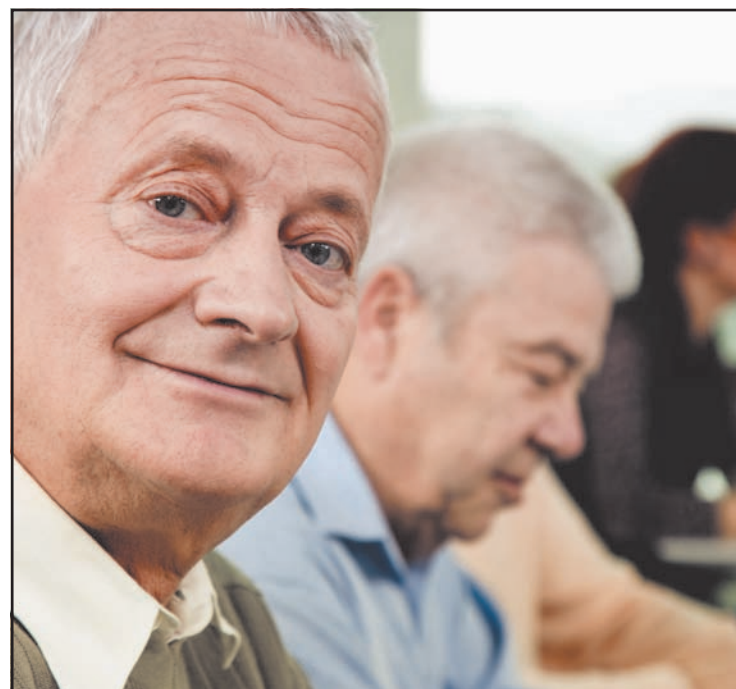
•The Medicare programs in place for people with limited income and resources.

"These workshops are an excellent way to inform beneficiaries, caregivers, coming-of-agers, and all who serve people with Medicare," said Norma Harris, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services health insurance specialist. "Through education, CMS is committed to continuing the important work involved in transforming health care delivery systems and helping to ensure a healthy future for all Americans."

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Thanks to the Internet, people are able to access information that, in the past, was not easily available. A few decades ago, medical data may have been elusive and filled with confusing jargon the layperson might not have understood without a crash course in biology. However, today, there are different websites that clearly spell out information about certain illnesses and diseases. This means that patients may no longer be walking blindly into appointments with doctors.

Facing an illness is never easy, and the decision-making abilities could be hampered by emotions and the desire to improve as quickly as possible. Patients who do not have all of the facts may have to rely solely on the expertise of caregivers and physicians when making important healthcare decisions. By knowing the avenues of information, a patient can find assistance with careful decision-making.

While learning about an ailment is important, there are some things to consider.

- The Internet isn't foolproof. Many on-

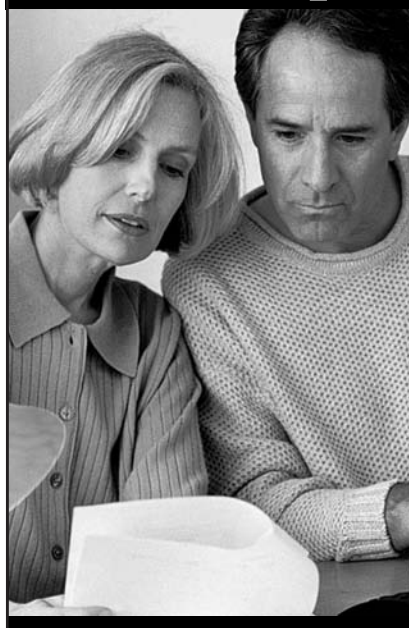
line medical sites are very reliable and offer a wealth of pertinent information. They can be good starting points when seeking out information on a particular condition. It is in your best interest to visit sites that are well-known and monitored by respected medical affiliations. Other sites may be peppered with exaggerated claims or misinformation. Therefore, do not go by online information alone.

- Don't self-diagnose. It can be easy to use the Internet as a means to narrowing down symptoms and making assumptions about what ailments you may have. Instead of using the Internet to self-diagnose your condition, leave the diagnosis up to your doctor and rely on online information after you are diagnosed. This can improve your understanding of the condition and any potential treatment options.

- Seek other avenues of information. You should never hesitate to seek a second opinion or go to a published medical journal to find out more about a condition. You have rights as a patient to be comfortable with the advice doctors give and be as involved in your treatment as you want to be.

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Yun Cho of Little Neck was named to the Emory College spring 2012 dean's list.

Tony Tan of Flushing and **Kimberly David** of Woodhaven were named to the spring 2012 Oxford College merit list.

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Brittany Bishop of Little Neck has graduated

from Babson College.

The following have been named National Merit Scholarship winners: **Francesca Arcidiacono** of Douglaston, **Saad Bokhari** of Flushing, **Hannah Zee Korb** and **Patrick Lee** of Forest Hills and **Catherine M. Choi** of Queens Village.

Christopher J. Zambrano of Whitestone has graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The following have been named to the spring 2012 Hofstra University dean's list: **Timothy Keaney**, **Hnin Haemar Kin**, **Olga Mihailides** and **Jeffrey Wong** of Bayside; **Alexa Cohen**, **Drew Cohen**, **Lauren Kalmanowitz** and **Mariann Scoufaras** of Douglaston; **Michael Galati**, **Dennis**

Grapsas, **Alexandria Kozak**, **George Skevas** and **Alexander Tran** of Flushing; **Adam Kurzyna**, **Rebecca Hublall** and **Shannan Ferry** of Little Neck; and **Stefanie Avila**, **Diana Nguyen**, **Jennifer Nguyen** and **Stefania Pecora** of Oakland Gardens.

Stacey Ceron of Woodhaven has been named to the Drew University spring 2012 dean's list.

Haniyyah Bashir of Rosedale was named to the Wells College spring 2012 dean's list.

Paul Cruz has received a scholarship to attend the seventh annual New York City Minority Youth Environmental Training Institute "Seven Days of Learning, A Lifetime of Experience" and will be volunteering for

part of this summer in Costa Rica on the Turtle Conservation Program.

Timothy Chan of Douglaston was named to the SUNY Potsdam spring 2012 dean's list.

Krystal Quero of Corona, **Tamara Jackson** of Jamaica, **Brabim Baral** of Ridgewood and **Lyndsey Creed** and **Andrea Palma** of Flushing were named to the SUNY Potsdam spring 2012 president's list.

Risa Anzai of Woodside has graduated from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Nwamaka Okafor of Jamaica took part in hands-on learning in SUNY Oswego's Global Laboratory network at science labs around the world in July.

Victoria Iwanowski of Rego Park has earned

academic honors at Purdue University for the spring 2012 semester.

Lefkothea Stephanou of Little Neck has graduated from Arcadia University.

Jing Lin of Flushing and **Maria Beltran** of East Elmhurst have won scholarships from United Health Foundation's Diverse Scholars Initiative to pursue careers in health care.

Steven Gabbidon of Rosedale and **Jea Min Kim** of College Point have graduated from Carson Long Military Academy.

Megan McHale of Rego Park has graduated from La Salle University.

Crystal Washington of St. Albans was named to the Genesee Community College spring 2012 dean's list.

Military

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Marco A. Arellano**, a graduate of Aviation High School in Long Island City, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Marco D. Gutierrez**, son of **Marion Alvear** of Jackson Heights, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Air Force Reserve Airman **Ervin M. Matthews**, son of **Desiree Phillips** of Hollis, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Yecenia Morocho**, daughter of **Celina Morocho** of Flushing, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Air Force Airman **Jacqueline H. Nazario**, sister of **Alvin Nazario** of Richmond Hill, graduated from

basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air Force Airman **Darryl M. Hutchinson**, son of **Gale Hutchinson** of Jamaica, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air Force Airman **Karamjeet Singh**, a 2010 graduate of Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Laishawn V. LaBorde**, son of **Michelle Clarke** of 35th Avenue, Long Island City, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Air Force Senior Airman **Christopher H. Tinsley**, son of **David** and **Karen Tinsley** of Woodhaven, has graduated from the Air

Force Airman Leadership School at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

Sgt. **Andrew Rodriguez** of Flushing has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 369th Sustainment Brigade.

Sgt. 1st Class **Alvin Mohabir** of South Ozone Park has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 369th Sustainment Brigade.

Sgt. **Alberto Espinar** of Ozone Park has re-enlisted to continue service with the 442nd Military Police Co.

Sgt. **Trace Campbell** of Jamaica has re-enlisted to continue service with the 222nd Chemical Co.

Spc. **Leroy Poole** of Jamaica has re-enlisted to continue service with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co.

Sgt. **Brendon Williams** of Richmond Hill has re-enlisted to continue service with the 222nd Chemical Co.

Air Force Airman **Ashia S. Montalvo**, daughter of **Cathleen Mann** of South Richmond Hill, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

New York Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Dwayne Morgan** of Hollis has brought the anti-drug abuse message to children at schools, camps and fairs in New York.

Airman 1st Class **Bryan Fuss** of Ridgewood completed the Security Forces Apprentice course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Airman 1st Class **Jose Clavijo** of East Elmhurst completed the Communication/Navigation/Mission Systems course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Airman 1st Class **Curitis Grimes** of Jamaica completed training for the Security Forces Apprentice course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Awards

Laura O'Brien of Flushing, a clinical nurse specialist at Beth Israel, has received the 2012 Circle of Excellence Award from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

Sherry Rogers of Forest Hills was presented with the Foundation Fighting Blindness' Volunteer of the Year Award for the Northeast Region for her service in support of the nonprofit's mission to save and restore sight lost to retinal diseases.

Dillon Paul, a media arts teacher at Flushing International High School in Flushing, has won a \$2,000 ING Unsung Heroes grant for an innovative teaching program.



LAURA O'BRIEN

Airman 1st Class **Ricardo Narainsingh** of Jamaica completed training for the UH-60 Helicopter Repairer course at Fort Eustis, Va.

Tech. Sgt. **Eric Sanchez** of Forest Hills has completed the Personnel Apprentice Course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Army Reserve Pvt. **Ebony W. Marrero**, daughter

of **Ivette Rosaly** of Springfield Gardens, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Air Force Airman **Nicholas M. Sinisko**, son of **George Sinisko** of Flushing, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Jax Heights man trafficked untaxed cigs: Queens DA

BY REBECCA HENELY

A Jackson Heights man has been charged with possessing thousands of untaxed cigarettes and counterfeit tax stamps, the Queens district attorney's office said.

Investigators recovered 11,423 packs of untaxed cigarettes and more than 21,559 counterfeit cigarette tax stamps from a storage structure in Corona and a gold Toyota Sienna minivan parked nearby, which Jackson Heights resident Manuel Espinal-Ramirez, 54, allegedly used to store and transport the cigarettes, the DA said.

District Attorney Richard Brown said in a statement that the untaxed cigarettes and counterfeit stamps would shortchange the city and state out of

almost \$200,000 in tax revenue if sold.

"For every dollar or \$2 a store owner or consumer saves by purchasing an untaxed pack of cigarettes, the honest taxpayer becomes the victim by being forced to dip into his or her pocket to pay higher taxes," Brown said.

It is illegal to sell cigarettes in the city without a joint city and state tax stamp, the DA said. Only licensed stamping agents are allowed to have untaxed cigarettes in their possession, the DA said.

Espinal-Ramirez, who lives at 95th Street and 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, was arraigned Sept. 22 before Queens Criminal Court Judge Susan Melendez, the DA said. He was charged on 21,559 counts of criminal possession of a forged

instrument and violations of state law regarding taxation of cigarette and tobacco products, according to Brown. If convicted on all charges, he faces up to 15 years in prison, the DA said.

City and state tax investigators allegedly saw Espinal-Ramirez on Sept. 21 leaving the Toyota Sienna and going into the storage structure, at the rear of 100-15 35th Ave. in Corona, with an opaque plastic bag allegedly full of cigarette cartons, the DA said.

In addition to seizing the cigarettes and stamps, the investigators also took \$6,741 in cash from the storage structure, Espinal-Ramirez and the Toyota Sienna, according to the district attorney. They also seized a GPS in the minivan, the DA said.

Senior who police say threatened to light himself on fire attended Assembly candidate's event

The Bayside man who threatened to set himself on fire in a Flushing garden last week is the latest associate of a Flushing state Assembly candidate to have a run-in with authorities, according to the NYPD.

San Ok Kim is part of the Korean-American Senior Citizens Society of Greater New York, which has long overseen operations at the public garden in Kissena Corridor Park.

But when the city decided to hand over control to a commission of community leaders in the area, Kim went on a hunger strike to protest.

That strike culminated Sept. 25, when Kim stood in a garden shed beside two containers of gasoline with a lighter in his hand and threatened self-immolation, according to police.

As TimesLedger Newspapers was going to press, the NYPD's Hostage Negotiation Team was called in and the East West School of International Studies and IS 237,



San Ok Kim stands firm at a community garden in Flushing days before threatening to light himself on fire, according to police.

Photo by Joe Anuta

both at 46-21 Colden St., were placed on lockdown until Kim was subdued and taken for a psychiatric evaluation, police said.

Not only was Kim part of the senior center, he was also a supporter of Flushing Assembly candidate Myungsuk Lee and spoke at one of his news conferences.

On Aug. 15, at a campaign event, Kim and Lee accused city Comptroller John Liu of undermining the election by trying to

split the Korean vote.

"John Liu needs support from the Korean community when he runs next year," Kim said at the conference, speaking through a translator. "He shouldn't expect it."

Lee said Kim was not part of his campaign in any way, but was invited to the press conference as a community leader.

On Sept. 22, a group including volunteers for Lee's campaign were arrested and charged with assault and false imprisonment after a scuffle in an office Lee rented for his campaign, according to police.





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TO THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING

Bella ROSANNA

Astoria native's romance novel
takes readers from streets of
neighborhood to the canals of Venice

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Author Rosanna Chiofalo's debut novel, "Bella Fortuna" takes place in the Astoria of her childhood. A warm tribute to her heritage, the book brings to life colorful scenes from her past as a first-generation Italian American daughter of Sicilian parents who emigrated to America in the 1960s.

"The strong sense of community and the hardworking people — many of whom were immigrants — instilled in me a strong work ethic, as well as made me the down-to-earth person I am today," she says.

Chiofalo's parents landed on Ellis Island in 1961, lived on the Lower East Side, then moved close to Astoria Park in 1970. Her father was a longshoreman, who worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and his travels around the world left her with a desire to travel. Mama stayed home and raised four children — Rosanna was the youngest.

Astoria's familiar sights and

sounds, and fictionalized local yokels, like neighborhood meddler and gossip Paulie Parlatone ("big talker" in Italian), also known as "Il Sindaco" or "the mayor of 35th street," serve as a backdrop to Chiofalo's evocative tale, as seen through the eyes of a charming, intelligent and courageous 30-something, Valentina DeLuca. Her quest for a knight in shining armor leads to a romantic adventure in scenic Venice, a moonlit gondola ride and a rendezvous at St. Mark's Square.

In the book, Valentina says, "The streets are quietest on Sunday mornings, my favorite time to be walking through Astoria, the Queens neighborhood where I grew up and still live."

Dreams of a Venice wedding lead Valentina to eventual loss and heartbreak. Meanwhile, she struggles with her parents' — Olivia and Nicola — old world beliefs vs. her own, wondering about good vs. bad luck and controlling her destiny.

"Yes, it's the start of a new year and finally I feel like this is going to be my year," says Valentina. After designing and sewing wedding dresses for other lucky brides-to-be for so long, it will now be my turn to shine in the spotlight."

The author's maternal grandfather was a tailor who made men's

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Rosanna Chiofalo's debut novel, "Bella Fortuna," highlights the romantic adventures of an Astoria native like herself.

Photo courtesy Rosanna Chiofalo

Popular staples join Queens Restaurant Week

BY ALAN KRAWITZ

Local epicures and other connoisseurs of fine cuisine will want to take note: Queens' ninth annual Restaurant Week will commence this year from Oct. 8-11 and Oct. 15-18, featuring more than 100 local restaurants in more than 30 neighborhoods across the borough. The majority of eateries will offer three-course, prix fixe meals for \$25 but specials may vary.

"Queens Restaurant Week is a tremendously important event showcasing what the borough has to offer by way of its diverse cuisine," said Laura Altimari of Components of Fine Taste, a restaurant marketing company that works with several local establishments.

"It gives the restaurants an opportunity to connect on a personal level with the community and,



The crowd lines up for last year's Queens Restaurant Week kickoff event in front of Queens Borough Hall.
Photo courtesy Queens Economic Development Corp.

at the same time, it offers diners a chance to get out there and dine at a restaurant that they may not have considered before."

Some of this year's participating restaurants include local favorites such as Austin Steak and Ale

House in Kew Gardnes, Bourbon Street Café in Bayside, Tony Roma's in Bayside, Fayrooz in Astoria, El Coyote Restaurant in Jackson Heights and London Lennies in Rego Park.

Altimari added, "With the addition of so many restaurants in Queens, I can only see this event growing in the coming years, bringing Queens to the forefront in the culinary arena."

"Restaurant Week is one of our borough's most anticipated and popular annual events," said Borough President Helen M. Marshall. "It provides residents and visitors alike with great opportunities to sample at discounted prices the wide variety of gastronomical delights that can be found right here in America's most diverse county. I urge everyone to enjoy this opportunity while it lasts."

Seth Bornstein, executive director of the Queens Economic Development Corporation called Queens Restaurant Week "the most delicious bargain in New York City because the prices are so reasonable and the food is so good." He also added that the promotion "fits in well with our Real Culture/Authentic Flavor program, which informs on the borough's cultural events and the wonderful places to shop and eat near those venues."

This year's Queens Restaurant Week is a program of the Queens Tourism Council and is sponsored by the Melrose Credit Union, jetBlue Airways, Resorts World Casino New York City, Restaurant Depot and Tequila Sunrise of Bayside.

For more information on participating restaurants, menus and special pricing, residents can visit www.itsinqueens.com or www.discoverqueens.info.

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ROSANNA

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suits. "He taught my mother her seamstress skills and I was always in awe of her skills, so she was my inspiration for making Valentina and her family seamstresses in 'Bella Fortuna,'" Chiofalo says.

Her own wedding planning is reflected in part of the book. "Valentina was inspired by my wanting to show how so many brides get caught up in having the 'perfect' wedding, when nothing in life is perfect, so it's quite unrealistic.

"I met my husband, Ed Aponte, through my mother-in-law, at jury duty," Chiofalo says. "No, he's not Italian, but everyone thinks he is. His parents are actually from Puerto Rico."

The reader gets a zesty, heartwarming glimpse of life with Valentina's family, as the Dickens-inspired author explores all the wonderful emotions and beliefs that make them tick: felicità (happiness), agita (grief of the worst kind), the dread-

ed malocchio (curse of the evil eye) and, of course, tons of amore.

"I was very close to my family — your typical city kid, who hung out on her front stoop, played hide-and-seek with the other kids on the block. I also read a lot," says Chiofalo. "Holidays were a big deal in my house. My mother always baked sweet Easter bread for Easter and made other special desserts for the holidays. My father had a custom in which we played cards on Christmas Eve — more of a big deal in my family than Christmas Day."

The author, who attended St. Joseph's Parochial School, St. John's Prep and worshiped at St. Joseph's Church in Astoria, said she liked her nabe better when she was growing up there. "Many of the independent stores, especially the food markets, have gone out of business. Although there is a lot that's great now, such as the many ethnically diverse restaurants, I feel like

the community I grew up in is disappearing. It's also become way too congested."

In "Bella Fortuna," Grandmother's Cake isn't a recipe passed down from one of the author's grandmothers; it's a popular dessert in Italy. Other recipes in the back of the book are from family members: Fried Meatballs, her mother's recipe; Cinnamon Vanilla French Toast, her husband's; Lemon Wedges in Olive Oil and Vinegar — Mama's Sicilian recipe.

The author just completed her second novel, which will be published in September 2013. The first half of the book is set in Astoria; the latter half in Rome. "My editor and I are still trying to figure out the title. The novel is a sort of Italian 'The Devil Wears Prada.' That's all I'll say for now. You'll have to wait and read it."

Chiofalo is a freelance copywriter in book publishing. "Bella Fortuna" was published by Kensington Books.

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 Veal Marsala
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Website: bigbencomedy.com/blog/archives/astoria_comedy_all_stars

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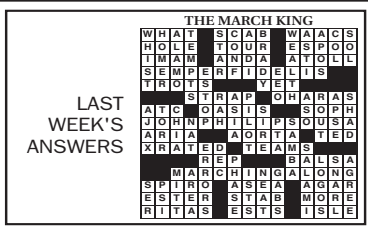
and fabrication techniques between the two disciplines.
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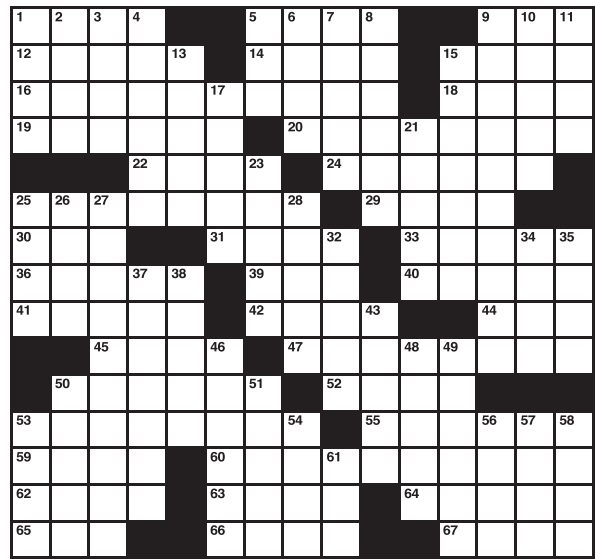
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By Ed Canty
A Bit Groovy



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When: Through Oct. 26
Where: Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Contact: qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/godwin_ternbach

Trifects (x3)|Curators' Choice – Celebrate the silver anniversary of the art center.
When: Through Oct. 26
Where: Queens College Arts Center, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Contact: (718) 997-3770
Website: qc.cuny.edu/Art_Library/artcenter.html

A Disagreeable Object – This exhibition brings together a group of international artists who similarly posit the object in relation to capitalist culture and technology, as well as the gendered oppositions between interior and exterior space.
When: Through Nov. 26
Where: SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City
Contact: (718) 361-1750; sculpture-center.org

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second-floor into a Caribbean landscape. Geometric compositions in hues of blue and green are either painted on the wall or adhered to the glass railing façade in the form of translucent color film. The work is inspired by the Panama Canal, one of the most transformative world events in the 19th century.
When: Through Jan. 6, 2013
Where: Queens Museum of Art, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona
Contact: (718) 592-9700
Website: queensmuseum.org

Caribbean: Crossroads of the World – A first-time collaborating with El Museo del Barrio to highlight over two centuries of rarely seen works from the Haitian Revolution (1804) to the present. The show features some 400 works including painting, sculpture, prints, books, photography, film, video and historic artifacts from Caribbean nations, Europe and the United States.
When: Through Jan. 6, 2013
Where: Queens Museum of Art, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona
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Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition – Each year, Socrates Sculpture Park selects artists to produce outdoor artworks within the Park. Reflective of our time, these artists are making public sculptures that are subtly mysterious, visually compelling, and, at times, provocative.

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Website: socratessculpturepark.org

Hammer, Chisel, Drill: Noguchi's Studio Practice – Includes about 60 hand and industrial tools drawn from Noguchi's belongings. A handful of his sculptures, finished and unfinished, will be positioned throughout the exhibition as they relate to specific tools or processes, and a 1970 documentary including footage of Noguchi at work at his Pietrasanta studio will run.
When: Through April 28, 2013
Where: The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Astoria
Contact: 718-204-7088
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Where: Central Queens YM & YWHA, 67-09 108th St., between 67th Avenue, Forest Hills
Contact: (718) 268-5011 ext. 504
Website: centralqueensy.org

THEATER CALENDAR

Antimatter Collective presents Motherboard – Written by Adam Scott Mazer. Dir. Will Fulton. A post-apocalyptic sci-fi tragicomedy set in 2465, 20 years after a robot uprising was barely quashed. Humans live in an aggressively anti-tehnological society, relegated to scavenging the wasteland. Into this awakes C-12, a remnant nannybot, who must traverse the desertion in search of purpose in a world without machines.
When: Through Oct. 14, Thursdays – Saturdays 8 pm and Sundays 3 pm
Where: The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., Long Island City
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Website: secrettheatre.com

Rob List - Play by Ear – Anti-conceptual movement dance and song from American expat mime Rob List, who has refined

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When: Oct. 4 to Oct. 6, 8 pm
Where: The Chocolate Factory, 5-49 49th Ave., Long Island City
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Pat Cooper and the Wise Guys of Comedy – Pat Cooper, Jack Fontana and Joe Starr perform comedy.
When: Oct. 7, 3 pm
Where: Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside
Contact: 718-631-6311
Website: visitqpac.org

The Klezmateers – Featuring the musical talents of Doug Leblang.
When: Oct. 9, 7:30 pm
Where: Bay Terrace Jewish Center, 13-00 209th St., Bayside
Contact: (718) 428-6363

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When: Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27, 8 pm; Oct. 21 and 28, 3 pm
Cost: \$16, \$14 seniors/students
Where: Colonial Church of Bayside, 54-02 217th St., Bayside
Contact: (347) 358-8102
Website: www.theatretime.org

MEETINGS

North Shore Playwrights Circle Meeting – Formerly known as the Playwrights Circle of Great Neck, this open group features discussion, workshopping and writing exercises for playwrights in Queens and Nassau counties.
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Academics

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

Johnny R. Marquez of Queens Village has received a \$17,600 Presidential Scholarship from SUNY Oswego.

Anna Weintraub of Woodside and **Anthony Langone** and **Xianghua Li** of Flushing have graduated from DePaul University.

Alan D. Grunberg of Woodside and **Elias Derian** of Forest Hills have been named to first honors on the spring 2012 Clark University dean's list.

Justin Garrett Abruzzo of Whitestone has graduated from the University of Rochester.

Susan Gamble of Ridgewood and **Tamara Jackson** of Jamaica have graduated from SUNY Potsdam.

Ashley Hines of Jamaica has graduated from Rider University.

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

Li Liang of Fresh Meadows, **Danielle Teutonico** of Jackson Heights and **N'Dea Hallett** of Rosedale were named to the spring 2012 Tufts University dean's list.

Tiffany Cabeca of Kew Gardens and **Sungha Suh** of Little Neck were named to the Decker School of Nursing at SUNY Binghamton spring 2012 dean's list.

David Schemitsch of Forest Hills has graduated from Mercyhurst University.

Madalyn L. Lesman of Jamaica Estates, **Taylor J. Arluck** of Rego Park and **Jessie R. Heller** of Forest Hills were named to the College of Community and Public Affairs at SUNY Binghamton spring 2012 dean's list.

Stephany Lee of Douglaston, **Anna Gleksman** of Forest Hills and **Lavin Shim-Johnson** of St. Al-



HARMONIE KOBANGHE

bans will attend SUNY Oswego this fall.

Andy C. Hojoa of Ridgewood has graduated from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Alexis Chamoff of Flushing has earned national recognition as a member of the SUNY Delhi culinary team, which won the American Culinary Federation's National Student Championship July 15.

Tammy Tran of Woodhaven, **Andrew Calderon** of East Elmhurst, **Melissa Zheng** of East Elmhurst and **Babajide Ademola** of Rosedale have been named to the 2011-12 Lawrence University dean's list.

Helena Mannarino of Ridgewood has graduated from The College of New Jersey.

Harmonie Kobanghe, a LaGuardia Community College student, has won the 2012 Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

Vasu Rabaib of Woodside and **Sade Singh** of Hollis will enter Bard College this fall.

Alan Boardman of Sunnyside, **Andrew Nunez** of East Elmhurst, **Adam**

Burke of Briarwood and **Shannon Browne** of Middle Village were named to the Caldwell College spring 2012 dean's list.

Christopher Davius of Cambria Heights took part in an internship this summer through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education program.

Wenyun Guo of Flushing has graduated from Lawrence Technological University.

Colleen Haller of Glendale was named to the spring 2012 Saint Joseph's University dean's list.

David Chau of Jackson Heights has graduated from the University of Houston.

The following were named to SUNY Fredonia spring 2012 dean's list: **Edward Wei-Mao Hsu** of Bay-

side, **Sarah Abigail Schlesinger** and **Christopher G. Celiz** of Flushing, **Kelsey O'Callaghan** of Jackson Heights, **Claudia Maria Azevedo** of Jamaica, **Justin Daniel Black** of Little Neck and **Kathryn Joanna Haro** of Long Island City.

Sergey Tkachenko of Jackson Heights has been named to the Rider University Westminster Choir Col-

lege spring 2012 dean's list.

Daniel Waters of Forest Hills, **Tonika Forrester** of Queens Village, **Karina Hain** of Maspeth, **Jessica Conter** of Glendale and **Jillian Santos** of Flushing were named to the spring 2012 SUNY Binghamton athletic director's honor roll.

Lauren Leonardson of Glendale has been named to the spring 2012 SUNY College of Technology at Delhi dean's list.

Errol Samuels of Hollis, **William Hart** of Jamaica and **Douglas Lapenta** of Flushing have graduated from SUNY Delhi.

Valerie Bar of Forest Hills was named to the spring 2012 Quinnipiac University dean's list.

Joseph Byrnes of Maspeth has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2012 semester.

Ashley McGowan of Maspeth has been named to the Central Penn College spring 2012 dean's list.

Zineb Bouizy and **Harmonie Kobanghe**, students at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, were awarded \$2,000 grants to be used toward completing their four-year degrees.

Hermes Pascoal of Sunnyside and **Shuyao Wu** of Rego Park took their first steps in becoming boiler-makers by participating in the annual STAR program at Purdue University's West Lafayette campus.

Myungsup Shin of Woodside and **Nadia Suen** of Fresh Meadows has been named to the spring 2012 Berklee College dean's list.

DiFenni Shi of Flushing has graduated from the Berklee College of Music.

Dennis Rim of Little Neck has been named a Danforth Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis.

Jimmy Johnson of Flushing was named to the winter 2012 Cooley Law School dean's list.

Business

Allstate Insurance Co. has recognized The Mercado Agency, in Flushing, for its specialization in customer service. Agent **Francisco Mercado** has structured his agency to ensure it goes above and beyond its call of duty.

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Genser Dubow Genser & Cona, a leading elder law and estate planning law firm in Melville, L.I., announces the addition of **Dana Walsh Sivak** of Bayside as an associate attorney.

Joseph Sclafani, a SERVPRO franchise owner in the Bayside area, was honored with the Director's Silver Award.

Dr. **Juliet Nevins**, based out of Fidelis Care's Rego Park office, has been named associate medical director for Quality Health Care Management.

Min Wen Chen of Oradell Agency in Flushing has become a member in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table — The Premier Association of Financial Professionals.



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Miscellaneous

Meredith Hurley of Little Neck and **Thomas O'Hare** of Fishkill, N.Y., were married July 21 in St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church. The couple will reside in Hopewell Junction.



Flushing celebrates Moon Festival

The streets of Flushing were filled with people to celebrate the Moon Festival Saturday evening. (Clockwise from top l.) Julie Beckles from Trinidad shimmies down Elder Avenue as part of a presentation by ENJ Production; Shanna Patel jumps as she releases her Barbie kite into the air; Shiyun Shang crafts a small duck; a student of the New York Chinese Cultural Center performs the fan dance; a member of the New York Hung Sing Kwoon Lion Dance Team is visible inside the face of a lion; Yi Zhou (l.) plays the pipa and Liquan Li accompanies her on Yangqin at the Queens Botanical Garden; Dominican diablo cojuelo dancers from the group Adicoony bring a douse of color to the parade; and dancers from New York Chinese Cultural Center show off their flexibility.

Photos by Christina Santucci



Wills hosts quality-of-life forum in Richmond Hill

BY RICH BOCKMANN

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica) invited representatives from a number of city agencies to Richmond Hill last week to hear residents' concerns and help them find the most effective ways to find satisfying resolutions to their complaints.

Representatives from the city's Buildings, Hous-

ing Preservation and Development, City Planning and Sanitation departments met at PS 161 last Thursday, where about a dozen or so residents asked questions ranging from how to report illegal dumping to the best way to get a DOB complaint resolved.

Anthony Iuliano, from the DOB, said Queens made up about 50 percent of the illegal conversion com-

plaints his department had received so far this year, and that it is often difficult to even inspect such complaints.

"For an illegal occupancy, the key is getting access," he said, explaining that more often than not DOB inspectors are denied access. After two attempts the department closes the case and the only option left is for the DOB to ob-

tain a warrant to enter the building. That requires the complainant to sign an affidavit, something Iuliano said few were willing to do.

Iuliano said complainants are sometimes also reluctant to call 311 to make a complaint because their phone numbers are recorded and can be subpoenaed.

One resident, though, appeared to be willing to do whatever it took to get his

complaint resolved.

Miguel Reyes said the building next door to him, on 88th Street in Ozone Park, is filled with squatters and he wanted the DOB to vacate the illegally converted basement.

When Iuliano pressed him and asked if he would be willing to sign an affidavit, Reyes was unwavering.

"I'll do anything!" he responded without hesita-

tion.

Wills said he would be planning a similar town hall meeting for October that would touch on public safety concerns.

Reach reporter Rich Bockmann by e-mail at rbockmann@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4574.

Port Authority to talk JFK runway extension

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A southeast Queens environmental group with a backyard view of John F. Kennedy International Airport has successfully lobbied Port Authority officials to hear the public's comments on a plan to extend one of the airport's runways closer toward protected wetlands and residential neighborhoods.

The authority is required by the Federal Aviation Administration to provide adequate safety areas on either end of JFK's 4L/22R runway as buffer zones in the event a plane overshoots or undershoots its takeoff/landing area.

Since the southern end of the runway sticks out into Jamaica Bay and abuts the Gateway National Recreation Area, the plan calls for making improvements at the northern end, which is primarily used for departing planes taking off over Rosedale and Idlewild Park, where the Eastern Queens Alliance has its park preserve headquarters.

Alliance Chairwoman Barbara Brown started raising the red flag after the public comment period for the runway rehabilitation's draft environmen-

tal assessment closed in June. The Port Authority had published a notice announcing the opening of the comment period in Newsday, although Brown said she believed it was inadequate. She called on the Port Authority to halt all work and reopen the comment period.

A PA spokesman said the authority would accept comments and discuss the final environmental assessment report at a public meeting Oct. 4 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, at 224-10 147th Ave. in Springfield Gardens, at 7:30 p.m.

Brown said her main concern was that moving the runway would mean planes would fly lower over residential neighborhoods.

"Don't wait until after everything happens and then say, 'Why are these planes flying so low over my house?'" she said at last month's Community Board 13 meeting, when board members approved plans for a new environmental center to be built in Idlewild Park, directly under the runway's flight path.

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Business

Japanese cuisine with a side of American

Eatery in Astoria offers eclectic mix of Asian staples with contemporary culinary influences

BY REBECCA HENELY

Japanese restaurants are a common sight on Ditmars Boulevard in Astoria, but Aji Sushi House serves dishes from the Land of the Rising Sun with an American twist.

The menu for the new dining spot, at 36-06 Ditmars Blvd., features common Japanese restaurant fare such as sushi rolls, hibachi and tempura, but also Thai restaurant staples pad thai and kalbi, which is often used in Korean barbecue. Tuna tartar can be ordered in yuzu olive sauce, yellowtail sashimi can be served with jalapenos and Aji also offers either tuna and avocado or king crab pizza.

"The quality that we use is always the best and all sauce is homemade," said owner/chef Ivan Chen.

Hostess Amy Cheng said Aji opened in July. She said the name "Aji" comes from a fish, also known as



Chef Ivan Chen (r.) and his wife Yuki Chen's new restaurant Aji serves Japanese cuisine with American influences.
Photo by Rebecca Henely

Japanese horse mackerel, that is small but fast.

"The response is pretty good," Chen said about

the new restaurant.

Chen, who has been a sushi chef for 15 years, said the inspiration for many of

his dishes came from different combinations of food he had tried over the years. He said he had previously

opened a restaurant in New Jersey and found that patrons like both fresh sushi and American sauces. Many dishes feature sauces that are a mix of Japanese and American.

All of the special rolls are his own creation. He said favorites are the Ditmars roll, which combines spicy tuna, yellowtail, tempura and avocado inside and is topped off with tuna, and the Astoria roll, which is the same but swaps out the tuna with salmon.

"The Astoria roll and the Ditmars roll are so delicious and is what people like," Chen said.

Cheng said the fish served comes from markets in New Jersey and Manhattan.

In addition to the unique menu, Aji sells 11 different types of sake and about 20 white and red wines.

Aji also boasts a unique look with lighting behind the counter that shows off

the restaurant's logo and blue lighting behind the sushi bar.

"The idea came from several Manhattan restaurants that are Asian and also from [Chen]," Cheng said of the decor.

Prices average about \$10 to \$15 per dish. A glass of wine costs \$7 to \$8, and bottles of wine cost \$20, although some special wine bottles are as much as \$98. The restaurant also offers party and catering. For its grand opening, all dishes are 15 percent off until Oct. 31.

Aji is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 12:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. The restaurant can be reached at 718-777-8889 or ajisushihouse.com.

Reach reporter Rebecca Henely by e-mail at rhenely@cnglocal.com or by phone at 718-260-4564.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Networking and Business Luncheon – Keynote speaker Jason Helgerson.
When: Oct. 5, 11:30 am
Where: Russo's on the Bay, 162-45 Cross Bay Blvd., Howard Beach
Contact: (718) 843-5055
Website: russosonthebay.com

Powerful You! Women's Network – A new Queens chapter of the national organization that empowers and supports women in their business, personal and spiritual lives.
When: Third Tuesday each month, noon to 2 pm
Cost: Members and first-time attendees \$30, nonmembers \$40; includes lunch
Where: Giardino, 44-37 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston
Contact: Gayle Naftaly, gnaftaly@accessoffice.net, (718) 217-0009
Website: powerfuleyou.com

Power Networking Group – Led by Harvey G. Beringer
When: Every Wednesday, 7 am
Cost: \$10 for breakfast
Where: Jackson Hole Diner, 35-01 Bell Blvd., Bayside
Contact: Harvey G. Beringer at HGBCPA@aol.com or (718) 423-0427

BNI T.N.T. (The Networking Titans) Weekly Meeting – BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI provides positive, supportive and structured environment to further business through word of mouth marketing. Contact chapter president Martin Koos to arrange a visit.
When: Thursdays, 7-8:30 am
Where: Clearview Park Golf Course, 202-12 Willets Point Blvd., Bayside

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BNI Peak Professionals Chapter – BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. BNI Provides positive, supportive and structured environment to further business through word of mouth marketing. Contact Lydie Pellissier, chapter president, to arrange a visit.
When: Wednesdays, 7-8:30 am
Where: Fame Diner, 176-19 Union Tnpk., Fresh Meadows
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The Eastern Queens and Long Island Networking Group – This unique business networking group discusses today's challenges and helps form alliances. Relationships are built. Facilitator is Gayle Naftaly, rainmaker, entrepreneur, coordinator, leader and organizer with contacts.
When: Second Wednesday of every month
Cost: \$20, includes food from Marcella's Pizzeria of Glen Oaks. Payment benefits the Ronald McDonald House of L.I.
Where: Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, 267-07 76th Ave., New Hyde Park
Contact: Gayle Naftaly, gnaftaly@accessoffice.net, (866) 391-2780
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Autumn Antipasto at Papazzio – Free baby-sitting and a 50/50. RSVP by Oct. 4.
When: Oct 11, 5:30 pm
Where: Papazzio, 39-38 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Community Fair, Auction and Carnival – All proceeds go the Cross Island YMCA Strong Kids Campaign.
When: Oct. 13, 11 am
Where: Cross Island YMCA, 238-10 Hillside Avenue Queens, NY 11426
Contact: (718) 551-9313

Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner – The fundraising dinner to benefit athletic scholarships.
When: Oct. 13, 7 pm
Where: Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Contact: (718) 997-5000

FUND-RAISERS



Francis Lewis' Mauricio Cediell (c.) fights for control of the ball against a Bayside defender.
Photo by Maria Lopez

Bayside nearly snaps 62-game Lewis streak

BY JOE PANTORNO

It's been some time since Francis Lewis lost a league game, and no team has come closer to ending that streak than rival Bayside.

The host Patriots gave the Commodores no such chance, putting on a dominant display in a convincing 4-0 win in Public Schools Athletic League Queens A East boys' soccer Saturday. The win pushes Francis Lewis' league winning streak to 62 games and put them in sole possession of first place. It also accomplished the feat by playing down a man for 51 minutes after Luis Argudo picked up a second yellow card. Francis Lewis won last year's three meetings by a combined five goals.

"Huge relief, especially after last year when we played them and we were losing 3-0 at halftime," Francis Lewis Coach Roger Sarmuksnis said of the first game a year ago. "It meant that we were playing our game right from the start."

Lewis (6-0) hit the

ground running, dominating possession from the opening whistle and was quickly rewarded in the 13th minute. A header from striker Santiago Atehortua was saved off the crossbar but the rebound was struck home by Emmanuel Alvarez.

Teammate Niko Touros was a handful down the right side when he was in the game. With speed and a powerful right foot, Touros set up the Patriots' second goal when he foraged down the right side and unleashed a low shot that was saved nicely. Luckily, striker Charlies Yang cleaned up the rebound to double the lead in the 24th minute.

"I thought Niko was going to score it," Yang said. "But I just stayed with it and got the rebound."

After an aggressive challenge gave him his first yellow, Argudo was sent off when he appealed a call from an official after his teammate, Mauricio Cediell, won a free kick in

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Holy Cross stumbles in win

Team bounces back after major loss but shows weakness

BY MIKE MCAVOY

A mental lapse late in the fourth quarter nearly wiped out an impressive showing by Malachi Hoskins, but the defensive end found redemption to earn Holy Cross the win.

Hoskins, who scored a defensive touchdown and blocked a punt, committed a 15-yard personal foul late in the fourth quarter that gave Archbishop Stepinac the ball back. He made up for it on the ensuing drive when he stripped quarterback Daniel Hoffer. His teammate Stefan Harrington recovered the ball to seal a 16-14 Holy Cross win in a Catholic High School Football League Class AAA game at the Bayside Athletic Complex Sunday afternoon.

"Games come down to the end, every game," Hoskins said while catching his breath. "You know someone has to come and step up to make the play."

Hoskins just thought he was making a play on a punt late in the fourth, but he ended up hitting Stepinac's Christian Lopez before he caught the ball. Stepinac regained possession on the penalty and moved the ball down to the Holy Cross 30-yard line with under a minute to play.

In a third-and-11 situation, Hoskins had his chance to erase his mistake by forcing a fumble. Holy Cross Coach Tom Pugh expected Hoskins to make up for his mistake and earn the Knights a bounce-back win after a lopsided loss to



Holy Cross quarterback Michael Loprete looks to put the ball in the air.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

St. Anthony's last week.

"That's what great players are supposed to do," Pugh said. "He made up for it quite a bit."

Holy Cross (3-1, 2-1) led 16-14 thanks to a safety late in the third quarter. With the score tied, Stepinac (1-3, 1-2) punted from their own 16-yard line. The snap flew over punter Matthew Schumaker's head and he ended up kicking it out of the end zone to give Holy Cross two points. That was Stepinac's third safety off a punt this season.

The Crusaders' mis-

cues turned into Holy Cross points throughout the game. Cross' first score came off a botched hand-off down inside their own 5-yard line. Hoskins fell on top of it in the end zone to give his team a 7-0 lead with 7:35 to play in the first quarter.

After the score, Stepinac fumbled the ensuing kickoff, giving Cross excellent field position. Jordan Francklin would run the ball in from 3 yards out, giving Cross a 14-0 lead with 3:01 left in the first. Stepinac's scores came on

a 34-yard touchdown pass from Hoffer to Malcolm Major, who then later added a 4-yard scamper to tie the game.

"We did everything possible to give that game away," Stepinac Coach Mike O'Donnell said.

Seeing his own team capitalize off of the opposition's mistakes, Hoskins did everything in his power so his own mishap did not become a springboard for Stepinac.

"I got the opportunity and made the best of it," Hoskins said.

Mary Louis works to overcome early season slump

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The plight of the early soccer season for Mary Louis has been to find the scoring complements around star Therese Boyle.

"She is dying for that kid out in front of her to just put the ball on her foot and finish," TMLA Coach Tom Bruen said.

Following a season opening loss to defending Catholic High School Activities Association Brooklyn/Queens champion Christ the King, it's beginning to happen. Mary Louis has picked up quality wins over Preston and Fontbonne Hall and earned a tie with defending Archdiocesan champ St. Joseph Hill. Boyle had a hat trick against Preston, a score against Hill and assisted on Erica Ritter's winners versus Fontbonne last week. Eva Scazzero and Tori Lynch have also tallied goals.

"I was so happy," Boyle said of Ritter's goal. "We have been struggling



Therese Boyle of Mary Louis heads the ball during the game against Christ the King.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

with crosses this season. We haven't been finishing much so I was so happy Erica stepped up and finished."

The Hilltoppers have tried to do it with two of their best offensive players sidelined with injuries. Center midfielder Victoria Scaparro is out with an ankle injury and pure forward Colette Craig is hopeful to be back late in the season after hurting her knee. Scaparro's absence had forced Boyle to sink more into the midfield and not just be out in front attacking. Bruen said it's also forced him to keep Rachel Spanpinato back more and help transition the ball from defense to offense.

The 1-0 win over Fontbonne, in a rematch of last year's semifinal won by Mary Louis, puts TMLA in second place in Brooklyn/Queens. Bruen said he preferred the difficult schedule early, asking for the hardest teams first. Defender Regina Paskoff and midfielder Kim Myers have

also been key to the early success.

"Every win is good especially against a rival team," Ritter said of beating the Bonnies.

Continuing this success and showing more consistency in their play is what Bruen wants to see next. Even against Fontbonne, TMLA dominated the first half only to watch the Bonnies control play after the break with pressure and nearly tie the score multiple times.

"We are a little hot and cold right now," Bruen said. "Some games we come out there and we are really sharp with good combination play. There are other times where I don't even know you guys."

One thing he does know is that Boyle will need to continue to get the scoring help she has received in recent games if the success is going to continue.

"Our offense is getting better at finishing," Boyle said, "which is exactly what we needed."

Versatile Laforgia living up to hype as Prep standout

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jaclyn Laforgia doesn't have a set job on the court per se.

"I try to be an all-around player," the St. Francis Prep junior outside hitter said. "Whatever the team needs I try to be there."

Laforgia was everywhere for the Terriers in a 25-17, 25-17, 25-18 win over rival and host Archbishop Molloy in Catholic High School Activities Association Brooklyn/Queens girls' volleyball in Briarwood last week. She didn't have her biggest game hitting with just three kills, but recorded 14 digs and two service aces. It all contributed to a strong defensive effort and allows everyone else's roles to fall into place.

"She is everywhere all over the floor," senior Kelly Flynn said.

Laforgia was expected to be St. Francis Prep's breakout star

this season after a strong finish to her sophomore campaign. She lived up to those expectations against Molloy, which handed her team its first league loss since 2005 last year. Laforgia began SFP's 8-0 first set run with a kill after the match's longest volley to make it 18-11. She also made two tremendous hustle plays to keep balls alive, once running into the Terriers bench near the deep back corner of the court.

"She is going to be the most aggressive person," SFP Coach Kevin Colucci said. "She is very fast. She is going to fly around."

His team, unbeaten in league play, didn't let Molloy hang around after each set was tight half way through. Last year, the team played three grueling five-set matches with the Terriers, winning twice, including in the diocesan title game. This group, which includes much of that squad, has learned from ex-



St. Francis Prep's Jaclyn Laforgia keeps the ball in the air.

Photo by Christina Santucci

perience. They are playing with a more confident mindset after reaching their first CHSAA Class

AA state final since 1999 last season.

"We had to shut them down

and show them who is boss," Laforgia said. "We stayed focused."

The Terriers, who were pushed to five sets by Fontbonne Hall in their league opener, biggest strength remains its depth. Caroline Gorecki, Flynn and Laforgia dominated the net against Molloy. Libero Caroline Vallone had 19 digs and setter Kendra McCalla dished out 23 assists. Kiarra Pierre and Kaitlyn Sluyk also contributed to the attack. It has the Terriers primed for another big year.

Their array of talent and the players' lack of egos gives the Terriers an advantage that has them primed for a big year.

"If one girl is struggling a little, Mr. C can just quickly put [another] one in and we will get the next [point]," Laforgia said. "The bond on this team is pretty much unbreakable."

Bayside's Glazer commits to Marist College soccer

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

D.J. Glazer has just accomplished what her father strived to do.

The Bayside senior soccer star said her dad, Larry, had hopes of earning a scholarship to play football at Syracuse growing up before blowing out his knee playing at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. Over the weekend, Glazer completed her own Division I dream by verbally committing to play at Marist next season, accomplishing what her dad had hoped to years ago.

"I'm just ecstatic about it," she said. "It's not just a great thing for me, but it feels so good because I am the first person in my family to get this honor to go on and play sports [in college]. It gives me an even better feeling about it."

Glazer has had a good vibe about Marist throughout the recruiting process. Marist first saw Glazer playing at the Las Vegas College Showcase in March. She spoke about the beauty of the campus on the Hudson River and the comfort level she felt with second-year head Coach Katherine Lyn and her future teammates. It reminded her of her Massapequa Elite club team.

Glazer, who is one of the city's top goal scorers, was recruiting as a defender, the position she plays for Massapequa Elite. The Red Foxes are coming off the best season in program history. They posted 13 wins, won their first MAAC championship and made their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2011.

"The players there remind me of the players on

my [club] team," said Glazer, who plans to enter the school's liberal arts college. "The whole experience that I had there put everything in perspective. This is the school I want to play for."

She had a breakout season as a junior, following a tumultuous two years that saw her transfer from St. Francis Prep as a freshman and miss the second half of her sophomore campaign with a foot injury. Last season, she led the city with 59 goals and helped the Commodores win the PSAL Queens A-IV division title and earn a trip to the league's Class A semifinals.

"She is a strong player all around," Bayside Coach Maggie Kassimis said. "She can play forward, midfield and defense. Sometimes I wish I had six different D.J.'s on the team."

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the 29th minute.

"I was shocked when I saw it," Yang said.

Down a man, Francis Lewis could not have responded any better. The ensuing free kick was headed home from the right of goal by Sharifulla Mayan to

make it 3-0.

"It's a tribute to the composure that these gentlemen had," Sarmuksnis said. "There was a tremendous amount of time left ... so anything could have happened."

The second half was bogged in the midfield as the Bayside (5-1) defense started challenging Lewis and putting on some pressure, but Atehortua made

the score more one-sided when he unleashed a 25-yard strike that hit off the keeper's hands and into the top right corner of goal. It left Bayside feeling it missed a big opportunity to get back into the game.

"It clearly was not our best effort," said Bayside Coach Joe Corrado. "It just happens sometimes."

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Queensbridge teen's coach fired after trying to memorialize her

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Kasim Alston has been fired as the Bishop Loughlin varsity girls' basketball coach after leading the school to the state Federation Class A title last season, he told TimesLedger Newspapers. Assistant Coach Chez Williams was promoted to the head job.

Alston got into a heated argument at a Sept. 17 coaches' meeting with athletic director Angela Proce over the direction of the second annual Chicken Stop the Violence Classic, a one-day girls' basketball event in memory of Tayshana "Chicken" Murphy, Alston's goddaughter and a former Loughlin player, who was shot dead Sept. 11, 2011.

According to Alston, Proce abruptly told him the school would have hosted a stop-the-violence-themed

event in December, but did not want Murphy's name associated with it. Upon hearing that, Alston lost his temper and told Proce that "the school wasn't [explicitive]," Alston said.

Proce told Principal James Dorney and Alston was eventually fired Sept. 24.

"I'm like Chicken's father," said Alston, who was set to start his third season as head coach. "I lost a loved one. Maybe [Proce] didn't mean to come off the way she did, but she came at it the wrong way."

Loughlin didn't host last year's event, which was at Nazareth. Murphy was expelled from the school after getting into a fight at a boys' basketball game midway through her sophomore year in 2010, but the team dedicated its title run to her last season.

Alston would have liked a chance to discuss

the continuation of what he hoped would be an annual game. Instead, he became the second consecutive coach fired after winning the state Federation Class A crown. Molloy's Tom Catalanotto was dismissed in 2011.

"We could have set up something, had a meeting," Alston said. "Then she could have told me how she felt To me ... they still hold a grudge for something Chicken did in 10th-grade."

Proce referred all comment to Dorney, who refused to discuss the incident, the reason for Alston's departure and the school's stance toward Murphy. He did say he appreciated what Alston did for the school during his six years there and wished him the best.

"That's not anything I would discuss with people on the outside," Dorney said. "Anything we do here is internal."



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when those documents become available, Paskar is not required by law to disclose who gives him money. That has led others to speculate about alternative motives for Friends of LaGuardia's opposition to the facility. James Cervino, a marine scientist and chairman of Community Board 7's Committee on the Environment, recently alluded to

other reasons why Friends of LaGuardia might want to keep its financiers private. Other companies who might have a financial interest in seeing the facility fail might be bankrolling the nonprofit under the guise of safety. "It's all about real estate. It's all about who is going to be getting this land," Cervino said at a recent meeting of the College Point Civic/Taxpayers Association. Cervino's suspicions are echoed in a 2009 report in the weekly real estate publication Crain's,

which ties a lawyer for the then-nascent resistance to the transfer station to Tully Construction, a large Queens firm that deals in transferring garbage. Tully dismissed any involvement with Friends of LaGuardia, citing the fact that the city is buying out part of his nearby business in the future. And Paskar denied any profit motive, contending that he owns no property and is not getting paid to go to bat for developers or any other special interests. "I'm not going to talk about where I get my mon-

ey from, but I can tell you whatever money that I get is for the use of this project and I have no business interests in Queens," he said. Paskar said he would not discriminate against anyone who wanted to see the station moved, even if they had purely financial motives for doing so. "There are some people who are going to be opposed to it for the right reasons, but I'm not the one who is going to judge," he said, "as long as people are not doing anything illegal or immoral."

Aqueduct

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an unusually mild weather on a track designed for harsher winters. "The task force has spent countless hours analyzing the circumstances of each equine death at Aqueduct," said task force chairman and veterinarian Dr. Scott Palmer. "We found multiple factors that created a 'perfect storm' of conditions that caused these tragic breakdowns." Palmer said the task force recommends a complete overhaul of NYRA's veterinary practices, the creation of an equine medical director position within the state's racing association and strict prohibitions regarding medications. "I want to make it clear that we did not find any evidence of criminal wrongdoing," said Palmer. "We do not believe there was an overt effort to race unsound horses, but rather an economic pressure to fill the racing field." The veterinary doctor went on to say the investigation found jockeys felt un-

able to voice concerns about the health of horses, fearing another rider would simply replace them. Palmer said the task force recommends an anonymous horse safety hotline to enable jockeys to report concerns without fear of retribution. State Sen. Joe Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) stands behind the governor's effort to overhaul NYRA, and he looks at this as a way of saving horse racing in Queens. "I wasn't happy to find out there were negative effects on the horses," said Addabbo. "But this is a pathway to correcting the situation." After meeting with the horse racing association in May, the governor announced an agreement to establish the NYRA Reorganization Board. The board places NYRA under temporary public control in order to reform the association and transform oversight and management.

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Lipsky

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Lipsky also attempted to steer small business legislation in favor of Jetro Cash-and-Carry, a nationwide grocery store supplier based in College Point. He was hired by Jamaica Recycling in Jamaica to lobby for a permit to operate a waste transfer station. But it was his dealings in Brooklyn that led to his arrest, guilty plea and even-

tual sentence, which was greatly reduced from the maximum he could have served for the crime. Lipsky pleaded guilty to forking over \$200,000 in bribes to Sen. Carl Kruger (D-Brooklyn), according to a report in The Wall Street Journal. And while he was initially supposed to be sentenced up to six years, lawyers filed paperwork detailing his cooperation with federal authorities on a high-profile corruption investigation, which led

Manhattan federal court Judge Jed Rakoff to hand down the sentence of three months behind bars. The judge had received about 50 letters on Lipsky's behalf, one of which came from Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara indicating that Lipsky had provided substantial help in other investigations. As news of Lipsky's cooperation spread to Queens, many in political circles wondered if the information Lipsky provided to investigators would have

any ripple effects. "Curious is probably the right word," said one political insider, who indicated that many in Queens are distancing themselves from the embattled lobbyist. "I couldn't find anybody to admit that they had even met him." And while no one in Queens would admit they are sweating at the thought of Lipsky's chats with federal prosecutors, other lawmakers would not be surprised if more indictments were in the pipeline.

Vallone

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"I've been warning that this crime increase would occur," he said. The councilman has long been an advocate for hiring more police officers. Vallone also criticized the overhaul of the Rockefeller Drug Laws, controversial statutes originally passed in 1973 which set a minimum of 15 years to life in prison for anyone convicted of selling more than 2 ounces or possessing more than 4 ounces of heroin, morphine, opium, cocaine or marijuana.

The mandatory sentences were removed in 2009, but Vallone said putting sentences in the hands of judges means many dealers have opted to go to treatment instead of doing prison time. He said officers have cut back on the number of drug busts they conduct since the criminals will usually be back on the streets soon. "Drugs are violent," Vallone said. "I don't think there's any such thing as a non-violent drug deal." Vallone also defended the NYPD's controversial stop-and-frisk policy, saying the policy has taken 800 guns off the street. The

councilman said officers must explain why they are frisking those they stop and conceded that some cops are bad and overstep their boundaries. But he emphasized that complaints to the Civilian Complaint Review Board are down. "I think they're making an effort to do things the right way," Vallone said. The three-term councilman will not be able to run again, and while he has not formally declared, his eyes are on the borough president's office. He said Borough President Helen Marshall is well-liked,

Brooklyn's Marty Markowitz is a cheerleader, Manhattan's Scott Stringer is good on policy and the Bronx's Ruben Diaz Jr. is stellar at working with his borough's Council delegation. "I'd like to bring all that to Queens and bring what I brought to Astoria on a boroughwide level," Vallone said. But if things were different, Vallone said, he would like to stay where he is. "It was one of the best decisions I ever made," Vallone said of running for Council. "I love public service."

Sikhs

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from wearing turbans and beards unfairly forces Sikhs and members of other faiths to choose between serving on the NYPD and adhering to their faith. It also says allowing Sikhs to wear religious garb would promote religious inclusion for the community and others who have similar religious dictates, and that such a move would fall in line with decisions made by other agencies in the city. The Metropolitan

Transportation Authority recently ended a policy requiring Sikh employees to wear an MTA logo on their turbans, and last year the Council passed a law enhancing religious freedom in the workplace. Liu is planning on visiting Sikh temples and community groups over the next few weeks to garner signatures for the petition, which at press time had nearly 70 out of 300 needed signatures.

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Congress

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Gary Ackerman's (D-Bay-side) seat was eliminated due to redistricting, which

shifts congressional lines in response to population changes identified in the U.S. census. He is head of the Democratic National Congressional Campaign Committee. His challenger Labate

hopes to slash taxes, fines and regulations on private sector businesses, which he said are hindering the national economy. Tolda is running on a mission to unseat Israel, who he also ran against in

2010, and pledges to fix the economy using his financial consulting background and implementing a Fair Tax, which would tax the consumption of goods rather than Americans' incomes.

McDermott wants to see the federal government shrink and the nation cease involving itself in the affairs of foreign countries. He would also like to see the Federal Reserve audited and likely dissolved.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4; Plaintiff(s) vs. LAUREN LINGENHOL; ROBERT L. LINGENHOL; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
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Section: 00 Block: 3384 Lot:21
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INDEX NO. 419/11
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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
QUEENS COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 7464-11 Borough: Queens Block: 12171 Lot: 6 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through PENNIE C. BURCHETT, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint

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herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs; RAYMOND BURCHETT; SONJA BURCHETTE; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BOARD; AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein.
DEFENDANTS: TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this 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 service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Queens County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises.
Dated: July 26, 2012
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Denis J. Butler, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated August 21, 2012, and filed with supporting papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 111-37 156th Street, Jamaica, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Block 12171 and Lot 6. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax li-

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en. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$ \$11,642.51, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property. Anthony J. Iacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS
UNITED NATIONS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff against **TOPE AROSO, MORENIKE AROSO, et al** Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 13, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court-house, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom #25, Jamaica, NY on the 2nd day of November, 2012 at 11:00 AM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of 164th Street with the northerly side of 119th Avenue; being a plot 41 feet by 100 feet by 41 feet by 100 feet. Said premises known as 117-60 164TH STREET, JAMAICA, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 647,324.08 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 7068/11. BARRY SEIDEL, ESQ., Referee. Weltman & Moskowitz Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 270 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016 (* JAMAICA TI - *)

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS
INDEX # 3841/11 FILED: 2/2/2012
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1, Plaintiff against CARMEN RIVERA, VASESH ARJOON, RAMNARINE RAMLAL AND HIS RESPECTIVE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS, HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DE-

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FENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIENOR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, CAPITAL ONE BANK USA, N.A. IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE BANK, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BENEFICIAL NEW YORK INC., EMPIRE PORTFOLIOS INC., CONDO CAPITAL CORPORATION, QUEENS SUPREME COURT, CREDIT GROWTH AND INCOME FUND, LLC., WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING, LLC S/I/T TO PROVIDIAN BANK, SLOMINS, INC., YELLOW BOOK ON NEW YORK LP, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, and "JOHN DOE #1," through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein, Defendant(s)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOU 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. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United

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States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT:** THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage which was recorded in Document 2007000299818 in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens where the property is located on June 11, 2007. Said mortgage was then assigned by written agreement thereto to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF THE ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1 by assignment of mortgage dated April 30, 2010, covering premises known as 3107-04 Waltham Street, Jamaica, NY 11435 (Section: 2323 Block: 275 Lot: 15). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. VALERIE BRATHWAITE NELSON, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated August 13, 2012 and filed on August 21, 2012 along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Queens. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens and State of New York. SECTION: 2323 BLOCK: 275 LOT: 15 said premises known as 3107-04 Waltham Street, Jamaica, NY 11435. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: Entire principal balance in the amount of \$584,519.52 to be immediately due and payable under the mortgage herein

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foreclosed, plus interest at the rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of the note from December 1, 2007, together with unpaid late charges in the amount of \$225.06 that have accrued prior to this action, together with reasonable legal fees pursuant to the mortgage, for a total of \$733,421.03 due and payable, with interest as stated above.. **UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE** New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. **SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT** You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. **SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE** The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York state Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us **FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS** Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
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UTOPIA ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC, Plaintiff, - against -
JAMES PIERRE, if living and if he be deceased, his respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through James Pierre, if he be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein and the respective wives or widows, if any, of James Pierre, if deceased, all of whose names are unknown to the plaintiff, **NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA)**

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N.A., NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) NA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE BANK, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, INSTANT INVESTMENTS INC. ASSIGNEE IN INTEREST TO CIRCUIT CITY STORES, THE STATE OF NEW YORK, "JOHN DOE #1-10" and "MARY ROE #1-10" the last twenty names being fictitious, they being intended for tenants or other persons having an interest in the premises whose names are unknown to the Plaintiff, Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days if the Summons is not served personally upon you. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Trial is desired in the County of QUEENS. The basis of the venue designated is that the premises being foreclosed is located in QUEENS County. Plaintiff has its principal place of business in Flushing, New York and defendants reside in QUEENS County. Dated: June 28, 2012
BERNARD H. COHEN
Attorney for Plaintiff
98 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 395N
Great Neck, NY 11021
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(516) 488-8351 - Fax
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Denis J. Butler, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens County, dated August 22, 2012 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office, Jamaica, New York. The object of the action is to foreclose a mortgage recorded May 5, 2006, in CRFN 2006000253893 in the Queens County Clerk's Office, covering premises known as 115-60 118th Street, South Ozone Park, New York, in Queens County which premises begins on the West side of 118th Street (formerly Church Street) 175 feet North of Sutter Avenue (formerly Bland Parkway) being a plot 25 feet in width front and rear by 100 feet in depth on each side and known as section 51, block 11710, lot 59 on the Queens County tax map.

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situate, lying and being in
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8639/2010. ALAN KES-
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