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In the coming weeks you will see some new things at Aviator. A brand new website is being launched, making it easier for our customers to register online and to access all the programs, parties and camps that we have to offer.

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2006



- Aviator Sports and Events Center officially opens. After hosting the Fun City Bowl Game the indoor facility opens. The name is a tribute to the history of Floyd Bennett Field as a former airfield where pilots such as Amelia Earhart, Howard Hughes and Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan flew out of.
- The 34th Annual Fun City Bowl Game between the FDNY and NYPD is played at Aviator Sports and Events Center. A crowd of an estimated 2000 people were on hand as the game was a part of the festivities surrounding the 75th Anniversary of the opening of Floyd Bennett. It was the first time the general public attended an event at Aviator. The FDNY defeated the NYPD 16-6.
- Gymnastics finishes their first year with 375 students enrolled in programs.
- On July 9th, 2006 Aviator hosted its first soccer tournament on the outdoor fields and had a soccer viewing party for the 2006 FIFA World Cup Championship Game.
- Hockey starts with just 25 participants in Learn To Skate.
- November 9, 2006 Aviator Ribbon Cutting and Announcement of partnership with MSG. The partnership provides New York Rangers and New York Knicks clinics.
- In December 2006 Aviator held its first indoor tournament the Holiday Hoops Tournament.
- Concorde G-BOAD moved to Aviator Sports in December 2006 and was on display for almost two years while the aircraft's regular home, the USS Intrepid, was moved out of its regular dock in Manhattan to be rehabilitated.

2016



- In February, Aviator Gymnastics installed a new 24X40 spring floor, 3 new balance beams, a new vault table and new parkour/ninja warrior equipment. It will be Aviator Gymnastics biggest renovation yet!
- One gymnast that started in our class program when we opened, moved up to our team program and is now 14 and going to start working with at Aviator Gymnastics. We will add our second gymnast to this list in May. This shows that families truly do grow up here and call this place home!
- In 3 years Synchronized Ice Skating has grown to 4 teams with approximately 52 skaters. The pre-juvenile team had the most successful season 2016 where they competed 3 times and had 1,2,4 place finishes.
- In January Aviator hosted two Jr. Nets Clinics where players learned fundamentals of the game with coaches including current Brooklyn Nets players Thomas Robinson and Donald Sloan.
- In February the New York Islanders hosted Try Hockey for Free Day at Aviator Sports. This day encouraged young players to try the wonderful game of hockey with instruction from New York Riveters players and former Islander Radek Martinek.
- Aviator Hockey is added to the USPHL High Performance Division. The USPHL is the largest amateur ice hockey league in the country and continues to show the amazing growth of the Aviator Hockey program.
- Aviator will host 11 fun run events in 2016. From 5K's to 1 mile runs participants from all over the tri-state area and further will visit Aviator this year to participate in these events with friends and family.

2015



- Gymnastics has the most students enrolled with 949 kids. The continued growth cements Aviator's Gymnastics reputation as a top quality program for aspiring gymnasts.
- Gymnastics earned 30 team banners/trophies for finishing in the top 3 at various competitions. In addition to this they had 10 State Champions!
- Gymnastics expands its programming- for the first time at Aviator, learn the dynamic and acrobatic movements of Parkour. A discipline designed to overcome obstacles using movements such as vaults, jumps, and climbs.
- Aviator Hockey receives Tier 1 status. This is the highest status recognized by USA Hockey and Aviator is the only hockey program in New York City with this status truly showing the elite level of coaching and players at Aviator Sports.
- The Pickleball program is launched in May of 2015. This heavily requested program appeals to all age groups looking for a fun, easy-to-pick-up sports.
- Aviator Ice Academy receives the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skill Program Membership Recognition Award for having over 400 members. It is the 4th year in a row Aviator Ice Academy has received this award.

2014



- The Aviator Ice Academy expands its programs by starting a synchronized skating team. The team began in 2014 with one team of 8 skaters.
- CrossFit Floyd Bennett Field adds new equipment and expands its programming. A pull-up rig, two platforms, turf are added to the box. CrossFit adds CrossFit Kids which emphasizes good movement throughout childhood and adolescence. Consistently good mechanics translates to physical literacy, enhanced sports performance and fewer sports injuries for kids.
- The backyard area was remodeled to improve the experience for groups, parties and outdoor events.
- Aviator Hockey takes home six championships during the 2014 season.
- In 2014 the dramatic increase in indoor classes and leagues calls for an upgrade to the turf. The turf is replaced and the fields are used for sports, groups and parties.



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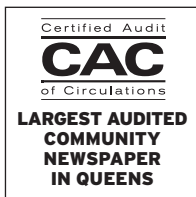
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Rego Pk. rents record biggest rise in Queens

BY GABRIEL ROM

Rego Park's housing market is on fire. The neighborhood has seen the biggest overall rent increase in Queens since February 2015, according to a report by real estate firm MNS released last week.

And while rents continue to rise, luxury developers are taking notice: Two more major developments were announced this past month.

The report said average prices have increased by 7.9 percent annually, with one-bedroom apartments going for an average of \$2,075 in February, compared with \$1,865 during February of 2015. Studios were up to \$1,624 in February, compared to \$1,527 in 2015.

In contrast, nearby Forest Hills had the most precipitous drop for the borough in average rent for one-bedroom apartments in February, but also the steepest increase for studios, the report said.

"Rentals are more transient by nature, people come and go," said Seth Bornstein, the president of the Queens Economic Development Corporation. "But people who buy condominiums care about schools and hospitals and Rego

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Shelters are too violent: Mayor

Avella rips new measures to improve resident safety with NYPD's help

BY BILL PARRY

Two state senators, who have both criticized the homeless shelter for families at the former Pan American hotel in Elmhurst, had vastly different reactions to the program Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Tuesday to improve safety at the city's shelters.

The NYPD will immediately begin retraining all Department of Homeless Services security staff and send an NYPD management team to DHS to develop an action plan to upgrade security at all shelter facilities, restore a domestic violence program for family shelters, and create an extensive reporting system for incidents that occur in shelters.

The reforms are a response to data on violence in shelters developed as part of the 90-day review of homeless services ordered by the mayor, officials said. While state Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) applauded the new safety measures, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) eviscerated the move.

"I am very happy with Mayor de Blasio's plan to improve

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COLD COMFORT



Only the brave sign up to go swimming at Jacob Riis Park in Rockaway during the first week of March. But it is for a good cause - to raise money for the Special Olympics in Queens this summer.

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Rally at Club Purlieu

Electeds demand closure after recent shooting incident



Councilmen Costa Constantinides (l.) and Jimmy Van Bramer confer before calling for the permanent closure of Club Purlieu in Dutch Kills.

BY BILL PARRY

Two City Councilmen are turning up the heat on Club Purlieu, the Dutch Kills strip club that state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) called a “danger to local residents” after an unlicensed livery cab driver was shot in the head on March 4.

Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) and Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) rallied with members of the Dutch Kills Civic Association outside the club Monday calling for its permanent closure due to numerous violent incidents over the past year.

“Every week the NYPD has to waste precious resources patrolling this bad business,” Van Bramer said. “These fights and violence put the residents of Dutch Kills, a family-oriented community in danger every night. This club is a clear and present danger and

it needs to be shut down before someone dies. We’re calling on the State Liquor Authority to revoke Club Purlieu’s license and close the doors for good.”

According to the 114th Precinct, between June 2015 and March 7, 2016, a total of five criminal reports and 12 criminal court summonses were issued at Club Purlieu. A multi-agency raid shut it down March 10, but it reopened the next day after fixing the violation.

“This establishment has a history of criminal activity including violent assaults, fire safety violations and alcohol-related violations,” Constantinides said. “The most recent incident, the tragic shooting of an innocent livery driver, further demonstrates the escalating violence at this establishment has brought to our community.”

The driver, Roberto Castillo, 37, was shot outside the club, located at 36-04 34th St., after a fight erupted inside. He

drove two blocks before crashing into several cars and a utility pole on 35th Street and 37th Avenue.

Castillo needed emergency surgery at Elmhurst Hospital Center and survived, according to the NYPD.

There have been no arrests and the investigation continues, according to the NYPD. Van Bramer and Constantinides requested that the NYPD’s office of Citywide Club Enforcement shut down the nightspot based on its violent history, citing among other incidents a gang-related brawl in which three people were stabbed in March 2015.

“Club Purlieu is a blight on our neighborhood and a continued threat to our quality of life and safety,” Constantinides said. “I thank the 114th Precinct for their continued work keeping this area safe and join the call for this establishment to remain closed permanently.”

Middle Village school will get new addition

BY GABRIEL ROM

After years of explosive student growth, PS/IS 128 in Middle Village is set to expand.

According to City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley’s (D-Glendale) office, the school is at 123 percent capacity, making it one of the most overcrowded schools in School District 24, the borough’s most overcrowded district. The school, Crowley’s office said, houses first and second graders at an annex building across the street, in a building without a gym or a computer lab—some in a classroom without windows. Students and their families must cross a busy and often unsafe intersection to reach the annex.

“Since opening its new building in 2009, PS/IS 128 could not contain its student population, forcing kids to use the annex across the street. I have continually called attention to the need for new schools and more education space in my district, and PS/IS 128 was not provided the proper amount of seats from its inception,” Crowley said.

The decision, announced last Friday, comes after sustained opposition from Crowley to a School Construction Authority plan to construct a self-standing Universal Pre-Kindergarten center in the school.

Crowley argued that the school was already significantly overburdened and needed to alleviate overcrowding before the plan could move forward.

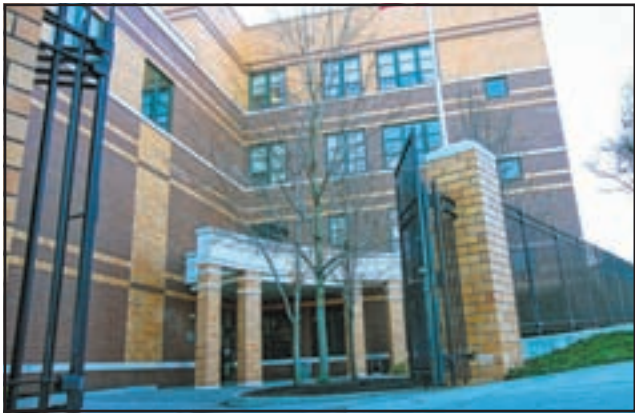
The SCA relented and conducted a feasibility study on an addition to the school building itself, designated for the local school community.

“We are committed to working together with all stakeholders to reduce overcrowding” said SCA President Lorraine Grillo in a statement released last Friday.

“This new addition will allow us to continue our work to address overcrowding in School District 24. We are proud of our strong partnership with local leaders that has enabled us to provide more school seats for our students.”

In August 2015, Crowley

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P.S./I.S. 128 in Middle Village, one of the most overcrowded schools in Queens, will be expanding, the School Construction Authority announced last week.

Photo by Michael Shain

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Street named after late Latina women's rights activist

'Alice Cardona Way' sign formally unveiled in Woodside area at weekend ceremony

BY MADINA TOURE

A street in Woodside has been renamed in honor of Alice Cardona, a prominent Puerto Rican women's rights activist from Woodside who died in 2011.

Cardona, a leader in New York City's Puerto Rican and Latino community who advocated for women's rights, minority rights and bilingual education, died in November 2011 at the age of 81.

From 1983 to 1995, she served as assistant director of the New York State Division for Women during then-Gov. Mario Cuomo's administration, where she fought to combat HIV/AIDS, breast cancer and domestic violence.

She was also involved in the city's first Head Start program, served as a counselor for ASPIRA and was an active member of the National

Conference of Puerto Rican Women.

In February 2015, City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) passed legislation renaming 56th Street between Woodside and Skillman avenues "Alice Cardona Way."

"It is an incredibly important thing that we do today to honor and thank Alice, and to remember that she is never forgotten here in Woodside or anywhere," Van Bramer said.

Debbie Quinones, a personal friend of Cardona's, was an advocate for having the street renamed and was fundamental in organizing the weekend ceremony.

Sandy Moya, coordinator for SCO Family of Services' SCO Queens Single Stop program, also played a role in the effort.

Diana Cruz, Alice Cardona's sister, said she was "in a



Diana Cruz, Alice Cardona's sister (l-r), City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer and state Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan hold the street sign for Cardona during the ceremony.

Photo by Madina Toure

state of shock and in a state of numbness" about the street being renamed for her sister.

She said she was in the background witnessing all of

the work that Cardona was doing.

"We used to live down here on 57th Street and then we lived over here around the

corner," Cruz said. "But Alice was nonstop, nonstop, nonstop. Idea, idea, idea."

City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said Cardona was her mentor and founded a lot of the organizations that are important to Puerto Ricans in the city.

"For me personally, it was important to be here," Mark-Viverito said. "I came to New York in '87. One of the first people I met was Alice in terms of activism and she really paved the way for me and many others, so it was a personal reason that brought me here today."

Cardona also co-founded Hacer/Hispanic Women's Center to help Latinas achieve their personal goals. She donated her papers to El Centro Library at Hunter College and was the first Latina to receive the Susan B. Anthony Prize.

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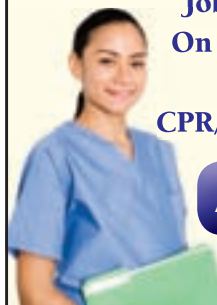
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Tensions arise at aviation roundtable

Members still divided on bylaws as structure pits groups against one another at meeting

BY MADINA TOURE

The highly anticipated New York Community Aviation Roundtable meeting was marked by tension as people spent nearly three hours debating everything from the roundtable's structure to individuals directly affected by airplane noise.

The March 10 meeting at Borough Hall at 120-55 Queens Blvd. had about 40 attendees.

In March 2014, Gov. Andrew Cuomo put out a press release calling on the Port Authority, the state agency that manages the John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, to start aviation community roundtables with Federal Aviation Administration officials and community representatives for the two airports.

Within the first 10 minutes of the meeting, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) snapped as Barbara Brown, chairwoman of the Interim Coordinating Committee and of the Eastern Queens Alliance, and state Assemblywoman Michele Titus (D-Far Rockaway) said



State Sen. Tony Avella speaks out during the meeting against the statement that Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for two roundtables.
Photo by Madina Toure

Cuomo's intention was for two roundtables to be created.

"The governor always intended one roundtable, two committees, one for each airport. One roundtable," Avella

said.

Avella and Titus, who both introduced legislation about airport noise in Queens in their chambers, clashed over whether the governor intend-

ed to call for the creation of one or two roundtables.

"As the sponsor of the legislation, that was not my legislative intent at all (one roundtable) and our conversa-

tions with the governor at all," Titus said.

Brown brought up the roundtable structure because there is still concern about the structure of the roundtable. Avella introduced a motion at the meeting requesting that everyone honor the one roundtable-two committee structure recommended by the Port Authority, but withdrew the motion once everyone decided to recognize it.

Another part of the draft bylaws discussed at the meeting was a provision that Queens members of the roundtable must live or work within an area affected by average airplane noise near JFK or LGA. One citizen member per airport committee will be selected.

The level of airport noise, called DNL, represents the average sound level over a 24-hour period.

State Assemblyman Ed Braunstein (D-Bayside) said the noise requirements for the airport roundtable member excluded people in his district.

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New executive director named for Langston Hughes Library

BY BILL PARRY

Queens Library has appointed a successor for the longtime executive director of the Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center in Corona. Dr. Mikisha Morris will replace Andrew Jackson when he retires in July.

Morris recently earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. The focus of her study was using cultural arts programs to empower urban communities.

She has an extensive non-profit and public education administration background, having spent the majority of her career serving children and communities in Philadelphia. Morris brings a strong understanding of, and value for, culture and cultural arts



Mikisha Morris will take over as the new executive director at the Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center in Corona.
Photo courtesy Queens Library

in the community and in a library setting.

The Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center is a full-service library. It also houses the Black Heritage Reference Center, New York City's largest circulating collection of materials about and related to black culture.

The collection consists of more than 40,000 volumes.

"I welcome Dr. Morris as the incoming executive director at Langston Hughes," Jackson said. "She impressed me with new approaches and strategies to enhance and grow our programs and services for the 21st century. I look forward to working with her during the transition and helping her feel comfortable in her new position."

Jackson, also known as Sekou Molefi Baako, will step down after more than 35 years at the helm at the Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center, which has a unique history.

Located at 100-01 Northern Blvd., it sprang from the work of neighborhood activists and opened in a former storefront

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Anti-stalking program heads to all of Queens

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

The NYPD intends to expand a program that combats stalkers throughout Queens in the coming months.

Cecile Noel, the commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, relayed the news about the NYPD's plan to beef up the Coordinated Approach to Preventing Stalking during a meeting of the Queens Borough Cabinet at Borough Hall Tuesday morning. The program began in precincts throughout Staten Island in June 2014, and the results were successful enough for the city to expand it throughout the city.

In Queens, the program currently operates only in the 101st, 103rd, 105th and 113th precincts, but Noel told the assembled group that the

NYPD would begin training for in all other borough precincts next month.

The program is preventative in approach and Noel noted that many victims of violence reported prior incidents of stalking. About 54 percent of homicide victims previously reported being victims of stalking to the police, according to an oft-cited 1999 study on female victims of homicide. The NYPD increased identification of new stalking cases by 233 percent in Staten Island since the introduction of the so-called CAPS program in June 2014, the city reported last year.

Noel said CAPS and other initiatives from the NYPD and the mayor's office were vital for Queens, which has reported significant numbers of domestic violence in-

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Gantry gets upgrade with new state grant

BY BILL PARRY

The Hunters Point Parks Conservancy was awarded a \$12,000 matching grant from the state for upgrades to Gantry Plaza State Park in Long Island City. The funding will replace damaged Adirondack chairs, cast-iron tree grates and broken light fixtures throughout the popular waterfront park.

It will also fund a postcard campaign aimed at the surrounding neighborhood to publicize and support conservancy-led planting, gardening, weeding and clean-up events. The conservancy will have to raise an additional \$1,800 in matching funds.

"We worked very closely with park officials to identify needed upgrades and improvements for Gantry Plaza State Park that would improve the experience for all visitors to the park," HPPC President Rob Basch said. "We lead volunteer events throughout the spring, summer and fall and we hope this grant will allow us to reach more people and bring additional volunteers to help out."

The grant, announced last week by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, is funded through the Environmental Protection Fund.

Meanwhile, the city Parks Department will start work this fall on a long-delayed project to create a playground for adults in Astoria. Plans were originally announced in 2013 for the park space beneath the Triborough Bridge, located at Hoyt Avenue North,

but the start was postponed while the site was used as a staging area for work on the bridge above.

"The reconstruction of Triborough (Playground Lot) A includes new pavements, drainage, fencing, benches, ping-pong tables, the addition of two volleyball courts, adult exercise equipment, and painted exercise games," Parks spokeswoman Meghan Lalor said. "This space is designed and geared towards adults. The project was funded with \$825,000 from the City Council and mayor."

She said work should be completed by spring 2017. It will be near a \$1 million dog run planned for Triborough Bridge Playground C, a winning project in last year's Participatory Budgeting round.

"The coming upgrades at Triborough Playground Lot A will greatly improve the currently inaccessible space," City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) said. "The improvements will provide a valuable leisure place for our older children and families. The ping-pong tables and exercise equipment will be a welcome asset to our community. I look forward to seeing the construction project implemented and having this location become an active part of our parks system."

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The Hunters Point Parks Conservancy has received a grant that will help spruce up Gantry Plaza State Park.

Photo courtesy Hunters Point Parks Conservancy

Hornblower selected

San Francisco-based company lands ferry contract

BY BILL PARRY

The city has awarded the Citywide Ferry Service contract to San Francisco-based Hornblower Inc. as its operator when the system is scheduled to launch next year bringing ferries to Astoria, Rockaway and South Brooklyn.

The selection ends a year-long competitive procurement by the city's Economic Development Corporation and officials say Hornblower was selected over other New York and New Jersey based companies "on the basis of its ability to provide the highest quality service at the best value to taxpayers."

New York Water Taxi, an affiliate of the Durst Organization, which has plied the waters of New York Harbor for the last 15 years, warned its workers last week that it would go out of business by the end of the year if its bid for the contract was denied. In a letter, the company said it could no longer compete for tourists against the Citywide Ferry Service and the free Staten Island Ferry.

"The city is creating a government-subsidized monopoly that will force us out of business, stifle competition and have tremendous leverage against the city in future ne-



The city chose Hornblower to operate its ferry service instead of New York Water Taxi.

Photo by Bill Parry

gotiations," New York Water Taxi Executive Vice President Peter Ebright said shortly after Hornblower was awarded the contract Wednesday. "Unfortunately, there is a lack of understanding of how we operate and the ferry business in New York Harbor. Today's decision and comments demonstrate this."

New York Water Taxi has been running routes between Manhattan and Brooklyn.

City officials point out that Hornblower has operated in New York Harbor for a decade conducting tours and carries 13 million passengers every year, more than any other private ferry service on the city's waterways. Hornblower currently employs more than 450 people in New York Harbor and the Citywide Ferry Service will generate at least 155 new jobs.

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Tenants protest abuse in Hollis

BY GABRIEL ROM

Chanting "no justice, no peace," residents of the Cunningham Heights apartment complex in Hollis rallied last week to protest what they contended is chronic landlord abuse and intimidation.

Residents accused property manager Jeff Wasserman of numerous tactics to push tenants out, including rent hikes, poor sanitation and the closure of numerous laundry rooms, leaving only two for 44 buildings.

"This place used to be immaculate—spick and span" said Elaine Hussey, a 25-year resident. "But the new owner doesn't care about us, all he cares about is money."

Hussey said the city and



A resident of the Cunningham Heights apartment complex in Hollis stands next to community activist Ali Najmi (r.)

Photo by Gabriel Rom

state agencies have been slow to address their concerns, many of which were formally lodged in October.

Multiple attempts to contact Wasserman for comment were unsuccessful.

"Harassment complaints just should not have such a long wait time," said Penny

LaForest from the Queens League of United Tenants. "Who is accountable here?"

According to a staffer with state Sen. Leroy Comrie's (D-Hollis) office, residents recently met with officials from the state Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

"I believe this is a systematic effort on behalf of landlords to push out tenants and increase rents—they want to make it market rate," said Ali Najmi, a community organizer who was a candidate for City Council in November's special election for the state Senate seat.

Najmi, who has been protesting alongside residents since the summer, said tenants are concerned with both

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Free tampon pilot project expands in Dist. 24

Ferreras-Copeland's program reduces health risk, increases access for low-income girls

BY BILL PARRY

Young women at more than a dozen high schools and middle schools in District 24 will have access to free feminine hygiene products now that the Department of Education has expanded a pilot program launched by City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (D-East Elmhurst) last September.

A free dispenser was installed in the girls' room at Corona's High School for Arts and Business and attendance jumped 2.4 percent as fewer girls asked to be excused from classes throughout the day.

The groundbreaking initiative was rolled out Monday at Newtown High School in Elmhurst, which will get its dispenser by the end of the month. Ferreras-Copeland is set to introduce legislation for free feminine hygiene products in all city public schools and eventually in prisons and homeless shelters.

"Every young person

should have their essential needs met in order to do well in school," Ferreras-Copeland said. "Feminine hygiene products are as essential as toilet paper, helping women fulfill their daily activities uninterrupted by nature and prevent health risks. Providing young women with pads and tampons in schools will help them stay focused on their learning and sends a message about value and respect for their bodies. No young woman should face losing class time because she is too embarrassed to ask for, can't afford or simply cannot access feminine hygiene products."

DOE Deputy Chancellor Elizabeth Rose will oversee the program, the first of its kind in the nation. It is estimated to cost nearly \$160,000 for installation of dispensers and supplies. In addition, the DOE will provide menstrual education in health classes and supplemental information and assemblies for families.

"Having easy access to fem-



Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland announces her pilot program that provides free feminine hygiene products is expanding.

Courtesy Council member Ferreras-Copeland

inine-care products is essential to ensuring that girls in our schools have the support they need to focus on learning and feel comfortable during classes," Rose said. "This pilot marks a major step in providing additional resources to students in need."

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing) said feminine hygiene products should never

be a luxury—they are a basic and essential part of women's health.

"Too often, society attaches stigma and shame to menstruation, depriving young girls of resources, access and knowledge about their bodies," Meng said. "Our young women should have unobstructed access to quality healthcare, and this first-of-its-kind initiative

goes a long way to this crucial goal."

Dr. Acklema Mohammad, chair of pediatrics at Urban Health Plan, pointed out that each woman needs 17,000 sanitary pads or tampons in her lifetime and they are expensive.

"For families struggling to afford food, purchasing feminine hygiene products adds another financial burden," said Margaret Purvis, president and CEO of Food Bank in New York City. "When feminine hygiene products are available in Food Bank in New York City's network of food pantries and soup kitchens, it comes as welcome and much-needed relief to women and girls whose families are already making sacrifices to put food on the table."

Many of the women who spoke, as well as City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), complained about the 4 percent state tax on feminine hygiene products.

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Bratton talks crime at St. Pat's luncheon

BY MADINA TOURE

Alluding to the popular phrase from Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities," Police Commissioner Bill Bratton said the city is in "the best of times and the worst of times" at the Queens Chamber of Commerce's annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon in Corona.

Speaking before community leaders and businessmen and business leaders at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Bratton said Queens and the city are in the midst of an economic boom, citing the growth in the technology sector and Broadway's high ticket sales this year.

But he also stressed that crimes such as terrorism and quality-of-life issues persist.

"I remember what this place looked like in 1990," Bratton said. "I remember what it looked like in 1994. We are nowhere near every going back to those days, I can guarantee that."

He said for the past 15 years, since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the NYPD has been able to prevent terror strikes on the city.

He also noted new developments.

By the end of March, all 36,000 police officers will have custom-designed smartphones. About 1,300 more cadets will be graduating from the Police Academy in College Point within the next several months. And officers will now receive a minimum of five days of firearms training per year and in some instances up to 10 days, up from two days of training.

Bratton said crime has

dropped in a substantial way due to the hard work and investment of the NYPD and the community.

For the last 23 years, throughout the city but specifically in Queens, crime has gone down every year, Bratton said.

Overall crime in the city is down nearly 80 percent, auto thefts are down 95 percent and homicides are down in excess of 80 percent.

"We will never get it to where there is none, but we can certainly keep trying to move it down and that is what we are continuing to do," he said.

The chamber holds the luncheon yearly to celebrate the contributions of the Irish community to the borough in honor of St. Patrick's Day on March 17.

"St. Patrick's Day, to me, is like Thanksgiving," Thomas Grech, the chamber's executive director, said. "You don't have to be Irish to love it."

Albert Pennisi, a member of the Chamber Foundation Board, said the Irish community has made numerous contributions to the city, noting that many Irish individuals founded sanitation firms and owned small and big businesses in the city.

"We've come to honor all of those folks today," Pennisi said.

Borough President Melinda Katz touted the borough's diversity and said Bratton embodies the type of police commissioner the city needs, which she described as a leader who is willing to take chances to keep the city safe.

"Commissioner Bratton is that commissioner," Katz said.



Police Commissioner William Bratton talks with wounded NYPD Detective Steven McDonald at the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon, sponsored by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, at Terrace on the Park.

Photo by Michael Shain

Katz fights rezoning

Boro prez wants residents heard in housing debate

BY ROZ LISTON

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz supports affordable housing but wants the communities in Queens to have a greater role in the rezoning process to accomplish the mayor's ambitious program.

In a wide-ranging interview with Community News Group, the parent of the TimesLedge Newspapers, Katz pointed out the de Blasio administration has not called for any downzoning in its proposals to create denser neighborhoods to make way for 200,000 affordable units.

The mayor's plan requires new housing to include a certain percentage of below-market units for seniors and low-income residents and higher building heights, among other details.

"One of my arguments with the City Planning Commission is you haven't downzoned anything," Katz told the CNG Editors Roundtable at the company's Brooklyn headquarters last Friday. "One-family row houses are turning into two- and three-family homes—this is the character that you want to keep."

Over the past 12 years Queens has negotiated 40 downzonings to protect neighborhoods. Many were rezoned when she chaired the City Council's Land Use Committee.

Katz said she rejected the mayor's plan because she thinks the new rezonings should be carried out on a community-by-community basis rather than through a blanket approach.

The first-term borough president also opposed the mayor's zoning proposal which does not require parking spaces for affordable housing built within a half mile of a transit zone.

"Just because you stop building parking in Queens doesn't mean we're not going to drive," Katz said. "We don't have subways for two-thirds of the borough."

Despite her reservations about the proposals, she praised Mayor Bill de Blasio.

"He is an amazing guy in taking on issues nobody else wanted to take on," Katz said. "On affordable housing I don't agree with him 100 percent,



At an editor's roundtable with the Community News Group, parent of the TimesLedge papers, Borough President Melinda Katz discusses her reservations about the mayor's new zoning plan for affordable housing.

Photo by Max Jaeger

but the whole city is talking about it."

After her visit, the City Council this week modified the mayor's original plan, which the overwhelming majority of Queens community boards opposed. A Council vote is expected shortly.

Transportation—subways, light rail and air travel—is a major priority in the borough, known as a transit desert.

Asked how the No. 7 line can support rapid expansion plans for Flushing and Long Island City real estate, she said two new LIRR stations planned in Elmhurst and Sunnyside will make a big difference. The MTA is also renovating several stations along the 7 line, among the 16 chosen for upgrades in Queens.

"We built this entire world around the 7 train," Katz said, spurring the development of Long Island City, cultural venues and restaurants. "Then we stopped it every other weekend," she said, calling the MTA shutdowns "a bad joke."

She is planning to tour the route proposed for the Queens/Brooklyn trolley to see how much space it would take up on the streets and whether the service would run into problems competing with vehicular traffic and bus lanes.

"Synergy between the two boroughs is important and would create a market unto itself," she said.

Katz, who serves on the redesign commission for LaGuardia and Kennedy airports, said the Recommen-

dation for Proposals for the central terminal at LaGuardia has just been issued. Plans for the parking lot are progressing and a people mover inside pods to shuttle passengers from one terminal to another is part of the massive overhaul.

"We're not expanding or adding runways," she said emphatically.

A key component of the LaGuardia redesign is an elevated rail line which would transport passengers between the airport and the Mets-Willets Point stop, used by both the LIRR and the No. 7.

As the chief executive of the country's most diverse county, Katz said Queens does a good job of managing the vibrant culture created by residents from 120 countries speaking 130 different languages.

But diversity also brings challenges.

Her office holds a general assembly once a month for groups representing almost every country to discuss possible hate crimes, problems that may exist in certain schools and other issues facing immigrant communities. There is also an immigration task force that notifies nonprofits about any hate crimes.

Katz said Borough Hall has worked with Muslim groups since she took office and has held events to mark Ramadan, Diwali and other ethnic holidays to celebrate Queens' rich diversity.

"The more we show up and pay tribute, the better it is for the whole borough," she said.

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Elmhurst man charged with sexual abuse: DA

ELMHURST — An Elmhurst Tae Kwon Do instructor has been charged with sexually abusing four of his young female students at various times over the last 19 months, according to the Queens district attorney.

Lorenzo Ramos, 26, formerly employed by the United Tae Kwon Do martial arts studio in Corona, was arraigned earlier this month on criminal charges stemming from alleged incidents involving one of the girls, was arraigned last Friday on a long list of charges before Queens Criminal Court Judge Elisa Koenderman on a criminal complaint involving the other three girls.

The victims include two 12-year-old girls and two 14-year-old girls, DA Richard Brown said.

"These are serious allegations," he said. "As a martial arts instructor the defendant was supposed to train his students to protect themselves from unwanted advances. Instead he is accused of taking advantage of his teaching position to touch his students in inappropriate ways."

While working at United Tae Kwon Do, located at 97-12 Roosevelt Ave., Ramos is alleged to have hugged them, grabbed their breasts and squeezed their buttocks, according to the charges.

Brown said the victims informed the owner of the studio after talking among themselves. If convicted, he



A martial arts instructor from Elmhurst is charged with sexually abusing four female students at this Corona studio.

Photo by Bill Parry

faces up to seven years in prison.

"Anyone who believes that they may have been a victim of abuse of this nature is asked to contact the NYPD's Queens Special Victims Squad at (718) 520-9277," Brown said.

Ridgewood shooter killed self: NYPD

RIDGEWOOD — A suspect wanted in connection with the shooting of two men at a Ridgewood deli on Sunday morning was found dead a short time later, slumped over his steering wheel in an apparent suicide, police said.

At around 1:50 a.m., the suspect entered Mike's Deli Grocery, located at 20-60 Gates Ave., and shot two of the deli's employees after getting into a verbal dispute with them, police said.

The two victims, a 23-year-old man and a 20-year-old man, were taken to Elmhurst Hospital. As of Monday, they were listed in stable condition, police said.

The 20-year-old worker was shot in the arm, and a 23-year-old bodega employee was grazed across the face by a bullet, police said.

Calling the double-shooting a "heinous crime," Capt. Mark Wachter of the 104th Precinct which covers Ridgewood, Glendale, Middle Village and Maspeth, described the final moments of the suspect's life at a monthly police

community meeting.

About two hours after the double-shooting, police from the 73rd Precinct saw the suspect's Nissan operating without headlights in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn, Wachter said.

As police approached the vehicle, it crashed into another car at which time police heard a gun-shot ring out from the car, he said.

The suspect, who was not immediately identified, was found slumped over his steering wheel with a fatal wound to his head, he added.

Wachter said the motive of the crime likely had to do with debts owed from the past.

He couldn't confirm where the suspect was headed after the shooting, but speculated that he was looking for a third employee who worked at the deli.

Wachter added that suspect's gun was purchased legally in Michigan, though it was brought across state lines illegally.

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A small miracle is in the works in southern Queens.

Starbucks, the national coffee house chain, opened a store earlier this month in downtown Jamaica. But it's in the business of doing far more than selling coffee and snacks to customers hovering over their laptops and other devices at tables around the store.

The Jamaica Starbucks is the first of at least 15 stores the company plans to open around the nation as training centers for idle youth in diverse urban neighborhoods. The beta site for the ambitious program is at 89-02 Sutphin Blvd. in the heart of Jamaica. What happens in Jamaica will shape the agenda for stores still on the drawing board in communities such as Ferguson, Mo., where the police shooting of an unarmed black teenager set off waves of protests.

Starbucks aims to hire 10,000 youths, who are not employed or in school, from the ages of 16 to 24.

In addition to acquiring skills as Starbucks employees, the Jamaica staff has their own classroom that nonprofits can use to provide job training for young people in the area.

The new store has gotten a rousing reception from patrons, who are delighted to have a high-end coffee house in their midst. And some of the young employees already are fulfilling roles as unofficial guidance counselors for the rootless youth who come in off the streets to check out the scene.

The store manager, an 18-year Starbucks veteran who was raised in Jamaica, hired 17 workers who hail from Queens, Brooklyn and the Caribbean. They range in age from 16 to 36.

The Jamaica experiment is not Starbucks' first benevolent mission. In 2014 the Seattle-based chain teamed up with Arizona State University to help underwrite college educations for employees who worked at least 20 hours a week in stores across the country, the Atlantic Monthly reported. The company hopes to improve the dismal track record of Americans who fail to complete their degrees or even enter college.

The Starbucks "opportunity youth," as the employees of the new Jamaica venture are called, represent the company's effort to engage young people who have fallen by the wayside.

The company also is committed to hiring women and minority-owned vendors at its 15 new stores.

The Starbucks initiative dovetails perfectly with the Queens borough president's Jamaica Now Action Plan to revitalize the downtown area as it snaps back from years of economic stagnation.

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OTHER VOICES

For the new season, try a new diet

After another winter of snowstorms and floods, I look forward to March 20, first day of spring, balmy weather, and blooming flowers.

Hundreds of communities welcome spring with an observance of the Great American Meatout, asking neighbors to explore a healthy, compassionate diet of vegetables, fruits, legumes and grains.

Indeed, 56 percent of respondents to a GlobalMeatNews poll said that they were or are reducing meat intake. U.S. per

capita red meat consumption has dropped by more than 16 percent since 1999.

Mainstream publications like Parade, Better Homes and Gardens, and Eating Well are touting vegan recipes. Even the financial investment community is betting on plant-based meat startups.

The reasons are ample. Last year, the World Health Organization found cancer to be associated with consumption of processed meats. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee recommended reduced meat consumption.

The media keeps exposing atrocities perpetrated on factory farms. And animal agriculture remains a chief contributor to climate change and water scarcity and pollution.

Each of us should celebrate our own advent of spring by checking out plant-based foods at our supermarkets and vegan recipes on the internet.

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Playing subway Twister is a no-win game

I've been commuting from Astoria to Manhattan since the summer of 2000. Over the years, I've dealt with more service interruptions and fare hikes than I would have liked, but I have never experienced the level of overcrowding we've had lately.

Often I have to let one or two trains go by in the morning before I can squeeze on to an N train at the Broadway station. And when I say squeeze, I mean squeeze! Some mornings it feels like a giant game of Twister. I've tried alternate routes by taking buses to the trains at Queensbridge or Queens Plaza, but those are often delayed or overcrowded as well.

To make matters worse, Astoria, like much of New York City, is undergoing a population boom. Over the past two years, four single-family homes on my block have been razed and replaced by multi-unit apartment buildings—and that's just my block. All around Astoria it's the same.

The Astoria Cove development alone will bring over 1,700 units to the waterfront in 2019. Current subway and bus service can't keep up, and every morning, I find myself wondering: how is an already overburdened transit system going to accommodate all these new residents?

The only solution to the overcrowding issue is to ensure that the MTA has the funding to implement track improvements and signal upgrades that will allow trains to run more frequently. That solution—the MTA's 2015-2019 Capital Plan—exists. But Gov. Cuomo and many legislators in Albany don't seem to be taking the needs of riders seriously: after over a year, the governor still refuses to fund the state's portion of the Capital Plan.

Meanwhile, the city is trying to find workarounds: the mayor proposed a new ferry route from Hallets Cove to Manhattan and a streetcar running along the

East River between Astoria and Sunset Park in Brooklyn. The problem is that these transit options are only helpful for Astoria residents who live near the river; those of us who live further east will have to endure increasingly horrible commutes. At the same time, Gov. Cuomo gave a big speech at which he announced that Astoria stations along the N line will be closed for months for renovations. While I am all for upgrading and improving the stations, I worry that we might end up with nicer stations and the same slow, overcrowded trains.

While the MTA's 2015-19 Capital Plan calls for significant improvements that will reduce overcrowding, they will not be realized if the plan is not fully funded. After over a year of vigorous negotiations between Governor Cuomo, Mayor DeBlasio and MTA officials, the current Capital Plan will be funded with \$2.5 billion

in city contributions (historically more than the city has contributed in the past), \$7.3 billion promised by the state—which the state only agreed to after the MTA made cuts to the capital plan—and the remaining balance coming from other sources, including MTA borrowing and federal funds. Note the word “promised” in that last sentence.

Yet we're in a position where our governor's proposed state budget, released in January, allocates zero dollars to the MTA Capital Plan. Meanwhile, elected leaders from both parties in Albany have rejected the governor's proposal that the MTA deplete existing resources before activating state funds. If Gov. Cuomo doesn't hear this resounding message from riders and elected officials, then I worry he may be tone deaf.

Some may argue that Albany shouldn't contribute state funds to the system that

serves the New York City metro area, but let's keep in mind that Cuomo appoints the MTA chairman and much of the board—and has direct control over what is a state agency. Additionally, many of the train cars are built in upstate New York, creating jobs in those communities. And let's not forget that the majority of state tax revenues come from downstate residents.

If Cuomo doesn't keep his promise, where will the \$7.3 billion come from? My fear is that we may be burdened with additional fare hikes and service cuts to make up the shortfall. I hope Gov. Cuomo amends his proposed budget to include essential funds for the Capital Plan before it's voted on in the coming week. I'm getting too old to play Twister on the train every morning.

*Lauren Houston
Astoria*

Member of the Riders Alliance

Can the MTA keep bus improvements on schedule?

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority's \$202 million contract award for a new New York City Transit Bus Radio System to support a fleet of 6,000 buses missed some issues of interest to bus riders and taxpayers. The award is well over one year late, based upon the original baseline project schedule.

Success of this project is dependent on coordination with and timely completion of the upgraded \$150 million NYCT East New York Bus Command Center. Funding provided for both includes project milestones under grants from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration. The base bid award still needs to execute an option clause to cover 1,300

buses operated by MTA Bus. A majority of MTA Bus equipment operates on routes previously served by Green Bus Lines, Jamaica Buses, Triboro Coach, Queens Surface, Command Bus, New York Bus and Liberty Lines Bronx Express private bus operators. Purchasing similar equipment for MTA Bus could easily cost an additional \$50 million.

MTA NYCT has a poor track record for new technology projects when it comes to successful completion on time and within budget. Previous projects, such as Public Address Customer Information Systems, Automatic Train Supervision, Communication Based Train Control and Underground Police Radio systems had combined costs

that totaled close to \$1 billion. All four projects suffered significant delays during project scoping, design and engineering, procurement process and actual construction, followed by installation and testing. This resulted in each being completed several years late beyond original-project milestone schedules as contained in the first USDOT FTA grants, which provided funding.

The previous bus radio system project contract was awarded to Orbital Sciences Corporation in 1996. Funding was provided under a USDOT FTA grant. After four years of continued delays combined with unresolved challenges of interference by high-rise Manhattan buildings, the contract was terminated and the project

canceled.

Both the new Bus Radio System and accompanying East New York Bus Command Center projects, due to their complex scope, are at risk to be completed years later than promised. Ditto for project budgets which may grow over time due to delays and change orders.

Both the Bus Radio System and East New York Command Center projects continue to provide updated quarterly financial and milestone progress reports to USDOT FTA. They are also supported by both MTA NYCT and USDOT FTA independent engineering firms that are providing oversight and technical assistance.

Let's hope that MTA NYCT

used lessons learned from earlier problems that plagued new technology projects. Taxpayers and commuters are counting on the MTA NYCT to complete new technology projects with each contractor based upon the agreed baseline budgets and detailed contract schedules.

The MTA NYCT needs to be more transparent with its own board, riders, taxpayers and transportation advocates on these and other capital procurements. The same is true for better oversight over third party contractors, maintenance of schedule and project budgets.

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CORRECTION

An article published in the March 11 Bayside Times, “Avella allocates \$1M to Bayside HS projects” said that Bayside High School has over 100 outdoor PSAL teams. In fact, over 100 outdoor PSAL teams from multiple schools use Bayside High School's current field house for athletic events.

Media fans the flames of predator panic



Lenore
Skenazy

■
*Rhymes
with Crazy*

A mom just bought a toy for her 2-year-old that signals to pedophiles that the girl is ready to be traded for sex.

Wait, *what?*

I'd repeat it, but it still wouldn't make any sense. And yet, this modern-day myth has gone viral, showing up on Headline News, AOL, local media, and, of course, it is all over Facebook. One mom there lamented, "I did not know that pedophiles have their own insidious silent language that is infiltrating society through pretty pink images... which signal to other pedophiles the child can be traded."

Do we really live in that kind of hell for kids?

The story—such as it is—involves a Florida mom who bought a pink plush truck for her daughter at a monster truck rally down there. Somehow (the original WFLA-TV reporter never tells us how), the mom came to believe that the "heart-within-a-heart" logo on the toy is a code pedophiles use.

I should mention that the "heart-within-a-heart" logo is also the logo you see on Good Humor ice cream bars. Oh, and it is also what you see when your barrista has mastered the art of making a heart in your cappuccino foam.

And yet, using a garbled mishmash of horror and hysteria, the television reporter told viewers that because of that heart logo, the toy "held a sick secret; a disgusting calling card for creeps." And now, "When a pedophile sees children with the heart symbol, it's a code meaning that child is ready to be traded for sex."

While presenting zero evidence that the world works like

this, the reporter then interviewed the mom, who seemed as distraught as if her child had just narrowly escaped the clutches of Cropsey.

"I'm absolutely sick!" she cried. "This is pink! This is for little girls, especially at a predominantly male event."

So does the mom think the "male event" deliberately stocked up on pink toys so that unwitting parents would buy them? And that predators would see the symbol, and go, "Look! A heart on a toy. This mom must be willing to sell her child into sex slavery!?" And then what? Would she feel obligated to trade her kid for cash because that's how the system works?

I can't stop marveling at this "news" story, because it shows that we are so obsessed with the fear of predators—or at least news editors are so obsessed with feeding us these stories—that we never even stop to say, "Wait, *what?*"

For a dose of actual facts, I dropped a line to David Fin-

kelhor, head of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.

"I can't reassure you that there isn't some lonely pedophile club somewhere that has decided to make a logo," he wrote back. And it is true, in trying to find whether there was anything, anywhere, that could suggest even a scintilla of justification for the story, I learned there was one lone government file, written about 10 years ago (and played up in an episode of "Law & Order SVU," of course), that suggested pedophiles might wear logos that indicated their leanings.

"But," Finkelhor added, "what is certainly true is that pedophiles would not simply decide to pick a victim based on carrying an item with a logo. No one should worry about the logo being dangerous for their kids."

But *that* is the problem.

We are worried all the time about this least likely

of crimes: Stranger-danger. Christie Barnes, author of "The Paranoid Parents Guide," found that the very top worry of parents is kidnappings. (No. 4 is "dangerous strangers.") This fear haunts us even though our crime rate is the lowest it has been in decades. It haunts us even though we know that when it comes to crimes against children, the vast majority are committed not by strangers, but trusted adults.

When stories like this fan the flames of predator panic, we get a population ever more obsessed with sex offenders, ever more demanding of police protection, and ever more convinced that their kids are in constant danger, even from a plush toy.

Here's the real news: They're not.

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

Open up specialized high schools to all Queens kids



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New Voices

After yet another year of foundering enrollment numbers for black and Hispanic students at the city's specialized high schools, the Independent Democratic Conference in Albany is taking a crack at reforming the admission process for those schools.

The IDC, which consists of centrist Democrats in the state Senate, including Tony Avella (D-Bayside), put forward a proposal March 9 that outlines three issues that the conference believes are at the root of the problems black and Hispanic students face when accessing the city's best public education resources.

To date, test-reform proponents have criticized the current admission standards—

which currently hinge on a single, high stakes test and no other factors. While supporters of the current policy have extolled the test's blindness to grades, as well as societal factors, such as poverty, skeptics have questioned whether the test can present the best-rounded candidates for admission.

An NYU-Steinhardt study into alternative proposals to consider community service, grades and other factors, found that such "multiple measures" wouldn't sufficiently address the disparity and would overall favor white and Hispanic students, while not substantially affecting black enrollment and decreasing enrollment for Asian American students.

Complicating this assessment is the fact that Asian-American students form a supermajority across all the specialized schools, with white students a distant second. Despite having some of the highest rates of household poverty in the city, these students have managed to beat predicted

trends. Though some critics have attributed this to access to paid and free test preparation, the Steinhardt study found that Asian Americans were also more likely to take the test and more likely to accept the offers of admission than their peers.

There is an undeniable link between preparation and admission, as evidenced by Queens-based Khan's Tutorial, a chain of test prep centers that claims to be linked to 10 percent of students at Brooklyn Tech, Bronx Science and Stuyvesant, according to CEO and President Ivan Khan. The chain has managed to place 330 students this year and in 2014 launched a scholarship program, reserving two seats at each of their 10 locations for 18 months of free test prep for high achieving African American and Hispanic students. Of the 16 African-American and Hispanic students from Khan's Tutorial offered admission this year, eight were scholarship recipients. The

organization said it hopes to demonstrate that "under-represented minorities could do just as well as other groups as long as the resources are made available to them."

To address the issue of awareness, the IDC proposes designating \$350,000 to fund outreach coordinators and related efforts at middle schools with underrepresented populations. It noted that citywide, white and Asian students comprise just 27.6 percent of students, but combined, account for 47.3 percent of students taking the test.

Issue two identifies the "preparation problem," in that some students set out to prepare for the test as early as the sixth grade, but many lack the resources to do so. For the proposed cost of \$1 million, the IDC suggests expansion of free test prep access in 32 Community School Districts. Issue three also relates to the pipeline, noting the lack of Gifted and Talented Programs in districts with low household in-

come. Specifically, in Queens, of the 31 Gifted and Talented Programs, the IDC report said, 40 percent are located in the districts covering Flushing, Bayside and Fresh Meadows. Schools with these programs are considered "feeder schools," typically sending the most pupils to specialized high schools. The conference estimates the cost of establishing more such programs would be \$2.55 million.

The IDC appears to have taken the Steinhardt study into careful consideration when crafting their policy solutions. As a specialized high school alum from southeast Queens, I can attest that the combination of involved parents, outreach by guidance counselors, a gifted and talented program, and the DOE's free test prep were all instrumental in my admission. It remains to be seen however, if the legislature will find the consensus to fund any of these proposals at a meaningful and sustained level.

Small business are getting squeezed out



Bob Harris
■
The Civic Scene

The civic associations of Queens have always had a good relationship with the small businesses which occupy the many strip malls in and near them. Too many small businesses in New York City are closing because of the exorbitantly high rents that landlords are asking when their old leases end. The Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella group of approximately 100 civic associations in Queens, has long been concerned about the small businesses which serve their communities.

The QCC is working with several business groups to hold a press conference about

the closing of too many small businesses in NYC. It will take place March 24 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. at Flushing House, 38-20 Bowne St., in Flushing. The press conference is an attempt to make the citizens of Queens aware of this problem. Local legislators and other public officials have been invited to come and express their views on the problem and offer solutions. There is a city parking lot two blocks away.

For years, big banks and franchises have been paying high rents to obtain the stores vacated when small businesses are priced out of their stores. The Bronx is leading the city in evictions of small business whose leases have expired. Franchises and banks have been paying high rents for years to obtain stores in prime neighborhoods, but with the very high rents now being imposed many of them can't afford the rents.

In New York City, com-

mercial tenants have no legal rights when their leases expire. Longtime established businesses just can't afford the rents being asked. Currently, when a lease expires a tenant can stay for one year at a 15 percent increase, and can then stay on a month-to-month basis. When the landlord or realty company gets a high bid, the tenant has to leave or is evicted. This is no way to treat small businesses, which provide most of the jobs in New York City. Women and immigrant groups are suffering due to this problem.

At a recent Queens Civic Congress meeting, Steven Barrison, an attorney who represents the Korean American Small Business Service Center of New York and other business organizations, gave a presentation. He explained that a bill called the Small Business Survival Act has been introduced into the City Council. The act would provide for arbitration between a

landlord and a tenant if regular negotiations can't provide an agreeable rent solution. This proposal is just one of four proposed laws currently in the City Council. An honest and fair debate on the issue is needed, unhampered by lobbying or pressure by big business organizations who are speculating in rental property. Are some of these hedge funds and business organizations the same who invest in private prisons or set up charter schools to make money from public funds?

There are too many vacant stores in New York City due to the eviction of long-term tenants who can't afford to pay huge increases in rent. The economic stability of the city depends on the small businesses, which are being forced to leave neighborhoods due to the actions of speculators. Just look at the many vacant stores in your community and you will realize the magnitude of the problem.

GOOD AND BAD NEWS OF THE WEEK: Twenty-eight years ago as rookie P.O. Edward Byrne, who was 22 years old, sat in his patrol car guarding the house of a witness in a drug investigation when he was assassinated by four criminals working for a drug dealer. The house had been fire bombed previously. The drug dealer wanted to send a message to the police but instead caused the city to crack down on drug dealers. Each year the city recognizes the sacrifice this police officer made for the people of New York City. The 103rd Precinct, Jamaica, still recognizes his sacrifice.

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LaGuardia CC debuts fresh advertising push



LaGuardia Community College graduate Walkis Ynoa is featured in a new ad campaign showing what the school offers potential students. Courtesy LaGuardia Community College

BY BILL PARRY

LaGuardia Community College is set to launch an advertising campaign in the coming weeks to encourage adults of all ages looking to pursue their higher education to explore all that the school has to offer.

The school offers 52 majors, a variety of certificate programs, affordable tuition and financial support resulting in 93 percent graduation without student debt.

"With more and more jobs requiring not just a high school diploma but a college degree as well, the value of higher education has never been stronger," LaGuardia President Dr. Gail O. Mellow said. "We want Queens residents, as well as people throughout the city, to know that affordable, high-quality, convenient, flexible option is available at LaGuardia Community College in the dynamic neighborhood of Long Island City."

The student-led "Dare" campaign was created and produced together with LaGuardia students and faculty from the highly regarded commercial photography program.

"While the people in our ads may look like models or actors, in fact they are our students," Susan Lyddon, LaGuardia's vice president for institutional advancement, said. "We can't possibly find better models than our students; they are the best advocates and representatives of our college. They have first-hand experience with the many opportunities and support services offered by our dedicated faculty and staff, including support services and scholarships, to help students get on track towards a higher education degree."

And the nearly 50,000 student body

represents the borough's diversity as well, school officials say, representing more than 150 countries and speaking over 125 native languages.

One of the ads features 23-year-old Queens resident Walkis Ynoa. In 2010, she moved from the Dominican Republic to the United States to pursue her education.

"When I came to New York, I didn't know how to speak English, and through the CUNY Language Immersion Program at LaGuardia, I learned English and was able to enroll and pursue my associate's degree in business administration," she said. "I want others looking for a similar opportunity to know about LaGuardia's many programs, including support services and scholarships, to help students get on track towards a higher education degree."

After graduating from LaGuardia, Ynoa has been studying towards a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance at Baruch College, where she expects to graduate this summer.

"LaGuardia gave me a chance to get closer to my dreams and goals," she said. "And I'm so grateful."

LaGuardia alumnus Kristian Larrota was a campaign photographer along with Gianni Sanchez, who will graduate this year with an associate's in commercial photography, and Carlos Friere, who went on to pursue a master's in film at City College, CUNY.

"I am very proud to have had the opportunity to use the skills I gained through the commercial photography program here at LaGuardia, to help increase awareness of LaGuardia Community College," Larrota said. "We chose images that highlight our diversity using frames that illustrate our students' focus and determination."

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Vision Zero goal elusive: Bratton

BY BILL PARRY

The ultimate goal of the de Blasio administration's Vision Zero initiative to have zero pedestrian fatalities by 2024 is unlikely, according to NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton. The city's top cop kicked off the Vision Zero Cities conference with that stunning admission at NYU last week.

"You're not going to get to zero," Bratton said. "The reality of it will probably remain elusive, much the same as the reality of no crime in the city of New York. As long as we have humans who are walking, riding bicycles, cars, as long as we have people, we will have crime."

During a January visit to Woodside, the mayor declared his initiative was working and that 2015 was the safest year on city streets since record keeping began in 1910 with traffic fatalities down 22 percent with 66 fewer lives lost in 2015 than in 2013.

De Blasio defended Bratton's comments Monday.

"We say Vision Zero because it's our goal, and we are audacious in trying to reach that very goal," he said. "We know there are human factors, we know how hard it is, but it's the right goal because each and every one of these crashes is preventable."



NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton has upset street safety advocates with recent comments calling Vision Zero's goal unrealistic.

Photo by Michael Shain

Jackson Heights resident Cristina Furlong, a founding member of Make Queens Safer, believes the initiative is making strides. She pointed to two of the borough's most dangerous roadways as proof.

"We did, in fact, get to zero on parts of Northern Boulevard, where 2013 saw three fatalities and 2014 none," Furlong said. "The same happened with Queens Boulevard in 2015 for the first time in 25 years. If we take this goal street by dangerous street and precinct by precinct, it's worthy. It's getting done."

7 shover charged: DA

BY BILL PARRY

A Corona man was charged with attempted murder last Friday for allegedly pushing a teenage girl onto the tracks of the subway as a No. 7 train rolled into the 103rd Street Corona Plaza station March 5, according to the Queens district attorney.

George Pautt, 38, was caught on surveillance cameras rushing out of the station after witnesses saw him push 15-year-old Xinyi Huang from behind, according to the criminal complaint. The victim rolled off the track bed as the train entered the station, according to the criminal report.

"The defendant is accused of doing what subway commuters fear the most—having somebody suddenly shove them onto the tracks as a train rolls into the station," Queens DA Richard Brown said. "The young victim in this case managed to survive by squeezing herself between the platform and the wheels of the train. She will likely be terrorized by the memory of this senseless attack for the rest of her life."

The teenager had to be rescued by the FDNY and was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center, where she was treated for bruising and cuts to her wrists, ankles and ribs.

Pautt, a resident of 42nd Avenue in



A Corona man has been charged with attempted murder in a subway shoving incident involving a teenage girl at the 103rd Street station, the DA says.

Photo by Bill Parry

Corona, was arraigned last Friday on charges of second-degree attempted murder, the DA said. If convicted he faces up to 25 years in prison.

"The defendant, if found guilty, must be punished for this heinous act and locked away from society for a very long time," Brown said.

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Beloved bouncer killed in melee at bar

BY GABRIEL ROM

Two men who were arrested in connection with the death of a beloved bouncer at an Ozone Park restaurant last weekend will not face manslaughter charges, the NYPD said Tuesday.

Investigators are now focusing on a man and woman who allegedly beat the bouncer, Elsworth "Dale" Reid, 48, after he was already on the ground, according to a criminal complaint filed by the Queens district attorney's office.

Reid, known to his closest friends as "an angel on earth" was trying to separate a group of unruly patrons at 1:20 a.m. last Saturday when they allegedly turned on him and beat him to death at Johnny's Restaurant and Bar at 107-09 Rockaway Blvd., police said.

Deonarine Deoraj, 31, of Richmond Hill and Harrydatt Nandalall, 48, of Ozone Park were arraigned in Queens Criminal Court Monday, police said. Bail was set at \$10,000 and their next court date was scheduled for March, 18.

The DA's office is waiting for the medical examiner to make a determination as to the cause of death before deciding whether additional charges are warranted, a spokesman for DA said.

Garry Comeau, a fellow bouncer who had spent a summer working with Reid at Johnny's and had known him for over a decade, was horrified but not entirely surprised at his death.

"I told Dale that this place doesn't deserve you," Comeau said.

"There is something off about that place. I don't think it was Dale that was an issue, it was the place itself. In my humble opinion, it should be closed down. It is a recipe for disaster."

Comeau, who served as a witness at Reid's wedding, said he had asked him personally to work alongside him at the bar because he did not feel fully secure with some of the other employees.

The investigation was still ongoing and a police source said there might be other sus-



Johnny's Restaurant and Bar, located at 107-09 Rockaway Blvd., was the scene of a brutal murder Saturday morning, police said.

Photo by Gabriel Rom

pects involved with the crime at the late night spot.

According to the complaint, a group of more than six people, including a man and a woman who are not in custody, began fighting each

other at the bar. When Reid attempted to break up the fight, Deoraj and Nandalall, who had been fighting each other, both struck Reid in the head and immediately sent him to the floor, the complaint said.

Once on the floor, Reid began gasping for breath, while the male and female still at-large kicked him in the stomach about 10 times, according to the court document.

Less than an hour later, Reid was pronounced dead at Jamaica Hospital, police said.

"This is a terrible tragedy, but it doesn't scare me," said Tamesha Amy, who works at a Laundromat near Johnny's Restaurant. "But these are the reasons people say that they don't like bars in their neighborhood. It brings the wrong type of crowd and drink dulls the senses."

Comeau, a retired Marine, said Reid died for his job.

"I lost him to that place. He died in action."

He added, "I don't think there are any words to describe Dale—he was my brother from a distance."

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Blaz wants to spur industry in Queens

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

The mayor's office hopes to entice new industrial development to the city with a \$150 million fund for nonprofit and for-profit developers in an attempt to stem the gradual loss of industrial real estate and jobs throughout New York.

Two representatives from the city Economic Development Corporation presented details of the newly established Industrial Developer Fund to the Queens Borough Board Tuesday night at Borough Hall. Borough President Melinda Katz, who heads the board, attended the meeting along with the heads of each community board.

The fund will be a combination of \$60 million in taxpayer money with an additional \$90 million from private financing. The city wants to encourage the development or renovation of 400,000 square feet of industrial real estate, and the EDC contends the developments will result in as many as 1,200 new industrial jobs by the close of the decade.

EDC Senior Vice President Jeffrey Lee said the fund would be a positive fit for developers who could ensure that opportunities for a living wage job with potential for advancement would be available to members of local communities, including those without a formal education.

"If we could answer most of those in the af-

firmative, that is something we could consider," he said.

Some attendees stressed that developers needed proper oversight and asked Lee how the city could be sure that the sites would eventually produce jobs. Lee responded that the city had an array of oversight tools at its disposal, including site visits. He said there were also fail safes if the developers did not live up to their end of the bargain.

"We have a default scenario. We hope we never have to use it," he said. "There's always going to be required deliverables."

The submission deadline for proposals is March 29, and there will be three more deadlines in this calendar year.

Lee and William Stein, an EDC senior project manager, also described another initiative called Futureworks, which supports six selected early-stage companies with a grant of as much as \$30,000 during a two-year period. The selected companies would be tiny advanced manufacturing firms that were using new technology to spur substantive growth in manufacturing, which has been a long-struggling field in the city. Sonhouse Technologies and BotFactory, two fledgling startups located in Long Island City, were among the six companies chosen. Lee and Stein pointed to these firms as future

entrepreneurial success stories.

"These young companies are idea-rich, but don't have the resources and are best determined to use resources," Stein said.

BotFactory's feature product is called Squink; the firm's website boasts that Squink can create fully functioning elec-

tric circuits within 30 minutes. BotFactory intends to use the \$30,000 in grant funding to increase its manufacturing capabilities, hire a part-time employee and increase its marketing potential, according to Lee. He also asserted that the funding could pay huge dividends for companies that are on

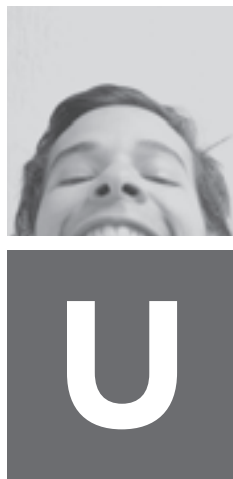
the verge of expansion.

"They're often one-person, at most two-person operations, and they've been working out of their bathtub or out of their closet and they're building some circuit board or some kind of new machine they're just starting to sell and to commercialize," he said. "Maybe two years down

the road, they're able to expand their market, expand their revenue and ideally go from a one-person to a five-person, to a ten-person sized company and more."

The next round of applications for Futureworks will occur later this year, according to the EDC.

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Deputy Borough President Melva Miller (l) and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz (c) listen to a presentation from representatives of the NYCEDC at a meeting of the Queens Borough Board at Borough Hall.

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1 At the Central Y in Forest Hills, the ReelAbilities Film Festival, made up of movies by and about people with disabilities, sold out. Jeri Mendelsohn (r), the Y's executive VP, gets ready to introduce David Harrell, an actor and producer in one of the films, "Good Beer," last Sunday.

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2 At Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Forest Hills, the new class of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the church's program for converts to Catholicism, pitched in to help serve at the congregation's fifth annual International Food Festival, which featured dishes from more than 20 neighborhood restaurants.

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3 Chef Andy of the Mizumi sushi buffet on Northern Boulevard in Douglaston demonstrates how to roll sushi for a class of curious eaters at a workshop in Alley Pond Park.

Photo by Nat Valentine



4 A volunteer tries his hand at sushi rolling under the watchful eye of Chef Andy.

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5 Vennie Spets (l) and Bridgette Garuti, with son John Garuti IV, are veterans of the floral shop at St. Michael's Cemetery in Astoria and are the center of the two-year-old silk flower festival there.

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6 A visitor to the cemetery's flower shop picks out an Easter wand to place on the headstone of a loved one.

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ing they won't be paying taxes down the road when they withdraw money in retirement.

Each type of IRA comes with its own set of rules and restrictions, including contribution limits and eligibility requirements based on earned income.

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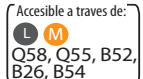
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OK, we will get this out of the way right off the top.

The Guide to Queens, our twice-a-year publication of governmental, entertainment and public safety listings, is always centered around a theme. Past editions have looked at Queens' music scene, museums and even fall festivals.

This one focuses on the borough's cemeteries.

It is an issue readers will be dying to get their hands on.

But all joking aside, the story of Queens can be discovered by visiting the borough's burial grounds.

Just prior to the Civil War, Manhattan was running out of places to bury the dead.

The New York Legislature passed the Rural Cemetery Act on April 27, 1847. This law allowed nonprofit entities to establish cemeteries on rural land and sell burial plots. It also exempted the property owners from paying taxes on land used as graveyards.

Until the consolidation of New York City into the five boroughs in 1898, a lot of the rural land primed for burial spots lay in Queens County just across the East River from the city.

One of the first, Calvary Cemetery, was



developed on land the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral had started snatching up only two years prior to its first funeral held in 1848.

Also in 1848, Cypress Hills Cemetery on the Queens-Brooklyn border became the first cemetery not affiliated with any religion to begin selling plots.

Today, visitors can learn about the history of the borough by watching a re-enactment of a Civil War encampment or following actors dressed in historic garb retelling the stories of the inhabitants at Maple Grove.

Or they can spend

an afternoon listening to the music of Scott Joplin, who remained in an unmarked grave at St. Michael's for more than 50 years until a marker was installed in the 1970s.

Joplin is not the only famous — or infamous — individual laid to rest in Queens.

At Calvary, you will find the graves of politicians Robert F. Wagner and Alfred E. Smith.

St. John's is home to Charles "Lucky" Luciano, John Gotti, Mario Cuomo, Robert Maplethorpe and Charles Atlas.

Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie and res-

taurateur Vincent Sar-di are buried at Flushing Cemetery.

One place Harry Houdini was not able to escape from is his grave at Machpelah Cemetery.

And although its official address is Jamaica Avenue in Brooklyn, Cypress Hills Cemetery straddles the border and is partially located in Glendale.

Famous inhabitants include Jackie Robinson, Mae West and artist Piet Mondrian.

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As Manhattan ran out of burial space, graveyards moved east to shape area

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Death has become a pop culture phenomenon in recent years.

It seems zombie-obsessed millennials can't get enough of horror dramas, like the highly rated series "The Walking Dead."

But why the fascination?

Historic cemeteries have always intrigued author Carl Ballenas, even as a child growing up in Richmond Hill, and he spends a lot of time around dead people when he isn't teaching social studies to elementary school students.

He said he greatly enjoys his role as official historian at Maple Grove, a rural Victorian cemetery nestled in the close-knit community of Kew Gardens.

There, he helps folks discover who their ancestors were, organizes walking tours and creates community programs and events that honor people who have died. By doing so, he said he helps bridge a gap to the past.

Recently, the cemetery hosted a classical concert series and family magic show in honor of a famous magician.

While most people would rather avoid cemeteries, history buffs like Ballenas feel compelled to dig deeper and unearth the secrets of the dead, and to uncover the past lives of those who once walked the earth.

He co-wrote "Images of America: Maple Grove Cemetery," and penned several books about his favorite borough, as well.

"There is a realization these days that cemeteries can become treasure troves of resources for folks who are eager to find out more about their family tree, and valuable sources of historic information, even for educators, who are teaching future generations," Ballenas said. Established in 1875 by a group of Brooklyn businessmen, Maple Grove is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Some have dubbed Queens "Cemetery Land," but despite that label, you can learn a lot about the borough's history through the numerous cemeteries that dot its landscape.

Millions of souls have been laid to rest here and there are far more people below ground than above ground in Queens.

At 3 million, Woodside's Calvary Cemetery alone has a larger population than the entire borough.

According to Greater Astoria Historical Society Executive Director Bob Singleton, the beautiful vistas, hills, and valleys upon which the cemeteries are situated, are a result of the last glacier, thousands of years ago.

"It's the line that marks the end of the advance, called the 'Terminal Moraine' in geology, which is made somewhat tongue in cheek when we also realize that is the final resting place for millions of people, too," he said.

Old Queens' immigrant families were the backbone of the borough, and its history has been shaped by their existence.

Queens cemeteries keep their mem-



A winged figure watches over St. John's Cemetery in Middle Village.

ories alive and walking tours are a great way to discover their stories.

Like so many who came to New York for a better life, the Brinckerhoffs, arrived from Holland during Colonial times. An adventurous lad, Joris Dirckson was the first and earliest member to come to North America in 1638.

Eventually, he and his family were laid to rest in Fresh Meadows in what is today the oldest cemetery in New York, according to the City Landmark

Commission.

Prospect Cemetery in Jamaica is one of the few remaining Colonial cemeteries in Queens and the Brinckerhoffs' is one of 240 or so family plots containing 2,100 burials that date from the founding of the Fresh Meadows cemetery to the late 20th century.

Few people know the history behind Prospect Cemetery, regarded as a place of great historical and aesthetic interest and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Interestingly, two researchers from a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, discovered the names of 54 individuals who served as soldiers during the Revolutionary War, and were buried in Prospect.

The last burial to take place there was in 1988.

Hiram Cronk lived a quiet life and died quietly in his New York home. But after his death, he was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery with impressive military honors, for he was the last surviving veteran of the War of 1812 to die in 1905, at the ripe old age of 105.

The Mount of Victory plot is his final resting place. Cronk's longevity and unique veteran status made headlines across the country.

A reporter once asked him to share his secret for a long life. Cronk replied, "I smoke and chew tobacco and drink hard liquor."

In fact, his face had even appeared in a whiskey ad.

One newspaper article announced the "old warrior's" passing and subsequent burial. "Nearly threescore other soldiers who fought in the war of almost a century ago had lain for many years in the cemetery where their oldest comrade was placed today," the article said.

Today, Cypress Hills National Cemetery is the final resting place for 21,000 veterans and family members from the American Revolution to the Vietnam War. In 1886, the U.S. Army closed the post cemetery that served Fort Columbus (today Fort Jay), and moved all of the graves to Cypress Hills, which opened in 1862. Additional land was acquired in 1882 with the aid of Secretary of War Robert Todd Lincoln (son of the president) as well as 1941, when its Mount of Victory and Union plots were donated by the state.



A car drives down the roadway that would become the Jackie Robinson Parkway as it winds its way through Cypress Hills in this 1935 photograph. Courtesy Greater Astoria Historical Society

Past the historic gates at 625 Jamaica Ave., you can find the graves of 500 men who were once interred on Governors Island, including many Confederate prisoners of war who died there. And 24 brave Medal of Honor winners and soldiers from more than 200 years of American History, were laid to rest here, as well as those who served in the Mexican

Wars and Spanish American War.

The article about Cronk went on to report, "More than 50,000 New Yorkers, with bared heads, filed past the flower-covered bier in which the dead soldier lay in the City Hall. It was the first time since the death of Gen. Grant that a body has laid in state in the City Hall. One hundred and fifty policemen

were required to keep the crowd moving and to keep clear the plaza in front of the building.

"From the City Hall to the cemetery the body was escorted by a detail of mounted police, the Fourteenth Regiment, and a troop from the Second Brigade, National Guard of New York; delegations from U.S. Grant Post, G.A.R., and carriages containing relatives of the dead soldier and a committee from the Board of Aldermen representing the city. All along the route over which the funeral cortege passed the streets were lined with people."

After the body had been lowered into the grave, at Cypress Hills Cemetery, a squad of soldiers fired a volley over the grave and a bugler sounded taps. Hiram Cronk was with the army of the dead.

The only National Cemetery in New York City (at Jamaica Avenue and Hale Street), Cypress Hills is older than Arlington National Cemetery and comprised of 17 cemeteries on either side of the Brooklyn-Queens border. It closed to new internments in 1954.

"Cemeteries in general are treasure troves of historical resources. Queens cemeteries have people who were founders of communities. They contain artists, musicians, writers, teachers, singers etc., etc. All made a contribution to Queens' society and beyond," Ballenas said. "It is an untapped resource to be developed, and as you can see from our events and programs (at Maple Grove), can be used as a great educational tool to teach this present generation and future generations about their own backyard."



This 1935 photograph shows the entrance at Calvary Cemetery in Blissville, near Long Island City.

Courtesy Greater Astoria Historical Society

MONUMENTS

NORTHEASTERN

Arthur Cunningham

Bust inside building near tennis court. Sculpted by Emil Siebern. Dedicated 1941. Location: Cunningham Park, Fresh Meadows

Bayside Civil War Boulder

Granite boulder. Dedicated 1935. Location: Captain Dermody Triangle, 216th Street and 48th Avenue, Bayside

Bowdoin Horse Trough

Granite rectangular horse trough. Dedicated 1909. Location: Flushing Greens, Northern Boulevard between Main Street and Linden Boulevard

Conrad Poppenhusen

Bronze bust on pedestal on Barre granite stepped base. Sculpted by Henry Baerer. Dedicated Nov. 1, 1884. Location: Poppenhusen Park, College Place and College Point Boulevard, College Point

Flushing Memorial

Standing, winged female, Georgia pink marble figure on pedestal in front of steel with benches at sides. Sculpted by Hermon Atkins MacNeil. Dedicated 1925. Location: Flushing Greens, Northern Boulevard between Main Street and Linden Boulevard

Goldie Stein Veterans Square

Steel 75mm Howitzer mounted on concrete. Foundry Rock Island Arsenal. Donated 1943. Location: Goldie Stein Veterans Square, Union Turnpike and 252nd Street, Glen Oaks

Korean War Memorial

Bronze over lifesized figure of soldier on mound with separate mountainscape and honor roll behind. Sculpted by William Crozier (figure) and Thomas Donahue (honor roll). Dedicated 2007. Location: Kissena Park, near Rose Avenue and Parsons Boulevard entrance

SOUTHERN

Captain George H. Tilly

Stele. Fabricated by Jos. Bernill Inc. Builders. Dedicated 1941. Location: Captain Tilly Park, Highland Avenue and 85th Avenue between 165th Street and Chapin Parkway, Jamaica Hills

Catholic War Veterans Square

Granite carved cross on base. Location: Catholic War Veterans Square, Rockaway Boulevard and 116th Avenue, South Ozone Park

Flight 587 Memorial

Commemorative granite wall with inscribed names on plaza. Sculpted by Freddy Rodriguez. Architect Situ Studio. Dedicated Nov. 12, 2006. Location: Beach 116th Street, Rockaway Beach

Rockaway Veterans Memorial

Bronze standing figure on Deer Isle granite pedestal with six plaques. Sculpted by Joseph P. Pollia. Dedicated 1927. Location: Rockaway Beach Boulevard and Beach 94th Street, Rockaway Beach

Rockaway Women Veterans Monument

Bronze figure on granite pedestal. Sculpted by Eileen Berry. Dedicated Sept. 24, 1989. Location: Beach 94th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard, Rockaway Beach

Soldiers and Sailors Monument

Bronze standing angel figure holding a laurel wreath in her left hand and a palm bough in her right. Sculpted by Frederick Wellington Ruckstull. Dedicated 1896. Location: Major Mark Park, Hillside Avenue between 173rd and 175th streets

WESTERN

Aristotle

Bronze bust on granite pedestal. Sculpted by George V. Tsaras. Dedicated April 5, 2008. Location: Athens Square, 30th Avenue between 29th and 30th streets, Astoria

Astoria Park War Memorial

Stele with bas-relief on pedestal on stepped base. Designed by Ruehl and Warren. Dedicated 1926. Location: Astoria Park, 19th Street between Astoria Park S. and Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria

Athena

Standing figure on pedestal. Sculptor Spiro Goggakis. Dedicated March 28, 1998. Location: Athens Square, 29th Street and 30th Avenue, Astoria



Christopher Columbus

Bronze standing figure on pedestal. Sculpted by Angelo Racioppi. Dedicated Oct. 12, 1941. Location: Columbus Square, Astoria Boulevard South and Hoyt Avenue South between 31st and 32nd streets

Doric Columns

Three fluted granite columns supporting a curved entablature. Architect Stamatios P. Lykos. Dedicated 1996. Locations: Athens Square, 29th Street and 30th Avenue, Astoria

Etched Granite Pavement

Some 464 black granite square, smooth inset blocks arranged in four groups. Sculpted by Matt Mulligan. Architect Miceli Kulik Williams. Dedicated 1995. Location: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

Feltman Carousel

Wood carousel. Sculpted by Marcus Charles Illions. Cast 1903. Location: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

Forms in Transit

Large composition of sheet metal and tube metal on concrete pedestal. Sculpted by Theodore Roszak. Dedicated by 1964. Location: Flushing Meadows

Corona Park, Corona

Freedom of the Human Spirit

Bronze group of two upright figures – one male, one female – supported by three swans in flight, attached to upright spikes on a circular pink granite pedestal. Sculpted by Marshall Fredericks. Dedicated 1964. Location: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

Gates of Life

Ornamental bronze gates. Sculpted by Albino Manca. Dedicated 1968. Location: Flushing Meadow Corona Park, Corona

George Washington as Master Mason

Bronze standing figure beside a Masonic altar and wearing a Masonic medal and apron, gavel in right hand, hat in left, with integral plinth on North Carolina pink granite pedestal. Sculpted by Donald De Lue. Dedicated June 3, 1967. Location: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

Gerald MacDonald

Bronze standing figure on granite pedestal. Sculpted by Frederic De Henwood. Dedicated 1934. Location: Macdonald Park, Queens Blvd. and Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills

Job

Bronze standing figure on darkly mottled schist integral plinth. Sculpted by Natan J. Rapoport. Cast 1967. Dedicated Aug. 3, 1997. Location: Myrtle Avenue and Union Turnpike, Forest Park

Little Dances

Cast iron and welded steel open composition of circular, linear and globular forms with raised text on a cylindrical base. Sculpted by Howard McCaleb. Dedicated November 1996. Location: 107-20 Northern Blvd. at 108th Street, Corona

Ridgewood Memorial

North Jay granite column topped by a globe on a circular base; column faced with three bronze bas-reliefs; honor roll of names carved in spaces between bas-reliefs. Location: Myrtle Avenue Clemens Triangle, Myrtle Avenue and Cypress Avenue, Ridgewood

Rocket Thrower

Bronze figure statue. Sculpted by Donald De Lue. Donated 1964 World's Fair. Location: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

Socrates

Bronze seated figure on black Carolina granite base. Sculpted by Anthony Frudakis. Architect Stamatios

P. Lykos. Dedicated May 15, 1993.

Location: Athens Square, 29th Street and 30th Street, Astoria

Ten Heroes Plaza

Flagstaff base with 10 bronze plaques along the slope sides on granite circular pedestal with inlaid inscription. Architect Stacia Tull. Dedicated 2004.

Location: Van Doren and Westside streets, Corona

Time Capsule II Marker

Large round granite marker. Time capsules deposited Sept. 23, 1938 and Oct. 16, 1965 "to endure 5,000 years." Dedicated Oct. 16, 1965. Location: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

Woodside Doughboy

Bronze figure on granite pedestal. Sculpted by Burt W. Johnson. Dedicated 1923. Location: Doughboy Plaza, Woodside Avenue between 54th and 56th streets, Woodside

World's Fair Flagstaffs

Two flagstaffs, eagle finials on granite base. Location: Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Corona

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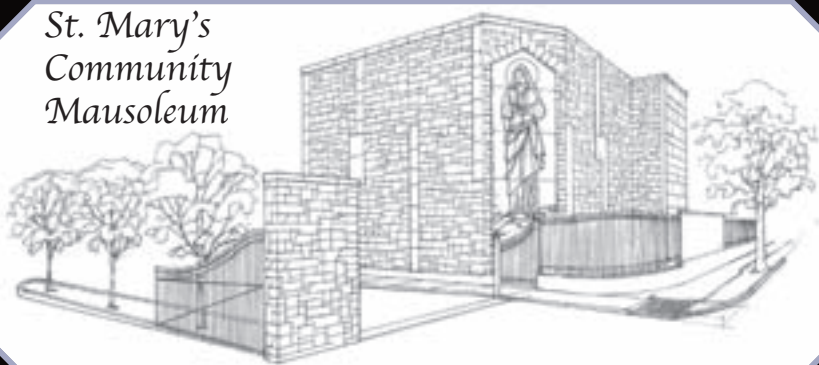
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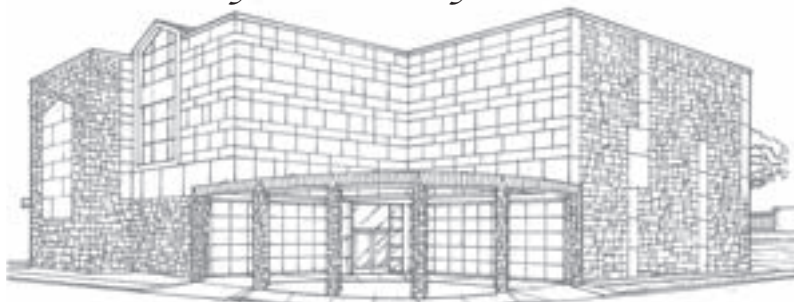


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2) MAKE A PLAN.

Develop a family disaster plan and practice it. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter and find out what disasters are most likely to happen and how to prepare for them. Ask about animal care and how to care for the elderly or disabled. Develop an evacuation plan and pick two places to meet, one outside your home and one outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home. Practice this plan with your family.

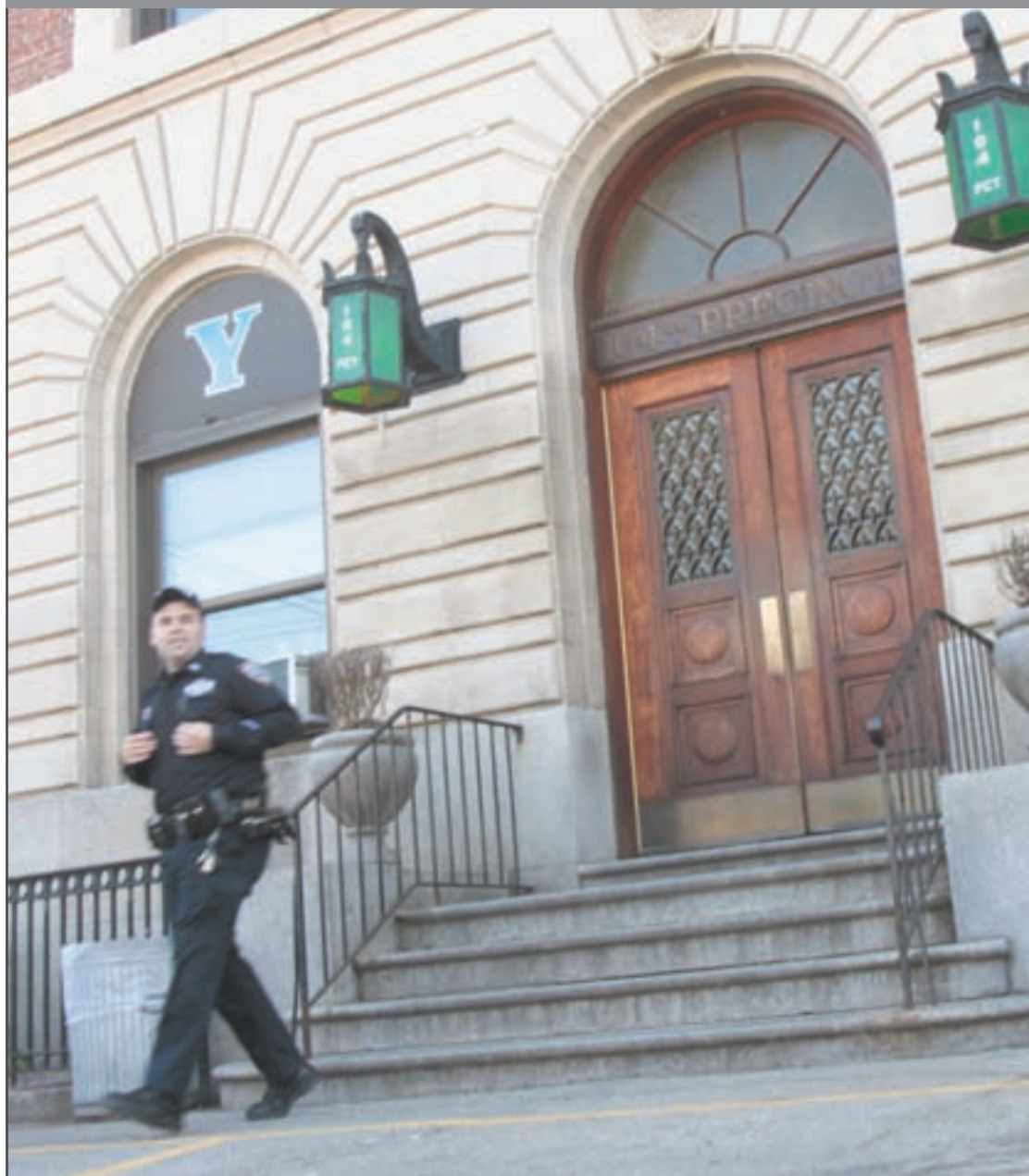
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So what do Jackie Robinson, John Gotti, Dizzy Gillespie, Geraldine Ferraro and Houdini all have in common?

These former movers and shakers were laid to rest right here in Queens.

If you want to find your ancestor's grave, locate someone famous or discover the borough's rich past, you and your friends can take a walking tour through an historic cemetery. Queens has dozens, and many pre-date the neighborhoods.

Millions of souls who left their mark on the world were buried here as far back as the late 1600s. Along with the celebs, everyday people have found eternal peace in the borough.

For most people, the subject of death is an unpleasant one, often evoking a sense of fear, sadness and anxiety.

But New York City historians have a different take on it. Many agree the past can best be told through local cemeteries, and that the dead have a lot to say.

Each and every soul has a story to tell. But you have to listen closely.

Queens expert, author and schoolteacher Carl Ballenas does. In his unique role as Maple Grove cemetery's official historian, Ballenas educates visitors about folks



Geraldine Ferraro attends the 2009 ceremony renaming the post office in Long Island City. Ferraro died in 2011 and is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Middle Village.

who are buried there.

"I know we have some children at Maple Grove who died from ailments that are easily cured with antibiotics and penicillin," he said. "The little girl on the cover of my Richmond Hill book died from laryngitis. Jacob Riis, who died in 1914 and whose wife is buried in Maple Grove, fought passionately for better sanitary conditions for the slums of New York."

The Kew Gardens community takes pride in its historic rural Victorian cemetery. If you take a walking tour through Maple Grove's bucolic grounds, you will feel as if you have been transported back in time.

While most people don't feel comfortable around cemeteries, others seem to find solace in the quietude and serenity.

Ballenas finds them intriguing. So fascinated was he with Maple Grove, that he even co-wrote a book about it. "Images of America: Maple Grove Cemetery" is filled with hauntingly beautiful photographs and describes the resting places of several noteworthy individuals — Queens politician and philanthropist John Sutphin, 111-year-old former slave Millie Tunnell,

aviation pioneer Charles Manly and Blues singer Jimmy Rushing, to name a few.

Ballenas grew up in Richmond Hill and is a Jamaica Hills resident. He published several books about his favorite borough, and said he learned about folks who once lived in Richmond Hill and nearby areas during years of research.

Some of the latest dis-

coveries there include the grave of metal muralist Nikos Bel-Jon.

"His work is incredible and unique. He died at an early age and not one book has been written about his art," Ballenas said. "This year is the 50th anniversary of his death and we are planning to add a plaque to his grave so people can learn more."

Few people know that Sam Loyd was America's

Puzzle King. He created incredible mind games that appeared in papers around the world. As a chess master he was inducted into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame in 1987. This year, Maple Grove celebrates his 175th birthday. Ballenas said there are plans in the works to place an historic marker by his grave.

Irish immigrant James McCarroll died in 1892 and was found in an unmarked grave. He was a fiction writer, journalist, poet, musician and inventor. Recently, letters written to him by physician, teacher, and author Oliver Wendell Holmes were discovered online, according to Ballenas, who also unearthed another immigrant, Dr. Ella Jennings MacDonald (born in Canada). She died in 1908 and is buried in an unmarked grave next to McCarroll.

"She was a champion of the poor," he noted. "In the 1800s, her 25 Cent Dispensary in Manhattan gave dignity to the poor, so they could pay for medical treatment."

Beyond the gates of cemeteries here, lie famous entertainers and sports legends, well-known political figures, artists and authors.

You can see old Calvary Cemetery in Woodside from the LIE, the BQE and Queens Boulevard.

The dead who make up Calvary's eternal roster include Civil War officers and generals, movie stars and politicians like Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr. (1910-1991), as well as New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith (1873-1944).

Others who were laid to rest there include Francis Jay Herron, a Union general during the Civil War (1837-1902), Hermann Ziegner (1864-1898) was one of 18 men to receive the Medal of Honor at the Battle of Wounded Knee.

Character actor Joe Spinell, who appeared in "The Godfather," "The Godfather Part II," "Rocky," "Taxi Driver," "Rocky II" and others, died at 53 in 1989.

Another soul, Robert Augustus Sweeney (1853-1890) was a sailor in the U.S. Navy and one of



John Gotti sits in a Manhattan courtroom during a January 1990 trial. Gotti, who died in 2002, is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Middle Village.

AP Photo/Richard Drew



Two women look at a self-portrait of photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, done in 1986, while viewing an exhibit at the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati. Mapplethorpe died in 1989 and is buried in St. John's Cemetery.

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only 19 servicemen, and the only African American to receive the Medal of Honor twice, both for peace-time actions.

For some reason, in 1911, Calvary became popular as the final resting place for many young Italian immigrant girls and women, who probably succumbed to illness or died in childbirth. In the late 1800s, public health was a fairly new

concept. After numerous pandemics hit New York City during the early and mid-1800s, city and medical officials were still exploring the link between poor sanitary conditions and illness. Calvary is home to several colorful characters as well. Like notorious mobster Thomas Lucchese (1899-1967) and Irish-American tough guy Mickey Spillane (1933-1977).

Native New Yorker Daniel Kerrigan (1843-1880) was a longtime political organizer and "fixer" for Tammany Hall.

Just to the east of Calvary is Maspeth's Mount Zion, a Jewish cemetery founded in 1893. Visitors can view a memorial to the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, and pay their respects to author Nathaniel West and com-



Louis Armstrong appears at a news conference at London's Savoy Hotel in May 1956. Armstrong died in 1971 and is buried in Flushing Cemetery.

AP Photo

poser Marvin Hamlisch.

Houdini and his family were buried at Machpelah Cemetery in Glendale, another Jewish cemetery.

Established in 1853, Flushing Cemetery's roster reads like a who's who of Queens royalty. You can pay a visit to former music legends and jazz greats "Dizzy" Gillespie and Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, among others. The grandson of a former slave, the trumpet master was born in New Orleans but eventually came to Corona, where he lived for three decades until his death at age 70 in 1971.

Community activist, author, and the father of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., the senior Powell was a pastor who developed the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, as the largest Protestant congregation in the country, with 10,000 members. He was buried here after he died at 88 in 1953.

Few people know that Vincent Sardi, the founder of Sardi's restaurant, as well as American financier, stock investor, philanthropist, statesman, and political consultant Bernard Baruch were both buried at Flushing Cemetery.

Over at St. John's Cemetery in Middle Village, you can find John Gotti's crypt, where he is buried with his 12-year-old son Frankie, who died tragically by his How-

ard Beach home when a neighbor accidentally hit the boy while driving.

Photographer Robert Mapplethorpe grew up in a conservative, religious family in Floral Park. But his work is anything but. He is remembered for his controversial, black-and-white erotic imagery. But some of his later work was in color, including a final exhibit entitled "New Colors." He died at age 42 in 1989, due to complications from HIV/AIDS. He was cremated, and his ashes are interred at St. John's at his mother's grave-site, etched "Maxey."

A local spiritual leader taught meditation after moving to New York City in 1964 from his native India. He then established his first meditation center in Queens. Eventually, Sri Chinmoy had thousands of students in 60 countries. He was also a prolific author, poet, artist, and musician and advocated athleticism to achieve spiritual enlightenment. His followers flocked to local concerts and meditations on the theme of inner peace. Chinmoy died in 2007 and was buried near his home in Flushing.

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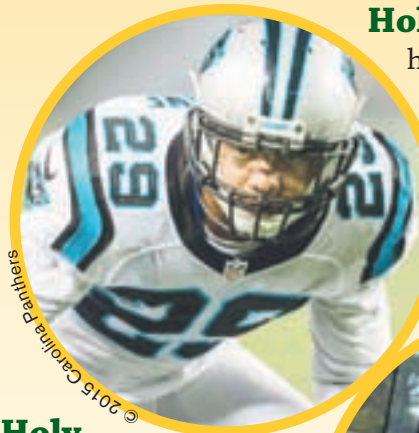
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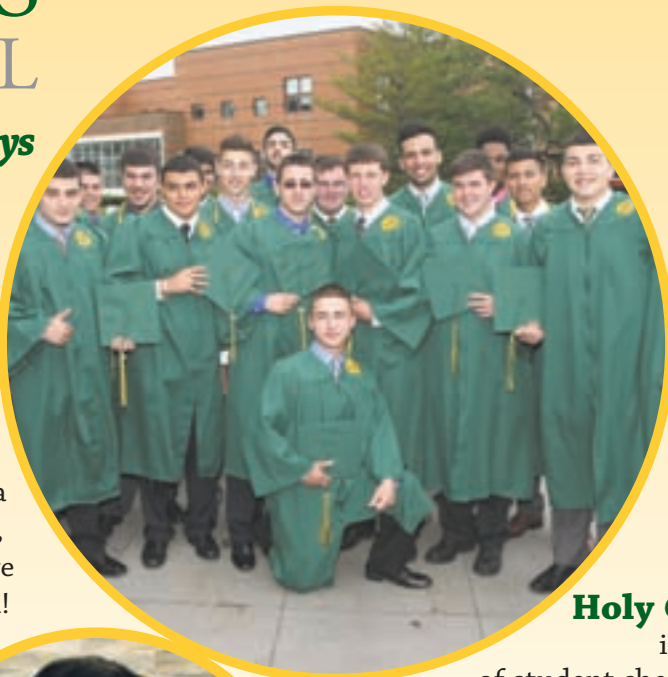


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To obtain an Access-A-Ride application: 646-252-5252
www.mta.info/nyc/paratran/guide.htm

Discrimination

To report discrimination, call the Human Rights Commission 212-306-7500
www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/html/complaint/filing-complaint.shtml

District Attorney

Call Queens District Attorney Richard Brown: 718-286-6000
 District Attorney's Squad (Hot Line): 718-286-6580
www.queensda.org

Dog Licenses

To get a license for your dog: 212-676-2100
www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/1531/dog-license

Domestic Violence

To report and get help for domestic violence: 800-621-HOPE
www.nyc.gov/html/ocdv/html/home/home.shtml

Drug Abuse

To get help for drug abuse: 718-661-4003
 Drug Abuse Treatment Information (OSAS): 800-522-5353
www.oasas.ny.gov

E-Z Pass

To get E-Z PASS applications: 888-AUTOTOLL
www.e-zpassny.com

Elder Services

Dept. for the Aging: 212-442-1000
 To find out about legal services for the elderly: 718-286-1500
www.eldercare.gov

Elections

To contact the Queens Board of Elections: 718-730-6730
vote.nyc.ny.us

Employment

To contact the Queens Workforce Career Centers: 718-557-6755
 To contact the NYS Department of Labor: 800-HIRE-992
 To contact the Department of Employment: 212-442-2356
 To get job referrals: 718-523-4312
 To file a complaint with OSHA for job safety: 718-279-9060
 To start a business in New York: 800-STATENY
 To file for unemployment benefits: 888-209-8124
www.labor.ny.gov/home

Environmental Complaints

Dept. of Environmental Protection: 718-595-7000
 To file air, water, sewer and noise complaints: 311
www.epa.gov/tips

Excavations

To report planned excavations: 800-272-4480

Fire (Non-emergency)

To get information from the Fire Department of New York: 311
nyc.gov/fdny

Fishing Permits

To get fishing permits: 718-482-4900
www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html

Food Complaints

To file a food complaint: 311
 Health Department: 212-788-4646
www.nyc.gov/311

Food & Drug Administration

Food & Drug Administration: 718-340-7000
www.fda.gov

Food Stamps

To get food stamp applications: 212-894-8060
www.nyc.gov/html/nycfood/html/assistance/assistance.shtml

Fraud

To report fraud in city government: 212-825-5959
 To report public assistance fraud: 212-825-5959
www.nyc.gov/html/doi/html/home/home.shtml

Garbage

To file a garbage removal complaint: 311
www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/2031/missed-garbage-recycling-or-organics-collection

Graffiti

To report graffiti: 212-NEW-YORK
 To file a quality of life complaint: 212-NEW-YORK
 If you see graffiti being done, call 911. You can also call 311 to report graffiti.
www.nyc.gov/html/dpr/html/graffiti_form.html

Health

Health Department complaints: 311
www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/healthinfo/complaint.htm

Heat & Hot Water

To file heat and hot water complaints: 212-NEW-YORK or 311.
www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/1813/heat-or-hot

water-complaint

Homeless

To file a complaint against the homeless: 311
www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/1849/homeless-person-complaint

Housing

To file a complaint about housing conditions, call the NYC Housing Authority: 718-657-8300
 For Section 8 and Housing Applications, call the NYC Housing Authority: 212-828-7100
 Attorney General for Co-ops and Condos: 212-416-8121
 Building Inspectors: 718-286-0600

Central Complaints Bureau (Repairs): 718-592-5757
 Code Enforcement: 718-286-0800

Emergency Housing/Relocation (after 5 p.m.): 212-289-8000

Fair Housing: 800-669-9777

Housing Authority Applications:

Housing, Preservation & Development: 311

Technical Service: 311

Real Property Assessment:

212-504-4080

Rent Administration Info:

718-739-6400

Rent Increase Exemptions (Seniors): 311

Section 8 Housing Applications:

212-306-4113

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www.nylottery.org

Manhole Trouble

To report a misplaced cover: 311
www.nyc.gov/apps/311

Managed Care

To contact the Managed Care hotline: 800-206-8125
www.mhla.org

Marriage Licenses

To obtain a marriage license: 718-286-2846
www.health.state.ny.us/vital_records/marriage.htm

Medicaid

To get Medicaid info: 718-291-1900
www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid

Medicare

To get Medicare info / reduced-fare passes: 800-772-1213
www.medicare.gov

Mental Health

To get help for the mentally ill: 212-219-5599
 Dept. of Mental Health: 212-219-5400
www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page

Movies

To get listings, call Moviefone: 718-777-FILM
www.moviefone.com

Pest Control

To find out about pest control call: 718-956-7103
www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/3465/pest-control-complaint

Parking Violations

For information on parking violations: 311
www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/2187/parking-ticket-assistance-and-payment

Parks and Recreation

To get information from the Department of Parks and Recreation: 718-520-5900
www.nycgovparks.org

Passports

To obtain a U.S. passport: 877-487-2778
travel.state.gov/passport

Poison

To contact the Poison Control Center: 212-POISONS
www.aapcc.org

Police

To get general information from the New York Police Department: 646-610-5000
 To file a complaint about the New York Police Department: 212-442-8817
www.nyc.gov/nypd

Potholes

To report a pothole: 311
www.nyc.gov/apps/311

Planned Parenthood

For information on Planned Parenthood: 212-274-7200
www.plannedparenthood.org

Public Advocate

Public Advocate Letitia James complaint line: 212-669-7250
www.pubadvocate.nyc.gov

Public Assistance

To get information about public assistance: 718-291-1900
www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/1222/public-assistance-or-welfare

Railroads

To get Long Island Rail Road schedule info: 718-217-5477
www.mta.info/lirr
 To get Metro-North schedules: 212-532-4900
www.mta.info/mnr
 To get Amtrak schedules: 800-872-7245
www.amtrak.com

Recycling

To get recycling information: 718-298-7300
www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless

Rent

Division of Housing of Housing and Community Renewal's rent information line: 718-739-6400
www.nycrgb.org/

Restaurant Complaints

To file a complaint against a restaurant, contact the Department of Health: 311
www.nyc.gov/apps/311

Schools

Public schools district affairs line: 718-935-3910
www.schools.nyc.gov

Sewer

To report a clogged sewer: 718-337-4357
www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/wastewater/index.shtml

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

For treatment, call the STD hotline: 800-227-8922
 To get STD information and education: 212-788-4415
www.std-gov.org

Sheriff

Queens County Sheriff's office: 718-803-3091
www.scoc.ny.gov/sheriffsaddre.htm#Queens

Social Security

To get Social Security information: 800-772-1213
 To get an application for Social Security Insurance: 800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov

Social Welfare

Queensboro Council for Social Welfare: 718-468-8025

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 ny.networkofcare.org/

Street Lights

To report a broken street
 light: 718-CALL-DOT
 www.nyc.gov/apps/311

Subway Schedules

To get subway schedules
 from the Metropolitan Transit
 Authority: 718-330-1234
 www.mta.info

Suicide

To contact the Samaritan's
 Suicide Prevention hotline:
 212-673-3000
 www.suicidepreventionlifeline.
 org

Tax

To get tax forms from New
 York City: 718-935-6114
 To get tax forms from the
 Internal Revenue Service:
 800-Tax-Form.
 To get tax information from
 the Internal Revenue Service:
 800-829-1040
 For real estate property tax
 information: 212-504-4080
 Taxpayers Assistance Unit:
 212-504-4080
 www.irs.gov/formspubs

Taxis

To file a complaint against
 a taxi driver, call the Taxi &
 Limousine Commission: 311
 Taxi Commission: 212-227-
 6327
 www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/
 home/home.shtml

Tenant Issues

To get help for tenant
 problems: 718-262-7145
 www.tenant.net/nyc.html

Towed Cars

To track down a car if it has
 been towed: 311
 www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/
 html/towed_vehicles/auto_
 pounds.shtml

Traffic Problems

To file a complaint about
 broken traffic lights or
 missing signs: 311
 www.nyc.gov/apps/311

Traffic Violations

To contact the Traffic
 Violations Bureau: 718-488-
 5710
 dmv.ny.gov/tickets/find-tvb-
 office-locations

Trees

To report tree problems: 311
 www.nycgovparks.org/
 services/forestry/request/

submit

Veterans

Veterans' Information: 718-
 459-1828
 www.va.gov

Voluntary Action

NYC Service: 212-788-7550
 www.nycservice.org

Voting

To register to vote and find
 polling places: 311
 www.vote.nyc.ny.us/html/
 voters/voters.shtml

Water Meters

To complain about a water
 bill: 718-595-7000
 www.nyc.gov/html/dep/
 html/water_and_sewer_bills/
 meterread.shtml

Workers' Compensation

To file a claim for workers'
 compensation: 800-877-1373
 www.wcb.ny.gov/

Youth Intervention

To reach the NYC Youthline:
 800-246-4646
 www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/
 html/youth/youth.shtml

Zoning

To apply for zoning variances:
 212-720-3370
 www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/
 zoning/about-zoning.page



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103-42 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
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58-25 Myrtle Avenue
Queens NY 11385
718-628-8391

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28-46 Steinway Street
Astoria, NY 11103
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City Department for the Aging

2 Lafayette St.
New York, NY 10007
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nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/home/home.shtml
The DFTA is the coordinating and planning agency that monitors and develops programs and services for the elderly.

Senior citizen centers serve people 60 years and older by providing nutritious meals and a wide range of social, recreational, educational, counseling and other support services. Call the department or go online for more information and the location of a center in your neighborhood.

The department provides information and makes referrals regarding needed services, such as:

- home care
- screening for Medicaid and food stamps
- employment information
- Golden Park Passes
- home-delivered meals
- Home Energy Assistance Program
- Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption

State Office for the Aging

aging.ny.gov/
1-800-342-9871 (hotline to aid senior citizens with problems, information and referrals)

MEDICARE

medicare.gov/default.aspx
Medicare is a health insurance program for people 65 years and older and those under 65 who are disabled. It is a national program run by the federal government. Medicare has two parts: hospital insurance and medical insurance. It covers treatment of illnesses and the cost of most necessary hospital stays. If you are approaching 65, remember enrollment periods for Medicare are:

1. Three months before your 65th birthday
 2. Between Jan. 1 and March 31 of each year. These are the only times you will be able to apply for the program. Bring your birth certificate and Social Security card when applying.
- Call 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office:

- 28-18 Steinway St., 4th Floor, Astoria, 11103
- 138-50 Barclay Ave., Flushing, 11355
- 155-10 Jamaica Ave., 3rd Floor, Jamaica, 11432



■ 42-15 Crescent St., Long Island City, 11101

Medicare Beneficiaries Defense Fund

The Medicare Beneficiaries Defense Fund is a nonprofit that promotes and protects the rights of Medicare patients to quality, affordable health care coverage. MBDF provides self-help educational materials, informational seminars, free counseling, advocacy and public education to seniors and people with disabilities statewide. For assistance or information regarding Medicare, call 212-869-3850.

MEDICAID

medicaid.gov/
Medicaid is a government program for financially needy persons. It covers doctors' services and provides for payment of prescribed medicines and other medical supplies. Contact the state Department of Social Services for additional information at 718-557-1399.

HRA INFO-LINE

This provides information about many city government social services, including eviction prevention, child care, Medicaid, services for People with AIDS, utility shutoffs, homeless shelters, family problems, etc. Contact: 311

ELDERLY PHARMACEUTICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE PROGRAM

health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/
EPIC is a prescription drug insurance plan for the elderly sponsored by New York state. This program is intended for seniors who do not have adequate insurance coverage for prescription drug expenses. To qualify, you must be a New York state resident, 65 years of age and older, and you must meet the program's income guidelines. If eligible, you could save as much as 60 percent on the cost of prescription drugs. To obtain more information and an application, please call 1-800-332-3742.

QUEENSBIDGE HEALTH MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY

Health services are offered completely without charge to the elderly patient. It serves all people who are 62 years or older. Services are free and patients are billed if referred to a hospital for further services. For information, contact:

New York Hospital Queens

nyhq.org
Subspecialty clinics include Dialysis and Arthritis
56-45 Main St.
Flushing 11355
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
718-670-2000

Margaret Tietz Center for Nursing Care

margarettietz.org/
164-11 Chapin Parkway
Jamaica Hills 11432

718-298-7800

Flushing Hospital Medical Center

Geriatrics Division,
Department of Medicine
Health Maintenance Clinic
for the Elderly 60 Years and Older
45-00 Parsons Blvd.
Flushing 11355
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Home Health Care Services:
718-670-5000

Jamaica Hospital

jamaicahospital.org
Geriatric Clinic Hours:
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Geriatric Care 60 years and older; transportation available
89-00 Van Wyck Expressway
Jamaica 11418
718-206-6000

Elmhurst Hospital Center

nyc.gov/html/hhc/ehc/html/home/home.shtml
79-01 Broadway
Elmhurst 11373
Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
718-334-4000
Medical Clinic, Psychiatric Clinic: 718-334-2715

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Sometimes family members who are caring for a frail or disabled person would like a chance to get away for several hours or days. This relief from their care-giving responsibilities can be arranged through respite

services. A trained volunteer or paid worker can stay with the frail person overnight, up to a maximum of several weeks. Respite care also provides support groups, counseling and training for family members. Some respite programs also offer a respite center to which a frail person can move for a while. Sometimes this enables caregivers to take a vacation or a trip. Two respite options are available to some Queens residents:

RBSCC, Inc. Respite Care Program

59-04 Decatur St.
Ridgewood 11385
718-443-1903

Parker Jewish Geriatric Institute

271-11 76th Ave.
New Hyde Park 11040
718-289-2100

IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Home care services are designed to delay or prevent institutionalization and provide the extra help the frail and elderly need to remain in their own homes and communities. The following services may be available in your community:

HOME ATTENDANT PROGRAM

Home attendant services provide personal care and assistance in the activities of daily living to adults who are aged, disabled or handicapped. These services

are provided at the request of a physician. Services are available to recipients of SSI, Medicaid and Public Assistance.

HOMEMAKER SERVICES

Homemaker services provide household management and personal care for aged or handicapped adults in order to prevent their placement in institutions. Homemakers deal with some of the fundamental housekeeping chores (cleaning, shopping, etc.), as well as some personal care and home management. Homemaker services can be provided up to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

HOUSEKEEPER/CHORE SERVICES

Housekeeping is a part-time service—up to 12 hours per week for adults—generally provided to elderly or handicapped individuals who are medically in need of this service and are unable to perform basic household tasks. Recipients of this service must be able to direct and supervise the housekeeper assigned to them. Adults eligible for the service include those receiving Public Assistance, SSI and Medicaid. Contact your local Community Alternative Systems Agency II.

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HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICE

Home Health Aide Service provides personal health care to adults who are elderly, disabled or handicapped. These services are provided by aides who have been specially trained and certified and are supervised by nursing staff. These services are provided at the request of a physician for up to 24 hours a day to Medicaid-eligible recipients.

VISITING NURSE SERVICE

VNS serves Queens residents through its borough office in Flushing. VNS serves the homebound with nursing, home health aide and social work services, as well as physical, occupational and speech therapy. When you are accepted into the program, VNS Home Care and the Department of Social Services will work with you to determine which services you will need to remain at home safely. These services may include:

- professional nursing services
- home health aide services
- personal care or housekeeping services
- physical, occupational and respiratory therapy
- speech therapy and audiology
- medical social services
- nutritional services
- laboratory services
- medical supplies, equipment and appliances
- waived services, such as social day care, social transportation, respite care, home improvement and home maintenance tasks

EMERGENCY ALERT RESPONSE SYSTEM VNS

41-61 Kissena Blvd.
Flushing 11355
311

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is provided by a scheduled primary care clinic. Walk-in patients are evaluated with acute problems being treated and non-acute problems scheduled into a clinic. The facility also offers an Adult Day Health Care program. Services are available for those veterans who have been honorably discharged from military service. To expedite processing, you need your DD214 discharge papers.

VA Extended Care Center
179-00 Linden Blvd. and 179th St.
Jamaica, NY 11425
718-526-1000

IN-HOME ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES

A person with a home emergency response system simply presses a wireless button in times of trouble. When this button is pressed, a signal is received by trained personnel at a central unit. The trained personnel, who already have the person's name, address, telephone number and other important information, will contact responders who can go to the home and see what the problem is. The responders are usually friends, neighbors or family who live close by and who have keys to the person's home. Fees for this service range from \$4 to \$32.50 monthly.

SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS SERVING OLDER PEOPLE IN QUEENS

Flushing House
United Lifeline
38-20 Bowne St.
Flushing 11354
718-762-3198

Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults
Lifeline Alert
162-04 Jamaica Ave.
Jamaica 11432
718-657-6500

Queens Jewish Community Council
Lifeline Support Program
119-45 Union Tnkp.
Forest Hills 11375
718-544-9033

HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

Home-delivered meals are available, in many communities, to help frail, older homebound people remain in their own homes. Through this program,

homebound elderly residents age 60 and over are delivered hot meals daily or fresh frozen meals twice a week. Some programs offer kosher meals. Also, trained social workers may be available to the recipients for assistance in a crisis, to make linkages with other needed services and to assist in the completion of forms for other benefits and entitlements. A small contribution is generally requested. For more information and to apply for home delivered meals, call the Department for the Aging at 311 or 212-442-1000.

NURSING HOMES

The type of facility selected depends upon the level of care needed. For information and help on finding a facility, contact:

City Department for the Aging
2 Lafayette St.
New York, NY 10007
311

Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged
130 East End Ave., No. 3B
New York, NY 10028
212-732-5667

TO COMPLAIN ABOUT CARE:

State Office for the Aging
State Ombudsman Program:
1-800-342-9871

New York Foundation for Senior Citizens
City Long Term Care Ombuds program
11 Park Place
New York, NY 10007
212-962-7559

Department of Health
Patient Care Investigation Unit
5 Penn Plaza, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10001



311

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security is a federally administered pension plan for retired and disabled people and their families. If you have contributed to the Social Security Trust Fund and think you may qualify, contact your nearest Social Security Office (see previous page).

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Supplemental Security Income is a federally administered program of cash assistance for the aged, the blind and the disabled of any age with limited income or resources. SSI is not the same as Social Security. Even if you now receive Social Security, you may also be eligible for SSI. If you think you may qualify for SSI, you should contact your nearest Social Security office.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR ADULTS

This program provides cash assistance, such as money for rent, food or moving expenses, in emergencies, such as fire, flood, burglary, illness or other catastrophes which endanger the health, safety and well-being of older adults. Contact the DSS Office of Income Maintenance at 311.

FOOD STAMPS

Food stamps allow people with limited income to receive coupons to purchase food. To find out if you are eligible to receive food stamps, call 311.

BURIAL INFORMATION

If a senior citizen dies, leaving no money, family or friends to pay for burial,

contact:
Queens Morgue: 718-883-3865
Queens Public Administrator:
718-526-5037
Queens Medical Examiner:
718-883-3871

AGE DISCRIMINATION

It is a violation of city and state law for employers to discriminate against a person because of age. If you have been a victim of such discrimination, you may file a complaint with:

City Commission on Human Rights
153-01 Jamaica Ave., Room 203
Jamaica 11432
718-657-2465

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
33 Whitehall St., 5th Floor
New York, NY 10004

EDUCATION

A number of colleges and universities in Queens offer discounts on tuition or registration to older adults. For more information, contact the college of your choice:

City University of New York
cuny.edu

If you are 65 years or older and a city resident, you may enroll in all college courses for a \$25 per semester registration fee on a space-available basis. The Center for Unlimited Enrichment Inc. provides educational, cultural and social experiences for older adults. There are no prerequisites, tests, pressure or course credits—just opportunities to learn for the pure joy of it!

Queens College ACE Program
qc.cuny.edu
The Adult Collegiate Education Program offers

older adults an opportunity to earn an undergraduate degree, using credits given for life experience toward degree requirements. For more information, contact 718-997-5717.

York College

york.cuny.edu
York College offers a course within its Psychology Department called Human Development II. Students will learn how specific government policies and laws affect senior citizens, especially issues relating to housing, Medicare, Social Security, wills and estates.

St. John's University

stjohns.edu
St. John's allows senior citizens 62 years of age or older to enroll in any undergraduate course, excluding art and computers, on a space available-basis during the fall, spring and summer semesters for a flat \$25 fee. Seniors may also register for noncredit courses in the St. John's School of Continuing Education at the full fee. Call 718-990-6161.

City Department of Education

schools.nyc.gov
The DOE offers courses through a continuing education program. There is a \$25 fee for most eight-week courses.

Queens Adult Learning Center

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Explore famous residents through events at Maple Grove and St. Michael's cemeteries

BY MERLE EXIT

New York City public school teacher Carl Ballenas believes a cemetery can have a dual purpose — honoring those individuals who came before us, and paying tribute to life.

Ballenas is a member of Friends of Maple Grove, a group dedicated to further the legacy of the cemetery.

Today Maple Grove is more than a traditional non-sectarian cemetery.

It is a serene park and center for wild life with 65 acres open for visitors to walk in quiet contemplation.

Maple Grove provides educational, cultural and spiritual events for children and adults alike.

The cemetery is not all gravestones. In fact there is an entire area of marked plaques that are flush to the ground appearing as if you were in another park with trees.

"We want people to come to the cemetery and look what is here as well as listen to the stories that can be told from the cemetery archives," Ballenas said. "For instance, we were researching a woman, Dr. Ella Jennings MacDonald, who has an unmarked grave. She had opened what was called a 25-cent dispensary for women and children who couldn't afford a doctor. Considered a champion of the poor, she was married to a well-known sculptor, James MacDonald."

Further research found that three of her sisters were also doctors.

Throughout the year, Maple Grove schedules special events related to some of its inhabitants.

At one event, Spirits Alive involves a group of actors who portray some of the famous people buried there.

There are musical performances with Victorian and Jazz-era songs.



A group of women are dressed the part during a Civil War encampment program at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Courtesy Friends of Maple Grove Cemetery



At last year's Scott Joplin concert at St. Michael's Cemetery, a couple take a spin around the makeshift dance floor.

For Valentine's Day, Ballenas presented the story of Mary and Jonathan Coward.

"As teenagers, they

fell in love before the Civil War," Ballenas said. "Then they were separated. But 50 years later, they were reunited

and married."

Other events include a Victorian Christmas, Civil War encampments and even a murder mys-

tery.

As part of Women's History Month, there was a fund-raiser scheduled in March featuring the film "Girl Rising," a documentary about the lives of impoverished girls living in countries where education for girls is not a priority.

The film explores the inequalities that girls and young women face in parts of the world. Some of the segments deal with intense and disturbing topics, including slavery, child marriage, rape and human trafficking.

The screening was slated for Maple Grove's newly constructed center facility.

Over at St. Michael's Cemetery in Elmhurst, Ed Horn, the director of sales, marketing and community relations, plans about a half dozen events each year.

Some programs focus on the famous residents.

"Ragtime composer Scott Joplin is buried here," Horn said. "Each

year we celebrate with a concert held at a bandstand in front of the office."

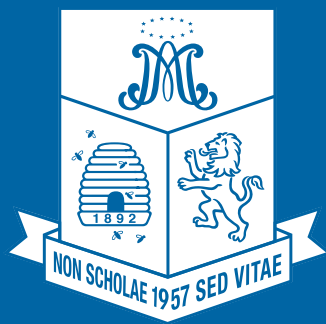
St. Michael's is also host to the annual "Remember Me Run," a two-mile race held in September to honor first responders who died on 9/11.

But not all of St. Michael's events focus on the past.

Along with Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria), St. Michael's held a food drive and collected more than 1,000 non-perishable food items.

At the end of the summer, Horn plans to hold the annual back-to-school drive to gather supplies for children.

"Never be a warehouse for the past," Horn said. "We focus on helping the community to celebrate life. The cemetery is not a place to mourn, but a place to celebrate those who gave us life."



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718-626-1021
Fax: 718-626-1072
Joseph Risi, chairman;
Florence Koulouris, district manager.
Neighborhoods: Astoria, Old Astoria, Long Island City, Queensbridge, Ditmars, Ravenswood, Steinway, Garden Bay and Woodside.
Meeting: Third Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m.
Location: Astoria World Manor, 25-22 Astoria Blvd.



Community Board 2

43-22 50th St., Room 2B, Woodside
718-533-8773
Fax: 718-533-8777
Patrick A. O'Brien, chairman;
Debra Markell Kleinert, district manager.
Neighborhoods: Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City.
Meeting: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.
Location: Sunnyside Community Services



Community Board 3

82-11 37th Ave., Suite 606, Jackson Heights
718-458-2707
Fax: 718-458-3316
Stephen Kulhanek, chairman;
Giovanna Reid, district manager.
Neighborhoods: Jackson Heights, East Elmhurst, North Corona and LaGuardia Airport.
Meeting: Third Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: IS 227, 32-02 Junction Blvd.



Community Board 4

46-11 104th Street, Corona
718-760-3141
Fax: 718-760-5971
Louis Walker, chairman;
Christian Cassagnol, district manager.
Neighborhoods: Elmhurst, Corona, Corona Heights and Newtown.
Meeting: Second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Flanders Field VFW Post, 51-11 100th St.



Community Board 5

61-23 Myrtle Ave., Glendale
718-366-1834
Fax: 718-417-5799
Vincent Arcuri Jr., chairman;
Gary Giordano, district manager.
Neighborhoods: Ridgewood, Glendale, Middle Village, Maspeth, and Liberty Park.
Meeting: Second Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Christ the King High School



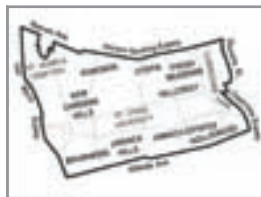
Community Board 6

104-01 Metropolitan Ave., Forest Hills
718-263-9250
Fax: 718-263-2211
Joseph Hennessy, chairman;
Frank Gulluscio, district manager.
Neighborhoods: Forest Hills and Rego Park.
Meeting: Second Wednesday of every month, 7:45 p.m.
Location: Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road



Community Board 7

133-32 41st Road, Suite 3B, Flushing
718-359-2800
Fax: 718-463-3891
Eugene Kelly, chairman; Marilyn Bitterman, district manager
Neighborhoods: Bay Terrace, Beechhurst, College Point, Flushing, Queensboro Hill, Whitestone, Malba and Willets Point.
Meeting: Second Monday of every month, 7 p.m.
Location: Union Plaza Care Center, 33-23 Union St.



Community Board 8

197-15 Hillside Ave., Hollis
718-264-7895
Fax: 718-264-7910
Alvin Warshaviak, chairman;
Marie Adam-Ovide, district manager.
Neighborhoods: Fresh Meadows, Cunningham Heights, Hilltop Village, Pomonok Houses, Fresh Meadows, Jamaica Estates, Holliswood, Flushing South, Utopia, Kew Gardens Hills and Briarwood.
Meeting: Second Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike



Community Board 9

120-55 Queens Blvd., Room 310A, Kew Gardens
718-286-2686
Fax: 718-286-2685
Raj Rampershad, chairman; Lisa Gomes, district manager
Neighborhoods: Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill, Woodhaven and Ozone Park.
Meeting: Second Tuesday of every month, 7:45 p.m.
Location varies



Community Board 10

115-01 Lefferts Blvd., South Ozone Park
718-843-4488
Fax: 718-738-1184
Elizabeth Braton, chairwoman;
Karyn Petersen, district manager
Neighborhoods: Howard Beach, Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, Tudor Village and Lindenwood.
Meeting: First Thursday of every month, 7:45 p.m.
Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 135-45 Lefferts Blvd.



Community Board 11

46-21 Little Neck Pkwy., Little Neck
718-225-1054
Fax: 718-225-4514
Christine Haider, chairwoman;
Susan Seinfeld, district manager

Neighborhoods: Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Little Neck, Oakland Gardens, East Flushing and Hollis Hills.
Meeting: First Monday of every month but not in July or August, 7:30 p.m.
Location: MS 158, 46-35 Oceanica St.



Community Board 12

90-28 161 St., Jamaica
718-658-3308
Fax: 718-739-6997
Adrienne Adams, chairwoman; Yvonne Reddick, district manager
Neighborhoods: Jamaica, Hollis, St. Albans, Springfield Gardens, Baisley Park, Rochdale Village and South Jamaica.
Meeting: Third Wednesday of every month but in December second Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Location: Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center, 172-17 Linden Blvd., St. Albans



Neighborhoods: Brookville, Cambria Heights, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, Laurelton, New Hyde Park, Queens Village and Rosedale.
Meeting: Fourth Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Bellerose Assembly of God, 240-15 Hillside Ave.



Community Board 14

19-31 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway
718-471-7300
Fax: 718-868-2657
Dolores Orr, chairwoman;
Jonathan L. Gaska, district manager
Neighborhoods: Breezy Point, Broad Channel, Belle Harbor, Neponsit, Arverne, Bayswater, Edgemere, Rockaway Park, Rockaway and Far Rockaway
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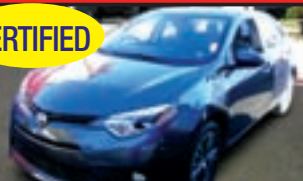
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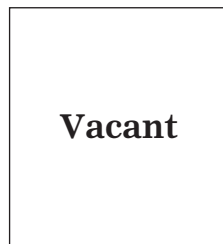
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LANDMARKS

NORTHEASTERN

Private home

35-34 Bell Blvd.
Built: 1905-06
Address: 35-34 Bell Blvd.,
Bayside
This home was built entirely
from cobblestones, fusing
two architectural styles:
Colonial Revival and the Arts
and Crafts movement.

Fitzgerald/Ginsberg Mansion

Built: 1924
Address: 145-15 Bayside Ave.,
Flushing
Built in 1924, the mansion
features rusticated,
irregularly shaped fieldstone
walls, a multicolored
slate roof, casement and
leaded glass windows and
picturesque massing. Large,
suburban, picturesque
revival-style houses
from the 1920s were
at one time prevalent
throughout New York City's
affluent residential outer
neighborhoods, but have
become increasingly rare.

Herman A. and Malvina Schleicher House

Built: around 1857
Address: 11-41 123rd St.,
College Point
The house stands on a
circular site that was created
around 1906, when the
original 14-acre estate was
subdivided into building
lots and became part of
the surrounding street
grid. Morris A. Gescheidt, a
German-born painter and
architect, gave the building
its neo-classical design.

The Unisphere, Pool and Fountains

Built: 1963-64
Address: Flushing Meadows
Corona Park
Robert Moses had hired
Gilmore D. Clarke to lay
out the plan of the 1939-40
World's Fair, a series of major
and minor boulevards and
paths radiating out from a
central point containing the
Tyrion and Perisphere, with
major axes terminating at
focal points that contained
major pavilions, fountains
and sculptures. In 1961, Clarke
returned to modify the 1939
plan for the 1964-65 fair,
placing the Unisphere at the
same prominent position
as the earlier Tyrion and
Perisphere.



Voelker Orth Museum, Bird Sanctuary and Victorian Garden

Built: around 1891
Address: 149-19 38th Ave.,
Flushing
The Voelker Orth Museum
is significant as one of the
few houses remaining from
Flushing's early period of
suburban development,
the years around 1900. Its
exuberantly picturesque
design and large garden are
typical of buildings of the
late 19th century and recall
the period when, due to
expanding transportation
networks, Flushing was
transformed from a rural
area to a suburban one.

SOUTHERN

Daniel and Abbie B. Eldridge House

Built: around 1870
Address: 87-61 111th St.,
Jamaica
Clarenceville, as the area
was named, was promoted
in the early 1850s for its
beauty, convenient location
and accessibility by public
transportation, but little
development had taken place
when Daniel Eldridge, a clerk
in the city Water Department
and alleged member of the

Tweed Ring, bought six lots in
1867 and 1869.

First Reformed Church of Jamaica

Built: 1858-59
Address: 153-10 Jamaica Ave.,
Jamaica
The existing building was the
Dutch Reformed Church of
Jamaica's third building on
the site. The Jamaica Avenue
facade consists of a central
peaked-roof section flanked
by two square towers, one
of which is twice the size of
the other.

Grace Episcopal Church and Graveyard

Built: 1702
Address: 155-03 Jamaica Ave.,
Jamaica
Designed by Cady, Berg &
See and added in 1901, the
chancel replicates the style
of the earlier building. The
surrounding graveyard dates
to the early 18th century and
contains tombstones and
monuments of various styles
and materials.

Jamaica Chamber of Commerce Building

Built: 1928-29
Address: 89-31 161st St.,
Jamaica
Founded in 1919 as the
Jamaica Board of Trade
to promote the area to

businesses and residential
developers, the chamber
by 1926 had grown to a
membership of nearly
500, when Secretary Max
C. Bunyan suggested the
organization would benefit
from having a building of its
own, part of which could be
rented out to support the
chamber's work.

Jamaica High School

Built: 1925-27
Address: 167-01 Gothic Drive,
Jamaica
This large, classically
styled public high school
was designed by William
Gompert and opened in
1927 to accommodate the
rapidly expanding Jamaica
population.

Jamaica Savings Bank (current)

Built: 1939
Address: 146-21 Jamaica Ave.,
Jamaica
Architect Morrell Smith,
celebrated for his designs of
commercial bank buildings,
designed this branch of
Jamaica Savings Bank in 1939.
Set on a trapezoidal lot, the
one-story building faces an
intersection with an angled
facade and corner entrance.

Jamaica Savings Bank (former)

Built: 1897-98
Address: 161-02 Jamaica Ave.,
Jamaica
Designed by the firm
of Hough & Deuell, the
building is an example of
the classically inspired
Beaux-Arts style, executed
in carved limestone and
wrought iron and is one
of only a few buildings in
Queens to embrace that
aesthetic. Sited on Jamaica
Avenue, the building is
an urbane presence on
the neighborhood's main
commercial thoroughfare.

J. Kurtz and Sons Store

Built: 1931
Address: 162-24 Jamaica Ave.,
Jamaica
The ground floor storefront
on Jamaica Avenue wraps
around the corner onto Guy
Brewer Boulevard. Corner
windows on the upper floors
add an additional modern
design element to the
building.

King Manor Museum

Built: 1900
Address: 90-04 161st St., Suite
704, Jamaica
The King Manor Association
of L.I. Inc. operates the
historic house as a museum
to preserve and interpret
the home and legacy of
Rufus King. The only historic

house museum in southeast
Queens, King Manor serves
a largely minority and
immigrant community and
engages its audiences
through historic site tours,
interactive exhibits, lectures,
public programs and school
and community outreach.

La Casina

Built: around 1933
Address: 90-33 160th St.,
Jamaica
The building is a former
nightclub built in the Modern
style. It now houses the
Jamaica Business Resource
Center.

Loew's Valencia Theater

Built: 1928
Address: 165-11 Jamaica Ave.,
Jamaica
It currently houses the
Tabernacle of Prayer for
All People. Designed by
John Eberson, the former
theater was the first of five
atmospheric movie palaces
constructed by the Loew's
Corp. outside Manhattan
in the 1920s.

Prospect Cemetery

Built: around 1668
Address: 159th Street near
York College and the Long
Island Rail Road station,
Jamaica
In the 19th century, the
cemetery expanded through
the purchase of individual
lots. It contains tombstones
and monuments of varying
ages and styles and the
burials of Revolutionary War
veterans and early prominent
families from Long Island and
Queens.

Queens General Court House

Built: 1936-39
Address: 88-11 Sutphin Blvd.,
Jamaica
The Modern Classical
style was selected for this
building because it was
thought to express the
dignity and majesty of the
law. An example of the style,
the E-shaped, seven-story
building is faced with
Alabama limestone and
articulated with neo-Classical
ornament.

Ralph Bunche House

Built: 1927
Address: 115-24 Grosvenor
Road, Kew Gardens
Dr. Ralph Bunche and his
family lived for more than
30 years in a neo-Tudor style
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residence built in 1927 and designed by the architects Koch & Wagner. Bunche had an illustrious career in academia, international service and diplomacy, which included the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in negotiating armistice settlements between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The Register

Built: 1898
Address: 161-04 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica
It was built in the year Queens was incorporated into Greater New York. The building is faced in limestone and has a tripartite design of base, piano nobile, and attic story.

Sidewalk Clock

Built: around 1900
Address: 161-11 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica
It is one of only two extant sidewalk clocks in Queens. The original manufacturer and installer are unknown, and the clock has been somewhat altered with the insertion of electric clock units and the installation of neon signs.

St. Monica's Church

Built: 1856
Address: 94-20 160th St., Jamaica
Typical Romanesque Revival-style elements include round-arched openings,

turrets, a heavy cornice at the top of the campanile and corbelling. The new building has a square massing and a skin of brick piers and metal panels.

Suffolk Tile and Guarantee Co. Building

Built: 1929
Address: 90-04 161st St., Jamaica
The two-story base is clad in brick and stone and the ground floor window and entrance bays are deeply recessed. The upper floors are faced in brick and articulated with projecting piers and decorative spandrel panels.

WESTERN

Astoria Park Pool and Play Center

Built: 1934-36
Address: 19th Street between 22nd Drive and Hoyt Avenue North, Astoria
Many architects, landscape architects and engineers were hired to create the pool program and the hundreds of other new construction and rehabilitation projects undertaken between 1934 and 1936 by the then-new city Parks Department. Embedded into what has now become a wooded slope, the play center complex was designed to take advantage of its surroundings.

Congregation Tifereth

Israel

Built: 1911
Address: 109-18 54th Ave., Corona
The oldest active synagogue in Corona, the Congregation Tifereth Israel is a survivor of the earliest Jewish synagogues built in Queens. This synagogue, whose full name is translated as "Congregation Independent Community, Glory of Israel, People of Corona," was built in 1911 to house a congregation of Jews that had relocated to Queens primarily from other parts of the city.

Fire Engine Co. No. 258/ Hook and Ladder Co. No. 115

Built: 1902-04
Address: 10-40 47th Ave., Long Island City
Designed by Bradford Lee Gilbert, the Dutch Renaissance Revival-style building was erected as part of a campaign to expand fire protection in Queens and improve working conditions for Queens firefighters. Long Island City was the first area in the borough to have a professional fire department and both companies trace their origins to an act by the state Legislature in 1890.

Newtown High School

Built: 1920-21
Address: 48-01 90th St., Elmhurst
The school was the result of several building campaigns,

which began with the construction of a small, wooden school house in 1866 to serve children from the Village of Newtown and surrounding farms.

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Built: 1898
Address: 85-11 102nd St., Richmond Hill
The red brick building is Victorian Eclectic in style. Many of its features are characteristic of the Romanesque Revival style and give the building a fortress-like appearance, including prominent round arches highlighting window openings and the main entrance, a flared base and a distinctive, six-story tower, which was restored in 2001.

Richmond Hill Republican Club

Built: 1908
Address: 86-15 Lefferts Blvd., Richmond Hill
Vacant since the mid-1980s, the Richmond Hill Republican Club is an example of a clubhouse designed to serve the social, political and recreational needs of a local community and a prototype of small-scale Colonial Revival style civic architecture.

Ridgewood Theater Building

Built: 1916
Address: 55-27 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood
This theater showed movies for more than 90 years, retaining its original use through numerous changes in the presentation of movies

and the interior environment of the theater, including the addition of sound for "talkies" and in spite of the competition provided by television and other forms of entertainment.

Sohmer & Co. Piano Factory Building

Built: around 1886
Address: 31-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City
The original part of the building, which included the clock tower, was built as the piano factory for Sohmer & Co. It was designed by the firm Berger & Baylies, which produced plans for commercial and residential buildings throughout New York City, including several warehouses and store-and-loft buildings.



MUSEUMS

NORTHERN QUEENS

Alley Pond Environmental Center

228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, 11362
718-229-4000
alleypond.com
Designated a National Environmental Study Area in 1979, Alley Pond was saved from the ravages of progress by concerned citizens and today is home to a diverse variety of wildlife and habitats. Workshops and nature walks for entire family.
Hours: Trails open dawn to dusk, daily. Center open Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday hours vary

Bayside Historical Society

Fort Totten, 208 Totten Ave., Bayside 11359
718-352-1548
baysidehistorical.org
The Bayside Historical Society was founded in 1964 to collect, preserve and disseminate information concerning the history of Bayside and its adjacent communities; advocate for the preservation and protection of its most historic structures and distinctive neighborhoods through the landmarking process; and strive to develop a broad constituency of like-minded preservation and educational organizations

to protect the historic integrity of our communities and collections. **Hours:** Weekdays (closed Monday) 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Weekends Noon-4 p.m. **Admission:** Suggested \$5

Bowne House

37-01 Bowne St., Flushing, 11354
718-359-0528
bownehouse.org
Maintained by the Bowne House Historical Society, the house was built in 1661 and expanded in 1680 and 1696 by religious leader John Bowne and is filled with original furnishings of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. It is the oldest house in Queens, on the National Registry of Historic Places and designated a New York City landmark. Currently under renovation. **Hours:** Wednesday 1-4 p.m. or by appointment.

Flushing Quaker Meeting House

137-16 Northern Blvd., Flushing 11354
718-261-9832
flushingfriends.org
The Flushing Society of Friends maintains the meeting house, which is still in use, and a burial ground. **Hours:** Tours Sunday Noon-12:30 p.m. or by appointment

Godwin-Ternbach Museum

Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., 405 Klapper Hall, Flushing, 11367
718-997-4747
qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/godwin_ternbach/
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Afrikan Poetry Theatre
176-03 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica
718-523-3312
afrikanpoetrytheatre.org
The Afrikan Poetry Theatre began as a collection of poets, singers and musicians dedicated to making people aware of the lyrics to their songs. The theater has been a nonprofit since 1977 and has provided the borough with jazz concerts, films, youth programs, an art gallery and computer programs. Parking is near the theater. Ticket prices vary.

Astoria Performing Arts Center
Theater: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 30-44 Crescent St., Astoria
Office: Kaufman Astoria Studios, 34-12 36th St., Astoria
718-706-5750
apacny.org
Founded in 2001, APAC produces revivals and premieres of plays and musicals as well as developing new works through readings and workshops. APAC also offers free community programs, including a summer theater camp for tweens, a playwriting program for middle school students and a performance program for Queens residents 60 and older.

Black Spectrum Theatre
177th Street and Baisley Boulevard, Jamaica
718-723-1800
blackspectrum.com
Founded in 1970, the Black Spectrum Theatre has produced and presented more than 100 plays and 15 films. The theater operates in a city-owned building in Roy Wilkins Park that includes a theater that doubles as a

film studio and a lounge. The primary goal of the theater is to target issues affecting African Americans. Parking is at the theater. Tickets prices vary.

Chocolate Factory Theater
5-49 49th Ave., Long Island City
718-482-7069
chocolatefactorytheater.org
The OBIE award-winning theater is one of the city's leading incubator for developments in experimental performance. Works by the founders and guest artists incorporate movement, music, video and text to tell their stories.

Hip to Hip Theatre Co.
718-729-8567
www.hiptohip.org
This Woodside-based group, which begins its 10th season in July, presents rotating productions of Shakespeare plays each summer for free at various parks around Queens.

LaGuardia Performing Arts Center
31-10 Thomson Ave., Long Island City
718-482-5151
www.lpac.nyc
The center offers a variety of cultural and educational programs in music, dance and theater, including concerts and family matinees. The center features the 740-seat Main Stage Theatre and the 220-seat Little Theatre. The center is wheelchair-accessible. It does not offer bus parking. The center is in season from September to May.

Queensborough Performing Arts Center
222-05 56th Ave., Bayside
718-631-6311
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67-09 108th St., Forest Hills
718-395-9641
www.cqy.org

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238-10 Hillside Ave., Bellerose
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www.ymcany.org/crossisland

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89-25 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica

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32-23 Queens Blvd., Long Island City
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69-02 64th Ave., Ridgewood
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58-20 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck
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The Queensborough Community College Theater is home to a variety of cultural events throughout

the year, including an annual performing arts series in the fall with music and theatrical and musical performances

by established artists. There is also an annual theater festival produced by Queensborough Community College students who work with professional actors, designers and directors. Parking is free and available for weekend events only.

Queens Theatre
14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park
718-760-0064
www.queentheatre.org
Queens Theatre's season includes a dance series with many internationally renowned companies, productions from its resident theater troupe, Titan Theatre Co., a handful of touring plays, a comedy series and a family series. There are also foreign and art films shown and a series of special concerts. Ticket prices vary.

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

718-392-0722
www.secrettheatre.com
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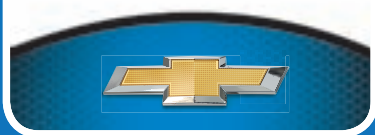


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kupferbergcenter.org

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www.pauljoseph.com
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Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
718-997-3818
qcchoralsociety.org/
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Queensborough Community College, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside
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Queens Symphony Orchestra

Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing
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queenssymphony.org
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Laurelton is resting place for Jewish mobsters

Old Montefiore Cemetery is home to city's most colorful – and infamous – gangsters

BY MERLE EXIT

Tucked away in a corner of Laurelton sits a Jewish cemetery with more than its share of infamous inhabitants.

Montefiore Cemetery, which is also known as Old Montefiore Cemetery, Old Montefiore Springfield and sometimes just Montefiore, is the final resting place for a slew of Jewish mobsters, who during the 1920s and '30s ran the town.

Here are a few of the more colorful residents:

Herman "Hyman" Amberg (c. 1902 – Nov. 3, 1926) was a New York mobster who, with his brothers Joseph and Louis, formed one of the prominent criminal gangs during Prohibition.

Often acting as an enforcer, he was arrested for the murder of a local jeweler in 1926. While awaiting trial in the Tombs, he and another prisoner attempted to escape after acquiring guns on Nov. 3, 1926.

However, they made it only as far as the prison wall before being trapped by prison guards. Rather than surrender to prison authorities, Amberg and the other prisoner committed suicide.

Joseph Amberg (1892 – Sept. 30, 1935) the brother of Hyman and Louis "Pretty" Amberg, was involved in labor racketeering and other criminal activities.

During the 1920s and 1930s the brothers competed with rivals such as Jacob "Gurrah" Shapiro, Louis "Lepke" Buchalter, Abe "Kid Twist" Reles and the Shapiro Brothers. On Sept. 30, 1935, Amberg was murdered alongside associate Morris Kessler. The pair were ambushed in a Brooklyn auto repair garage, and, after being ordered to line up against the wall, were gunned down by members of Murder, Inc.

Louis' body was found in a flaming car the day he was killed. The case remains officially unsolved.

When asked if there were any sus-



The Jewish National Workers Alliance of America, a labor organization for Yiddish speakers from the 1920s, provided a way for residents to cover the costs of burials through a weekly subscription.
Photo by Michael Shain

pects, a police detective reportedly answered, "Yeah, Brooklyn."

Amberg had a tendency to stab a fork in people's faces if they annoyed him and he once stabbed comedian Milton Berle in the face after Berle insulted him from the stage of the Vanity Fair Club.

Jacob "Gurrah" Shapiro (May 5, 1899 – June 9, 1947) was a New York mobster who, with his partner Louis "Lepke" Buchalter, controlled indus-

trial labor racketeering in New York for two decades and established the Murder Inc. organization.

Shapiro was born in Odessa (Russian Empire) in 1899. While confined in Brooklyn, he became friends with Jor Valachi and Jimmy "The Shiv" DeStefano (who got his nickname while confined). Jack "Legs" Diamond was also there but kept his distance from the feared threesome. During this period, Shapiro encountered his

future partner, Louis Buchalter; both boys were attempting to rob the same pushcart. Instead of fighting over the spoils, Shapiro and Buchalter agreed on a partnership.

Buchalter served as the brains and Shapiro provided the muscle in an alliance that lasted for decades. Shapiro and Buchalter soon became acquainted with future mobsters Meyer Lansky and Charles "Lucky Luciano, both of whom were protégés of mobster Arnold "The Brain" Rothstein.

Abraham "Abe" Telvi (Sept. 12, 1934 – July 28, 1956) was an associate of Johnny Dio.

In 1956, Telvi was ordered by Dio to throw acid on New York journalist Victor Riesel for making radio and television appearances about labor union corruption. In the morning of April 5, 1956, Telvi attacked Victor Riesel as he was leaving Lindy's restaurant, throwing sulfuric acid onto his face leaving him permanently blind. In the attack, Telvi had burned himself badly on the right side of his face and neck with some of the acid that splashed on him. He was paid \$1,175 in cash and began demanding more money from Dio. On July 28, 1956 Telvi was found dead on Mulberry Street with a bullet in his head.



The older parts of Montefiore Cemetery are dotted with large gates, setting off sections owned by the various burial societies.
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Many of the headstones in Montefiore contain only Hebrew words in their inscriptions.
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Alley Pond Park
Little Neck Bay, Long Island Expressway and Union Turnpike between Springfield Boulevard, Douglaston Parkway and Hanford Street
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/alleypondpark>

Because of its glacier-formed moraine, the park has numerous unique natural features, like its freshwater and saltwater wetlands. The park is also home to the city's first public high-ropes adventure course. Has dog run.

Astoria Park
19th Street between Astoria Park South and Ditmars Boulevard
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/AstoriaPark>

Although widely known for the oldest and largest pool in the city, Astoria Park also offers a bandstand, multiple trails, basketball courts and playgrounds. Has dog run.

Baisley Pond Park
North Conduit Avenue, 116th Avenue between 150 Street, Sutphin Boulevard and Baisley Boulevard South
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/baisleypondpark>

While dredging the bottom of Baisley Pond shortly after its acquisition in the late 1800s, Brooklyn city workers unearthed the remains of an American mastodon. Today, a sculpture of a mastodon in Sutphin Playground commemorates the discovery and makes for a unique playmate. Has dog run.

Carlos R. Lillo Park
20th and 21st avenues between 76th and 77th streets
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/carloslillopark>

This park is named for Carlos R. Lillo, a paramedic who died while on duty Sept. 11, 2001. Lillo served as a paramedic for the FDNY's Emergency Medical Services Division.

Crocheron Park
214th Place, 214th Lane, 215th Place and Cross Island Parkway between 33rd and 35th avenues
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/crocheronpark>
The Crocheron family lived on the edge of Little Neck Bay for centuries, with the first family member to live in the area being John Crocheron,



a farmer whose will dates from 1695. The park includes eateries, spray showers and tennis courts. Has dog run.

Cunningham Park
Long Island Expressway, 73rd Avenue, Union Turnpike and Grand Central Parkway between 193rd Street, Francis Lewis Boulevard, Hollis Hills Terrace and 210th Street
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/cunninghampark>

The park is 358 acres. Assembled between 1928 and 1944, the space has developed into the headquarters for athletic leagues, animals, playmates and barbecue enthusiasts. Has dog run.

Douglaston Park Golf Course
61st Avenue between Marathon Parkway, Commonwealth Boulevard and 242nd Street
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In 1927, a group of members from the Belleclaire Country Club in Bayside founded the North Hills Golf Club. The group selected this site in the Douglaston neighborhood for its rolling and scenic terrain.

Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Grand Central Parkway and Whitestone Expressway between 111th Street, College Point Boulevard and Park

Drive East
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/fmcp>

The site of two World's Fairs offers a recreation complex, a zoo, an art museum, a botanical garden, a science museum and a baseball stadium. Explore one of the park's six playgrounds, take a stroll along the Flushing Bay Promenade or launch your model airplane. Has dog run.

Forest Park
Myrtle Avenue, Union Turnpike and Park Lane South between Brooklyn-Queens county line and Park Lane
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/forestpark>

Parkgoers interested in exploring Forest Park's natural settings firsthand often travel to its eastern portion, which abounds in hiking trails and bridle paths. Heading west, Forest Park transforms into an athlete's playground with softball, baseball, tennis, bocce, handball and golf being a few of your options. Has dog run.

Fort Totten Park
Cross Island Parkway between Totten Avenue and 15th Road
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/forttotten>
A pristine stretch surrounding a preserved Civil War fortress, Fort Totten

Park provides recreation and relaxation and a fascinating glimpse into New York's past. Urban Park Rangers lead regular tours of the fortress and the wildlife surrounding it.

Highland Park
Jackie Robinson Parkway, Vermont Avenue and Highland Boulevard between Bulwer Place and Cypress Hills Street
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/highlandpark>

Highland Park offers views of the surrounding neighborhoods, ocean and nearby cemeteries. Acquired in pieces over time, children's farm gardens act as hands-on classrooms, barbecue areas serve as meeting grounds and numerous tennis courts, baseball fields and handball and basketball courts provide spots for athletic recreation.

Idlewild Park
Rockaway and Springfield boulevards and 149th Avenue
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/idlewildpark>
The city acquired the property in three stages between 1956 and 1964. The first parcel was conveyed to the city through an agreement reached April 26, 1956, with the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. Jamaica Bay Park

Mott Basin to the city line
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q309/>

Jamaica Bay is an 18,000-acre wetland estuary surrounded by the Rockaway Peninsula to the south, Brooklyn to the west and Queens to the east. The wetlands provide a unique environment for both wildlife preservation and urban recreation, which includes volleyball courts.

Juniper Valley Park
Juniper Boulevard between Lutheran Avenue, 71st Street and Dry Harbor Road
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/junipervalleypark/>

Juniper Valley Park is an integral part of Middle Village. Residents spend time with old friends and neighbors while groups gather to take advantage of the tennis, handball and basketball courts. Includes a dog run.

Kissena Park
Fresh Meadows Lane and Kissena Boulevard between Oak, Underhill and Booth Memorial avenues
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/kissenapark/>
Beautiful Kissena Lake creates an idyllic setting to enjoy a sunny day. Stroll through the park to take in the lush flora and fauna, and be sure not to miss the

historic tree grove. Locust Grove Civic Triangle North Conduit Avenue between 118th Street and Lefferts Boulevard
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/locustgrovecivictriangle/>

The greenspace is 0.32 acres large. It contains baseball fields.

Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park
Atlantic and 95th avenues between 125th and 127th streets
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q129/>

From the time the park opened in 1938, it has been known locally as Smokey Oval Park. It includes basketball and handball courts and baseball and football fields.

Poppenhusen Park
College Place and College Point Boulevard between 11th and 12th avenues
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q042/>

Conrad Poppenhusen (1818-83), entrepreneur and philanthropist, was born in Hamburg, Germany. In 1852, he obtained a license from Charles Goodyear to manufacture hard rubber goods and moved his firm to a farming village in what is now Queens.

Powell's Cove Park
11th Avenue between 130th Street, Powell's Cove Boulevard, 138th Place and 9th Avenue
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q461/>

Powell's Cove, an environmental waterfront park completed in 1999, is a bay with sizable wetlands and undeveloped uplands in College Point. Probably named for the Powell family, who owned land in the vicinity as late as 1873, this parkland was envisaged as a waterfront park to protect tidal wetlands and the natural environment of the marshland region.

Queensbridge Park
Queensboro Bridge, 41st Road, 40th Avenue between The East River, Vernon Boulevard and 21 Street
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q104/>

This park is named for the nearby Queensboro Bridge, which is also known as the Queensbridge or 59th Street Bridge. The 1960s band Simon and Garfunkel made the bridge famous in their song "Feelin' Groovy," also called "The 59th Street Bridge Song."

Railroad Park
129th Avenue between 172nd and 176th streets
<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q412/>

This park takes its name from the Long Island Rail Road, whose tracks form the area's southwest boundary.

PARKS

The railroad began with the incorporation of the Brooklyn & Jamaica Railroad Co. April 25, 1832.

Rockaway Beach Ocean Promenade, the Atlantic Ocean and Beach 110th Street

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q050/>

The origins of the name "Rockaway" is closely related to the language of the Delaware and Chippewa native Americans. Linguistic experts recognize both "reckonwacky," meaning "the place of our own people," and "reckanawahaha," meaning "the place of laughing waters," as the area's indigenous names.

Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/rockawaybeach/>

One of New York City's most popular summer destinations, the entire beach encompasses more than 170 acres of sun and sand. Seven playgrounds provide entertainment for the younger set, while volleyball, skating and the city's only



surfing areas keep adults active.

Rockaway Community Park Almeda and Norton avenues between Beach 58th Street, Sommerville Basin, Beach 49th Street and Conch Basin

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/rockawaycommunitypark> Rockaway Community Park is an intriguing example of the diversity of New York City's parks. It offers a great

opportunity for wildlife and nature lovers.

Roy Wilkins Recreation Center Merrick Boulevard between 115th and 116th avenues and Baisley Boulevard <http://www.nycgovparks.org/>

[parks/roywilkins/](http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/roywilkins/) Named after the civil rights leader and late NAACP president, this unique public space is a cultural touchstone for the city. The park's 425-seat theater is home to its own

troupe, the Black Spectrum Theatre, and a 4-acre vegetable garden gives local children and adults the opportunity to grow their own produce.

Travers Park

34th Avenue between 77th and 78th streets

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/traverspark/>

Named in honor of Jackson Heights community leader Thomas J. Travers, the park features a leaf-and-vine-shaped spray shower, benches, plantings and a bicycle rack. The playground is ADA-compliant and appropriate for children 5 to 10.

Udalls Cove Park

Northern Boulevard, 244th to 247th streets and Douglas Road

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q452/>

The park is a 30-acre nature preserve that contains Aurora Pond.

Yellowstone Park

Yellowstone Boulevard between 68th Avenue and 68th Road

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/Q425/map>

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DISTRICT 24

Corona, Elmhurst, Glendale, Maspeth, Middle Village, Ridgewood, Sunnyside
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Website: CEC24.org

DISTRICT 25

Beechhurst, College Point, Flushing, Whitestone

District Office
30-48 Linden Place
Flushing, NY 11354
Superintendent: Danielle DiMango, (718) 281-7605
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DISTRICT 26

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DISTRICT 27

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82-01 Rockaway Blvd.
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DISTRICT 28

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for students, faculty and public audiences alike. Presentations of contemporary and historical significance alternate between showcases of the collection and special exhibitions. **Hours:** Monday - Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives

Queensborough Community College, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, 11364
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www.qcc.cuny.edu/khrca/
The center houses an extensive and expanding collection of books, documents—including nearly 400 doctoral dissertations on microfilm—and audio-visual materials for use by students, teachers, scholars and others interested in events surrounding and relating to the Holocaust. **Hours:** Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and on designated Sundays

New York Hall of Science

47-01 111th St., Flushing, 11368
718-699-0005
nysci.org
Located in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, this museum has been ranked as one of the best in the country. It has more than 160 exhibits, most of which are hands-on for both children and adults. **Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Free Friday 2-5 p.m. and Sunday 10-11 a.m.), Saturday - Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Free Sunday 10-11 a.m.). Closed Monday; **Admission:** adults \$15; children 2 to 17, college w/ID \$12; senior citizens 62 and over \$12. Science Playground fee: \$5 per person, \$4 for groups, plus general admission fee (free to Family Plus Members and higher). The Science Playground is open to children of all ages with adult supervision, March to December, weather permitting.

Poppenhusen Institute

114-04 14th Road, College Point 11356
718-358-0067
poppenhuseninstitute.org
Home of the first free kindergarten in the United States, Poppenhusen Institute was built as College Point's town hall and education center with money donated by Conrad Poppenhusen. Today, the city and national landmark is a cultural center

and museum of local history. Tours, which can include slide presentations, are available of its old village jail cells, as well as native American and first free kindergarten exhibits. **Hours:** Monday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.. Saturday-Sunday open for special events only.

Queensborough Community College Art Gallery

222-05 56th Ave., Bayside 718-631-6396
www.qccartgallery.org
This gallery offers a permanent collection of 19th- and 20th-century works on paper and various temporary exhibits. It is handicapped-accessible and there is bus parking. **Hours:** Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday Noon - 5 p.m. **Admission:** Free.

Queens Botanical Garden

43-50 Main St., Flushing, 11355
718-886-3800
queensbotanical.org
The garden features 39 acres of seasonal displays, permanent living collections and an arboretum. There are also demonstration gardens, a rose garden, a Victorian-style wedding garden and a flowering cherry circle. **Hours:** April 1 through Oct. 31 Tuesday - Sunday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Nov. 1 thru March 31, Tuesday - Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. QBG is closed Mondays year-round except legal holidays. **Admission:** \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students with ID and children over 3. Free from Nov. 1 to March 31.

Queens County Farm Museum

73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Floral Park, 11004
718-347-3276
queensfarm.org
The museum, which reflects the agricultural history of the city, features a landmark farmhouse that dates back to 1772, planting fields, an orchard, a farmyard and livestock on its 47 acres. Guided tours of the restored farmhouse are available, as are quilting courses, craft courses, educational tours and workshops. **Hours:** Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Farmhouse tours: Saturday - Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. **Admission:** Free except special events days.



Queens Museum

New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Flushing, 11368
718-592-9700
queensmuseum.org
The museum recently completed an expansion project that doubled its size. Various exhibits of contemporary art, architecture and design installations by both international and Queens-based artists. Be sure to see the Panorama of the City of New York, a 9,335-square-foot scale model of the city which includes skyscrapers, parks, rivers and bridges. It has been updated to include recent developments. **Hours:** Wednesday - Sunday Noon-6 p.m. **Admission:** suggested \$8 adults; \$4 seniors; students, Department of Education employees and children under 18 admitted free.

Queens Zoo

Flushing Meadow Park 53-51 111th St., Flushing Meadows Corona Park 718-271-1500
queenszoo.com/
Of special note are the structures and inhabitants. The aviary is in fact a geodesic dome, designed by Buckminster Fuller and used in the 1964 World's Fair in Queens. The zoo's animal residents include Otis, the famous coyote rescued in Manhattan's Central Park in 1999. The Zoo is open 365 days a year. **Summer Hours through Nov. 3:** Weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., weekends and holidays: 10 a.m.-5:30

p.m. **Winter Hours:** daily 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Admission:** \$8 adults, \$6 seniors 65 and over, \$5 children 3-12, free for children 2 and under.

Dr. M. T. Geoffrey Yeh Art Gallery at St. John's University

8000 Utopia Parkway Sun Yat Sen Hall, Jamaica Estates
718-990-7476
www.stjohns.edu
Features a variety of exhibits in contemporary art as well as ancient art and artifacts with an emphasis on Asian culture. The gallery also features work by St. John's art majors and faculty members. **Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday Noon-5 p.m.

SOUTHERN QUEENS

King Manor Museum

153rd Street and Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica 718-206-0545
kingmanor.org
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adults are available. **Hours:** Tours every 30 minutes, Thursday - Friday Noon-2 p.m., Saturday - Sunday 1-5 p.m. Tours February-December.

Admission: suggested adults \$5, seniors and students \$3, children 6 and under and members free.

Voelker Orth Museum

149-19 38th Ave., Flushing, 11354
718-359-6227
vomuseum.org
This museum is in a renovated Victorian house and offers Victorian tea parties and workshops. There is also a Victorian garden which houses a bird sanctuary. **Hours:** Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. **Admission:** Suggested admission \$2

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31-10 Thomson Ave., Room E238, Long Island City, 11101
718-482-5065
laguardiawagnerarchive.lagcc.cuny.edu
Features a variety of exhibits on the history of New York City with a major emphasis on its mayors. Visitors may use the archives for free by making an appointment with the archivist. **Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Louis Armstrong House and Archives

34-56 107th St., Corona, 11368
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louisarmstronghouse.org
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- Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday - Sunday Noon-5 p.m. **Admission:** adults \$10; seniors, students, children \$7, group rate \$6.

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movingimage.us
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ps1.org
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The Noguchi Museum

9-01 33rd Road, Long Island City 718-204-7088
noguchi.org
Isamu Noguchi's work is on display in a garden setting. Museum also offers education and public programs. **Hours:** Wednesday - Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday - Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **Admission:** adults \$10, seniors and students \$5. First Friday of each month is free.

Socrates Sculpture Park

Broadway at Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City 718-956-1819
www.socrateessculpturepark.org
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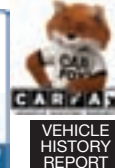
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The CN: Rogue robotics team from IS 192 earns the Champion's Award 1st Place at the NYC First Lego League Championship Tournament. Next stop: the First World Championship next month in St. Louis.

Courtesy of Eric Greene



Mets great Mike Piazza (c), with his wife, is honored in Albany by the state legislature, thanks to state Sen. Jose Peralta (r), whose district includes Citi Field.

Courtesy of state Sen. Peralta



In the days after Nancy Reagan died early this month, the 109 Pct. sent officers to check on the house in Flushing where the former first lady lived for two years (now vacant) to make sure it was undisturbed.

Twitter



Nine fingers high! After winning their division and finishing the season with a 9-1 record, the JV Girls' Basketball team at Maspeth High has reached the second round of playoffs.

Courtesy of MHS



On the 195th anniversary of Greek Independence, City Councilman Paul Vallone (c) honors George Isaakidis (r), owner of Harpell Chemists in Whitestone, and Rev. Fr. Dionysios Anagnostopoulos of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, also Whitestone, at City Hall.



At the bill signing renaming 147th Street between Rockaway Boulevard and 123rd Avenue for the late Knicks great Anthony Mason, Mayor de Blasio (c) poses with members of Mason's family and former New York Knicks player/coach, Herb Williams (far r).

Courtesy of Mayor's Office

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Aviation

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the roundtable meetings because they are trying to make a living.

These people, who make up the communities that surround LGA and JFK, experience even greater DNL levels than the average, he continued.

"I remember going to northern Queens, Bayside and I was trying to work with Bayside on these airport issues and some eloquent assemblyman from up in Bayside told me, 'This is a LaGuardia issue. This is not about JFK,'" Evans said.

Braunstein said he was "sick to his stomach" about the idea of a racial factor.

"I want to see airplane noise alleviated in your neighborhood, in everybody's neighborhood," the assemblyman said.

The meeting was held as the House of Representatives passed a short-term FAA bill Monday night without provisions to combat airplane noise, according to U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing).

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Violence

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incidents. Of the 19,000 domestic violence incident reported in Queens in 2015, Noel said most involved violence against an intimate partner.

"A home should be a safe and wonderful place," she said. "And when it's not, it tears at the heart of every community."

She also noted that the actual number of domestic violence incidents was likely higher than the reported number indicated.

"Overall, we know domestic violence is an underreported issue. There's a lot of stigma and a lot of shame," she said. "They think they're responsible and they're not, but they're led to believe that by their abusers."

The cabinet meeting, which included the district managers from every community board in Queens, also heard a presentation from Carolien Hardenbol, the co-director of the Immigration Intervention Project at Sanctuary for Families. The service and advocacy organization has assisted over

630 survivors and victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking since its founding in 1984, according to Hardenbol. She stressed that the organization operated with open arms when it came to the people it helped.

"We don't want individuals arrested," she said, maintaining the group's aim is to provide services to those individuals when necessary.

Hardenbol pointed to the success of the city's Human Trafficking Intervention Courts, which were established in 2013 as an alternate court proceeding that would treat individuals arrested on prostitution charges as victims or survivors, as opposed to criminals. Such courts operate in all five boroughs, as well as in Erie, Monroe, Nassau, Onondaga, Suffolk and Westchester counties. Hardenbol said the Queens court, headed by Judge Toko Serita and located in the Queens Criminal Court building, was of particular note due to its high success rate in dealing with human trafficking victims.

"Queens is looked at as a model for the state and the country," she said.

Cardona

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Catherine Nolan (D-Ridgewood) said she first met Alice at the 1974 Democratic State Convention. Nolan also mentioned that in 1984, shortly after Cardona went to work with Cuomo, she helped her in her first run for the Assembly.

Cardona organized the effort, particularly among women and Spanish-speaking voters, Nolan said.

"She really, really knew her stuff and it made a tremendous difference in the primary... I think we all know the difference that Alice made in my

very first election, and we always kept in touch through that," she said.

Michelle Centeno, president of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women's New York chapter, described the street renaming as an "auspicious moment."

"I have to say, when she told me that she was going to stop working, I was like, she's sick," Centeno said. "I remember when she said, 'I'm going to stop' and I said, something's wrong here."

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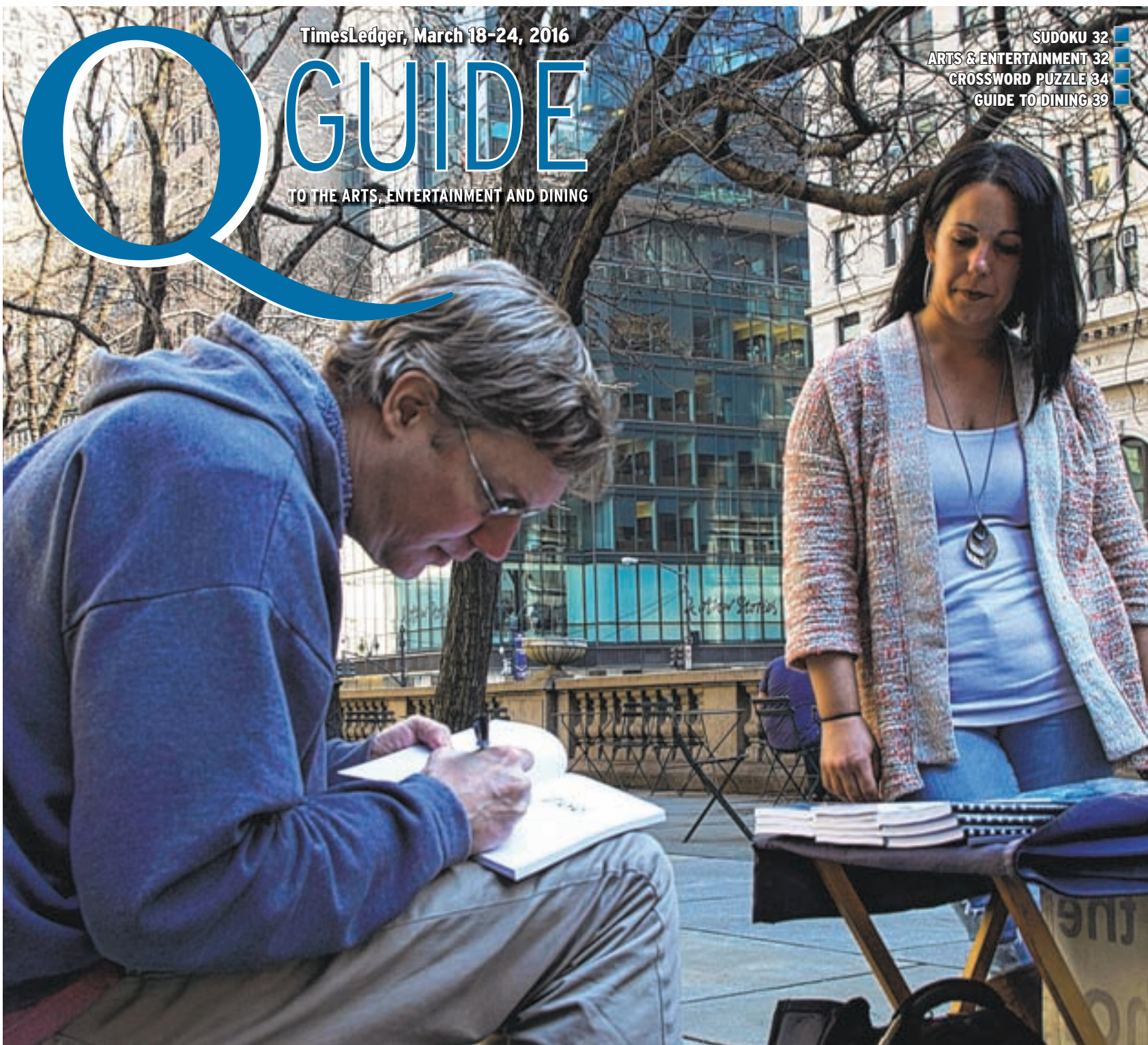
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Garrett Buhl Robinson signs a book for Karen Tufano in front of the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan.

Photo by Devin Holt

AT HOME ON STAGE

Playwright who lives in Jamaica shelter brings one-man show to Manhattan theater

BY DEVIN HOLT

Garrett Buhl Robinson calls the two-star hotel where he lives in Jamaica the shelter.

That's because the room, which he shares with another tenant, is subsidized by the Department of Homeless Services.

He leaves most days by 6:30 a.m. Robinson said he would rather practice his one-man show in the park, or read at the library — or do almost anything, anywhere but the shelter.

"I just go there to sleep," Robinson, 45, said. "I like to say, 'I'm not homeless. I'm an itinerant poet.'"

Until recently, Robinson spent most days in front of the Bryant Park library in Manhattan with a table covered in self-published books and a sign that read "Meet the Author."

The constant marketing has finally started to work.

Robinson was hired to read poems at an American Library Association conference in January. His solo show "Letters to Zoey," loosely based on his life, plays at the Midtown International Theatre Festival at the Jewel Box Theater March 23, 25 and 27.

Robinson moved to New York City five years ago this month.

A successful job as a salesman in San Francisco was ruined, Robinson said, after he started using drugs.

"It was a mistake living in the Tenderloin," Robinson said, referring to a downtown San Francisco neighborhood famous for crime and public drug use. "Eventually I got swept away. I lost everything."

Robinson went back to Trussville,

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EVENTS

Second Annual Weightlifting Competition

— Participants ages 14 and up are invited to compete in this second edition of the Queens Recreation's weightlifting competition.

When: Saturday, March 19, from 9 am - 5 pm

Where: Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, 93-29 Queens Blvd., Rego Park

Cost: Free

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Website: www.nycgovparks.org

March for the Earth

Volunteer Day — Come lend a hand volunteering at the Queens Botanical Garden on the first official day of spring.

When: Sunday, March 20, from 9 am - 5 pm

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

Cost: Free, but

registration is required at qbgmarchfortheearth.eventbrite.com

Contact: (718) 886-3800

Website: www.queensbotanical.org

Holi, the Spring Festival of Colors — Join Flushing's Hindu Temple Society of North America as it presents a celebration of the return of spring with colorful dances and music.

When: Sunday, March 27, from 3 pm - 5 pm

Where: Queens Museum, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 592-9700

Website: www.queensmuseum.org

FILM

Queens World Film Festival

— More than 140 movies representing 23 countries will be screened as part of the sixth

annual film festival held over six days throughout the borough. **When:** Through March 20 **Where:** Museum of the Moving Image, Secret Theatre, PS 69 and All Saints' Episcopal Church **Cost:** \$12/per screening, \$9/ seniors and students **Website:** www.queensworldfilmfestival.com

And the Beat Goes On: Music Making on Film

— In conjunction with its exhibition about the Ramones, the Queens Museum has planned a nine-week film series exploring the evolution of musical performers on celluloid. Up first, is "The Buddy Holly Story," starring Gary Busey.

When: March 23, at 2 pm

Where: Queens Museum, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: Free with museum admission, \$8/adults suggested, \$4/seniors suggested

Contact: (718) 592-9700

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MUSIC

Nataliya Medvedovskaya —

The award-winning composer and pianist performs works by Mozart, Chopin, Ravel and herself as part of the Metis Concert Series. **When:** Saturday, March 19, at 7 pm **Where:** Community Church of Little Neck, 46-16 Little Neck Parkway **Cost:** \$15-\$30 **Contact:** (718) 229-2534 **Website:** www.facebook.com/metisconcertseriesqueens

DANCE

Boda Mexicana Wedding

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GALLERIES & EXHIBITS

Marc Asnin's "Uncle Charlie"

— A show of 80 photographs from renowned documentary photographer that explores his family and growing up in 1960s Brooklyn.

When: Through April 10

Where: Queensborough Community College Art Gallery, 222-05 56th Ave. Bayside

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 631-6396

Website: www.qcc.cuny.edu

Art in the Garden: Portraits of Tall Friends

— Frank Buddingh' and Carol Reid's exhibition of sculptures and photographs celebrate the abstract beauty of trees.

When: Through May 1

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

Flushing **Cost:** Free **Contact:** (718) 886-3800 **Website:** www.queensbotanical.org

"Essence of Queens"

Photography by Carlos Esguerra — Queens-based photographer Esguerra's work grew out of an article he saw last year titled, "Why Queens is the NYC Borough You Can No Longer Ignore." **When:** Through May 8 **Where:** Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing **Cost:** \$2/suggested donations

Contact: (718) 359-6227

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COMEDY

Open Mic at Rapture Lounge

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When: Mondays, 8:30 pm to 10 pm

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Cost: No cover, \$10 minimum

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Movies focus on Nazi Germany

Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center examines relationship between Hitler, Hollywood

BY MERLE EXIT

Hollywood and the Third Reich first crossed paths during a screening of the anti-war motion picture "All Quiet on the Western Front."

A mob of brown-shirted Nazi supporters stormed into a movie theater showing Lewis Milestone's 1930 classic, and trashed the place.

That is just one of the stories Rabbi Isidoro Aizenberg, scholar in residence at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives, includes in his written introduction to the center's newest exhibition, "Producing Silence: Hollywood, the Holocaust, and the Jews."

The show, now on view at the Kupferberg Center on the Queensborough Community College campus in Bayside, examines the impact the Nazi Party and anti-Semitism had on the Hollywood film industry.

"The largely Jewish owners of the big Hollywood studios



This photograph shows Carole Lombard (r) reading a letter in the 1942 movie "To Be or Not To Be."
Photo by Merle Exit

of the time were confronted by a new German reality and a grayed business relation beyond their control," Aizenberg wrote. "Jewish moguls witnessed how the Nazis' rise brought about the implementation of increasingly oppressive anti-Jewish policies without internal or worldwide protest."

Aizenberg said the exhibition is an attempt to look at the way Hollywood maneuvered the politi-

cal tensions from 1930 - 1942.

Although the industry was aware of its potential to influence public opinion, it submitted to American and German governmental pressure to dance gingerly around the subject of Nazism until about a year after the United States entered the war, Aizenberg said.

The 1928 appointment of Joseph Goebbels as the Nazi Party's propaganda director,



Adolf Hitler makes one of his first appearances in an American movie in this scene from "Bosko's Picture Show," which was released in September 1933.
Photo by Merle Exit

and Adolf Hitler's own predilection for the movies early on set the tenor for absolute control of thought in print and film in Germany.

On display is a shot from the 1933 Warner Bros. cartoon, "Bosko's Picture Show," which includes one of the earliest depictions of Adolf Hitler in an American movie.

The cartoon is a parody of

the old-time newsreels that ran before the main feature in movie theaters.

As the short opens, it shows a peace conference in Geneva, where the world leaders gathered are engaged in fisticuffs, with an announcer providing a blow-by-blow account of the action. That is followed by a shot of Sunkist Bathing Beau-

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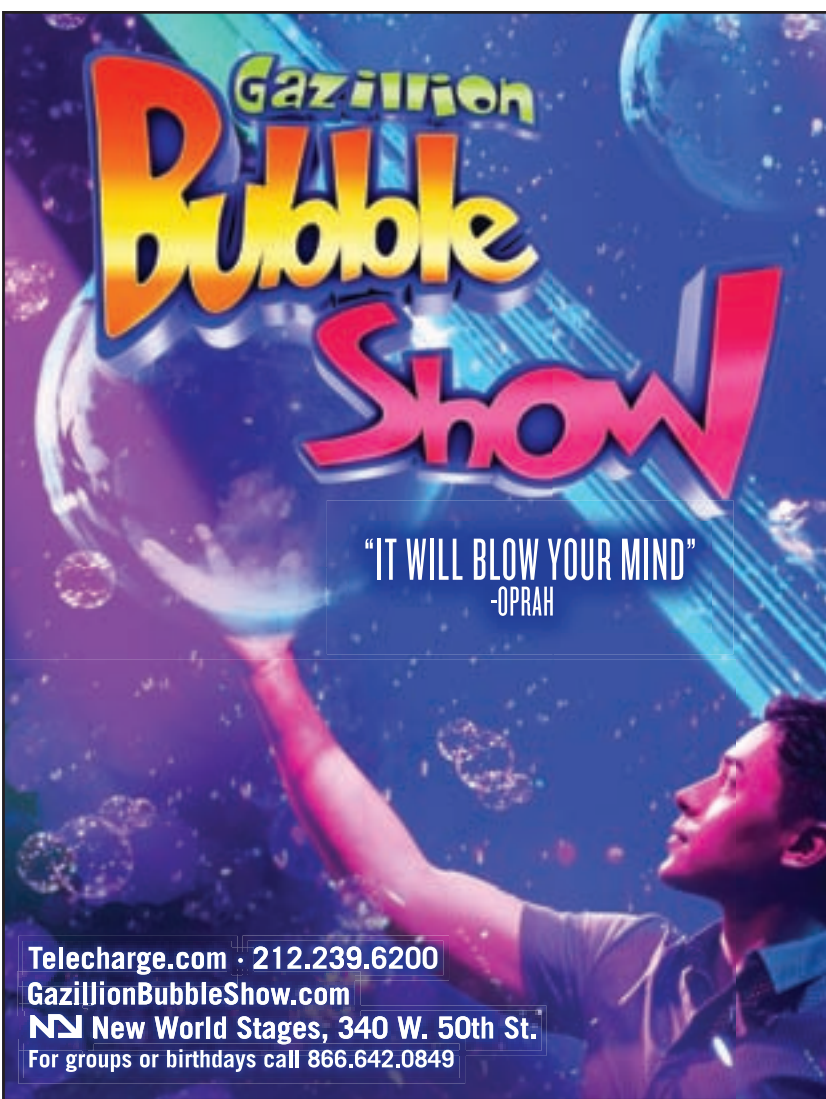


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Website: www.theatrebythebayny.com

"Julius Caesar" — Titan Theatre Co. ends its season with Shakespeare's drama about politics, power and ambition.
When: March 25 - April 10
Where: Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave., South, Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Cost: \$18
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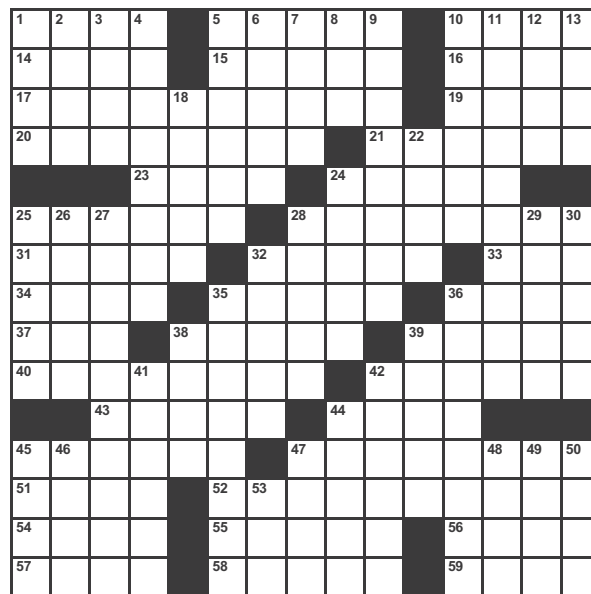
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28. Sugar pills, e.g.
31. Like a rare baseball game
32. Whiskey drinks
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34. The Kennedys, e.g.
35. Owning much land
36. It grows on you
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45. Casual eatery
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58. Packing heat
59. Stallone namesakes

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39. Hannah of "Splash"
41. Renew, say
42. Acted rudely, in a way
44. Feed, as a fire
45. Get-out-of-jail money
46. Ancient Peruvian
47. Did the butterfly
48. Dublin's legislature
49. Suffix with buoy
50. Sounds of disapproval
53. Make a goof

Down

1. Coolers
2. Berry in some drinks
3. Rascals
4. Achieve again
5. Bordeaux wine
6. Good news on Wall Street
7. Kind of child
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Bayside director debuts animated movie in boro

'The Stressful Adventures of Boxhead and Roundhead' will play Queens World Film Festival

BY PATRICK DONACHIE

"The Stressful Adventures of Boxhead & Roundhead" has already screened more than three dozen times in numerous countries, according to director Elliot Cowan. Past screenings of the animated film have taken place in spots ranging from Arkansas to Armenia. It will be shown Friday as a part of the Queens World Film Festival, and the night will have a special significance for Cowan.

"This is the first time it's playing in the borough in which it was made," he said.

Cowan, who was born in Melbourne, Australia, has lived in Queens since 2007. He created and animated "The Stressful Adventures of Boxhead & Roundhead" at his desk in his Bayside home over a period of five years while juggling several simultaneous appointments as a university professor. His film follows the two title characters as they



A scene from "The Stressful Adventures of Boxhead and Roundhead," directed by Elliot Cowan, a Queens resident. The film will screen as a part of the Queens World Film Festival. Courtesy of Elliot Cowan

face a series of harrowing and exhilarating experiences during a trip to a big city. Cowan said he conceived of the idea of

the film as a response to overly sentimental children's picture books, and he made the film on the cheap. He hoped

the movie's manageable price tag might encourage more independent Queens filmmakers.

"We made it for \$80,000 and there's no reason why we couldn't make something else around here," he said. "Not every movie needs to be a \$350 million Pixar epic, nor should it be."

The Queens World Film Festival began six years ago; this year's festival runs March 15-20 and includes 143 films from 23 nations. Katha Cato, the event's executive director, recalled how quickly the festival grew from its modest beginnings in Jackson Heights to venues in Astoria, Sunnyside and Long Island City. Cato said that she would like to eventually grow the festival even further.

"We would love to grow the footprint," she said. "The dream is to do a week in western Queens and a week in eastern Queens."

Despite the ambition, she noted that the Queens World Film Festival would require a larger sponsor if they wanted

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Ala., where he was born, and lived with his parents for a year. He blamed the drug use and financial mistakes on the fact that he had given up writing to focus on the sales job.

Robinson saved what money he could and then moved to New York, determined to make a living from his books and plays.

"I said, 'I'll sell them on the streets if I have to,'" Robinson said.

And for the last couple of years that is exactly what he's done. He doesn't work in front of the library as often these days because he is focused on the show. Robinson said he starts rehearsal first thing every morning. He doesn't get coffee, or do warm-up exercises before practice.

"I just go out into an open field and perform," Robinson said.

The sun was still rising over an empty Bailey Park in Jamaica, near the hotel, on a recent Wednesday when Robinson launched into a monologue from "Letters to Zoey."

He spread his arms wide and leaned his head back,



Garrett Buhl Robinson rehearses his solo play, "Letters to Zoey," at Baisley Park in Jamaica.

Photo by Devin Holt

which showed off his height. Robinson is 6 feet 4 inches tall, but looks shorter because he always slouches. He has ash blond hair and wears glasses, and simple, but clean clothes.

The monologue morphed into a song. It was about Robinson's first time sneaking onto a freight train.

After rehearsal Robinson rode the E into Manhattan. He

stopped by a storage locker in Midtown to pick up his books and sign, then walked to the Bryant Park library.

He dragged a table and chair from the public seating area to the base of the library steps. About 30 minutes later, Karen Tufano, a schoolteacher from Queens, paused at the table.

"Check them out," Robinson said, as he tapped his

finger on a white book cover. "This one is a poem, and it's my greatest achievement."

Tufano leaned over the table.

"All of that is one poem?"

Robinson offered to sing for Tufano, and then launched into his life story: the trains, the novels — which are \$10 — and the upcoming show. He ended the pitch on a sympathetic note.

"I'm hoping this musical is going to get me off the streets," Robinson said.

Tufano bought the book.

Robinson has told more than one potential customer that he hopes the play will get him out of the homeless shelter.

But by itself "Letters to Zoey" probably won't change much. The Midtown International Theatre Festival doesn't charge a rental fee, but takes the first \$400 in sales from each performance. Artists keep the rest. The Jewel Box Theater has 35 seats, and 15 folding chairs. Tickets for "Letters to Zoey" are \$20. This means that the most Robinson can earn is \$1,800.

"Letters to Zoey" played at the United Solo Theatre Festival in October 2015, and Robinson, like many artists in New York, remains stubbornly broke.

Calvin Ramsey, a playwright and friend, said Robinson is qualified for plenty of jobs that might lead to a more stable lifestyle. Ramsey thinks his friend is just determined to succeed on his own terms.

"It's not beating him up," Ramsey said. "I don't think his financial situation affects his personality. He's almost like one of those old-fashioned troubadours."

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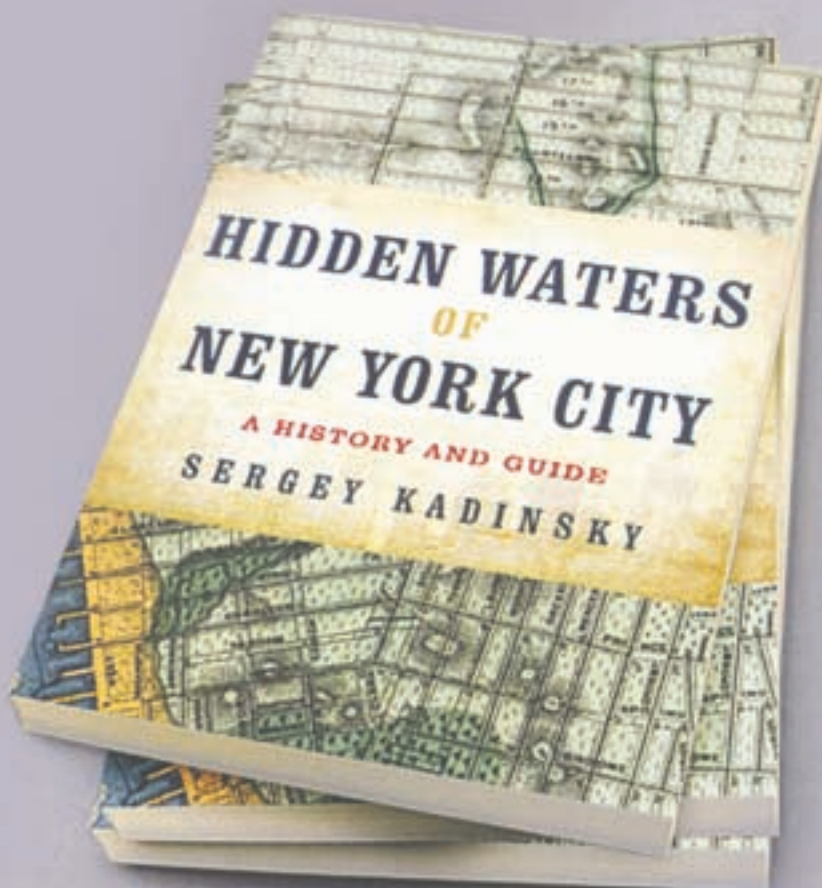
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Aunt Bella's Restaurant Worth a Visit!

BY LARRY & WENDY PENNER

This Valentines Day, my wife, Wendy and I went to Aunt Bella's restaurant on Marathon Parkway in Little Neck, Queens. The restaurant originally opened in 1977 and just celebrated its 39th anniversary. I discovered it in 1983 from a work colleague who lived in Forest Hills. Upon walking into Bella's, we were meet by Danny -- the head waiter and unofficial host. He sat us at our favorite table in the back corner facing the kitchen. I have always enjoyed watching the cooks at work. It is like going to the opera. The head chef waved and before I even ordered, proceeded to prepare my favorite appetizer of sauteed sweet peppers in olive oil, no garlic. The owner Richie took time out and stopped at our table. We exchanged greetings and began to reminisce about our old Little Neck neighborhood.

I have lived in the neighborhood since the 1960's. My very first job was at McDonald's on the corner of Northern Blvd. and Marathon Parkway. In those days, it was a simple menu of hamburgers, fries and milk shakes. The Big Mac was the new item of the day.

I was amazed to learn from Richie I had become one of the top ten longest continuous customers. Upon my first visit in 1983, I was sold on the menu. Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana, Garlic Bread,

Salad and Pasta became my standard. Years later, I would switch to Sauteed Chicken with Peppers and Sun dried Tomatoes. Wendy always seems to enjoy ordering the Shrimp Scampi over pasta. During my bachelor days on cold winter nights I would phone in for a delivery "care package." Back then my appetite could handle an order of baked ziti as an appetizer followed by a Chicken Cutlet Parm with a side salad, garlic bread and pasta. I was so grateful for the delivery person that I would always be sure to leave him with a good tip. I always wondered he might be stopping by my house for the first delivery since the food always arrived piping hot.

Richie and I some time on a trip down memory lane comparing notes on all the stores and owners who had come and gone. Even with many loyal customers growing older, moving away or sadly succumbing to old age, Bella's held on. Business is still so good that there are sometimes several couples standing at the door waiting for a table on a busy weekend evening. The wait is never long. New generations of customers and neighbors have replaced those lost. They quickly learned about the great food at reasonable prices that are accompanied by the personal attention of the staff. Once hooked, they became regulars. Many loyal custom-

ers who may have moved would still try and come back. It was not out of the ordinary to see neighbors recognizing neighbors while dining.

Aunt Bella's has a wide variety of dinner entries to accompany your choice of salad, sauteed vegetable or pasta. There are also incredible lunch specials for \$7.95 on weekdays. Now that I'm retired, I have more time to stop by for a lunch special. Of course, I still order my sauteed pepper ala cart.

We also frequent Aunt Bella's for New Year's Eve and other special holidays. Even when there is a Special limited menu (it is the only way for any restaurant to keep up with the high turnover rate of customers) for New Year's Eve or Valentines Day, it is well worth the extra dollar or two for your meal. Why travel into Manhattan for some fancy upscale restaurant where you are a total stranger. You can obtain a better tastier meal for far less.

Eating at Aunt Bellas is like dining with family. They sometimes run a 10% off coupon in weekly newspapers. We end up passing on most of the savings to the tip.

On cold winter nights, hot summer days or when it is my night to cook we walk a few blocks over to Aunt Bella's. Over time, we have gotten to know many of the staff on a first name basis. Frequently, the por-

tions have been so generous, that we have had a doggy bag for the next day.

Five years ago, our good friend and neighborhood icon Sal, owner of Sal's Pizzeria -- decided to retire. I had no idea that Richie was a good friend of Sal's. Many people don't realize how knowledgeable Sal is about life, business, government and politics. We always urged him to run for public office, but he had a full-time job to worry about. I have always told Richie he should write a newspaper article about how difficult it is for a independent small business owner to survive today between competition and incredibly excessive government permits and regulations.

Walking down Northern Boulevard in the evenings, my wife and I see fewer people dining out and shopping, except on weekends. Years ago, we would never see any vacant storefronts. Today, there are many.

In these difficult economic times, it is especially important to patronize our remaining local neighborhood businesses. My wife and I along with many Great Neck neighbors are regular patrons of the local stores in neighboring Little Neck on Northern Boulevard from Glenwood Street at the City Line to Marathon Parkway. Why drive and waste time? There are so many great businesses. Leave your car in the driveway, save some gas, say hello to neighbors

and take a walk around the neighborhood to get some exercise. Talk a quick turn on to Marathon Parkway. It is a short two block walk south off of Northern Blvd. to Aunt Bella's. You'll be glad you did.

We don't mind occasionally paying a little more to help Aunt Bella's and our other local stores survive. Don't forget your cook and server at your favorite local neighborhood restaurant. We try to tip 20 percent against the total bill including taxes. If it is an odd amount, round up to the next dollar. If you can afford to eat out, you can afford an extra dollar tip. When ordering take out, don't forget to leave a dollar or two for the waiter or cook. Trust us, it is appreciated.

Remember the people who work at Aunt Bella's are our neighbors. They work long hours, pay taxes and provide local employment. If we don't patronize our local community stores and restaurants to shop and eat, they don't eat either. This helps keep our neighbors employed and the local economy growing.

As part of our annual yearly Christmas/Hanukkah celebration, we always drop off a box of cookies from Joe Siciliano's Bay-side Bakery to our friends at Aunt Bella's, along with others who treat us like family all year long. It is our way of saying thank you.



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Douglaston's Tuesday Morning Music Club holds its next concert March 22, which will include performances by pianist Mirian Conti and Barbara Oldham on the French horn.

The two plan a program of works by Joseph Hyden and Douglaston's own James Cohn.

Clarinetist Gene Keyes will also participate in Tuesday's performance.

Tuesday Morning Music Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Community Church of Douglaston, 39-50 Douglaston Parkway.

Lunch is also available.

There is no cost, but donations are accepted.

Films

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ties in California, where one unattractive woman sits on the beach during a snowstorm.

There is fun poked at Jack Dempsey, as the boxer prepares for a comeback fight in Reno. The boxer is depicted as an old man with a cane.

The final scene takes place in Pretzel, Germany, where Hitler, shown as a lederhosen-wearing buffoon swinging a meat cleaver, chases comedian Jimmy Durante down the street.

"This is only the beginning folks, only the beginning," Bosko says as the cartoon closes.

Other objects on display include images with a connection to the Third Reich.

Included is the poster from the 1944 film "Tomorrow — The World" which refers to an often ascribed, but never documented, threat made by Hitler about his plans to take over the world, and a 1934 street poster

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calling for the boycott of theaters screening films that included Jewish actors, and the elimination of Jews from the film industry as a whole.

"Most of the students enrolled at Queensborough Community College are from countries without a Holocaust Museum," Dan Leshem, the center's director, said. "Students are a captured audience as they have resources for classes that

relate to the Holocaust as well. They abstract lessons from the past and use the knowledge to effect behavioral change to prepare themselves for leadership in the world. What pressures do we face that we can't stand up to? The exhibit focuses on people who knew what the damages were and chose to use their medium to confront it."

As part of the exhibition, several screenings are planned.

"Confessions of a Nazi Spy," will be shown March 30, at 12:10 p.m. "To Be or Not To Be," starring Jack Benny and Carole Lombard, plays April 6, at 12:10 p.m. And Charlie Chaplin's 1940 movie "The Great Dictator," where the Little Tramp portrays a Hitler-like character, will be shown May 11, at 12:10 p.m.

Eventually, the exhibition will go on tour.

"We want to serve beyond this community to help people identify with the experience," Leshem said.

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to expand the festival throughout the borough. Instead, she encouraged Bayside organizations to consider partnering with the festival by requesting film screenings for pre-organized occasions.

"If you have Women's Day, or something thematic, we can look for something that enhances the event that's already going on,"

she said. "Let's do something great to make it beautiful."

Cato also encouraged residents in eastern Queens who were excited about the festival to support this year's presentations. Cowan doesn't always get to attend screenings of his film because of his busy work schedule, but he will be in attendance on Friday night. He said that New York City's impact on his creative work was difficult to pinpoint, but undeniable.

"I would definitely say that

the energy of living in Queens had some impact on it," he said. "There's certainly a buzz in the air."

"The Stressful Adventures of Boxhead & Roundhead" screens at 8 p.m. at The Secret Theatre in Long Island City on Friday, March 18 as a part of the Queens World Film Festival. More information, including details on purchasing tickets, can be found at www.queensworldfilmfestival.com.

Theater

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Website: www.queenstheatre.org

"The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" — Aquila Theatre presents a witty, fast-paced production of the Sherlock Holmes story with one huge twist: Holmes will be played by a woman.

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Shelters

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safety in our city's homeless shelters," Stavisky said. "Since the Pan American shelter opened, I have encouraged more communication between the NYPD, the Elmhurst community and shelter staff members—something I feel is vital in maintaining a stable and safe facility for families. I am especially happy the domestic violence program in DHS shelters is being brought back.

"In the last year or so, the 110th Precinct reported sending officers to address domestic disputes at the Pan American seven times a month, on average. That is unacceptable and makes for a stressful environment for the hundreds of children residing there. If these families are to overcome the tremendous obstacle that is homelessness, we must provide a safe space for them to do so."

Avella, who led several rallies at the Pan American hotel opposing a permanent contract for the shelter, which was finally approved on a fourth attempt in last month, offered a scathing rebuke of the mayor's plan.

"Ask the experts and advocacy groups about their thoughts on de Blasio's action combating homelessness and they'll tell you the same: Too little, too late," Avella said. "It's the hallmark of reactionary politics. Not doing anything until conditions spiral out of control and public outcry forces your hand. The playbook is predictable: superficial actions, postured press releases and a policy more concerned with downplaying the state of affairs than uplifting them."

The mayor's reforms were announced a day after a blistering report from NY1 based on documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Law that detailed violent and critical incidents that were reported in all city shelters in 2015. The statistics showed 416 reports of domestic abuse in addition to 153 assaults that resulted in arrest and 90 reported sexual assaults, rapes or attempted rapes.

As a result thousands of homeless chose life on the streets because of the violent reputations of the shelters, according to Avella.

"Having the NYPD train DHS security doesn't help eliminate that perception," he said. "It is a half measure

when what's desperately needed is a doubling down on shelter security."

Avella offered a suggestion in light of the recent decision by the NYPD and Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. that gives officers discretion on petty crimes arrests.

"If the city is no longer policing petty crimes with arrests, forego DHS security and redirect NYPD to a new shelter beat," he said.

The de Blasio administration said the NYPD review will bring an expert perspective on how best to upgrade a security system and provide the safest conditions for shelter residents, staff and security officers.

"This administration has increased spending for security by 35 percent since taking office, which has led to increased security staff and tools, including X-ray machines, magnetometers at our shelters," spokeswoman Is-hanee Parikh said. "No one is disputing that more needs to be done, and the NYPD is the best choice to assess our security at all shelters and make plans to enhance them."

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Ferry

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"Hornblower is honored to take the helm of Mayor de Blasio's vision for a more integrated transportation network that will make commuting and connecting easier," Hornblower CEO Terry MacCrae said. "We have already begun work to deliver a ferry system by the summer of 2017 which will revolutionize the way New Yorkers work, live and play, and we are confident this new system will become a local favorite for decades to come."

As part of the service, Hornblower will be delivering at

least 18 new boats, which will be equipped with WiFi and engines that meet the highest EPA standards. All docks and boats will be accessible to people in wheelchairs and fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

State Sen. Joseph Addabbo, Jr. (D-Howard Beach) was a skeptic of the city's selection process, but he called the decision a critical point in the process to bring back a vital service that many Rockaway residents are counting on.

"While I could criticize the decision to go with an out-of-state service provider who has minimal experience in navigating large numbers of

individuals in our city waters, I must also work towards a reliable ferry service that is desperately needed by my constituents," Addabbo, Jr. said. "I intend to keep a watchful eye over the company and the process to resurrect the ferry to ensure my constituents get what they rightfully deserve. As I have stated before, the Rockaway Ferry can only be as successful as its chosen operator allows it to be. The future of transportation in the Rockaways now lies in the hands of the mayor's administration and its selected operator Hornblower, and we must make sure they run this service adequately."

Tampons

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Items like prescription drugs, sunscreen and condoms are exempt from tax in New York state under the premise that they are essential to a person's health. The tax adds 88 cents to an \$11 pack of 50 tampons in New York, an added cost that many call a "woman's pen-

alty."

The state Assembly voted unanimously to eliminate the sales tax on tampons and pads Tuesday afternoon a week and a half after Meng urged the chamber to repeal it. She called it a giant step forward in making essential feminine hygiene products more affordable to women.

"It also helps to change the way our society views men-

struation," Meng said. "Feminine hygiene products are not luxury items. These products are costly and necessary items that women must pay for over much of their lifetime."

The legislation moves to the Senate, where top leaders support the bill.

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Rents

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Park is becoming more solid and stable."

"People want to purchase," he said. "There is a demand from people who want to invest in the borough and that idea of ownership is a good thing. It adds to a sense of community."

Two weeks ago, plans were released for a 12-story, mixed-use building at 63-98 Wetherole St., near Queens Boulevard.

The development would replace two attached brick houses between 63rd Drive and 64th Road. The building would have 28 apartments across 20,889 square feet, creating average units that measure 746 square feet, according to applications filed with the city.

There would be a 6,100-square-foot day-care center in the cellar and first floor, followed by a mezzanine level for the daycare and an outdoor terrace on the second floor. Apartments would start on the third story, and most floors would include four units apiece. Several apartments would be duplexes.

Flushing-based Jiqing Yue is listed as property's owner. Yue bought the 6,100-square-foot site for \$595,000 in 2004, according to city records.

He has chosen Yi Xia's Fleet Architects, which is also headquartered in Flushing, to design the luxury residential project.

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in 1969, funded by a grant. Former Borough President Helen Marshall was one of its earliest employees.

The collections included books, periodicals and recordings aimed at improving the "self-image" of the community. It also housed an African and black history collection.

The library pioneered an extensive homework program to help the community's children succeed academically. It formally came under Queens Library's aegis in 1987.

Following his July retirement, Jackson will continue teaching at Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Studies and York College. He will also be working on two book projects.

Hollis

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cosmetic issues and deeper problems like intimidation and rent increases.

One resident, who has lived in the complex for less than two years, said her rent was increased by \$625 with no warning. She now pays \$1,875

"The manager speaks to

us like we are nothing," said the tenant, who did not want to give her full name.

LaForest criticized Mayor Bill de Blasio's effort to create 100,000 new units of affordable housing, saying that before new units are created, already existing units and tenants must be protected by the city.

"Before the city builds affordable housing, they need to protect affordable housing," she said.

Crowley

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spoke to the TimesLedger after the School Construction Authority released its 2015-2019 capital plan.

"We're facing a real crisis here. The SCA is not doing their job properly," Crowley said at the time. "The SCA has funding in their bud-

get for these seats—yet this funding has not been used. Almost every single one of our schools is above capacity. There is no district in the city that they're failing more than here in District 24."

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Sports



Sierra Green drives to the basket during the PSAL AA Girls Championship game between Francis Lewis and South Shore, Photo by Robert Cole

McClancy wins title

Crusaders punch ticket to state tourney with victory



Monsignor McClancy's Taylor Aybar fights her way through the Sacred Heart defense.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

Scoring drought sinks Lewis in finals

BY TROY MAURIELLO

Francis Lewis was looking for a fairy tale ending to its season and to send off its seniors with a championship. Instead, its final game was more like a horror story.

The second-seeded Patriots were held scoreless in the second quarter and had just six points at the half on their way to suffering a 55-39 loss to top-seeded and defending champion South Shore in the PSAL Class AA girls' basketball championship game at Madison Square Garden Saturday.

A nightmarishly bad first half that saw Francis Lewis make just one of its 17 shots from the field (6 percent

shooting) was enough to dig the Patriots into a hole early and have them playing catch-up for the entire second half.

"We were rushing a lot, we were making a lot of mistakes, bad turnovers, we weren't listening... so at the end of the day that all falls down on us, nobody but us," said senior guard Taliyah Brisco.

Francis Lewis' lone basket of the first half was a three-pointer from Sabrina Vitale with 28 seconds remaining in the first quarter. On top of that, Francis Lewis turned the ball over 14 times and gave up 15 points off turnovers in the half.

"I thought we made some
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BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

This time Monsignor McClancy was leaving nothing to chance.

Ahead just 10 points at the half in its CHSAA Class B girls' basketball state title game, coach Dewey Hopkins reminded his senior-laden team about the heartbreak it felt when its season ended on a buzzer beater in the city title game last season.

"I told them, 'What happened last year, we have to really reflect on that now and understand why we had this motto, unfinished business,'" Hopkins said. "We have to finish business."

The Crusaders went on to turn a tight game into a comfortable 62-32 victory over Sacred Heart [Yonkers] March 12 at St. John Villa. It is the first CHSAA state title in the program's four-year history

"We were just determined

this year because we had a bitter taste in our mouths from last year in the city," senior guard Taylor Aybar said. "We kept saying [Sacred Heart] is known for coming back and last year the team came back. We just wanted to play until the buzzer."

Aybar is a big reason why McClancy is heading to the state Federation tournament. She scored 25 points in a 63-49 semifinal win over St. John the Baptist and followed that up by dropping in 31 points and eight steals in the title game. She was 10 of 11 from the free-throw line in the win over Sacred Heart. Hopkins told her before the state playoffs that the team was going to live and die with her and he wanted the ball in her hands as much as possible.

"I was just determined," Aybar said. "It's my senior year. I just wanted to leave it all on the court."

Gina Hopkins, Kristina Krslovic and Kaitlyn Stenz added six points each to earn this group another weekend together and another title to try to bring home. The seniors started the program when the school went co-ed and won its first Brooklyn-Queens Division II regular season and postseason crowns. It is special for Hopkins to see them put it all together.

"I just don't know if I am ever going to get a group of girls like this again," Hopkins said. "I'm cherishing every single moment."

His players want to create one final memory together, starting with a state Federation semifinal game against NYSPHSAA winner Livonia Friday at the Times Union Center in Albany.

"We came a long way," Aybar said. "We just want to take it all now."

Lions put end to Royals' crown bid

Clash between rivals denies CK a fourth-straight CHSAA boys' basketball championship

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

An old rival denied Christ the King a chance to play for history.

The Royals' attempt to become the first program to win four straight CHSAA Class AA boys' basketball titles ended with a 68-64 defeat to Bishop Loughlin in the Intersectional semifinals at Carnesecca Arena March 9. Christ the King had beaten the Lions, who won three meetings this year, in the title game for three of their four championships since 2010.

It was those accomplishments, along with the wins the players on this year's CK club racked up, that coach Joe Arbitello told his kids to focus on after the game—not the single defeat that ended their season.

"I told [the seniors] that the amount of winning they have done in their three years on the varsity is parallel to anybody else in New York City or New York State," Arbitello said. "Three city championships in a row. You have to look at the whole body of work."

Unfortunately, the Royals couldn't put one more complete game together against a hungry offensive team. Three early fouls kept star guard Jose Alvarado out much of the first half and he picked up his fourth shortly after checking back in late in the third.

Holy Cross-bound senior Tyrone Cohen said someone else needed to step up in Alvarado's absence. But with him on the bench, CK became more of a jump-shooting team without their starting point guard's ability to attack the paint.

"He is our guy to get us in there," Arbitello said.

Despite some shooting struggles, CK (19-9) trailed just 47-46 heading into the fourth quarter. Defensively, it controlled Lions stars Markquis Nowell and Keith Williams, who combined for 60 points against the Royals in the diocesan semifinals. On this night, it was Loughlin's role players who did them in.

Idan Tretout led the way with 19 points and Jordan Thomas chipped in 10 for the Lions (21-7). Nowell contributed 13 points and Williams

had 12. A three by Tretout put Loughlin up 55-50 with 5:23 to play in the game and another three from him pushed the advantage to 60-54 at the 2:11 mark.

"The plan was to take away Markquis and Keith and a couple of guys stepped up for them. Idan stepped up for them and Jordan stepped up for them," Cohen said. "They are the ones who won the game for them."

Christ the King's Jared Rivers scored 21 points and hit two late three-pointers to keep his team in the game. Cohen had 13 points and Alvarado had just five.

The pain was evident as the seconds ticked away. Alvarado stayed in a crouch staring blankly ahead after a turnover with 30 seconds to go, but all the previous wins and titles will wash some of that away.

"It hurt to have not gotten to the four-peat or at least another city championship game," Cohen said. "We did our fair share of winning, a lot of winning. That is all we can ask for."



Jose Alvarado attempts to drive by a defender during the CHSAA Class AA semifinal game between Christ the King and Bishop Loughlin.

Photo by Robert Cole

Tourney run gives SJU seniors final shot at glory



Joseph Staszewski
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Block Shots

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Aliyyah Handford tries not to think of the end just yet.

The conclusion of her historic career at St. John's and her days with senior backcourt mate Danaejah Grant will be here soon, but she has more to accomplish before then.

"I know it is coming to an end," Handford said.

Handford, coach Joe Tarantella's first recruit as head coach, already has three trips to the NCAA tournament and the program's first Big East conference tournament title since 1988 to her credit. She is St. John's all-time leading scorer and the first women's

player to reach 2,000 points. Grant, since transferring from Clemson for her sophomore year, has seen two big dances and is 10th on the school's all-time score list.

What the duo doesn't have is an NCAA tournament run like the one the program enjoyed in the 2011-12 season, when it reached the Sweet 16. It reached the second round two years ago.

"Obviously it's just the last piece to the puzzle," Grant said. "It would mean a lot to us to shock the world."

To do so, St. John's will likely need to beat No. 2 Baylor (33-1) on its home court in the second round. That task is not intimidating to the Red Storm, however.

"We're not scared to play anyone," Grant said. "At the end of the day we put our pants on the same way. At the end of the day it is just basketball."

Before they can even think about that, the Red Storm must

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The St. John's women's basketball team celebrates seeing its name called in the NCAA tournament bracket.

Photo courtesy of St. John's Athletic Communications

Bayside falls short of perfect season

BY BRANDON MAUK

The Commodores were close to breaking through, but letting one game slip through their fingers ended their hopes for an undefeated league season.

Top-seeded Bayside's run was stopped by a 60-44 loss to No. 2 Lehman in the PSAL Class A girls' basketball championship game at St. Francis College Sunday.

"We give them credit, they played a great game," said Bayside assistant coach and athletic director Joe Capuana said.

After trailing for much of the game, the Commodores made it a one-possession game early in the fourth quarter, but key mistakes prevented them from getting any closer before Lehman (22-1) used a run of its own to pull away for good.

"It sucks to lose the last game, but we really made history," senior Theresa Lueng said. "It's an honor to play for Bayside."

Slumping out of the gate, Bayside trailed much of the game, falling behind 30-19 at halftime. The Commodores (23-1) couldn't stop Lehman senior Paulina Afryie, who scored a game-high 21 points.

Sophomore Kendra San-

chez kept Bayside within distance by scoring 10 of her team-leading 16 points in the first half, but was lost to foul trouble for the rest of the way.

In her last high-school game, Lueng put out everything she had. She scored 10 of her 15 points in the second half as she tried to spark a Bayside rally.

"Theresa's an amazing leader," Capuana said. "Kendra, even though she's only a sophomore, another great leader. We're very, very proud of everything they do, on and off the court."

Trailing 40-33 after three quarters, a pair of free throws by Sanchez and a steal and running jumper by Lueng cut Lehman's lead to 42-39 with 6:22 remaining in the game. However, Bayside was unable to get the big shot it needed. Key turnovers and missed shots short-circuited the rally.

After the Lions used a 9-0 run to go back up by 12, Sanchez fouled out with 3:26 left in the game, and that was all the Commodores had left.

"Some of our shots weren't falling, we just couldn't box out and get a rebound," Lueng said. "They got height. They played the best today."



Bayside senior guard Theresa Leung tries to dribble past a Lehman defender on the PSAL Class A final. Photo by William Thomas

Second act: Ponds wants to throw Garden party



Shamorie Ponds attempts to get pass defender during PSAL AA Boys Championship game between Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. Photo by Robert Cole

BY TROY MAURIELLO

Thomas Jefferson's Shamorie Ponds enjoyed his first taste of winning a championship at Madison Square Garden and he wants to experience it again.

After seeing some other Brooklyn players take the Big East title with Seton Hall, Ponds would like to get that championship feeling again with St. John's at the Big East tournament.

Just hours after Ponds and his Jefferson teammates ended a 62-year title drought March 12 with a blowout 90-61 win over Lincoln in the PSAL Class AA boys' basketball final at The Garden, former Lincoln stars Isaiah Whitehead and Desi Rodriguez and former Loughlin standout Khadeen Carrington took the floor for Seton Hall in the Big East final.

That trio combined for 46 points, including 26 from Whitehead, as Seton Hall won its first Big East title since 1993 with a 69-67 win over top-seeded Villanova. The win punched a ticket for The Hall into its first NCAA Tournament since 2006.

But Ponds doesn't just want to repeat their performances during his time at St. John's,

he wants to exceed them.

"Going into next year, watching Seton Hall, I just want to come and do the same thing... do even better," said Ponds following his team's championship victory.

If Jefferson's title game was any indication of how Ponds will perform in big games during his collegiate career, St. John's fans have something to look forward to.

Ponds was electric against his team's borough rival, scoring a game-high 31 points and grabbing 12 rebounds, all while recording six steals and dishing out a game-high five assists.

And the stellar performance for Ponds came with Red Storm head coach Chris Mullin and assistants Barry Rohrsen and Matt Abdelmassih in the stands.

Ponds noted postgame that playing in front of his future coaches was a bit unsettling at first, as evidenced by his one-of-seven shooting in the first half. Ponds finally found his rhythm after the break to drop in 17 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter.

"To start the game I was kind of nervous," he said. "But as the game flowed, the nerves and jitters got out, and I just played my game."

But those on the Red Storm coaching staff are not the only ones excited for Ponds' debut in Queens. St. John's fans have been showing Ponds immense amounts of support on social media, as he is now the face of Mullin's first recruiting class at the school after former Christ the King star Rawle Alkins' commitment to Arizona earlier in the week.

Ponds wanted those Red Storm fans to know that he plans on making performances like this one common in his time at St. John's.

"You can expect the same me," he said. "Even better though."

The high hopes for Ponds' future at St. John's and in the Big East are not only held by those currently associated with the school. Jefferson head coach Lawrence "Bud" Pollard knows that his senior star can help accomplish at St. John's what current New York City kids are doing at Seton Hall.

"People say New York City is down, we don't have players," Pollard said. "You see what those guys [at Seton Hall] are doing? I think Shamorie has that potential... he has a lot of guys coming in with him, so he should be ready."

Royal pains: Sloppy effort ends CK season

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Christ the King fought and clawed to give itself a shot at a big last-minute victory, despite an out-of-sync performance, only to literally throw the opportunity away.

The Royals turned the ball over eight times in the fourth quarter—including three once they pulled within four points with just 2:18 to play in the game. St. Anthony capitalized on that and held on for a 59-51 win in the CHSAA Class AA state girls' basketball semifinals at St. John Villa last Friday.

"We looked pretty good [there] considering I thought we played terrible," CK Coach Bob Mackey said. "You can't turn the ball over against a quality team... We turned the ball over too, too many times in key situations."

The loss ends the Royals' quest to return to Albany for the state Federation tournament, after reaching the title game last season. Christ the King (18-8) didn't play with the poise expected from a veteran team that has won three diocesan titles and a Catholic state crown. Virginia Tech-bound wing Kaela Kinder said the

group slipped back to its old ways and didn't play as cohesively as it needed to.

"We had that problem in the beginning of the year, then we got past it," Kinder said. "The past two, three weeks we have been fine and then tonight it just happened again."

CK's lack of ball movement, combined with the shot blocking ability of Central Florida-bound St. Anthony center Jayla Jones-Pack kept the Royals from getting into any kind of rhythm offensively. Pack, who is nicknamed "Block Party," said she saw the CK players growing more and more tentative attacking the basket.

"She did excellent," guard Dominique Toussaint said. "It made us hesitant to go to the basket."

Still despite it all, Christ the King, which trailed by as much as 10 earlier in the fourth, was within striking distance after eight straight points from Kinder, including a layup to make it 51-47 with 2:18 to go.

It then got the needed defense stop, but two straight turnovers followed from Toussaint and Sydney Zambrotta—the team's two most experi-

enced players. Christ the King didn't score again until a layup at the buzzer by Kinder.

"You hope that the experience would pay off and we would step up," Mackey said.

Toussaint, who was named New York State Miss Basketball earlier this weekend and St. Peter's-bound center Ashlie Howell each had 13 points. Toussaint scored just two points after half time as St. Anthony's took her away and Mackey said the team didn't do a good enough job getting her back into the game. Zambrotta, who is headed to Louisville, scored just six.

Towson-commit Etylia Vogt paced St. Anthony's with 15 points and Jones-Pack added 12 despite missing time in the third and fouling out in the fourth.

The Friars' duo was a big reason the script for Christ the King didn't end the way it had hoped, but that won't diminish what the group accomplished during their three seasons on the varsity in Middle Village.

"I'm very proud of them," Mackey said. "I'm disappointed the way it ended... As people, they are a great bunch of kids to coach."



Christ The King's Kaela Kinder tries to get through the St. Anthony's defense in the CHSAA Class AA state girls' basketball semifinals.

Photo by Donald Cruz

Lewis

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bad decisions offensively," said Francis Lewis coach Steve Tsai of the first half. "We weren't hitting our shots and I think sometimes we get frustrated and we want to force things, and I think that made things worse."

But despite all of that, the Patriots were still alive heading into the second half. They trailed just 21-6 at halftime and had to consider themselves lucky that South Shore didn't take full advantage of their poor shooting.

However, once the Francis Lewis offense found its footing in the second half, defense became the Patriots' issue. Brisco started to find her stroke in the third quarter with eight points, however Francis Lewis was only able to cut the South Shore lead by one heading into the fourth.

A 13-0 South Shore run to

open up the final frame ended any last hope for a comeback. While Francis Lewis shot a much-improved 10-for-26 (39 percent) in the second half, South Shore still shot 12 for 30 (40 percent) in the second half to roll to an easy victory and avenge a loss to Francis Lewis in the 2014 title game.

Brisco led the way for Francis Lewis with 11 points, while her fellow senior Sierra Green scored 10 and led the Patriots (22-4) with six rebounds in what was her final high school game.

Even in defeat, the duo along with senior Sabrina Celement and Dominique Williams have a title to their credit, three semifinals and two trips to the final.

"It is an amazing opportunity just to play in The Garden and Barclays," Brisco said. "People don't get this opportunity, so the fact that we even go to those places to play is amazing."

St. John's

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first get past No. 9 Auburn at 7:30 p.m. March 18 in the tournament's opening round. St. John's beat the Tigers at Carnesecca Area last year, but fell to them the season before on the road. The familiarity will be a factor.

"Both teams will know each other," Tartamella said.

St. John's is playing with a new level of confidence and comfort after winning three games in three days, including one against two-time defend-

ing champion DePaul, to claim the Big East title. St. John's played its most consistent and cohesive basketball of the season, something they expect to continue.

"It helped us to piece together some things that we missing during the season," Grant said. "We were able to come together more as a team. We figured out everyone's role on the team as well. That will most likely carry over."

Tartamella understands he can't bring his two seniors over to next year's roster. While he has thought about the end of the run, he says that

even after their final game, it won't sink in for awhile.

"They want to accomplish more just like all of us do," the coach said. "It will hit me when they walk across that [graduation] stage and practice starts in the summer and they are not there."

Until then, there is still more business to attend to for his seniors and their teammates.

"They [as a team] have accomplished more than many had expected," Tartamella said. "To be able to ice it or put a cherry on top would be great."

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Index No. 27923/10 Date Purchased 11/5/10 AMENDED SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial Plaintiff resides at 220 Cedar Ridge Circle Winston-Salem, NC 27127 The basis of the venue designated is property location MARY FORD f/k/a MARY M. WILCOX, Plaintiff, -against- D.T. FUNDING CORP., Defendant. 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 Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated: June 20, 2011 New York, New York MICHAEL M. COHEN, ESQ. COHEN SCHNEIDER LLP ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 214-11 Northern Boulevard Bayside, NY 11361 (718)279-4700 Defendant's address: D.T. FUNDING CORP., 184 Moll Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237 Notice to Defendant Nature of the Action: Action to Discharge a Mortgage Relief Sought: The cancellation and discharge of record of the mortgage dated September 28th, 1988, executed by Plaintiff in favor of Defendant, Brief Description of the Property: House and lot located at 97-15 24th Avenue, East Elmhurst, New York, known as Sect: 7 Bloc: 1091 Lot: 38 on the Map of the Borough of Queens and Lots: 68 & 69 in Block: 354 on the map entitled "Map of Property Belonging to Flushing Bay Building Corp.

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, -vs- NELSON ROMERO, TAMLA M. ROMERO, ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, MADISON RESOURCES LTD., 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 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 Valerie Brathwaite Nelson, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 22nd day of February, 2016, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: Tax I.D. No. 12226-65 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 701224/2014 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -vs- GREGORY WALKER RUTH WALKER A/K/A RUTH CLARKE A/K/A RUTH MORRISON A/K/A RUTH CLARKE-MORRISON NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU "JOHN DOE #1" to "JOHN DOE #10," the last 10 names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the verified 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 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

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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. 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 Rudolph E. Greco, Jr., Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 9th day of February, 2016, at Long Island City, New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of 222nd Street, distant 185 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 222nd Street with the northerly side of 133rd Avenue; RUNNING THENCE easterly parallel with 133rd Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with 222nd Street, 40 feet; THENCE westerly again parallel with 133rd Street, 100 feet to the easterly side of 222nd Street; THENCE southerly along the easterly side of 222nd Street, 40 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. These premises are also known as 131-61 222nd Street A/K/A 13161 222nd Street, Laurelton A/K/A Springfield Gardens, NY 11413.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX # 710495/15 FILED: 1/26/2016 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. US BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS

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TRUSTEE, FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-RP1, Plaintiff(s), against IVAN F. FIGUEROA, any possible unknown heirs at law of IVAN F. FIGUEROA, if living, and if any be dead, their respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein; COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS F O R E C L O S U R E PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of

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New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT OF the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage dated June 11, 2001, executed by IVAN F. FIGUEROA to 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. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, to secure the sum of \$184,500.00 and recorded in City Register File Number 2007000314949, in the Office of the CLERK of the County of QUEENS on June 19, 2007, which mortgage was later assigned to US BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-RP1, by assignment of mortgage which is dated May 6, 2014, covering premises known as 90-11 133rd Avenue, Ozone Park, NY 11417 (Block 11353 and Lot 69). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Rudolph E. Greco, Jr., a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated January 21, 2016 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and State of New York, Block 11353 and Lot 69, said premises known as 90-11 133rd Avenue, Ozone Park, NY 11417. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and

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owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: the entire unpaid principal balance of \$168,606.17 under the mortgage herein foreclosed, plus interest at the rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of the note from May 1, 2010, together with unpaid late charges in the amount of \$516.12 that have accrued prior to this action as of February 6, 2015. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND I N F O R M A T I O N A L PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York

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state Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX NO. 700062/2013 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 S U M M O N S** Mortgaged Premises: 11403 - 208TH ST SAINT ALBANS, NY 11411 Block: 11027 Lot: 295 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC, ASSET-BACKED PASS-T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W4, Plaintiff, - against- AMIL R. ZENNY, if living, and if he/she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an

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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 assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; MIREILLE B. ZENNY A/K/A MIRIELLE ZENNY A/K/A MIRIELLE B. ZENNY F/K/A MIRIELLE BRIGNOL; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOE #1" through JOHN DOE #10, the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the person or parties intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Mortgage 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 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) 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 Sixty (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

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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 Two hundred ten thousand and 00/100 (\$210,000.00) Dollars and interest, recorded on March 17, 2006, at Instrument number 2006000153316, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 11403 - 208TH ST, SAINT ALBANS, NY 11411. 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: January 15, 2016 Westbury, New York RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: Sean Howland, 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. **S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S** Mortgaged Premises 31-27 105TH STREET EAST ELMHURST, NEW YORK 11369 Block: 1692 Lot: 39 INDEX NO. 709400/2014 OWCEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JAIME TAVAREZ if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or

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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, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; WALKIRIA CABRERA; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12" the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. 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**

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AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$639,000.00 and interest, recorded on April 30, 2007, at CRFN 2007000223131, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 31-27 105TH STREET, EAST ELMHURST, NEW YORK 11369. 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: August 17, 2015 RAS Borislin, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: DANIEL GREENBAUM, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 (516) 280-7675

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX No. 2 2 2 6 6 / 2 0 1 3 S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S WITH NOTICE FEDERAL NATIONAL M O R T G A G E ASSOCIATION (FANNIE MAE), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff, against M A H M O O D HOSSEINIPOUR, If he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons

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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 or to the real property described in the amended complaint, SOFIE DEVELOPMENT, LTD, HSBC BANK USA, N A T I O N A L ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, THE CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CONTINENTAL HOMES, LTD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, HOME MORTGAGEE CORPORATION AND FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, DIOMERS CORRALES, and AFZAL K A U T M A Z A D E , Defendants. To the above named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended complaint is not served with this supplemental summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE**

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable DICCIA T. PINEDA-KIRWAN, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, QUEENS County, dated the 7 day of December 2015 and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of QUEENS, State of New York. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT** The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$440,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of Queens County on November 26, 2007 in CRFN 2007000586155, which mortgage was assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment of mortgage dated October 22, 2010 which was recorded in the Office of the City Register of Queens County on November 18, 2010 in CRFN 2010000387883, and further assigned to Federal Nation Mortgage Association by assignment dated February 27, 2014 and recorded on March 7, 2015 in CRFN 2014000080290 covering premises known as 95-16 98TH STREET, OZONE PARK, COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK (BLOCK 9044 LOT 14). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants, MAHMOOD HOSSEINIPOUR, for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises, unless discharged in bankruptcy. Premises situate lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens. BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of 98th Street, 225 feet northerly of the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of 97th Avenue and the westerly side of 98th Street; being a plot 68.95 feet by 40 feet by 68.95 feet by 40 feet. BLOCK 9044 LOT 14 Dated: Rego Park, New York February 1, 2016 DAVID A. GALLO & ASSOCIATES LLP. By: Rosemarie A. Klie, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000

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2007



- Gymnastics begins team programs, inviting young athletes from Aviator Gymnastics programs to join team.
- In February 2007, Aviator starts adult basketball leagues. The leagues have grown to be some of the most competitive leagues in Brooklyn. As part of the MSG partnership on April 16, 2007 Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA Clinic
- On April 21, 2007 the New York Lizards of Major League Lacrosse host a youth clinic on the outdoor turf fields
- On June 26, 2007 Aviator hosts a New York Knicks Basketball Clinic with John Starks, Kym Hampton & Kenny Sky Walker. The clinics hosted in 2007 continue the trend that Aviator is a top quality facility for athletes to participate in sports programming
- Aviator hosts its first boxing match "Battle of the Badges" NYPD vs. FDNY in October 2007
- After training players in learn to play classes and Youth Sticks & Pucks Aviator Hockey builds an in-house league.
- In 2007 Aviator Sports receives a facility upgrade when one indoor turf field is added to the field house.






2008



- Chris Algieri begins his professional boxing career with a debut at Aviator Sport and Events Center on April 3rd, 2008. He won that bout as well as his two other bouts at Aviator on May 17th and August 8th.
- One year after starting an in-house league, Aviator Hockey adds travel hockey teams and is awarded Tier III travel status by USA Hockey.
- Aviator Hockey are champions for the first time, as they become Mite King of the Hill Champions and LIAHL Tier 3 Squirt Champions.



2009



- Aviator Sports and Events Center partnered with Reithoffer Shows, Inc., a North American family-owned and operated traveling midway show founded in 1896, to bring the Kings County Fair to Brooklyn for the first time.
- Gymnastics completes its first year in team competition winning one banner for finishing in 3rd place.
- November 2009 The Xavier Vs Fordham Prep Turkey Bowl is played for the first time at Xavier's new home field. The game is one of the oldest high school football rivalries in New York history. Their very first game against one another took place in the late 1800s.
- June 27, 2009 - Aviator hosts its first Irish Festival. Special guests included Irish authors Mary Pat Kelly, Alfie McCourt, Dan Barry and Peter Quinn and performers Patty Smyth, Mary McCabe, the Pat McGuire Band, Brian Monahan, Seanchai and the Unity Squad, Jameson's Revenge and the Wolfe Tones
- Sky Jump is added and it quickly becomes a Main Street favorite!
- Aviator Hockey repeats as LIAHL Tier 3 Squirt champions
- December 2009 - Santa makes his first stop at Aviator and has brunch with 250 people from the "nice" list.

2013



- Aviator partners with elite soccer program Dutch Total Soccer to provide top quality coaches trained in the Dutch philosophy of coaching.
- Aviator Hockey crowning seven champions in the Pee Wee and Squirt levels across multiple leagues.
- The Aviator Arcade opens on Main Street. The arcade has over 30 games and provides a fun meeting place for visitors.
- In June 2013 CrossFit started with indoor and outdoor boot camps with 30 athletes on the turf fields.
- When CrossFit Floyd Bennett Field opened it had 75 athletes housed in a 3,500 sq. feet gym featuring state of the art equipment and coaches who have competed in The CrossFit Games it has quickly grown into one of the top quality boxes in the area.




2011



- The backyard area of Aviator Sports opens. This area features an outdoor bar, Aces Patio, two pools and BBQ area. The pools and BBQ area provide new features for parties, events and camps.
- Aviator Hockey continues to grow exponentially when it is announced they are awarded Tier II status under USA Hockey. The travel teams have become extremely competitive and Aviator Hockey programs attract top quality talent to join the teams. There is no learning curve for the teams as Aviator Hockey becomes Squirt AA Regional Champions.

2010



- Aviator becomes a sought-after race destination after hosting the Spartan Race on August 15th, 2010. Every year, more races are added, attracting runners from all over the tri-state area.
- Concert-goers get Two Tickets to Paradise while checking out Eddie Money and Blue Oyster Cult at an outdoor concert.
- Aviator Hockey once again expands and now boasts a total of 8 travel hockey teams.
- Aviator Hockey Tier 3 become champions three times during the year winning the Squirt Champions, the LIAHL Tier 3 Regular Season Midget champions and the NY State Champions Tier 3 Squirt.

2012



- Aviator hosted its first Brooklyn Chamber event on April 16, 2012. Aviator plays a large part in the Brooklyn community and has hosted numerous Brooklyn Chamber events over the years.
- Aviator Hockey continues its success claiming the Pee Wee AA Regional Championship and LIAHL Tier 2 Squirt Championship.
- In 2012, the Field House got a facelift. The basketball courts were redone and an additional turf field was added to accommodate the growing popularity of indoor sports such as football, basketball & soccer.

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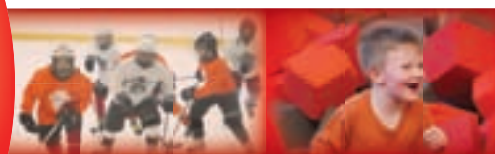
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