

## Mayor holds town hall in SE Queens

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Mayor Bill de Blasio said a location for the long-awaited new police precinct in south-east Queens might be determined by the end of the summer, although he cautioned that it would likely be years before construction on the precinct was completed.

The news about the 116th Precinct came in the midst of a two-hour town hall held at Springfield Gardens Educational Campus June 16. The event was moderated by Councilman Donovan Richards (D-Laurelton).

The city has allocated \$70 million from this year's budget for the construction of a precinct to serve the communities of Rosedale, Brookville, Laurelton and Springfield Gardens. The area currently is covered by the 105th Precinct with a separate substation. Richards said committed community members had been fighting for the new precinct for decades.

Questions concerning quality-of-life issues dominated the evening, with several questions.

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## Van Bramer makes statement

Public displays of affection his defiant answer to Orlando gunman's hate

BY BILL PARRY



Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer kisses his husband Dan Hendrick in a photo that appeared on a flier for his annual gay pride brunch - to show common cause with the victims of last week's mass shooting at an Orlando gay nightclub.

Courtesy Van Bramer's office

In the aftermath of the worst gun massacre in U.S. history, the father of Omar Mateen said "it had nothing to do with religion." Mateen had gone to a gay nightclub in Orlando, murdered 49 people and injured another 53 after he saw two men kissing, Mir Seddique told NBC News.

The following day, City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside), one of seven openly gay members on the City Council, sent an e-mail to his constituents and supporters with a photo of him kissing his husband, Dan Hendrick.

"In the face of unspeakable hatred and violence we often feel powerless," Van Bramer wrote under the photo. "But terror is meant to stop us from being who we are, from living our lives as we want. But we can't go back or live in fear. I want to respond with more love, more pride, and yes more kisses in public!!"

The defiant response to the Queens-born gunman Mateen also served as a reminder of Van Bramer's 6th annual LGBT Pride Month

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Police have arrested a 14-year old in the assault of Mohamed Rasheed Khan in Queens Village June 1. Khan was severely beaten and required surgery, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Courtesy of CAIR

## Teen arrested in Qns Village assault

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

A group of three teenagers assaulted a Muslim man outside of his Queens Village mosque earlier this month as a part of a "knockout game," according to a 14-year-old who was arrested and charged with

the attack, police said.

The suspect, whose name was not being released due to his age, was charged with assault and a hate crime, according to the NYPD. The Queens district attorney's office said the teenage suspect would be processed through Family

Court. Police were looking for the two other suspects.

At about 10:30 p.m. June 1, Mohamed Rasheed Khan, 59, left the Center for Islamic Studies at 206-09 Jamaica Ave. and started riding his bicycle, police said. The arrested teenager

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# S. Ozone dedication

Street co-named 'Qadri's Way' for brave teen activist



Councilman Ruben Wills (r) held a street co-naming ceremony in South Ozone Park to commemorate the work of Qadri Skipper, a teen activist who died in 2012.

Courtesy of Council member Wills

BY MARK HALLUM

City Councilman Ruben Wills (D-Jamaica) held a street-renaming ceremony Tuesday to commemorate the life of a teen advocate whose life was cut short by two rare illnesses.

Qadri Skipper fought with pulmonary hypertension and hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia for up to 12 years, and alongside his mother advocated for a Department of Education financed, advanced life-support ambulance to transport him to and from school. He died at the age of 17. Now 110th Street between 107th Avenue and 109th Avenue in South Ozone Park is known as Qadri's Way in honor of his 12-year battle, which ended in 2012.

"The story of Qadri Skipper is one that begs to be told and shared. It illustrates the remarkable courage with which this young man faced the prospect of death at only the age of

5, and persevered well beyond the two-year timeline his doctors estimated," Wills said. "Qadri refused to let these disorders dictate the terms of his life, and he lived as completely as one saddled with such burdens possibly could."

Skipper was a student at the Information Technology High School in Long Island City, according to Wills, and died during his last year of enrollment. He was posthumously awarded his diploma. There is now an annual scholarship in his name.

"I stand here today, I know where my blessings are," Do-reen Blair-Skipper, Qadri's mother said, after explaining her son's contribution to the lives of other people burdened with the two diseases. "And Qadri's Way street signing is a testament of his character."

Joann Schmidt, a pulmonary hypertension support group leader and patient who knew Skipper, spoke at the ceremony and told the story

of her experience with the young man who faced these burdens uncomplainingly. Brooke Keith, another PH patient, said if it had not been for Skipper, who encouraged her to be vigilant about taking her medication, she would not be alive today.

Kenneth Pawlukiewicz, the 2013 Information Technology High School PTA president and founder of Qadri Skipper Memorial Scholarship, said he had not met Skipper but was so inspired by the story his mother told him about her son that he organized the annual scholarship in his name.

"From talking sports with his nurses and doctors to supporting others facing difficulty, Qadri never allowed his condition to hold him back. All of us can learn from his example," said Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park), co-sponsor of the event. "This street naming allows us to honor Qadri's memory and remember the joy he brought to

# DOE withdraws plan to place charter in IS

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

transition into a long-term site."

Opponents of a controversial proposed co-location between a public middle school and a charter high school in Queens Village celebrated the news this week that the DOE had withdrawn the plan.

The Panel for Educational Policy originally planned to vote on the proposal to operate New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV in the facility currently housing Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School, also known as IS 109Q, at 213-10 92nd Ave. last Monday, but the DOE confirmed that the proposed had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

"After extensive engagement and discussions with educators from both schools, local community members, PEP members and elected officials, we decided to withdraw the proposal at this time," a DOE spokeswoman said. "We continue to work with the Jean Nuzzi school community and other key partners on how to best use the available space to meet the diverse needs of District 29 students and families, and also work closely with New Visions to ensure a smooth

City Councilman Barry Grodenchik (D-Oakland Gardens), state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-Hollis) and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz all stood in opposition to the plan, and had expressed their concerns in a letter sent June 17 to the mayor's office and the DOE. Katz and other elected officials released a statement Monday praising the DOE's decision, stating that the city "has not given up on IS 109Q," while a spokesman for New Visions said that the organization did not have a comment on the withdrawn proposal.

Grodenchik expressed appreciation that the DOE had listened to community opposition and said he disagreed with the DOE's original assessment that IS 109Q was being under utilized.

"We didn't believe the school was as empty as the DOE believed," Grodenchik said. "We understand that the enrollment is going up, and it'll be back over 1,000 students in the fall. Some good things are starting there."

IS 109 enrolled about 972 students in its most recent

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The city Department of Education withdrew a proposal to co-locate a charter high school in IS 109, a Queens Village public middle school. The school currently enrolls approximately 970 students.

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# NY Pops brings Broadway to Forest Hills

AT&T's 'Kids in the Balcony' program gives free admission for over 1,000 underprivileged children

BY MARK HALLUM

AT&T is sponsoring the New York Pops Orchestra's "Kids in the Stadium" concert coming to Forest Hills Stadium July 7.

The Street Charge program, AT&T kiosks which allow concert-goers to power up mobile devices, went live Saturday at the music venue for the first Pops event of the season.

The event will feature artists from Broadway as well as the orchestra which calls Carnegie Hall home.

According to Lisa Vettoso, director of education for NY Pops, Kids in the Stadium is an extension of the Kids in the Balcony program, which allows children from underprivileged backgrounds who attend participating schools to enjoy orchestra concerts free of charge. Over 1,000 students from throughout Queens are expected to attend the show, which will feature Matthew Morrison, the Tony- and Emmy-nominated star of "Glee," and Megan Hilty, Grammy- and Tony-nominated actress as guest performers as well as the orchestra organizing the event.

"This is a wonderful venue and it's right in their backyard. It's an opportu-



New York Pops Orchestra's "Kids in the Stadium" summer program is sponsored by AT&T, which is providing cell phone charging units on the street during this season's performances at the Forest Hills stadium.

Courtesy of New York/Richard Termine

nity to say to these families in Queens, you don't even have to go outside of your borough to be able to experience this world-class entertainment event with Broadway stars and the New York Pops Orchestra," Vettoso said, adding ticket requests exceeded the 1,000 they were hoping for, prompting the orga-

nization to open the event up to 1,500 sponsored attendees.

Requests from Queens schools alone stand at approximately 1,300, specifically from Flushing and Long Island City.


"We think it's important to expose children to all sorts of things, and

music and the arts is one of those. We were excited about the opportunity to sponsor the Pops in a way that allowed us to offer free tickets to students and also to our customers. This afforded us an opportunity to support the Queens community and the New York Pops, which is an iconic brand," Marissa Shorenstein, New York state president for AT&T said.


The summer of 2016 will be the second year in a row for the Carnegie Hall-based organization to host events at Forest Hills Stadium, which has allowed them to offer free seating to more students than the Manhattan venue, with spots for about 100, Vettoso said.

In honor of Father's Day, NY Pops and AT&T activated the Street Charge kiosks at Forest Hills Stadium for the first time at a Saturday concert called the Pops for Pop customer appreciation event. This was an outreach program by AT&T, which sponsored 750 people to attend.

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# Legislature passes mayoral control

Republican-controlled state Senate holds de Blasio to one-year extension once again

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

After months of protracted negotiations and uncertainty, the state Legislature voted to extend Mayor Bill de Blasio's control over the New York City public school system for only one year—the same length of time the city was granted the year before.

Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan (R-Smithtown) had pushed for a one-year extension, in contrast with Mayor de Blasio, Democratic lawmakers and Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who wanted the mayor to have a three-year agreement. The Democratic-controlled Assembly had originally passed a three-year extension, but state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) said Republican lawmakers were resolute that de Blasio only get one year.

"It was kind of a game of chicken who was going to blink first. When it was all said and done, the Republicans didn't budge," he said. "I was always in favor of more than one year. I think you need stability."

The deal, one of several fi-



The State Legislature passed a one-year extension of mayoral control of city public schools. Mayor Bill de Blasio argued for a longer extension.  
Courtesy of Mayor's office/Rob Bennett

nalized during a flurry of activity in the closing hours of the legislative session, sets up another struggle between de Blasio, Republican state lawmakers and Cuomo over the

process of mayoral control, which will now unfold in an election year for the mayor.

"While one-year extensions are no way to treat our children, families or educa-

tors, this action is a crucial acknowledgement by state lawmakers that the education progress we have made in New York City could not have happened without our accountable

control of the school system," de Blasio said.

The Legislature first passed mayoral control in 2002 for former Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The decision placed greater accountability for New York's public schools on the mayor. Both de Blasio and Bloomberg contend that schools improved under the system.

Before mayoral control, autonomous community school districts controlled schools. The Legislature initially granted Bloomberg seven years of control and passed an extension in 2009.

De Blasio advocated for a seven-year extension in 2015 but was only granted one year. This year's deal requires school districts to release information on how they allocate funding and will also allow charter schools to switch authorizers more easily.

De Blasio and Republican legislators had a contentious relationship that was further abraded by de Blasio's support for Democratic upstate can-

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## LIC Summit told biz survey finds 87% plan to stay in nabe

BY BILL PARRY

The challenges facing residents and businesses in Long Island City were discussed at length during the third annual LIC Summit at the Museum of the Moving Image Tuesday. Several panels brought together business and civic leaders as well as city and state officials, to weigh in on the changing landscape of Long Island City during the day-long event.

"You're in the most exciting neighborhood in New York City," Modern Spaces Founder and CEO Eric Benaim said. "There's more construction happening here in LIC than anywhere else in New York City."

Benaim was co-hosting the event with Elizabeth Lusskin, the president of the LIC Partnership. She spoke of the



Panels discuss issues facing Long Island City during the 3rd annual LIC Summit at the Museum of the Moving Image.  
Photo by Bill Parry

changes as she displayed computerized graphics of the new towers and what the skyline will look like when construction is finished.

"What I'm showing is not even the full build-out," she said. "Since this was done, a

number of other projects have been announced and the effects are going to be dramatic."

To prepare for the future, the LIC Partnership launched a far-reaching, cross-sector survey of more than 500 businesses and organization in December. The first phase of the LIC Comprehensive Plan is complete, and while the 300-page survey won't be released until the summer, Lusskin shared some of its details.

"Seventy percent of the respondents expect to be in LIC in five years and 87 percent are planning to expand, but the availability of affordable space is a real challenge," Lusskin said. "Another challenge to business is an outdated incentive program. They are not transparent enough, they need better access and

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## Crowley clears hurdle to rename Jax Hgts PO

BY BILL PARRY

The House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation Tuesday to rename the Jackson Heights Post Office in honor of Jeanne and Jules Manford, the late Flushing residents who fought for the advancement of equal rights for LGBT Americans.

U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) sponsored the bill while U.S. Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Charles Schumer (D-NY) introduced companion legislation in the Senate earlier this month.

"Last week we faced a terrible and tragic attack on the LGBT community in Orlando," Crowley said on the House floor prior to the vote. "Today, we stand in honor of two individuals who, when

faced with a hateful act of violence themselves, were inspired to start a movement couched in acceptance and support. Jeanne and Jules were instrumental in the fight for equal rights, and their incredible legacy can be felt throughout Queens, New York, and the entire country. It is only fitting that we name the post office that sits along the route of the Queens Pride Parade in their honor."

Jeanne Manford publicly denounced the beating of her gay son, Morty Manford, for protesting news coverage of the LGBT rights movement in 1972.

Later that year, Jeanne and her husband, Jules, founded the Parents' Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, an organization that advocates on behalf of  
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# Bernie, Obama staff join Jung campaign

BY MADINA TOURE

S.J. Jung, a community activist challenging state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) for her seat, introduced his campaign staff to the media Tuesday, which includes veterans of the presidential campaigns of U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and U.S. President Barack Obama.

In March, Jung, former president of the MinKwon Center for Community Action, announced he would be running for the second time against Stavisky, whom he first challenged in 2014. Stavisky won about 60 percent of the vote to around 40 percent for Jung.

The 16th Senatorial District includes parts of Flushing, Bayside, Whitestone, Elmhurst, Woodside, Rego Park and Forest Hills.

Jung held a news conference at his campaign office at 32-26 Union St. in downtown Flushing to present his election team.

"Our campaign staff actually consists of a combination of the Queens veterans who have deep roots and live networks in the district and also campaign experts who know how to organize ground games, who really know how to organize a winning election," Jung said.

Kyle Sullivan, a veteran of presidential campaigns in many states, who was most recently the regional field director for Bernie Sanders for President 2016 in Las Vegas, is the campaign manager. Bern Barber, a New York veteran of numerous winning Sanders ground operations, is the field director.

Sullivan said Jung has a

long-term vision, has run a private business and has also worked in the private sector, making him the right individual to find solutions "that could bring Queens into the future."

"In the year of the outsider, what we really need to do is listen to the concerns of the people, go door-by-door, talking to voters about what they really care about and trying to figure out how we can find common ground," he said.

Roeme Kim, a former Community Board 7 member and former executive director of the YWCA of Queens, a position she held for 21 years, and David Wong, who has been participating in community service and advocacy for Chinese Americans, Asian Americans and low-income and middle-income families in Queens, are also staff members.

The New York firm political consultants Brown-MillerGroup, whose partner Chris Miller was an early member of Obama's team and helped craft his grassroots strategy, is a general consultant.

Jung, who has billed his campaign as "A New Day in Queens, A New Day for Albany" said he has received a "tremendous response" from voters and neighbors in the district.

He said he wants to create good jobs, address income inequality, boost the local economy, pass meaningful ethics and campaign finance reforms to ensure Albany is held accountable and

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# Primary Day for Dems

Contenders for Queens offices vie to face GOP foes

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Queens Democrats will head to the polls Tuesday for primary elections to determine the candidates who will face off against Republican opponents in this November's general election.

Five candidates are competing in the Democratic primary in the 3rd Congressional District to succeed U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (D-Melville), who announced his retirement in January. Attorney Jonathan Clarke, North Hempstead Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman, North Hempstead Town Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern and former Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi are all running to face Republican Jack Martins.

The 3rd District includes parts of Bay Terrace, Little Neck, Glen Oaks, Floral Park and Whitestone as well as sections of Nassau and Suffolk counties in Long Island. During the campaign northeast Queens voters expressed concern about airplane noise from the LaGuardia flight paths and the need for better, affordable transit options to the candi-



Primaries in Democratic races are taking place throughout the city on June 28, including several in Queens. Photo by Michael Shain

dates in the race.

In District 5, which includes parts of Jamaica, South Jamaica, St. Albans, Queens Village and the Rockaways, U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica) is in the midst of a primary challenge from Ali Mirza, a small businessman who is running on a platform decrying corruption in Washington and proclaiming progressive bona fides. The winner will face Republican challenger Michael O'Reilly, an attorney and a 2015 candidate for judge in New York City Civil Court.

U.S. Rep. Nydia Velázquez (D-Brooklyn) will face off against Jeffrey M. Kurzon, who also challenged her in 2014,

and Yungman Lee, a banking executive, in a primary for District 7, which includes parts of Maspeth, Ridgewood, Woodhaven and Ozone Park, as well as areas in Manhattan and Brooklyn. In District 12, which includes parts of Astoria, Long Island City and Woodside, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) will face challenger Peter Lindner.

Additionally, Reform Party voters in six districts will be able to write in the name of a candidate to be on the ballot in the general election, according to the city Campaign Finance Board site.

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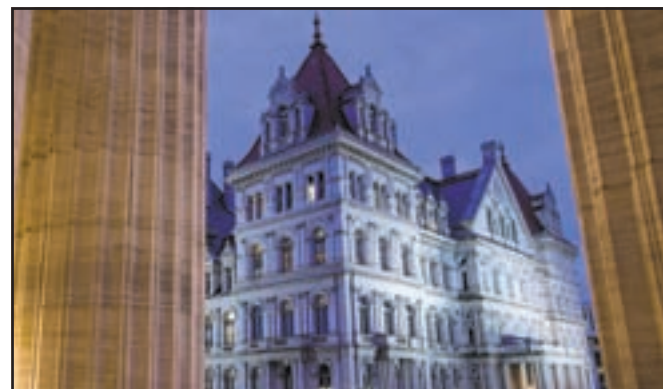
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# State legislative session ends

BY BILL PARRY

Long Island City, and other areas of the city, have been saved from even taller and wider towers than the ones currently under construction. The de Blasio administration was thwarted in its attempt to lift the existing cap on building density as a chaotic legislative session came to a close in Albany early Saturday morning.

"We already have numerous very high buildings in Long Island City with more on the way," Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan (D-Long Island City) said. "There are a number of towers planned that I have opposed, including one by selling MTA air rights. Many planned are of unprec-



The state Legislature ends its session in the early morning hours Saturday with mixed results. Photo by Mike Groll/AP

edented heights. I cannot permit any loosening of this restriction without a firmer commitment to infrastructure support, such as more schools and increasing the reliability

and capacity of our mass transit system."

The Department of City Planning pushed for the legislation that would remove the *Continued on Page 49*



S.J. Jung, a community activist challenging state Sen. Toby Stavisky for her 16th Senatorial District seat, formally introduced his campaign staff at a news conference. Photo by Madina Toure



# Jamaica congestion addressed at workshop

BY PATRICK DONACHIE



Department of Transportation officials and Jamaica community members, including Earl Simons (r.) discuss transit issues in downtown Jamaica during a DOT workshop held at the Jamaica Center for Art and Learning.

Photo by Patrick Donachie

than 50 city and regional bus lines pass through downtown Jamaica, not including the commuter vans that bring people from outlying residential areas to the downtown corridor.

"You look at the Queens bus map and they don't even have space to list all the lines," Maciel said, while looking at a map of the downtown area draped across a folding table.

Earl Simons, the director of government and community relations at York College, said pedestrians had little room to walk on sidewalks after leaving station stops at Sutphin Boulevard, where the LIRR and JFK AirTrain are located, as well as Jamaica Center. He pointed toward a photo showing a stretch of Archer Avenue where the sidewalk was partially blocked by parked vehicles.

"We're just a few minutes away from the LIRR," he said. "But you walk down Archer from Sutphin and that's what you meet."

After collecting community input, the DOT team will prepare design concepts and return in the fall for another workshop to present their ideas. People can input their ideas at [nycdotfeed-backports.nyc/downtown-jamaica/](http://nycdotfeed-backports.nyc/downtown-jamaica/).

The study is scheduled to conclude in the spring of 2017.

mitigated excess congestion. "I think Jamaica can be a model in that approach."

After the presentation, the audience broke into groups dedicated to

discussing particular main streets in the study area. In the Archer Avenue session, participants echoed Wilkinson's concerns. Several people said the area was saturated with buses. More

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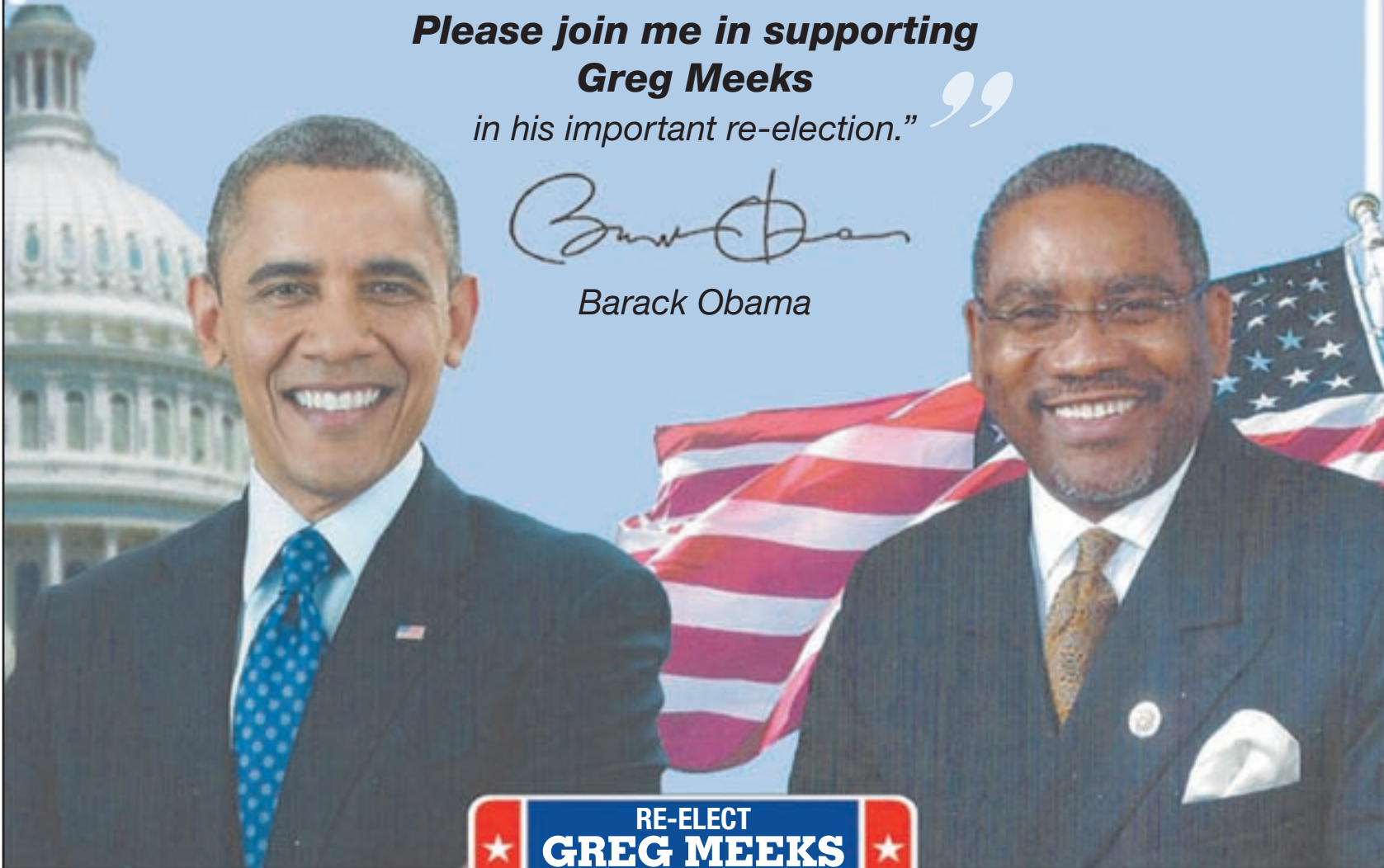
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# Simotas rape kit bill wins vote Assembly

BY BILL PARRY

On the last day it was in session, the state Assembly passed a bill that would speed up the testing of rape kits and prevent future backlogs. The legislation, sponsored by Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria), mandates that rape kits are sent to a forensic laboratory for testing within 10 days and that their progress is tracked from police agencies to the lab.

"For the sake of sexual assault victims, who must undergo an immediate, intrusive and arduous exam for evidence collection, we have a duty to make sure rape kits are never neglected," Simotas said. "New York state needs this law if we want to have justice for victims, prosecution and punishment for the guilty and for innocent suspects to be set free."

The state Senate passed a companion bill earlier, according to Simotas. The legislation solves the problem of untested rape kits wherever they may be sitting on shelves.

In 2003, New York City received \$2.5 million from the federal government to test a backlog of 17,000 rape kits. Without the tracking and reporting requirements of the Simotas bill, however, there is no way to prevent future backlogs from developing.

"In 1993, I was violently raped and robbed at gunpoint in New York City. The horror

and trauma of that event is indescribable, but I was fortunate: medical examiners recognized that my body was a crime scene," said Natasha Alexenko, a rape survivor and founder of Natasha's Justice Project. "All rape victims in New York deserves this justice, and deserve the same minimum standard of care in ensuring their rape kit is tested. Justice matters. It matters to victims like me. It matters to the families of victims. It matters to the wrongfully accused and it matters to the people of New York."

Meanwhile, the state Senate passed a bill co-sponsored by state Sen. Joseph Addabbo, Jr. (D-Howard Beach), that would require the state Education Department and the state Office of Mental Health to develop materials focusing on suicide prevention and signs of depression among school-aged children and to provide them with educators throughout the state.

"There is no question that early intervention and recognition of suicidal behavior is key to preventing these heart-breaking incidents among students," Addabbo said. "We need to keep our eyes wide open, paying close attention to our children both at home and at school and working to better recognize the signs of impending tragedy."

To underscore the importance of these efforts, Addabbo noted that suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24 in the United States.

"In addition, a study released by the National Center for Health Statistics in April showed that the overall U.S. suicide rate has surged to its highest levels in almost 30 years, affecting all age groups," he said. "By teaching our educators to better recognize the signs of potential suicidal tendencies, and by helping our young people understand the gravity of this problem, I hope we will see fewer students giving up on life before they have had a chance to live it."

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ARAVELLA SIMOTAS

Photo by Nathan Duke

# Marine has new troop

## Maspeth dad takes leadership role for Girl Scouts

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Earlier this year, James Knapp, a former Marine, decided to be a part of a different troop by trading in his dog tags for Girl Scout badges.

When Knapp learned his daughter Shayla's Brownie troop leader had moved away, leaving the Maspeth chapter with no guidance, becoming a Girl Scout leader was a no-brainer.

"I was helping out before, but now I can be more hands-on, teach them things and learn more about their way of life," Knapp says.

Quickly, he approached Jennifer Johnson and Jessica D. Antonio, co-leaders of the junior troop, about combining forces with them as a third leader.

"When the leader of our girls quit, it was either we take over or there wouldn't be a troop," Antonio says.

The Brownies and the Junior Girl Scouts merged into 1 troop.

His friends at the community organization where he works, the Marine Corps Brooklyn League, occasionally wisecrack about his most recent title. But he takes pride in his work as a Girl Scout leader and enjoys that it enables him to spend more time with his daughter, while having the privilege of taking part in the lives of the future movers and shakers of America.

Since he joined the troop as a leader, Knapp, Shayla and the other members of the troop have gone on horseback riding trips at Lynne's Riding Academy in Flushing and stargazed at Fairlawn Cemetery in New Jersey, while a few of the Scouts will even be doing volunteer work in Ecuador this summer.

Knapp believes all parents should sign up their daughters for the Girl Scouts because it is an institution that teaches amazing life skills. He also thinks that other fathers who have the time should become leaders as "a good way to learn how to bond" with their daughters and see them "progress and flourish and grow into very strong young women."

The person who is the most excited about Knapp being a Girl Scout leader is Shayla.

"One thing that I learned



Can a father be a Girl Scout leader? James Knapp, a former Marine, is a co-leader of daughter Shayla's Maspeth junior troop.

Courtesy of James Knapp

about him as a Girl Scout is that we girls bring fun back to him," Shayla says.

After serving 13 years of active duty in the Marines, Knapp had to retire as a result of a knee injury, and after he joined the Scouts he could not help but see the similarities between being a Marine and a Girl Scout.

"It's a real sisterhood for these kids," Knapp says. "Being in the Marines there is a lot of structure, rules and things you have to abide by and it's great seeing a lot of structure geared toward the girls."

The Girl Scout moment that moved Knapp the most was the symbolic coming together of the Brownie troop and the junior troop.

"Every Girl Scout troop gets a crest and they had to decide on one," Antonio says.

"He brought the idea of the girls sitting down and picking a crest together."

Although a majority of the girls wanted to go with the Hawaiian Lei, a symbol that means friends, the Scouts in the minority felt very strongly about the waterfall symbol, which means always moving forward, according to Shayla. In the end, all the girls came to a compromise.

"We decided to do both and came up with 'always moving forward with friends,'" says Shayla. "That will be the troop leader's logo until forever."

"It's one of the best things to happen to me," Knapp said.

And when being teased about being a Girl Scout by his buddies, Knapp simply replies, "Yes...I'm one of the biggest Girl Scouts you'll ever meet."





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## Christ the King Welcomes New Alumni Director

The Board of Trustees of Christ the King High School is pleased to announce the appointment of Marian Gena Succoso (Class of '72) as Alumni Director for Christ the King High School. Ms. Succoso will begin her position effective July 11, 2016.

Serphin R. Maltese, Chairman of the Board of Trustees stated, "We are very excited to welcome Ms. Succoso back to Christ the King. As a graduate, Ms. Succoso understands the importance of our alumni organization for graduates and students alike. Our alumni organization is an indispensable part of our school. It is a vital source of networking and information sharing, and a resource for our future graduates interested in pursuing similar careers. I look forward to Ms. Succoso's efforts in reaching out to CK's over 20,000 alumni and developing new outreach and networking programs as well as expanding existing efforts."

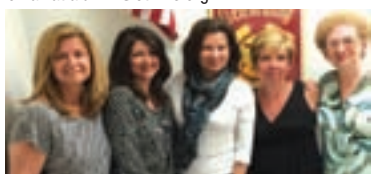
Ms. Succoso comes to Christ the King with a strong strategic marketing and communications background and extensive experience in both the corporate and non-for-profit sectors.

In her professional career, Ms. Succoso was a Creative & Advertising VP, responsible for print and electronic advertising, media, direct marketing, website and brand development for Loews Hotel's luxury resort and business chain. Following her 25+ year career with Loews, Marian moved to the non-profit sector as Director of Development for Reece School in Manhattan. As a volunteer, Marian also

served for 14 years as a Trustee for the Tony Award winning Signature Theatre in Manhattan.

Ms. Succoso stated, "I am excited to come back to Christ the King and reconnect with old friends as well as meet new friends from our diverse alumni group. I believe that our alumni should have the opportunity to interact and enjoy each other regardless of when each alumnus graduated. A strong network of alumni connections will also give us a chance to share our expertise and enthusiasms and provide opportunities for all, including younger alumni finding mentors in their fields."

Ms. Succoso looks forward to hearing from alumni in order to make the CTK Alumni Association more meaningful to all our graduates. If you are a graduate of Christ the King and would like to reconnect with fellow classmates, please call the Alumni Office at (718)366-7400, Ext. 223 or via email at [alumni@ctkrhs.org](mailto:alumni@ctkrhs.org).



Pictured from left: Alumni Executive Assistants Maddie Gaudio Cerrito ('80) and Rosemarie Persico Rando ('82); Alumni Development Director, Marian Gena Succoso ('72); CK Board of Trustee Member, Maureen Engesser; and CK Board of Trustee Secretary, Dolores St. Louis

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# POLICE Blotter

## Police seek Ozone Park robbery suspect

**OZONE PARK** - Police sought help in finding a man who allegedly stole a cell phone from a teenager earlier this month.

The incident occurred inside a northbound A train at the Lefferts Boulevard stop June 11 at about 8:30 p.m., according to the NYPD. The suspect approached a 14-year-old teenager while on the train and asked to use his cell phone for a phone call, police said. The victim refused and the suspect threatened to assault him if he did not make the phone call, according to police. The victim then dialed the phone number for the suspect, who took the phone and walked off the train with it. After warning the victim not to follow him, he left the station and headed west on Liberty Avenue, police said.

The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 20 to 25 years old, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10, weighing between 115 and 135 pounds. He was seen wearing a black shirt, black baseball cap, black sneakers and blue jeans. Police urged anyone with information to call the NYPD's Crime



Police released this image of a man suspected in a robbery on the A train in Ozone Park. Courtesy NYPD

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## Suspect attacked, robbed cleaners: NYPD

**RICHMOND HILL**—The NYPD was looking for a man who allegedly attacked and stole money from a female employee at a dry cleaners in Richmond Hill earlier this month.

At about 10:55 p.m. June 5, the suspect entered Hong Kong Dry Cleaners at 102-57 Jamaica Ave. and threw the 58-year-old female employee down to the floor, according to the police.

The suspect then kicked the woman multiple times and stole \$3,000 in cash from her and fled, police said.

EMS responded and transported the victim to Jamaica Hospital where she received treatment for a facial fracture and swollen lip, officials said.

Police described the suspect as a Hispanic man who weighs roughly 300 pounds and has a heavy build and tattoos on his arm. He was last seen wearing a black baseball hat and white sneakers.

No arrests have been made and the investigation was ongoing, a police spokesman said.



The NYPD released this image of a man suspected in a robbery and alleged assault at a Jamaica Avenue business. Courtesy NYPD

## Got tips?

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# SAVING THE CIRCUS

The Big Apple Circus, which has delighted families at Cunningham Park and Lincoln Center for more than 30 years, is on the verge of extinction.

Founded by two American jugglers back in 1977, Big Apple is actually a nonprofit that brings circus arts to children across the country as well as youngsters in 50 pediatric hospitals. Circus performers make "clown rounds" to about 250,000 hospitalized children every year, using humor as a healing tool.

The raising of the Big Top tent in Cunningham Park is a highly anticipated annual event for the borough and provides a roof over 1,700 seats priced to entertain as many children as possible.

The classic one-ring circus has introduced wide-eyed youth to thrilling acrobatics, gentle animal acts and amusing clown capers, which satisfy audiences even though there are no tigers, lions or bears. There was a shadow over this year's performance in Fresh Meadows, however. It was no secret that the circus had been struggling in recent years, but the situation has become dire. On the final day of the Queens performances, June 12, co-founders Paul Binder and Michael Christensen appealed for donations to keep the circus alive.

Their goal is to raise \$2 million so that Big Apple can stage its fall production at Lincoln Center in Manhattan, support its community programs and keep more shows in New York City.

The award-winning circus, which had its first tent-raising in Battery Park City in 1977, was hurt by the 2008 recession, the Boston bombing, Superstorm Sandy and an Atlanta ice storm. These events depressed ticket sales and left the nonprofit in a precarious state. Layoffs and pay cuts followed.

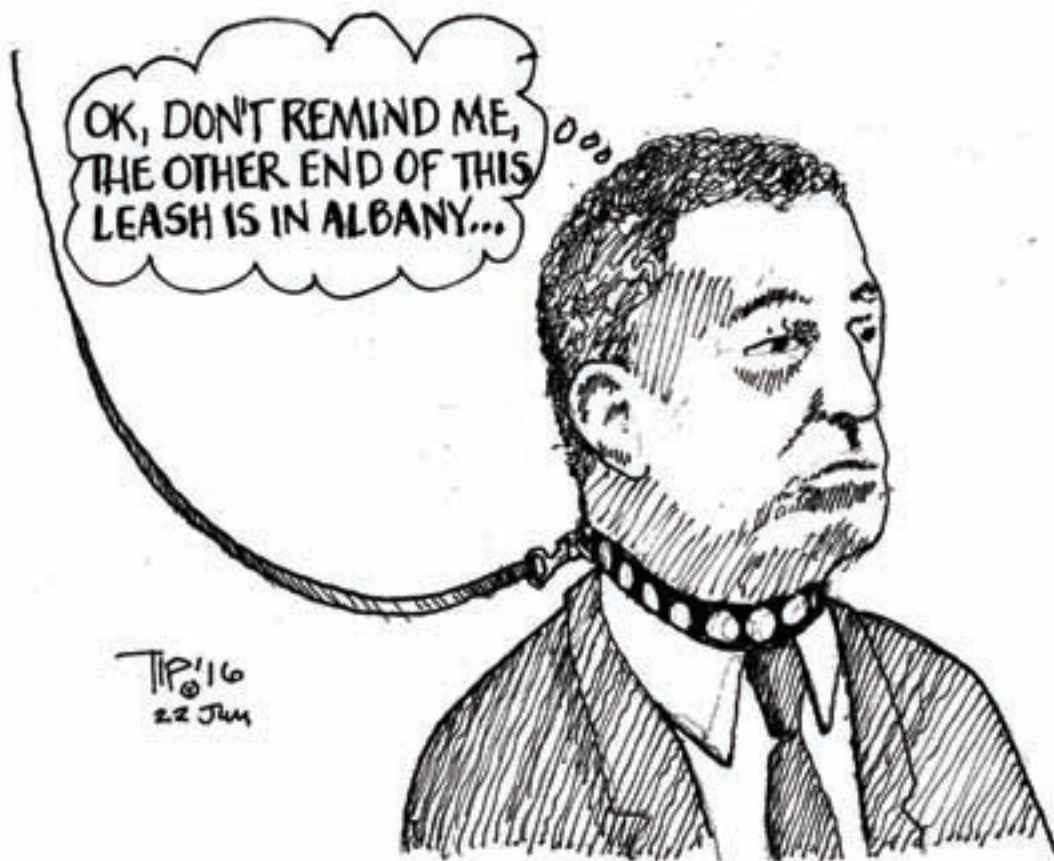
Contributions have been coming in at a rapid clip, but \$2 million is only a quick fix.

The Big Apple Circus needs an infusion of serious funds to get back on its feet and to continue its ambitious mission. Three hospitals in New York City—Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, Harlem Children's Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer—count on the nonprofit to visit their young patients.

In fact, the circus, which is headquartered in Brooklyn, helped fund the Harlem Hospital Center back in the 1960s.

It's time for the city to extend a lifeline to the Big Apple Circus, whether through discretionary funds from elected officials, contributions from some well-heeled private citizens or a public interest campaign to save the organization.

Our hometown circus has touched the hearts of people across the city. It would be a shame to let it die without mounting a major rescue effort.



## OTHER VOICES

# Abuse victims deserve day in court

There is absolutely no logical reason why our politicians in Albany could not have passed that bill to end the statute of limitations for those adults who had been molested as children by pedophile priests and others.

What is the matter with these elected officials? Are they afraid of the great and powerful Catholic church? This bill should

have been enacted—now. Once again the bishops, cardinals and other church hierarchy can get away with continuing to protect those priests who molested thousands of innocent children for decades.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, who are the heads of the Archdiocese of New York and the Brook-

lyn/Queens Diocese, should be ashamed of themselves and should step down immediately from their respective positions. They are hypocrites in clerics' clothing who have continued to protect these pedophile priests.

*John Amato  
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# Albany stalled on safety

We at Transportation Alternatives are outraged that Albany lawmakers have ended the session without taking action on a number of bills related to street safety. We are profoundly dismayed by the lack of leadership and cooperation in both the Assembly and the Senate to address urgent transportation safety issues.

Lawmakers failed to advance the Every School Speed Safety Act, which would have allowed New York City to deploy more cameras in school zones and operate them during after-school hours, when many serious crashes take place.

Assembly members and senators also failed for the second year in a row to take an important step to combat the scourge of hit-and-run—which is particularly galling at a moment when New York City has seen five fatal hit-and-run crashes in eight days. The bills before state lawmakers would have taken the long-overdue

step of aligning the penalty for injury hit-and-run with the penalty for Driving While Intoxicated. Under current law, drivers who may have consumed alcohol and are then involved in a collision have a perverse incentive to flee, since the penalty for a DWI is now more severe than the penalty for leaving the scene.

Other measures that have not moved for two years in a row would have increased penalties for violations like drugged driving and unlicensed driving. Lawmakers failed to take action on bills to establish a school transportation safety task force, require NYS DOT to establish five- and 20-year plans for the state's transportation network, put safety cameras on school buses, regulate e-bikes, and require drivers to give bicyclists three feet of distance when passing. Though several bills passed one chamber or the other, none passed both chambers.

Actually, there was an exception, but its demise is especially frustrating. The bills would have required the DMV to educate license applicants about driving safely in the presence of bicyclists and pedestrians. The legislation passed both chambers but died in committee after the two versions could not be reconciled because one used the word “may” instead of “shall.” In this case, it appears that inaction combined with the habit of passing bills in the final week, caused another piece of safety legislation to wither in Albany.

Too many New Yorkers continue to be killed and maimed in preventable crashes. Street safety advocates will be back in Albany in the fall to call on lawmakers to step up and take action on these life-saving measures in the next session.

*Paul Steely White*  
Executive Director  
Transportation Alternatives

## ON TO THE ACADEMIES!



Rep. Grace Meng's introduces her appointments to the U.S. military academies this year: (l-r) Yuka Lin (West Point); Jeffrey Kim of Meng's Academy Review Board; Yeon Jin Joo (Merchant Marine Academy); Henry Wan, also a review board member; Erica Lou (Merchant Marine Academy); Iris Yu (West Point); Meng; Lt. Commander Kelly Gualtieri, admissions officer at the Merchant Marine Academy; Karim Ahmed (Air Force Academy Prep School); William Zhu (Merchant Marine Academy); Anthony Pravada (Merchant Marine Academy); Liam Rock (Naval Academy) and Alexander Bicardi (Merchant Marine Academy).

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# The online rush to judge grieving parents



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There was an outpouring of online sympathy for the parents of the little boy killed by an alligator at a Disney resort in Orlando last week, which just goes to show that sometimes the Internet has a heart, and sometimes it calls for blood.

The question is why.

In contrast with the half a million people who signed a petition against Michelle Gregg, the mom whose 3-year-old son got into the gorilla exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo, leading zookeepers to kill the 400-pound gorilla named Harambe, commentators did not go nearly as insane over

the fact that officials “put down” several Disney-area alligators without being positive which of them, if any, dragged 2-year-old Lane Graves to his death.

It was with relief that I found far more comments castigating those who would blame the parents than actual parental castigation. It is like the high road was the cool place to be, this time.

“It’s ridiculous to blame the parents who were sitting a few feet away and did all they could to save him,” read a typical online comment. And, on Twitter, “Pray for his family. Don’t judge.”

Compare to: “#GorillaIncident Mom is totally at fault shoot her.”

So, what accounts for the vast difference in response to these two incredibly rare toddler-animal tragedies that took place at family-friendly places?

Well first of all, of course,

the 2-year-old died. There’s no way to say that the Graves family hasn’t suffered enough. (And what an eerily sad last name.) Also, even as the story broke, we heard that the father desperately tried to open the alligator’s jaws and couldn’t. No one could dare accuse that dad of not doing enough.

Then, too, there’s the question of racism—although I think many people were jumping on the Cincinnati mom before they knew she was African-American. Graves was white.

And there’s even the question of species-ism: Gorillas look like us. Alligators don’t. (At least, not like most of us.)

But even more than all that, I think that so many people were eager to flog the Cincinnati mom because the mob needed someone to blame (that’s what mobs do), and moms are a favorite target these days.

This is the era when we

have come to believe that mothers can and must be in control of their kids at all times. Any mom who takes her eyes off her kids—and we hear about it—is automatically a public enemy (Think of all those moms berated for letting their kids wait in the car a few minutes, or play at the park unsupervised). So if anything bad happens to an unsupervised kid, it is the mom’s fault.

But with the alligator incident, the mob seems to be aiming not at the mom, but Disney.

“I say the Grand Floridian is responsible for not having signs posted about the gators!!” read one typical comment.

The similarity here is that if there is any entity we love to blame more than moms, it’s corporate America. So if we truly believe a mom should be been thinking, “Well, I know this has never happened once in 38 years of the gorilla exhibit, but what if today my kid

tries to get in—and does? I better be preparing for that!” then we are also quite capable of thinking, “Well, just because we are one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world and not once has a guest ever been killed by an alligator, nonetheless we should be constantly warning vacationers about that gruesome possibility.”

In both cases, the crowd has found someone it can second-guess after a once-in-a-generation (or two) tragedy. That way it doesn’t have to contemplate the unpredictability of life, or the fact that there is no such thing as perfect safety, or perfect parents. It can simply sit back and blame.

Armchair blaming has become America’s favorite coping device.

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

## When an airport landed and the UN took off



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Eager to make the news as well as simply recording it, the Star-Journal chartered its own plane in order to set a re-

cord—landing the first private plane at Idlewild. On June 20, Aviation Editor Roy Carlton gave a full report:

“This is seven-nine-king, Stinson 150, out of Rockaway Airport. Landing instructions, please. ‘Hello, Long Island Star-Journal plane, you are cleared to land at runway two-five left. Wind south southwest, 15 mph.’ ‘Roger ... coming in.’

“Joseph Alta, Rockaway Airport manager and momentarily my co-pilot, chuckled as the Jamaica Bay Sahara they call an airport loomed closer. ‘You’d never recognize the place,’ he said. ‘In 1941, it was called Queens County Airport. I used to operate a flying service right there out where those two hangers are. And boat used to sail there, where

that 9,500-foot runway is.’

“‘Guess you could still land a Cub on that spot—right inside that 300-foot tower.’ The control tower operator flashed the green light at us. ‘Clear the land,’ snapped Alta, getting down to business.

“The airport seemed to stretch all over Queens. We turned into the runway. A small one—6,000 feet long. The concrete stretched like a ribbon toward the horizon, and the Stinson looked like a green pea on a billiard table. The plan settled. Wheels screeched as rubber rubbed runway—and stuck. Riding out to meet us were a jeep, a sedan, a crash truck and an ambulance. The drivers waved and shouted, ‘Follow us.’ The procession rolled down three miles of runway, taxi-strips, and apron.

“‘What a reception,’ Alta remarked. ‘First seagulls, now a parade. Either we rate—or these crash truck men like to practice.’ A flight attendant on the ramp waved his arms. We taxied up, parked in front of the tower, and stepped out.

A tall, slender man stuck out his hand and said, ‘I’m George McSharry, the superintendent. Welcome to New York International Airport.’”

Another vision of alternative history is conjured up by the Star-Journal’s story of June 26, under the headline “UN May Stay in Queens, Chamber Tells Mayor.” It is now largely forgotten today that the first home of the United Nations was not in Manhattan but in Flushing Meadows. While waiting to move into its permanent home in Manhattan, the new organization met from 1946 to 1950 in the New York City Building in Flushing Meadows Park, a relic of the 1939 World’s Fair, which had brought such enormous crowds to Queens. Now it was UN delegates such as Dag Hammarskjöld, Golda Meir and Eleanor Roosevelt who were coming to our borough. Just the previous year, in 1947, the United Nations had voted to create the state of Israel in the building in Flushing.

According to the Star-Jour-

nal, the borough was reluctant to say goodbye to its illustrious resident. “The temporary home of the United Nations in Flushing Meadows Park may yet become its permanent home, the Queens Chamber of Commerce suggested today. Because of the failure of Congress to approve a loan of \$65,000,000 for the development of the UN headquarters in Manhattan, there is a ‘grave danger’ that the permanent world capital may be established outside the United States, Frank O’Hara said today in a letter to Mayor O’Dwyer. O’Hara proposed that the city offer Flushing Meadows Park as an alternate to the Manhattan site. Today’s proposal stressed the convenience of the location and the belief that a permanent headquarters could be erected at substantially lower cost.”

But it was not to be. In 1951, the United Nations moved to its present location on 1st Avenue in Manhattan. It is tempting to speculate how the history of Queens might have been changed had it remained.

# How a complex man became a great father



Tom Allon  
■  
*Mayoral Spin Cycle*

I have never visited my father's birthplace in Kosice, Czechoslovakia. In fact, I find that part of the world quite confusing. I couldn't tell you the difference between a Czech and a Slav or what area the Czech Republic occupies.

My father, who passed away in 1999, was an incredibly complex man who survived the death camps of the Holocaust and then returned to an Eastern Europe where his family—mother, father, two brothers and a sister—were but a memory. He made a few European pit stops in Vienna and Paris before deciding to raise a family in America.

I often think that his will to live after losing so many close to him is itself a miracle. His

loss is unfathomable, more than anyone should bear in a lifetime, much less at the age of 16 when we in America are mostly worried about college, sex and our future prospects.

He wore his pain stoically. Most people did not know the baggage he carried in his heart. But those close to him saw the immeasurable pain and damage the war had inflicted. He was a man who always thought doom was around the corner, that any silver lining was about to be eclipsed by a dark cloud.

It is Father's Day as I write this and a glance at my Facebook feed shows countless pictures of fathers and pithy tributes. It is hard to sum up a huge relationship—one that has so many layers and ups and downs—in a short tribute. But many try to do this and it makes us feel good that, even though our fathers are gone, we can honor their memory on this Hallmark holiday.

I've been thinking a lot about my father lately, more

than 17 years after he suddenly dropped dead while on vacation in Florida. He died at the age of 73, tanned, with his mind still crystal clear and his love for my mother still fierce.

At the time, it all seemed so tragic—an unexpected bursting of an artery, a relatively young man felled just as he was beginning to enjoy being a new grandfather. A big hole opened up in my mother's heart for the loss of her beloved.

I went through the normal stages of grieving. But because my third child was born just three weeks after Dad's sudden death, the focus shifted quickly. My child-related insomnia was exacerbated by the shock of losing a parent, the first death of someone close to me. My heart ached. I wore his clothing for a few months to feel close. I attended daily prayer groups to say the Jewish prayer for the dead. Life marched on and there were young kids, a newly fragile mother and a growing business to distract me from

thinking too much about my dad and his painful life.

But last month I visited his brother, my only living relative of his generation, and the memories and the aches came flooding back. My uncle regaled me one weekend with stories about how he and my father eluded the Nazis in the mid-1940s, how they were able to procure false Christian identity documents for 9,000 other Jews, and how my father protected his young love—my mother—during the war.

It occurred to me that while my father must have suffered deeply in his teenage years because of the loss of his family, his life after that was filled with much joy. His love affair with my mother, which started when they were both tweens in 1937, stayed strong for the 51 years of marriage they enjoyed. My father saw his two sons grow up in New York, go to prestigious colleges and find success in their chosen professions.

He even got to see the prom-

ised land: two of his grandchildren, Jonah and Tess, were the apple of his eye in those few years he got to enjoy them at the end of his life.

Father's Day does force us to think of our dads and the impact they had on our lives. I was blessed to be raised by a man who was always there when I needed him; I never questioned where he would be when the chips were down. Of course, we all have our quibbles with each of our parents—they should have done this more, they shouldn't have done that, whatever.

But now, as a father of three wonderful children who are each entering their adult years too rapidly for me to ponder, I have a greater appreciation for my father's sturdiness and devotion to family.

In this week after Father's Day, I think of the famous phrase: "Ninety percent of life is just showing up."

Here's to all dads like mine, who never stopped showing up.

That's all we can ask.

## New York high schools achieved much this year



Bob Harris  
■  
*The Civic Scene*

The 2015-16 school year again saw many accomplishments by our public high school students. Here are a few:

Students and faculty at the Pan American International High School in the Elmhurst Educational Campus participated in New York Blood Center collection and helped collect 37 pints of blood. School Parent Coordinator Juana Adams is proud that most of the parents participate in the various programs created for them in this small school for Hispanic students who have been in this country fewer than four years.

Norma Fitz-Gordon, the college counselor at Hillcrest

High School, has been nominated by the Daily News as a Hometown Hero in Education. She works long, intense hours helping students do what is necessary to enter college. She takes work home so she can have more time to help the lines of students who fill her office. Dawa Sangmo has been named Hillcrest High's Valedictorian for the Class of 2016. Her volunteer work and the internships she participated in have prepared her to enter college.

Martin Van Buren High School has had many students accepted into college, but Derek Hodge and Sabrina Ariot have been accepted into the CUNY Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education. This is a 7-year program which will graduate them as General Practitioners. They both have been active in the school government, and their many volunteer activities include being on the school Leadership Team.

The Campus Magnet Com-

plex in Cambria Heights has several schools, which all do many fine things. The valedictorian for the Math, Science Research & Technology High School is Jada George. She has been awarded a full Posse Scholarship to Brandeis University. Last summer she did research at NYU on genetics and how it affects ALS. She is now a lab assistant in the NYU Chemistry Department.

The Robotics Club in the Humanities and the Arts High School worked with their advisor Mr. Abrego to build robots. The school's HA! Theater Company produced a lavish Spring Musical Showcase which involved scores of students. The school's ARISTA group also had an installation ceremony. Michael Ragland won a 2016 P.S. Art exhibition for his pencil drawing of a Contour sneaker.

The students in the Business, Computer Applications and Entrepreneurship High School participated in The

College Signing Day, which was an initiative by First Lady Michelle Obama to encourage graduates to sign up with their college of choice. The student government worked with New York Cares to visit local nursing homes to socialize with senior citizens and sent students to NYGallop to assist special needs students to ride horses as therapy.

The Law, Government and Community Affairs High School has a Chapter of R.O.S.E., which is an organization to empower young ladies. They raised \$600 for breast cancer, beautified the walls of the school by posting inspirational messages, and for Thanksgiving they wrote individual notes of affirmation and distributed them to all the students and staff in the school. Principal Donna Delfyett-White is the Advisor for R.O.S.E.

The Benjamin Franklin High School for Finance and Information Technology in the Campus Magnet Com-

plex took their freshmen and sophomore students on trips to their mentor organizations, which are Queens College and TD Securities, Manhattan. The students were given information about requirements for college, qualifications needed to succeed in school and the business world. The students were able to talk to professionals and learn about their educational backgrounds and accomplishments.

Newtown High School has a guitar group conducted by music teacher Fred Vasquez, which was recently visited by UFT President Michael Mulgrew. The guitarists unite the various cultures of the school. Recording artists "Lisa and Willie" (Class of 2003) recently came back to play at their alma mater. They also spoke of the importance of education. The freshmen guitar class is very popular. The Newtown High School had its annual spring concert recently.



# Galante paid for officers' dinners: Report

BY MADINA TOURE

The city Conflicts of Interest Board is weighing penalties against two NYPD assistant chiefs and a retired transportation chief who allegedly ate at fancy restaurants paid for with the business credit card of former embattled Queens Library CEO Thomas Galante, according to a published report.

The board has found "probable cause" indicating that Assistant Chiefs James Secreto, chief of the NYPD Housing Bureau, and Diana Pizzuti, commanding officer of Patrol Borough Queens North, as well as former Transportation Bureau Chief James Tuller violated a city charter provision, the Daily News reported Wednesday.

The COIB says that no public servant may accept a valuable gift worth \$50 or more from an individual or firm doing business with the city.

Wayne Hawley, general counsel for the COIB, said the board is not permitted to discuss a case unless the individ-

uals have admitted to or have been found after a trial to have violated the law.

Thomas Rohback, Galante's lawyer, declined to comment as his lawsuit filed against the Queens Library is pending.

"We are in the process of litigating that right now," Rohback said.

The NYPD officials ate with Galante, who was ousted from his position in December 2014 for allegedly misusing library funds, at restaurants such as Quality Meats, Christo's Steakhouse, San Pietro and Wolfgang's Steakhouse but there appeared to be no allegation that they did any favors for him, the newspaper said.

Pizzuti and Tuller, the former commanding officer of Patrol Borough North, allegedly brought their spouses to the dinners meant for discussions on police matters and could face up to \$25,000 in penalties for each dinner violation, the News said.

Secreto allegedly told investigators from the NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau that when he succeeded Tuller



Former Queens Library CEO Thomas Galante allegedly paid for lavish dinners for two NYPD assistant chiefs and a retired transportation chief with his business credit card, according to a news report.

as a borough commander in Queens, Tuller told him to maintain good relationships with the community, includ-

ing the Queens Library, the paper said.

This comes just as three senior NYPD officials were

arrested and charged Monday with accepting bribes in exchange for official acts, according to U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara in Manhattan.

Deputy Chief Michael Harrington, Deputy Inspector James Grant and Brooklyn businessman Jeremy Reichberg were charged with conspiring to commit honest services wire fraud in a bribery scheme involving the receipt of tens of thousands of dollars in meals, trips, home renovations and other benefits in exchange for a variety of official NYPD actions, including private police escorts, ticket fixing and assistance in settling private disputes, Bharara said.

Sgt. David Villanueva, formerly a supervisor in the NYPD's gun licensing division, was charged with bribery offenses in connection with his receipt of cash bribes to expedite and approve gun licenses, Bharara continued.

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# Monserate makes run for district leader office

BY BILL PARRY

Hiram Monserate is plotting his return to politics. The disgraced former state senator is running for Democratic district leader in the Elmhurst and Corona neighborhoods, a position held by incumbent George Dixon.

"It seems Hiram didn't learn the lesson from his previous attempts running for office," state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) said. "The community does not want him back, and they already rejected him twice."

Monserate's campaign literature touts "a lifetime of service delivering for our community" and lists his time on the City Council, the New York State Senate and his service in the U.S. Marine Corps and the NYPD. The literature makes no mention that he was expelled from the state Senate in 2010 after he was convicted of assaulting his girlfriend Karla Giraldo.

Monserate shocked the borough's political scene when he slashed Giraldo's face with glass, then pulled her down the stairs and through the hallway of his Jackson Heights apartment building. Giraldo later claimed the slashing, was an accident but he received a misdemeanor assault conviction for pulling her by her hair, which was caught by a security camera.

In 20012, Monserate was sentenced to 24 months in prison for fraud after



Disgraced former politician Hiram Monserate is running for Democratic district leader in Elmhurst and Corona

Photo by Ellis Kaplan

he used City Council funds through a Corona non-profit and (then using the organization) to conduct his failed 2006 state Senate campaign.

As a convicted felon he cannot run for public office but can for district leader because it is an unpaid, volunteer political position.

Monserate could not be reached for comment.

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## Farmers Market returns to downtown Jamaica

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

Delicious and fresh food is on the menu for the Jamaica Farmers' Market, which celebrated its opening weekend for the year last Saturday.

Between 500 and 1,400 people attend the Jamaica market each day, according to a spokesman for Down to Earth, which runs the market. Assorted vendors, including Alex's Tomato Farm, based in Sprakers and Gajeski Produce, located in Riverhead, offer vegetables, baked goods and other special treats.

Down to Earth currently operates nine farmers' markets throughout New York City, as well as several others upstate. The organization, which was founded in 1991, coordinates with vendors that can supply fresh produce for attendees.

The Friday market will also include Meredith's Country Bakery,

which specializes in baked goods and is based in Kingston, and Migliorelli Farm, which is located in Tivoli and will offer fruits, vegetables, beverages and specialty foods.

The event, sponsored by Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, has been held in the community since 1974, and this year marks the first time that EBT cards will be accepted for purchasing items.

The Farmers' Market will be held every Friday and Saturday through Nov. 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located on Parsons Boulevard between Jamaica and Archer avenues Friday and at 90-40 160th St. between Jamaica and 90th avenues Saturday. The market's annual Harvest Festival will be held Oct. 15.

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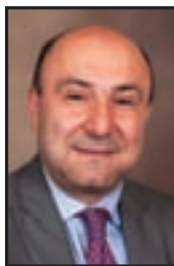
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Kenneth A. Ceonzo



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ated Bank from 2009 to 2011. From 2004 to 2009, he was Cluster Manager at Washington Mutual/JP Morgan Chase. His previous professional experience in the financial services industry includes lending, small business development, foreign exchange, de novo branch selection, lease negotiations, construction oversight, staffing, training, and operations. Peter M. Boger, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Ridgewood Savings Bank said, "We are honored to welcome Kenneth A. Ceonzo and Carlos R. Sanchez to our team. I believe that these outstanding professionals will bring excellent financial leadership and the benefit of their years of experience to better serve our customers." About Ridgewood Savings Bank Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank is the largest mutual savings bank in New York State, with over \$5 billion in assets. With 34 branches in the New York area, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve its community as it did in 1921, with their continued focus always on their customers.

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# Bernie election staffers sign on to Jung's team



S.J. Jung, a community activist challenging State Sen. Toby Stavisky for her 16h Senatorial District seat, formally introduced his campaign staff at a news conference.

Photo by Madina Toure

BY MADINA TOURE

S.J. Jung, a community activist challenging state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) for her seat, introduced his campaign staff to the media Tuesday, which includes veterans of the presidential campaigns of U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and U.S. President Barack Obama.

In March, Jung, former president of the MinKwon Center for Community Action, announced he would be running for the second time against Stavisky, whom he first challenged in 2014. Stavisky won about 60 percent of

the vote to around 40 percent for Jung.

The 16th Senatorial District includes parts of Flushing, Bayside, Whitestone, Elmhurst, Woodside, Rego Park and Forest Hills.

Jung held a news conference at his campaign office at 32-26 Union St. in downtown Flushing to present his election team.

"Our campaign staff actually consists of a combination of the Queens veterans who have deep roots and live networks in the district and also campaign experts who knows how to organize ground games, who really knows

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## Meng secures \$8 million in cancer research funds

BY MADINA TOURE

An amendment introduced by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) securing an additional \$8 million for cancer research was passed last week.

The amendment provides funding for the Defense Department's Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program. The congresswoman's amendment was attached to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2017.

The multimillion dollar increase in research funding will be used to combat bladder, brain, colorectal, liver, pancreatic and stomach cancers, as well as lymphoma, melanoma and other skin cancers, mesothelioma, and cancer in children, adolescents and young adults.

"I'm pleased that the House of Representatives unanimously agreed to allocate additional federal dollars to combat diseases that kill millions of Americans every year," Meng said. "Too many lives are lost far too early, and it is my hope that this funding will contribute to finding a cure for these horrific cancers. We all know someone whose life has been touched by a cancer victim or cancer survivor. I hope that one day Americans will not have to know that pain."

Meng's amendment was supported by Action to Cure Kidney Cancer, American Brain Tumor Association, American Urological Association, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, Bladder Cancer Action Network,

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# City Council approves free tampons bills

BY BILL PARRY



Councilwoman Julissa Fererras-Copeland announces the passage of her menstrual equity package of legislation on the steps of City Hall.  
Courtesy of City Council

New York City is on the verge of becoming the first in the nation to guarantee free access to feminine hygiene products for tens of thousands of women in public schools, homeless shelters and jails.

The City Council voted its approval of three landmark pieces of legislation Tuesday that were introduced by City Councilwoman Julissa Fererras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst).

“Menstrual hygiene products are as necessary as toilet paper and should be treated as basic bathroom supplies,” Fererras-Copeland said. “They allow women and girls, whether in school or in the boardroom, to participate fully in their daily activities and avoid health risks. Providing menstrual hygiene products privately, immediately and for free is also about sending a body-positive message by not perpetuating shame and humiliation, and acknowledging that women’s bodies, even those of women serving time

in prison, deserve some dignity during their periods.”

The law would require the city’s 800 public schools serving grades 6 through 12 to make free tampons and pads available to nearly 300,000 stu-

dents at a cost of nearly \$3.7 million in fiscal 2017 and an additional \$1.9 million each future year. Mayor Bill de Blasio has supported the move and is expected to sign the legislation into law.

“Nearly 30 percent of teens in New York City live in poverty,” Councilwomen Laurie Cumbo (D-Brooklyn) and Helen Rosenthal, (D-Manhattan), co-chairs of the Women’s Caucus of the City Council,

said. “The cost of feminine hygiene products can be as high as \$100 annually and competes with other basic necessities like toilet paper, food and lodging, particularly for women and families that make daily financial sacrifices to make ends meet.”

Fererras-Copeland’s menstrual equity initiative began with a free dispenser at the girl’s room at Corona’s High School for the Arts and Businesses in September. Attendance jumped 2.4 percent as fewer girls asked to be excused from class throughout the day.

“I believe it should be a basic human right -- not to be humiliated by the consequences of not having access to a sanitary pad or tampon,” Free the Tampons Founder Nancy Kramer said. “Virtually every woman has a painful story of a time when she did not have access to these items.”

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# Concert promoters infuriate Fererras-Copeland

Kanye West headlines Citi Field music festival in October but approval process ignored

BY BILL PARRY



Promoters of a concert starring Kanye West, to be staged in the parking lot of Citi Field in October, apparently neglected to obtain approval of Flushing Meadows Park officials before tickets went on sale.

Photo by Julio Cortez/AP

liance as a partner when the alliance is not a partner and was never consulted about this event."

Dan Wempa, New York Hall of Science vice president, is blasting the promoters for scheduling the Meadow Festival on the same weekend as

World Maker Faire, which uses the Citi Field lots for overflow parking. The promoters have not filed a traffic plan and have no police approval.

"It is astounding that Live Nation and Founders Entertainment are proceeding with their plans for a concert fes-

tival on the same weekend as World Makers Faire, a long-established annual event in Flushing Meadows Corona Park that draws upwards of 100,000 visitors," Wempa said. "Worse, they are proceeding with a complete lack of transparency or community engage-

ment about how they intend to assure that their event doesn't negatively impact the park.

He added, "By bringing another 30,000 to 50,000 people per day into the neighborhood, this poorly planned mega-concert will undermine what we have done over the past seven years to address community concerns about traffic, safety, and parking. It also threatens to undo a lot of cooperation and engagement that has contributed to the success of the World Maker Faire."

Neither promoter could be reached for comment.

"There are serious concerns about the impact of a music festival on our community, including how this would impact Maker Faire, an existing and popular event in the same park on the same days," Fererras-Copeland said. "Founders must engage around issues like traffic, safety and economic impact before it earns our community's support."

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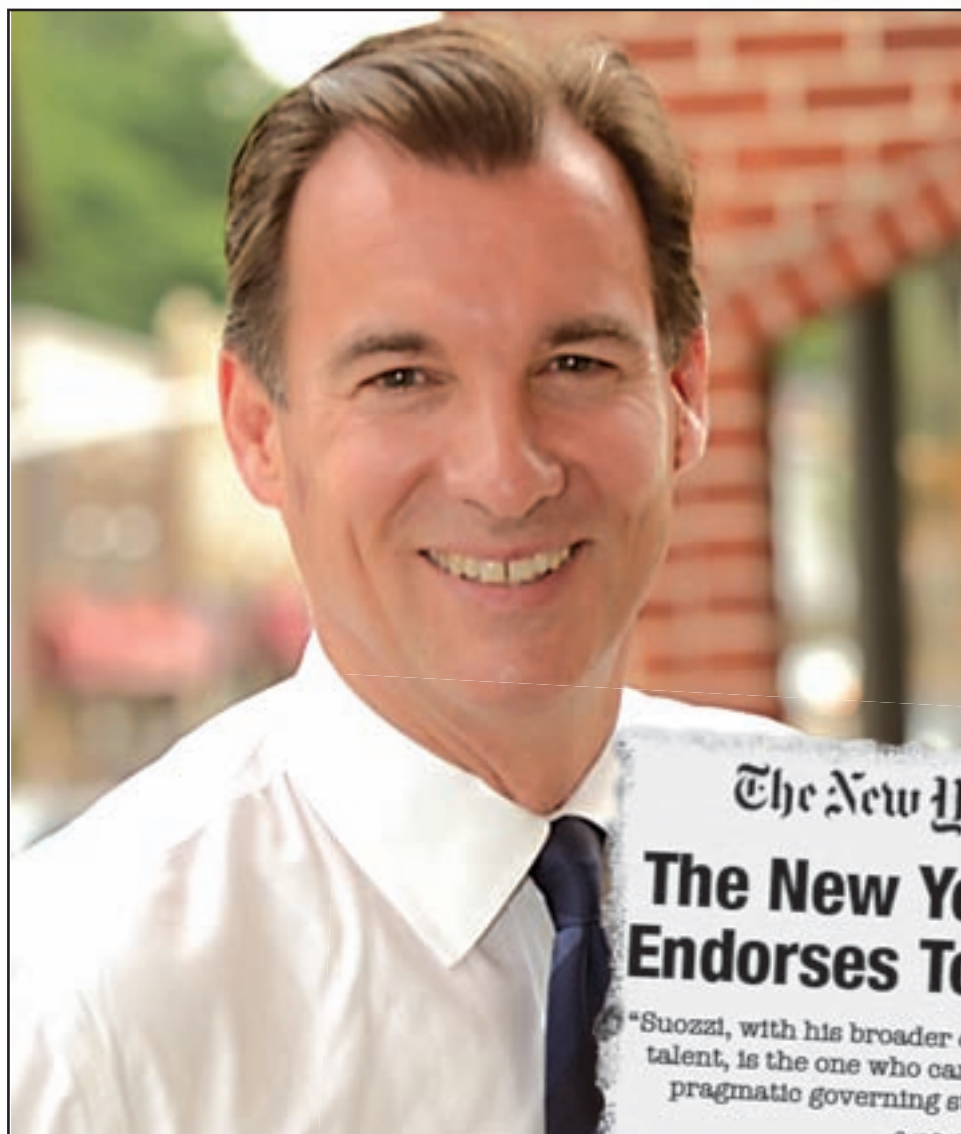
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## No show workers slow Second Avenue subway



MTA officials in charge of the Second Avenue subway project want to know why some construction crews, shown here earlier this year, were absent last weekend, despite the project's expedited work schedule.

Courtesy of MTA/Rehema Trimiew

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

Despite an accelerated construction schedule to complete the Second Avenue subway's first phase by December the 86th Street station of the massive project was deserted this past Saturday, according to a top MTA official.

Michael Horodniceanu, chief of major projects of the MTA, told a transit agency committee Monday that he visited the 86th Street site at Second Avenue Saturday.

“It was obvious that they had no one on the job,” the MTA official said.

He said the Schiavone Construction Co. had around 60 workers on the job at the 96th Street station project Satur-

day.

“It now becomes my job to talk directly with the contractor to see why they did not have the appropriate personnel,” said Horodniceanu.

He said “staffing problems” were an “almost daily” occurrence at work sites of the new subway line.

The new line, running between 96th Street and 63rd Street, will carry an estimated 200,000 passengers and take pressure off the 4, 5 and 6 trains on the Lexington Avenue line. The MTA estimates that the Second Avenue subway will reduce crowding by 13 percent on the Lexington line, which transports 40 percent of the city's straphangers every day.

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# New trash cans set up along Hillside Avenue



City Councilman Rory Lancman (c), community leaders and representatives from the city Department of Sanitation count down as they are about to unveil the new garbage can.

Photo by Madina Toure

BY MADINA TOURE

Streets in Jamaica, Kew Gardens and Kew Gardens Hills have received new trash cans, thanks to a new clean-up initiative from Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) and the city Department of Sanitation.

Lancman allocated \$25,000 to fund 48 new trash cans and \$23,000 for additional trash pickups. As part of the initiative, 24 trash cans were installed along Hillside Avenue and there will also be one extra trash pickup along the Hillside Avenue corridor.

There were also 11 trash cans installed in Briarwood and 13 along Main Street in Kew Gardens Hills.

About a year ago, Lancman's office teamed up with the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation and community and business leaders to form the Jamaica Hills Partnership, a merchant association established along Parsons Boulevard to 172nd Street on Hillside Avenue. The partnership seeks to help the area access city services.

Lancman helped organize business owners, mosque leaders and residents over the past several months to create the Jamaica Hills Partnership to represent the Hillside Avenue Corridor business community.

"This is a place where people want

to come, they want to shop, they want to do business, but they want to make sure that it is a nice place to shop," he said.

Akhter Hussain, general secretary for the Jamaica Muslim Center at 85-37 168th St., commended Lancman and the Sanitation Department for kick-starting the initiative.

"Jamaica Muslim Center is proud to be partners with them. I would like to do anything they want us to do to facilitate, to help this community," Hussain said.

Rezaul Chowdhury, owner of two area businesses, including the Apnar Pizza store, said he was happy to see a solution to the rampant garbage problem throughout the corridor.

"I'm so happy because it was too much headache for me—every day there was a lot of garbage over here," Chowdhury said.

Community Board 8 member Fakrul Islam Delwar, owner of Fatema Grocery, praised the creation of the merchant association.

"I think (for) the first time ever, the Hillside business community got to see a councilman (who made sure) that we are represented," Delwar said.

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# Neighborhood legacies honored through street art

## Forest Hills Stadium underpass adorned with murals depicting athletes, musicians

BY MARK HALLUM

Forest Hills Stadium had two new murals added to the 71st Avenue underpass beneath the LIRR right-of-way last week.

Non-profit organization 501 See Street, local artists and state Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi (D-Forest Hills) were behind the beautification project, which was sponsored by the stadium. It features illustrations of professional tennis players significant to the venue's history on one mural and the punk rock group The Ramones on another.

Bronx-based artist Andre Trenier completed the tennis mural June 16, which depicts sports greats Althea Gibson, John McEnroe, Arthur Ashe and Billie Jean King.

"I like the idea of people living with the work on a daily basis. Art in general inspires us, it enhances our mood. That is the general purpose of street art," Trenier said. "I think it



A recent mural project brought local artists together to beautify an underpass at Forest Hills Stadium dedicated to tennis legends and the Ramones.

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should make people feel better about their lives."

Trenier attended the University of Arts in Philadelphia, where he studied illustration, and has been hired by 501 See Street for mural projects in the past.

501 See Street Executive Director Noah Sheroff said Hevesi's

office connected the non-profit with the stadium to have the project approved. Sheroff operates the non-profit out of Auburndale and arranges for donors' support and hires artists. The process of organizing mural projects is long and difficult, he said.

"The planning stage is

like the Smiths' song, 'Please, Please, Please, Let Me Get What I Want.' Then finishing up it's like 'Ante Up' by MOP," Sheroff said. "It's such a good feeling to actually complete it and knowing that this is for the betterment of the community, especially when people are so complimentary."

The mural cost \$3,000 and measures about 60 feet, according to Sheroff.

"The new mural underneath the overpass to the Forest Hills Long Island Rail Road station, depicting the Forest Hills Tennis Stadium, Station Square, and the Ramones demonstrates the rich history and cultural significance of our neighborhood," Hevesi said. "I look forward to continuing to work with artists in our community and efforts to help further beautify our district."

A second mural depicting the Ramones across the street is part of the same project and in keeping with the role the stadium has played in the history of Forest Hills. The Ramones came from Forest Hills. The street artists behind this piece are an Australian living in Colombia known by the name of Crisp and a Colombian living in Brooklyn known only as Praxis.

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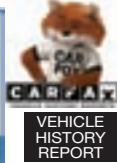
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# KIDS RUN HITS THE ROAD IN FLUSHING MEADOWS

Photos by Jessica Bal



**1** After sitting around watching mom and dad run the New York Road Runners 10K race in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, the club decided to stage a Kids Run after the big race—different distances for different age groups.



**2** Sprinting for the finish line at the NYRR's first Kids Race in Queens.



**3** Based on the same idea as baggage claim, the race organizers set aside a place at the finish line for parents to claim their kids, as long as they had a matching check.



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## COLLEGE POINT PARK GETS SPRUCED UP

Photos by Michael Shain



**5** Along the shoreline of Long Island Sound at MacNeil Park in College Point, about 25 kids carried off debris and recyclables during a day-long festival sponsored by the Coastal Preservation Network



**6** Landfill made with burnt coal ash may have seemed OK when the College Point shoreline was being built, but the stuff is actually polluting the sound, says Dr. James Servino of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, who ran the clean-up.



**7** Conrad Scheinbart-Norton and Eva Kenny, both age 3, warm up to a furry white guinea pig at the makeshift petting zoo.





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Rosalba Altamar puts finishing touches on her oil painting bound for exhibit of 13 senior artists from the Woodhaven/Richmond Hill Senior Center starting June 23.  
Courtesy of SU-CASA Creative Aging Program



At the Queens Botanical Garden's big Rose Gala, (l-r) Eileen and Emily Lin of Lin + Associates Architects pose with Melissa Ng, who was the honoree of the night.  
Courtesy of the QBG



Congratulations to the Auburndale Soccer Club's BU9 Academy Green soccer team, which won the NY State Cup Championship with an impressive 3-0 win in a tournament that started last fall.  
Courtesy of Auburndale Soccer Club



The city's Department of Youth and Community Development held its 9th Annual Father's Day party at Alley Pond Park for hundreds of kids from all five boroughs and their dads, guardians and father figures.  
Courtesy of DYCD



The Briarwood Community Association is one of the only civic groups in Queens that sponsors an annual street fair. And what's a street fair without Elmo?  
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In Rufus King Park in Jamaica, more than 600 Muslims and neighbors share a community Iftar, the traditional meal that breaks the fast each day at sunset during the holy month of Ramadan.  
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Flag Day at the Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy in Bayside Terrace is, by school tradition, a special day for the pre-K students, who get to march, sing and hear stories from veterans in the school yard.  
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The Brass Quintet from the Queens Symphony Orchestra brought back the American Songbook with a concert of Broadway showtunes in, of all places, the Maple Grove Cemetery's Center, in Kew Gardens.  
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# City pledges millions to improve college access

Department of Education says 100 schools will get new training to enhance opportunity

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

The city Department of Education has selected 100 high schools, including 15 in Queens, for a program that will enhance college access and opportunities for their students.

The program, College Access for All, will utilize \$6.8 million during the 2016-17 school year to train staff in the selected schools on how to build a culture of college access. Every high-school junior in those schools will be able take the SAT for free on April 5, 2017.

"When we talk about equity and excellence in our schools, there's nothing more important than making college and careers available to every student, regardless of what neighborhood they live in or their background," Mayor Bill de Blasio said about the new program.

The selected schools were chosen based on low post-

secondary enrollment rates, indicating a need to improve college access procedures. The allocated funds will pay for a five-day training session for teams from each school to develop plans on how to improve college and career culture, as well as hiring 11 college planning coaches who will each support about 10 schools.

More than \$3.5 million will be used for school-specific expenditures, including partnerships with college and career access organizations as well as college trips. The DOE also wants every middle school student in the city to have the opportunity to visit a college by 2018.

The selected Queens schools span the borough, from William Cullen Bryant High School in Long Island City to the High School for Law Enforcement and Public Safety in Jamaica and the Queens High School for Law Enforcement for Public Safe-

ty in Far Rockaway.

The DOE intends to offer every high school student in the system an individualized college and career plan by the 2018-19 school year, and contends that every high school in the city will have the College Access for All program in their facilities by that time.

"As the first person in my family to go to college, I understand the importance of creating a schoolwide college-going culture and giving students individualized support to get to college," Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña said. "This expansion is an exciting opportunity for the 100 selected schools, and I'm looking forward to seeing this initiative reach all our high schools."

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The Department of Education will fund programs, staff and training to help improve college access and opportunity for all students enrolled in public high schools. The initial funding will include 15 Queens schools.



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Driving when tired can be a fatal mistake. Just as alcohol or drugs can slow down reaction time, impair judgment and increase the risk of accident, so, too, can being tired behind the wheel. Drowsy driving is reportedly what caused the fatal crash in June 2014 between a limousine and a Walmart truck that ended the life of comic

James McNair and seriously injured fellow comedian Tracy Morgan. The driver, Kevin Roper, was going 20 miles over the speed limit and was almost at his drive time limit, according to preliminary reports by the National Transportation Safety Board.

According to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about 100,000 car crashes in the United States each year occur as the result of an overly tired driver. Various studies demonstrate that drivers who have remained awake for 18 hours prior to driving

mimic the driving performance of intoxicated motorists. In fact, drowsy driving can be confused with driving with a high blood alcohol content.

Sleepiness can arise relatively quickly, and according to Thomas Balkin, PhD, director of the behavioral biology program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and a leading expert on sleep and fatigue, it's difficult for drivers to assess just how sleepy they are.

"Sleepiness affects the part of the brain responsible for judgment and self-awareness,"

he says. "When you've reached the stage where you are fighting sleep, the effect of any method of reviving yourself can be very short-lived."

Furthermore, people do not have to be in a deep sleep to actually be asleep behind the wheel. Micro-sleeps occur when certain brain cells temporarily shut down for a few seconds. A person is not completely asleep but in a sort of fog as if they are asleep.

When sleepiness sets in, the best course of action is to pull off the road. Opening the window, turning on the radio

or blasting cold air is, at best, only a temporary solution. If driving with passengers and feelings of sleepiness appear, hand the keys over to a passenger and have them take over driving, if possible. Otherwise, a short nap and a cup of coffee can be used in combination to increase alertness.

It's also a good idea to avoid beginning a long road trip in mid-afternoon around the hours of two or three o'clock. While alertness generally dips in the evening hours, due to the circadian rhythm, alertness also dips in the late after-

noon, prompting drowsiness. A 2010 study by the American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety found that as many drivers reported falling asleep at the wheel in the afternoon hours as reported falling asleep late at night. Driving in a warm, quiet car also may spur drowsiness, as would driving after a heavy meal.

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Graduation is also a time for families to see their children walk across the stage in cap and gown and witness their child's moment of being awarded their well-earned diploma.

While some schools have a host speaker, the most anticipated speeches for parents are those from their children as they discuss their learning experience.

The speech also allows family and friends to catch a glimpse of future hopes and dreams.

Graduation with its ceremonies might seem to be an end point.

There is another point of view to consider, however. Graduations are also called commencement exercises.

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TO THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING



This year marks the seventh annual Festival de las Flores in New York.

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## SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Festival de las Flores brings the sights, sounds of Colombia to the streets of Queens

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Colombia's people are as varied as its landscape, and much like Queens' multicultural mosaic, the country's cultural mix makes its foods, music,

dance and art diverse and unique.

Most Colombians are descended from three ethnic groups: Indians, African people and European settlers. While that may not match the level of diversity on display here in Queens, it

still results in a rich, varied range of cultural offerings.

Many of those offerings will be on display during the seventh annual Festival de las Flores, or Flower Festival. Highlighting spectacular floral art, the festival combines music, food, entertainment and tradition.

Festivities kick off Saturday, with a multicultural fair at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, followed by a family celebration at the Queens Botanical Garden Sunday. Activities will continue through July 10, when there will be a parade in Jackson Heights and a concert at Forest Hills Stadium.

According to organizers, this year's festival is the biggest ever. Expect lots of beautiful flowers, along with silletas—large, 6-foot medallions that are handcrafted with natural flowers by native Silleteros from Antioquia in

northwestern Colombia. The Desfile de Silleteros, a parade through downtown Medellin, Antioquia's capital, is still a highlight of their Flower Festival, and has attracted crowds since 1957.

The festival made its way to New York City from Colombia in 2010.

"The tradition evolved to what it is now and what is displayed in our Festival de las Flores, a festival that demonstrates the beauty of Colombia, as well as the different cultures that reside in New York City," said Festival Director and President Luis Eduardo Acosta.

"We began our organization in the hopes of spreading Colombian culture in New York by exhibiting one of the most beautiful crafts created in Antioquia, Colombia, and showcased at our Festival de las Flores, which are the silletas," he said.

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**When:** Through June 26, Fridays at 8 pm and Saturdays at 3 pm in English, Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 4 pm in Spanish  
**Where:** Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside  
**Cost:** \$25  
**Contact:** (718) 729-3880  
**Website:** [www.thaliatheatre.org](http://www.thaliatheatre.org)

**"Guys and Dolls"** – "I got the horse right here. His name is Paul Revere" – Gambling, romance and the Salvation Army fill the stage in the classic musical tale of Sky Masterson trying to woo Sister Sarah Brown on a bet.  
**When:** July 16 to July 24  
**Where:** Maggie's Little Theater, St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place, Middle Village  
**Cost:** \$20/adults, \$15/seniors, \$12/children

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## HEY, CHARLIE

The cast of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," is bringing its show to Forest Park. See listing under Productions for details.  
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Week 29



# Korean drama troupes offer cultural exchange

Three plays bring combination of traditional and modern styles to LIC's Secret Theatre

BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

For the inaugural Korean Theatre Festival in New York 10 years ago, founder Du-Yee Chang performed an original one-man show based on one of Franz Kafka's novels.

Next week Chang, along with 16 other performers from various Seoul theater companies, descend on The Secret Theatre in Long Island City to stage three plays as part of the fourth edition of the festival dedicated to Korean theater.

Chang sees the event as a sort of cultural exchange to introduce American audiences to traditional Korean theater.

"It is very similar to Japanese and Chinese theater forms," Chang said. "There is dance movement and also singing. The stories are sometimes symbolic and usually based on traditional lore."

Korean drama did not go through the realism period — which emphasized everyday situations, ordinary speech



Actors perform a scene from "Same Story, Different Day," which will be part of the upcoming Korean Theatre Festival in New York happening at The Secret Theatre.

Photo courtesy Du-Yee Chang

and realistic settings — that reinvented Western theater in the late 19th century.

That is not to say that Korean theater is all mysticism and allegorical stories.

Just as Chang created an adaptation of Kafka's work, other Korean theater compa-

nies perform Western works, but with a decidedly Seoul-centric point of view.

"When we do a Shakespeare play, we are not doing it in an Elizabethan style," Chang said. "We transform it so Korean audiences can feel familiar with it. It is sort of like how in America, 'Romeo & Juliet' became 'West Side Story.'"

No large-scale musicals are on tap for this year's festival, but Chang said the three plays scheduled show the variety of what is happening in Korean theater.

"Counselor," written and directed by Hyun Suk Cha, revolves around the owner of a coffee shop, who offers advice to emotionally and mentally wounded patrons, but who has no memory of his own past.

"This is a very modern Korean play," Chang said. "It is really an interesting psychological drama — like a Harold Pinter play."

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## EVENTS

**Summer Kickoff Festival** – Get summer rolling with an afternoon of events, including a read-aloud program, giant bubbles, ice cream making, historic arts and crafts and more.

**When:** Saturday, June 25, from 1 pm - 4 pm  
**Where:** King Manor Museum, Rufus King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 150th Street, Jamaica  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 206-0545  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**Festival de las Flores** – Celebrate the Colombian tradition of creating large medallions completely of flowers. Event includes Music in the Garden and an art-based scavenger hunt.  
**When:** Sunday, June 26, from noon - 5 pm  
**Where:** Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing  
**Cost:** \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/students and children over 3  
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**When:** Sunday, June 26, from 1 pm - 8 pm  
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**Central Astoria 2016 Independence Celebration** – Start your Fourth of July festivities early with a performance by the Queens Symphony Orchestra and a fireworks show by Grucci.  
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## MUSIC

**Jackson Heights Community Chorus** – The chorus presents a celebration of patriotic music with "Americana." The chorus welcomes new members with some choral experience, sopranos and tenors are particularly needed. Contact Juan Valencia at (917) 200-5779.  
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**Where:** Renaissance Charter School, 37th Avenue and 81st Street, Jackson Heights  
**Cost:** \$10

**Queensboro Symphony Chamber Music Society** – Members of the Chamber Music Society and the Queensboro Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert of Beethoven and Schumann.  
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## FILM

**"The Avengers"** – Captain America, Black Widow, Iron Man, the Hulk, Hawkeye and Thor team up with Nick Fury to save the planet from a team of villains.  
**When:** Friday, June 24, at 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Springfield Park, 184th Street and 145th Drive,

Springfield Gardens  
**Cost:** Free  
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**"Shaun the Sheep"** – In this animated film, Shaun takes the day off to have a little fun, but gets more than he bargained for.  
**When:** Friday, June 24, at 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park, Atlantic Avenue and 125th Street, Jamaica  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 393-7370  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**"Norm of the North"** – Rob Schneider provides the voice of Norm the polar bear, who heads to New York City to try and stop a developer from building condos in the Arctic.  
**When:** Saturday, June 26, at 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Joseph P. Addabbo Memorial Park, 133rd Avenue and 81st Street, Ozone Park  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 393-7370  
**Website:** [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org)

**"Ant Man"** – Paul Rudd stars

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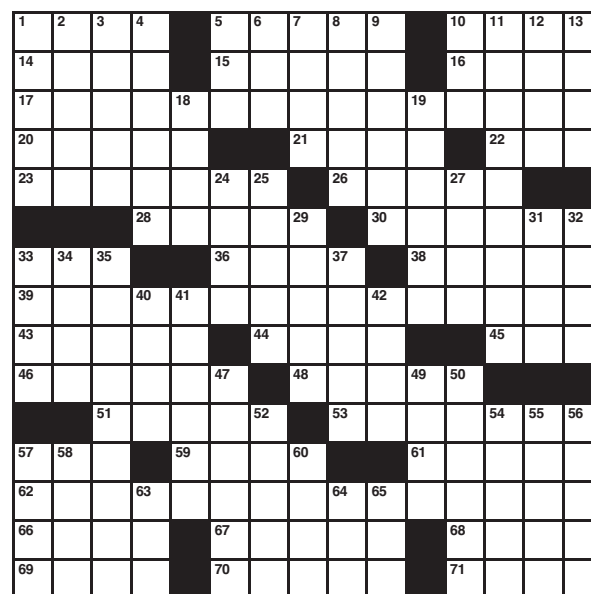
By Ed Canty

### In a Fowl Mood



### Across

1. Gentle one
5. Andretti, for one
10. Cross words
14. Curved molding
15. Bugs Bunny voicer Mel
16. Theater award
17. Stroll like Donald?
20. Give the slip
21. Partner of void
22. Maiden name precursor
23. Let go
26. Jabbed in the ribs
28. Pulitzer Prize category
30. Politician's promise, perhaps
33. Jackie's O
36. Gambling mecca
38. Furlough
39. Old-timer, perhaps
43. \_\_\_ firma
44. Metric system prefix
45. Get into a stew?
46. Asimov and Newton
48. Skywalker and Russert
51. Giving the onceover
53. Validate again, perhap
57. Pipe joint
59. All alternative
61. "You've got mail" hearer



62. Giving up suddenly
66. Tiny bit
67. \_\_\_ Alert
68. Greet the judge
69. Put one's foot down
70. Minute
71. Prophet

9. Spotted animal
10. Part of P.S.T.: Abbr.
11. Rich dessert
12. Suffix with appear and disturb
13. Kindergartener
18. Shakespearean king
19. Acid neutralizer
24. Hindu wrap
25. Alter
27. Business V.I.P.
29. Broadway backer
31. Eye part
32. Fair sight
33. Start to freeze?
34. Anonymous Richard and Jane
35. Exodus participant

37. Happen
40. Use a rosary
41. Kind of form
42. Snap request?
47. Ski resort vehicle
49. Jacob's twin
50. UConn home
52. Fairy tale figure
54. Boozer
55. Reagan attorney general
56. Snoop
57. Sponsorship: var.
58. Hot stuff
60. Hamburg's river
63. Catch a few Z's
64. Room with an easy chair
65. Strive

### Down

1. Decrease
2. Tequila plant
3. Hero's reward
4. Put in the bunk
5. Brit. honorary initials
6. Pledge of Allegiance ender
7. Drops from the sky
8. Replenish the stamp pad

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## QUEENSBORO PLAYS THE CLASSICS



The Queensboro Symphony Chamber Music Society performs next week at Flushing Town Hall. See listing under Music for details.

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# All of Queens is stage for musical performers

Joint effort between Katz, cultural organizations brings smorgasbord of sounds to boro

BY MERLE EXIT

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz has partnered up with various organizations to provide talent for performances at various locations, kicking off with the "Only in Queens Summer Festival Sunday" at Flushing Meadows Corona Park near the Unisphere.

The festival commemorates the anniversary of the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs.

"Music, food, and fun in the park are what New York summers are made of, and we're proud to bring it all together this June," Katz said.

In the outdoor area directly behind the Queens Museum, the Queen's Cartoonists, Radio Jarocho, Kumbakin, FJ Music, Zikrayat and other artists will take the stage from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"The Queens Cartoonists are dedicated to playing music from old cartoons," said Greg Hammontree, who plays trumpet with the band. Hammon-

tree says that their audience ranges from nostalgic adults to little kids.

Then, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Summerstage takes over as Ft. Mack Wilds, Kid 'n Play and Ginuwine perform.

But the music continues throughout the summer at venues across the borough.

Yoel Sharabi, a master of modern Israeli and Chassidic melodies, will be singing and playing the recorder with his band at MacDonal Park in Forest Hills June 28 at 6 p.m. Sharabi performed "Hatikvah," the Israeli National Anthem, and "The Star Spangled Banner" at the former Shea Stadium for National Jewish Heritage Day back in 2007.

Nostalgia reigns in July and August, as the Alive N' Kicken Cover Band takes their "60s to Today" concert to two venues. On July 10, at 6 p.m. catch them in Rockaway Beach, at Beach 94th Street and Shore Front Parkway. A July 24 stint puts them at



The Queens Cartoonists will perform as part of this weekend's "Only in Queens Summer Festival" at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Photo courtesy Greg Hammontree

Fort Totten, Totten Avenue at Cross Island Parkway in Bay-side with a 5 p.m. show.

The Metropolitan Opera continues its summer series with an enchanting evening at

Socrates Sculpture Park July 11. Featured are pianist Dan Saunders with opera stars soprano Michelle Bradley, tenor Kang Wang and baritone Yun-peng Wang.

Motown with the Moonlighters takes the stage Sunday, July 31, at 5 p.m. at O'Donohue Park, Seagirt Boulevard and Beach 17th Street in Far Rockaway.

Having appeared at Radio City Music Hall and Madison Square Garden, the Devotions share their "Sunday Kind of Love" on Aug. 7, at 5 p.m., at McNeil Park, Poppenhusen Avenue and 119th Street in College Point.

Sunday Gospel comes to Springfield Park July 17 at 5 p.m. as James Dale performs and a summer of music would not be complete without a concert from the Queens Symphony Orchestra, which is being presented Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m., at St. John's University.

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Young parade participants carry smaller versions of the silletas in the Jackson Heights parade.  
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## Flowers

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Aside from the floral attractions, there will be lots more to see, hear and do at the festival.

Saturday's Multicultural Fest, which runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will feature live music from both international and local artists, along with comedy group Caballo Loco, and much more. Foods from over 30 vendors will be available and the fest's family-friendly activities will include ethnic crafts and face painting.

Sunday's celebration at the Queens Botanical Garden will go from noon to 5 p.m. It will offer attendees the chance to see completed floral creations and have their pictures taken with them. It will also feature live music, crafts, a bilingual story time for kids, and an art exhibit by Colombian visual artist Tatiana Arocha.

At noon on July 10, the Desfile de las Flores, or Flower Parade, will kick off down Northern Boulevard in Jackson Heights, going from 69th to 88th streets.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz will be at the parade, along with the newly crowned 2016-2017 Flower Queen, Carolina Cañas. A current student at Baruch College, Canas, 20, hails from Medellin.

That evening, Forest Hills Stadium

will host the Concierto de las Flores, or Flower Concert, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. This free event will include well-known Colombian comedians from Caracol Internacional's "Sabados Felices," popular DJ Camilo from NY's Hot 97 radio station spinning Latin American hits, and other famous Latin artists to be announced soon.

"I joined the festival to support this incredible movement that has been around for seven years and that focuses on bringing all cultures together through the art of silletas," said Wendy Angulo, CEO of Wendy Angulo Productions and the events coordinator for the festival. "As a Queens native and resident, the festival is a beautiful statement of the diversity of our borough."

### IF YOU GO

#### Festival de las Flores

**When:** Saturday, June 25, from 10 am - 6 pm

**Where:** Flushing Meadows Corona Park  
**The Flower Festival**

**When:** Sunday, June 26, from noon - 5 pm

**Where:** Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing

**Cost:** \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/students and children over 3

**Contact:** (718) 886-3800

## Korean

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In "The Genius Magician, Young-Sil Chang," conceived by and starring Hyun Jin Ham, a young magician is the reincarnation of a genius inventor from the 15th-century Chosun Dynasty.

Living in a beautiful fictional world, the young magician uses his powers to fight villains set on destroying nature.

Both plays will be performed with supertitles displaying English translations of the dialogue.

Although "Same Story, Different Day," a piece written to mark the 65th anniversary of the Korean War, will be performed without titles, Chang believes the story will be understood by English-speaking audience members with its use of movement and pantomime.

"It is a very sad story, but also very comic," Chang said. "It is a very impor-

tant subject for us. We are still separated."

Although Korean ex-patriots are most likely to attend the festival, Chang hopes to reach plenty of American theatergoers as well.

"We are aiming for both," he said. "For New Yorkers, these are good plays for theater performances. Korean theater can introduce a different dimension or style."

### IF YOU GO

#### Korean Theatre Festival in New York

**When:** June 29 through July 3

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

**Cost:** \$10/general, \$7/seniors and students

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**Website:** [www.secrettheatre.com](http://www.secrettheatre.com)



# Arts

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as a former thief who dons a special outfit that turns him into a miniature superhero with the strength of an army of ants in this action-adventure film. Come an hour early for a kids' craft activity.  
**When:** Tuesday, June 28, at 8:30 pm  
**Where:** A.R.R.O.W. Community Center, 35-30 35th St., Astoria  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 393-7370  
**Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

**"Shaun the Sheep"** – In this animated film, Shaun takes the day off to have a little fun, but gets more than he bargained for.  
**When:** Thursday, June 30, at 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Rosemary's Playground, Fairview Avenue and Woodbine Street, Ridgewood  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 393-7370  
**Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

## KIDS AND FAMILY

**PuppetMobile presents "Puss in Boots"** – CityParks breaks out the puppets to tell

the story of Puss, who one day tells his owner not only can he talk, but he has a plan to better their lives.  
**When:** Friday, June 24, at 4 pm  
**Where:** Main Park House, Cunningham Park, Fresh Meadows  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 393-7370  
**Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

**Family Day** – Councilman Rory Lancman hosts another day of games, inflatables, a photo booth and more.  
**When:** Saturday, June 25, from 1 pm - 4 pm  
**Where:** Pomonok Playground, 155th Street, Flushing  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 393-7370

**The Uni Project** – Spend the afternoon reading and drawing at the Uni.  
**When:** Saturday, June 25, from 1 pm - 5 pm  
**Where:** Astoria Heights Playground, 30-64 45th St., Astoria  
**Cost:** Free  
**Website:** www.friendsofastoriaheightspark.org

**Cido the Clown** – Cido brings his red nose, big feet and magic show to entertain kids of all ages.

**Website:** firststringplayers.org

**"No-No Boy"** – Pan Asian Repertory Theatre presents this dramatization of the 1957 novel by John Okada that looks at repercussions of choices made during wartime and the effect of internment on family, friends and the community.  
**When:** Sunday, June 26, at 2 pm  
**Where:** Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing  
**Cost:** \$5/general, Free/members and students  
**Contact:** (718) 463-7700

**When:** Saturday, June 25, at 2 pm and 4 pm  
**Where:** Forest Park Carousel, Forest Park, Woodhaven  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 788-2676  
**Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

**Science in the Park** – Alley Pond Environmental Center and New York Hall of Science team up for hands-on science programs, including pond exploration, engineering and flight.  
**When:** Sunday, June 26, at 1 pm  
**Where:** Alley Pond Park, 76th Avenue and Springfield Boulevard, Oakland Gardens  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 352-4793  
**Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

**The Great Miguelino** – Miguelino will amaze and amuse you with his magical tricks.  
**When:** Sunday, June 26, at 2 pm and 4 pm  
**Where:** Fantasy Forest Amusement Park, 111th Street near the Queens Zoo, Flushing Meadows Corona Park  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** (718) 788-2676  
**Website:** www.nycgovparks.org

**Website:** www.flushingtownhall.org

**"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"** – The Peanuts gang stars in this family-friendly musical. Songs in the show include "Supertime" and "Happiness."  
**When:** Thursday, June 30, at 6 pm  
**Where:** Buddy Monument, Forest Park, Myrtle Avenue and Park Lane South, Woodhaven  
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# Theater

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**"Harvey"** – First String Players present Mary Chase's classic comedy about wealthy drunk Elwood P. Dowd, who begins to have visions of a giant rabbit named Harvey.  
**When:** July 14 to July 17  
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## SAY YES-YES

Chris Doi and Claro de los Reyes perform a scene from the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre's production of "No-No Boy" playing at Flushing Town Hall this weekend. See listing under Productions for details.

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# Vigils

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Brunch held Saturday at the Riverview Restaurant in Long Island City. Hundreds turned out, a larger crowd than usual, according to his office.

"I believe the response to that horrible, horrible act is what we are all doing today," Van Bramer said. "which is live in their memory to live louder, to live prouder, to be stronger."

After a rousing standing ovation, Van Bramer spoke of the early years of his relationship, when Dan wanted to hold hands or kiss in public.

"I'm not afraid to say I was a little afraid to do that," he said. "But after all of what happened in Orlando it reminds me that all of us should commit to showing our love and even more public displays of affection in their memory. No act of violence can or ever should change who we are and how we should live. Instead it should provoke us to live even prouder and to fight even harder for equality for every single person in the country."

Vigils and marches have been a nightly occurrence in Jackson Heights where an evening of Rights and Reflections was scheduled to take place Saturday. Leading community

activists and artists will share their experiences with racial and religious discrimination throughout the world beginning at 4 p.m. at Diversity Plaza.

Last Saturday, dozens gathered for a vigil on the Great Lawn in Astoria Park. City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) remembered the victims and stood in solidarity with the LGBT community.

"This heinous crime shows that our Congress must enact gun violence prevention legislation on a federal level," he said. "Gun safety legislation is a common sense solution that would help prevent many of the hundreds of shootings and gun deaths that happen every day throughout the nation."

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) said much the same thing during a rally on the steps of City Hall last Friday with elected officials, LGBT leaders and gun safety advocates calling on Congress to pass gun safety reforms.

"Gun violence is an epidemic in our country," Maloney said. "We just had the deadliest mass shooting in American history in Orlando when a man full of hate murdered 49 people because of their sexual orientation. That was on top of another 6,000 people who have been murdered by guns this

year. This country needs to wake up and pass meaningful gun safety reforms like renewing the assault weapons ban and keeping guns out of the hands of people on the terrorist watch list or those convicted of hate crimes."

On Monday, the Senate rejected four proposals to strengthen the nation's gun laws.

The same day the U.S. Supreme Court refused to strike down gun control laws in New York and Connecticut, which were enacted after 20 children and six educators were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Mayor Bill de Blasio applauded the justices; action.

"From Orlando to San Bernardino to Newtown, far too many Americans have seen their families and communities ripped apart by gun violence," de Blasio said. "Assault weapons and high-capacity magazines have no place on our streets. They are weapons of war that until Congress acts will continue to kill and injure innocent men, women and children."

The annual Gay Pride March will take place Sunday in Manhattan.

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# Session

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the state law on the FAR, the floor area ratio, to allow for larger structures it claims is necessary to move the affordable housing plan forward.

"Any more changes to allow for even larger buildings is unnecessary and would be unconscionable," Nolan said.

The end of the session at 5 a.m. Saturday was a disappointment for fellow Assemblywoman Margaret Markey (D-Maspeth), a champion of the Child Victims Act for the last decade. That bill would have eliminated the statute of limitations for child sex abuse crimes but never made it to the floor for a vote.

"It was disappointing that, despite the best efforts of my colleagues in the Assembly and our leadership to put forward a very modest compromise bill that could become law this year, there was absolutely no way to move the staunch opposition of the Republican-controlled Senate and get any action on the issue," Markey said. "So much for compromise to help protect children this year. I think we can look for disappointed survivors and supporters to hold them responsible at the ballot box this fall and a very different result when we bring a much stronger bill to the Legislature next January."

The frenzied conclusion to the session garnered mixed reviews for the results and the process itself.

For instance, state Sen. Joseph Addabbo, Jr. (D-Howard Beach) was pleased that action was taken to combat the heroin epidemic that affects many young people in his district, but none was taken to replace the 421-a tax abatement for developers, leaving the building of affordable housing stalled.

"It always seems to happen in the New York State Legislature that the last hours of a six-month legislative session were marked by the appear-

ance of 'The Big Ugly,' which can best be described as the kitchen sink of state government, with a wide variety of unrelated issues all thrown into one big piece of legislation and then served up on a platter for approval," Addabbo said. "I still think this is a terrible way to do the public's business, making and passing deals in the middle of the night, when important issues could have and should have been openly and honestly debated in the light of day over the last six months."

State Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) has seen it all since she first got elected to the Senate in 1999.

"It could have been a lot worse," she said. "But I was not pleased that we didn't do enough ethics reform, although we did take the first step with pension forfeiture, and I don't know how the Republicans couldn't advance the Child Victims Act. That's outrageous."

State Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) called the session frustrating because Republican senators were regularly blocking important advances in basic matters, particularly the Dream Act, which would authorize conditional residence for undocumented immigrants. State Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) agreed.

"Thanks to Senate Democrats, this year's session achieved positive steps on raising the minimum wage, implementing paid family leave, addressing the heroin crisis and funding our public schools," Gianaris said. "Unfortunately, however, despite the scandals rocking state government, the voices of New Yorkers demanding reform were ignored and needed ethics laws were not enacted. We need to end the Albany status quo and restore people's faith in their government."

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# Manford

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the LGBT community as well as their families and friends. The couple opened their Flushing home, at 171st Street off 35th Avenue, to gay New Yorkers who were outcasts in their own homes.

They became pioneers in the American gay rights movement and today, PFLG has more than 350 chapters and over 200,000 members in all 50 states.

"Jeanne and Jules showed how love and passion can move us to make a positive change in our community," Gillibrand said. "Their advocacy is deeply ingrained in the LGBT community here in New York and around the country — beginning with their unmatched love for their son, to the Queens Pride Pa-

rade that marches every year on 37th Avenue, to their founding of an organization that for the last 44 years has fought for LGBT equality. This designation would be a fitting tribute to honor their courage in their decades-long fight for the LGBT community."

After her death in 2013, President Obama posthumously awarded Jeanne Manford the Presidential Citizens Medal, one of the highest honors an American civilian can receive, for her advocacy work. Jules Manford died in 1982.

Morty Manford was a founding member of the Gay Activists Alliance, which he was heavily involved with until he died from AIDS in 1992.

"Jeanne and Jules Manford were not only loving, accepting parents to their openly-gay son, Morty, but they also served as loving, accepting parents to the entire LGBT community," Schumer said.

"It is a truly fitting tribute to the Manford's legacy of work."

Jeanne Manford was the original grand marshal of the Queens Pride, which passes in front of the Jackson Heights Post Office, located at 78-02 37th Ave.

City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), who founded the march and festival, applauded the House vote.

"Jeanne and Jules Manford were the 'parents' of the gay rights movement. They allowed their home to be used as the cradle for gay liberation and were the first parents of an openly gay child to support that child in public," Dromm said. "Jeanne and Jules blazed new trails for the LGBT community by standing up for their openly gay son Morty Manford. This renaming is a fitting tribute to the Manfords and all they believed."

*Reach reporter Bill Parry by*

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# Election

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# Town hall

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tioners bemoaning the preponderance of trucks illegally parking or operating in a reckless manner in the confines of the 105th Precinct, which runs along the Nassau border from Glen Oaks to Rosedale.

De Blasio touted a 10 percent drop in murders city-wide, with a 20 percent uptick in gun arrests, and contrasted his vision with that of previous administrations and critics. He noted that there were zero murders to date in the confines of the 100th and 105th Precincts, and that community policing was in place in three out of the four police precincts in the area and would be instituted at the 103rd Precinct, which covers Jamaica, this fall.

“I said we need a safer city and a fairer city,” he said. “And there were many people saying you had to have one or the other.”

The mayor and Richards also spoke about a \$1.5 billion investment from the city included in the mayor’s 2015 executive budget to address flooding issues in southeast Queens, with more than \$770 million to be allocated in the next four years. Chief among the issues is to improve sewer infrastructure in the area.

De Blasio also announced that one to three family homeowners would be receiving a \$183 credit from city government this summer in return for what he said was a longstanding practice of hidden taxes in residents’ water utility bills, though earlier this



Mayor Bill de Blasio and Councilman Donovan Richards field questions during a town hall at Springfield Gardens Educational Complex.

Photo by Patrick Donachie

week a Manhattan Supreme Court judge issued a temporary restraining order, saying the city did not have the power to offer the credit.

Asked to expand on recent City Council legislation offering police the option of decriminalizing minor crimes and offenses, de Blasio said the relationship between his administration and the police was not as confrontational as had been represented in some media. Last month, the Council passed the legislation decriminalizing low-level, non-violent offenses.

“Everything we’ve done to address summons in this city has been done shoulder-to-shoulder with the NYPD,” he

said. “We want officers to have the opportunity to use the tool they know is right.”

Richards also spoke about the new legislation, saying that people of color were overwhelmed penalized and burdened by being charged with minor offenses, and said that a prior arrest for a petty crime should not define an individual’s future.

“We are leveling the playing field,” he said. “Based on the color of our skin, it shouldn’t be a life sentence.”

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# LIC Summit

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they’re not deep enough to provide for the market today.”

She warned that other states such as Pennsylvania “are doing a better job” with their incentive programs and “we’re losing jobs to them.” She also said public transit does not get people everywhere they need to be in the 5.5-square-mile neighborhood and existing transit is overloaded.

Kathryn Wylde, president and CEO of Partnership for New York City, was part of the keynote panel.

“Thanks to strong local leadership and proactive planning, Long Island City is well-positioned to manage

its growth as a hub of innovation and residential activity, while preserving its historic strengths in manufacturing and the arts,” Wylde said. She said the huge growth in residential population will change Long Island City in the next decade.

“It’s going to change the dynamics of the community, it’s going to be different because the people will be different,” Wylde said. “When the real estate is worth far more than the family business occupying it, the family business will be gone. There’s going to be change dynamics.”

Benaim spoke of the tremendous transformation LIC has undergone in the ten years since he opened his first real estate office in 2005.

“If you asked me five years

ago, or even three years ago during the first summit, I would never have said the area would be as extraordinarily popular as it is now,” he said. “As one of the most exciting New York City neighborhoods, Long Island City has become the best alternative for developers and stakeholders who can no longer afford Manhattan and Brooklyn. As demand increases, developers will continue to bring new residential and commercial projects to the area, further expanding its micro-neighborhoods like Court Square, Dutch Kills and Queens Plaza.”

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# Assault

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er said that one of his friends suggested they play a version of the knockout game, which is an attempt to knock an individual unconscious with a single punch, police said. The three assailants subsequently approached Khan and began punching him on his face and head, knocking him off his bike in the process, according to the NYPD.

The assailants fled the scene eastbound on Jamaica Avenue towards Francis Lewis Boulevard, according to the police. A statement from the New York Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations released after the attack said the assailants had not stolen Khan’s wallet, watch or bike and noted that the three attackers were laughing as they fled.

After the attack, Khan was taken to Jamaica Hospital with lacerations, bruising

and swelling to his face. He suffered from broken ribs and was initially unable to speak to authorities due to the extent of his injuries. Khan had surgery and was unable to open his eyes but was beginning to recover, according to a Facebook post on CAIR-NY’s page June 9.

The council called on the NYPD to investigate the assault for a bias motivation. Police subsequently said they were investigating the attack on Khan as a hate crime and were looking for a possible bias motivation.

Police released video showing two of the alleged assailants in the immediate aftermath of the attack outside of 105-13 Jamaica Ave. The three suspects, including the arrested individuals were described as black males in their teens, according to police. The NYPD is encouraging anyone with additional information to call NYPD Crime Stoppers at 1 (800)-577-TIPS.

# Control

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didates during the 2014 election. De Blasio also traveled to Albany for a hearing on mayoral control, but skipped a second session held in New York City to the ire of Republican lawmakers. Peralta,

who was critical of the mayor for missing the hearing, said the final deal was a “shot across the bow” at de Blasio, cautioning him from becoming too heavily involved in upstate politics.

“They said, ‘Remember that you are a creature of the state,’” Peralta said, referring to the Republicans’ view of de Blasio, “so don’t get involved

# Jung

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strengthen small businesses.

Jung also said he plans to maximize the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption program’s income cap, build more affordable senior housing and expand the Elderly

Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage program.

“While out in the neighborhood knocking doors, talking to the voters, I have found that voters are yearning for real change,” Jung said. “Countless voters are yearning for a new day when it comes to politics in our state and in our community.”

# Charter

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school year, according to an Educational Impact Statement about the potential co-location drafted by the DOE. The charter would have added 420 to 460 high school students by the 2019-2020 school year.

Janice Berry, IS 109’s PTA president, expressed optimism that the school would raise its enrollment numbers

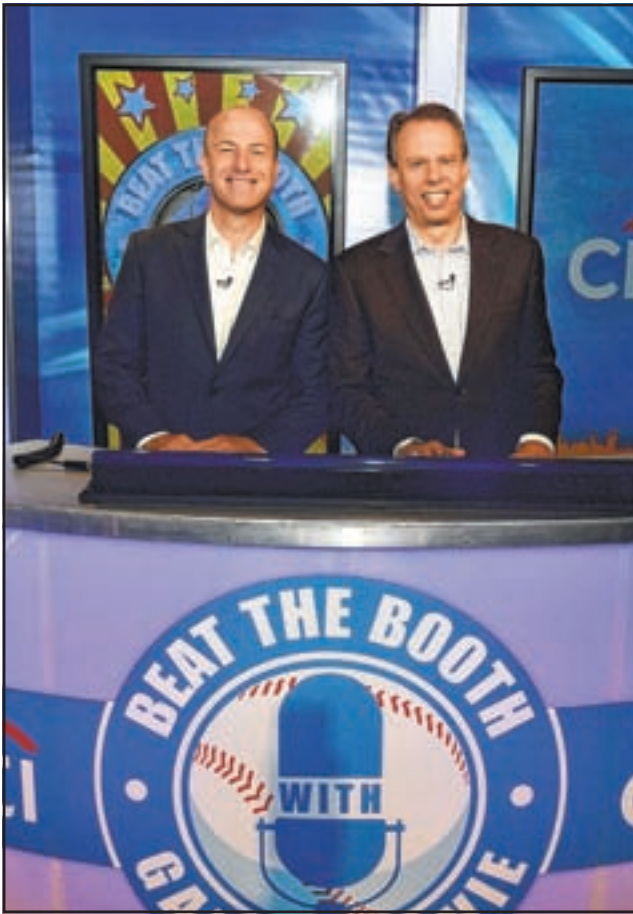
in the next year and said she was grateful for the support of the elected officials and community members.

“I think our input into it, and the fact that we continued to fight for it had a big impact on the decision that was made,” she said. “Needless to say, we’re ecstatic.”

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# Sports



New York Mets broadcasters Gary Cohen and Howie Rose are set to showcase their impressive knowledge of the team on SNY's "Beat the Booth." Photo by Marc Levine

## Mets announcers face fans in trivia battle

BY LAURA AMATO

Gary Cohen and Howie Rose both grew up as New York Mets fans.

Fast forward several decades, and the two are now among the most recognizable voices in all of Mets fandom—Cohen serving as the squad's play-by-play announcer on SNY and Rose as the radio announcer on WOR.

And while the pair may split off to their respective announcing booths when the Mets take the field, they have teamed up once again for SNY's "Beat the Booth with Gary and Howie," a trivia show that pits the announcers against some of the biggest

New York Mets fans around. This year's two-night event will air Tuesday and Thursday directly after Mets Postgame on SNY.

"For me the fun is working with Howie," Cohen said. "Howie and I did two years together on radio right before SNY started and we have such a great relationship and we have very similar experiences as fans and as broadcasters. So it was tremendous fun those years working with Howie and it's great to be able to be on his team again."

While the fans appearing on the show may spend weeks studying facts about their favorite squad, pouring over highlight reels on YouTube

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## Muniz wins Wingate

Adams lacrosse ace caps HS career with PSAL trophy

BY LAURA AMATO

Joanna Muniz had waited her whole life for this moment.

Or at least the last four years.

The John Adams senior had a goal. She wanted to win a Wingate Award. Of course, she also wanted to lead her team to victories, to compete for titles and score as many goals as possible, but in the end, it was about getting a Wingate.

Last Friday at the Brooklyn Marriott, surrounded by some of the best and brightest high school athletes in the city, Muniz saw her dream realized when she was honored by the PSAL with a Wingate Award for girls' lacrosse.

It had been worth the wait.

"I mean it's meant the most," Muniz said. "This is what I've been waiting for my whole life. Wingate was the award that I wanted to strive for. So getting this award, it means so much because it means that all my hard work paid off."

Muniz has made her athletic presence known at John Adams throughout her high school career, competing at everything from soccer to volleyball. But it was on the lacrosse field that Muniz really belonged—becoming an offensive force this spring.

She scored 91 goals on 125 shots during the regular season, as well as 27 assists. In the playoffs, Muniz added another 17 goals and five assists.

After leading John Adams to a semifinal appearance, she was named to the PSAL 2016 All-League Team. Still, she had to admit that being honored as a Wingate winner was the highlight of her senior year.

"I had been waiting for this the whole season," Muniz said. "I always said, 'That's going to be me one day. I'm going to get that.'"



Joanna Muniz of the John Adams High School lacrosse squad has taken home a Wingate Award. Photo by Mallory Palmieri

Of course, Muniz wasn't the only Queens athlete honored by the league.

Eight senior standouts took away awards, including Francis Lewis hoops star Taliyah Brisco.

One of the most versatile scorers in the city, Brisco led the Patriots to an "AA" championship berth this season. Although the squad ultimately fell to South Shore 55-39 in the final, Brisco's talent could not be denied.

The guard packed her stat sheet throughout the year, averaging 11.53 points, 3.13 rebounds and 4.53 assists during the regular season.

The annual awards were one last honor for some of the biggest names in New York City high school sports and, for many of the athletes, one last chance to be among their peers before heading off to college.

Though their four years in high school may be over, as far as any of these athletes are concerned, the best is yet to come.

"I've just been striving to become the best of the best and I'm going to continue to do that even in college," Muniz said. "I'm hoping that I progress and do the best that I can. That's all I can ask for."



# Holy Cross star shines in Empire Challenge

BY LAURA AMATO

Holy Cross defensive end Stephen Barongi got the news in February.

He had been selected to participate in this year's Empire Challenge at Hofstra University. The annual football game, now in its 21st year, pits the best players in New York City against the top talent on Long Island. Barongi was thrilled at the prospect of competing.

Then he realized he'd be competing alone—kind of. Barongi was flanked by some of the city's best when he took the field at Hofstra University Tuesday, but there was one very important difference. He was the only player from Queens.

It was a startling realization for Barongi, but one he took in stride. In fact, realizing that he was the only player representing Queens made him want to play even harder.

After all, it's easy to bring an extra bit of intensity to your hits when you realize you're representing an entire borough.

"It means a lot, honestly," Barongi said. "It's a honor to do that. I really just want represent my borough. I was just



Stephen Barongi of Holy Cross takes down Long Island quarterback Michael Cantanese during the Empire Challenge at Hofstra University.  
Photo by Robert Cole

ecstatic. I was very, very excited to play."

Barongi helped make history as New York City battled back for a 39-34 victory over Long Island, the first time the city had won the charity tilt since 2010.

His stats this past season are more than enough reason to make this year's squad.

As a senior, Barongi racked up 55 total tackles, including 41 solo, as well as nine tackles

for a loss. He recorded four sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered two.

In other words, he was a defensive force to be reckoned with.

He brought the same approach to the Empire Challenge, supported by a small army of family members sporting custom-made jerseys. He was focused on just one thing as soon as the ball was snapped—hitting someone.

"Hit some kids hard and win the game," Barongi said of his pre-game approach. "I want a sack. I want to get a couple of good tackles."

The weeks leading up to the Empire Challenge were a little strange for Barongi.

He and his fellow New York City all-stars held a handful of practices prior to the game and it wasn't always easy for the squad to meld. After spending four years playing against

each other, suddenly turning into teammates was a bit of a challenge.

Still, Barongi relished the opportunity to suit up as a high school player one last time and even he had to admit that the early-morning practice sessions were fun.

"Practice has been great," he said. "We've been going hard and we just wanted to come out and try to play as well as we could."

Barongi followed up on his pre-game expectations, hauling down Long Island quarterback Mike Catanese and forcing an incomplete pass with just seconds left on the clock.

Now that his high school football career is in the rearview mirror, Barongi has his sights set on Jireh Preparatory Academy in North Carolina, where he's hoping another year of exposure will help attract some big-time college offers.

It might all be over, but Barongi has loved his time on the high school gridiron and, in the end, he simply hopes he did his borough proud.

"I can't believe it's happening," he said. "It went so quick. But it was all great."

## *SJU teammates prepare to hit the court in Europe*

BY LAURA AMATO

Danaejah Grant and Aliyyah Handford have already cemented their names in the St. John's record books. Now, the women's basketball duo are taking their talents to a slightly different venue, with each of them signing professional contracts to play in Europe last week.

Grant signed with Flying Foxes SVS Post of the Austrian Women's Basketball League, while Handford cemented her future with AZS Lublin UMCS in Poland.

"First and foremost it's exciting because they have a job," St. John's coach Joe Tartamella said. "They get to play the game that they love. I think we all knew they would sign, it was just about the right fit and they both feel really good about the teams they're going to."

The duo's on-court exploits with the Red Storm were not only prolific, they were his-

toric.

Grant racked up 1,498 points in the equivalent of three seasons at St. John's, wrapping up her career as ninth on the program's all-time scoring list. In her final collegiate game, she scored a game-high 25 and collected six rebounds to lead the Johnnies against Auburn in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Despite hearing her name called at the WNBA Draft this year, Grant was not named to the Washington Mystics' opening-day roster and opted to take her talents overseas.

"She was so polished, even as a high school player," Tartamella said. "But when she had to sit the year out, we kind of knew she really had improved. We helped her develop, she helped herself develop with her work ethic and I think she became a legitimate pro at St. John's. She probably snuck up on everybody this year."

Handford, meanwhile, is in a class of her own when



Aliyyah Handford is taking her talents overseas after one recording of the most dominant careers in the history of St. John's women's hoops.  
Photo courtesy of St. John's Athletic Communications

it comes to her time at St. John's.

The first 2,000-point scorer in Red Storm women's hoops history, Handford is one of

just four players from either the men's or women's squad to reach that mark, joining legends Chris Mullin, Malik Sealy and D'Angelo Harri-

son. During her senior season Handford was named the Big East Tournament MVP, averaging 18.7 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.3 steals and 3.0 assists during the postseason and leading St. John's to its first title since 1988.

"The best way I can put it is when you talk to people on campus and they say that she's their favorite player to watch," Tartamella said. "That goes across women's and men's. When you hear that people are excited about women's basketball because of how your players play and what they do on the floor, that speaks volumes."

Handford was also selected in this year's WNBA Draft, going 27th overall to the Connecticut Sun. The chance to have an immediate impact on a squad overseas was too much to walk away from however and Handford joins a squad that put up a 12-10 record last season in Basket Liga Kobiet.

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# Glendale volleyballer aims for Olympics

BY NICHOLAS DIUNTE

Playing on the Stadium Court at the AVP NYC Open in Hudson River Park this weekend, Mark Burik looked at home on the sand among the rest of the beach volleyball Olympic hopefuls. The Glendale native had plenty of reasons to feel comfortable displaying his skills in front of the home crowd, which included the members of his family.

"I love it. It lets me breathe," Burik said. "My family is everything to me, so when I come back, it's so nice for me to hang with my brothers after the matches."

While Burik showed prowess on both sides of the ball, fans would be surprised to know that the 2003 St. Francis Prep graduate played primarily football and baseball in high school, taking only his junior year to test the waters in volleyball.

"At the time it was a big stressful, drastic decision," he said. "I was a high school kid and a teacher [Kevin Colucci] who believed in me built me up and asked me if I wanted to try something new."

Burik walked away from

the game after his junior year and attended the University of Delaware to play college football. A chance meeting with some of the club volleyball players at college encouraged him to give the sport another try.

After his sophomore year, he sent out videos to a multitude of schools, hoping to land an opportunity to play Division I volleyball. His attempts to garner attention didn't come to much until he finally got the one opening he needed.

"Eventually Fred Chao at George Mason said, 'You could come try out, but it's going to be very difficult,'" Burik said. "I spent two months trying out and he said, 'We can't cut you, so we're going to keep you for a year.' The rest is history."

His success at George Mason, which included two Second-Team EIVA All-East honors, led to a professional indoor career in Croatia, Norway, and Sweden. But after suffering repeated injuries, he turned his attention to playing beach volleyball full time.

"I was treating (beach) as my way to stay in shape for indoor, he said. "Eventually it took a toll on my body. I had

five cortisone shots in two years and it became too much. So I said, 'If there's one way I could make it to the Olympics and that I could possibly be competitive, it's going to be through beach, so let's go full time.'"

Burik's choice to move to California in order to compete at the highest level proved fruitful.

Along with his partner and college teammate Hudson Bates, he posted a ninth-place finish at the AVP New York City Open and he's looking forward to the opportunity of winning a tour championship in the future.

He'd also like to see the sport continue to grow in New York City so that others in the area can follow in his footsteps. If more young players can have access to more beach courts in the area and the requisite coaching, he feels the talent in the area has the opportunity to expand quickly.

"It needs to be bigger," he said. "I know there are leagues here in the city, but it's tough because there are like eight million people in the city and you have a total of like ten courts."



St. Francis Prep grad and Glendale native Mark Burik spikes the ball at the AVP NYC Open in Hudson River Park. Photo by Nick Diunte

## Trivia battle

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and scanning record books in an attempt to pile up knowledge, neither Cohen nor Rose really prepare before the show tapes. This is their life, after all. They're, quite literally, paid to know as much Mets trivia as possible.

"I might just, with a free moment or two, browse through the back of the media guide to freshen up on categorical leaders or something like that," Rose said. "A lot of it is just a matter of relying on your memory or common sense with a working knowledge of what went on. It's like studying for the SATs, you can't really do that."

Cohen and Rose don't really see the trivia show as a competition either. If anything, tapping "Beat the Booth" is an exercise in synergy for the pair. They're trying to help each other—not take opposing fans down.

"We can't control what (the fans) do," Rose said. "If they perhaps make the kind

of mistake that we can pounce on, then we're happy to do it. We're just working in sync as best we can and hope the results are there."

This is the second year in a row that "Beat the Booth" has aired on SNY. Prior to that, the network ran a similar trivia competition, but put TV announcers up against their radio counterparts.

Both Rose and Cohen are quick to agree that the fandom element of this set-up makes the show a lot more enjoyable.

"I think it's fantastic," Cohen said. "This is what makes sports what it is, that you have people that are so committed to the team and have this base of knowledge. Howie and I do this for a living, but this is different. These people just love the game and I think that's fabulous."

Much like fans, both Cohen and Rose have favorite memories when it comes to the Mets.

Cohen cites the 1999 season as particularly memorable, while Rose called Johan Santana's no-hitter in 2012 "fabulous" and "mind boggling."

Still, there's one moment the broadcasters are anxious to witness, both as professionals and as fans—a World Series victory.

"There are a lot great, dramatic memories, but when those words 'The Mets win the pennant' came out of my mouth last year, that took me back to being a kid and playing in the school yards," Rose said. "It was great to be able to utter those words. But there's one more call to make as far as I'm concerned, a championship, and hopefully I'll have the chance to make that."

## SJU duo

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one of the most competitive leagues in Europe.

"The moment that it clicked for me was probably when she started as a freshman against Duke at the Garden," Tartamella said. "Watching her play in that game, the way she played, the confidence she started to show, that was the game where I knew at that moment she had a great shot at becoming a pro."

Although Grant and Handford won't be competing stateside this season, Tartamella is more than confident that their talent will translate.

"It's an exciting moment for both of them because it's the start of their career," Tartamella said. "Then they'll be able to come back and have another chance to play in the WNBA. That's the biggest goal. You want to not only provide for the team that has signed you, but better your opportunity to make a WNBA roster."

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**2021 Woodbine LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/15/16. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 66-05 Darrowth St., Rego Park, NY 11374. General purpose.

**23-34 26TH STREET LLC**, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 204-19 23rd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**227-06 Bayside LLC**, Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/27/16. Office Location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O The LLC, 227-06 64th Ave., Oakland Garden, NY 11364. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

**47-38 Sekwang LLC** Arts of Org. filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 4/22/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 47-38 34th St, LIC, NY 11101. General Purposes.

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**444 Grand Ave LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/28/16. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 225 Beach 143 St., Rockaway Park, NY 11694. General purpose.

**ALTMEJD Projects LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/5/16. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 13-05 44th Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. General purpose.

**AUM SIDHDHY VINAYAK HOSPITALITY LLC**, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/20/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Harry Raptakis, Esq., P.O. Box 504, Franklin Square, NY 11010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COOPER STUDIO, LLC**, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/23/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Marcia Cooper, 104-20 68th Dr. #B37, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

**CR INSPIRED DESIGNS, LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/9/2016. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 18-15 215th St., Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**D & Y 168 LLC** Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/26/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to C/O Xiu Yu Lin, 42-35 Main St Unit 9D, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: General.

**FH Group LLC**, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/1/16. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 36-58 Main St., Ste. 3F, Flushing, NY 11354. General purpose.

**Jama Equities LLC** Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/14/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to C/O Anthony G. Capozzi, 9201 Fourth Ave 7th Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: General.

**Jk Realty Queens LLC** Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on

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3/16/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 23 Brush Hill Rd, Kinnelon, NJ 07405. Purpose: General.

**Julia New York LLC** Arts of Org. filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 7/17/09. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 214-44 40th Ave, Bayside, NY 11361. General Purposes.

**Name of LLC: Full Metal Fishie LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 5/23/16. Office loc.: Queens Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

**Notice of formation of 10218 REALTY LLC**, a limited liability company, Art. of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/2016. Office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to c/o 10218 REALTY LLC, 102-18 37TH AVE, CORONA, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Notice of Formation of 11M SKY VIEW LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/31/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lam, Po & Xu, CPA's, 1170 Corporate Dr. W., Ste. 204, Arlington, TX 76006. Purpose: Real estate rental.

**Notice of Formation of 37-11 EB-5 MANAGER, LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/05/16. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: None. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Notice of formation of Cheng & Cuihao LLC** Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on May 19, 2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1464 212th ST Apt 2, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Notice of formation of GRAHAM-CONSELYEA REALTY LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/5/2016. Office location, County of Queens. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to and the street address is 60-16 76th St., Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: any lawful act

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: NIMBUS FEDERAL SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/05/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 4610 CENTER BLVD. APT. 1213 LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11109. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: EMPIRE NEGOTIATION SERVICES L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/17/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: RITCHIE BEVANS 133-20 142ND STREET JAMAICA, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ABL COMPUTERS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/29/2003. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ALVION LEGALL 145-29 119TH AVENUE SOUTH OZONE, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SWEET HYENA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/24/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC 90 STATE STREET STE 700 BOX 80 ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LOAD LAUNDROMAT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/16/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: RIMON KAMEL 23-04 143 STREET #3F WHITESTONE, NY 11357. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**Notice of formation of My Organized Space, LLC**. Articles of Organization are filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY

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on 5/6/16. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**Notice of Formation of ROSINI REALTY LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/17/16. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 24-02 40th Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Notice of formation of Spectra Home LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/07/2009. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to c/o Law Office of Z Tan PLLC, 39-07 Prince Street, Suite 3B, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Notice of Qualification of Optima Healthcare Solutions, LLC**. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/26/16. Office location: Queens County. LLC organized in FL on 6/17/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. FL and principal business address: 4229 SW High Meadows Ave., Palm City, FL 34990-3726. Cert. of Org. filed with FL Sec. of State, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

**OM SAIBABA LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/20/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 4332 Kissena Blvd Apt 14K Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**QH PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/7/14. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to C/O Bernhard Hentsch 22 Shadettree Ln Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Registered Agent: Qiang Hua Chen 22 Shadettree Ln Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on MAY 25 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000177-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) RHEA (Middle) NADIA (Last) BATTH. My present name is (First) RHEA (Middle) NADIA (Last) PERSAUD AKA RHEA N. PERSAUD. My present address is 88-22 195th Street, Hollis, NY 11423-2025. My place of birth is GUYANA. My date of birth is September 27, 1983.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on MAY 16 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000047-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) JOHN (Middle) LEROY (Last) DAAL. My present name is (First) JOHN (Middle) LEROY (Last) SINGH AKA JOHN DAAL, AKA JOHN LEROY DAAL. My present address is 116-27 142nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11436-1234. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is AUGUST 13, 1995.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on JUNE 20 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000366-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) CYRUS (Middle) GEISSLER (Last) DICKEY. My present name is (First) C Y R U S G E I S S L E R (Middle) SANTOS (Last) BORRES (infant). My present address is 90-40 180TH STREET, 1ST FLOOR, Jamaica, NY 11432. My place of birth is PHILIPPINES. My date of birth is January 16, 2007.

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**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on MAY 25 2016, bearing Index Number NC-000197-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) DESDEMONA (Last) RAISER. My present name is (First) DESDEMONA (Middle) KIAUNNA (Last) CARRUTH. My present address is 6113 Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365-2155. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is June 27, 1994.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

Supreme Court County Of Queens  
PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
Arnold Belgrave, Nowti Belgrave, et al, Defendant  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/30/2015 and entered on 5/12/2015, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on July 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM premises known as 107-33 Princeton Street, Jamaica, NY 11435. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 10084, LOT: 4. Approximate amount of judgment is \$666,306.93 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 700756/2013.  
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**S U M M O N S W I T H N O T I C E**  
**M O R T G A G E D**  
**P R E M I S E S:** 46-10 Oceania Street, Bayside, New York 11361. SBL #: 7308 - 41.  
Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.  
**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**S U P R E M E C O U R T:** COUNTY OF QUEENS  
**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST SERIES INABS 2007-A, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN A S S E T - B A C K E D C E R T I F I C A T E S S E R I E S** INABS 2007-A, Plaintiff, -against-  
**UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. ASHLEY A/K/A DONNA ASHLEY, AMANDA FITZPATRICK, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. ASHLEY A/K/A DONNA ASHLEY, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the P l a i n t i f f ;**  
**E N V I R O N M E N T A L C O N T R O L B O A R D, N E W Y O R K** STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken

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against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
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THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$315,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of QUEENS on February 12, 2007, in CRFN NUMBER 2007000080607, covering premises known as 46-10 Oceania Street, Bayside, New York 11361, - BL #: 7308 - 41.  
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.  
TO the Defendants AMANDA FITZPATRICK, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. ASHLEY A/K/A DONNA ASHLEY AND UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. ASHLEY A/K/A DONNA ASHLEY, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Howard G. Lane of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated March 22, 2016. Dated: New Rochelle, NY March 2, 2016  
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C. /s/ Donna Akirnele, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210 New Rochelle, NY 10801 p.914-636-8900 f.914-636-8901  
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The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, 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.  
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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 distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

### Index No. 711902/2015.

Date Filed: 05/27/16.  
**S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S W I T H N O T I C E M O R T G A G E P R E M I S E S:** 150-26 116TH ROAD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK 11434. BL #: 12202 - 14.  
Plaintiff designates QUEENS County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action.  
**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F THE STATE OF NEW YORK:** COUNTY OF QUEENS  
**HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff,** -against-  
**GOLAM MOSTAFA A/K/A GOLAM S. MOSTAFA A/K/A GOLAM SIKDER MOSTAFA A/K/A SIKDER G. MOSTAFA, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest**

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and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may 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 their respective husbands, wives or window, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, ET AL., 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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
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THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$372,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of QUEENS on November 25, 2008, in CRF number 2008000454863, covering premises known as 150-26 116th Road, Jamaica, New York 11434 - BL #: 12202 - 14.  
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described

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above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.  
TO the Defendant Golam Mostafa a/k/a Golam S. Mostafa a/k/a Golam SIKDER Mostafa a/k/a SIKDER G. Mostafa, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Allan B. Weiss, JSC of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, dated May 13, 2016. Dated: New Rochelle, New York May 26, 2016  
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C. /s/ Sonia J. Baez, Esquire Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900 File #15-313072  
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them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F THE STATE OF NEW YORK** COUNTY OF QUEENS BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SEAVON CONDOMINIUM, Plaintiff, against JOHN R. BEATTIE; LAURA C. BEATTIE; TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10", the last ten (10) names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the person or parties intended being the person or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint. Defendants. Index No.: 707132/2015 To the following Defendants: JOHN R. BEATTIE and LAURA C. BEATTIE 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 date of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint, to wit: Costs, disbursements and reasonable attorneys fees associated with commencing this action. The foregoing summons originally dated July 8, 2015, served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable LESLIE J. PURIFICACION, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and is filed with the complaint and other papers in the Clerk of the County of Queens, in Jamaica, New York. The nature of the action is for Plaintiff to foreclosure on a lien for unpaid common charges against the property known as 11814 Ocean Promenade, 5C, Rockaway, New York 11694 (Block 16228, Lot 1015, Unit 5C). Dated: June 9, 2016 Schneider Mitola, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiffs 666 Old County Road, Suite 412, Garden City, New York 11530.

**S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S A N D N O T I C E - S U P R E M E C O U R T O F THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS -THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C E R T I F I C A T E H O L D E R S O F THE CWABS, INC., A S S E T - B A C K E D C E R T I F I C A T E S S E R I E S**



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2005-AB4, Plaintiff, against JARED KING, if living, and if he be dead, any and all other persons, who may claim as devisees, distributees, legal representatives and successors in interest of said defendants, all of whom and whose places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "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, described in the complaint, Defendants-Index no. 2977/2015. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial situs of the real property. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE; New York State law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND

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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 of 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 office, 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 the New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800- 269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>. 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 distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Frederick D. R. Sampson filed March 11, 2016. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 104-19 89th Avenue, Richmond Hill, New York located at Block 9290 and Lot 64 Dated: December 30, 2015 Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy and Fenchel, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Danielle Razzouk, Esq., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530 (516) 222-6200.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**  
Index No. 12697/2014  
Filed: June 10, 2016  
Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS**  
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master

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Participation Trust Plaintiff, -against - Cecil Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of William Smith, deceased, Brenda Smith, as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, if Brenda Smith be living and if she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, William Smith as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, Selwyn Smith as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, Akeem Smith, as Heir to the Estate of William Smith, deceased, United States of America, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Shakira Mclaurin, Shativa Mclaurin, Troy Starks, Charmaine Blount, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). 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 a Mortgage to secure \$256,900.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on April 20, 2007, in CRFN 2007000206042, covering premises known as 189-35 117th Road, Saint Albans, NY 11412. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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Cecil Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of William Smith 1434 East 88th Street, 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 1 1236 Brenda Smith, as Heir to the Estate of William Smith United States of America New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS**  
INDEX # 10304/2009  
FILED: 6/15/2016  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., 3476 Stateview Boulevard, Ft. Mill, SC 29715, Plaintiff(s), against JOYCE PIERRE, WARREN BROWN, any possible unknown heirs at law of Warren Brown if living, and if any be dead, their 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 defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein; CONTACT RESOURCES SERVICES, LLC; NEW YORK CITY CRIMINAL COURT; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; JACQUELINE SMALL; TODD BALLEJ; ROLAND SMALL; SUNRISE CREDIT CORPORATION; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of

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Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises.) 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 YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United 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 bearing the date of April 22, 2008, executed by Joyce Pierre, a single person to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to secure the sum of \$513,300.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County on July 25, 2008 in CRFN: 2008000296859. That Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. duly assigned said Note and Mortgage to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by Assignment dated June 8, 2010 and recorded on June 9, 2011 in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County in CRFN: 2011000205403, covering premises known as 183-140 th Avenue and 183-16 140th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, NY

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11413 (Block 13041 and Lot 7). 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 amended order of the Hon. Marguerite A. Grays, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on 06/06/2016. 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, City and State of New York, Block 13041, Lot 7, said premises known as 183-14 140 th Avenue and 183-16 140th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. 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. There is now due and owing on said mortgage the following amounts: Principal balance of \$512,496.74, plus interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum from July 1, 2008, advances of \$757.11, unpaid late charges in the amount of \$490.21 and inspection fees of \$60.00, together with monies advanced for taxes, insurance, maintenance of premises and the costs, allowances and reasonable attorney's fees if permitted by the mortgage. 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

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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 Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>. 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 distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF QUEENS  
SUMMONS  
INDEX #: 712098/2015  
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COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BAYSIDE, Plaintiffs, -against- M. Murphy, "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE", said names being fictitious, et al., Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney

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within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to answer or appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the accompanying Complaint. QUEENS County is designated as the place of

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trial. The basis of venue is the location of the premises in question. Dated: December 18, 2014 Long Island City, New York Law Offices of Stavros S. Skenderis Attorney for Plaintiff 22 Beaver Street, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10004 Property Address: 206-40 45th Drive, Bayside, NY 11361 BLOCK: 7307 LOT: 0021 Borough of: QUEENS, NY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has

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been commenced and is now pending in this court on the complaint of the above-named plaintiff against the above-named defendants pursuant to N.Y. Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law Article 15. Plaintiff's action seeks to compel the determination of claims to real property located at 206-40 45th Drive, Bayside, NY, 11361, Block: 7307, Lot: 0021, County of Queens, New York. In the complaint, plaintiff demands judgment

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that the defendants and all persons claiming under them be forever barred of all claims to an estate or interest in the real property described in the complaint and that plaintiff is vested with an absolute and unencumbered title in fee in the real property. Plaintiff also prays that the court grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the premises affected by this action are situated in the

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County of QUEENS, State of New York, BLOCK 7307, and LOT 0021, more particularly described in paragraph THIRD of the Complaint, which is annexed to and made a part of this notice. TOGETHER with all right, title and interest of the defendants in and to the land lying in the streets and roads in front of and adjoining said premises.

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