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Taxi advocate asks lender to help drivers

BY GINA MARTINEZ

David Beier, the president of the Committee for Taxi Safety, is asking the National Credit Union Administration to work with medallion owners to make reasonable repayment plans.

NCUA assumed control of Melrose Credit Union, located at 139-30 Queens Blvd. in Jamaica, in February 2017 after the state Department of Financial Services found “unsafe and unsound conditions.”

Borrowers used Melrose to finance the purchase of New York City taxi medallions. In 2014 taxi medallions sold for up to \$1.3 million, but that value has dropped to \$160,000. Melrose’s loan portfolio is more than 90 percent comprised of medallion-backed loans, and medallion owners who borrowed from Melrose are being met with what they are calling unfair repayment demands. As a result, NCUA has required many medallion loans to be rapidly repaid in full, resulting in the bankruptcy of 35 taxi industry borrowers.

Last week Beier wrote a
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Queensbridge roofs complete

Ravenswood scores victory over decades-long problem with garbage trucks

BY BILL PARRY

Embattled NYCHA Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye was conspicuously absent when Mayor Bill de Blasio came to the Queensbridge Houses for a rooftop press briefing last week. She was on a family vacation, the mayor explained, but on Tuesday Olatoye announced she would depart the post at the end of April.

“While the challenges facing public housing are significant -- I’m incredibly proud of the leadership team we’ve assembled and the strides we’ve made over the last four years to speed up repair times, reduce crime, launch a major development program to bring NYCHA into the 21st century,” she said at the Ocean Bay Bayside Apartments in Arverne.

The mayor had come to Long Island City to announce that all 26 roofs at the Queensbridge Houses in Long Island City have been completely replaced for the first time in more than 30 years.

The nearly \$56 million replacement project will benefit the complex’s 13,000 residents by reducing mold, which can cause asthma and other respiratory diseases, and end the chronic leaking, which can cause damage to the building’s physical structure.

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11,000 ATTEND LEGO FEST



At the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, kids poured into the museum for a two-day binge called Brick Fest Live, a fan-sponsored event in honor of the addictive block game.

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Photo by Michael Shain

Reyes remembered in Sunnyside

BY BILL PARRY

Street safety advocates marked the one-year anniversary of the tragic death of Gelasio Reyes Sunday with a ride and rally at the Sunnyside intersection where the Corona father of three and an active member of

the Queens cycling community was killed by a drunk driver while he cycled home from work.

Ten days after Gelasio’s death, another cyclist was critically injured by a turning truck in the same intersection at 39th Street and 43rd Avenue, leading

to a public outcry for protected bike lanes in the area.

Transportation Alternatives Queens Committee and Ciclistas Latinoamericanos de New York hosted the ride and rally that began at Oaxaca Taqueria, where Reyes used his bike to make de
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Safe streets advocates rededicate a ghost bike in honor of Gelasio Reyes on the one-year anniversary of his death.
Courtesy of Ben Turner

Fresh foods lacking

Unhealthy options plague Corona, Jamaica, Jax Hgts: Report



**FOR EVERY SIX CORNER
STORES AND FIVE FAST-FOOD
RESTAURANTS, THERE IS
ONLY ONE SUPERMARKET**

Fast food restaurants outnumber supermarkets with fresh foods in Jamaica, Corona and Jackson Heights, according to a report from Public Health Solutions.

Courtesy of Public Health Solutions

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Corona, Jackson Heights and Jamaica were identified as food swamps in a report from Public Health Solutions, one of the largest public health nonprofits in New York City dedicated to helping families through research.

Public Health Solutions was established by the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in 1957.

In the summer and the fall of 2014 eight data collectors from the nonprofit examined 3,661 sites across the three neighborhoods and discovered that fast food joints and corner stores outnumbered supermarkets that provided fresh food in those areas.

For every one supermarket, there were six corner stores and five fast-food restaurants, according to the research.

Limited access to fresh food is not only a detriment to the health of an individual, according to the organization, but also to the survival of a community.

"When we think about the avenues for achieving health and wellness, we don't often take into consideration the health disparities that are built into the geographic areas in which we live," said Lisa David, president and CEO of Pub-

lic Health Solutions. "We take for granted that healthy food options—even those as basic as supermarkets—are available and accessible, but this isn't the reality for many New Yorkers."

Corona had the most supermarkets (29) out of the three neighborhoods, but also the most fast food places (146) and corner stores (160). Jamaica had the fewest corner stores (114) and fast food places (97) as well as the least supermarkets (11). Jackson Heights fell in the middle in terms of supermarkets (27), corner stores (143) and fast food joints (125).

At the time of the report neither Jamaica nor Jackson Heights had a farmers market, and Corona had one, and all three regions had more liquor stores than fruit and vegetable carts and stores selling produce.

Another threat to the well-being of the communities highlighted during the 2014 research was the number of vacant lots, which the nonprofit associated with leading to higher incidences of crime that could affect the neighborhoods.

Jamaica had 40 vacant lots, Jackson Heights had seven and Corona had eight, according to the data. The empty lots outnumbered the amount of community gardens in two out of

the three areas. In the research Jackson Heights did not have a community garden at all.

While the vacant lots were seen as a threat to the prosperity of each neighborhood, the nonprofit suggested each dormant space had the potential to be a boon in terms of providing healthy food options if they were transformed into community gardens.

"Laying the ground work for thriving and healthy communities across New York City requires a multi-pronged approach: first, identifying and bringing awareness to local issues, and second, working with communities to develop impactful solutions," said Sabrina Baronberg, senior director of food and nutrition programs at Public Health Solutions.

The only businesses to outnumber the fast food restaurants, corner stores, liquor stores and vacant lots were beauty salons.

Jamaica had 173 beauty salons, Corona had 179 and Jackson Heights had 191.

Public Health Solutions suggested reaching out to the business owners of beauty salons to foster community health and having their employees act as wellness advocates by distributing public health materials

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Queens Village teen wins beauty pageant crown

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Queens Village's own Cayla Kumar will receive a resolution on the state Senate floor April 30 by Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) for winning Miss New York's Outstanding Teen contest last week and for her countless hours of volunteer service.

"Cayla is a remarkable individual who has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to her family, her community, and her passion for making a positive impact on the lives of those suffering from pediatric cancer," said Comrie. "I was proud to help bring attention to her tremendous accomplishments and advocacy by putting forth a congratulatory resolution in the State Senate."

Before capturing the title Saturday, Cayla volunteered 4,100 hours in community service over the course of four years and raised \$25,000 in cancer research for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as its first youth ambassador (2012).

"I'm very excited and I'm honored," said Cayla. "It's a bit overwhelming, because so many people are supporting me now and it's just an amazing feeling to have a team behind me and my community supporting me," added the 15-year-old, who was teased for being naturally thin at school.

As the local winner of Miss Bronx's Outstanding Teen, the contest open to everyone in downstate New York to represent the city, she spent her spare time cooking meals for families with Ronald McDonald House charities, a nonprofit that helps sick children, and raising funds for children's cancer research with her

"Gold Ribbon Project: Curing Pediatric Cancer" platform.

She will have a shot at representing the Big Apple from July 24 to July 26 in the preliminaries for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen at the national finals in Orlando, Florida.

The final night of the competition is July 28.

"Now I will be competing against the other 49 states [and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico]," said Cayla. "I'm even more nervous, because I already set my goal in what I wanted to achieve with my platform, which was to advocate [for childhood cancer] a lot more."

Miss America's Outstanding Teen is a scholarship-based sister program to the Miss America Organization, according to missny.org. It encourages scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, a healthy lifestyle and community involvement.

"I walked into school this morning and everyone was walking around saying 'Congratulations, Cayla, Congratulations, Cayla, I'm so proud of you!'" said the pageant queen. "Now everyone is asking about volunteering with me."

Since her win six classmates have approached her to learn more about the organizations that she volunteers with.

"They want to help give back and be apart of [my] journey," said Cayla.

Cayla won Miss New York's Outstanding Teen competition after completing a fitness routine, a Bollywood fusion dance, an evening gown segment, an interview section and an on-stage question.

As the winner of Miss New York's Outstanding Teen Cayla won a \$1,000 cash scholarship and a \$2,000 scholarship from the Children's Miracle

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CAYLA KUMAR

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Nas brings Sweet Chick home to Queens

Rapper with ties to Queensbridge opens new chain location in Long Island City

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

In the '80s and '90s, Long Island City's golden age of hip-hop produced amazing talent like legendary rapper Nas.

With the grand opening in LIC of popular chicken and waffles hot spot Sweet Chick Monday, partners Nas and John Seymour have brought their restaurant chain home to Queens – Nas' original stomping grounds.

Located at 46-42 Vernon Blvd., the eatery's fourth NYC location (and its fifth, nationally) offers a tempting variety of their classic finger-lickin' Southern comfort foods, cooked with a modern twist and created by Executive Chef Lawrence Duda.

Unique dinner and anytime dishes include crab cake or fried chicken sliders, crawfish hush puppies, crusted catfish, and short rib meatloaf. For brunch, you and your family can sample their ricotta pancakes, Eggs Benedict, mac and

cheese, and other tasty fare, like shrimp and grits. Prices for main dishes range from \$9 to \$26.

And who can say no to donut ice cream sandwiches, chocolate latte cake, and bourbon apple cobbler?

The restaurant chain was founded in 2013 by John Seymour, who opened his first Sweet Chick in Williamsburg. It caught the attention of Nas, a successful entrepreneur who grew up in Queensbridge. He invested in and eventually became co-founder of the food empire, and is credited with spreading Sweet Chick to the West Coast.

"The opening of the Queens location is a big moment for Nas and I. To be able to open up a few blocks from where Nas grew up and spread the Sweet Chick love all the way from Brooklyn (our first location), touches home for both of us," said Seymour. "We're excited to be in LIC and continue to create a sense of community



Now opening its fourth location in New York City, the chicken and waffle hot spot, Sweet Chick, has come to Queens. Legendary rapper Nas (second from r.) and restaurateur John Seymour (r.) opened the restaurant April 9 in Long Island City.

Courtesy of Sweet Chick

for everyone. For us it's magic to see music, food and people coming together."

On any given day, you'll find Seymour behind the bar, not only serving his customers, but also talking and bond-

ing with them.

And rumor has it, you can choose from over 10 guzzle-worthy cocktails with names like "Purple Drank," "Christopher Wallace," and "Cuffin Season" – all specially concocted by bev-

erage director Wilmer Reyes.

With a new private back room inspired by the jazz clubs of Harlem, where chicken and waffles had its roots, the Queens location is a tribute to Nas' jazz musician father, Olu Dara. And that much-requested backroom is a cool space for exclusive parties and events.

Already booming in Brooklyn, the Lower East Side, and Prospect Heights, Sweet Chick is also expanding its presence in Queens to Citi Field, with a new 'Lil Sweet Chick' menu, the first of this new concept to serve Sweet Chick favorites on the go.

Long Island City can certainly use more neighborhood spots and Sweet Chick is a welcome addition – there to provide not only great food but a place where customers can feel like family.

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Mayor announces new NYCHA head

De Blasio introduces Stan Brezenoff after tour through renovated Rockaway facilities

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Mayor Bill de Blasio toured the recently renovated Ocean Bay Bayside Houses Tuesday in Far Rockaway, which featured new kitchens and bathrooms, calling it a model for the rest of the NYCHA repairs that will happen around the city.

Following the tour he also announced the new interim chair of NYCHA, Stan Brezenoff, who will take over after Chairwoman Shola Olatoyez steps down from the position next month. Olatoyez, who the mayor strongly defended, was wrapped up in controversy in a lead paint scandal.

The city Department of Investigation reported that Olatoyez falsely certified that NYCHA was in compliance with lead paint inspection requirements. DOI said that since 2012 the authority neglected doing the required annual inspections of apartments that may have lead contamination.

Olatoyez said she is not resigning because of the controversy but because she felt she did all she could do



Mayor Bill de Blasio hosts a press conference at the Ocean Bay Bayside Apartments.

Photo by Gina Martinez

during her tenure.

The Ocean Bay upgrades came from the Rental Assistance Demonstration program. That initiative preserves public housing while allowing for pri-

vate investment in renovations and infrastructure. De Blasio praised Olatoyez's hard work with the RAD program, which has already reached 14,000 families, and called it a model that

works. He plans to apply it more broadly to the other 400,000 residents of NYCHA over the next 10 years.

All 1,400 apartments in the Ocean Bay complex are being

renovated with brand new kitchens and bathrooms. De Blasio said the roofs, heating systems, elevators and windows at each of the 24 buildings are being fully replaced, and new rooftop solar arrays and a flood wall are under construction.

De Blasio said for decades, public housing did not get the investment it deserved from the federal and state governments. He said when he first took office, he and Olatoyez began investing in NYCHA.

"There was no law that required it," he said. "There was no mandate. It was just the right thing to do."

De Blasio added that the administration ended the practice of NYCHA having to pay the NYPD for police services and put that money into speeding up the repairs that residents needed. De Blasio said his administration added \$2.1 billion to NYCHA for major capital initiatives and \$1.6 billion for operating funds.

"We know that those investments made a difference," he said. "That's a massive investment

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Crowley holds town hall to examine gun issues

BY GINA MARTINEZ

U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) held a town hall at East Elmhurst Community Library Saturday where community members raised their concerns about gun reform in Congress.

Following the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., the national gun debate has been at the forefront. Seventeen people — 14 teenagers and three adults — were killed and 17 more were wounded during the shooting by a former student. Surviving students took to social media and challenged lawmakers on gun reform, eventually organizing the March 24 rally "March for our Lives" in support of stricter gun control in Washington, D.C., as well as sister rallies in



U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley addresses a constituent at Saturday's town hall.

Photo by Gina Martinez

major cities across the country. About 50 attendees at the 95-06 Astoria Blvd. library event discussed mental health, annual inspections and access to guns, among other topics.

One attendee said she was frustrated with the focus on

mental health, which she called a popular way to divert attention from the real issue of there being too many guns available.

"Mental health is so far from being understood," she told Crowley. "If we deflect our interest from trying to stop the sale of dangerous assault weapons to this psychological issue, we're going to just going to get bogged down."

Crowley agreed, but said better understanding of mental health issues is necessary in general. He said that in the meantime, the only safe way to prevent people with mental health problems from getting their hands on guns is by making it harder for everyone to get one.

"When we look at these shootings we look at motive, what drives someone to do

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Maloney hails victory against sex traffickers

BY BILL PARRY

Survivors of sex trafficking joined U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) for a rally on the steps of City Hall Monday celebrating the FBI's seizure and shutdown of Backpage.com and other websites that allegedly help those engaged in human trafficking.

Maloney was a lead co-sponsor of the bipartisan Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act that passed in the House and Senate and while it awaits President Trump to formally sign it into law, websites known to advertise sex with trafficking victims are already shutting down.

"Today, we celebrate another huge step in the fight against modern-day slavery," Maloney said. "Congress overwhelmingly passed this

transformational bill to combat online sex trafficking and clarify a 1996 law that inadvertently protected these online sellers of sex. Survivors and their families who tried to bring civil actions against these sites were getting shut out of court, and prosecutors who were trying to crack down on these websites had their hands tied. But no more! The way Backpage.com — and websites like it — do business is simply wrong, and the law should leave no room for confusion about that. These websites are not merely platforms; they are active participants in the sale of people for commercial sex. Their time is up."

In response to the popularity of Craigslist, the online advertising site, Backpage's predecessor opened a free

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Peralta back with Dems

Ramos presses primary challenge as he “shows no remorse”

BY BILL PARRY

Two days after Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the renegade Independent Democratic Conference had dissolved and reunited with the mainline Democrats in Albany, state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) declared it an historic moment that has put the Democratic Party in a position to take over the majority in the Senate for just the second time in more than 50 years.

“We are living in a great moment and all Democrats should be rejoicing,” Peralta said in an interview at the TimesLedger offices. “For years now Democrats have been saying there should be unity, that both sides should come together, and here we are. I joined the IDC because there was no clear path to victory to get to the majority, but all that has changed now.”

Peralta said reunification became possible with a new cooperation among congressional leadership to take back

the House of Representatives in Washington tied to coordination to recapture the state Senate with the governor and the county leaders in all five boroughs.

“For once all the pieces are coming together and we’re one step closer to history and come November we’ll be celebrating a very good majority and then we can pass progressive issues,” Peralta said. “In the interest of the greater good we decided as a group and now we’re going to drive the train in the right direction.”

Peralta’s primary challenger, Jackson Heights resident Jessica Ramos, is refusing to step aside along with seven other candidates who are seeking to unseat former members of the IDC, blaming their power-sharing arrangements with Republicans for seven years of GOP budgets that the candidates say have hurt the working class.

“Part of the reason I’m running is I’m emblematic of the

voter who was hurt by this budget and the one before it,” Ramos said. “There’s no talk of real rent reform, there are no tenant protections in the last two budgets and the only fix that made it into the budget for the MTA was the surcharge on for hire vehicles, which is a drop in the bucket compared to the investment we have to make in our infrastructure.”

Peralta was not surprised Ramos stayed in the race.

“Look, it’s a Democracy and in a Democracy people can run,” he said.

Last month, City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) became the first elected official to endorse an anti-IDC candidate when he announced his support for Ramos. City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) followed one week later and he has given no thought to walking it back in the interest of party unity.

“No, nothing has changed
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State Sen. Jose Peralta is reuniting with mainline Democrats after the IDC was dissolved, but challenger Jessica Ramos will continue her campaign to unseat him.
Photos by Mark Hallum and Michael Shain

Cuomo, IDC reach deal to reunite Dems in state

BY MARK HALLUM

State Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) was smiling as he spoke about the reunification of Democrats in the Legislature and the dissolution of the Independent Democratic Conference in a TimesLedger interview on April 6.

Cuomo and leading members of the IDC announced the plans to bring the mainline party back together in an effort to confront attacks from the Trump administration on progressive values in New York as the mutual desire to win back the majority in the Senate once and for all.

Cuomo led a Manhattan press conference with state Sens. Jeff Klein (D-Bronx) and Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) April 4 in which he referred to the federal tax plan as an “economic missile” launched at the state



(From l. - r.) State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Gov. Cuomo and state Sen. Jeff Klein announced the IDC would dissolve and its members would return to the mainline party.
Courtesy of Governor’s office/Don Pollard

and the anti-immigrant stance of the Trump administration as “repugnant” to the progressive values of New Yorkers.

“New York is under attack by an ultraconservative government in Washington that is threatening the progressive soul and economic

base of our state,” Cuomo explained at the Manhattan news conference. “Everything we stand for, they are against. Today, we are uniting the Democratic Party to fight a common enemy for the greater good. I want to thank all the individual members for putting aside their personal interests to unify as Democrats and continue to make New York the strong progressive leader that it is. But our work is not done. By joining together as Democrats, we will continue to fight to achieve the entirety of our bold agenda to make New York a fairer, safer, more equal state for all.”

The IDC, which included state Sens. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) and Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst), was formed in 2011 in the hope of passing progressive legislation in the face of the conservative Republican majority in

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A new report on Rikers Island entitled “One Year Forward” was released by the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform.
Photo by Michael Shain

Early Rikers close?

BY GINA MARTINEZ

A follow-up report on Rikers Island said the prison complex can be closed before the 10-year timeline Mayor Bill de Blasio announced last year with a few additional amendments to the plan.

Last year the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform released the report, “A More Just New York City,” which outlines a plan to close down

the infamous prison within 10 years that was adopted by the mayor. In an updated report, “One Year Forward,” the commission said thanks to changes in policy since its last report, the jail population has dropped by nearly 10 percent, showing that the goal can be accomplished even sooner than originally thought. The commission said with state approval of designs, Rikers can close as soon as 2024.

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Stepfather gets 150 years in sisters' rape

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Lorenzo Arline was sentenced to 150 years in prison Tuesday for the decade-long sexual assault of his two stepdaughters that resulted in the births of eight children.

A month earlier, Arline was found guilty of seven counts of first- and second-degree rape in a 30-minute deliberation by a jury in Queens Supreme Court.

"Today's sentencing concludes an unbelievable case of sexual abuse at the hands of someone who should have been caring for and protecting these young girls," said Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

Trial testimony said Arline started to abuse his stepdaughters in 2005 by first forcing the young girls, who were 11 and 14 at the time, to sleep naked in bed with him.

In a deposition, Police Officer Rocco Biondo of the Special Victims Squad said the elder of the two girls confessed to him that the abuse escalated after she had a verbal confrontation



A Brooklyn man was sentenced to 150 years in prison for raping his stepdaughters.

with her stepfather, who was 31 at the time.

The officer said Arline struck his older stepdaughter daughter in the face several times, threatened her with a violent physical act and then

sexually assaulted her.

On another occasion the elder sister left her home in Arverne, Far Rockaway, to socialize with friends without permission and was ordered to meet him on his way

home, at which point he brutally dragged her by her feet, scraped her face against cement pavement and violently raped her once he brought her back home, according to trial testimony.

Over the course of 10 years the victim bore five of his children, Brown said.

Trial testimony showed that Arline threatened the younger sister with physical harm when she was 12 and after years of being raped by her stepfather she bore three children.

"This defendant used threats and actual assault to continually rape and control his stepdaughters," said Brown. "As a result of this defendant's vile actions, he rightfully will spend the rest of his life behind bars."

Police were notified of the years of physical and sexual abuse when the elder sister was 24 years old and reported it to an official at one of her children's school after Arline struck her in the face again and broke a tooth.

In October 2015 the NYPD arrested Arline and charged him with two counts of rape.

"Hopefully, the victims in this case can find some solace in knowing their abuser will never hurt another child again," said Brown.



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Exam opt-outs OK

Dromm calls on DOE to inform parents of right to skip state tests

BY BILL PARRY

City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) rallied with parents, students, teachers and education advocates Monday in Jackson Heights to demand that the city Department of Education inform parents of their right to opt their children out of state exams.

With the New York State English Language and Arts exams scheduled for this week and math exams next month, Dromm, a public school teacher for 25 years before his election to the City Council in 2009, is adamant that parents be informed of this right.

“Our children are more than just test scores. They are more than just a number on a sheet of paper,” Dromm said. “Test scores alone tell you little about a student and the school they attend. These exams were originally intended to assess academic development. They were never intended to be used to rank and evaluate schools and grade students. While minor changes have been made to the tests in response to parent outcry, unfortunately, these exams are still being used inappropriately. The DOE has still not done an adequate job of informing parents of their right to opt out despite demands from parents, educators and activists.”

He pointed out that in 2015, the City Council passed a resolution asking school officials to inform parents about the opt-out provision. “Why has the department made so little progress over the past three years?” Dromm asked.

Last year nearly 225,000 New York state public school students chose to opt out. Parents decided not to put their children through the pressure of testing because they disagree with policies that reduce education to a few test scores. In New York City the percentage of students opting out of state exams has always been lower with just 3 percent sitting out the math exam last year, according to the New York Times.

“Because 20 percent of the parents across the state refuse the tests for their children, we have seen some



City Councilman Daniel Dromm calls on the city Department of Education to inform parents of their right to opt out of state exams.

Courtesy of Dromm's office

improvements,” Jackson Heights People for Public Schools organizer Amanda Vender said. “But in NYC, there is a lot of fear among parents. We know of many cases of immigrant parents being misinformed and even threatened by administrators if they want to opt out. We need to do our part and take a stand for the rich curriculum we know all children deserve, not test-prep.”

Other activists complained that school curricula has been narrowed to tested subjects at the expense of meaningful learning.

“Public education, which is a democratic institution and part of the common good, is sliding into the hands of privatizers and the corporations that make the tests,” NYC Opt Out Organizer Janine Sopp said. “Our tax dollars pay for our schools and they belong to us. Exercise your right to refuse the tests and do your part to boycott the corporate agenda. Do what you know is

right for your child and for public education.”

The organizations NY State Allies for Public Education and NYC Opt Out have resources on their websites, www.nysape.org and www.optoutnyc.com, on how to opt out of high stakes standardized tests.

“Students are more than a single test score, and state tests are one valuable tool for schools and educators to know how they’re doing and how they can improve instruction,” DOE Press Secretary Toya Holness said. “The state has made real changes to its exams over the past three years in response to legitimate concerns from the community. The DOE also continues to share detailed information on the state exams through its Parent and Schools Guides.”

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Far Rock health center expansion commences

BY BILL PARRY

Elected officials and community leaders joined Denham Wolff Real Estate Services Tuesday to break-ground for the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center expansion project in Avero.

With a new 22,000-square-foot addition to its facilities, the center will double in size to further its mission of providing essential health services to medically underserved residents of the Rockaway peninsula through increased patient capacity, enhanced storm resiliency measures, and new community empowerment and development services.

“Like my father, the Addabbo Family Health Center has dedicated itself to helping others,” state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) said. “Providing quality affordable and accessible health care to the residents of the Rockaway peninsula is critical. The Addabbo family is truly appreciative and proud of the work done by everyone at the health center and its partners. This new expansion will have a direct benefit in improving health care for the residents of Rockaway.”

The health center, located at 6200 Beach Channel Drive, lies within a federally designated Medically Underserved Area. Since its establishment in 1968, the Addabbo Family Health Center has been the largest federally qualified health center in Queens, providing holistic services to the surrounding low-income community that is disproportionately affected by poor health outcomes. The facility offers a comprehensive range of results-driven services, including primary care for children and adults, nutrition education, domestic violence support, and HIV intervention, prevention, and treatment among many others.

“The holistic, community-based health care provided by the Addabbo Family Health Center is needed more now than ever in Far Rockaway,” Denham Wolf

Real Estate Services Co-President Jonathan Denham said. “Increasing the physical capacity of this facility is crucial to expanding the care, services, and economic opportunity available to a community that has been historically underserved.”

State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway Beach) called on the city Economic Development Corporation to permanently reinstate the Downtown Far Rockaway Shuttle Bus to the Rockaway Ferry.

The shuttle provided transportation from the ferry terminal on Beach 108th Street to Mott Avenue, Wavecrest Gardens on Beach 20th and back to the terminal. Until Jan. 18, the EDC operated the shuttle as a pilot program that was utilized by residents living in Far Rockaway who commute to Manhattan.

“Since its inception the ferry has become an integral part of our community — not continuing the shuttle in the Far Rockaway community is ignoring the fact that the whole peninsula should have access to this service,” Pheffer Amato said. “The opportunity for transit must remain. The city needs to be looking for options to improve transportation for residents, not just tourists in the summer — it’s unfair and makes no sense.”

The EDC found that during the pilot only 3 percent of Rockaway Ferry riders used the DTFR shuttle service and an MTA bus provides the same connection and leaves much more frequently, every 10 minutes compared to a shuttle run every hour. Only 15 riders surveyed said they would not take the ferry once the shuttle trial ends. Given those findings, the EDC does not have plans to extend the pilot.

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Ravenswood Community Survey



The Western Queens neighborhoods of Greater Astoria & Long Island City have seen a tremendous amount of change and growth in the last several years. Often, as zoning and other changes are proposed, residents feel left out of the process. Queens Community Board 1 is surveying those who live, work and play in Ravenswood. We want to know how you feel about your neighborhood-what's good, what needs improving-to ensure that the voice of the community informs any future proposed zoning or development.

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Police were searching for a suspect wanted in connection with a series of robberies in southeast Queens. NYPD

NYPD hunts for suspect in six SE Qns robberies

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Police were searching for a suspect wanted for questioning in connection with a string of robberies that occurred over the course of a month in southeast Queens.

Authorities are interested in talking to the suspect about six robberies that have yielded \$32,470 in stolen merchandise and money from cell phone stores, auto repair stores and electronic stores. The robberies took place in Rosedale and Queens Village and some were within hours of each other, according to the NYPD.

The male suspect was last seen wearing a ski mask and dark clothing, police said.

The most recent robbery took place at a Queens Village auto repair store located at 216-02 Hempstead Ave. The shop was robbed of \$1,000 worth of electronics April 3, according to authorities. Police said a window was pried open to commit the robbery.

The first incident was reported to police March 3 at 1 p.m. in Rosedale after a cell phone store employee arrived to work at 219-19 Merrick Blvd. and discovered \$22,000 worth of electronics missing, according to police. An investigation determined that the unidentified individual gained entry to the establishment by forcing open a rear door at the location, the NYPD said.

Five hours later, a second incident in Rosedale was reported to police by an auto repair employee of S&S Auto Repair at 6 p.m. An investigation deter-

mined that a side door to the commercial store — located at 242-02 Merrick Blvd. — was opened and \$5,000 worth of electronics was stolen.

Nine days later, another auto repair store in Rosedale reported it was broken into March 12 at 8:30 p.m., claiming that \$630 worth of electronics were removed, according to an employee of Sunrise Auto Sales, located 246-19 North Conduit Ave. In this case, the front door was forced open, according to the NYPD.

Approximately an hour later police received a report of a MetroPCS located at 139-37 245th St. in Rosedale that was robbed of an estimated \$2,500 in cash from a safe box. Similar to the second incident, a side door was forced opened.

On March 27, the Square Biz electronics store in Queens Village, located at 214-35 Jamaica Ave., had \$1,340 worth of electronics stolen, according to police. A rear door was forcibly opened to gain entry to the store, police said.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime stoppers website at WWW.NYPDCRIMESTOPPERS.COM or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then enter TIP577.

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MIXED REVIEW

We've had some time to digest the recently agreed upon state budget for 2019 and there are both pros and cons in it for Queens. The \$168.3 billion budget places a heavy emphasis on improvements in New York City — and Queens — including increased funding for NYCHA, plans for the eventual closure of Rikers Island and a middle-class tax cut designed to shield New Yorkers from the effects of the federal tax plan.

While these actions are expected to have a positive impact on the city, one particular effort affecting Queens — and commuters throughout the city — did not make the cut: congestion pricing. Cuomo confirmed last year that he was developing a congestion pricing plan but did not reveal the details until January 2018, when the FixNYC group released a sensible blueprint.

Yet there was little about congestion pricing included in the 2019 state budget. There will be a new surcharge that will be added to every ride in for-hire vehicles in Manhattan south of 96th Street — a fraction of the price in the FixNYC proposal — but that's it. Not mentioned in the budget was a means to launch the FixNYC's congestion pricing proposal, an \$11 fee on cars entering Manhattan below 60th Street, to create a reliable, long-term funding stream for the MTA.

While few lawmakers spoke out against the plan in public, it's clear that the proposal did not have enough support to pass in Albany. The failure to include congestion pricing in the budget was met with criticism from transit advocacy groups, who claimed that commuters will still have to deal with widespread delays and meltdowns without a dedicated revenue stream for the MTA to set its subways back on track.

As part of the budget, the city will be required to pay for half of MTA Chairman Joe Lhota's Subway Action Plan, a \$836 million short-term initiative to stabilize the city transit infrastructure while a more long-term solution can be settled upon. But it's clear that more has to be done.

On a positive note, Queens representatives are optimistic following new provisions in the budget that will update an outdated metric used to measure aircraft noise. The FAA currently uses the Day-Night Average Sound Level 65 metric, the national standard at which the agency determines acceptable levels of aircraft noise. The provision will allow the administration to evaluate other methods to address community airplane noise concerns and will encourage the FAA to make these recommendations based on actual noise levels.

With two airports in Queens, any effort to reduce excessive airplane noise in is a step in the right direction.



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OTHER VOICES

A much-needed dose of doo-wop

While strolling through Central Park near Bethesda Fountain last Sunday, I was drawn to the strains of songs of the 1950s being performed by a group of gentlemen who call themselves Cover Story. Their music, affectionately referred to as doo wop, revived many fond memories, uplifted my spirits and made me smile. It even stirred my patriotic pride because those sounds could not have been created anywhere else on the planet. Sadly there are some who are of the opinion that the "classic songs of the '50s" represented an era of repression and segregation.

I was a student at the High School of Music and Art in the late '50s. Each morning as I entered the auditorium to wait for classes to begin, I could here the strains of doo

wop in every corner. It was here that the new sounds were created and experimented with by students both black and white. One of my classmates wrote several hits for Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers and had a successful career of his own. It was during that era that the musical creativity of many blacks was recognized, rewarded and provided myriad opportunities for both blacks and whites.

The doo wop sounds couldn't be categorized or easily identified as black or white. It was poetry celebrating the joys of love and life, accompanied by lyrical melodies and sung by harmonious voices full of hope and aspirations. By contrast, the pop culture of today features rap music, an oxymoron by any standards, which almost exclusively cel-

brates the black experience and is often full of expressions of hate and depictions of violence, not to mention dirty words.

If anything can be said about the music of the '50s, it is that it did not oppress but offered freedom of expression, created opportunities, and most importantly, uplifted and celebrated the simple joys of life that bind us together as human beings.

If Restoration poet William Congreve's proclamation that "music has charms to sooth a savage breast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak" is correct, then it would behoove us all to attend more doo-wop concerts. I will be strolling near Bethesda Fountain more often.

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Our April honoree Ashley Nelson is class Valedictorian at Hillcrest's Academy of Public Service and Law, which was established to foster interest in law studies among high school students. Ashley perfectly exemplifies the high level of scholarship achieved within a small learning community. While in attendance she has consistently been placed on the Academic Honor Roll and has been inducted into the National Honor Society, reflecting her stellar 4.0 GPA. She displays a combination of qualities, including curiosity, passion and a remarkable work ethic that are well-suited for a career in her chosen field.

Earning a perfect grade point average was achieved through successfully completing a rigorous course load, including both Honors and AP classes. Among the college advancement placement classes completed are AP World History, AP US History and AP Environmental Science. Honors Physics and Honors English are among the honor courses completed.

The AP World History course concluded with students taking both the AP exam and the New York State Global History and Geography Regent, on which she scored 98. Her mentor Mark Cichon credits her capability for achievement, stating, "She possesses an incredibly high level of critical thinking skills that guide her to seek a greater comprehension of difficult concepts. She is always thoughtful in her questions and clear in her answers. This is echoed in the enormous amount of pride in the assignments she hands in."

It has been remarked that when Ashley elucidates on ideas during class discussions, she captivates the attention of her classmates and teachers both through her cognizance and ability



to explain ideas clearly. Her public speaking skills were honed even more sharply for the Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Competition. The competition required extensive research and memorization in order to deliver the five-minute public speech.

Ability to synthesize ideas then verbalize them is a valuable skill for those interested in the legal profession. While participating in Columbia University's High School Law Institute held on Saturdays, she studied Criminal Law, Constitutional Law and Mock Trial. Through the program she acted as a prosecuting attorney in the Mock Trial and Moot Court competition against NYU.

Previously, Ashley presented oral arguments as part of her participation in the 30th, 31st and 32nd Metropolitan Mentor Moot Court Competitions at Fordham University School of Law. She has also served as defense attorney for Hillcrest's Mock Trial team during tournaments. To help prepare prior to Mock Trial tournaments, she worked with volunteering attorneys from K&L Gates LLP.

Arguably her greatest Moot Court accomplishment was participating in the International Moot Court. She and a peer tried out for and were accepted as members of the United States Moot Court High School team. For the trial, she liaised with members of the law firm Clifford Chance LLP. The team competed January 2018 in the Peace

Palace at The Hague, Netherlands. Ashley acted as a prosecuting attorney and her team won second place.

Mentors have played a significant role in Ashley's studies. In addition to the aforementioned law firms and Mr. Cichon, she benefitted as a member of NYU's Women's Mentoring Program. While there she acted as President of their Planning Committee.

Hard work and dedication has not only been expressed in the classroom. Volunteer work includes tutoring students, and assisting the Hillcrest High School librarian with administrative and organizational tasks. Last summer she volunteered at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum's retail information cart and museum store. Additionally, she helps recruit donors for local Red Cross bloods drives and has collected school supplies for impoverished students. During summer 2016 she worked in the Park Health Medical Center located in South Ozone Park. At the center she assisted patients with the sign-in procedure and executed various organizational and administrative tasks.

English Teacher Daniel Cohen is among many teachers impressed by our student of distinction and her largesse within the community. He explains, "She possesses a sense of altruism that unifies her peers and classmates as well as an initiative to engage in any and all lines of inquiry brought under study. Her very presence yields a sensational light and magnetism to all in her path."

Cohen further enthuses that Ashley has rightly earned her place among the school's elite. "The matter-of-fact path of ascension that she is on suggests limitless possibilities as she moves into the next stage of her academic career," he states.

Ashley's goal is to study international law with the intention of working in global affairs and relations. We are confident that the well-sown groundwork will reap a well-deserved future harvest.

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On April 16, Borough President Mario Cariello reiterated his opposition to Con Edison's proposed nuclear reactor in Ravenswood, charging that nowhere in the project had the possibility been ruled out of sabotage from within. The borough president insisted that "the accidental emission of nuclear waste might contaminate the thousands of nearby food

manufacturing and processing plants and seriously injure people."

Cariello asserted: "The East River might be further polluted by the millions of gallons of water required to be used and reused daily in this proposed plant." Moreover, he continued, the psychological effect of the plant would sharply curb the growth of the borough.

"The mental fear will discourage people from becoming Queens residents and will retard the borough's development," he said. Although his remarks expressed concern about nearby industry and residential

development, no mention was made about the safety of residents already living around the plant.

Elsewhere in that long ago April, an East Elmhurst group has charged in a letter to the mayor that three white youths in Astoria painted a black youth's face white. Police arrested the three youths, two 13 years old, and one 15 years old, and they were held for action in Family Court. The 12-year-old assaulted youth was a student at JH 141 in Astoria, one of 130 students transferred from JHS 127 in East Elmhurst where he lived.

Mayor Robert Wagner and Dr. Calvin Gross, superintendent of schools, were notified of the bias incident by a committee headed by a teacher, Helen Marshall of East Elmhurst, who would eventually become borough president of Queens after

serving in the City Council and the state Legislature. The committee also charged that the black students were being "chased out of the school area by gangs of white boys" and that in the previous week, a garbage can cover was thrown at one youth.

Evangelist Billy Graham met Master Builder Robert Moses on April 17 at the World's Fair groundbreaking for the Billy Graham Pavilion. Amid a chilly morning, temperature in the low 50s and wind-whipped dust, Graham met with Moses, president of the World's Fair. "Did you ever think you'd get to meet Moses?" a reporter quipped to the minister. Graham broke into laughter. He compared Bob Moses with the first Moses and said: "He's much like the biblical Moses. He has the same dynamic drive, moral convictions, and the ability

to get things done."

The site of the old Elmhurst Courthouse probably will become a sitting park after demolition of the building at Broadway and Justice. The onetime Elmhurst Town Hall, which last housed the Second District Municipal Court, was considered a fire hazard. Borough President Cariello, who had sat as a judge in that court for many years, sealed its doom when he said "to fireproof the building would be prohibitive."

The future of Flushing Town Hall might be different, however. The building on Northern Boulevard and Linden Street was also a retired courthouse, but it had caught the eye of the Landmarks Commission, which plans to block any plans to tear it down. Officials mulled its future as a converted a teen center or a senior center.

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LIRR begins testing life-saving technology

BY MARK HALLUM

The MTA anticipates meeting a federal deadline of Dec. 31 for the launch of Positive Train Control, a potentially life-saving technology which controls the speed of locomotives, and will be testing technology along the LIRR's Port Washington line between Woodside and Bay-side throughout April.

The move toward implementing PTC comes following a string of deadly Amtrak derailments attributed to excessive speed, as well as a push from the U.S. Senate for agencies to take action to prevent further deaths from occurring in the future.

MTA's chief safety officer, David Mayer, testified March 1 in front of members of the U.S. Senate on the agency's progress on building PTC on the LIRR, in which 80 percent of the hardware on the rails is in place and 60 percent of the components on trains themselves is installed.

New York's U.S. senators, Charles Schumer and Kirsten

Gillibrand, called on the federal Department of Transportation to crack down on railroads that fail to implement adequate safety measures to prevent accidents, such as the deadly Amtrak derailment in Washington state on Dec. 18.

"Since NTSB first recommended PTC, more than 300 people have died, thousands have been injured, and millions of dollars in property damages have been incurred," the senators said in a joint statement in January. "The PTC deadline is now almost one year away — Dec. 31, 2018. It is imperative that railroads complete implementation before the deadline. They must clearly understand that the consequences of failure will be stringent and prompt."

The derailment of the Amtrak train in DuPont, Wash., on the Cascade Line was a keen reminder of the deadly train wreck near Philadelphia, in which the conductor, a Forest Hills resident, took a curve at near



The 2015 derailment of an Amtrak train near Philadelphia has influenced the U.S. Senate to pressure railroads to rollout life-saving technology.

Photo by Joseph Kaczmarek/AP

double the speed limit.

Brandon Bostian, 34, was the engineer of Northeast Regional Train 188 in the May 2015 wreck. Despite a 50-mile-

per-hour limit, he was at the controls when the train sped around a curve at 108 mph.

Eight passengers were killed, including two from

Queens, and more than 180 others were sent to nearby hospitals, some in critical condition.

In May 2017, the Philadelphia district attorney decided not to press criminal charges against Bostian, claiming that the factors in the incident did not fit the definition of criminal recklessness as described by Pennsylvania state law.

At the March 1 hearing, Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) — who serves on the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation — chastised railroad organizations across the country that claimed PTC was expensive and complicated to implement even though it had been mandatory for over a decade.

He called for a crackdown on railroads dragging their feet to make PTC the new standard.

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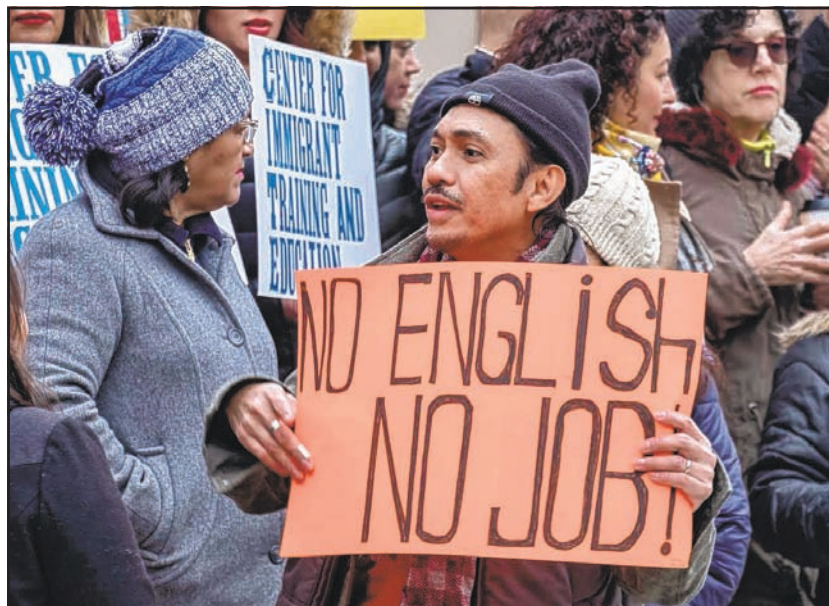
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Immigration groups call for adult learning



More than 100 people showed their support for the city to reserve \$12 million for the programs and classes they claim are critical to the success of immigrants with varying degrees of education across the city.

BY MARK HALLUM

Immigrants rallied at the steps of Queens Borough Hall Tuesday to call on the de Blasio administration to continue funding adult learning programs in the city budget, due for passage in June.

Organized by the New York City Coalition for Adult Literacy, more than 100 people showed their support for the city to reserve \$12 million for the programs and classes they claim are critical to the success of immigrants with varying degrees of education across the city.

"Currently New York has about 2.2 million adults who are lacking English proficiency or a high school diploma, which is about a third of the work force," Kevin Douglas from United Neighborhood Houses, the leading organization in the coalition, said. "It's a pretty significant portion of people who don't have the skills they need to really survive and thrive in our economy."

Douglas said the city has included \$12 million for these programs in the budget for the past two years, but it was not included in the preliminary budget released in February, and this will be the second year in a row the coalition will have to rally for attention to their cause.

"Adult literacy classes are especially important to new immigrants who rely on these services to learn English speaking, reading and writing," Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) said. "We are an immigrant city, and we must provide the necessary support to ensure our newest New Yorkers are

fully equipped to enter the work force."

Marlyn Suarez, an English as a second language teacher at LaGuardia Community College, gave an example of the position many of her students are in as new immigrants.

"Ken was an amazing student, he had a Ph.D in math and science, he presented at numerous international conferences and was a tenured professor at his previous university," Suarez said. "In response to my question, 'What animal best represents you?' he said, 'Back at home I feel like a tiger, but in New York I feel like nothing but a bug.' I'm sure he is not the only student who feels this way and which is why we are here advocating for the mayor to baseline funding for adult literacy."

Make the Road New York, an organization which advocates for immigrant rights and legislation, is one of the groups involved in the coalition.

"More than ever, New York City needs to fully fund its adult literacy programs to safeguard and expand opportunity for immigrant communities," Make the Road Co-executive Director Javier Valdes said. "The literacy and basic skills that participants gain through these programs are critical to employment opportunities and economic mobility, school performance, health and community safety. It's critical that New York City step up for these vital services. Our centers in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island depend on this funding to drive the work we do."

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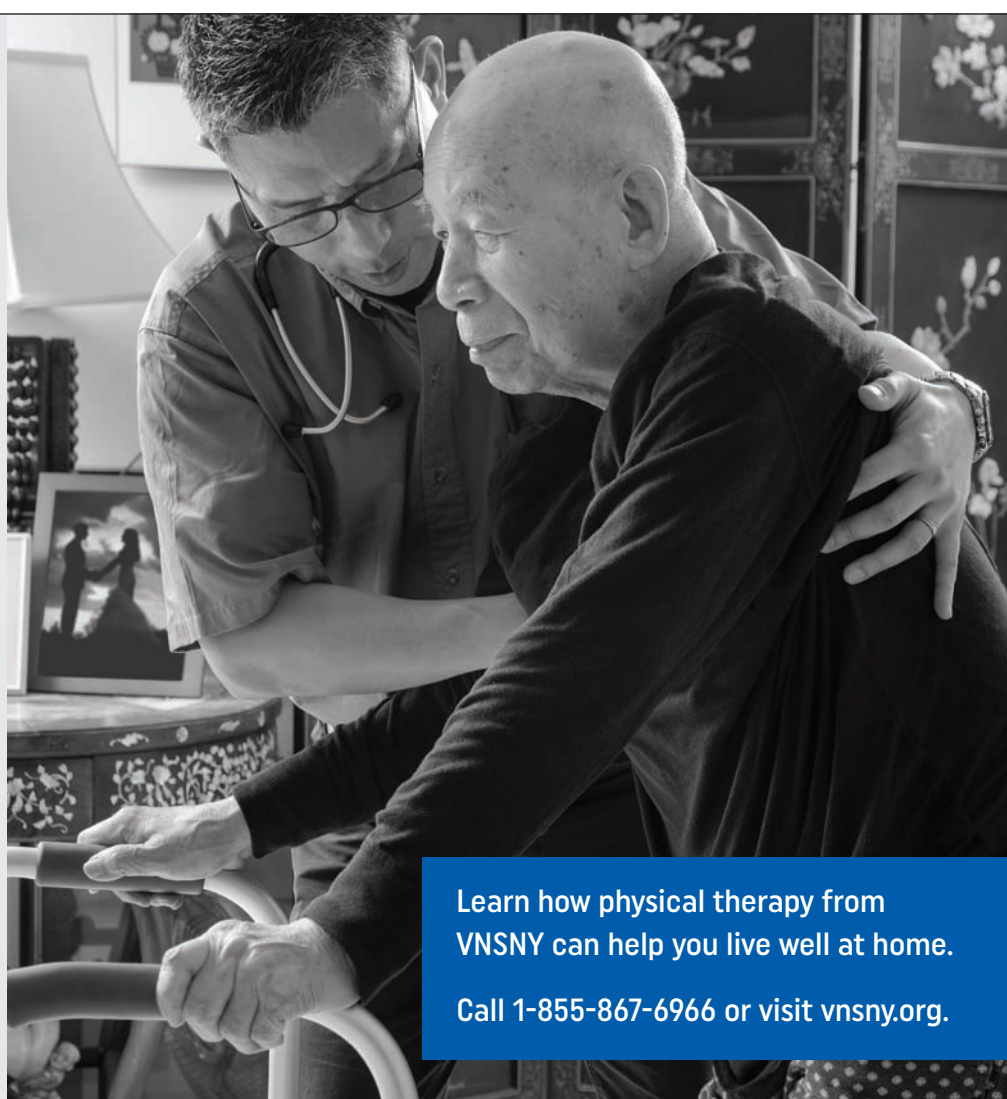
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Big changes underway at McDonald's in boro



Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman was on hand at to oversee the changes made to one of the newly transformed McDonald's in Queens. Courtesy of Hyndman's office

BY NAEISHA ROSE

State Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman (D-Springfield Gardens) was at a meet-and-greet Monday with Paul Hendel, a Rosedale McDonald's owner and operator who also serves as the president of the New York Tri-State McDonald's Owner/Operators Association.

While Hyndman was learning to make a Filet-o-Fish sandwich at the fast-food joint located at 244-10 Merrick Blvd., Hendel pointed out that all of the McDonald's restaurants in the city were owned and operated by independent franchisees and that the hundreds of eateries across the city have many changes underway.

The fast food restaurant giant will be transforming 14,000 of its restaurants around the United States, with the most upgrades taking place in New York City, according to spokeswoman Amanda Pisano.

Pisano said that within the five boroughs there are 209 McDonald's, 52 of which are in Queens.

The enhancements are meant to increase service and convenience and will include self-order kiosks, as well as table service and mobile ordering.

Of the more than 200 restaurants in New York City, 75 have already been augmented, including 20 in Queens.

Dozens of McDonald's are slated

for improvements later this year and throughout New York City and all of the 14,000 restaurants within the United States will have updates by 2020.

From January through March 2018 the company made several other bold announcements.

The company intends to serve all of its goods in renewable, recyclable or fiber-based packaging from certified sources where no deforestation occurs by 2025. Within that time frame, the fast-food chain plans to finish enhancing all of its menu offerings at all of its restaurants.

In 2022 all Happy Meals at McDonald's 120 markets with have healthier options with a calorie intake equal to or less than 600.

This will also include making kid-sized fries which have a lower sodium count than the small fries, less sugar in chocolate milk, and more bottled water will be offered.

The company also wants to cut its use of greenhouse gases by 150 million metric tons by 2030.

It plans to do so by responsibly sourcing food, promoting renewable energy and recycling.

This year it will also cut its time frame for awarding tuition assistance its Archways to Opportunity program for staff and managers attending college and increase its scholarship offerings.

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Rockaway boardwalk project wins award

BY BILL PARRY

The Rockaway Boardwalk's Reconstruction Project has received a national planning achievement award.

Obliterated by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012, the 5-1/2 mile length of boardwalk was reopened just in time for Memorial Day weekend last year after the \$341 million project was finished on time and under budget by \$120 million, money that will now be spent on additional resilience projects on the Rockaway peninsula.

The project received the Silver 2018 National Planning Achievement Award for Urban Design from the American Planning Association recognizing the redesign and reconstruction of the iconic tourist attraction into a more resilient structure that now protects the waterfront communities with a multi-layered system of coastal defense that will resist future weather events.

"We are delighted to be honored by the APA for this unique and innovative infrastructure, which brings back an identifiable and important landmark to the Rockaways," WXY Founding Principal Claire Weisz said. "We feel it is a model of how a multi-disciplinary planning approach and integrated design and engineering strategies are essential to create resilient, vibrant memorable communities."

The city Parks Department commissioned the design team to reimagine the structure into a more resilient version that could withstand future storms. From the pile foundations to the walking surfaces, the entire boardwalk was rebuilt with reinforced concrete and raised to three feet above the new base flood elevation recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The boardwalk is situated on a newly planted sand dune that stabilizes and replenishes new beach infill and is supplemented by



The reconstruction of the Rockaway boardwalk has received a prestigious national award for its planning.

4 1/2 miles of sand retaining walls and sand fences along the route. Blue concrete planks spell out Rockway on the boardwalk, which

air travelers can see aboard inbound flights to JFK International Airport. With a walking surface three to five feet higher than the

previous boardwalk, ramps were installed at access points from the street and beach sides and the entire peninsula was redeveloped with parks, playgrounds, skate parks and performance spaces — all with extensive community input in the planning process.

"The community took the opportunity to transform storm damage into another avenue of connecting neighborhoods to the waterfront," APA 218 Awards Jury Chairman W. Shedrick Coleman said. "The thoughtful approach addressed both sides of the walkway, the waterfront and the street view, ensuring the more resilient walkway was an asset for visitors and residents alike."

The APA's national awards program, the profession's highest honor, will be held in New Orleans April 23.

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The two-day festival drew an estimated 11,000 people to the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.



This youngster is taking the skyscraper he built to show his parents.



Little Lego blocks will be 70 years old next year. There have been more than 600 billion pieces sold during that time.



The daylong event could get exhausting for parents and grandparents.



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Boro residents voting on projects this week

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Residents throughout Queens, including those in District 27 who are represented by City Councilman I. Daneek Miller (D-St. Albans), have until Sunday to make sure their voices are heard for their area's Participatory Budgeting Week.

Participatory budgeting allows residents to vote on which infrastructure projects will be funded by their Council member's budget allocation by up to \$1 million.

Voting kicked off Saturday and residents in District 27, which covers Jamaica, St. Albans, Hollis, Cambria Heights, Queens Village, Addisleigh Park and Springfield Gardens, have a chance to participate at different locations.

Ballots will be available in English, Bengali, Creole and Spanish, and if individuals want to show their support for the initiative WHAT INITIATIVE - EXPLAIN - on social media, they can use the hashtag #PB27 and #PBNYC.

In District 27 constituents can vote Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.



Councilman I. Daneek Miller's office is participating in Participatory Budget Week.

Photo by Nat Valentine

to 5 p.m. at Miller's office, which is located at 172-12 Linden Blvd. in St. Albans. Other locations will be open on different days.

Residents as young as 11 years old will be eligible to participate by visiting their

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To learn more about the process Queens residents can visit www.council.nyc.gov/pb/.

Some of the other sites in District 27 include PS 360 in St. Albans (Tuesday), Cambria Heights Library (Wednesday), Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Center (Thursday), PS 176 in Cambria Heights (Friday) and Roy Wilkins Recreation Center (Saturday) in St. Albans.

"We are very excited to engage all facets of our community, and empower citizens in this manner, including those previously disenfranchised," said Miller. "This is an opportunity to give all individuals, especially our young people, a chance to become stakeholders, and have a voice in the enhancement of our community's capital investments. There is no greater vehicle galvanizing local communities today than participatory budgeting."

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FOR THE HEALTH OF IT *Photos by Michael Shain*



The Guardians of Flushing Bay take off from the starting line of its second annual 5K on the Bay Fun Run. The run attracted about 50 competitors as a fund-raiser for the organization's clean-up and advocacy projects for the bay.



With temperatures in the low 30s, the runners in the "5K on the Bay" racing around the Flushing Marina look as if they might be dressed for skiing instead with winter coats and scarves.

HOLOCAUST AID *Photos by Michael Shain*



Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (r.) asks Hannah Deutch, 95, of Jackson Heights, to say a few words at a ceremony to celebrate \$50,000 in new funding for services for Holocaust survivors in the city. Deutch was a Kinder Train survivor of World War II.



Rozic, with state Sen. Toby Stavisky (c.), presents a check to officials of Selfhelp Community Services, the largest provider of services to Holocaust survivors in the country and managers of five city-funded senior centers, including this one in Flushing.

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With a few modifications, it's possible to transform a room in a home into a teen-friendly hangout space.

CREATE A TEEN-FRIENDLY *space at home*

Teenagers are busier than ever before. But even the busiest teens need places to unwind and relax with friends. Many parents aspire to create that type of environment in their homes but don't know where to begin.

Having teens close by and interacting with them on a regular basis can benefit families. Data from the National Center for Education Statistics notes that parental involvement correlates to higher grade point averages. Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says certain parenting styles, including those that set rules and monitor teens in supportive ways, develop kids who are more likely to wear seat belts while driving, while such support also lowers crash risk. Involved parents also may reduce the chances of teen drug use and promiscuous behavior.

Parents who want to keep teens nearby can create

hangout spaces at home that make it easy for teens to feel comfortable with their friends. These "teen caves" can be private but permit supervision when necessary. With a few modifications, it's possible to transform a room in a home into a teen-friendly hangout space:

Talk to your children. Involve teens in the process of renovating a home to create a spot in which they would like to congregate. Talk about elements they would like to see in the space, whether it be a particular design style, technology, or activity.

Establish a shared budget. Paint is inexpensive and can transform just about any room in a single afternoon. If the room being renovated is the teen's own bedroom, allow him or her to choose the color palette and other accents. Even if it isn't to your taste, he or she will be proud of the results and may want to share it with friends.

Have a snack station. Some teenagers always seem to be hungry, and hanging out with friends while enjoying food is a popular pastime. When renovating a room into a teen cave, find a way to make food a focus. Install a mini-refrigerator and non-alcoholic bar where kids can serve snacks to friends. Think about a space you would like as an adult and modify it to be more accommodating to teenagers.

Add more seating. Having friends over means having enough seating to handle a small crowd. Beanbags, cushioned benches, a daybed, modular seating, and more can ensure everyone has a place to sit.

Make a private outdoor spot. Teen spaces do not need to be restricted to the indoors. Design advice site Houzz says an outdoor escape zone that includes comfortable seating in a private area — particularly a spot that can also be enjoyed into the evening — will be a coveted spot.

Invest in "indestructible" materials. Teenagers are bound to make messes, and having other people over means contending with a certain measure of damage. Design the space with indoor-outdoor carpeting, water-resistant fabrics, distressed wood, and other durable materials.

Adolescents are always looking for spaces to gather without overbearing adult interference. Homeowners can create such spaces for their children in their own homes.

How to conserve energy throughout summer

Energy bills tend to be high in summertime, when many people crank up their air conditioners in an attempt to combat the heat. For some households, higher energy bills might be stretching their budgets, while others might be looking for ways to reduce their carbon footprints.

Conserving energy can help homeowners save money and help the planet at the same time. And reducing energy consumption in the summer does not require men and women to sacrifice comfort in the name of conservation. In fact, various strategies can help homeowners and apartment dwellers reduce their summertime energy consumption:

Stop cooling an empty home. A cool home might be the ultimate necessity during summer heat waves, but there's no reason to cool a residence when no one is home. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, operating thermostats more efficiently can help homeowners trim their cooling costs by as much as 10 percent. One way to be more efficient with thermostats is to keep the house warmer than normal when no one is home. Programmable thermostats can be set so air conditioning units turn on shortly before residents arrive home, ensuring the house is comfortable and no energy is wasted.

Narrow the gap between indoor and outdoor temperatures. The DOE notes that the smaller the difference between the temperature indoors and

outside, the lower cooling costs will be. While it may be tempting to set thermostats to room temperature (68-degrees Fahrenheit) on days when temperatures reach 90 degrees or above, that's an enormous temperature gap that will result in a high energy bill. Instead, the DOE recommends setting thermostats to 78 degrees whenever possible.

Open the windows at night. Daytime temperatures, particularly during the dog days of summer, may necessitate the use of air conditioners. But men and women who live in climates where temperatures drop considerably at night can sleep with their windows open. This reduces energy consumption and saves money, and can be a great way to introduce fresh air into a home during a time of year when air can become stagnant.

Do not set air conditioner thermostats at lower than normal temperatures when turning them on. The DOE notes that setting thermostats at lower than normal temperatures when turning air conditioners on will not cool homes any faster than setting them at typical temperatures. Such a strategy will only lead to excessive energy consumption and higher energy bills.

Install ceiling fans. Ceiling fans can improve cooling efficiency in a home. According to the DOE, ceiling fans allow men and women who use air conditioners to raise the thermostats on their AC units



Ceiling fans can reduce reliance on costly air conditioners when cooling homes in summertime.

about 4 degrees without adversely affecting comfort levels. Men and women who live in temperate climates may find that ceiling fans are enough to keep rooms cool without the need for air conditioners.

Homeowners can combat high utility bills and excessive energy consumption during the summer with various eco- and budget-friendly strategies.

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THE BENEFITS OF WATER FEATURES IN *garden landscapes*

Many homeowners aspire to make their homes appear as beautiful and welcoming as possible. Exterior renovations may be high on homeowners' to-do lists, and landscaping is oftentimes a key component of those projects.

When planning gardens, homeowners may benefit by considering more than just flowers and shrubs while giving thought to other elements that can breathe vitality into their landscape designs. Water features can do just that, as such features provide more than just visual appeal:

Aesthetic appeal: Water elements stand out against the greenery and foliage and can be used to create focal points around the garden or yard. A single fountain can draw the eye, while a trickling stream or waterfall can deliver water to various spots in

the landscape.

Soothing sound: Rain drops on a rooftop or waves lapping on a shoreline elicit feelings of harmony and relaxation. Water features can bring that gentle sound close to home, further enhancing the ambiance.

Brings texture: Water has its own unique and fluid texture that can provide stark contrast to blades of grass or the hard lines of architectural elements, such as pergolas or retaining walls. A pond or fountain can soften lines.

Enhance the natural ecosystem: Water features can attract wildlife to a property. Birds may visit to take a quick sip, and dragonflies are sure to dart and hover over the shimmering ripples. Inviting natural wildlife to the yard can add hours of entertainment by enjoying the animals and insects.



Water features, such as ponds or waterfalls, can add a special touch to the landscape.

Remedy problem areas: Rather than fighting with the landscape, homeowners can adapt it. An area of the yard prone to soggy conditions or flooding can be transformed into a pond or waterfall to work with natural surroundings.

Foster a passion: Many people turn to water features so they can explore the hobby of nurturing an outdoor aquarium. Koi ponds are relatively easy to install and maintain, and the vibrant fish add visual appeal.

Add a personal touch: Water features are as unique as the homeowners who create them. To set landscaping apart from neighbors' homes, homeowners can add fountains, ponds, or flowing water elements to their properties. Decorative water features also can be melded with pools and spas to help these man-made recreational areas seem like they were carved right out of the natural landscape.

Water features can take landscapes to the next level with sounds, texture, movement, and beauty.

How to hang photos and artwork with ease

Personal touches turn a house into a home. Hanging pictures, whether they're personal photographs or artwork, can really change the character of a room.

Unfortunately, some people may not know the proper ways to display pictures on a wall. Design maven Martha Stewart advises that the first step is to gather all of the pictures that are in consideration for hanging. This will enable a person to see what is available and edit his selection based on the space available, theme, or color scheme. Having the artwork there enables a person to move it around like a puzzle until the placement feels just right.

Next, plan on hanging artwork at 57 inches on center, according to the renovation experts at Apartment Therapy. "On center" means the middle of the photograph or painting will always be at 57 inches, as this measurement represents the average human eye height. This height is regularly used as a



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standard in many galleries and museums.

When the goal is to hang multiple pictures, treat the entire grouping as a single

unit. This means creating the layout and finding the center of the middle piece of the grouping. To make picture grouping easier, use pa-

per templates with arrows to indicate whether the artwork will be hung horizontally or vertically. These templates can then be easily taped to the wall and rearranged until the grouping is ideal.

There are no hard-and-fast rules concerning frames, meaning they do not all have to match. But placing framed artwork side-by-side can give a person a feel for whether the images and the frames work together in the space. Some people like to use frames of similar colors and sizes. Others want the eclectic mix-and-match appeal. It's ultimately up to the homeowner.

Measuring is key to hanging a picture correctly on the wall. Take into consideration the type of attachment, whether it's D-rings, sawtooth hangers, wire, or other fasteners on the back. Measure from the top of the frame to the hanger. Measure the wall to achieve the 57-inch on center location, and then calculate where this falls within the height of the artwork and frame

top. Adjust accordingly and mark. Then measure the distance from the frame top to the hanger location on the wall.

Be sure to take the weight of the picture into consideration when selecting hanging hardware. Wall anchors may be needed if measurements determine a wall stud will not help secure the artwork — to keep the frame sturdy in the drywall. Home improvement resource Today's Homeowner also suggests using self-adhesive rubber bumpers to the bottom corners on the back of the frame before hanging so that the picture will not damage the wall and will help it hang level.

It can take a few attempts to hang pictures correctly, but with practice it should come with greater ease. The good news is there are new products constantly being evolved to make picture hanging easier, including those that enable removal and relocation of artwork without damaging walls.

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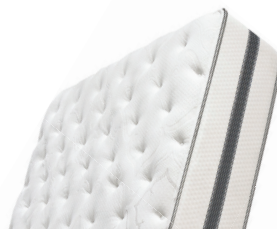
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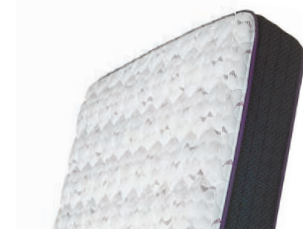
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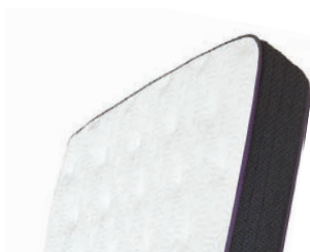
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Awnings can make spaces more comfortable

Many homeowners are eager to step outdoors upon the return of warm weather. Outdoor living spaces have grown in popularity as more and more homeowners embrace opportunities to entertain and lounge around in their yards.

Outdoor entertaining areas can be great, but such spaces may go unused when summer sun makes it uncomfortable to spend time outdoors. But a retractable awning can change all that. Homeowners often find awnings can be worthwhile investments that can be beneficial both inside and outside of the home:

Increase usable yard space

Awnings can create privacy and establish boundaries for outdoor living areas. Place an awning over a deck, tables and chairs, or an entire patio area. Some people like to install awnings over a portion of their pools to provide shade for those who want to escape the sun's rays. Motorized awnings can be retracted with the push of a button, which can help homeowners with physical limitations.

Protect against sun damage

Awnings provide excellent protection against sun damage, as they can shield outdoor furniture from direct sunlight, helping to reduce the chances for discoloration or fading.

Reduce air conditioning costs

In addition to shading outdoor living areas, smaller awnings can be placed over southern- and western-facing windows, shielding interiors



When renovating outdoor areas, homeowners should not overlook awnings that can make outdoor living spaces more livable.

against the sun's rays. In turn, this may reduce reliance on air conditioners.

Expand gardening possibilities

Some plants require very specific light conditions to grow. Awnings can protect shade-loving plants from harsh sunlight and filter the sun for plants that require indirect light. They can be placed over a patio container garden or permanent garden structure.

Add value for buyers

For those who may be selling their homes soon, awning may help them receive top dollar. Today's buyers want houses that have attractive and functional exteriors, and an awning can provide that competitive advantage over similar homes in the neighborhood.

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Laundry room renovation ideas

To former apartment dwellers or those who have never enjoyed the benefit of a dedicated laundry area, even the smallest washer and dryer space can seem like a luxury.

The benefits of dedicated laundry rooms abound. However, disorganized laundry rooms can nullify such benefits. Depending on the needs and preferences of each homeowner, laundry room designs can be customized for convenience:

Employ vertical space

Floor space may be at a premium in a laundry room, especially for those who want to devote as much space as possible to bulk-size washer and dryer units. Therefore, utilizing wall space is key.

Use shelving, wire racks, hooks, and other organizational tools to store items on the wall. Shelves can be tucked into just about any space, and there are different options that can fit into corners or shallow areas. These are a great option for keeping detergent or other laundry essentials nearby.

Clean designs reduce clutter

Simple, clean designs can be an asset in a laundry room. If budget and space permits, cabinetry built into the design will help keep items out of sight in the laundry room. Cabinets hung directly above the appliances can store detergent, bleach, and fabric softener. Use cabinets elsewhere in the room as catch-alls for cleaning supplies used in various other rooms around the house.



An organized and efficient laundry room setup can make washing and drying clothes easier.

Incorporate a sink in the design

Some older laundry room setups have a slop sink to drain discharged water from the washing machine. However, newer homes may have plumbing

installed directly through the floor or walls. It is still a worthwhile idea to have a sink in the laundry room for rinsing out stains, handwashing items, and having a go-to sink for messier cleanup.

Utilize a tension rod

A rod installed between two cabinets or across a narrow width of space in the laundry room is a handy spot to hang shirts or pants to prevent wrinkling. Repurposing a ladder and suspending it from the ceiling also creates a spot to hang clothes.

Consider laundry room flooring

It's important to select flooring materials that will not be damaged by contact with moisture or spills. Vinyl, tile, and some composite products often make good laundry room floor materials.

Resilient flooring that mimics the look of hardwood may add a classy touch, and give the appearance of wood without having to worry about damage. To alleviate fatigue while spending long moments in the laundry room, invest in a memory foam mat that can be placed underfoot.

Keep lighting in mind




Lighting can be important in the laundry room. Rely on task lighting, under-cabinet strip lighting, and overhead lights as needed for efficiency.




Laundry room design can maximize the space available and make it more convenient to launder and sort clothes.


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Various projects, including tending to lawns and gardens, can improve curb appeal.

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Returns on home improvement projects vary. In its annual Cost vs. Value Report, Remodeling magazine notes the projects that yield the best returns on investment in a given year. But a host of factors, including the type of market (buyers' or sellers') and the region where the home is being sold, ultimately combine to determine if homeowners' investments in home improvement projects will provide the returns they were hoping for.

Though there's no way of guaranteeing a home improvement project will yield a great return, real estate professionals often cite improving curb appeal as an excellent way to attract prospective buyers and potentially get the asking price or more when selling the home. Improving curb appeal makes even more sense in today's real estate market, when many people do their own searching via real estate websites such as Trulia or Zillow. When using such sites, buyers will likely be less inclined to click on a listing if exterior photos of the property are not eye-catching.

Various projects, including tending to lawns and gardens, can improve curb appeal. An added benefit to focusing on landscaping to improve curb appeal is it promotes spending time outdoors in spring and summer. In addition, many lawn- and garden-related home improvement projects need not require professional expertise.

1. Maintain a lush green lawn

Lawns that fall into disrepair may not give buyers a correct impression about how homeowners maintained their homes. Lawns with multiple dead spots and grass that appears more brown than green may lead many buyers to assume that the home's interior was equally ill-cared for.

Maintaining lush green lawns is not as difficult as it may seem. Applying fertilizer and aerating at the appropriate times of year (this varies by region) can

promote strong roots and healthy soil, making it easier for grass to survive harsh conditions like drought. When watering in summer, do so in early morning or evening so as little water is lost to evaporation as possible.

2. Address brown patch

Even well-maintained lawns can fall victims to brown spots. According to the lawn care professionals at TruGreen, lawns in regions with hot temperatures and high humidity can be infected with brown patch, a common lawn disease that is caused by fungus, which can produce circular areas of brown, dead grass surrounded by narrow, dark rings.

Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences notes that removing dew that collects on grass leaves each morning, which can be accomplished by mowing or dragging a water hose across affected areas, can be an effective way to reduce brown patch. Homeowners without much lawn care experience can consult professional landscapers to address the issue.

But those looking to sell their properties should note that buyers often walk the grounds of homes they are considering buying. So addressing any issues on the lawn should be a priority for sellers.

3. Confine dogs to certain areas

Dog owners may want to let their pets roam free in their yards. But homeowners about to put their properties up for sale may want to confine their four-legged friends to certain areas. That's because dog urine can be high in nitrogen. Nitrogen itself is not harmful to lawns, but in high concentrations it can contribute to yellow or brown spots. Also, highly acidic dog urine may even adversely affect pH levels in the soil.

Curb appeal can go a long way toward helping homeowners sell their homes, and a lush lawn can be used to catch the eye of prospective buyers.

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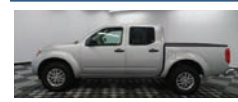
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Albany.

But the perception that the IDC caucused with the Republicans has been a talking point of their opponents for an extended period of time, and a not completely accurate one, according to Peralta.

"We as IDC were in a separate room [from Democrats and Republicans] talking about what the Republicans wanted and what the mainline Democrats wanted and then we talked about how it was important for our communities, our districts," Peralta said in the interview. "So we were in a coalition with them, but they never needed us... They had the magic number of 32 [the majority]."

Peralta said there were many "behind the scene fights" with Republicans over anti-immigration bills the IDC members refused to vote in favor of in keeping with the coalition.

Avella had said in months prior that IDC members would consider reunification once Democrats have the majority in the senate.

"Gov. Cuomo, Sen. Stewart-Cousins and I are united in our commitment to bring together the New York State Democratic Party and all Senate Democrats, with the common goal of protecting the people of New York state and solving the state's most challenging problems," Klein said on April 5. "Unity cannot wait until a special election. I commend the governor for his unyielding commitment to a successful unification and 2018 electoral victory that will send the message that we stand ready to confront any challenge that comes from Washington. Together, under Gov. Cuomo's leadership, we

are on the right path to demonstrate to New Yorkers and to this nation what we are made of, and the values that we stand for."

Peace talks between the warring Democrats have been underway for months, however.

In December 2017, mainline Democrats launched an ultimatum against IDC members, warning that if they did not consider reunification and help reclaim two available seats in special elections, they would face intense primary challenges from within the party.

While IDC members weighed their options, political groups geared against the IDC were not backing down.

Up to 37 political action groups statewide signed on to a press release from progressive group No IDC NY, with statements accusing the IDC of caucusing with the GOP, blocking progressive legislation and only agreeing to a Democratic Party reunification deal to avoid primary challenges.

Avella remained circumspect at the time, however, claiming the IDC would remain in autonomous existence, but would operate in coalition with the Democratic Party. The members would continue to caucus amongst themselves; however, he said, making clear that despite rumors to the contrary, the IDC does not caucus with Republicans.

"I've always indicated that the conference, myself especially, have always been willing to have this conversation and form a coalition with the Democratic Conference once we have a majority and I stand by that. I'm ready to do that any day, once we have a majority," Avella said in December.

The Republicans currently hold the majority in the state Senate.

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classified website called Backpage Village Voice in 2004. It included a controversial adult section. In January 2017, Backpage suspended the adult section amid accusations of fostering prostitution and human trafficking.

Corona resident Shandra Woworuntu survived a harrowing ordeal at the hands of human traffickers after traveling to the United States from Indonesia in 2001 expecting a six-month seasonal waitressing job. Instead she was duped by a gang of sex traffickers and forced to work in brothels along the I-95 corridor for more than five months.

"Regardless of gender, religion, age, education, or nationality, we all deserve humanity, dignity and freedom," Woworuntu said. "None of us should be advertised in the media internet as merchandise to be bought and sold. The best solution is through legislation which will stop these activities

and to protect victims of exploitation and trafficking. Those victims deserve justice. It is important to increase prosecutions to the traffickers, their associates and the buyers."

After she escaped the gang, Woworuntu founded the Astoria-based Mentari USA, a non-profit which has helped hundreds of victims reintegrate into society by offering them resources, education and mentoring. Human trafficking continues to be the fastest growing and the third-largest criminal activity in the world.

"This Department of Justice enforcement action, long due, represents a new era of justice for victims of online sex trafficking," civil rights attorney Carol Robles-Roman said. "As a lawyer who has represented persons victimized by Backpage, I look forward to a thorough federal investigation of this alleged criminal activity, and that survivors finally have their much deserved day in court."

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How to encourage STEM in your middle schooler

Even though many Americans understand the importance of STEM education, children in the U.S. continue to lose interest in science, technology, engineering and math subjects at young ages.

Not surprisingly, 44 percent of U.S. adults say they felt more excited about science when they were kids, reports the State of Science Index, a global study commissioned by 3M examining the general population's attitudes toward science. Maintaining students' interest in science during the middle school years is crucial to increasing the likelihood they'll pursue STEM careers. That's important, since studies show our nation will need to produce an additional one million STEM workers between 2012 and 2022 alone.

That said, we're still not on track to meet demand, partly because students continue to lose interest.

What's the answer? Creating a rich culture of STEM education in schools requires professional development, suggests Cindy Moss, vice presi-

dent of global STEM initiatives for curriculum developer Discovery Education. She points to research showing teachers need 80 hours of cumulative targeted professional development before effectively teaching STEM-promoting classes.

"Many educators in our country believe we need to accelerate our approach to STEM education," Moss says. "There are three to four million STEM job openings in the U.S. right now, and companies can't find American workers with the skills they need. Fifty percent of everybody's jobs right now are STEM, and they're predicting that in the next 10 years about 75 percent of all jobs will involve STEM."

What can parents and educators do to foster more interest? Consider the following:

- * Find role models. If a child doesn't know anyone working in STEM, he or she may be unable to imagine a career in such roles. Introduce him or her to people actively working in such fields, then encourage discussion and/or job shadowing.

Teachers might bring in speakers who can answer candid questions about the rewards and challenges in their fields - including significant demand and attractive pay scales.

- * Seek achievement opportunities. Introducing children to engaging events like the annual Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge may spark their sense of competition and passion for STEM. The annual contest, which is accepting submissions until April 19, invites innovators in grades five through eight to develop one- to two-minute videos describing their ideas for creative solutions to tackle everyday problems. The top 10 finalists receive a summer mentorship with a 3M scientist, and the winner will receive \$25,000. Last year's winner, Gitanjali Rao, developed a device that measures lead levels in drinking water, inspired by the recent water crisis in Flint, Michigan.

- * Keep participating. Re-

ducing involvement in your child's daily academics once he or she enters middle school may backfire. One study shows middle schoolers maintain a more positive attitude toward science when their parents continue to display interest. The Rao family, for example, frequently visits museums and holds game nights focusing on problem solving. "We encourage our children to communicate their ideas clearly and concisely and understand real-world issues," notes Bharathi Rao, Gitanjali's mother. "We hope we can instill the value of compassion while helping them understand they have the power to create change."

- * Discourage snap decisions. During adolescence, Moss notes, kids struggling to figure out who they are can easily form inaccurate perceptions of their academic weaknesses. Reassure your child one challenging assignment or bad grade need not rule out a future career. "Kids often make up their minds by sixth grade whether they're capable

of doing science and math," says Moss. "We have definitive evidence that by age 6, girls have already started to internalize negative stereotypes that science and math are not for girls." In reality, she notes, understanding science and math simply requires more thinking for some people than others; it's not a skill based on gender.

According to State of Science Index findings, 96 percent of U.S. parents want their kids to know more about science. It's critical for us to maintain interest during the middle school years, and according to Moss it's our responsibility to help children see the possibilities.

"Kids in fifth through eighth grade have a whole lot of empathy and really do want to make the world a better place," she says. "They have the power, but we need to instill confidence and give them the tools and encouragement to pursue STEM."

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Costs to consider when financial aid letter arrives

The last year of high school is a whirl of activity, and it's no different when it comes to the final leg of college selection. Once the acceptance notifications arrive, it will soon be time to sit down with a different stack of mail: financial aid letters.

As you undoubtedly know, the cost of college is no small investment. In the 2017-18 academic year, the average tuition and fees for four-year public colleges is \$25,620, while for private colleges, the costs are \$33,520, and public two-year colleges cost \$3,570, according to the College Board.

At the same time, the College Board reports that more than 70 percent of students receive grants to help pay for college. Hopefully, those financial letters contain some good news.

For most families, analyzing the letters is a process of uncovering the college that can offer the best education at the best value for your student. One way to get there is to parse the details of the letter itself so you understand the

net cost of your student's education. Still, it's critical to look at other factors and opportunities around higher education costs. Taking a deeper look at these can help you and your student reach the best possible decision.

Deciphering free aid vs. other options: Take a close look at each line in the aid column. Key words, such as scholarships, grants and fellowships, signal no-strings money for school. Work-study and student loan packages are options that will need students to find a job or pay the money back.

Cost-of-living expenses: Think about those extra costs that come up over the weeks and months of any college year, such as meals, phone, transportation and laundry. Don't forget entertainment. After all, they're not going to spend all their time studying in their dorm room. Does the campus and community offer plenty of low-cost and no-cost attractions and entertainment so they can have fun with their friends without breaking



the bank?

Local economy: One thing worth considering is the local economy of the first-choice school, especially if your student may want to pick up a part-time job along the way. Even better, look for local employers that are compatible with your child's career goals. An entry-level job at one of these workplaces can help make ends meet, while making your student more marketable when it's time to graduate.

Student achievement: Do a little digging on the success rate for students and gradu-

ates, so you have an idea on whether the school has a high job placement rate after graduation. Know the school's graduation rate, along with the average first-year salary for graduates.

Ongoing costs: The financial aid letter describes the student's first year. As much as you can, do some forecasting for the next three to four years. It's especially important to understand whether awards are renewable, or if they're available only to first-year students.

Negotiation: If the college

isn't coming through with enough aid to make college affordable for your student and family, don't give up. You might be able to negotiate more aid. Submit a letter and ask for a follow-up appointment. Be specific about what you are requesting, and be sure to explain if you have specific circumstances such as medical costs or a job loss that may have affected your ability to meet the expected family contribution.

If you find the amount of financial aid provided isn't enough (including the amount offered in federal loans), families may want to research and explore private student loans as an option to cover the additional expenses. Look for competitive interest rates and flexible repayment options that match your budget. College Ave Student Loans also offers a calculator that showcases how much families can save with various loan options at www.collegeavestudentloans.com.

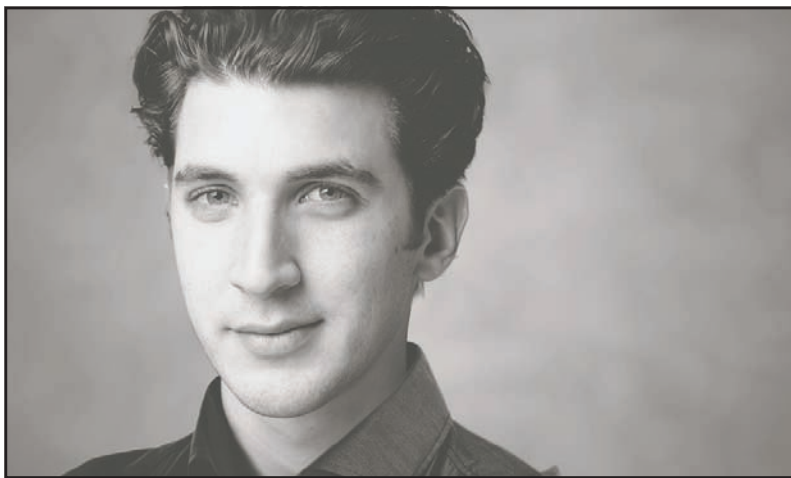
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Keep your teen fueled with these 4 vital tips



High school can be intense, but being a student athlete can intensify expectations.

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That's where parents play a huge role in helping their teen athletes keep it all in balance. Here are four easy tips to help you ensure that your teen is ready for a great season, on and off the field.

Food: Allison Maurer - a sports dietitian and Gatorade consultant who has worked with high school and collegiate athletes - says, "The important thing to remember is that food is fuel. It gives athletes the energy they need to perform and also helps them recover. When planning your athletes' meals, look for whole food sources that provide high-quality fats, lean proteins and complex carbohydrates. Talk to your athlete about his or her fuel strategy before, during and after practices and games, and offer support by providing healthy, energy rich snacks."

Hydration: When exercising hard, the body cools itself through sweat. If body mass is reduced by about 2 percent, which would be 3 pounds of water weight loss in a 150-pound athlete, it can negatively affect performance, according to the National Athletic Trainers' Association's (NATA) Position Statement on Fluid Replacement for Athletes.

"Athletes lose more than water in sweat, so it's important that they take their hydration seriously since it can impact performance," Maurer says. "There are a number of products to meet an athlete's hydration and fueling preferences. For those looking for an organic fueling option, I recommend G Organic, Gato-

rade's latest product. It's made with only seven ingredients and provides the same hydration benefits that athletes expect from Gatorade."

Rest: Although teens may seem to bounce back easily from a night with too little rest, the truth is that good sleep helps both learning and athletic performance. Sleep helps athletes recover, especially after they've pushed their limits in an intense workout. Being rested can also improve reaction time, as well as speed and accuracy. In addition, teens with earlier bedtimes had better grades than those who stayed up later and slept less, according to a study of 3,000 subjects cited by the National Sleep Foundation.

Talk about these benefits with your athlete, and encourage them to go to bed and rise at the same time each day. Also, the glowing light of electronic devices can also interfere with sleep. So, help your teen come up with a strategy to power down an hour or so before bedtime in order to prepare their minds for a night of restorative sleep.

Planning: Schedules have a way of colliding, and this especially happens when a huge test and a game are scheduled for the same day. Each week, sit down with your student athlete and walk through that week's schedule. Look at practices, games, homework assignments and tests, and create a calendar. That way, if a midterm and a game take place on the same day, he or she can plan accordingly. This will help avoid a late-night, stress-filled cram session that will steal from their performance in the classroom and on the field.

Life as a student athlete means keeping everything in balance. By focusing on the body - from nutrition to time management - athletes can focus on giving their best performance this upcoming season.

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The only City Council member to join a City Hall protest last week against the state's failure to investigate the quality of education among Orthodox Jewish religious schools – called yeshivas – was Jackson Heights' Daniel Dromm, a former public school teacher.

Photo by Tequila Minsky



On the 50th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King Jr., the Granville T. Woods chapter of the Local 3 electrician's union marches to the union's headquarters on Jewel Avenue in Flushing, part of a longstanding job dispute the group has with its union.

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Mayor Bill de Blasio announces the return of Stan Brezenoff, the former deputy mayor under Ed Koch, as the interim head of NYCHA during a tour of the Ocean Bayside Apartments in Far Rockaway this week.

Courtesy of the mayor's office/Michael Appleton



In Briarwood, not far from a busy auto body shop, the 107th Precinct tweets that it was busy this week towing "derelict" cars from the streets where parking spaces are dear.

Twitter



The Lewis H. Latimer House Museum in Flushing received \$1,000 from the nearby Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens to support the museum's Tinker Lab program for children.

Courtesy of Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens



In Cambria Heights, alumni of Martin Luther King's college fraternity – Alpha Phi Alpha – hold a service in remembrance of his assassination in 1969 – including a recitation of King's most memorable speech by Franco Harris Jr., the son of one of the organizers.

Photo by Nat Valentine

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

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

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

Daydreaming

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

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

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

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Chanté Adams portrays Roxanne Shante opposite Mahershala Ali, who stars as Shante's older love interest. Courtesy of Netflix



BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Netflix biopic centers on hip-hop pioneer from Queensbridge

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

As the 1980's rapper MC Shan once put it, the Bridge is where "stars are born."

Queensbridge, hip-hop's most storied housing project, hasn't produced a new generation of famous rappers in almost two decades. But back in the early 80s, when spunky young teen Lolita Shanté Gooden — who called

herself Roxanne Shanté (pronounced 'shan-tay') — was coming into her own and finding herself as a rising hip-hop star, the Bridge was revered as the heartbeat of the rap universe.

From this tough insular community in Long Island City emerged more hip-hop talent throughout the 1980s and 1990s than anywhere else in the United States. Queensbridge provided the inspiration for the iconic sounds

of legendary rappers like Nas, hip-hop duo Mobb Deep, DJ/record producer Marley Marl, and many more. When Shanté arrived on the scene as the most feared battle MC in Queens, her male rivals took notice.

Unable to resist the pounding street vibe reverberating across the Bridge, at age 14 the fierce, ponytailed rapper battled her way to fame, while hustling to provide for her family — she was the oldest of four sisters — and trying to defend herself on those mean streets from a variety of predators.

Before the #MeToo era, many young women who faced sexism and oppression suffered in silence and kept their grievances to themselves. But Shanté managed to find her voice through rapping. She took Queensbridge's hyper-masculine hip-hop scene by storm and, before long, her battle cry would be heard across its 96 buildings. People knew she could rap circles around anybody.

Back in the day, rapping was like social media, and it was how many

teens connected with their peers. Through hip-hop, they'd express raw anger, frustration and hopelessness, with thumping, confrontational beats that mirrored life in the projects.

Shanté, now 48 and living in New Jersey, has recently taken on a new role as executive producer for a moving, hard-hitting biopic about her humble beginnings at Queensbridge, where she was raised by a strong, single mother. "Roxanne Roxanne" premiered in theaters and on Netflix March 23.

The former rapper shared bits and pieces from her past during a phone interview with TimesLedger Newspapers to talk about the movie. "Roxanne Roxanne" stars newcomer Chanté Adams, who Shanté said "did a wonderful job" and may have been destined to play young Roxanne because of her name. Oscar and Golden Globe winner Mahershala Ali played her older love interest, Cross. Nia Long, who plays her mother, became a close friend of the real life Shanté.

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THEATER CALENDAR

[title of show] – The show follows Hunter, Jeff, and their friends on their journey through the pains and joys, ups and downs, and trials and tribulations of creating theatre. In the span of 90 minutes, they write and perform their show at the New York Musical Festival and learn lessons about themselves as people, friends, and artists. The show is, above all, a love letter to the uniquely American art form of musical theatre.

When: Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Secret Theatre
Cost: \$18

Contact: (718) 392-0722

Website: secrettheatre.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=25&searchdate=04/07/2018&MonthSubmit=x

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within the actual room.

When: Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, at 8 p.m.

Where: Chocolate Factory Theatre

Cost: \$20

Contact: (718) 482-7069

Website: www.chocolatefactorytheater.org/melinda-ring-special-projects-cloud/

Princess Particular –

Princess Particular is off her rocker. All she can think about is her latest scheme to become a ballerina. Her mom and dad, Queen Patience and King Loadsadough, want her to focus on her princess duties. Luckily, her four maids, the Chancellor and Lady-in-Waiting are on hand to help make her dream come true.

When: Saturday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$15 for adults; \$10 for children; \$40 for family four-pack

Contact: (718) 392-0722

Website: www.secrettheatre.com

Broadway Valentine – Nothing displays the glory of a Broadway musical quite like the exhilaration of romantic love. Created exclusively for Queens Theatre, Broadway Valentine is a jubilant celebration of the greatest love songs ever written performed by real-life couple Broadway singers.

When: Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Where: Queens Theatre

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Week 49

Fashion in Film Festival comes to MOMI

BY MERLE EXIT

The London-based Fashion in Film Festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary season at the Museum of the Moving Image.

Exploring the connections between fashion and cinema throughout history, the two-week event will run through April 22 at MOMI — located at 36-01 35th Ave. in Astoria — under the theme of “Wearing Time: Past, Present, Future and Dream.” Period films — also known as costume dramas — utilize clothing as a vehicle for representing the time period in which they’re set.

Tom Gunning and Marketta Uhlirova are curating the festival. Uhlirova, a senior research fellow in fashion history and theory at Central Saint Martins in London, is the co-founder and director.

“I had been thinking a lot about how fashion functions — and exists — in time, what kind of narratives and concepts of time it is connected to: history, memory, the present, transformation, future, a sense of time passing,” Uhlirova said.



“The Color of Pomegranates,” an Armenian film about the 18th century troubadour Sayat-Nova, was suppressed by Soviet authorities when it was first released in 1969.
Courtesy of Critereon Pictures

“The obvious fact that film is a time-based medium seemed to me to offer much interesting nuance in relation to fashion. I wanted to have a conversation, though, and so I approached cinema scholar Tom Gunning, who has written some fantastic articles exploring, or at least touching on the subject of cinema and time.”

Uhlirova said she and Gunning communicated frequently via FaceTime to prepare for the festival.

“Whenever we could engineer to spend some time together and did a lot of talking over a period of about a year,” she said. “We began to structure our thinking into four themes — past, present, future and

dream — and the films that we chose for the program helped us articulate some of the issues with more precision.”

Uhlirova said that the ideas for the event emerged through the process of revisiting films.

“Most of the films we had known of, but some came on our radar during this journey,” she said. “That’s what I

love about curating. It sharpens your focus on a given subject, and you see things you never saw before.”

Probably the most well-known film being presented at the festival is “Barbarella,” directed by Roger Vadim and starring Jane Fonda.

Based on Jean-Claude Forest’s racy comic serial, the film details the adventures of a cosmic queen in the year 40,000. The “space age” costumes were designed by Jacques Fontenay, with inspiration from Paco Rabanne. “Barbarella,” which was first released in 1968, is scheduled for a screening April 20 at 7 p.m.

Uhlirova said the film she was most excited for during the festival is Sergei Parajanov masterpiece, “The Color of Pomegranates,” which will be shown April 15 at 5:30 p.m. She also cited “Machines,” directed by Dr. Rahul Jain.

“‘Machines’ is a poignant exploration of textile production and labour abuse in India and we have brought together a panel that will dissect these issues,” she said. The screening will take place April 15 at 5 p.m.



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'Broadway Valentine' comes to Queens Theatre

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

If you happen to be a total sap and a hopeless romantic, you're probably thinking, "Even though Valentine's Day has passed, it doesn't mean it can't be Valentine's Day every day!"

The truth is, Cupid never takes a break.

So, if you're in the mood for love, why not show your romantic side and bring that special someone to Queens Theatre Saturday, as you celebrate spring Queens-style?

Get swept off your feet, forget your troubles and escape reality with "Broadway Valentine," a magical concert-style revue produced and hosted by Stephen DeAngelis, and created exclusively for Queens Theatre.

Hum or sing along with a stellar cast, which includes three real-life couples who are Broadway actors, as they perform some of Broadway's most memorable love songs, peppered with humorous and heartfelt personal stories, and followed by a lively question and answer session with the audience. After a water main break forced its cancellation in March, the show was been rescheduled for April 14 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are still available to see the talented Broadway couples, including: Tony Award-nominee

Erin Dilly ("A Christmas Story," "Into the Woods," "Follies") and Stephen Buntrock ("Beauty and the Beast," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Les Misérables"); Zachary Prince ("Honeymoon in Vegas," "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever," "Baby It's You!") and two-time Tony and Drama Desk nominee Brandon Uranowitz ("Falsettos," "An American in Paris," "Prince of Broadway"); Alysha Umphress ("On the Town," "American Idiot," "Bring It On") and Cody Williams ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "On the Town," "Cinderella").

Brooklynites Uranowitz and Prince, who have been together for seven years, are replacing original cast members Kyle Dean Massey and Taylor Frey after Massey was offered a Broadway role and had to drop out for rehearsals. Uranowitz and Prince met doing the Broadway show "Baby It's You!," and said they're both looking forward to singing selections from shows and roles they've done on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and in cabarets in the city.

"We get to perform together so rarely that any opportunity is always a joy," said Prince, who co-parents two goldendoodle dogs — Besie and Winnie — with his partner. "It's very special to get to connect

with the person you love most, doing what you both love and sharing that with an audience. We are excited to perform at the Queens Theatre because Queens is such an integral part of the city, with so many of our best Broadway performers living there, and the theater is an institution that has provided arts and entertainment to the community for decades. We are thrilled to collaborate with them and bring some more attention to the important work they do there."

According to both actors, working with the other Broadway couples "has been a dream."

"Alysha and Cody are two of our dearest friends, so it's always a pleasure to perform with them," Prince said. "They're immensely respected in the industry, not to mention a total hoot."

And talking about friends, it turns out that Prince and his partner have many actor friends living here in Queens.

Both performers agree that "Stephen (DeAngelis) put together the perfect group!" and that the Broadway Valentine concerts will be just as fun for the audience as they are for them.

Tickets are still available for \$20 and can be purchased by visiting queenstheatre.org or by calling (718) 760-0064.



Two-time Tony and Drama Desk nominee Brandon Uranowitz (r.) and his partner Zachary Prince are new to the "Broadway Valentine" cast. They are replacing Kyle Dean Massey and Taylor Frey. Courtesy of Brandon Uranowitz and Zachary Prince

Roxanne

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The film's Queens premiere was "incredible," according to Shanté, who said they wanted to make it available to people who wouldn't have access to the movie. Among the attendees were women from domestic violence and homeless shelters.

"That's exactly what I stand for, what I represent. And the movie we felt, was something they needed to see," Shanté said. "It took place in a wonderful location, a church which had been turned into the Jamaica Arts Center."

Shanté said she was

on set every day during filming to make sure the movie, which took 28 days to shoot at Queensbridge, "had the organic feel that was needed and that the story was told properly."

"I had a wonderful relationship with the old neighborhood, so we were able to film there without any issues, and I still have friends in the area," Shanté said.

Though her mom has been living in the south, Shanté said they return to Queens quite often.

Her story, as told by writer-director Michael Larnell, seems to capture that old school hip-hop era which helped ignite her rocky journey to fame as the first com-

mercially successful female rapper.

"I was a battle rapper in the streets, and able to actually make a living doing that before becoming professional," Shanté said. "I had the title of being the best in the city in 1983. Usually, people from other housing projects would come. I did freestyle, so literally, I just rapped about whatever was around me."

In 1984, Shanté started making her famous record, "Roxanne, Roxanne." She continued rapping until she was 22.

Shanté said that growing up in the projects was like growing up in any neighborhood.

"It was family ori-

ented. I had a wonderful home life with my mother, and when you watch the movie, you'll see that we went through trials and tribulations, our ups and downs, as any family does," she said. "But we were able to overcome it."

The young rapper's big break came when a neighbor who lived on her block saw her doing laundry and called down to her. He happened to be DJ Marley Marl. So, she laid down a seven-minute freestyle and went right back to doing laundry. He then put the music together and came up with the idea for that record.

Shanté would eventually take on her battling

male rivals when she recorded "Roxanne's Revenge" at age 14, a defiant answer record to hip-hop group U.T.F.O.'s LP.

The original U.T.F.O. track — which dissed a girl named Roxanne for being cold and hard to get — ignited the so-called "Roxanne Wars," a well-known series of hip-hop rivalries during the mid-1980s. Her epic answer record blew everyone away, selling 250,000 copies just in New York, it set off a musical tsunami.

Sadly, the hip-hop sensation had no choice but to walk away at the height of her career.

In an interview with *Essence.com*, she re-

called that it was easy to leave because she wasn't getting compensated. Apparently, her naivety as a young teen and a lack of support from adults in the know, left her vulnerable and powerless.

"The film is just the beginning of so many things to come," like a possible series, according to Shanté, who said the message she wants viewers to take away from the film is to "never give up on yourself, and you can survive anything."

"Everyone should follow their dreams," Shanté said. "You can be a little girl in the projects and still be successful in life."

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Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company takes the stage

BY MERLE ECIT

Flushing Town Hall will play host to a dynamic performance as the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company returns to perform Sunday, April 15, at 1 p.m.

Collaborating with Queens College Dance Program, the company will present a lineup for CrossCurrent V, featuring an upcoming work by Yin Mei, the coordinator of the program. The dance will incorporate projection and visual art. Mei will be performing her new work in progress, titled Rhetorical Act.

Mei is a director, choreographer and visual artist known for creating dance theater works that bridge geographic, technological, artistic and cultural differences by presenting a unique brand of theatrical imagination. She is currently at work on a dance theater program joining themes that stem from The Peony Pavilion, culled from her own experiences growing up in China as a young dancer.

The hour-long program also includes choreographer-dancer Huiwang Zhang, and some new works of Nai-Ni Chen.

Zhang, a dancer, choreographer, and screen dance artist,



The Nai-Ni Chen Dance company returns to Flushing Town Hall for a fourth year this weekend.

Photo by Lichung Zhang

is also a current member of the Bill T. Jones/Annie Zane Company. His work has been presented at the Beijing Dance Festival (2016) and 12 Minutes Max in Salt Lake City (2017).

Zhang also incorporated ed-

ited film excerpts taken from Joris Lvens, Jan Svankmajer and CCTV in his new work, titled "About petroleum: Chinese socialism and the postmodern agenda."

Executive Director Andrew

Chiang, along with Chen, co-founded the dance company in 1988. Chen came to the United States from Taiwan more than 30 years ago to obtain her master's degree here in New York.

"I was so excited about the

dancing in New York that I decided to stay rather than teach in Taiwan," she said.

Chiang spoke to Chen about her success in dancing, at which point they decided to form the company where Chen would both dance and choreograph.

"We are excited to see these amazing dance artists that are rising in Queens, and we feel that Flushing Town Hall should be a place where they can feel at home," said Ellen Kodadek, the executive and artistic director of Flushing Town Hall.

For the entire company, the ability to collaborate with fellow creative artists makes this event so satisfying.

"We are especially delighted to work with excellent artists of this caliber because it represents the quality and passion immigrant artists can bring to our community, through contemporary dance. This is the reason we established CrossCurrent dance series," Chen said.

A panel discussion moderated by Kodadek will follow the one-hour performance, which is set to kick off at 2 p.m. Flushing Town Hall is located at 137-35 Northern Blvd.


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FILM

Holy Motors — Director Leos Carax's bizarre drama follows its protagonist, Mr. Oscar, through a single workday in Paris. As he is ferried around by chauffeur from one "appointment" to another, he undergoes a series of radical transformations, his white stretch limousine becoming a dressing room where new costumes and makeup are applied. A meditation on the manufacture of identity in an age of modern media, each costume triggers a different scenario, from the abject, to the sentimental, to the horrific.

When: Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m.
Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria
Cost: \$15
Contact: (718) 784-0077
Website: www.movingimage.us/

Big Hero 6 — Based on the Marvel comic book, "Big Hero 6" centers around Hiro, a teenage

genius inventor who is mourning the loss of his older brother with the help of Baymax, an inflatable robot designed to heal people. When Hiro discovers one of his robotic creations is being used for evil, he turns his friends into the Big Hero 6, high-tech superheroes, so they can search for the masked villain and help save their city.

When: Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15, at 11 a.m.
Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria
Cost: \$15
Contact: (718) 784-0077
Website: www.movingimage.us/

EVENTS

Green Neighborhood Bayside — Volunteer with the Stewardship Team to protect natural areas in the Bayside Green Neighborhood. Volunteers will learn how to identify and safely remove invasive plants to help protect the forest and create

a healthier ecosystem.
When: Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Alley Pond Park
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 392-5232

E-Waste Event — State Sen. Leroy Comrie's office, in collaboration with the Lower East Side Ecology Center and community partners, offers free collections of electronic waste. Bring working or non-working computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, phones, audio equipment, cell phones and PDAs to this rain or shine event.
When: Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Springfield Park
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 464-9700

Queens Jazz Overground Jazz Fest — The Queens Jazz Overground, a collective that promotes jazz performance and education, presents its annual Jazz Fest, a daylong series of jazz workshops and performances.
When: Saturday, April 14, from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Flushing Town Hall
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 463-7700 x222

Murder Mystery Dinner

— Stop by the Bayside Historical Society for a dangerously delicious dinner. The Murder Mystery evening will feature live actors and audience participation, and a menu of appetizers, main course, dessert and wine.
When: Saturday, April 14, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Bayside Historical Society, 208 Totten Ave.
Cost: \$80; \$75 for BHS members
Contact: (718) 352-1548

Spring Street Festival — The Myrtle Avenue Business

Improvement District, in conjunction with Clearview Festival Productions, will sponsor its annual Myrtle Avenue Spring Street Festival. The event will feature over 200 merchant and vendor displays, children's rides, game booths, food, entertainment, health providers and other local non-profit and civic organizations. Vintage buses will be provided in cooperation with the MTA/NCT.
When: Sunday, April 15, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Myrtle Avenue from Wyckoff Avenue to Forest

Avenue
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Edmar Castaneda Quartet — Acclaimed jazz musicians Edmar Castaneda and Gregorie Maret will perform Harp vs. Harp — a concert that features the striking combination of harp and harmonica.
When: Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m.
Where: Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College
Cost: \$25-\$40
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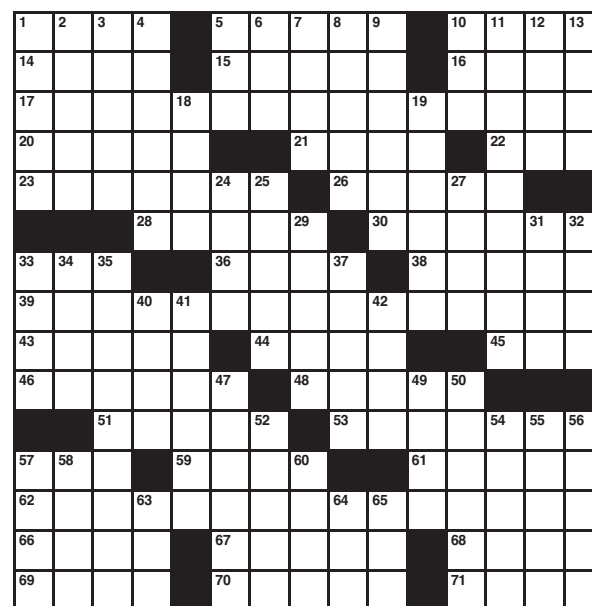
By Ed Canty

In a Fowl Mood



Across

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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
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, perhaps
57. Pipe joint
59. All alternative
61. "You've got mail" hearer



62. Giving up suddenly
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Peralta

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and my endorsement stands because Jessica Ramos will make a great Senator and no deal will change that,” he said. City Comptroller Scott Stringer is standing by his Ramos endorsement 110 percent, according to his staff.

“In the end it’s not the endorsements, it’s the voters who will determine who receives their votes,” Peralta said. “The main argument you hear is ‘I’m running against so and so because he’s part of the IDC and he’s not a mainline Democrat’ but it’s over now. It’s done. Now why are you running again?”

Ramos took umbrage with that and predicted Peralta would have a harder time than he thinks making amends to those constituents who protested against his switch to the IDC 14 months ago.

“It’s very disheartening to hear, it sounds like there is no remorse and he’s completely out of touch with the people he’s

hurt,” Ramos said. “Being a Democrat isn’t about checking a box on your voter registration card. Being a Democrat is standing up for a certain value set and fighting for the working people and the poor. That actually makes me sad.”

Peralta appeared with his old political foe, Hiram Montserate, at last Saturday’s meeting of the East Elmhurst Corona Democratic Club and last month he appeared at a meeting of the New Visions Democratic Club, the same organization that cancelled his membership when Peralta joined the IDC.

“Senator Peralta’s efforts are too little, too late at this point,” New Visions President Shekar Krishnan said. “What he should be doing, should be focusing on is addressing the community, his constituents, and club members who feel betrayed by his decision to join the IDC in the first place. If he comes to a club meeting again, we will call him up to do just that.”

Peralta says he has already reached out to some constituents who “voiced their concerns when I joined the IDC.” He also

points to the hundreds of millions he was able to allocate for school extensions in his district during his 14 months with the IDC as well as nearly \$15 million for an immigrant defense fund and another \$7 million each year for non-profits in his district.

“My constituents have become extended family to me during the last eight years in the Senate and before that there was eight years in the Assembly,” Peralta said. “I made this move, I knew I was going to take a hit and now we’re all together trying to get to the majority. Nothing compares to when I voted for marriage equality in 2011. My own priest didn’t want me to come to my church and the whole congregation was looking at me sideways. I believed we were ahead of the curve, we were going to be right and the country would follow. I took a beating from the Catholic Church for several years over that vote. The church realized with time that it is now the law of the land and people have learned to accept that over time.”

Rikers

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Former New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, who is chairman of the Independent Commission, said although there have been significant improvements in the last year, that is no reason to be complacent.

“Despite this progress, there is still much work to be done,” he said. “The people affected by our criminal justice system are overwhelmingly black and Latino, and the nine deteriorating and dysfunctional jails on Rikers remain a stain on our city, leaving a permanent mark on everyone they touch. That’s why it’s imperative that we not rest on our laurels, but build on this momentum for closure. By the time the mayor and the City Council speaker leave office, progress should be irreversible.”

The commission, which called the jails on Rikers “brutal and obsolete,” said that to complete a more humane borough system by 2024, the city must continue to cut the number of people in jail and make significant strides in the construction of smaller, modern facilities in the five boroughs. According to the commission, by the end of de Blasio’s second term, construction on at

least two sites should be well underway, with design and possibly construction in progress in the others.

The report said transitioning to a borough-based jail system promotes safety, successful re-entry into society, and better access to courts and family members. The report also claims that with design-build authorization from the state government and continued focus from city government, the commission projects that a modern, borough-based system could be constructed in six years. This new timeline would lead to \$700 million in cost savings compared to the initial projections, which was an upfront cost of \$10.62 billion.

The commission said Albany needs to step up and pass legislation on a state level to limit the use of cash bail. Bail reform legislation that would have limited the use of cash bail was not included in the 2019 state budget, or reforms in the areas of discovery, speedy trial, and parole, the report said. The commission noted that if Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Legislature can enact these reforms by the end of session, it could have a meaningful impact on improving criminal justice and accelerating the time line for closing Rikers.

The report also recommended community engage-

ment in the design process for the borough-based facilities and redesigning the infrastructure on Rikers Island to be potentially used for expansion of LaGuardia Airport. It also suggested interim uses as the jails are phased out, such as developing the solar, energy storage, and composting facilities that are necessary for the city to meet its ambitious clean energy and zero waste goals.

Councilman Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest), who serves as chairman of the Committee on the Justice System, said this plan can work, but only if de Blasio commits to expanding supervised release, improving the mechanics of paying bail, and investing in the criminal justice reforms proposed by both public defenders and district attorneys.

“As the report spells out, too many people are needlessly run through our court system, predominantly brown and black New Yorkers; too many people are stuck on Rikers, solely because they are too poor to pay bail or cannot pay bail in a timely manner; and too many people are left waiting to have their day in Court,” he said.

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NYCHA

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ment. The city of New York has never ever made such an investment before in public housing.”

He said one of the main reasons so many investments were made was because of Olatoyez.

“We had a leader at NYCHA who had a plan and vision for how to move the agency forward,” he said. “From the beginning, Olatoye did not say this is an insurmountable problem, this is too tough a job, this is going to be difficult. She didn’t say it’s a dangerous mission — therefore I’m not willing to on it.”

Olatoye said her decision to step down was because she felt she did all she could and was ready to move forward.

“It’s been an honor to serve the one in 14 New Yorkers who call public housing home,” she said. “I leave this role secure in the knowledge that we created a path for a stronger and safer NYCHA in the years ahead as the de Blasio Administration moves forward.”

De Blasio called Olatoye’s replacement “one of the great public servants in the last gen-

eration in this City”

Brezenoff has served as first deputy mayor, the head of Port Authority and at Health and Hospitals.

“This is one of the toughest jobs in America,” he said. “Under Mayor de Blasio and Olatoye, NYCHA has faced down enormous challenges, launched an enormous turnaround effort and improved the lives of residents. I’m committed to working with residents, finding new solutions and making progress that people will see and feel in their communities.”

When asked about the lead paint controversy, De Blasio said Olatoye and his administration did everything they could and blamed the previous Bloomberg administration.

“My regret is that people who had been a part of NYCHA for a long time did not share the information they should,” he said. “If we had been given any indication that the inspections were not done the way they were supposed to have been done, that they had stopped during the previous administration we would have acted on it immediately.”

He said there is no question that had they known we would have acted.

Crowley

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something,” he said. “Is it criminal intent to rob someone as opposed to someone who walks in randomly to shoot everyone in front of them because of angst? We don’t know what is driving that. What I’m suggesting is putting that aside and reducing access to weapons to everyone, which reduces the ability of someone who has that cognitive problem to also not get a weapon to do what they want to do.”

Another attendee suggested that the gun control issue could be moved along if there were annual inspections.

“If you do have a gun nut who has some weird plan, he is not going to bring his gun to an annual inspection,” he said. “If you have to bring your car to an annual inspection, you should be able to bring your gun to be inspected, too.”

He also suggested a law that encourages whistleblowing without fear of retaliation.

“There is a problem where sometimes if people see some-

thing, people don’t say something, whether it’s because someone is afraid of getting fired or getting sued,” he said. “So I think we have to have reform on that so people aren’t afraid.”

Crowley said that he made some provocative but reasonable points.

“There needs to be a way in terms of the right of individuals,” Crowley said. “Whistleblower laws or Good Samaritan laws, there is a balance we have to find. There has to be appropriate chains that people can work through in place of employment where things will be kept confidential.”

Crowley said that he believes the broader gun issue is about easy access. He mentioned U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly (D), who represents the south side of Chicago. She has been vocal about the high rate of gun violence that affects mostly blacks and Latinos in her state and other urban areas. Crowley said one thing that frustrates him is that certain kinds of gun violence seem to be ignored, but he said it’s all part of the access issue, particularly in cases involving handguns.



While Noah Syndergaard has not had his best stuff early this season, Jacob deGrom has more than picked up the slack. AP

Can the Mets continue their red-hot start?



Zach Gewelb



The new-look Mets may be here to stay.

The team has thrived under first-year manager Mickey Callaway, opening the season with a 9-1 record through the season's first 10 games. But is their hot start for real? Can they keep it up?

Let's take a closer look and see if New York can stay atop the National League East.

The Mets took two of three from the St. Louis Cardinals to start the year before winning five straight games against NL East opponents,

including a three-game sweep on the road against the Washington Nationals. The team has used a nice blend of strong pitching and timely hitting to get off to such a fast start. There's reason to believe the club could be even better.

Opening Day starter Noah Syndergaard is currently ranked second-to-last on the team with a 3.94 ERA through 16 innings in three starts. Yes, he has struck out 22 batters in those two innings,

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Johnnies fall in OT

St. John's men's lacrosse drops first home game

BY ZACH GEWELB

After a 6-2 start, the St. John's men's lacrosse team has dropped three consecutive games, including a closely contested 11-10 overtime loss at home to Marquette last Friday.

The Johnnies (6-5, 0-2 Big East) battled hard in overtime, but John Wagner found the back of the net with 32.9 seconds left in the extra session to clinch the victory for the Golden Eagles (5-4, 2-1 Big East) and hand the Red Storm their first home loss of the season. The goal was Wagner's third of the game and also his third overtime goal this season.

The match marked the first overtime game at DaSilva Memorial Field since March 3, 2015, which St. John's also lost, 11-10, to Yale.

Despite the defeat, the Red Storm received a balanced performance on both ends of the field.

Senior Jason DeBenedictis scored three goals — all in the second half — which marks the sixth time this season he has scored at least three in a game.

Senior Corey Haynes also found the net multiple times, scoring a pair of goals for his second multi-goal game of the season. He also tallied two assists in the loss.

Colin Duffy, whose nine-game point streak had just come to an end, responded



Senior Jason DeBenedictis led St. John's with three goals in the Johnnies' loss to Marquette. Photo by Bruce Adler

with two goals and an assist. He scored the Johnnies' first and last goal of the game, which marks the ninth time this season he has recorded at least two points.

Sophomore Joe Madsen found the back of the net twice on six shots on goal. Dating back to last season, he has

now scored in 16 consecutive games.

Fellow sophomore Mike Madsen added one goal on a game-high nine shots. He also tallied an assist.

Despite turning the ball over three times as much as the Johnnies did (15 to 5), the

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St. John's

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Golden Eagles were able to outshoot St. John's 40-35, only the second time this season the Red Storm conceded 40 shots.

While the Johnnies put the ball on net more than Marquette with 26 shots on goal to 22, Marquette goalie Cole Blazer bested his St. John's counterpart Matt Hanley in net with 16 saves on 26 shots. Hanley was still sharp between the pipes for St. John's, recording 11 saves on 22 shots on goal. He has posted at least 10 saves in seven of 11 games this season. Blazer shined in overtime, however, making a key save down the stretch that led to Wagner's game-winning score.

The Golden Eagles' offense was led by Jack Zerrillo, who matched Wagner with three goals on the day.

Marquette opened the scoring when Connor McClelland tallied his 10th goal of the season at the 13:41 mark of the first period to give the Golden Eagles a 1-0 lead. The Johnnies' evened the score at the 10:09 mark and the teams trad-

ed goals later in the period, making the score 2-2 heading into the second.

The teams again traded goals early in the second stanza, but Marquette tallied three consecutive scores to take a 6-3 lead into the third period.

St. John's rallied for five scores in the third, while limiting the Golden Eagles to just two goals in the period, which left the score tied heading into the fourth.

Each team scored twice in the final regulation period. St. John's scored the first two goals of the stanza, but two clutch goals — one from Zerrillo and one from McClelland — allowed the Golden Eagles to tie the score. Both teams had opportunities to take the lead late in the period, but stellar goaltending from both sides sent the game into overtime, setting up Wagner's heroics.

St. John's will hit the road for the final time in the regular season Saturday with a visit to the Mile High City against Denver. The game is set to begin at 3 p.m. at Peter Barton Lacrosse Stadium.

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Mets

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but he's already allowed two home runs and opponents are batting .242 against the flame-throwing righty. Syndergaard has not been at his best, yet the Mets managed to all three of his starts, which bodes well for the team moving forward.

While Syndergaard has struggled, Jacob deGrom has more than picked up the slack. The 29-year-old righty has won two of his three starts, pitching to a 3.06 ERA in 17.2 innings to start the year. Matt Harvey (3.60 ERA) and Steven Matz (3.00 ERA) have also shown promise thus far.

The Mets' bullpen has already emerged as a weapon. The combination of Jerry Blevins, Jeurys Familia, Seth Lugo and A.J. Ramos have been dominant to start the season. The fearsome foursome has yet to allow a run, surrendering just seven hits and 12 walks, while striking out 22 batters in 21 innings.

The rest of the Mets' pitching staff — both the starters and relievers — has been terrific, as everyone but Syn-

dergaard and Jacob Rhame has an ERA of 3.86 or better through the season's first 10 games.

Not to be outdone, the Mets' offense has also proven to be a force to be reckoned with to start the season. Yoenis Cespedes leads the club with three home runs and 10 RBI, while Jay Bruce, Travis d'Arnaud and Adrian Gonzalez have each gone deep once. Asdrubal Cabrera has also homered three times.

Michael Conforto, who just returned from a shoulder injury that dates back to last season, has also slugged a home run and boasts a .476 on-base percentage through his first five games back in action.

Brandon Nimmo (.333/.600/.444) and Juan

Lagares (.412/.421/.412) have formed an extraordinary platoon thus far, though Nimmo was recently sent down to Triple-A after Conforto's return.

All of these numbers — for both pitchers and hitters — are to be taken with a grain of salt. It has, after all, only been 10 games and it's impossible to keep up this pace for the duration of the season. But the Mets are trending in the right direction, using a solid rotation, reliable bullpen and deep lineup to outplay their opponents and climb to the top of the National League East.

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Queensbridge

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"Residents may never see the roof over their heads, but they will feel the difference," de Blasio said during a rooftop press briefing last Friday. "We are targeting a major source of leaks and mold, making kids healthier and helping parents sleep easier. With the right resources, we can deliver real-time improvements to the quality of life for thousands of families."

In addition to the new roofs, the de Blasio administration has also installed free Wi-Fi throughout the development, 360 closed circuit security cameras and 858 security lights. The crime rate at Queensbridge has fallen 21 percent since 2013, according to City Hall.

Thirty-nine more NYCHA roofs were replaced around the city as part of the project's first phase and another 78 roofs will be replaced during the \$100 million phase two of the project, which will be completed by June 29.

After De Blasio said the project at Queensbridge Houses was completed on time and under budget, he then took some shots at Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who

has made four highly publicized press appearances at NYCHA complexes around the city in recent weeks. The governor also signed an executive order last week creating a new independent monitor to oversee \$250 million in the state budget for necessary repairs at NYCHA developments citywide.

De Blasio accused Cuomo of treating NYCHA residents like a "political football" instead of disbursing more than \$250 million in funding previously allocated to NYCHA in the 2015 and 2017 state budgets.

"There are some politicians who suddenly believe it is stylish to visit NYCHA," de Blasio said. "I've been visiting public housing buildings throughout my entire career, all the time, throughout my mayoralty. I've been highly involved trying to help our public housing authority which, bluntly, for decades didn't get enough help from the city, didn't get enough help from the state, didn't get enough help from the federal government."

When asked if he was referring to Cuomo, de Blasio said "of course, I'm talking about the governor. He hadn't been to a NYCHA development for five years [prior] to his recent tour. Let's be real."

Meanwhile, residents at the nearby Ravenswood Houses

were celebrating the end of a major quality-of-life issue that has plagued that complex for more than two decades. City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) said the city Department of Sanitation had finally found a location for its garbage trucks that have clogged 35th Avenue between 21st and 12th streets for years.

"It wasn't just a nuisance, it was a danger," Van Bramer said. "The residents of Ravenswood Houses won a very big victory here that shows you can beat City Hall."

Van Bramer and Ravenswood Tenants Association President Carol Wilkins took Mayor de Blasio to the DSNY depot at 34-28 21st St. to complain about the double parked trucks during a blizzard in 2016. During a town hall meeting in Long Island City last May, de Blasio announced he had allocated \$143 million to relocate that garage.

"That will still take a couple of years, but last week we received a letter from Sanitation that they finally found that location to store the trucks, and Monday they were gone from the streets around Ravenswood Houses," Van Bramer said. "It's a huge victory. The people fought for their dignity, and they won."

Reyes

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liveries, and ended at the Sunnyside intersection where the groups placed a ghost bike in his memory. They were joined by his wife, Flor Jimenez, and members of the Reyes' family.

"It was a sobering moment to hear Flor plead for no more families to be left the way our has," TransAlt Queens Organizer Juan Restrepo said. "It is clear that we have a moral responsibility to the hundreds of cyclists, pedestrians and drivers to make Skillman and 43rd Avenue safer, and we implore the Department of Transportation to move forward with the plan."

Astoria resident Macartney Morris, a member of the TransAlt Queens Committee, took part in the ride and rally.

"No one should ever die just because they were riding their bike crossing the street," Morris said. "Especially not when we have the tools to make the streets safer and prevent these deaths. I didn't know Gelacio Reyes personally, but hearing his widow Flor and his friends remember him one year after his death broke my heart all over again. We won't ever stop fighting to make Skillman and 43rd Avenues safer, so no other family has to suffer a similar loss."

Restrepo and Morris have taken part in an outreach mission to drum up support for a city Department of Transportation proposal that met with stiff resistance from the small business community as originally 158 parking spaces would be lost along the two business corridors to make way for the

protected bike lanes. DOT presented a revised proposal at a town hall meeting last month and further tweaked the proposal they presented to Community Board 2's Transportation Committee Monday, which Morris attended.

"DOT's patience with complaints and accommodation to community concerns continues to be impressive," he said. "Over and over again, they've engaged and changed the plan based on feedback. Even on Monday night, they continued to give back parking spots. At some point though, we're going to water it down too much and lose all the safety benefits."

The latest DOT proposal would eliminate 66 spaces along the two miles of "neighborhood corridor," and 116 spaces overall, and is still facing skepticism from small business owners.

"Sean Quinn of DOT said it best: This community is tight-knit and has amazing businesses, and that's why this plan does everything to keep it that way," Morris said. "It quiets the streets. It slows down cars. It makes Skillman and 43rd avenues more inviting places to spend time and money, whether when walking or biking or taking mass transit. The inconveniences of minor parking losses are more than made up by other benefits to make the streets more hospitable to all road users."

A DOT spokesman said the agency is reviewing the comments heard at Monday night's CB2 meeting to determine the next steps and would be in touch with the board.

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Taxi

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letter to Mark McWatters, the chairman of the NCUA. In his letter he said most medallion owners are responsible and willing to pay, but the unfair high interest rates and the decrease in income as a result of new competition from Uber and Lyft are making it more difficult at this time. Beier attributed the stress of mounting financial troubles to the suicide of a Fresh Meadows taxi driver.

"This tragedy comes as Melrose has increasingly targeted taxi drivers who are struggling to pay their debt," Beier wrote. "As the conservator charged with overseeing Melrose's busi-

ness practice, I urge NCUA to stop harassing medallion owners and instead work with them to ensure they pay their loans."

He asked Melrose to follow other credit unions examples and modify repayment schedules.

"Other credit unions understand the extreme ramifications of these actions and have been working with borrowers to modify repayment schedules in several ways, including reduced or deferred interest rates or extended amortizations," he said. "Instead of making similar arrangements, Melrose is demanding large PRINCIPLE down payments, imposing high interest rates, seeking homes as collateral and is stripping medallions from taxis.

These practices will only further exacerbate the ability of the medallion owners to repay their loans."

Beier said there are 14,000 medallions in the city owned by about 5,000 individuals. He also emphasized a lot of medallion owners are hard-working immigrants

"They don't have a back-up plan," he said. "The taxi industry is an immigrant industry. These are people who came to this country, started driving taxi cabs and saved up enough to have a medallion. It was supposed to be the American dream and it's turned into the American nightmare."

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McDonald's

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sistance in nine months, employees can receive it in 90 days of working at McDon-

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received \$67,000 in tuition assistance.

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Network Hospitals. She gets to choose a \$12,000 tuition to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy College, or a \$2,000 tuition to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy High School Summer Program or

accept both tuitions.

Cayla was classically trained in Indian dances from the Sadhanalaya School of Dance and the Natraj Center for the Performing Arts. She hopes to become a dance teacher and to use her passion to pay for medical school at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland to become a pediatric oncologist.

Healthy

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on January 24, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000976-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) MICHAEL (Middle) L (Last) RAMSEY. My present name is (First) MICHAEL (Middle) LEWIS (Last) RAMSEY (Seniority) JR AKA MICHAEL L RAMSEY JR AKA MICHAEL L RAMSEY. My present address is 31-49 29TH STREET, #B7, Astoria, NY 11106. My place of birth is WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, NJ. My date of birth is October 13, 1991.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 06, 2018 bearing Index Number NC-000222-18/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) EMILY (Middle) ABIGAIL (Last) ETWAROO. My present name is (First) EMILY (Middle) ABIGAIL (Last) ETWAROO (infant). My present address is 88-05 MERRICK BLVD., APT 4G, Jamaica, NY 11432. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is December 05, 2017.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 3/28/18 bearing Index Number NC-000301-18/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) ROYSTON (Middle) JUNIOR (Last) ETKINS. My present name is (First) RAYSTON (Middle) JUNIOR (Last) ETKINS AKA ROYSTON J. ETKINS, AKA ROYSTON JUNIOR ETKINS. My present address is 119-13 INWOOD STREET, Jamaica, NY 11436. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is September 18, 1987.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as successor by merger to

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Lasalle Bank, National Association as Trustee for WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-OA3 Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Joseph Althaus; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 8, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on May 11, 2018 at 10:00AM, premises known as 50-32 232nd Street, Bayside, NY 11364. 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 7507 Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$500,907.94 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 13968/2011. Gary Darche, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 27, 2018 52318

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff AGAINST Melissa Surpris; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 4, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on April 20, 2018 at 10:00AM, premises known as 137-53 174th Street a/k/a 13753 174th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434. 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 12580 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$500,222.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 26351/2010. Anthony V. Lombardino, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 16, 2018 52071

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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
S U P P L E M E N T A L
SUMMONS
Index No. 700133/2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS,
D E V I S E E S ,

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DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE GLORIA LYONS A/K/A GLORIA CLARKE A/K/A GLORIA L. CLARKE, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, G R A N T E E S , M O R T G A G E E S , LIENORS, HEIRS, D E V I S E E S , D I S T R I B U T E E S , E X E C U T O R S , ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, U.S. BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2002, AMONG CREDIT-BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION LLC, A S S E T - B A C K E D F U N D I N G CORPORATION, LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-CB1, MICHAEL GRANT, SANDRA CARTER, EARL MURRAY, ALVIN GRANT, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, and Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:
You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, 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

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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.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Cheree Buggs, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 15 th day of March, 2018, at Jamaica, New York. Block: 11660 Lot: 18

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of 135th Street, distant 430 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 135th Street with the northerly side of 115th Avenue, as said street and avenue are shown and laid down on a certain map entitled, "Map of Van Wyck Heights, property of the John H. Ireland Realty Co.," in the Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, New York City, surveyed October, 1919 by John Middleton C.E. and C.S. and filed in the Queens County Clerk's Office on April 21, 1922 as Map No. 4103;

RUNNING THENCE westerly parallel with the northerly side of 115th Avenue 100 feet; THENCE northerly and parallel with the westerly side of 135th Street, 23 feet;

THENCE easterly again parallel with the northerly side of 115th Avenue 100 feet to the westerly side of 135th Street; THENCE southerly along the westerly side of 135th Street, 23 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record. These premises are also known as 11416 135 th Street A/K/A 114-16 135 th Street, South Ozone Park, NY 11420.

WOODS OVIATT GILMAN LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
700 Crossroads Building
2 State Street
Rochester, NY 14614
Tel.: (585) 987-2800

Summons and Notice of Object of Action
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 717483/2017 CIT BANK, N.A. Plaintiff vs UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF MARIE ANTOINETTE LAUORE

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AKA MARIE-ANTOINETTE LAUORE IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, D E S C E N D A N T S , E X E C U T O R S , ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, D E S C E N D A N T S , E X E C U T O R S , ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ASSOCIATES FIRST CAPITAL CORPORATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO A S S O C I A T E S CONSUMER DISCOUNT COMPANY, CITY REGISTER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.), D e f e n d a n t (s) M O R T G A G E D PREMISES: 116-38 219TH STREET CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411 BL #: 11319-48 To the Above named Defendant: 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(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is

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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. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Marie Antoinette Laurore AKA Marie-Antoinette Laurore Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Cheree A. Buggs of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the March 15, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Marie Antoniette Laurore AKA Marie-Antoinette Laurore dated the July 1, 2005, (who died on July 31, 2016, a resident of the county of Queens, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$469,342.50. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2005000421587 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County on July 28, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 28, 2009 and recorded on October 9, 2009, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2009000330304. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 5, 2017 and recorded on June 23, 2017, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2017000232720. The property in question is described as follows: 116-38 219TH STREET, CAMBRIA HEIGHTS, NY 11411 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 16, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100

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Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 52994-1

Supplemental Summons
and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court of the State Of New York County Of Queens Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 716901/2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff vs Jeffrey Bellamy As Executor Of The Estate Of Godfrey Bellamy Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Cynthia Bellamy And If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, NY Financial Services LLC As Assignee Of Bankfirst, City Register Of The City Of New York, Queens County, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Nominee For E*Trade Wholesale Lending Corp., People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.), D e f e n d a n t (s) M O R T G A G E D PREMISES: 13845 230TH PLACE SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NY 11413 BL #: 13179-14 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this

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Supplemental 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. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. To Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Joseph J. Esposito of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the Twenty-Third day of March, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated February 22, 2011, executed by Godfrey Bellamy (who died on April 8, 2015, a resident of the county of Queens, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$191,806.00. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2011000090384 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County on March 11, 2011. The property in question is described as follows: 13845 230TH PLACE, SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NY 11413 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 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 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 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV.

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RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. 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. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 26, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 53164-2

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Queens Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 716845/2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff vs Kenneth

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Wodiska Aka Kenneth I. Wodiska If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Successor By Merger To Wachovia Bank, National Association, New York City Environmental Control Board, People of the State of New York, United States of America acting through the IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s) Mortgaged Premises: 209-19 28th Road Bayside, NY 11360 BL #: 5995-85 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental 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. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. To Kenneth Wodiska AKA Kenneth I. Wodiska Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David Elliot of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Sixth day of March, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office

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of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below dated August 2, 2006, executed by Kenneth Wodiska AKA Kenneth I. Wodiska to secure the sum of \$153,076.50. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2006000490507 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County on August 30, 2006. The property in question is described as follows: 209-19 28TH ROAD, BAYSIDE, NY 11360 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 9, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 52659-1

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court of the State Of New York County Of Queens Action To Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 715986/2017 Bank Of America, N.A., Plaintiff vs Regina G. Hare As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Thomas Pugh As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Michael Pugh As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Veronica Pugh As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, Unknown Heirs As Heir To The Estate Of Clare Pugh, United States Of America Acting Through The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, People Of The State Of New York, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Court Of The City Of New York, Andrew L. Jaloza & Associates LLC John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an

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interest in the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s) Mortgaged Premises: 428 Beach 25th Street Far Rockaway, NY 11691 BL #: 15774-63 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental 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. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Frederick D. R. Sampson of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the Ninth day of March, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated April 25, 2008, executed by Clare Pugh (who died on December 5, 2016, a resident of the county of Queens, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$544,185.00. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2008000194796 in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County on May 14, 2008. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 10, 2008 and recorded on October 7, 2009, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2009000327074. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 26, 2009 and recorded on November 9, 2009, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2009000365723. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 9, 2010 and recorded on May 7, 2010, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2010000154147. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 23, 2017 and recorded on January 30, 2017, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2017000039331. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 14, 2017 and recorded on March 31, 2017, in the Clerk of Queens County at CRFN 2017000126186. The

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property in question is described as follows: 428 BEACH 25TH STREET, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 14, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 52894-2

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WAS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF DOLLIE GRIFFIN, AND JALLAH REDWINE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF LINDA REDWINE WHO WAS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF DOLLIE GRIFFIN, if they be living, and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, if any, and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; Defendants-Index no. 705468/2017 Filed 4/24/2017. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. 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 twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day 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; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. 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 this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This Supplemental Summons and Amended Complaint are being filed pursuant to Order of the Court dated March 13, 2018. Dated: March 20, 2018 Block: 12202 Lot: 42 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 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 dated March 13, 2018. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 150-82 116 th Road, Jamaica, NY located at Block 12202 and Lot 42 Dated: March 20, 2018 and Filed: March 22, 2018 Pincus Law Group, PLLC., Attorneys for Plaintiff, By: Margaret Burke Tarab Esq., 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 516-699- 8902.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX# 710842/2017 FILED: 04/09/2018 S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS WITH NOTICE M O R T G A G E D PREMISES: 163-14 108th Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11433, BL #: 10171 - 33. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action. HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE R E G I S T E R E D NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2005-3, RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-3, Plaintiff, against ASTREL ROSIER AND ERLINE ALCENA A/K/A ERLINE ROSIER, if they be 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 widow, 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 plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day 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. 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

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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. THE OBJECT OF the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$201,000.00 (said loan was modified to \$206,097.24 by loan modification agreement executed as of January 17, 2014 to be recorded in in the Office of the City Register of the city of New York. Said loan was modified again to \$215,816.22 by loan modification agreement dated as of July 29, 2010 and recorded in the Office of the City Register of the city of New York on May 4, 2011 in CRFN 2011000161872 and said loan was then modified to \$206,097.24 by loan modification agreement executed as of January 17, 2014 to be recorded in the Office of the City Register of the city of New York on October 24, 2005, in CRFN 2005000593425, covering premises known as 163-14 108th Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11433 - BL #: 10171 - 33. 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 Astrel Rosier, and Erline Alcena a/k/a Erline Rosier, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Ulysses B. Leverett, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, dated February 9, 2018. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., Melisa Zukic, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 145 Huguenot St., Suite 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801. File # 16-302699. 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

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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 WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. 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.

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devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; M O R T G A G E E L E C T R O N I C R E G I S T R A T I O N SYSTEMS, INC.; FRANKLIN FIRST FINANCIAL, LTD.; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; JOHN DOE #1; "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven 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. 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 OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$177,500.00 and interest, recorded on March 21, 2013, at Liber 2013000116276 Page , of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 108 -16 171ST PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433. 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. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 108 -16 171ST PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433 District: Section: Block: 10254 Lot: 13 INDEX NO. 713327/2017 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA TILLMAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BACON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BACON; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators,

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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. Dated: March 26, 2018 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: IRINA DULARIDZE, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property INDEX NO. 8347/2010 S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS Mortgage Premises: 107-17 WATSON PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433 Block: 10252 Lot: 9 FINANCIAL FREEDOM LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ERIC WALKER, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ENOCH SMITH, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10", inclusive the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the

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persons or parties intended being the persons, tenants, occupants, or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint, Defendants TO the above-named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 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 OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$475,500.00 and interest, recorded on 8/28/2008 at CRFN 2008000344878 of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 107-17 WATSON PLACE JAMAICA, NY 11433. 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. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. 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. Dated: March 14, 2018 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: DANIEL GREENBAUM, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

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COUNTY OF QUEENS Citibank, N.A. Plaintiff, -against- Nassau County Public Administrator, as Administrator for the estate of Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley, Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley her 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 defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Warren Franklin Hartley as heir to the Estate of Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley if he be living and if he 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 maybe dead, and her spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees, and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, Warren R. Hartley aka Richard Hartley as heir to the Estate of Naomi Vivian Hartley aka Naomi Hartley, Paramand Harrilall a/k/a Parmanand Harrilall, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Gomatti Ramsaran, Devanand Ramsaran, Leslie Ramsaran, Narvinder Defendants. Index # 711893/2016 Filed: 3/23/18 S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. 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; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. 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

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complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Bay Shore, New York March 19, 2018 FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP BY: Linda P. Manfredi Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-081815-F00 NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$151,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 21, 2007, in CRFN 2007000148898, in the Office of the Clerk of Queens County, New York, covering the premises known as 533 Beach 67th Street, Arvene, NY 11692 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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The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application: Address: 231-06/10 Northern Boulevard, Queens, Block: 08164 Lot(s): 22,122,30,130,43,15 BSA Calendar Number: 268-14-BZ Project Description: Variance (\$72-21) proposed enlargement of the existing Use Group 6, eating and drinking establishment at the subject site. Located within and R1-2 zoning district. Applicant: Akerman LLP for Kenfa Madison, LLC and Two Deer Group LLC Community Board No.: 11 This application has been calendared for Public Hearing * Tuesday, May 1st, 2018, 1:00 P.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. The referenced application may be reviewed by appointment at the BSA's office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00

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pm. To schedule an appointment or to obtain subsequent information regarding additional hearing dates, please call 212-386-0009 and reference BSA Calendar Number.

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NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY (Greensboro) IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION (17 JT 254) IN THE MATTER OF: J.M.B., A minor female

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child born May 13, 2017 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina. NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION TO: The Putative UNKNOWN FATHER of the above juvenile. TAKE NOTICE that a Petition seeking to terminate the parental rights of the UNKNOWN FATHER of the above juvenile J.M.B. was filed on February 14, 2018, with the Clerk of Superior Court, Juvenile Division, Greensboro, Guilford Co., NC. The mother's name is Afriyie Lynette Gaspard. You must answer this Petition within 30 days of

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April 12, 2018, exclusive of that date. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. You are entitled to appointed counsel if you cannot afford to hire one; however, you must call the Juvenile Clerk at (336) 412-7555 immediately. The Next hearing in this matter will be heard on April 24, 2018, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. This the 12 th day of April, 2018.

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