

## Waterfront plan thwarts CB 7's hopes

BY GINA MARTINEZ

The lack of changes in the Flushing Waterfront Revitalization plan has frustrated members of Community Board 7's Land Use Committee who are concerned about flooding and bringing more residents into an already teeming neighborhood.

The Department of City Planning held a presentation, led by Queens Director John Young, Tuesday on the waterfront plan. But committee members raised some concerns, including flood resiliency, infrastructure and overcapacity.

In 2011, the Flushing-Willets Point-Corona Local Development Corporation received a \$1.5 million state Brownfield Opportunity Grant to fund the project, which would clean up and rezone 60 acres on the Flushing waterfront and create a planned community with waterfront access as well as housing and commercial space.

The 32-acre study area runs from Prince Street to Flushing Creek on the west, Roosevelt Avenue on the south and Northern Boulevard on the north. Three-quarters of the area is zoned C4-2 for a commercial and residential zone. The northern part of the area has M1-1 zoning

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# Some leery of tuition-free plan

Queens Dreamers lose out in Cuomo's program for free CUNY classes

BY NAEISHA ROSE

U.S. Sen Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) may not have had the chance to become the president of the United States and help American public colleges across the country become tuition-free. But on April 10, with Sanders' help, Gov. Andrew Cuomo was able to make that a reality for students attending CUNY and SUNY schools.

Nevertheless, Cuomo was not able to broker a deal on providing safeguards under the Dream Act to allow undocumented students to receive tuition assistance for school in New York.

Some students and educators have concerns about Cuomo's plan. Queens College sociology professor Amy Hsin is one of them.

Hsin takes issue with how this will affect undocumented students at Queens College. On campus, Hsin has students that are undocumented and some of them are a part of the activist group called CUNY Dreamers.

Although their parents brought them to the United States illegally, Dreamers are allowed to get degrees at CUNY schools. But without proof of their status as Americans, like state IDs, they are not able to receive grants and scholarships that are tied to proof of citizen-

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## WHEELY EXCITING



There are only two official soap box derby rallies in the New York City – one in Staten Island and, for more than 20 years, one in Queens. The kids were off and running on 23rd Avenue last weekend for a day of downhill racing. **See more photos on Page 22.**

Photo by Michael Shain



Rep. Grace Meng (l) and John Miller, CEO of the Tourette Association of America, thank Bayside DC 9 volunteers. Courtesy of DC9

## DC9 painters help with new flair

BY MARK HALLUM

Volunteers from painters union District Council 9 and IUPAT Painters & Allied Trades were in Bayside on Earth Day, April 22, to add a much-needed fresh coat of paint to Tourette Association of America's head-

quarters.

Businesses from the surrounding areas donated paint and supplies to the April 22 effort to deck the new center in a shade of teal, including Sol Rubin Painting in Famingdale, K.P. Painting of Ronkonkoma and Finishing Trade Institute

based in Philadelphia.

"The Tourette Association of America is absolutely thrilled by this generous Earth Day gesture from Bayside's DC 9 volunteers and Sol Rubin Painting in Farmingdale," Miller said. "Our TAA resources are dedicated

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# Bayside mainstay dies

Jimmy Volz, co-owner of The Press 95, was 48

BY MARK HALLUM

Bayside lost a prominent figure, when longtime resident Jimmy Volz died April 26 at the age of 48 after battling cancer.

The Press 195 co-owner lived in the neighborhood nearly his whole life, and according to his brother, has accumulated a lifetime of relationships with people who feel they owe a debt of gratitude to Volz in some form or another.

Jimmy Volz was the son of James and Rosemary Volz. He grew up on 213th Street, the oldest of four siblings.

“He’s been a Bayside staple his whole life,” his brother David Volz. “He was just one of those guys that everybody loved. He would bend over backwards and was a very loyal person. I don’t think he had an enemy on earth in 48 years.”

As his family mourns, an outpouring of support and untold stories have surfaced as people who knew Jimmy Volz come forward with their condolences.

“In the last few weeks, I’ve heard countless amounts of stories of him bailing people and giving them a chance,” David Volz said, explaining that the family is supported by a large and tight-knit network of friends from the community. “He was just extremely giving. One of the good guys.”

Jimmy and David Volz, 45, were the older brothers of Elizabeth, 37, and Matthew, 34.

The elder Volz attended St. Robert Bellarmine School in Bayside, where he was two years ahead of his brother, his future business partners and the woman Jimmy would marry, Susan. Jimmy Volz went on to attend Holy Cross High School.

Volz and Susan had two children together, James, now



Bayside mourns the loss of Jimmy Volz, the 48-year-old co-owner of Press 195 on Bell Boulevard.

8, and Olivia, 6.

For a time, Volz worked for a liquor company before Chris Evans and Brian Karp approached him about embarking on a new business venture with them. Evans told the story of how Volz became involved with Press 195 as Evans and Karp looked to move their enterprise from Brooklyn back to their home neighborhood.

“Jimmy was a person we thought of because he had a good business mind,” Evans said.

The result was Press 195 on Bell Boulevard, which offers a wide range of food menu items, beer selections and has a cafe atmosphere.

“He wasn’t only a partner, he was a very close friend of mine,” Evans said. “He was loved and respected by all in business as well as friendships.”

Karp explained that while he and Evans worked mostly

behind the scenes of the business, Volz was at the forefront and the personality associated with the watering hole.

“He gave us a unique view of what was going on, and we’re definitely going to miss that conduit to keeping in touch with our audience,” Karp said.

According to Evans, Volz stayed strong through his diagnosis and illness.

“He fought real hard. He was a battler,” Evans said. “The one thing about Jimmy is that he always thought about everybody else and never questioned why he was battling cancer. He would just always think of everybody else.”

The family is accepting donations for St. Mary’s Children’s Hospital in Volz’s name.

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# 5K run to chase darkness into light

BY BILL PARRY

More than 500 people will gather before dawn Saturday in Flushing Meadows Corona Park for the 2nd annual Darkness into Light 5K walk-run to raise funds and increase suicide prevention services in the United States.

Pieta House, a Long Island City-based nonprofit, is hosting the event that gets underway at 4 a.m. while it is still dark, and crosses the finish line as dawn is breaking. It symbolizes the work that is done at Pieta House, bringing people from their darkest hours to a brighter future, hope and unity. Darkness into Light events draw thousand in cities across Ireland, where last year it had the fourth highest rate of suicide among teens in the European Union.

The Irish community will come together in force to fight against suicide and support one another in nine cities across the United States, including Boston, Chicago and San Francisco. Irish Senator Joan Freeman, a psychologist, opened Pieta House in Dublin in 2006 to provide therapeutic services at no charge to more than 25,000

Irish men, women and children who have threatened self-harm or suicide.

“We are calling upon people around the world to join in our crusade to save lives,” Freeman said. “People who join Darkness into Light will help heighten awareness about mental health issues while providing financial support needed to expand our services, internationally.”

Freeman worked with Irish Organizations to found Pieta’s first U.S. operation, which opened in September at the New York Irish Center, located at 10-40 Jackson Ave. in Long Island City. Freeman named the organization after Michelangelo’s marble sculpture of Mary holding the body of Jesus after the crucifixion.

“It is the only sculpture that Michelangelo signed,” Freeman said. “As such, we are asking people to add their names to our list of supporters — a community holding and healing the broken, bringing people in emotional distress out of darkness into light.”

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Hundreds prepare to run in Saturday’s Darkness Into Light fund-raiser in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, an event that gets underway at 4 a.m. Courtesy Pieta House

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# Dead turtles raise concern at Bowne pond

BY GINA MARTINEZ

A number of dead turtles floating on Bowne Park pond in Flushing have residents asking questions about the condition of the pond.

Recently, residents have posted photos to social media of the dead turtles and the dirty conditions at the pond, leading to speculation that litter is the cause.

But according to the Parks Department, while litter negatively affects the environment, it's unlikely that it could cause the high number of deaths. The agency believes the deaths could be linked to the weather.

"During the winter, turtles go into torpor (a decreased state of activity, similar to hibernation) as a survival method," the Parks Department said in a statement. "It's possible that these deaths could be linked to a cold spell after the first warmth of the season already brought them out of winter torpor. Another possibility is disease, which can affect turtle populations."

A Parks spokeswoman said



Bowne pond has seen an increase in dead turtles in recent weeks.

File Photo

the department has sent several of the turtles to a lab to be tested and is awaiting results. The department is also working to send a water sample to the Department of Environmental Conservation for testing, and in the meantime, will continue to monitor the pond.

Parks said another possible

cause could be people abandoning pet turtles in a habitat they are not meant to be in.

"These turtles are likely red-eared sliders," the Parks Department said, "one of the country's most popular types of turtles to keep as pets, and many sliders have been abandoned in the city's parks by people who

lost interest in keeping them. This is dangerous for both the red-eared slider and for native turtles. A pet slider is not accustomed to hibernating during the winter when lakes and ponds freeze over, and may introduce diseases to wild populations as well as compete with them for food resources. Parks are not

suitable homes for animals not indigenous — domesticated or otherwise."

The Parks Department currently has a capital project underway to reconstruct Bowne pond. The goal is to improve water quality, lessen algae, and control erosion on the surrounding slopes. The project, the design for which is still being finalized, will include a new filtration system, new pipes, and landscape improvements to minimize erosion.

Councilman Paul Vallone (D-Bayside) allocated \$1.45 million in capital funding for improvements to Bowne Park's pond in 2014.

"I'm no marine biologist, but dying turtles are a cause for alarm," he said. "We have been patiently waiting for the Parks Department to upgrade the water fountains and filtration system in the pond as it will improve and preserve Bowne Park for decades to come."

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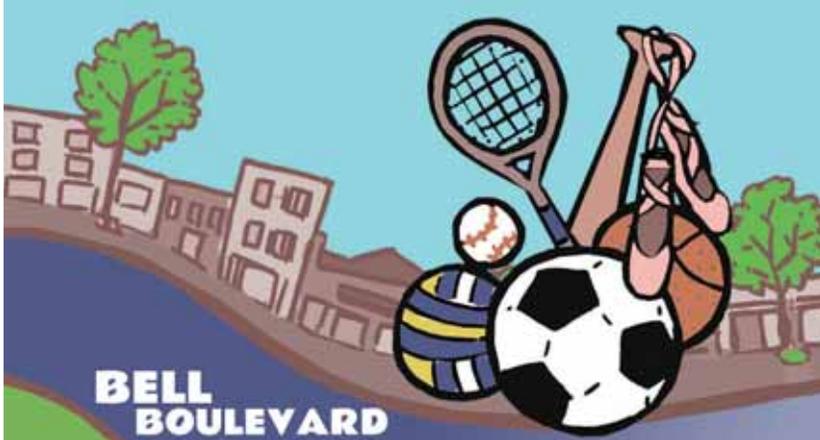
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# Rockaway ferry now up and running

Tourists already spotted disembarking from boats to give economy a boost on peninsula

BY BILL PARRY

Mayor Bill de Blasio kept his promise to the Rockaways, launching NYC Ferry service from 108th Street early Monday morning, a month ahead of schedule.

For nearly a quarter century, Rockaway resident Joe Hartigan has advocated for permanent ferry service to the peninsula in order to slash the longest commute times in the city and bring an economic benefit to the community.

"I talked with the mayor and I thanked him for keeping his word and for making the biggest investment in the Rockaways I've ever seen," Hartigan said. "And that's coming from a registered Republican."

Hartigan was on board the "Urban Journey" as the vessel departed the new ferry landing at Beach 108th for its maiden voyage at 5:30 a.m. Less than an hour later, de Blasio greeted nearly a hundred passengers as it arrived at Wall Street's Pier 11.

"I told the mayor I couldn't wait to compare this summer's credit card receipts in Rockaway



A ferry advocate is already seeing a boost in tourism in Rockaway since service launched this week helping stores and restaurants on the peninsula. Courtesy of Mayor's office/Michael Appleton

to the last two summers," Hartigan said. "I'm telling you, this is going to be like Christmas all summer long down here. At \$2.75 a ride, how could you not come down to Rockaway and shop at

the stores, eat at our restaurants and go for a dip. Heck, this is the cheapest date in New York City and the ride is the best part. It's beautiful, and I think it's going to have a deep impact on the

Rockaways."

State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway Beach) and state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) were also aboard that first ferry

and shared Hartigan's enthusiasm.

"Today, I witnessed what many Rockaway residents thought might never happen — a credible commuter ferry run to Manhattan," Addabbo said. "This day has been a long time coming. The introduction of this service will give residents and commuters improved, reliable transit options, taking them to-and-from Rockaway Beach, Brooklyn Army Terminal and Wall Street's Pier 11. The ferry will finally link the rest of New York City to Rockaway, so that visitors can experience all the benefits the peninsula has to offer."

After Hurricane Sandy devastated the peninsula in October 2012, cutting A train service for more than a year and leaving 35,000 daily customers without a direct link to Manhattan, the Bloomberg administration launched a subsidized ferry service in May 2012. But that came to an end in the first year of the de Blasio administration as ridership numbers failed to justify the cost of more than \$20

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## Mayor gets warm welcome at town hall meeting in LIC

BY BILL PARRY

One week after an anti-gentrification rally and march took place in Sunnyside to protest over-development in western Queens, Mayor Bill de Blasio held a town hall meeting at a school in the same neighborhood.

While the April 20 Queens March Against Gentrification railed against the mayor's big-ticket items such as the Brooklyn-Queens Connector, the mega-development planned for Sunnyside Yards and the Long Island City Core rezoning, de Blasio fielded more questions about the hear-and-now instead of what might happen down the road.

For three hours, nearly 600 residents and business owners in western Queens



Mayor Bill de Blasio fields a question from a young constituent of Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer's during a town hall meeting in Long Island City. Photo by Bill Parry

fired questions on affordability, education, green space and transit at the mayor at the Queens Vocation & Technical High School during a forum hosted by City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer

(D-Sunnyside). Helen Ho, an external affairs director at LaGuardia Community College and a former member of the de Blasio administration got to go first.

"We need safe streets for the students and workers of Long Island City," she said. "Our intersection at Van Dam Street, Thomson Avenue and Queens Boulevard is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and we need funding for the entire redesign of the intersection."

The mayor said he understood that there was a real problem around the campus and he knew it was an important topic.

"We're going to take the plans we have and move them up and I'm pleased to tell you we will commit \$17

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## Blaz defends Ponte in car-usage probe

BY BILL PARRY

Mayor Bill de Blasio has insisted on defending his embattled commissioner at the city's Department of Correction over his misuse of government-supplied vehicles.

DOC Commissioner Joseph Ponte, and several other high-ranking department officials, will reimburse the city after a scathing Department of Investigation report showed they had broken the city's Conflict of Interest rules by using their city-owned vehicles for unauthorized trips.

Ponte was found to have used his assigned city vehicle outside of New York State on 28 occasions in 2016, mostly for trips to Maine, and that he drove the vehicle outside the state on personal business for 90 calendar days, charging

the city for \$1,043 in gas and \$746.56 in tolls. He headed Maine's prison system until moving to New York in 2014 to become commissioner.

During his weekly appearance on NY1 Monday, the mayor provided more cover for Ponte saying he simply received bad advice.

"We've said very clearly that what happened at the Department of Correction was a mistake," de Blasio said. "Joseph Ponte's done a great job as commissioner. He's gotten a lot done for this city. He's made our correction system a lot better, but he was ill-advised by colleagues, I believe, and made a mistake, and he's been very straightforward about it. He never intended to do anything wrong, and I think he's doing the right thing by making the city

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# Cuomo cuts ribbon on Kosciuszko Bridge

Governor rides FDR's Packard into ceremony opening first new bridge in over half century

BY MARK HALLUM

The Kosciuszko Bridge, once viewed as a decaying blemish on the Brooklyn-Queens skyline, has been replaced with a sleek and modern structure directly adjacent to the old one that stood for over half a century.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and city officials from both boroughs took part in a ribbon-cutting April 27 to dedicate the opening of the bridge to traffic.

Cuomo, a lover of classic cars, cruised into the celebration behind the wheel of a '32 Packard owned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who also served as governor of New York. It was the first time the car had been driven in decades.

The \$55 million project will keep the regional economy going while making improvements to the crossing, such as an increased daily capacity to support the approximately 100,000 cars that use the bridge each day.



City officials and Gov. Andrew Cuomo led a ribbon-cutting for the new Kosciuszko Bridge linking Queens to Brooklyn.

Photo by Mark Hallum

The towers on the new bridge rival the Statue of Liberty at 180 feet.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz expressed gratitude to Cuomo, a native

of Queens, by claiming that he was not one to overlook the borough in terms of its needs or when seeking input.

"Every step of the way,

the community has been involved in this project and our concerns have been taken into account, step-by-step," Katz said.

Growing up in Queens,

Cuomo became familiar with the old bridge, built in the 1950s, in a peculiar way. The governor said the first time he had ever heard his father, Mario, use expletives was when crossing the old bridge.

"I believe that Queens and Brooklyn deserve a beautiful bridge and a bridge that graces the Queens and Brooklyn skyline, and that's exactly what this bridge is going to do," Cuomo said.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) issued a statement praising the effort to replace old infrastructure and explaining how federal investment made it possible, taking explicit aim at the Trump administration for the recently blocked executive order to withhold funds to sanctuary cities.

"The bottom line is that the achievement we are touting today, one that will help keep our regional and national economy buzzing, is exactly the kind of critical construction project that

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## Peralta and Dromm tell MTA to fix lead paint problem on 7

BY BILL PARRY

City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights) sounded the alarm several weeks ago that poisonous lead-paint chips are raining down from the No. 7 elevated subway line from Long Island City to Flushing, endangering the health of residents living nearby.

On Monday, state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) joined the fight, introducing legislation that would require the MTA to conduct a study relative to the amount of lead paint at elevated subway tracks and stations throughout the city.

The bill also mandates that the study to be conducted along with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health



State Sen. Jose Peralta points out the decrepit state of the elevated No. 7 subway line, which he says rains poisonous lead-paint chips on Roosevelt Avenue endangering the health of his constituents.

Courtesy Peralta's office

determine the degree to which the MTA complies with the Federal Clean Air Act.

"As we just celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 7 train, what better present than repainting the trestles, above-ground stations, and making

sure dangerous lead-paint chips no longer fall on our streets and sidewalks?" Peralta said. "This is the subway line that cuts through several hardworking neighborhoods like Corona, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst and Woodside."

According to District 9 International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, some samples of paint chips falling onto the streets from the 7 line contain 224,000 parts per million of lead paint, more than 40 times the legal threshold. Lead abatement proceedings are generally required when levels top 5,000 parts per million. Exposure to poisonous levels of lead paint can result in extensive damage to a person's central nervous system and brain.

"We need to protect ev-

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## Sharpton to attend burial for fire victims

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Civil rights leader Al Sharpton, state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) and Assemblyman Clyde Vanel (D-Cambria Heights) will be among the many mourners expected at the funeral Saturday for four of the five victims who died April 23 in a fast-moving house fire in Queens Village.

Managing the funeral is family member Sheener Bailey-Briggs.

"Everything happens for a reason, but I don't know about this one," Bailey-Briggs said.

A three-alarm fire took the lives of four family members and a friend on a quiet Sunday afternoon in Queens Village when the frame house at 112-16 208th St. burst into flames. No calls were made from the house and the Fire Department was alerted by a passing

motorists six minutes after the fire first broke out. The cause of the blaze was still under investigation.

Bailey-Briggs chose to have the funeral service at New Greater Bethel Ministries at 215-32 Jamaica Ave. in Queens Village not just to accommodate many family members, but because it was a place close to her heart, like her nephews and cousins who perished in the blaze.

Bailey-Briggs was related to all four victims who will be remembered Saturday: Jada Foxworth, 20; Destiny Dones, 16; Rashawn Matthews, 10 and Chayce Lipford, 2. Sisters Jada and Destiny were her first cousins, once removed. Rashaw was her great nephew and Chayce her great-grand-nephew.

Bethel Ministries has

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# Queens Taste entertains in Corona

BY NAEISHA ROSE

The Queens Economic Development Corporation found a very tasteful way to celebrate its 40th ruby anniversary this year.

On Tuesday the non-profit, which supports the growth of Queens-based businesses, held its annual Queens Taste event at the New York Hall of Science in Corona. The affair helps to draw attention to new and old food, dessert and drink vendors from across the borough.

"This is a great opportunity for restaurants from all over the borough to show their fare. We have 130 languages and 120 countries," Borough President Melinda Katz said. "Each one brings their own culture, and food, and tradition. All of that gets melded into this event here."

Later she thanked the organizers of the event, the more than 600 guests who came out to support the local businesses and asked that everyone continue to ensure the progress of Queens.

"People want to come to Queens," Katz said. "The reason is because of all of you that

have made investments in our borough. Diversity is an honor to have in this great borough of Queens and the United States of America."

One of the older businesses to appear at the event was Schmidt's Candies, which has been around for four generations and is 50 years older than the QEDC.

"We are over 90 years this year," said owner Margie Schmidt. "My grandfather started it in 1926."

Schmidt spends seven months a year and 16 hours a day making candies in Woodhaven. She uses natural ingredients and they are preservative free.

"The candy that I'm making, the dark chocolate, the caramel with the almond - that's with 60 percent dark chocolate. The centers are handmade, like the jellies and the creams," Schmidt said.

One of the newer installations at the venue is the e-commerce business Little Pleasures, which makes platters from recyclable goods and specializes in desserts and appetizers, like the cucumber slices with goat cheese, basil and bruschetta



The Queens Taste event was a big hit at the New York Hall of Science in Corona.  
Photo by Michael Shain

they brought to the event.

"We started this company two years ago and ever since then we've been a high end caterer with specialized platters," said owner Scott McCullough. "All of these platters are made by us from hand. They are all made of post consumer restaurant equipment. Nothing more than \$50 for all of them."

Pleasures has heated platters, pool platters, platters with music devices and indoor fire-works platters for every type of event.

Giving everyone a taste for Cyprus was Harry Ioannidiis, the manager of Zenon Taverna in Astoria.

"We are a Greek and Cyprian restaurant," Ioannidiis said. "There are very few places out there where you can find influences of Cyprus. It's a small island on the Mediterranean sea, but it has a lot of influences from the Middle East, and other parts of Greece as well."

The food that Ioannidiis served included fried Halloumi cheese, Sheftalia (char-grilled

meatballs), and Cyprian Souvla (meat barbecued over charcoal). He also cooks his food in rosewater, which is one of the Middle Eastern ingredients, and uses cilantro in his meals, something "a lot of Europeans do not."

Getting some of the attendees a little tipsy was Pat Lao, an ambassador for Chang beer.

"It's a pale lager from Thailand," Lao said. "This is premium quality. We use barley and hops. The finest. Its' very crisp, and citrusy with a slight sweetness to it."

Although the beer has been in U.S. markets for a decade, Lao hopes that events like this will bring more attention to the brand.

As hundreds of guests circled the room sampling food, treats, beer and wine the borough president made an announcement.

"This is a proclamation of honor for QEDC," Katz said. "May 2nd is now Queens Economic Development Day in the borough."

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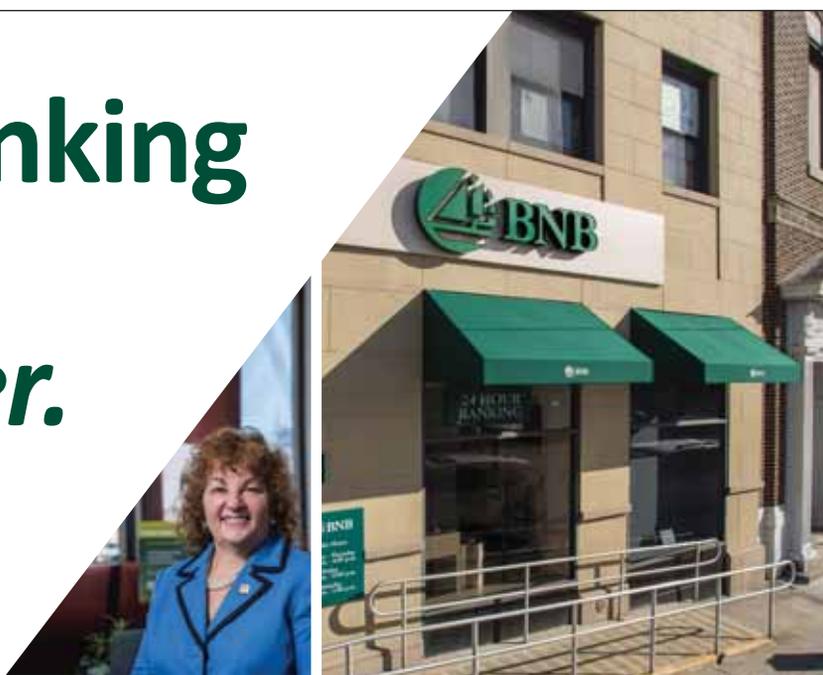






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# Historical society fights to save Dulcken home

BY MARK HALLUM

The Greater Astoria Historical Society is fighting a familiar battle in the world of historic preservation: trying to save a location where the owner and Landmarks Preservation Commission have little interest.

The Dulcken house at 31-07 31st Ave. dates to about 1876 and, according to Robert Singleton, executive director of the historical society, was the residence and base of operations for what he calls the "first family of music." But the LPC has rejected the society's request to have the house saved even though it faces demolition because the building has had alterations to its facade.

"Virtually every building in New York has been altered," Singleton said, explaining that the real issue lies in lack of support from elected officials such as Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria), who he said has brushed off requests to get involved in the effort.

Hundreds of names have ended up on a petition to save the home currently being used as a rooming house.

"This is not some obscure little dusty name, this is a name that resonates well within the world of music," Singleton said. He gave a long explanation of the complex history of the Dulcken family and their contributions to music and close ties to the Steinway piano family, who lived a short walk away.

Johannes Dulcken (1706-1757) started the family's legacy in Germany as an outstanding harpsicord craftsman, before moving on to other keyboard instruments still in world-class collections today.

Later generations of Dulckens broke gender barriers

by performing for the London Philharmonic in the early 19th Century and into the 1850s. During this time, the aristocrats and royals of Europe lined up to have their children trained by Louise Dulcken, sister Therese and their nieces Sophie and Isabella for keyboard lessons.

Ferdinand Dulcken moved to the United States in 1876 and was a composer who helped build New York City into the music powerhouse it is today by representing talent and showcasing his own to the acclaim of his contemporaries, Singleton said.

Singleton contends that Ferdinand Dulcken's background and contribution to music itself does not explain why the preservationists are trying to save the property.

"Newspapers will say, 'historians want to save the building,' 'he was a student of [composer Jakob] Mendelssohn,' stuff like that, which really misses the point here of exactly what this person's status was in his world that really created our world," Singleton said. "Even though we may not know who he is or what he's done and we see it every day."

Gerald Caliendo Architects has filed a request with the city Dept. of Buildings to demolish home, said Singleton, who is also on the Land Use and Zoning Committee of Community Board 1.

Singleton said he is not on a mission to stop anyone, such as the owner or the developer, from making money because he, himself, is hoping to use the legacy of the Dulckens as an economic driver for Astoria through tourism, which he believes will be a better investment in the property and the community.



The Greater Astoria Historical Society is requesting to have the house owned by the Dulcken family designated a landmark. Google Earth

# WWII hero honored

Bayside resident, 92, served in Red Ball Express

BY MARK HALLUM

Clyde Smith has lived a good life since his service in World War II and at 92 he is modest about the experiences he had while assigned to the famous Red Ball Express. The Bayside resident will be recognized for his part in the struggle against fascism Saturday in an Honor Flight from MacArthur Airport in Long Island to Washington, D.C., to pay tribute to fallen soldiers.

In 1944, as Gen. George Patton's army pushed into Nazi-held territory in Europe a contingent of the Quartermaster Corps., mostly African-American troops, pressed in from behind to keep the men at the front well-supplied. This was dangerous work in which trucking outfits emblazoned with red balls would speed through enemy territory and brave bad weather at all hours to keep the advance moving forward.

Smith cannot remember which day he and his fellow soldiers landed on Omaha Beach in France just after the major part of the Allied battle to take the beach had died down, but he recalls watching the skies in anticipation of air strikes.

His tour through Europe on the Red Ball highways, as the army called the routes, would take him through France, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia, "up and down the highways," he said.

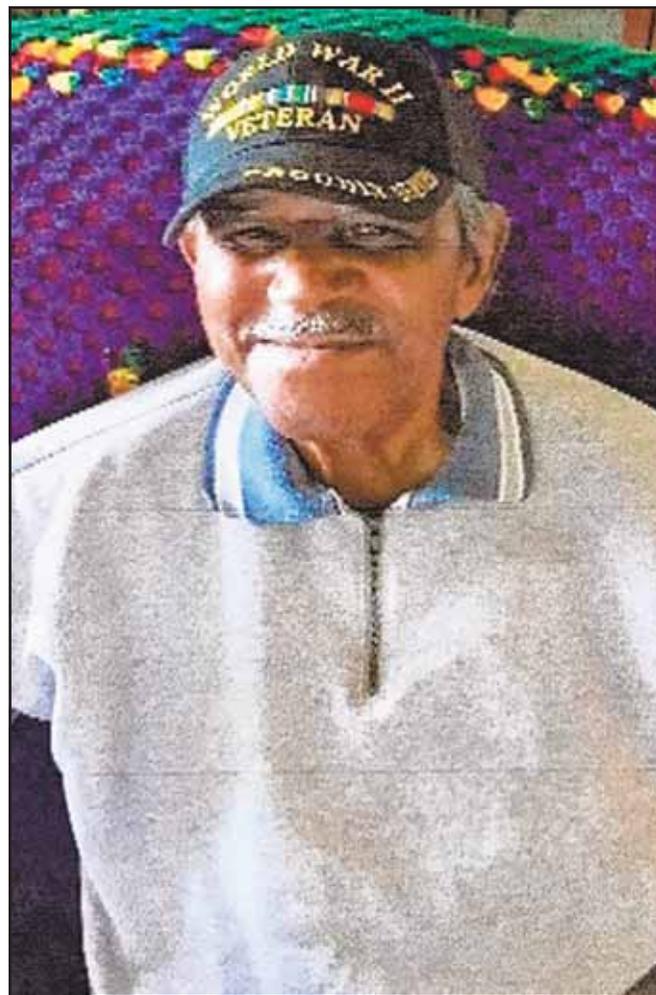
"You had the German Luftwaffe attacking with the V2s and the V1s, that's a silent bomber," he said. "You never knew when those were going to hit. It would just come over and come down."

Smith remembers the Battle of Bulge when the Germans were attacking from behind American troops.

The Red Ball Express would be made into a film in 1952.

"I was young and had just finished high school. Segregation was a way of life, I had no gripes," Smith said about serving in a segregated fighting force.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Smith would begin looking for a new place to settle after the war away from the South and the segregation



WWII veteran Clyde Smith will be honored for his service on the Red Ball Express on Saturday in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Courtesy of the Smith Family

that came with it. He and his wife Mamie, whom he met in New Orleans, made New York their home in 1947 and bought their house in Bayside in 1956 where they would raise their 10 children.

The couple became prominent members of society in the developing community, which was farmland and unpaved roads when they arrived.

"In New Orleans, it just was the way of living," Smith said, explaining how life was different in New York. "I didn't like the segregation. They treat you inferior."

Smith's daughter Maria said getting his children a good education was important to her father and public schools in Queens were crucial to their success later in life. Eight of their 10 children would go on to have college degrees.

Smith worked as a civil servant with the New York City Transit Authority and was able to provide well for

his family while his wife was involved with Community Board 11, where she served for over 20 years. She was president of the Roosevelt Democratic Club for a time.

The French government gave Smith a certificate of recognition for his action in World War II and thanked him for the part he played in the liberation of France.

In May 2002, Clyde was honored in the Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade as a division marshal.

Daughter Janice Smith said her parents are often referred to as the mayor and the governor of Bayside by people in the community.

"He was able to give us a fortunate life because of where we live," Janice Smith said. "We weren't exposed to the same kind of discrimination and racism that he suffered through because he decided to raise us here in Bayside. The only time I saw a glimpse of it was when we'd

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# POLICE Blotter



Police are searching for this man in connection with an attempted rape at a Flushing massage parlor. NYPD

## Cops look for man suspected of attempted rape

FLUSHING — Police were looking for a man suspected of attempted rape in Flushing.

According to police, on April 30 at 7:30 a.m. the suspect entered a massage parlor located at 40th Road and Main Street. Police said once inside, the suspect took his clothes off and jumped on top of a 48-year-old woman and tried to forcibly remove her pants.

According to police, the victim was able to fight the suspect off with

the help of a co-worker, who chased the suspect out of the parlor. The victim suffered minor scratches to her legs and refused medical attention at the scene, police said.

Police describe the suspect as a male Hispanic, between 20 to 25-years-old, light complexion with black hair.

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

## Elderly man punched while waiting for bus: NYPD

FLUSHING — Police were searching for a man suspected of assault in Flushing.

On April 17 at 4:50 a.m., a man approached and punched a 75-year-old man waiting for the Q48 bus in front of 135-27 Roosevelt Ave., po-

lice said. The victim suffered two broken teeth and was taken to New York Presbyterian Queens Hospital in stable condition.

The suspect fled west on Roosevelt Avenue, police said.

## Police on lookout for missing Ridgewood teen

RIDGEWOOD — The NYPD is seeking the public's assistance in locating a missing teen from Ridgewood.

Amber Ruiz, 17, was last seen April 26 at 7:45 a.m. inside her Ridgewood residence at 20-45 Linden St,

according to authorities.

Police say Ruiz is 5-feet-3 inches tall and 125 pounds, with a medium build, light complexion, black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a blue denim jacket and black jeans, according to police.

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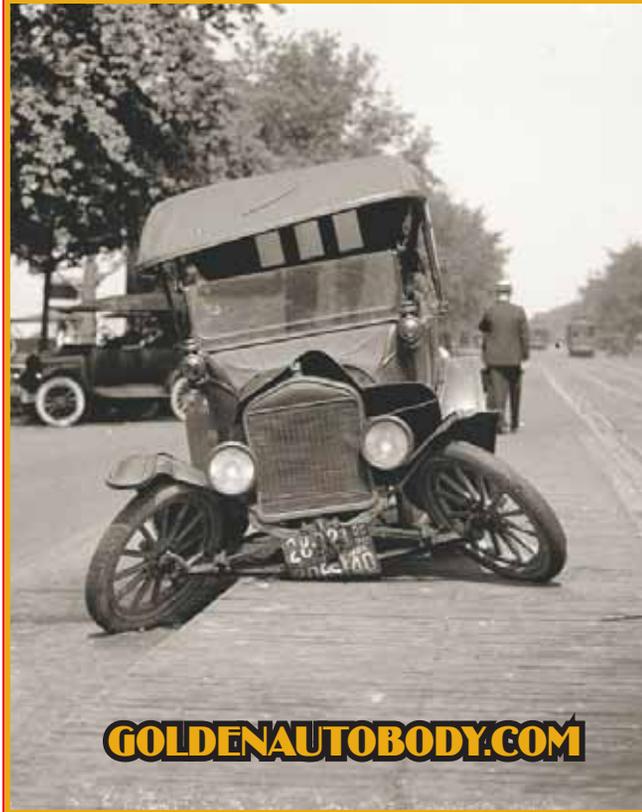
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# SHOULD PONTE GO?

Joseph Ponte arrived in New York with a national reputation as a prison reformer in April 2014 when he was recruited by Mayor Bill de Blasio to head the Department of Correction. His resume included successful overhauls of prisons in seven states, including his last posting as head of the Maine correctional system.

Ponte, a former Marine who started off as a guard and worked his way up to commissioner, introduced a 14-point plan to reduce violence in New York City jails, particularly at Rikers — a notorious penal colony with about 10,000, often unruly, inmates.

He ended solitary confinement for 16- and 17-year-olds. Serious incidents also dropped at Rikers.

Despite these achievements, Ponte, 70, seems to have lost his footing at some point during 2016.

An anonymous tip that Ponte and other high-ranking DOC employees were using their city-owned vehicles for personal business led the city Department of Investigation to launch an aggressive review.

In the early stages, DOI discovered that Ponte had driven his vehicle outside New York state on personal business for 90 calendar days in 2016, including 35 work days. The majority of those 28 trips were to coastal Maine, where he used to live.

Ponte took leave on only six of the 35 days and reported he was working an eight-hour day on the remaining 29 days, DOI said. His car was driven to DOC headquarters only four times at the end of these trips.

He put 18,500 miles on the odometer at taxpayers' expense in violation of city policy, which prohibits personal use of work vehicles and unauthorized out-of-state trips.

It is ironic that DOI investigators left no stone unturned, consulting E-Z pass statements, gas card data and GPS data points to track the behavior of 21 DOC officials charged with making inmates toe the line in jail. The mayor defended Ponte, saying he was misinformed about the city vehicle usage policy.

But as Ponte was zipping around out of state in 2016, DOI pointed out there were 27 inmate stabbings or slashings, three attacks on Correction officers, the death of an on-duty staffer and an inmate escape in city jails. Although the commissioner said he was on 24-hour call, he never responded to these incidents from Maine, DOI said.

Ponte has agreed to pay the city back for \$1,345 in gas and \$746.56 in tolls, but that will not repair his damaged reputation. He and the other DOC brass will be referred for discipline while three lower-level city workers were just suspended and fined for less serious violations of city car policy.

The question remains: Is Ponte still fit to run one of the toughest correction departments in the country after these ethical lapses?



## OTHER VOICES

### Toys from the past on display

With so much stress and turmoil in today's world, I want to share something which might evoke joy and bring back some happy childhood memories.

As a trustee of the Queens Historical Society, I had the honor of creating an exhibit which is currently on display at the 230-year-old landmarked Kingsland Homestead in Flushing's Weeping Beech Park.

It is called "Toys & Games from the Attic & Beyond!" and it includes over 150 toys and games

— antique and relatively new — along with many panels explaining their histories and origins.

There are Matchbox Cars, Lionel Trains, Beanie Babies, Star Wars collectibles, Legos, the Cabbage Patch Kid, Hess Trucks, Victorian toys, POGs, Antique dolls and on and on. All visitors can take away a copy of the National Toy Hall of Fame Register.

In addition, there is a beautiful panoramic display of the history on the house, as well as the family that lived in it.

In 1968, the house was moved to its current location to make room for the Murray Hill Shopping Center. Real estate development had threatened its destruction. It was saved by a group of concerned citizens and eventually became the Queens Historical Society, which today has borough-wide scope and impact.

Visit [Queenshistoricalsociety.org](http://Queenshistoricalsociety.org) for additional information.

*Joe Brostek  
Trustee/Exhibit Curator*

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# Vital consumer financial protection group at risk

In September, a Queens customer was shocked to find an overdraft charge on his bank account. The consumer, a military service member, had set up a linked account to absorb any potential overdraft fees, but the bank had cancelled the protection without ever informing the individual.

Enter the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, a federal agency charged with protecting consumers from mismanagement or abuse at the hands of financial service companies such as banks, student loan lenders and credit card issuers.

Within 15 days, the CFPB had approached the consumer's bank, relayed details of the case, and negotiated a resolution that returned money directly to the consumer. This particular complaint is one of the more than 6,500 complaints from Queens, and more than 23,700 New York City based complaints, the CFPB has handled since December 2011.

Despite this track record

The Trump administration and its allies in Congress are working to strip the CFPB of its current independence and weaken its capacity to stand up for consumers.

of success across New York City and the nation, the Trump administration and its Republican allies in Congress are actively working to strip the CFPB of its current independence and weaken its capacity to stand up for consumers.

Let me be clear: Eliminating or hampering the CFPB represents a bad bargain for consumers everywhere.

As my office has documented, the CFPB has helped New Yorkers across the five boroughs resolve a full spectrum of financial issues, including those involving credit reporting, mortgages, auto loans, banking, student loans, debt collection or prepaid cards.

Between 2011 and January 2016, we found that the

number of complaints made by New Yorkers rose 186 percent. In Queens alone, over 1,700 consumers have sought help from the CFPB on their mortgages since the formation of the agency after the great recession. Another 1,241 borough residents got help with their credit scores, while over a thousand more sought advice on consumer loans and debt collection.

Even in the world's financial capital, many working people struggle to have their concerns heard by large corporations. By amplifying the voices of consumers, the CFPB helps safeguard their money and get a fair shake.

Since its foundation, the CFPB has returned almost \$12 billion in direct consumer relief to over 9 mil-

lion Americans. It's one of the best financial deals out there.

Alongside its direct consumer advocacy, the CFPB uses tips and trends informed by its complaint database to build out far-reaching and effective consumer protections and regulations. Recently, for instance, the CFPB initiated a lawsuit against the nation's largest servicer of student loans, Navient, providing tangible help to the population of young New Yorkers with approximately \$14 billion in outstanding student loan debt. The CFPB has also issued important rules relating to payday lending, mortgage transparency, and overdrafts.

From stripping financial protections from hardwork-

ing retirement savers, to proposing tax reform that would take money out of the pockets of more than 300,000 New Yorkers, the Trump administration has launched an all-out assault on the economic well-being of ordinary Americans.

When the CFPB's authority and independence is challenged by Congress or the Trump Administration, New Yorkers are left with the prospect of facing unfair, abusive and deceptive financial practices without the help of a critical advocate.

My office will continue to work on the behalf of consumers who deserve fair financial services like affordable checking accounts, impartial investment advice, or new opportunities to save for retirement, as well as fighting to protect the financial security of New York City residents by supporting the CFPB.

*Scott M. Stringer  
NYC Comptroller*

## Construction worker safety emphasized with OSHA Act

New York City is in the midst of a construction worker safety crisis.

As construction has boomed across the city, the number of construction worker fatalities and injuries has skyrocketed. In just the past two years, more than 30 NYC construction workers have died on the job, including the horrific death of a construction worker in Manhattan last month.

These numbers are appalling. The life of every worker is meaningful and must be respected. All too often, however, construction companies and developers have put their bottom line ahead of protecting workers.

As a New York Times inves-

tigation made clear, many of these on-the-job injuries and fatalities were completely preventable. Basic steps to prevent falls were not taken, supervision was lacking, harnesses and helmets were not worn, and so on. The consequences of such gross negligence are tragic.

It was obvious to me that New York City needed to take action to protect workers' lives and prevent future tragedies from occurring. I'm pleased to report that the New York City Council did just that last week with the passage of several of worker safety bills, including my legislation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Notification Act.

The crux of the OSHA Notification Act is simple: It requires the City's Department of Buildings to notify the federal workplace safety agency, OSHA, of any immediately hazardous or major construction violations, or any violation of OSHA training requirements.

While DOB is responsible for enforcement of the city's building codes, until now there was no law on the books that required it to report potential safety hazards to the federal agency responsible for protecting worker safety, OSHA. The lack of information sharing between these two government agencies made no sense, and it put construction workers di-

rectly in harm's way. A failure of bureaucratic coordination is not an excuse we can give to families of those injured or killed on the job.

Guaranteeing communication and coordination between DOB and OSHA will enable OSHA to direct its limited resources toward construction sites where DOB inspectors have already identified potential safety hazards. Not only is this efficient, but it will help root out problems before they become tragedies. We will only solve the construction worker safety crisis if the left hand and the right hand are working together and communicating with each other.

Codifying this policy into law is important, too. We have heard the DOB make promises in the past that it will communicate and work with OSHA. Given the severity of the challenges we are facing, promises are simply not enough. We need city laws to protect city workers.

Nothing is more important than ensuring construction workers are safe on the job, and can return home to their families every night. The OSHA Protection Act is a major step forward to keeping construction workers safe.

*Rory Lancman  
City Councilman (D-24)*

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# Native American fashion relevant as ever



Lenore  
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■  
*Rhymes  
with Crazy*

When you think about Native Americans and fashion, your first thought might be “Beads.” (Well, at least mine was). Wait, no. Feathers! No — buckskin with fringe.

What’s more Native American than buckskin pants worn by some high-cheeked hunter about to shoot a deer?

Well, how about a Louis Vuitton arrow quiver?

That is just one of the beautiful and unsettling items on display at Native Fashion Now, an exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian in Downtown Manhattan, just opposite the Bowling Green subway stop. Admission, by the way, is free — the museum is part of the Smithsonian Institute.

Step into the exhibit and you are surrounded by the kind of beauty and boundary-pushing design you’d expect at a fashion

show, not a powwow — and that’s the idea. While most non-indigenous Americans may think of native fashion as whatever the “bad guys” wore in old Westerns, Native Americans themselves have been designing chic clothing since at least the 1950s.

That was when Lloyd “Kiva” New burst onto the scene. Trained at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Cherokee designer opened a boutique in Scottsdale, Ariz., that was so popular, you could buy his dresses in New York and Beverly Hills. Neiman Marcus carried his clothes. He hobnobbed with the Kennedys. When New came out with a line of leather handbags inspired by Navajo medicine pouches, they were the Birkin bags of their day: Everyone wanted one.

His genius was to straddle both cultures. He used beads, yes, and native symbols and colors, but the dresses of his on display at the show were classic ’50s and ’60s silhouettes. Think of the first cocktail dresses Barbie wore. She’d look great in New’s.

Frankie Welch, New’s friend and sometime collaborator also of Cherokee extraction, incor-

porated native designs and even basketry patterns into her work, too. From the ’60s through the ’80s, her styles were so popular, she designed clothes for five first ladies and seven presidents. Her most celebrated creation was the Cherokee Alphabet scarf, an accessory she designed in 1966 when Virginia Rusk, the secretary of state’s wife, asked her to come up with an “all-American design.” What could be more all-American than Cherokee?

While Welch continued designing, New pivoted in the early ’60s and opened the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, which to this day serves as an incubator for Native American fashion. Karen Kramer, curator of the Native Fashion Now exhibit, goes to the annual Indian Market there, which has grown to a gathering of 1,000 artists. While the market had always held a “traditional clothing” contest, Kramer said, “I started noticing more and more contemporary native fashion making its way on to the scene.”

That was the inspiration for this show, which debuted at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass., where Kramer

works.

“There are a lot of things in this show that might not look ‘Native American,’” Kramer said. “But why is that? Everything in the show is Native American, so it should look native whether there are symbols and patterns you recognize or not.”

Most of the clothes are strikingly gorgeous.

For instance, there’s an Oscars-worthy gown of orange and black swirls accompanied by a spiky headdress made of, as it turns out, porcupine quills. The ensemble is worn with a short cape of shiny black feathers as sexy as it is stunning, fastened with a sparkly beaded choker.

Then there’s the “Old Time Floral Elk Tooth” dress by Bethany Yellowtail, of Apsaalooke (Crow) and Northern Cheyenne heritage. A sheer black sheath covers a tight ivory-colored mini-dress. The sheath is decorated with elks’ teeth, which Kramer says were the epitome of wealth and style among the Apsaalooke people. That’s because only two teeth per elk are ivory, and considered suitable for adornment. On the dress, they form an outline that is

sleek and slightly scary.

But not all the items on display are meant for the red carpet. In a section of the exhibit titled “Activators,” Kramer highlights designers who area also activists.

“Native Americans Discovered Columbus,” reads a T-shirt that manages to flip history on its head. Jared Yazzie, of Dine (a.k.a. Navajo) heritage designed that shirt to protest Columbus Day.

“I’m rockin’ the tee today because I am the 500-year resistance,” Yazzie wrote on his social media account. “I have been persecuted, stereotyped, hated and killed. I stand strong with my people. I wear the T to continue the fight and share the truth.”

As with all the clothes in Native Fashion Now, the shirt is a startling reminder of the fact that, like America itself, American style has been around for thousands of years, and it just keeps evolving.

*Lenore Skenazy is a founder of Free-Range Kids, a contributor to Reason.com, and author of “Has the World Gone Skenazy?”*

## Legalizing basement apartments a bad idea



Bob  
Harris

■  
*The Civic  
Scene*

After rumors circulated recently that Mayor Bill de Blasio was again thinking of legalizing basement apartments, legislators and civic leaders have spoken out against any such proposal.

State Sen. Tony Avella held a meeting in his office with civic leaders to oppose any such plan. Various legislators, such as Councilman Barry Grodenchik, state Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. and Chairwoman of Community Board 11 Christine Haider have been quoted in news articles as being opposed to any proposals.

Civic leaders who have spoken against the idea in-

clude Queens Civic Congress President Kevin Forrestal, Juniper Park Civic Association President Bob Holden, former President of the Woodhaven Residents’ Block Association Ed Wendell, President of the Woodhaven Residents’ Block Association Martin Colberg, and former President of the Queens Civic Congress and Bellerose Civic Association member Richard Hellenbrecht.

There are groups that favor making illegal dangerous basement apartments legal. They include include DRUM, the Chhaya Community Development Corp., the Minkwon Center for Community Action and several legislators.

The issue of legalizing basement apartments is in the news again because City Hall has created a multi-agency pilot program to analyze its feasibility in East New York, Brooklyn. Involved are the Department of Buildings, Housing Preserva-

tion and Development, Department of City Planning, and the Fire Department.

This activity has galvanized civic groups to oppose the proposals. The Queens Civic Congress has done a study on how surrounding counties deal with this problem.

Civic leaders point out that basement apartments are often fire traps that account for the deaths of several people each year, including firefighters. Homeowners create rooms in a basement where there is no external door to the outside. The only exit is through the house, past the boiler which is what can often catch on fire. Basement rooms have a door locked by a padlock or combination lock. Sometimes renters use hot plates which can over heat and cause a fire. The wiring in many of these houses is 75 or 100 years old, another hazard.

Further, as opposition groups point out, if too many people

come into a neighborhood, then the sewers sometimes can’t handle the flow of water, the streets are overcrowded with cars, the schools become overcrowded, and the bus lines can’t handle the ridership.

People often move into a community because the zoning limits the houses to one-family houses which limits the number of people. Many homeowners want nice-looking streets with trees and flowers, bushes and green lawns. You can often tell when a house has extra tenants because the lawns are worn down to the dirt, bushes are dead, cars are parked on lawns or double parked on the streets, trash cans are not put away and trash can be found all over.

Owners who put in illegal apartments often have a friend do the electrical wiring. They do not want to spend a lot of money wiring the house properly, or putting in a smoke alarm, or building a door that serves as

an exit. They would probably build the basement apartments cheaply and dangerously if this proposal becomes law.

Regrettably, the DOB has a poor record of enforcing the zoning regulations. There have been instances of bribes to ignore illegal apartments. Owners know this, so they sometimes don’t spend the money to comply with the law.

Yes, the DOB because of the loss of life from fires is now giving out flyers at subway stations and bus stops to alert people to the dangers of illegal basement apartments or illegal basement single rooms. Is this enough?

Some people say the city has 1,000 vacant lots or buildings they have been foreclosed on which can be made into legal buildings to house people. What can be built depends on the zoning of the lot. The civic leaders of Queens will look favorable at legal, logical actions which will maintain their quality of life.

# Mayor de Blasio budgets for uncertainty



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With a new administration in Washington, D.C., New York City is confronting a new era of uncertainty in budgeting. Faced with impending cuts from Housing and Urban Development, as well as potentially losing millions in counterterrorism funding stemming from the city's sanctuary status, Mayor Bill de Blasio's proposed \$84.86 billion budget had to account for this uncertainty.

The mayor asserts that property tax receipts will offset potential cuts from the federal government and slowing growth in general tax revenue. Still, the mayor's office projects modest growth

in Fiscal Year 2018, which begins on July 1, 2017.

In order to account for uncertainty, the city plans to increase its general reserve to unprecedented levels, contributing \$1 billion each year. There will also be increased contributions to the Retiree Health Benefits Trust Fund and the Capital Stabilization Reserve.

In the Mayor's Message, de Blasio cited "anti-immigrant and anti-trade" rhetoric as the contributing factor to a projected 2 percent decline in international visitors to New York City, the first decline since the financial crisis of 2009. With this drop, the city stands to lose a projected \$900 million dollars in economic activity. However, the city expects this decline to be offset by an increase in domestic travelers.

The budget is also the time in which the mayor, currently in an election year, pushes key policy agenda items. For FY18, this will

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include expanding Universal Pre-Kindergarten to children as young as three, starting at \$36 million this year, up to \$177 million in FY21. The budget also allocates for air conditioning to be installed in every classroom over the next five years.

Of particular interest to Queens residents, the city plans to expand anti-eviction legal services, including guaranteed representation for all low income families in housing court. There is an additional \$1.9 billion investment in 10,000 affordable housing units, as well.

However, there is no indication whether the Department of Homeless Service's

controversial and expensive program of housing the homeless in commercial hotel rooms will continue. Queens has been the site of tense protests against these shelters, with several slated to open over the next few months. The Department maintains that the hotel units are a "temporary" measure and that a third of residents work full-time jobs.

In addition to representation in housing court, the budget proposal makes provisions for immigrant legal defense, including a preliminary \$16 million grant for undocumented persons facing deportation, with a focus on persons in detention, unac-

companied minors and asylum seekers.

Conversely, in the state budget, Governor Cuomo has pledged to protect New York's approximately 850,000 undocumented immigrants.

One such initiative is the Liberty Defense Project, which would provide legal representation for undocumented persons. Unlike the proposed city services, the program is funded through philanthropy.

The increased funding for deportation protection is in response to a host of new restrictions on immigration at the federal level. Although it is unclear if immigrants are being deported at a higher level than during the previous administration, a ban on travelers from Muslim-majority nations, as well as ending programs such as the "green card lottery" and H1-B visas, has convinced local and state politicians to increase these protections and services.



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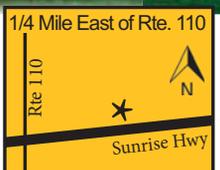


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# Women's center honors six sisters, three men

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Trailblazers were honored Saturday Douglaston Manor by the Center for the Women of New York during the non-profit's 30th anniversary celebration.

Ann Juliano Jawin founded CWNJ in October 1987 to empower women and support their career goals by providing essential resources.

The luncheon honored six "Women of Distinction" and three "Good Guys" who are committed to making significant contributions to equal rights for women.

"We aim to be a one-stop resource center for women," Jawin said. "We serve women of all ages and diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. The center seeks out to help women in a holistic way."

The center, which is based in Borough Hall, provides legal services, support groups, clinical services, job help, financial services and equal rights advocacy. In addition, it aids female veterans, women who have been forced into sex trafficking and women who have experienced domestic violence.

One of the guest speakers at the event was Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Little Neck).

These women are "doctors, they fight for reproductive rights, work on financial issues, they work in education and politics," Suozzi said.

Two women's rights pioneers were among the honorees.

Helping women in the financial sector was Carole De Saram, who worked on Wall Street and participated in the Women's March in 1970.

The next year, she joined the National Organization for Women and asked what she could do to help.

"It only took two years for these institutions to realize that women make up 52 percent of the population," De Saram said. "They were terrorized that unions will organize, so they started making changes." Fighting for women's healthcare was pioneer Merle Hoffman, who in 1971, established one of the country's first abortion centers, Choices Women's Medical Center, in New York City.

"We see up to 40 thousand people a year," Hoffman said. "But I can't say I am for choices



Harbachan Singh, Yoselin Genao-Estrella, Malini Shah, Ann Margaret Carrozza, Dr. Jasmin Moshirpur, Ann Jawin, Carole De Saram and Rev. Ned Wight at the CWNJ Luncheon celebrating the non-profit's 30th anniversary. **See more photos on Page 24.**

if I only give abortions. We also have one of the largest prenatal care programs, too.

For 14 years former state Assemblywoman Ann Margaret Carrozza designed bills to protect seniors against consumer fraud and provide quality long-time care. She also fought for consumers against insurance companies.

"What I learned from Ann is that she refuses to acknowledge the word 'no,'" Carrozza said. "I found strength from Ann."

Malini Shah, a teacher in New York by way of India, also had a powerful woman in her corner that stirred her into joining the women's movement.

"I was very inspired by a very strong woman, Indira Ghandi," said Shah, who spent time with the former Indian Prime Minister and discussed what they could do to help others.

Breaking ground for women in medicine was Dr. Jasmin Moshirpur.

She had one year to prove to

her medical professors at Mount Sinai that she was meant to be a doctor.

"After three weeks, one professor pulled me aside and said, 'You are female, you are foreign, and you are Jewish. How did you get to be this great?' I said I don't know, but now I have been there for 40 years."

The sixth woman to be recognized at the event was Yoselin Genao-Estrella, who serves as the executive director of Neighborhood Housing Services.

"I am grateful to so many wonderful women who have fought, and now we are sitting on their shoulders," Genao-Estrella said.

The "Good Guys" honored at the event were Rev. Ned Wight, who has fought for progressive social change; Queens civic leader Harbachan Singh; and Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi (D-Forest Hills).

Hevesi has proposed legislation to use \$2.5 billion in capital funding for affordable housing programs. He was also newly appointed to the Domestic Violence Task Force and is working to stop human trafficking in the city.



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# New car service open to seniors

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Seniors in North-east Queens will now have better transportation options, as Councilman Paul Vallone (D- Bayside) announced the launch of a free senior transportation pilot program in partnership with Self-Help and Four Two's private car service.

Seniors in north-east Queens don't have practical means of transportation due to limited transportation options and often-criticized options like Access-a-Ride, Vallone said. Seniors will now have an innovative alternative to go to doctor's appointments, make shopping trips and visit cultural institutions.

"Seniors in our city, many of whom live on fixed incomes, are already faced with enough hardships, such as rising property taxes, costs of living and stagnant funding for critical services," Vallone said. "The last thing they should have to worry about is how they're going to get to the doctor. As chair of the Subcommittee on Senior Centers, I have continually worked to improve the quality of life for our seniors. Today, we are fulfilling another promise with this pilot program that will go a long way towards providing our seniors with the transportation options they need and deserve. I look forward to expanding it in years to come."

In order to secure a ride, all seniors have to do is call the Clearview Senior Center at 718-224-7888 and schedule a car.

To schedule a medical appointment, seniors can call between 9 a.m. and noon to set up their rides for the

next day, providing their name, address, phone number, time of pickup and their destination. The senior will then call again for their return trip.

Seniors can also set up shopping trips. A van service will provide transportation for shopping trips either once a week or once every other week depending on the senior. Seniors will get picked up at their homes and taken to a local supermarket and then returned home.

For cultural trips, a van service will take seniors to shows at Flushing Town Hall and other local cultural attractions. Before scheduling the ride, the senior must complete an application that includes basic demographic information and an emergency contact for anyone using the service, Vallone said.

Sandy Myers, director of Government and External Relations at Selfhelp Community Services, said she was grateful for Vallone's leadership in piloting a new transportation program.

"In transportation deserts like northeast Queens, seniors are often isolated in their homes due to the lack of affordable and accessible transportation services," she said. "Investments by government, including this program, enable older New Yorkers to continue to age in the City they call home. We are proud to partner with the New York City Council, and look forward to the continuation and growth of this critical service."

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# Dinosaur takeover at NY Hall of Science

BY NAEISHA ROSE

A life-sized T-Rex puppet invaded the New York Hall of Science last week for the science and technology center's "Recipe for a Dinosaur" presentation.

Hundreds of kids gathered to take part in the interactive arts and science collaboration April 27 between paleontologist Jason Schein, dinosaur theme park Director Guy Gsell, and Monkey Boys co-founders and production designers Marc Petrosino and Mike Latini. Joining them, was actor and puppeteer Chris Palmieri, from Jackson Heights, who was inside the T-Rex suit.

During the event, kids sat with paper and markers drawing while listening to Schein and Gsell explain how scientists determined what dinosaurs looked like. Afterwards they sat in awe viewing casts of actual T-Rex fossils, while holding on to 6-inch stuffed T-Rex toys.

"The thing about dinosaurs is that even though they lived so long ago, there is a lot we can learn from them," said

Gsell who manages Field Station: Dinosaurs in Leonia N.J.

Gsell brought the lessons that he teaches at the dinosaur theme park to the Hall of Science. Kids learned about the scientific method, how dinosaurs and birds are related, and how to approach problems scientifically.

Francis Velazquez, the mother of Light, 8, and Dairon, 6, was excited about what her kids were taking in from the experience.

"I feel this is good for the children and their education to learn what was before us, such as dinosaurs and things of that sort."

Schein believes that one of the best ways to fight the problems of today, like climate change, is by exposing young children to science and hopefully, one day, at least someone in the crowd will become a budding scientist.

"We are talking to them about mechanics, engineering and art," said Schein, executive director at the Bighorn Basin Paleontological Institute in Pennsylvania. "They have to have a well-rounded approach



Hundreds of kids came to a dinosaur exhibit at in Corona at the New York Hall of Science. They played with an animatronic dinosaur puppet that was 16 feet tall.

Photo by Naeisha Rose

with science, art and mechanics because that is completely integral with being a good scientist. You have got to approach all different areas."

Once the lecture was over Palmieri burst out of a separate room and roamed the Hall of Science. Tweens and kids chased after him in the dino-

saur suit trying to hug and pet the T-Rex, as toddlers latched on to their moms and dads in terror. A few of the little ones cried, and some of the parents were spooked by the lifelike sharpened-tooth dinosaur, but most of the children left the event with huge smiles across their faces.

"I love it," Palmieri said. "It is like they are in a scary movie. They are screaming, but they are having fun. It's a roller-coaster-type scream. They have a bonding experience with the T-Rex."

The builders of the dinosaur were Marc Petrosino and Mike Latini, production designers famous for also creating the "Saturday Night Live" Sean Spicer Podium. The dinosaur enthusiasts were excited about the kids' reaction to the puppet.

"It is great to see the cross between fear and confusion, and enjoyment in the 2-year-olds to the adults," Latini said. "This is a great combination between art and science."

Gsell's dinosaur park, just over the George Washington Bridge, has a dinosaur trail with 32 life-sized dinosaur puppets and animatronic robots that move around and interact with guests. It is open from Memorial Day to Halloween.

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# Anti-Semitic slogan removed in Whitestone



Neighbors called police when they saw an anti-Semitic sign on the door of this home near 24th Avenue in Whitestone.

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BY GINA MARTINEZ

The Whitestone community was up in arms after an objectionable anti-Semitic sign was posted on the door of a home on 163rd Street near 24th Avenue last Friday.

According to neighbors, police were called immediately and the sign was taken down 30 minutes after it was first reported. Neighbors said the home belongs to a 93-year-old woman who lives with her 70-year-old son.

Al Centola, president of "We Love Whitestone," said he was shocked something like that happened here.

"In this day and age, there is no

room for such hatred in this world," he said. "The atrocities suffered by Jews during World War II should never be forgotten. Our community responded immediately when this was brought to light. Several residents reported it and it was subsequently removed within minutes of being noticed."

Whitestone resident, Audrey Gatto, posted a picture of the door on Facebook and friends responded with outrage.

"Disgusting! Who are these people? That's why the world is in such a state. Too much hate. God help us!!" one friend said.



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## Christ the King High School Honors Class of 2021 Scholarship Winners

Christ the King hosted a dinner in honor of all incoming Class of 2021 freshman scholarship winners last Friday evening. Parents and students of the incoming class enjoyed a lovely dinner and were awarded certificates for their scholarships by the CK Board of Trustees. After dinner, students and parents attended the opening night performance of Christ the King Musical Theatre's production of Hairspray.

"It was a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements and academic success of these young adults. We look forward to having them at Christ the King for the next four years. I am confident they will be doing great things," said Assistant Principal and Director of Admissions, Mr. Steven Giusto.

CK's Musical Theatre Production of Hairspray will have three more shows this upcoming weekend, Friday, May 5th at 8PM; Saturday, May 6th at 8PM; and Sunday, May 7th at 2PM.

The Class of 2021 Scholarship winners are (in alphabetical order): Shirley Alvaracin, Edgar Andrade, Marcuz Casulla, Destiny DeLeon, Christina Flores, Gabriella Fusco, Nicholas Guarisco, Gregory Jans, Taylor Kessler, Emma Low, Maya Marchan, Sebastian Marte, Alyssa McCarthy, Ewan McGrath, Krishna Rakotonirina, Eliana Remi, Jair Rico, Gandhi Ruiz, Ariana Trujillo, Justin Vazquez, Justine Vegas Rodriguez, Christian Wong, and Tobiash Zalewski.



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## Sharpton

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served the extended family in difficult times before.

"I joined over 20 years ago," Bailey-Briggs said. "When my mom died, and my cousin died in a motorcycle accident, I used this church."

Planning this funeral has been the toughest thing she has ever done in her life, she said. For the past 12 days she has barely been sleeping or eating.

"I don't believe that it is true," Bailey-Briggs said. "Everyday I drive past just to see if it's true. I don't let my sister (Gwen) know. I drive pass the house. What a nightmare. Just pray for us to get through this."

As she reads through the obituaries for her four relatives, she recalls her fondest memories of them.

"Chayce, his smile. That baby was too cute. Destiny, from the time that she was a baby, that girl walked with joy. If you think that God takes the best, he really did. That kid right there - all four of them where joyful. They were rays of sunshine. I'm not kidding."

Despite the tragedy that has befallen her family, Bailey-Briggs is working diligently to put on a funeral that befits the family.

"This is going to be a beautiful funeral. It is going to be excellent. Just pray for us. It's a lot."

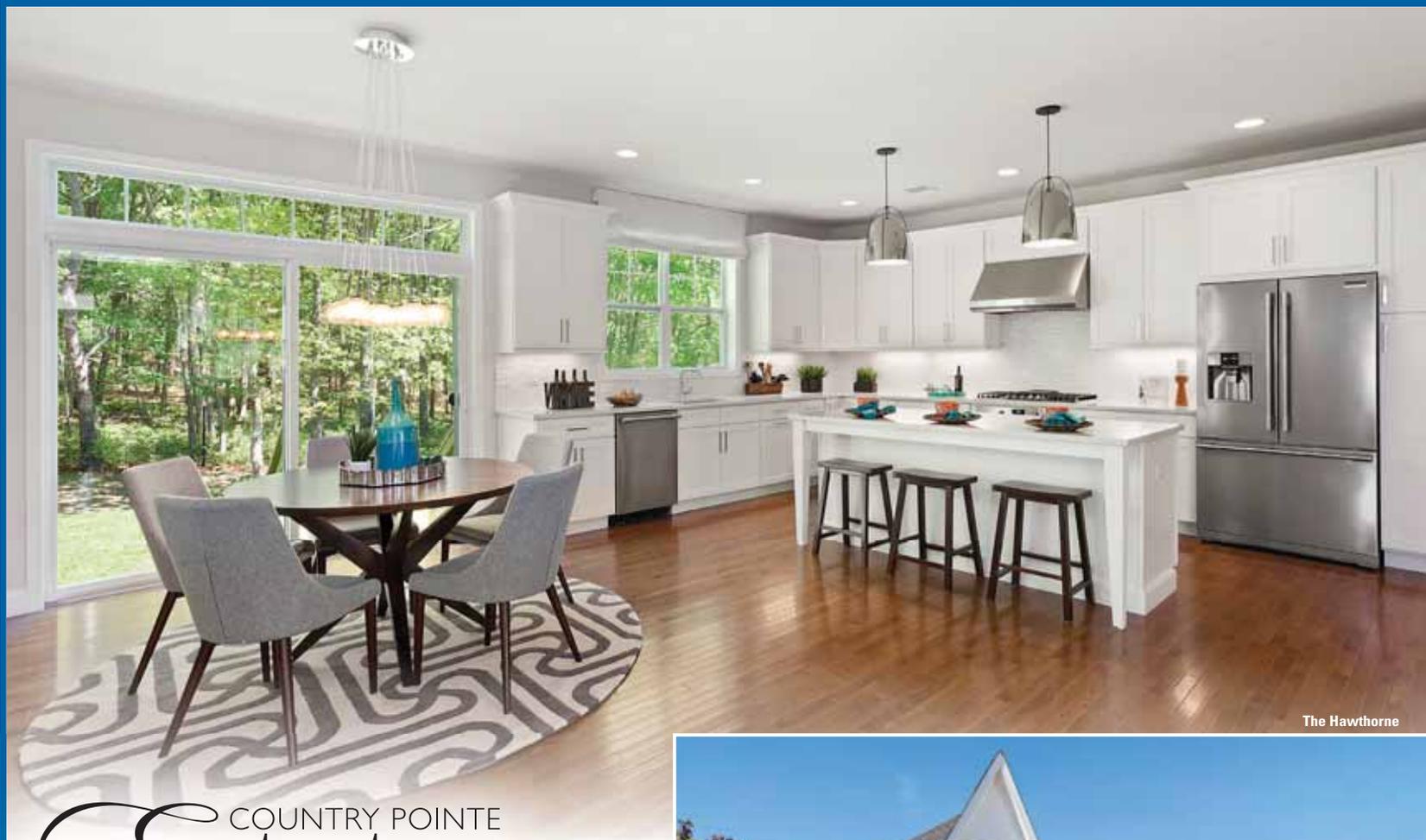
The wake will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by the funeral from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A repast will be held at 4 p.m.

The four young people will be buried at Pinelawn Cemetery in Farmingdale in L.I.

The fifth victim, Melody Edwards, 17, was laid to rest Wednesday at Mount Moriah AME Church in Cambria Heights.

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# Road Warriors

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And they're off! Kids from 8-to-18 were eligible to compete in the Flushing Meadows Soap Box Derby, the biggest in the borough, in East Elmhurst. Local civic organizations sponsor cars that are in the derby.



Meadow "Monster" Wells, 11, who has been racing since she was 6, gets last-minute instructions from her dad.



23rd Avenue near LaGuardia Airport runs straight down hill for several blocks and was the site of the derby.

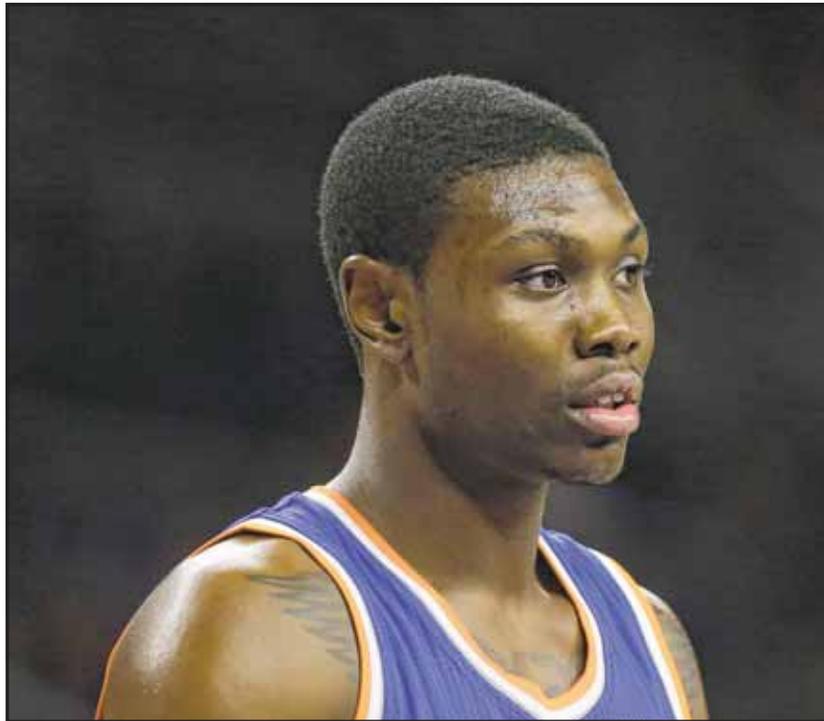


Parents who organize the soap box derby set out old tires along the avenue to cushion any driver who might steer off track.



The green flag is waved to indicate to volunteers surrounding the tracks that the racers are ready to go.

# 3 nabbed in shooting of NY Knick in 2015



Three more suspects have been charged in the 2015 violent robbery of former Knicks player Cleanthony Early, according to court documents.

Photo by Carlos Osorio / AP

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Three more suspects have been charged in the 2015 violent robbery of former Knicks player Cleanthony Early outside a club in Maspeth, according to court documents filed Brooklyn federal court.

John Antney, 26, DaShawn Tejada, 26, and Shaqueel Walker, 25, were charged with conspiracy to commit robbery, robbery and using firearms during crimes of violence, the acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District said in court papers. If convicted, they face a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison.

Police already had arrested 23-year-old Delvon Dowling in connection with the Early case. In April, Dowling pleaded guilty to a charge of accessory after the fact, but the facts about his involvement were blacked out in the court document.

According to a detention memo filed by Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget Rohde, in the early morning hours of Dec. 30, 2015, the three defendants allegedly traveled in three separate cars to CityScapes strip club in Maspeth. Once in the strip club, the defendants were told a professional basketball player was inside and waited in their parked vehicles until Early left the club with his girlfriend and got into an Uber, the prosecutor said. The three defendants

followed the Uber and boxed in the car, forcing it to stop in the middle of the road, the memo said.

The three defendants then allegedly ordered Early, his girlfriend and the Uber driver out of the car at gunpoint and demanded that Early and the driver hand over all their possessions, the court document said. Early complied and handed over his jewelry and cell phones to the defendants. After giving up his jewelry, Tejada allegedly shot Early in the leg, the memo said. After the shooting, all three defendants fled the scene.

In requesting that the defendants be permanently detained in the case, Rohde said the trio had a history of violent robberies. The same night of Early's robbery, the three defendants allegedly robbed a Queens barbershop at gunpoint, according to the document Earlier that month, the three are suspected of engaging in an armed robbery of a man sitting in his parked car outside a Manhattan nightclub, the memo said.

Antney, Tejada and Walker were arrested April 27. According to the court papers, Antney was convicted of attempted burglary in the second degree in 2012 and was out on parole at the time of the Early incident. Tejada has two cases pending in Kings County Supreme Court, both of which involved the discharge of a firearm.

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# Women's Center marks 30th year

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Ann Jawin (c) was honored during the 30th anniversary of her non-profit organization, the Center for the Women of New York, by her granddaughter, grandniece and fellow CWNY members.



Congressman Tom Suozzi congratulated CWNY Founder Ann Jawin on her organization's 30th anniversary.



Dr. Jasmin Moshirpur was the lone woman during her residency at Mount Sinai and had to fight to stay there. She has been a doctor at the hospital for 40 years now.



Bill Gotti (c), a longtime musician at Center for the Women of New York functions, was honored for his years of service.



Malini Shah was a teacher in India, and now serves on the board of several arts and cultural centers in New York.



Former Assemblywoman Ann Margaret Carrozza is the author of the new book, *Love & Money: Protecting Yourself from Angry Exes, Wacky Relatives, Con Artists, and Inner Demons*



Merle Hoffman (c), a reproductive rights advocate, opened one of the first abortion clinics in the country. Choices Women's Medical Center serves up to 40,000 people and also provides prenatal care.

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# National Nurses Week 2017



## How to show a nurse you care

**N**urses are often the first people patients see when visiting hospitals. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Services Administration, there were 2.8 million registered nurses, including advanced practice registered nurses, and 690,000 licensed practical nurses, in the United States between the years of 2008 and 2010.

Nurses fill many roles in the medical community, assisting doctors and helping to make in-patient stays more comfortable for men and women who are ill or injured. Specialized nurses, such as nurse practitioners, may even serve as the primary healthcare provider, offering diagnoses and writing prescriptions.

While there is a specific week set aside to show appreciation to nurses, many people agree that they deserve recognition throughout the year. Any instance is a good time to give back to nurses, and the following are a few ways to honor the nurses in your life:

**Play caretaker to him or her.** Nurses tend to the needs of others all the time, but some nurses do not get the respite they deserve. Those who want to show appreciation to a nurse who has helped them in their lives can present the nurse with a gift card for a massage and soothing spa treatment.

**Cater a meal.** Offer to cater a meal at the hospital or medical office so that all nurses on staff can bene-

fit. If there is one nurse in particular you want to treat, give that nurse a gift card to a nearby restaurant.

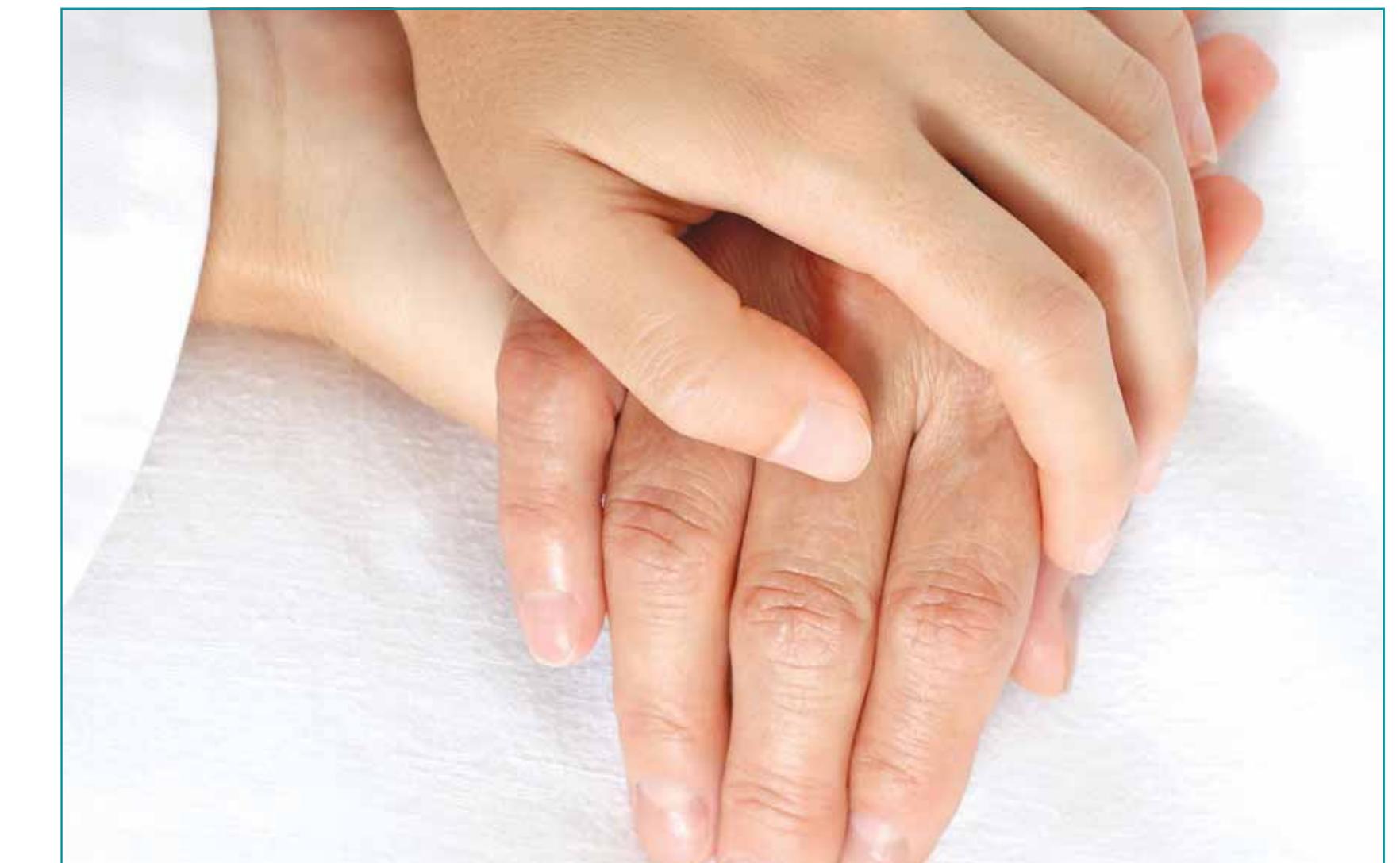
**Provide foot relief.** Nurses spend hours on their feet, and that can cause pain or stiffness throughout the body. Present a gift card to a store that specializes in comfort shoes or custom orthotics. A certificate for a pedicure or foot massage would no doubt be appreciated as well.

**Create a charmed existence.** Charm bracelets are the rage right now, and nurses may appreciate a bracelet that highlights their career path with specific charms. For something they can wear on the job, treat nurses to a Steth-o-Charm, which is a charm that slides securely onto

stethoscopes. These charms come in many designs and can make for a memorable gift.

**Give a decorative badge reel.** Nurses must wear identification or have swipe cards on them to gain access to areas of hospitals. Many badges are standard items without any flare or style. A colorful or decorative badge reel can be a nice way to brighten up a nurse's day.

**Give verbal or handwritten thanks.** One of the easiest and most heartfelt ways to show your appreciation to nurses is to simply tell them how you feel. Offer a handwritten note or speak with a nurse in person. Such a simple gesture does not take much effort, but it is bound to make an impact.



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# School nurses often unsung heroes



School nurses do much more than apply bandages to playground scrapes. School nurses conduct vital health screenings and are often the security blanket for students who need special care during school hours. Despite all they do, school nurses are often the unsung heroes within the school community.

School nurses certainly tackle their share of fevers, nosebleeds, cuts, and scrapes, but they play other pivotal roles as well, calling up moms and dads to pick up their sick sons and daughters, overseeing the school's health policies, and helping to ensure a safe school environment for students. In addition, the role of the school nurse has changed dramatically over the years. A school nurse may oversee vaccination schedules. He or she also may arrange for assemblies regarding

"change of life" seminars for children about to enter puberty. When there is an epidemic at the school, the nurse is often charged with notifying staff and parents and helping to contain the situation.

Apart from all of the tasks in treating "sick" children, nurses also are essential in helping to keep children with life-threatening diseases healthy while they are at school. The number of children with serious allergies, diabetes, asthma, and even seizure disorders has increased. According to the American Diabetes Association, roughly one in every 400 children and adolescents has diabetes. School nurses may help administer life-saving insulin shots to children who need them. According to Anaphylaxis Canada, one in 50 Canadian children has a peanut allergy, and about one to two percent

of these can have severe or life-threatening reactions. School nurses may treat serious allergic reactions or provide a safe place where children with serious allergies can eat lunch.

In some cases, school nurses become a mediator between home and school. Nurses may indirectly be teaching students as well. Each time the nurse treats a condition, he or she may be educating students on how to avoid that situation in the future. For example, a nurse may impart the importance of eating breakfast to avoid a morning headache or teach youngsters about the benefits of stretching before diving into physical education class.

School nurses are often the unsung heroes of a school, wiping away tears when youngsters suffer an injury at school and acting as a reassuring voice when such injuries are painful.

## Sidestepping foot, hip, and back pain critical for nurses

Nurses work hard. And virtually all of that hard work, from administering medication to hanging IVs to moving patients and equipment, is done standing up on hard surfaces. So it's no surprise that many nurses experience foot and back pain after a long day — or night — on the job.

Millions of people in physically demanding occupations experience chronic back, hip, and foot pain. Repeated strain on the feet, hips, and back not only causes pain but also gradually reduces the ability of muscles to recuperate quickly. As a result, healthcare professionals such as doctors, chiropractors, and massage therapists spend countless hours treating patients whose pain and discomfort stem from job-related injuries.

For nurses, these ailments and injuries are difficult to avoid. In fact, research shows that nurses suffer from lower

back pain more than people in any other profession. The constant physical demands of the profession also prevent nurses from getting enough rest between shifts, which can exacerbate both the problem and the pain.

While treatments for foot, hip, and back pain can be effective, nurses can also take steps to prevent strain in the first place. The following are a few proven strategies for staying healthy and injury-free on the job:

**Wear the right shoes.** Nurses need shoes that fit well and provide proper support. Since it is important to give shoes a day to air out before being worn again, it's best to have more than one pair of work shoes. Full-time nurses should replace their shoes every six months.

**Tend to your feet.** Foot problems, such as corns, bunions, and ingrown toenails, are painful and can sap one's

energy, so treat them early and often.

**Stand up straight.** Good posture is one of the keys to preventing both foot and back pain. When the body is in the correct position, the vertebrae that form the spine are aligned and muscles and ligaments can hold them in place without strain. If necessary, various types of posture supports can help ensure that the body is properly aligned and supported properly.

**Bend right.** Always be aware of how you move your body. When lifting equipment or moving patients, give your back a break. Instead, bend at your knees and let your legs do the work.

**Think teamwork.** If your facility has a lift team, don't hesitate to use it. If not, work in pairs when lifting, shifting, or transferring patients.

**Turn, don't twist.** Lifting and twisting can strain the lower back. When picking up



The physically demanding nature of a nurse's job leaves many nurses susceptible to foot, hip, and back pain.

heavy equipment or even a patient, plant your feet firmly on the floor for support. As you turn, be sure to move both your feet and your body.

**Make a move.** Holding equipment or patients in one

place for a prolonged period can put enormous strain on the neck, shoulders, and back. Whenever possible, ask for help or relief. At the very least, stretch out once you're done.

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# Kosciuszko

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would still be sitting on the shelf without federal investment," Schumer said. "The Kosciuszko bridge is a prime example of what can be accomplished with direct and substantial federal investment in infrastructure, and the Senate Democrats' infrastructure plan that we sent to the president over three months ago would energize thousands more projects like this to be built across the United States of America, creating 15 million new jobs."

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) touted her part in securing \$670 million in federal funds for the new bridge, which constituted approximately 85 percent of the total price-tag.

"After years of planning and construction, I am thrilled that this new, state-of-the-art span will finally be open for public use," Maloney said. "With this new bridge, we continue New York's tradition of bold infrastructure projects that move our economy forward. The 78-year old bridge was a crumbling, dangerous eyesore, widely regarded as the



Cuomo cruised into the celebration behind the wheel of a '32 Packard previously owned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Photo by Mark Hallum

worst bridge in the state. Now construction on the first phase is complete, and when it is all said and done, the new Kosciuszko Bridge will have a transformative impact for drivers and residents alike."

Cuomo incited anger among the FDNY community for opting out of attending the funeral for Firefighter William Tolley, scheduled around the same time last Thursday. The 14-year FDNY veteran perished fighting a fire in Glendale on April 20,

and while Mayor Bill de Blasio attended the services in Bethpage, L.I., Cuomo continued on with the ribbon-cutting of the bridge.

The bridge was named for Polish American Revolutionary War hero Tadeusz Kosciuszko and in honor of the Polish community in nearby Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

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# Clyde Smith

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go down South."

To the family, preserving the stories of their father's life is important but no easy task.

"Most veterans of war don't talk about their story. It's very hard to pull them out. We've been working at this for years now, so when [the Honor Flight] came

about... he's humbled," Janice Smith said. "He's always done what he has to do and I guess that's the bottom line that got him through the war and raising 10 kids and where he is now sitting comfortable in that chair at 92."

Mamie Smith jokes she does not know how many grandchildren they have when asked, but in reality there are 22 total.

"He's been there for all his grandchildren, especially the ones here in Bayside,"

Smith's granddaughter Sequoia, 21, said. "He's non-stop still."

The Honor Flight Long Island is a non-profit which takes aging veterans free-of-charge to various war memorials as well as Arlington Cemetery. A dinner will be held following the tours.

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# Ponte

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whole."

When the mayor first used the in-the-dark defense to shield Ponte during a radio broadcast last week, Department of Investigation Commissioner Mark Peters, the former treasurer of de Blasio's mayoral campaign, blasted his boss.

"City Hall is misinformed. Our investigation conclusively demonstrated that Commissioner Ponte and others did not

receive official 'advice' that they could use their cars for personal trips out of the state," Peters said in a statement issued last Friday. "Indeed, one of the senior staff was previously fined by the COIB (Conflict of Interest Board) for related conduct. There can be no defense of this behavior and City Hall harms government integrity by even trying. Regardless of City Hall's response, our independent investigation will continue."

And yet the mayor repeated the defense of Ponte Monday. Host Errol Louis asked if he

was out of the city for 90 days last year, did Ponte have his head in the job?

"Judge by his results. Look what he achieved. This is the guy that got rid of punitive segregation for young people on Rikers Island who fundamentally changed the nature of how we handled violent inmates to make the situation safer, who instituted much greater training for our correction officers," de Blasio said. "I mean, you go down the list of reforms he's put in place in just three years in a place

# Peralta

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everyone from dangerous lead paint chips falling onto the streets. This is why it is vital we evaluate lead paint levels and work to remove the problem from the subway's infrastructure," Peralta said.

The MTA says New York City Transit has an environmental consultant who has already assessed various sections along the 7 line and had previously tested air quality near the line. Those samples showed that levels were well within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and the consultant is having other samples from along the Flushing Line analyzed again.

"We don't comment on pending legislation. However, the safety of all our customers and the surrounding community is the top priority," MTA spokeswoman Beth DeFalco said. "The MTA has an aggressive repainting program across the entire system, which includes proactively scraping and repainting our structures. Nearly all of the Flushing line has been repainted in recent years and the remaining 3.1-mile stretch will be done as part of the current Capital Program."

Dromm, who identified the issue more than seven years ago, was not impressed.

"If there is one thing we've learned, it's that we can't trust the MTA. This is analysis paralysis," Dromm said. "If the state Legislature can't force the MTA to correct the situation and keep New Yorkers safe, no study can. It's time we start the process of returning NYC Transit to city control."

The MTA came under

fire from city Comptroller Scott Stringer, who released an audit Monday that reveals serious gaps in maintenance of elevators and escalators. The study found the MTA did not perform all scheduled preventive maintenance on nearly 80 percent of sampled escalators and elevators, and that one-third of the MTA's scheduled preventive maintenance assignments in the sample were completed late - if at all.

"New Yorkers constantly see and experience broken elevators and escalators - and this audit shows us why it's happening," Stringer said. "Preventive maintenance is late, or not happening at all, and when defects are identified, work orders aren't always created. It's not rocket science - it's common sense. If we aren't proactively servicing these machines, and if we aren't repairing them when we find problems, they're going to break down."

The MTA dismissed the audit results, calling them misleading, and that elevators and escalators cannot operate during even routine maintenance.

"The most in-depth inspections were all completed on time during the audit period," DeFalco said. "We have a detailed system for the maintenance of these machines and closely track work that is done to keep our elevators and escalators safe and available for customers. We are continually looking at new ways to improve the performance of equipment and maintenance practices."

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Joseph Ponte

that had not been changed in many, many years before that. It's a tough job, and he's done it well.

"Some people take weekends, I don't begrudge them. Michael Bloomberg used to go to Bermuda on the weekends. A lot of attention wasn't put on that. Look, I think he's done his job. He's done it well. And I want to see him continue doing it."

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# Appointment companions for seniors a smart move

Visits to a physician are just one step people make in an effort to improve their well-being. It's important that everyone visit their physicians at least once a year for a checkup, but seniors may need to see their physicians more frequently than other age groups.

When visiting the doctor, it is easy for anyone to miss important components of what the doctor is saying, and it's just as easy to misunderstand certain instructions or medication information. Seniors who bring companions along to appointments with their physicians can reduce the risk of misunderstanding advice or diagnoses given by their doctors.

Data from U.S. News and World Report states that about one-third of seniors still living on their own take a companion with them to their routine doctor's office visits. Companions

are typically spouses, but they can include children or other family members as well.

Patients may find there are many advantages to bringing someone along to an appointment. And companions may want to learn more about patients' goals at each appointment prior to going along so they can prepare and know how to help during the appointment.

## Listen

People tend to forget at least half of what they hear in the doctor's office, says the Archives of Internal Medicine. This tendency may be increased when patients are nervous about the potential outcome of their visits.

Bringing a companion along means that both people are actively listening. Together, the information they've heard can combine to provide a full account of

the visit.

## Taking notes

Companions can jot down important notes about the appointment, such as dates and times for follow-up visits, medication advice, and any other instructions that may be forgotten once the patient leaves the office.

Companions can later translate the jargon-heavy language of a physician into an understandable language the patient can fully understand.

## Medical history

Sometimes a companion can be a useful resource, calling a doctor's attention to a patient's prior hospitalizations and illnesses. Companions can even call attention to any medications the patient is currently taking.

## Serving as an advocate

Very often a companion



Seniors who bring companions along to appointments with their physicians can reduce the risk of misunderstanding advice or diagnoses given by their doctors. iStock

can operate as a patient advocate, clarifying questions or getting further information out of a doctor if the patient is hesitant to ask. If the information isn't clear, the companion can raise red flags or ask to have the in-

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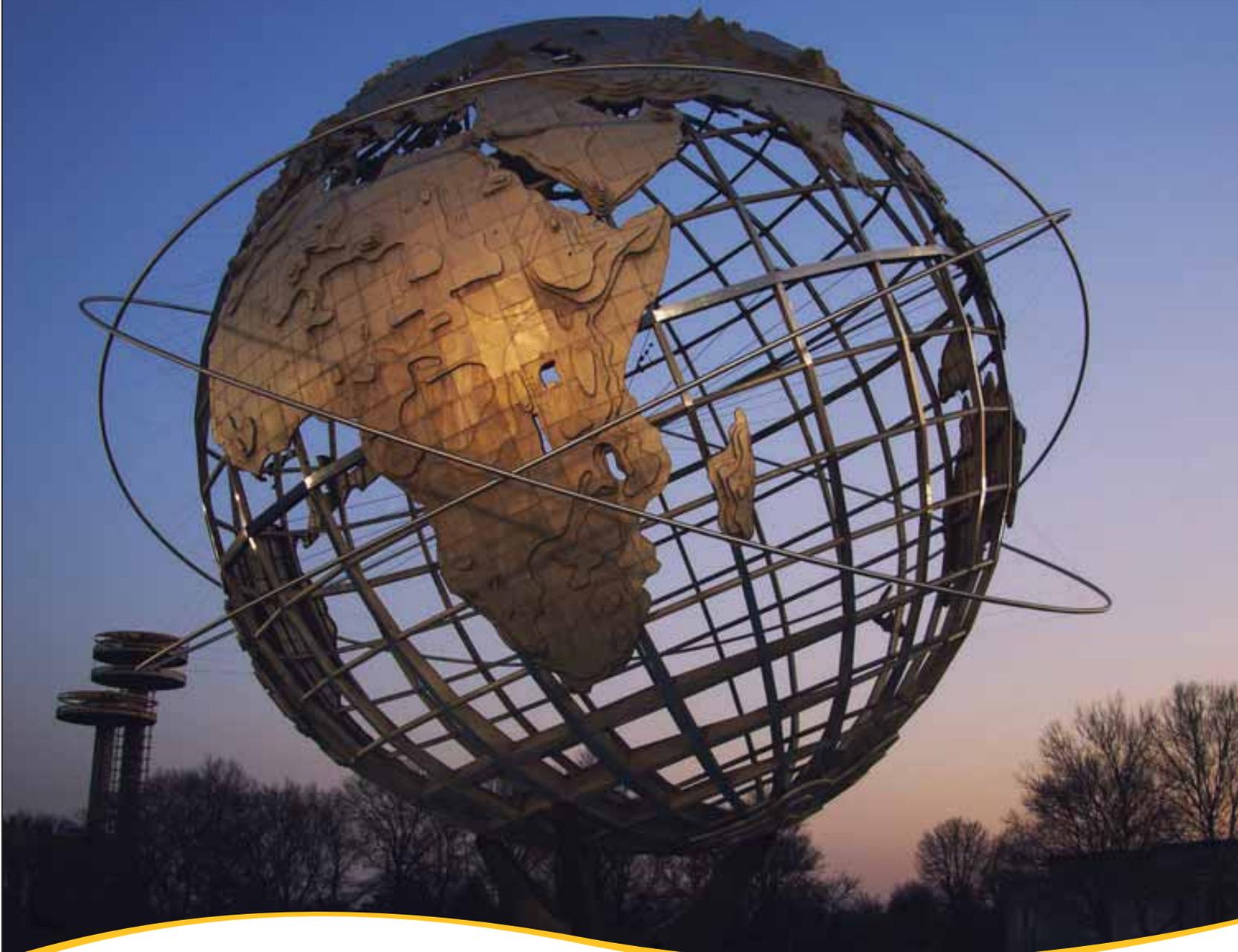
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# A Message from the Editors

The TimesLedger Newspapers, a subsidiary of the Community News Group, is again recognizing the people in Queens who make a difference behind the scenes.

These are the borough's unsung heroes who volunteer and work outside the public eye, rescuing vulnerable residents and inspiring youngsters to reach for the gold ring against sometimes formidable odds.

All of our honorees share a remarkable motivation to help others. One is a nun who helps the children of imprisoned women, another is an assistant principal who takes refugees and lost families into her own home. Then there is the Iraqi war vet who uses his recovery from a brain injury to train students at the music school he founded.

Still others include a man who brings songs to sick children, two mothers who are fighting to make Queens streets safer, a Northwell

nurse practitioner who has opened up healthcare to thousands of uninsured women, and a youth minister who reaches out to marginalized communities.

We have chosen 26 people to receive our fourth round of Queens Impact Awards. There were many hard choices. We had nominations from across the borough and we were struck again by the selflessness shown by so many members of the Queens community who extend themselves, year after year.

The nominees were drawn from a humbling list of doers: an Elmhurst Hospital doctor on the forefront of the war against AIDS, the head of the Corona Ambulance Corps, the founder of the Center for the Women of New York, and the detective who made possible an arrest in the murder of a Howard Beach jogger.

Members of this group have changed many lives in different

spheres by founding community organizations such as the Flushing Chamber of Commerce, recording the history of Newtown Creek and bringing New York Presbyterian Queens' mission to the entire community.

The community spirit has also been passed on to the younger generation as we honor an Eagle Scout from Middle Village for his waste recycling efforts. We also recognize IS 77 students for raising \$3,851.48 in a penny drive for leukemia research.

We were reminded, once again, why we decided to hold this event: to acknowledge the people who have made Queens a kinder and better place to live. And there are many others who donate their time and talent, waiting in the wings to be identified.

We have profiled all of this year's Impact winners. Be proud as you read their stories.



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# Vallone rouses community



COUNCILMAN PAUL VALLONE

Councilman Paul Vallone has deep political roots in Queens and has brought his family's commitment to community service to Council District 19 in northeast Queens.

As the managing partner at the Vallone & Vallone law firm in Astoria, Vallone had been on many boards and organizations. He was president of the Clinton Democratic Club, founding member of the Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club and a member of Community Board 7.

After his election to the City Council in 2013, Vallone focused on the issues that had inspired him in his role as a civic and community leader.

His first priority was to restore funding and boost resources in his district, which had been neglected in the citywide

budget negotiations for nearly a decade. In his first three years in office, Vallone brought home more than \$40 million, which was used to create an ambassador program for high school students, increase the number of police officers in the district and introduce community policing to the 109th Precinct. Area libraries and parks were also beneficiaries.

He also co-founded the Children's Holiday Parade in Bayside and the Fourth of July fireworks at Fort Totten. These have become much anticipated traditions for the residents of his district, which covers Bayside, Whitestone, Flushing, College Point, Douglaston, Little Neck and Auburndale.

Vallone has a deep understanding of what com-

munity means as the third generation of the Vallone family to go into public service. His grandfather, Charles J. Vallone, was a

Queens civil court judge. There has been an unbroken line of Vallones on the City Council since 1974. His father, Peter Vallone

Sr., was the speaker of the City Council and his brother Peter Vallone Jr. was a City Council member before becoming a judge.

As a councilman, Paul Vallone was able to revive the City Council CUNY Merit Based Scholarship, which was formerly known as the Peter F. Vallone Scholarship after his father.

He is strongly dedicated to education as the representative for the two highest performing school districts in the city: Districts 25 and 26. Last month he announced a new middle school would open in College Point in 2018 after the community had pushed for years for more seats to avoid sending students outside their neighborhood. Vallone also has allocated \$7 million to schools in

northeast Queens.

And the councilman has been able to fire up his community to get involved in government at the very grassroots level. The number of people taking part in so-called participatory budgeting rose again this year with 6,214 votes cast to fund projects in the community. Four projects were chosen to be underwritten by \$1 million in Vallone's capital funds.

His district had the biggest showing in the city in 2016 with about 4,500 votes cast, including ballots from high school students in the district.

"At a time when voter turnout is at a record low, we have created a way to engage our youth and youngest voters as to the power and importance of voting," Vallone said.



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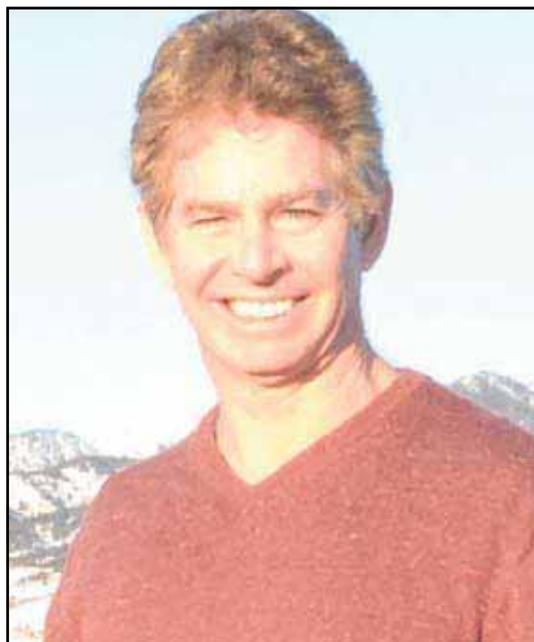
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# Robert Basch

## His Conservancy brings life to LIC parks



ROBERT BASCH

Basch, whose father died from Parkinson's, has organized two fundraisers for the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation.

He also organized and coordinated two fundraisers for Teen Cancer America in collaboration with his neighborhood's LIC Bar. In 2013 and 2015, over \$18,000 was raised from both events for this charity, which encourages and supports cooperative work between physicians and other health-care professionals in pediatric and adult oncology to bridge the gap between both groups.

The Conservancy has grown from a small gardening group with a budget of under \$10,000 to an influential community group that provides a wealth of programming, park maintenance and advocacy for the waterfront parks with a budget of \$100,000.

— Tammy Scileppi

Persistence with a smile. That's the key to getting things done in life, according to community-minded Long Island City resident Rob Basch.

You've most likely heard of Publishers ClearingHouse and have seen its famous TV commercials. Their popular sweepstakes are probably the most dreamed-about in America, and who doesn't envy those shocked but overjoyed winners who accept giant checks for several thousand dollars?

A dedicated employee, Basch has been working for PCH for 22 years. As associate director — he is responsible for purchasing all products for this \$1 billion direct mail company,

while overseeing staff and reviewing purchasing of some 3,000 active products with over 250 vendors.

And when he's not helping make dreams come true through PCH Sweepstakes, Basch carves out time to serve his LIC community through his work with the Hunters Point Parks Conservancy, a nonprofit volunteer-run organization.

A Kew Gardens native, Basch lived in Manhattan for 20 years before moving back to his favorite borough in 2009 where he threw himself into volunteer work and began leading charitable and volunteer initiatives.

"As soon as I moved back to Queens, I felt a

sense of community that didn't exist in Manhattan. I met many people very quickly that cared about their community and were dedicated to making it a better place," Basch recalled. "Queens feels like a small town, but with all the wonderful culture, parks, and social opportunities, the experience is much more."

He said the Conservancy has provided a wide range of free events in both Hunters Point South Park and Gantry Plaza State Park that have entertained thousands and provided a welcoming environment for all in the parks.

"They have worked tirelessly, doing cleanups, plantings, weedings and overall maintenance

to keep the parks looking as pristine as possible, and have received grants from the city and state to replace or fix broken items," said Basch, who is president.

While Basch takes pride in HPPC's mission to revive LIC, his

ongoing efforts to raise funds for this nonprofit shouldn't go unnoticed. And two other organizations have also benefited from his fund-raising expertise and desire to give back: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, and Teen Cancer America.

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# John Beltzer

## His Songs of Love Foundation brings smiles to sick kids

A Big Hug. That's how longtime Forest Hills resident John Beltzer signs his emails.

Those three words seem to speak volumes about the man and his life's mission: the Songs of Love Foundation.

Since he came up with his out-of-the-box idea back in 1996, the Queens nonprofit has been bringing smiles to the faces of thousands of ailing kids.

"The songs have proven to be powerful therapeutic tools to help children cope with serious illness and lifetime physical or emotional disabilities," said Beltzer, who has devoted all his time and energy to this dynamic and life-changing cause.

Lyrics containing the youngster's name and

references to his or her favorite people, activities, pets, and things are included in each professionally produced CD by talented professionals, who donate their time, write and perform the songs in the musical style that the child enjoys. Then the CD is wrapped up and personally delivered to the children.

Last year, the nonprofit celebrated its 20th anniversary and so far, a whopping 27,000 uplifting songs of love – and counting – have been created for as many children across the nation and the world.

The magic happens through the powerful, healing power of music and remarkable acts of kindness.

Beltzer recalled how his vision for the foundation first came about. He said a great moment happened when he was walking down 108th Street in Forest Hills and had "the epiphany to start an organization that would help sick kids by giving them their very own personalized songs." He called it the Songs of Love Foundation, named after a song that his twin brother Julio wrote just two months before he died on April 2, 1984.

Through his tireless efforts, fueled by compassion and the desire to make a difference, the Songs of Love founder and president has helped the entire Queens community and beyond in immeasurable ways. Like a doctor "dispens-

ing the medicine of music," Beltzer believes that kids dealing with difficult, challenging and sometimes scary situations tend to feel comforted, much less nervous and really special when they listen to a fun song that was created just for them.

Everyone agrees that the kids' reactions when they receive their musical gifts is priceless. And their families are thrilled as well.

Celebrity singers like Billy Joel (one of Beltzer's favorite), David Lee Roth, and Michael Bolton have teamed up with Songs of Love and donated their talents. "For the most part, songwriters can create the entire song by themselves, but sometimes they work



JOHN BELTZER

with singers," he said. The moment is all we have."

Beltzer said he enjoys watching documentaries, having dinner with friends and hanging out with his dog Banjo. And he always tried to "stay in the moment because

— Tammy Scileppi

# Tina Booker

## Corrections officer runs church in garage

Tina Booker was born and raised in Brooklyn, graduating from Paul Robeson High School, and has worked as a hospital administrator, correction officer, chaplain, the director of a non-profit she founded and the head minister of a church she operates out of the garage of her Laurelton home. She's used to wearing many hats and says her acts of service and support for her community is her calling.

"This is just what makes my heart smile. I don't do it for accolades or awards. I do it because that's what I was born to do," she said.

Booker has worked with the Correction Department for 18 years, joining the agency as

a way to do something new. She has been part of the security and administrative staff and in recent months she became a staff chaplain for the DOC, acting as a counselor and source for spiritual guidance for officers.

Booker also started the nonprofit Radikals 4 Kidz in 2013 as a way to support young people and families in Brooklyn and Queens communities. The organization received its 501(c)(3) status in March of 2016.

She started the organization with her husband after seeing many gifted young people incarcerated. Booker said it was difficult to help individuals once they have been imprisoned and she decided to create

an organization that was proactive as opposed to reactive.

"We can prevent teenage incarceration. We can stop the cycle before it starts," she said, describing the commitment she and her husband had to the cause. "We didn't go behind the gate, but we have so many friends who are there and have been there. So we both said we have to do something."

Booker also is the minister for the "Full of Faith Christian Center," operating out of the garage of Booker's Laurelton home, where she preaches each Sunday to a small but committed congregation. Booker was ordained as a reverend in 2012. For the Good Friday service, she



TINA BOOKER

planned an Easter egg hunt in the backyard of her home.

"I just started seeking a closer relationship with God and knew I was called to something greater because I love people," she said about her spiritual work. "The Bible helped me. Everybody has their different religious beliefs, but it

helped me grow, and even encouraged me when coming to work."

Booker is hoping to establish a more permanent center in Brooklyn or Queens that can house Radikals 4 Kidz. Meanwhile, she is continuing her work to strengthen the spiritual health of the Correction staff, visiting ill officers and help-

ing grieving families with funeral accommodations. She plans to continue the many different facets of her work, all grounded in a commitment to helping others.

"Until He's ready to take me from this earth, this is what I'm going to do," she said.

— Patrick Donachie

# Ramon Cameron

Founder of Project Hope helps Queens Village youth



RAMON CAMERON

has been his biggest professional achievement, Cameron, 42, cited several personal milestones that changed his life in positive ways: "Achieving my GED after dropping out of school at age 13 and being arrested several times, as well as getting my MPA (Master of Public Administration) degree, and writing my thesis on urban development."

Another big one is "being the first person in my family to own a home and graduate college," he said.

According to the energetic go-getter, the key to getting things done and having a meaningful life is that as an adult, he can answer "yes" to these questions: "Am I happy?" "Do I feel motivated?" "Have I been able to make real choices about the course of my life?"

For his daily mantra, Cameron said he remembers what former President Barack Obama once said: "Change will not come if we wait for some

other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

And when he's not doing work that enhances his neighbors' quality of life, Cameron said he enjoys family time with his wife Natalie and their three children.

As a devoted son, Cameron is quite proud of his parents. His mother, a retired US Army captain, once worked for the city Department of Health and his father, a Vietnam veteran, is a retired NYC Transit employee. Of his five siblings, Cameron said he's especially proud of his brother Shaun Francois, who is president of Local 372 and vice president of DC 37.

Francois, who nominated Ramon for the Queens Impact Awards, described him "as a pillar in the Southeast Queens community and beyond."

— Tammy Scileppi

he has helped more than 2,000 youngsters and raised over \$1 million for his nonprofit.

These days, Project Hope's future looks even brighter. Cameron is making plans to establish two school-based sites: One at IS 109 in

Queens Village, while another is set to launch in September at Campus Magnet Complex in southeast Queens. An additional mobile-based site at PS/MS 43 Beacon in Far Rockaway, is in the works.

While his nonprofit

and youth leadership development skills since its inception in 1996.

It's a safe, creative place that provides an after-school program, homework help, academic enrichment, leadership workshops, sports activities, and arts and crafts. Plus, there are workshops in job readiness for ages 13 to 18.

Through his work with local youth, Cameron's efforts have continued to benefit and strengthen his community, and he is extremely proud of the fact that over the last 10 years,

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." — Helen Keller

Those are the words Ramon Cameron lives by, and the reason he founded a much-needed nonprofit service organization that helps youngsters in his Queens Village community.

Project Hope-The New Direction, points kids and teens in the right direction, and has been proudly serving local families by offering academic, recreational

# Dr. Ming-der Chang

Scientist leaves lab to extend health care to all of Queens



DR. MING-DER CHANG

Dr. Ming-der Chang has dedicated her life to serving the Asian community.

Chang immigrated to the United States from Taiwan 40 years ago to get an education. She earned her Ph.D in chemistry at Columbia University and worked as a bench scientist in the research field and labs.

Fifteen years ago she got the chance to meet someone in charge of the Chinese Unit at the American Cancer Society and was persuaded to work for the community, switching from a bench scientist to advocate. She began developing fund-raising in the Asian community, where she first started getting connected to the community and their

issues. Chang served as vice president for the American Cancer Society's Eastern Divisions Asian Initiative for 13 years. At ACA she oversaw the implementation of all cancer control and patient services programs in the Queens Community.

Then in 2014 Chang joined the leadership team of New York Presbyterian Queens as the administrative director of the hospital's Community Health Initiative. She created a highly regarded, culturally sensitive outreach program focusing on the underserved Asian community with the goal of achieving health equity.

She and her team coordinate health education lectures given

by medical experts and supervise patient navigation services for community residents to enable them to access inpatient and outpatient services. Chang's role has now expanded to all communities served by the Flushing hospital to ensure services are readily available to all Queens residents.

She is very proud of her work and understands that especially in the medical field it is essential to understand people's culture in order to help them. Chang said educating patients is the best tool since most immigrant families don't know the procedures and end up missing out on a lot of free and affordable options. She said once

the families know the resources available to them, they are able to make better choices.

"We bring our specialists into the community," she said. "We do a lot of workshops, partner with senior centers, libraries and churches to give lectures. We also do health fairs to distribute information. The most important part is getting them into the system. The biggest issue is that they don't know or understand the system."

Chang said most of her job is helping foreign-born patients navigate the hospital system. She said it is especially important in a diverse community like Queens to provide these services because of the different cultures.

"We're very proud of diversity, but I think we're still trying to catch up to provide service to diverse groups," she said. "I think we really have to learn cultural sensitivity, have

to be more understanding and patient with patients who don't speak the language." Chang added, "We need to educate people in this country even before they get sick."

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# John Choe

## Flushing Chamber organizer promotes diverse businesses



JOHN CHOE

In his short time as executive director of the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, John Choe has helped boost businesses in Flushing.

Launched in 2014, the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce aims to foster economic growth in the neighborhood, representing and supporting hundreds of small businesses in Flushing. As executive director, 46-year-old Choe has helped organize “Flushing Night Out,” the first community night market in downtown Flushing, the “Flushing Lending Circle Program” in collaboration with Chhaya CDC, and the first green market at Maple Playground, in collaboration with GrowNYC.

But it was a long journey for Choe before he ended up in Flushing. Choe was born in South Korea and grew up in Australia and Bolivia with his family. He earned his bachelor’s in History from Binghamton University, and his master’s in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.

When he moved to New York City, he bounced around different neighborhoods, including Washington Heights, Far Rockaway and Jackson Heights, before eventually settling down in Flushing.

Choe said one of the things that inspired him to work in the city was a comment made by former Councilwoman Julia Harrison in 1996.

Choe said Harrison told a New York Times reporter that the incoming Asian population in her district were coming to rob, conquer and invade the neighborhood.

“A lot of people were upset because normally elected officials try to represent everyone’s views, but in that instance I felt she was scapegoating all the problems in her district on immigrants.”

Choe became chief of staff for Councilman John Liu in 2001, the first Asian-American elected official in New York.

After Liu became comptroller, Choe helped set up his office and came back to Flushing. He was part of a team that organized the business com-

munity for four years under “One Flushing.”

One Flushing focused on economical development issues. They held job fairs, organized workshops for people interested in starting businesses and organized commercial projects like the first community mural in Flushing at the LIRR main street station. One Flushing eventually led to the Chamber of Commerce. Since becoming executive director at the chamber, Choe said he believes Flushing is the future of New York in great part to the diverse business owners that make up the community.

“I believe Flushing is one of the greatest neighborhoods in the

United States,” he said. “Flushing is the hotspot where the next face of New York is being reimagined. People from Asia and Latin America are going to be the new face of New York. There is so much going on here, new things that you can’t find anywhere else.”

— Gina Martinez

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# Ellen Fee

## Assistant principal opens her home to all

If you happened to hear about a couple who never lock their doors and welcome the neighborhood to come in and out of their house without notice, you might think they were a bit crazy.

But folks who know longtime Maspeth residents Ellen Fee and her husband will assure you that they are perfectly sane and the kindest, most compassionate and giving people on God's green Earth.

A Minnesota native, Fee met her husband while attending college in Chicago. They have lived in Queens ever since for the past 29 years.

The popular Mrs. Fee works as assistant principal at the elite Townsend

Harris High School in Flushing, where a new principal, Brian Condon, was recently named.

"Mrs. Fee was nominated mainly for her love for her community and for her kids at school," said Elmhurst resident Lester Lin, who has known Fee and her family for years. "Her house is always open for strangers ... never locked. She takes in families that are too young to support themselves, and has been a beloved assistant principal in her school."

According to Lin, Fee and her husband "are known to be parents to the orphans. They adopt children, and they welcome the neighborhood to come. I've been there plenty of times where people would just walk

in for dinner, and then leave right after. Some are even strangers. They even housed some refugees, and adopted a kid that I know of, when his mom passed away from cancer."

Lin, who founded City Mission in 2014, also knows his friend through her volunteer service at the Elmhurst shelter, where she has allowed his group to connect with her students at Townsend Harris.

"And the kids all love her! When I go to Townsend Harris, there isn't one kid there that doesn't know who she is," he added.

When she isn't fulfilling her duties at the high school, Fee finds time to help those in need within her community and



ELLEN FEE

have "two biological kids in college, one adopted kid in high school, and many other foster kids and others that have lived with our family over the years."

Fee said she is proud of her role as adviser to several religious-based clubs at her school (Christian, Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu), "and fostering an environment that celebrates and values religious diversity."

In her spare time, she recently gave swimming lessons at Fajr Memorial Swim Foundation for young Muslim girls in Flushing.

Even after living and working in the borough for so many years, Fee said "there's more acceptance of 'different' in Queens than any other place I know. You don't have to conform to any one culture or subculture to fit in - there's always a place or group that you'll be welcomed into and you'll be accepted."

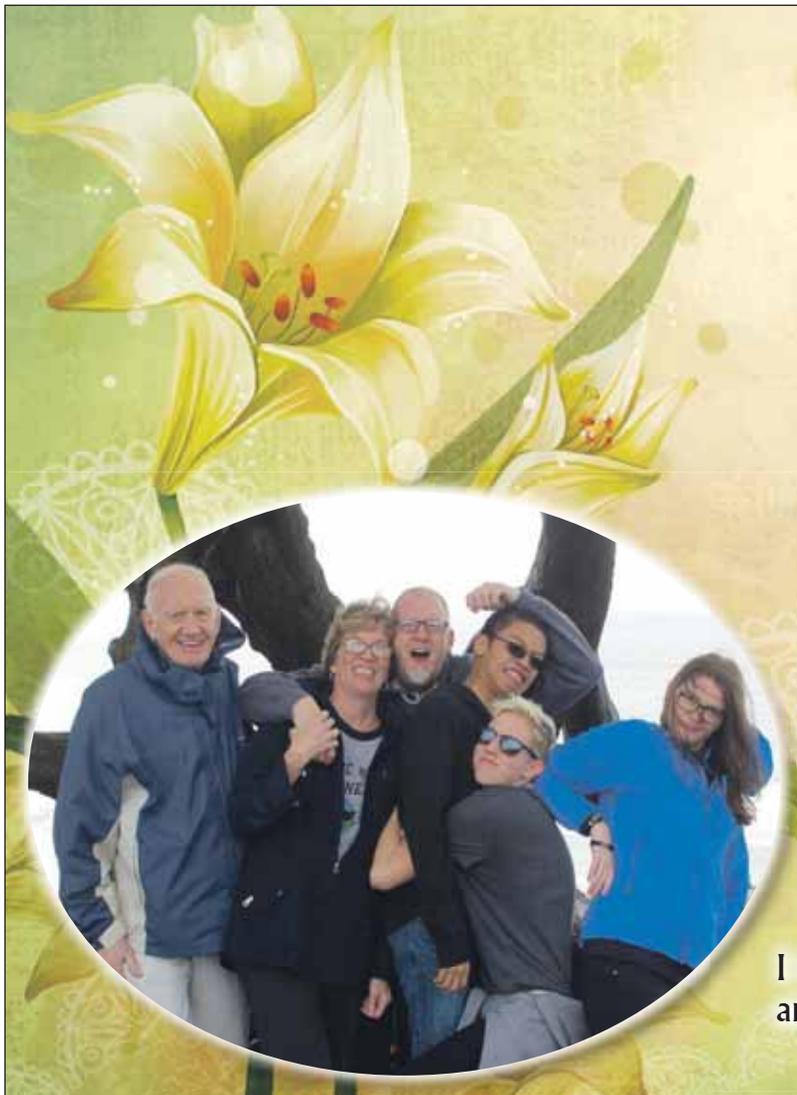
— Tammy Scileppi

beyond. And that's a tall order.

Fee said her biggest achievement has been "raising a blended fam-

ily of biological and adopted children, while welcoming many into our home."

She and her husband



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Albert Schweitzer

# Sister Teresa Fitzgerald

## Nun helps children of imprisoned women



SISTER TERESA FITZGERALD

There would be beautiful blooms all over. My father was a community builder.”

That sense of togetherness put Sister Tesa on the path to help a community underserved and often forgotten. According to the Federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, just over 100,000 women serve time in state or federal prison. Many have children under the age of 18.

“Many of these women do not have family resources,” she said. “Women that have nowhere to go will turn to an overcrowded and underfunded shelter system.”

Hour Children is an alternative and for many women a second chance.

“I am inspired when I hear success stories from women that come here, said Sister Tesa. “We look at these women as people with great power and potential, women who are not defined by the mistakes they made.”

— Kourtney Webb

Sister Teresa “Tesa” Fitzgerald, a Sisters of St. Joseph nun and founder of the non-profit Hour Children, is a longtime believer in the words of the Prophet Micah: “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Her love of helping others has put her in the unlikely company of ex-convicts, with whom she lives and works at the organization located at 36-12th St. in Long Island City.

“There are many women in prison for drugs and being involved

with violent crimes,” said Sister Tesa. “They are often traumatized by the events and want better for themselves and their children.”

She began working with Sister Elaine Roulet, who ran a nursery program at the Bedford Hills, N.Y. prison, more than 25 years ago. Children over the age of 1 who “aged out” of the program needed a safe space to live while their mothers were inside. “We started at St. Rita’s convent in Long Island City,” Sister Tesa said, “turning the church into a home for children who were waiting for their mothers’ release.

Hour Children is named for the critical hours that define the relationship between an incarcerated mother and her child: the hour of imprisonment, visitation hours, and the hour of the woman’s release and reunification with her child. The organization has members at all these crucial moments.

When a mother is taken to prison, Hour Children steps in and gives the child a bed and meal. The nonprofit even takes the children by bus to the prisons to visit their mothers. If mothers cannot support themselves after doing their time,

they live at the facility with other mothers trying to rebuild their lives, Sister Tesa and her two cats.

She was nurtured in the belief of helping others less fortunate than herself despite growing up “rather poor,” she

said. “My father was a gardener. Whenever he saw a neighbor’s grass or hedges getting too high, he would go over and clip them. He often got flowers from rich people in Lawrence on estates and would share them with the neighbors.

# Two Jackson Height mothers make Queens safer

In the fall of 2013, the carnage on the streets of Jackson Heights, Woodside and Corona from speeding cars and drunk drivers was unbearable with broken bodies transported to the trauma unit at Elmhurst Hospital Center several times a day.

It was about to get much worse. In less than a year, three children were killed within a two-mile range.

“As people living in a community, we never know when the everyday flow of neighborhood life is going to hit us hard.

Hard like a turning truck. Hard like a speeding car. Hard like a reckless driver ending the life of a 3-year-old,” psychologist Dr. Laura Newman said. “For me, on Oct. 14, 2013, my sadness, fear, and anger collided within to call out to my wonderful Jackson Heights community to march against the senseless and unnecessary loss of children’s lives in our neighborhood caused by reckless drivers.”

Newman went on social media calling on other mothers to help do something about it. Nearly

a dozen responded, including Cristina Furlong, a cycling tour guide, and they held The Three Children Too Many March on Nov. 12, which drew hundreds, including some family members of the young victims.

“So the momentum was building to create an advocacy group for victims, vulnerable adults and children and to amplify the voices of those who had safe streets concerns in Queens,” Furlong said. Shortly after the march, Newman and Furlong expanded the scope of their

group, changing its name to Make Queens Safer.

“We began to organize on behalf of all road users, especially vulnerable neighbors like children, elders and people with disabilities.” Newman said. “Elected officials like my own city councilman, Danny Dromm, and ‘next door’ Council members Julissa Ferreras-Copeland and Jimmy Van Bramer, had been impacted by deaths in their own communities and were already mobilized and enacting legislation.”

As their organization grew, so did their influence. In June 2014, Mayor Bill de Blasio came to PS 152 in Woodside to sign a raft of pedestrian safety bills starting his Vision Zero initiative. Newman and Furlong were there with dozens of family members of traffic collision victims, including the parents of 8 year-old Noshat Nahian, a student at the school who was struck and killed by a tractor trailer while crossing Northern Boulevard.



CHRISTINA FURLONG



LAURA NEWMAN

“We try to bring awareness to victims of the immense pain, suffering and financial difficulties those who are injured face,” Furlong said. “We’ve been able to step in with elected officials, the DA, DOT and get information or be watchdogs on these issues.”

And now the two mothers from Jackson Heights are looking to expand their network of bike and pedestrian advocacy

groups around the entire borough.

“I am extraordinarily grateful to have been able to work closely with Crist Furlong and other inspiring neighbors,” Newman said, “to fight for the preservation of lives of street users and against unnecessary deaths due to reckless, selfish, or distracted driving in Queens and across our city.”

— Bill Parry

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# Tabitha Gamonski

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"As the program director of Access for Young Women, my work has reached hundreds of young women in supporting and strengthening their leadership skills and their self-confidence. As the program director of counseling services, I believe that my clients already have the answers, the knowledge, and the capacity to heal within themselves," Gamonski said. "My role is to help them access these resources and heal. And when they contribute to their own growth, this in turn, helps their families, their communities



TABITHA GAMONSKI

my partner and I are raising our children, to have good values, sound education, strong ethics and kind hearts," she said.

Looking back, Gamonski recalled a memorable moment: her graduation from Hunter College. "I was the first woman in my family to graduate from college. It set the tone for my siblings, three of which followed suit and became college graduates in education and nursing."

In her work life, she is proudest when her clients thrive.

"Over the course of my professional career, many of my clients return with their own success stories that in a small way I was part of – like holding them accountable, teaching them a skill, being a role model, or just being a presence in their lives when they needed an adult to rely on," she said.

— Tammy Scileppi

and their world."

AFYW addresses the issues facing low-income girls of different cultures living in the local community. Many are first-generation Americans and/or the first in their families to attend college.

Growing up, Gamonski faced similar challenges.

"In my personal life, I am most proud of how far I have come from a poor working class family, second oldest of six siblings. In many ways, it is reflected in how

# Margaret Hegarty

Nurse enables 1,300 women to receive cancer care at LIJ



MARGARET HEGARTY

than 20,000 members of the Queens community with education and outreach.

"We make sure everyone is taken care of," Hegarty said.

One can feel how humble Hegarty is about her work. Although she is responsible for helping thousands of women who may feel like they have nowhere to turn, when asked about her work, she constantly says "we," referring to all the medical staff that put their best efforts into helping their patients.

"The work we do here is so important," said Hegarty. "We want women to be able to come in when the problem is small, so we can take care of them. The staff here are really great at what they do."

Hegarty said she had no doubt that her calling was in medicine.

"Ever since I was young I wanted to be a nurse. So when I was 18 I went to Hunter College for nursing," she said. After

she graduated she took a special interest in women's health and worked in women's clinics. In 2000, she started at Stoney Brook University, furthering her studies in the medical field to become a nurse practitioner.

"It was a small class," she recalled. "There were 10 of us in the women's health practitioner class. I like being able to help women."

Hegarty said not many women know that there are programs out there that are designed to help them.

"There are a lot of programs available for women. Women are underserved because they don't know about them. There is no reason that all women can't be seen by a doctor. That's why we are here to serve the community."

Hegarty is a truly unique individual and clinician. She sets the bar high and encourages others to follow suit.

— Kourtney Webb

Tabitha Gamonski has been inspiring change and giving a voice to hundreds of local girls and young women, who have benefited from her expertise, patience, and giving spirit.

For over 20 years, the Ridgewood resident has provided a safe space for young people to learn and develop the skills necessary to become productive adults. As the director of counseling at Queens Community House during the past five years, she has focused her energy on developing leadership

skills in young females ages 11 to 18, through the nonprofit's Access for Young Women Program at the main site in Forest Hills. She also provides counseling services to its afterschool program and Evening Teen Center.

"I found I wanted to be able to give back to the community that I lived in and that my family is a part of," said Gamonski.

Through Queens Community House's dynamic, multi-faceted AFYW Program, young women get the support they need to overcome obstacles, while develop-

Typical doesn't truly describe Margaret Hegarty's work week.

"Its highly unpredictable here," chuckled Hegarty. "Everyday is a very busy day, especially Mondays. We see all the high-risk patients. Some of them could be high-risk pregnancies, or women who are pregnant that have diabetes or heart conditions. I work with the maternal fetal medicine doctors and we make sure everyone is cared for properly. I also help troubleshoot problems in our cancer service program."

Hegarty is the supervising nurse practitioner at Northwell Health Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park. She was instrumental in initiating and sustaining the New York State Cancer Service Program. The program provides breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings and diagnostic service at no cost to women who are uninsured or undocumented. It also covers family planning and newborn health care.

Many poor women and their newborns would be quite ill if not for He-

garty's work at LIJ.

She has personally assisted over 1,300 uninsured or undocumented

women through the Cancer Service Program at LIJ since 2012. The program has reached more

# IS 77

## Students collect \$3,851.48 in pennies to fight leukemia

A Ridgewood middle school raised over \$3,000 for leukemia research this year with the help of teachers.

Students at IS 77, located at 976 Seneca Ave., participated in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program, which funds research to help cure leukemia and lymphoma and provides free information, education and support for patients, survivors and families.

IS 77 has participated in the Pennies for Patients program for 15 years, according to reading teacher Rose Kohlhagen. Kohlhagen has been at IS 77 for 15 years and has a very personal reason for par-

ticipating.

"One of the reasons I do it is because my daughter and father both died of leukemia," she said. "It's very personal to me. It's something that we've done ever since I've been in the school. We try to show the students that there are people in the world that aren't as fortunate as them and need help."

The annual fundraiser began Jan. 6 and ended Jan. 31. In that time, students raised \$3,851.48, a record for the school. Kohlhagen said they did so well this year because of motivated students.

"We just have great kids," she said. "We do

the same thing every year. We try to motivate students.

It wouldn't happen without teacher cooperation, and, for some reason, this year we got a tremendous response. We raised \$400 more than last year — the most ever so far."

Kohlhagen said it was a team effort, she said they had such great success this year not just because of the students, but because of staff. She specifically thanked co-coordinators Ladan Simani, Scott Horodyski and especially Joseph Miller, principal at the school, who helped count the money and organize a program with about 1,200 students, something she said was no easy task.

According to Kohlhagen, the school holds an assembly where they show students videos and talk to them about the cause. They also pit the students against each other in friendly competition for a pizza

party as a prize. Teachers talk it up and get the students excited. Students are given a money box where they are encouraged to collect change from around the house, or gather donations from family and friends. When their boxes are filled up with change, they return the boxes to the school for teachers to count.

Kohlhagen is incredibly proud of her students' efforts and can not wait for next year.

"It brings tears to my eyes when I see them," she said. "I put a picture of my daughter on my door and the students will come by and look at it. It brings it home to them that they're lucky to be in good health. Their response has been so terrific. Keep in mind this is a low-income neighborhood, so considering that they've been amazing and gone above and beyond."

— Gina Martinez



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AUBREY JACOBS

# Aubrey Jacobs

Self Help director sets up coffee program so that Holocaust survivors can socialize

Aubrey Jacobs has helped Queens' Holocaust survivors deal with their trauma and find a sense of community.

Jacobs, who got her master's degree from Columbia School of Social Work, has worked as the director of Self Help Community Services Queens Holocaust Survivor Program in Flushing. Jacobs, who previously worked with survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, used her prior experience to help survivors with their trauma.

"I've been at Self Help for 6 1/2 years," she said. "From a trauma perspective, I brought that knowledge to the field. Holocaust survivors are a totally different trauma, but the skills translated. It's been an inspiring six years working at Self Help — the survivors are so resilient and show so much strength — to realize their ability to start new lives."

In her short time at Self Help she has had many accomplishments. One of the projects she is most proud of is the bi-monthly Coffee House

Program that serves 125 survivors. The program is an opportunity for survivors to gather and socialize to share their similar experiences and backgrounds. There is a limited number of Holocaust survivors left and this program gives the remaining survivors the chance to have a sense of community.

"The Coffee House Program is wonderful," she said. "Survivors get out and socialize with people in the community or from the neighborhood synagogues. They feel a common bond. It's a safe space for them, they make new friends, have a nice hot meal, dance to music, talk about their lives before the war. It's important for them to have people who understand them on a different level. Sometimes when they go to other events, they feel they don't fit it. In their own space they don't feel different."

Other than the Coffee House Program, Jacobs works with a social work team that gives clients case management, supportive counseling,

German government-funded home care and housekeeping as well as assistance with benefits and entitlements. Jacobs has also implemented the use of new technology to better serve clients. Instead of keeping all records on paper as many case workers have over the last 20 years, she has integrated technology for more effective documentation.

"We have a new electronic database, ETO," she said. "It's great because case notes and applications are all now in the database. It was a long time in the making to have it happen, but worth it. Now workers in the field who maybe forgot documents in the office can pull up any information on their smart phone, instead of having to go back to the office. We have access to their records at all times and it makes sure all of the workers are accountable. Should a worker be out for any reason, other people have the information in the office."

— Gina Martinez

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# Ann Jawin

Feminist started center 30 years ago to give women the skills to succeed

Ann Jawin has worked to empower women to help themselves for 30 years and the fight, it would seem, is far from over.

Her years of dedication to women's issues as the founder of the Center for the Women of New York becomes more relevant as the political climate only seems to spiral backwards in time, Jawin said.

"The changing administration means that we are threatened with the loss of some of the important legislation and rights we fought so hard for," Jawin explained. "One of the things we did at the Center for the Women of New York after the election, we or-

ganized a whole protest march, which turned out to be huge. But we started out with a couple of little coalition women's groups and said we better have another march, because we have to protest what is going on in this administration. We believe very implicitly that we have to keep up the momentum."

Jawin said her opposition to the Trump administration is not only a battle to uphold women's rights but human rights.

The non-profit organization, founded by Ann Juliano Jawin in 1987, is dedicated to strengthening the women of Queens through workshops and events that give them

the skills they need to improve their lives, both professionally and economically.

Jawin, who has a background as a career advancement specialist, saw the need for an organization to address the specific problems of women in Queens and founded CWNY as a result. From the start, it was clear to Jawin that career and money management training is critical in helping women living in an abusive relationship.

A community activist and former candidate for political office, Jawin balances her emphasis on organizing peacefully against the Trump administra-

tion while maintaining the everyday functions of the Center for the Women of New York. She is currently working to complete the renovations on the center's new facility at Fort Totten in Bayside while operating out of an office in Borough Hall.

Non-profits across the board are suffering financially, however, and a number of them are no longer operational. Jawin's organization has persevered despite funding challenges the past couple of years.

Jawin recently took part in the Women's March in New York City in January the day following the inauguration of President Donald Trump and expressed pride in the fact that hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers took part in the demonstration.

Her organization was able to bring about 50 people to the march.

— Mark Hallum



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# Franck D. Joseph II

## Youth minister reaches out to marginalized groups

Franck D. Joseph II has dedicated himself to a life of public service and youth ministry in a variety of roles, but he says he is always working to bring communities together in working towards a common goal.

“The thing that’s really important is getting community groups that have long been marginalized to the table, and get groups that don’t always work together to do so,” Joseph said, “to show that there are way more similarities than differences.”

Joseph learned the importance of commu-

nication as a student at Stony Brook University, and by seeing the challenges his mother faced while raising Joseph in Rosedale, where he still resides. Joseph is now the managing director at the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and also works as a Youth Minister at Bethany French Baptist Church in Jamaica.

Prior to his work at the HRC, Joseph worked as an assistant to the chief of staff for Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-Jamaica). He later worked as the chief of staff for Councilman Donovan Richards (D-

Arverne). Joseph said he saw his primary role in public service to act as a conduit for groups and organizations that he said were sometimes “siloeed,” encouraging collaboration in fighting discrimination.

“We don’t combat discrimination solely by calling it out, but by going into the places of tension, going into communities where folks say we usually don’t go into, bringing people together,” he said. “We need to have those uncomfortable conversations in order for us to move forward.”

Joseph said he worked as a youth minister to help teenagers grow in the faith, and also become connected to all parts of society. He said he tried to function in a role that could offer counsel he believes he could have benefitted from when he was younger. He also said he was inspired to commit himself to public service due to the challenges his mother faced. Joseph’s

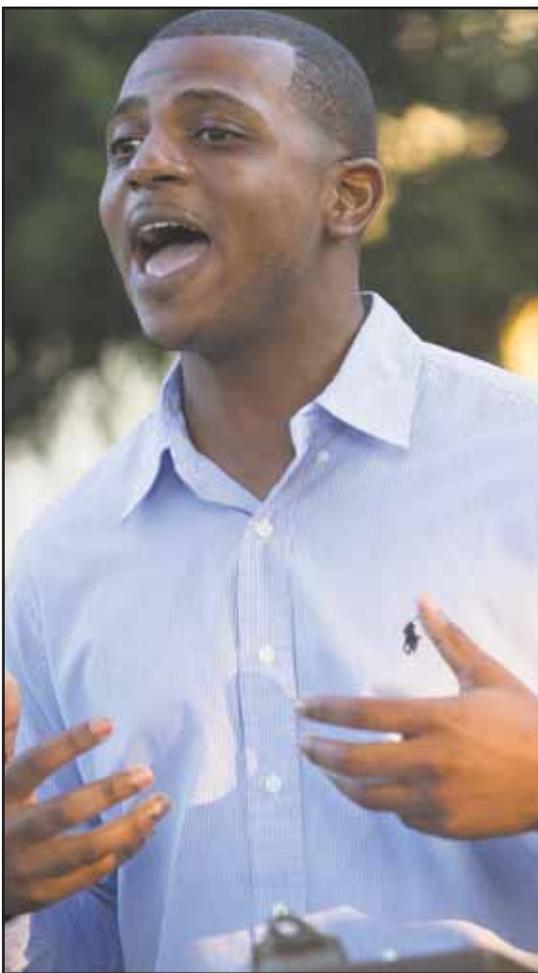
father was murdered when Joseph was very young, and Joseph saw the struggles his mother, a Haitian immigrant, went through raising him.

“I saw what it was like for her as an immigrant woman. I saw discrimination, subtly and sometimes not-so-subtly, affect her,” he said. “I want people who are in similar circumstances to know there are folks who are standing up for them.”

Joseph praised Meeks and Richards for taking a chance on him, leading him to new opportunities, and he also expressed his thanks to his mother and the ministry at his church. He said he was also inspired to do his work for his younger sister, who was currently attending college out-of-state.

“A lot of things I do, I do for her,” Joseph said. “You will have a chance to make a difference.”

— Patrick Donachie



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# Frank Kotnik

President of 104th Precinct Civilian Patrol dedicated to keeping his neighborhood safe

Glendale blacksmith Frank Kotnik takes his neighborhood seriously. Since getting involved in the 104th Precinct Civilian Observation Patrol, a volunteer community watch organization, and becoming a Democratic district leader in his Assembly District, Kotnik has put the safety and betterment of his community at the center of his free time.

"I bend steel with my bare hands, I'm like Superman," Kotnik said with a chuckle.

The Glendale native is the son of a New York City ironworker and grandson of a well-known blacksmith from the town of Gottschee, Austria. He has continued the family tradition in a decades-long career with the city Department of Transportation for which he has fabricated thousands of pieces of basic infrastructure used by New Yorkers on a daily basis. Kotnik has built Mu-niMeter bases for the city and

the iron fencing now dividing portions of Queens Boulevard which prevent pedestrians from crossing the road in unsafe conditions as part of the Vision Zero initiative.

Kotnik got involved in Glendale's 104th Precinct Civilian Observation Patrol, then known as G-COP, in 1988 when what he calls "quality-of-life crimes" were prevalent. He worked his way up through the ranks before becoming the president of the organization in 1995.

During 9/11, the patrol took over the responsibility for managing the precinct house from the NYPD in certain aspects for five days by directing people to and from the building.

NYPD later that year asked G-COP to expand its patrol to the surrounding neighborhoods. G-COP became 104COP.

Kotnik takes a humble stance on what he saw as an



FRANK KOTNIK

unexpected entry into the political world of Queens.

"Because of my involvement in the civilian patrol, I got involved years ago with the Democratic club, carrying petitions for people I thought should be in office. And, long story short, I was nominated to become a Democratic district leader," Kotnik said. He is interested in motivating people to vote in a city with record low voter turnout as well as finding people to volunteer as poll watchers and inspectors. "Politically we have to build our 38th Assembly Democratic club, then we bite our nails and see who is going to win."

Kotnik is keeping an open mind about pursuing a career in politics in the future by expressing interest in a possible City Council run, but for now he's keeping his day job.

— Mark Hallum

# Dr. Joseph Masci

Emhurst Hosp. director tracks epidemics

Growing up in new Brunswick, N.J., Dr. Joseph Masci knew he wanted to be a doctor.

"My father was a chemist and I fell in love with biology," he said.

Once he finished medical school at New York University, he did a residency at Boston City Hospital in 1979 and pursued a fellowship in 1982 at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in infectious diseases.

"I chose it because it was an intellectual field of medicine. People would study cases for hours and think about how they would tackle them," said Masci, the director of the Department of Medicine at Elmhurst Hospital.

His fellowship took place during the height of the AIDS epidemic,

which transformed him into a young doctor who cared more about emphasizing a patient's emotional well-being.

"I saw the first patients when it was still a mysterious disease. Nobody knew what was causing it," he said. "When you have people suffering, it makes you realize how important human-to-human interaction is."

When the 1990s rolled around and treatment for HIV/AIDS became more prevalent, Masci started hosting seminars and free HIV/AIDS screenings within his Man-hasset community, and other areas while helping to usher in the next generation of infectious diseases specialists.

After he was recog-

nized by the New York State Health Department and the mayor's office for his work, he received the President's Award for Outstanding Medical Leadership. Masci went on to write a book called "Outpatient Management of HIV Infection (2011)."

Although his job in tackling HIV/AIDS will never be done, he also responded to the call to treat patients after the Sept. 11 attacks at the World Trade Center.

A series of anthrax incidents soon followed and Masci decided he had to do something to protect his fellow Americans.

"When anthrax hit in 2001, it turns out that there weren't any infectious disease doctors that knew about it," said Masci, who also teaches

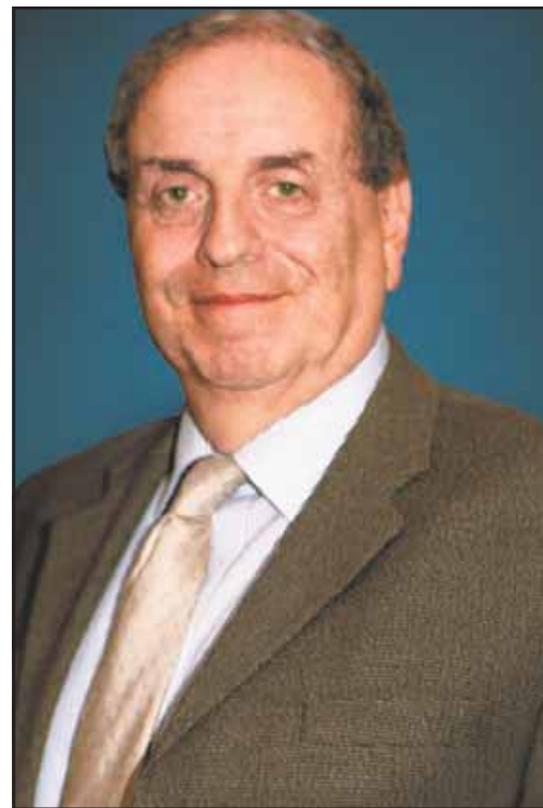
at Elmhurst Hospital.

Not one to stay idle, Masci studied everything he could about anthrax and other organisms that could be used for bioterrorism, then created a guide so that medical professionals in and outside his field could stay abreast of what to do for the public at large. He co-authored the textbook called "Bioterrorism: A Guide for Hospital Preparedness."

"Bioterrorism in the United States remains one of those scary possibilities. With the world being unstable we have to prepare against it," said Masci, who has been married for 25 years and has a 22-year-old son.

Masci has also been studying diseases that harm people abroad, like the Zika virus and Ebola, so that he can help both doctors and ordinary citizens to know the signs and how to respond accordingly.

"We are surrounded



JOSEPH MASCI

by this blizzard of information. Not even doctors are always clear about the facts. We have to pay attention to what is legitimate and reduce material fears," he said.

— Naeisha Rose

# Sister Kathleen Masterson

Nun began boro's first bereavement classes



SISTER KATHLEEN MASTERSON

effort into society, and the government,” Sister Kathleen said. “This parish community wants to say we are here and we care about you.”

Inspired by Pope’s Francis’ work, Sister Kathleen helped to create the environmental group called the Green Team. The team encourages the use of biodegradable materials and better environmental practices.

She hopes that Trump will uphold the Paris Accord and stop “surrounding himself with people that believe that climate change is a hoax,” and took joy in knowing that he recently listened to a panel of environmental groups and activists this week. Her goal with the group is to make people young and old aware of their carbon footprint.

In May she will be implementing an Ageing Well series that will give tips and encouragement to caregivers that aid the elderly.

— Naeisha Rose

Sister Kathleen Masterson, a beloved nun who teaches at Sacred Heart Catholic Academy in Bayside, is celebrating her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy. For 50 years she has been a role model to students, to fellow nuns and parishioners because of her outstanding work through several different fellowships.

Sister Kathleen holds bereavement classes and supports senior citizens in the parish. She is a part of the Meal-on-Wheels program, takes part in the Justice and Peace Committee at Sacred Heart, and works to spread en-

vironmentalism in her church community.

Born in Washington, D.C., the fourth of five children to a homemaker and a lawyer, Sister Kathleen didn’t always know that being a nun was her calling, but she knew that she wanted to be of service to others.

“I knew that I wanted to make a difference and I thought that was the best way to make a difference,” Sister Kathleen said. “I fell in love with the human manifestation of God’s love, Jesus, and it was through that relationship that I wanted to demonstrate and align myself with goodness.

He was my role model.”

Sister Kathleen’s bereavement classes, which she started in 1983, were the first ever in Queens. She offers these courses monthly to help the newly mourning. In between that time, she lectures other church groups and various organizations on how to maintain a grief support group.

“It’s free because grief is costly enough. We provide materials and the support to help them deal with what this devastation has done to them.”

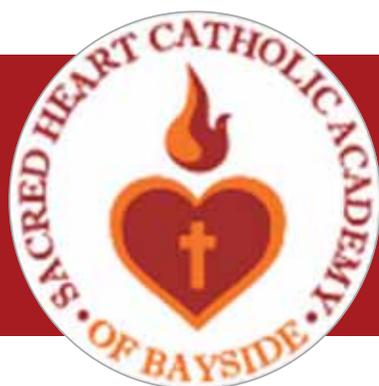
The Justice and Peace Committee includes documentary film programs six times a year

that highlight practicing what you preach when it comes to “serving the least among us.”

As for Meals-on-Wheels, Sister Kathleen was disheartened about the proposed cuts made by the Trump administration to get rid of the community development block grant, but a stop-gap budget was negoti-

ated that should postpone this action. The grant, which makes up \$3 billion in the federal budget, was created during the Ford administration. Through the grant, Sister Kathleen has been able to feed 60 seniors a year.

“These are the seniors that have put in so much money, energy and



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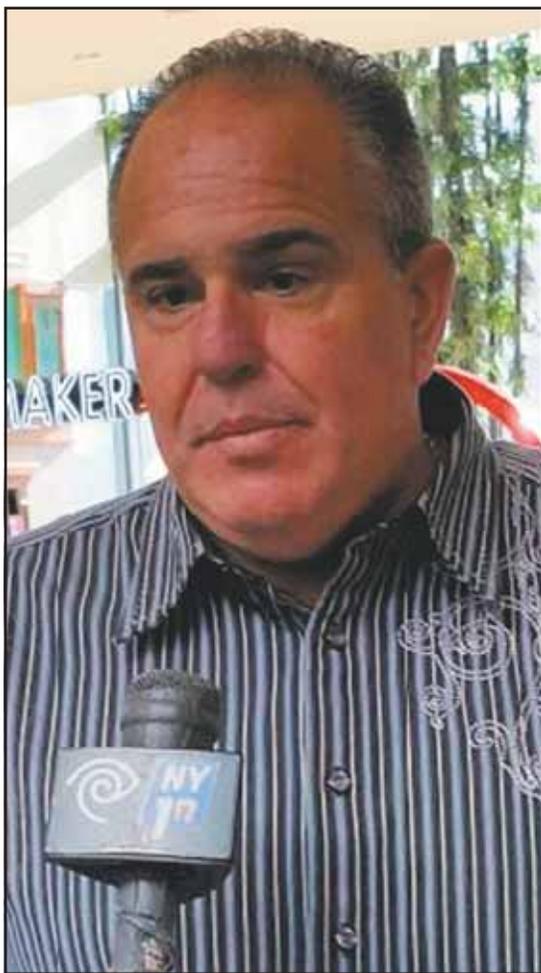
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# Al Perna

## Corona native is king of community service



AL PERNA

Al Perna has fond memories from his youth growing up in Corona where he used to visit the Corona Community Ambulance Corps for clam-bakes, but in 2014 the volunteer organization was in danger of closing forever after a group of former members bilked more than \$300,000 from its coffers.

The corps had served the neighborhood since 1960s from its headquarters on 47th Avenue, but after the state attorney general's office and the Department of Homeland Security shut down the operation a real estate agent approached community leader Al Perna about buying the building for his construction company.

"I told the attorney

general's office and DHS and said 'Hey, you can't shut this down, the community needs this' and they gave me a shot running it," Perna said. "I'm now in my fourth year and even though fundraising is always a struggle, we're still out there serving the community."

You can call Perna Corona's King of Community Service even though his home is in Bayside. The 56-year-old runs his company and the ambulance corps; sits on Community Board 4, where he is chairman of the parks committee overseeing relations with Flushing Meadow Corona Park, the borough's largest park; and he is going to run for president of the 110th Precinct Community Council.

"I like to say I live in Corona and I sleep in Bayside," Perna said. "Everything I do revolves around the Corona community where I was born and raised. I love Corona, but I've seen things change in 9,000 ways. I'd like to bring it back to the way it was when we were kids, and the best way to do that is through community service."

Perna learned he had a knack for getting things done in the early '90s.

"My daughters were going to PS 41 in Bayside, a school with no playground," he recalled. "The Dinkins administration had the funding but no contractor. I said, 'I'm in construction, I'll do it.'" And he did it donating his time and labor

to the project and was rewarded for his efforts.

He has garnered humanitarian awards for leading such charities as the Italian American Foundation, the Sons of Italy, the Corona Lions and the St. Leo's Holy Name Society. On March 7, 2010, he was awarded the Lion of the Year Award and the City of New York declared that day to be Al Perna Day.

His favorite charity is his own Perna Foundation for Kids, which began in 2001 with a community barbecue and grew to include Thanksgiving food drives, Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties and Christmas toy drives.

"The best part of working with this foundation is how it makes me feel," Perna said. "I feel happy when I see kids who don't have anything get something new that puts a smile on their face in the hospital on Christmas Eve."

— Bill Parry

# John Russo

## His hunch led to arrest in Vetrano murder

NYPD Lt. Commander John Russo is the toast of the borough for his outstanding detective work, which led to an arrest in the Karina Vetrano case last winter. The 19-year veteran of the force, who was raised in Maspeth and now lives in Howard Beach, was instrumental in identifying the suspect.

In February, Brooklyn resident Chanel Lewis, 20, was arrested and charged with the second-degree murder of the Howard Beach jogger whose body was discovered in Spring Creek Park in Howard Beach on Aug. 2, 2016.

After a six-month investigation and hundreds of tips, it was Russo's memory that provided the much-needed

break in the case. He recalled spotting someone in Spring Creek Park in May, 2016, wearing a hoodie on a hot spring day.

Russo told his daughters to wait in the car as he followed the individual for a while. The following day, there was a 911 call about a suspicious man in the same neighborhood and the description matched the man Russo saw in Spring Creek Park.

It was Chanel Lewis who was questioned and released. "He was doing nothing wrong," Russo told reporters.

Three months later, 30-year-old Karina Vetrano was strangled near the same spot where Russo had seen Lewis.

In January, Russo

was looking for gaps in the investigation and he remembered Lewis. He told the detective squad to follow up. They went to Lewis' home and came away with a DNA swab that proved to be a match from DNA taken from the victim's nails.

"It was like hitting the lottery," Russo told the Wall Street Journal. "I called my wife. I was shaking because just two nights before I was telling her, 'Can you imagine if that's the guy?'"

In March, Russo was honored by the Juniper Park Civic Association in his hometown of Maspeth.

"Here's a guy, a great detective, did his homework, had a hunch and it paid off," JPCA President Robert Holden said while

presenting Russo with the organization's newly created Hero Award. "This will be the hero award that we're going to give in your honor every year to an outstanding officer in the city of New York."

Russo thanked the community for their support.

Russo, who says he's not a hero, just a cop doing what police do, was haunted by the case while living in Howard Beach.

"Karina's picture was a picture my family saw in every store we went into and on every block we drove down," he said. "We were constantly reminded, just being in the neighborhood, of this unsolved murder. I've met people that I didn't know telling me that they were nervous about letting their children out, and now that the case is solved, it's a little more comfort for everyone."

— Bill Parry



JOHN RUSSO

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# Jason Sagebiel

## Iraqi vet uses injury to inspire music classes

Music and the military. Both have been a big part of Iraq War veteran and music lover Jason Sagebiel's eventful life.

Despite suffering a traumatic brain injury during the war that affected his cognitive and motor skills, the former U.S. Marine scout sniper was finally able to turn his life around, after going through an intensive recovery process: one that helped him heal through traditional rehab combined with music therapy.

That difficult experience led him to find a way to inspire and help others as a music teacher.

A lot has happened since Sagebiel turned the page and started a

new chapter in his life. He moved to Long Island City from Texas and landed a job with the Humanities/Music Department at LaGuardia Community College. That was 11 years ago. Then in 2011, he opened his first school, Sage Music at 44-02 23rd St., in that thriving neighborhood, and added a second school in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

Adjusting to life in the Big Apple after growing up in Houston and in the Hill Country, where his grandfather was a farmer/rancher, may have caused a bit of culture shock for the newbie New Yorker, but Sagebiel found that he was quickly becoming part of a welcoming LIC community. And before long, he realized he was

making quite an impact on residents' lives.

There were many teaching moments during the war vet's challenging rehabilitation, and his eager students have benefited from his wealth of knowledge about music therapy.

Sage Music is known for an out-of-the-box curriculum, which is based on what Sagebiel learned and experienced during his path to recovery. Instruction goes beyond lessons in guitar, piano, cello, violin and voice, offered to all ages and for every skill level. That's only one part of the multi-faceted methodology that makes Sagebiel's approach so unique. Using techniques often overlooked by other educators, he also employs

other elements that foster creativity: psychology, along with a holistic approach to learning and teaching.

Not surprisingly, Sagebiel, 38, says teaching and seeing great success in others brings meaning to his life, as well as "seeing others avoid the mistakes that I have made.

"I'm proud to have helped many people learn to be better musicians at Sage Music or to enjoy music at our school concert series or at our public series LIC Concerts," said Sagebiel, who has strengthened community ties with his popular Gantry Plaza State Park summer music festivals, featuring talent from western Queens.

As the schools' popularity grew, people took notice. Back in June, 2015, Sage Music was honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration in what is considered the most prestigious small business awards competition. And Sagebiel, who



JASON SAGEBIEL

became known as one of New York's top entrepreneurs and small business advocates, received the Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year Award.

His inspiring story has been documented

on TV, radio, and in two books: Jon Pieslak's "SoundTargets," and J. Martin Daughtry's "Listening to War: Sound, Music, Trauma, and Survival in Wartime Iraq."

— Tammy Scileppi

# Phil Schlesinger

## Eagle Scout from Middle Village recycled plastic waste by donating damaged toys to the Salvation Army

Phil Schlesinger is an Eagle Scout with Pack and Troop 106 in Middle Village who has taken the initiative to make a major dent in the plastic waste going into landfills.

Schlesinger headed up an effort as a project for his troop which mobilized more than 50 volunteers over a period of seven days to take used and damage plastic toys and find new homes for them through the Salvation Army and Second Chance Toys. Over 200 toys were donated, earning Schlesinger the Boy Scout World Conservation Award and the National Park Service's Scout Ranger Award.

"I saw the segment on 'Good Morning

America' and I thought, 'Wow, this is a really good idea for a charity, keeping the plastic out of landfills and helping kids at the same time,' and that's when I had the idea to do this for my Eagle Scout Project," Schlesinger told Second Chance Toys in an interview for its blog.

Schlesinger was also given the Arrow of Light Award by the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow, a program similar to the National Honor Society.

His troop is involved with charitable donations on a regular basis and does not shy away from tackling the big issues in Queens.

"Our troop tries to participate in commu-

nity service on a regular basis — coat drives, food for soup kitchens and food banks. We donated several truckloads of supplies to the Rockaways after Hurricane Sandy," he said. "One of the things I was most proud of was raising over \$500 going door-to-door one afternoon, which was used for school supplies after Hurricane Sandy to benefit the affected communities."

The Middle Village teen's organizational efforts went from managing people to gathering financial resources through crowdfunding websites and pages.

Schlesinger started as a Cub scout at the age of 6 and moved on

to the Boy Scouts at the age of 11.

Currently enrolled at the Bard High School Early College in Long Island City, Schlesinger has an interest in playing guitar, gaming and coding. He has also offered help as an altar server at Our Lady of Hope over the past seven years.

Schlesinger said the greatest benefit of the toy donation drive was seeing the smiles on the faces of the children.

Toys rescued from the landfill were sent to the International Children's School in Flushing through Second Chance Toys.

— Mark Hallum



PHILLIP SCHLESINGER

# Lakshmee Singh

Indo-Guyanese performer organizes Diwali festival in Queens, appears off-Broadway in Manhattan



LAKSHMEE SINGH

Lakshmee Singh is a performer who organizes the Diwali festival in Richmond Hill. She is a dancer, singer, community worker and has been on the stage since the age of 5.

Diwali is a festival of lights observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and others in South Asia in five days of celebrations centered on the new moon. It is marked by lighting oil lamps called diyas to signify each individual's victory of good over evil. The name itself roughly translates as "row of lamps" and is more than just a cultural festival. A motorcade takes the celebrations on tour through the Little Guy-

ana section of Richmond Hill.

"Every year people come out and decorate in honor of the Goddess Lakshmi," Singh said. "We only have two major holidays in the Hindu religion. We're looking to make Diwali a major community event, and it has been growing. We're very excited about it."

Singh is also a teacher who prepares young girls in her area for stage performance and had her own experience acting in director Mahadeo Shivraj's theater production of "Till I Dance With My People," a popular program for Guyanese audiences.

She choreographed dance sequences for the

Nirvana Humanitarian Foundation's "Down Memory Lane" concert series. Later in 2009, she appeared in her first off-Broadway production of the musical, "West Indian Dreams."

According to Singh, the Indo-Caribbean community is beginning to project itself to the public at large through a variety of media platforms, including television.

"Let's Talk with Lakshmee," hosted and directed by Singh, launched several years ago to fill a demand not being met at the time to address issues facing immigrant communities and also discussed medicine, religion, cul-

ture, politics and entertainment. The television show is broadcast to 21 other states and has even made its way to Guyana and Suriname. The show has a YouTube channel to reach audiences wherever Internet access is available.

Guests such as Guyanese radio personality Wr Reaz, cricket player Shivnarine Chanderpaul and musician Amit Inderdeo have been featured on the show.

In March, Singh broadcast an immigration forum in Richmond Hill to educate the emigrant community on their rights as documented and undocumented residents. The forum by an organization known

as Sadhana was held in response to the election of President Donald Trump and the uncertain effect it could have on the immigrant communities.

Singh has used her social media presence to promote events through the borough such as Queens Taste.

— Mark Hallum

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# Rachel Thomas

## SE Queens educator plants the right seeds

For her whole life, Rachel Thomas knew she wanted to make a difference in people's lives. And based on the way things have gone, she has excelled at doing just that. Thomas has thrived as an educator, giving her the opportunity to help others, specifically children.

Thomas is currently an assistant principal at PS 208 in Jamaica after previously working as a teacher. But she wasn't always interested in education.

"At first, I wanted to be a police officer, believe it or not," Thomas said. "When I went to my first college, I started to develop a passion for reading. So once I developed a passion for that, I transferred to Hunter College and decided to pursue a degree in Eng-

lish Language Arts, and that's when I started to develop the passion for becoming a teacher."

While Thomas had not previously considered a teaching career, the job fell right in line with what she wanted to do with her life: help others. She had the chance to do so with her first teaching job at IS 59 in Springfield Gardens.

"Working in that school, I was able to teach what is called gifted and talented classes, as well as regular classes," Thomas said. "So even with the regular classes, I still taught the same concepts. I never watered down my lessons and I always felt that all children can excel if you give them that opportunity. You have to show

them that they have the potential to do it."

Thomas is a firm believer in positive reinforcement, which is something she preaches to her staff.

"I've found that when you plant the right seeds, then children really want to honor your expectations," Thomas said. "If they know you see something in them, then they won't want to disappoint you."

Outside of school, Thomas has also been able to help others through her role at her church, the Greater Refuge Church of Christ, where she has been a member for more than 20 years.

"I'm what they call a PK — a pastor's kid," Thomas said. "My father is a pastor, so my siblings

and I grew up in church. Watching my parents in their leadership roles with the church really shaped my siblings and I to follow in terms of involvement with church."

Thomas is a member of her church's culinary and hospitality teams, in addition to working with the choir and young people's group. It's not always easy to find time to stay involved, but it's become second nature to Thomas.

"I have my family and my school family, and then I have my church family, where we do different activities for the betterment of the church and the community," she said. "Bringing those type of experiences to the workplace helps because they both involve nurturing and helping people."

While Thomas has already shown an ability to help others, she will continue finding other new ways to do so.

"I just continue to aspire to challenge myself to live up to my greatest po-



RACHEL THOMAS

tential," Thomas said. "I want to be someone people can look up to and be inspired by. At the end of the day, when you live a life being humble, that, to me, is the greatest impact you can bring to the world."

— Zach Gewelb



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# Mitch Waxman

His website tells history of Newtown Creek



MITCH WAXMAN

He augments spectacular photography on Newtown Pentacle with the rich history of western Queens that you are not likely to find online. Most of his research is done through dusty archives on newspapers and magazines.

“Not all of it, I’m also a big fan of government documents, which have the virtue of being de facto court testimony,” Waxman said. “Old journalism, however, offers a man-on-the-street point of view which the government stuff doesn’t.”

Waxman also shares his findings on boat, bus and walking tours and makes the rounds speaking to civic groups in the neighborhoods on both sides of Newtown Creek.

“I grew up in a Jewish family in Brooklyn,” he said. “If you don’t have the ability to a) be heard and b) say something intelligent when you are, you’re shortly shouted down.”

— Bill Parry

If you live in western Queens, it is likely you’ve seen a man with a camera wearing a filthy black trench coat and sunglasses walking by the side of the road. Mitch Waxman is always walking.

“Yes, it’s true. I do a lot of walking, and my feet hurt,” he said.

Originally from Canarsie, Brooklyn, Waxman moved to Astoria with his wife Catherine and worked as a comic book writer, artist and photo retouching specialist for several advertising agencies before he suffered a life-changing heart attack at the age of 39. His doctor advised him to start running. “The only time I run is if someone is chasing me,” Waxman told him.

And so he walks.

“It changed everything,” Waxman said. “Used to be that my friends called me ‘Veal’ as I never left the little white box I rent and use as a studio. The old me was centered on creating comics and working in the ad industry. The new me is focused entirely on others.”

Waxman is the historian for the Newtown Creek Alliance, an environmental nonprofit dedicated to restoring and revitalizing the polluted waterway that separates Queens and Brooklyn, which was declared a Superfund site in 2010. A century ago the creek carried more commercial traffic than the Mississippi River while supporting nearly 2 million

jobs along its banks.

“I now focus on my Don Quixote-like quest to tilt at the windmill that is Newtown Creek and fight for our communities,” he said.

Waxman became obsessed with the creek and the post-industrial neighborhoods that surround it with their worn-down warehouses and broken streets. In 2009, Waxman launched a website called NewtownPentacle, which chronicles his travels through the heavy-manufacturing zones of Long Island City, Maspeth, Astoria and Sunnyside as well as Brooklyn and New York Harbor.

He captures the gritty bygone era as it transforms into an overdeveloped land of gleaming high-rise towers.

“My intention with Newtown Pentacle is to document an age of transformation along Newtown Creek and especially in LIC which is independent of government

and corporate interests. The last time these sort of seismic changes occurred in Queens it was the start of the 20th century and there’s sparse documentation of it.”

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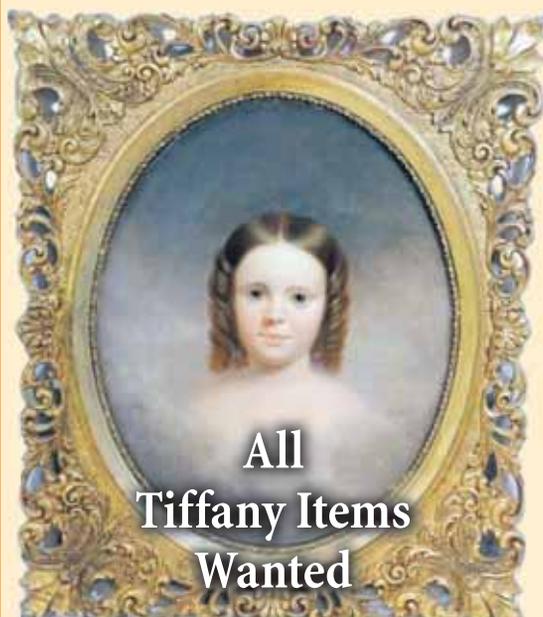
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At Queensborough Community College's Partners for Progress Gala at Terrace-on-the Park, (l-r) Jamal Cox; Jasmine Chung; Kai Wang; Nuria Laroussi; Dr. Diane B. Call; President of Queensborough Community College; Razieh Arabi; Danielle Heath; Jessica Roberts; Vincent Tsoi; and Haris Khan.  
Courtesy of Queensborough CC



In St. Albans, fathers get a chance to bond with their girls at the Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance sponsored by the VFW Post 5298 and Legion Post 1946.  
Photo by Nat Valentine



At Borough Hall, the new class of community board members – 77 new appointees to the borough's 14 boards – raise their hands to be sworn-in at the group's inauguration ceremony.  
Twitter



At PS 130 in Bayside, City Council member Paul Vallone gets some special constituent feedback at the Animal Care & Control of NYC adopt-a-thon.  
Instagram



The wife and children of Gelasio Reyes, the bicycle delivery man who was killed by a hit-and-run motorist in Wooside last month, appeared at his memorial service.  
Twitter



At the annual awards luncheon of the Elmer H. Blackburne Regular Democratic Club, the powerful political club based in Laurelton, Queens County Clerk Audrey Pfeffer (c) is honored by Elmer Blackburne (l) and Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman.  
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# Business

## Forest Hills gets first coworking space

New business offers members a quiet place to work when it fits their schedules

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Forest Hills now has its first coworking space.

Software engineer Benny Tan came up with the idea to start The Austin Space, on the second floor of 108-14 72nd Ave., when he couldn't find a calm place to do his own work.

Coworking spaces are shared offices where freelancers and independent business owners can work on their own schedules and easily collaborate with others. The space offers amenities including desks, couches, a kitchen, Wi-Fi, and a conference room for team meetings.

"We have an open-space area where members come in and out, 24/7," Tan said. "Once they're in, they can utilize our space to work. We offer a kitchen space, lounge, Wi-Fi, plugs, conference room ... they're all-inclusive with a membership."

The coworking space is also a technology academy where members can learn important tech skills as well as network.

"The second thing that



The Austin Space is located at 108-14 72nd Ave. in Forest Hills.

Photo Courtesy of The Austin Space

comes with a membership is access to exclusive events and the academy," Tan said. "We hold networking events, where businesses get the opportunity to get new clients to grow their business. We also offer tech academy to

help build their skills. We're really a coworking space, so we mainly focus on self-development and professional development. The tech academy is a way to offer tech classes for students of virtually any age, and teach them

iPhone development, web development and more."

Tan said he chose the Forest Hills location because of its underserved with easy access to transportation.

"We picked Forest Hills because we saw that it was

Central Queens," Tan said. "The nearest space to work is far out in Bayside, or closer to the city in Astoria or Long Island City, but nothing in Central Queens. This is a place where people can come and find a quiet space to work. That's why we chose it, we realized people are just working out of Starbucks, but here there's always guaranteed Wi-Fi and plugs, so it saves worrying."

"A lot of members told us that they would go to a coffee shop and they couldn't find a seat and they would have to go back home. I hear a lot of stories about Starbucks being too crowded and too noisy."

For anyone interested in a membership, Tan offers one-on-one tours. Memberships start at \$25 a month.

"I always wanted to start something like this," Tan said, "to be able to build a community where we can help each other out. I saw an opportunity and it was a no-brainer."

Reach Gina Martinez by e-mail at [gmartinez@cnglocal.com](mailto:gmartinez@cnglocal.com) or by phone at (718) 260-4566.

### FUND-RAISERS

#### Annual Brandeis Association Scholarship Fund Brunch –

The fund-raiser will benefit the Jerome Ginsberg and Justice Moses M. Weinstein Scholarship Funds and will honor Lawrence M. Litwack.

**When:** Sunday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Young Israel of Jamaica Estates, 83-10 188th St., Jamaica Estates

**Cost:** \$65 per person; \$27 for children under 13

#### Annual Dinner Dance –

Assemblywomen Catherine Nolan and the Ridgewood

Democratic Club will host their annual dinner dance this summer. Cocktails and dinner will be served at Riccardo's by the Bridge. There will be several honorees at the event, including Kevin Connors, Christopher Erikson, John Skinner, Maureen A. Lynch, Bob Monahan and Bikash Kharel. Reservations can be made for \$75 per person.

**When:** June 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Riccardo's by the Bridge, 21-01 24th Ave., Astoria.  
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**Contact:** (718) 229-4201

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**When:** Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** JCAL, 161-04 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** [rc@queensny.org](mailto:rc@queensny.org)

### BUSINESS CALENDAR

#### Women's Power Networking Breakfast –

At this workshop, attendees will learn four proven steps to generating leads, four main strategies for finding and engaging leads and 50 powerful tactics to convert leads to customers.

**When:** Friday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Queens Borough Hall Room 200, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens

**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** Andrea Ormeno (718) 263-0546

#### Doing Business with the Government: Getting M/WBE Certified with NYC and

**NYS –** Learn about getting certified as a Minority/Woman Business Enterprise with NYC & NYS, what you will need to do to obtain government contracts, and how you can leverage your certification to get more business.

**When:** Thursday, May 25, at 10 a.m.

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# Queens Republicans endorse Massey for mayor

BY MARK HALLUM

Queens GOP endorsed one of their own for mayor on May 3.

Republican Paul Massey got the nod of approval from the Queens Country Republican Club in a statement claiming that Massey is the only person capable of defeating incumbent Mayor Bill de Blasio in the municipal elections.

"Paul Massey is the only candidate who can beat Bill de Blasio in November, and I am pleased that the Executive Committee has joined me in endorsing him," Queens County GOP Chairman Bob Turner said. "At a time when our city is dealing with failing schools, a growing homelessness problem, and a noticeable decline in quality of life, it is critical that we support a candidate for mayor who has a vision for this city, and an ability to execute that vision."

Massey has familiarized himself with Queens residents active in the GOP in recent months as a speaker at the Queens Village Republican Club's annual Lincoln Dinner in March. Prior to that, he discussed his platform at a meet-

ing for the same organization, which touts its legacy as one of the oldest Republican clubs in the nation.

The GOP candidate is a former real estate executive from Boston who said he has worked with Turner, who served in Congress from 2011 to 2013 after Anthony Weiner stepped down from the Brooklyn district, which overlaps slightly into Queens.

"The congressman's advice has been crucial as we have ramped up our campaign," Massey said. "I am proud to have him and the Queens Republican Committee stand with me as we look to serve the hard-working men and women of Queens and each of the five boroughs."

While Massey's campaign seems to be gaining traction, Gristedes Foods CEO John Catsimatidis decided against challenging de Blasio as a Republican, claiming in a statement Tuesday it would be too difficult to defeat the standing mayor.

"I have often said that I have one more race left in me," Catsimatidis said. "But after careful consideration - I talked to my



Queens GOPers back mayoral candidate Paul Massey.

Photo by Michael Shain

wife, my daughter, my son - we have decided that the 2017 New York's mayor races was not the one that I am going to be in. My decision was based in part on the fact that the power of the incumbency in the city of New York is extremely hard to defeat."

Catsimatidis, who was defeated in the GOP primary for mayor in 2013, said he would continue to be an outspoken voice in the city for the issues he is passionate about.

Meanwhile, the Queens County GOP has endorsed

**ELECTION  
2017**

Councilman Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) for re-election in his district. Ulrich, the only sitting Republican official in Queens, bowed out of the upcoming mayoral race in March after a long effort to gain support.

"I'm not going to be a candidate for mayor this year," Ulrich said on NY1. "It's something that I considered for quite sometime now, mulling it over these past few months with my family and my friends and my supporters, and I've decided that this would not be the right move for me to make. I believe the people of New York City deserve better than Bill de Blasio, but I will not be a candidate for mayor this year."

Reach reporter Mark Hallum by e-mail at [mhallum@cnglocal.com](mailto:mhallum@cnglocal.com) or by phone at (718) 260-4564.



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

## Daydreaming

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

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

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

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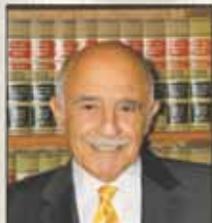
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The cast and crew of “(Be)longing” posed for a group shot after three days of shooting at Archbishop Molloy High School, with the film’s writer-director Miyuki Gaeta front and center. Photo by Masae Gaeta

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## Queer EYE

Short film set in Queens school looks at bullying, bonding, and growing up LGBTQ

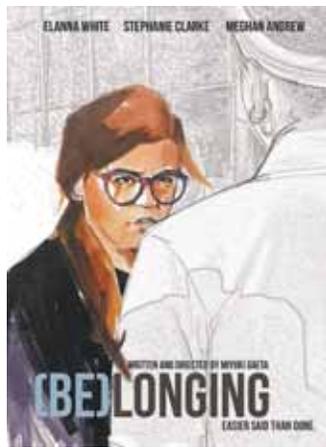
BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

An emerging filmmaker behind an NYU short set in Queens hopes her project will contribute to the ongoing conversation about bullying in schools, and the acceptance of the LGBTQ community.

Screenwriter and director Miyuki Gaeta, draws on her own difficult high school years in her film, entitled “(Be)longing,” which explores the struggles and challenges of young people who are learning who they are, and longing to belong.

The film follows Leilani, a shy and awkward high school freshman, as she forms an unlikely bond with her Physical Education teacher, Misha, who is rumored to be a lesbian, leading both to be targeted by the popular — and closeted — Rylee and her mean-girl posse.

“As the title ‘(Be)longing’ sug-



The poster for Miyuki Gaeta’s first short film “(Be)longing.”

Artwork by Jenny Nguyen

gests, all three long to fit in and struggle to find a way to belong in this difficult world and the expectations of society,” said Gaeta.

Since graduating from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts with a BFA last spring, Gaeta

has moved back to California, but she shot “(Be)longing” over three days in November 2015 in Briarwood, where she cast the locker room, hallways, and fields of Archbishop Molloy High School as her fictional Henderson High. And all four actors playing the film’s main characters still call Queens home — three are from Astoria and one hails from Jamaica.

“Being a teenager is hard enough, because on top of trying to figure out who you are, you’re also influenced by social media and what society considers to be cool at your age. Therefore, it’s hard to stand up for what you believe in when you’re also worried about being liked,” said Astoria resident Katheryn Parades, who plays Sunny, one of Henderson High School’s aspiring “mean girls,” who strives to become one of Rylee’s bitchy sidekicks.

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Contact: (718) 760-0064  
Website: [www.queentheatre.org](http://www.queentheatre.org)

**Raisin** – Raisin is a musical adaptation of Lorraine Hansberry's revolutionary A Raisin in the Sun, and has a book co-written by the executor of her literary estate, Robert Nemiroff. In segregated 1950s Chicago, Walter Lee Younger and his mother Lena fight over the spending of insurance money. He wants to start a business with friends, while she is eager to move the family out of the south side and into Clybourne Park. Pulsing with the musical beat of the city, Raisin depicts a black family's struggle in the face of change.  
When: May 5 at 8 p.m., May 6 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., May 11 at 8 p.m.  
Where: Astoria Performing Arts Center, 30-44 Crescent St., Astoria  
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### Answers in Sports

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Fill in the grids so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There should be no repeats; which means that no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Tips at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com) © Puzzles by Pappocom

Week 32

# 'Raisin' gets another moment in the sun

## Musical based on '50s Broadway hit has revival at Astoria Performing Arts Center

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

At long last, they're raising "Raisin" again.

It's been more than four decades since the Tony Award-winning musical was last staged in the city, but a revival of the melodic adaptation of Lorraine Hansberry's classic play "A Raisin in the Sun," is set to begin a limited run May 7 at the Astoria Performing Arts Center.

The arts center's musical director feels it's long overdue.

"I am very excited because it's such an important story. The play is well known and has been revived over and over, but few people know that the musical exists, and it's very a strong adaptation," said Dev Bodarin, musical director. "In the adaptation, the characters get to show deep, emotional moments adapted from play."

The themes in the musical are also still very relevant, said Bodarin.

"There's a satirical song in the second act and it feels so



Astoria Performing Arts Center's "Raisin" is being revived four decades since the last New York production. The musical revival will feature choreographer Tamrin Goldberg (l) and actress Sarita Amani Nash.

Photo by Terrance O'Kane

relevant to 2017 in ways that people don't think about," said Bodarin. "Presenting this piece today is important for everyone,

but I also think for people who think we've made more strides. This is an important reminder that, yes, we have, but everyone

needs to stay aware of what's going on, because the lives of these characters matter no less today."

The musical comeback follows the original 1973 musical, which ran on Broadway until 1975. Featuring a 10-member cast and other minor background characters, the only notable changes in the story will be in the characters, said Bodarin.

"The text and music is all the same but it's a new cast of actors, and they're bringing their 2017 selves to a show set in the 1950s," she said.

But some of the dances show several differences from the Broadway production. Taking inspiration from traditional swing music, West African and Caribbean dances, a variety of cultures and music periods are combined on stage, said the show's choreographer.

"It was very interesting for me as choreographer doing the research and drawing from different styles of dances," said Tamrin Goldberg. "It was a very cool history lesson going through the history of black

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## FILM

**King of the Belgians** - This faux-documentary is a delightfully loopy comic road trip through Eastern Europe.  
**When:** Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Contact:** (718) 784-0077  
**Website:** www.movingimage.us/

**Variety** - A woman who takes a job at a Times Square porno theater develops a fascination with the movies shown there and an obsession with a male customer, in this transgressive landmark of downtown 1980s New York indie cinema.  
**When:** Saturday, May 6 at 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Contact:** (718) 784-0077  
**Website:** www.movingimage.us/

**For the Sake of the Children** - This documentary, co-directed and -produced by Joe Fox and Marlene Shigekawa, explores the legacy of the Japanese American incarceration, including its impact-informed by a complex interplay of culture, racial prejudice, history, and intergenerational differences-on current generations, who are descendants of those imprisoned.  
**When:** Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Contact:** (718) 784-0077  
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**The Drowning** - A gripping  
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

TimesLedger Newspapers  
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By Ed Canty

### At the Zoo

LET'S BE SEASONAL

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

**Across**

- Kind of opera
- "Mack the Knife" vocalist
- Budding entrepreneurs, for short
- Savvy about
- Franco's January
- Counting-out rhyme starter
- One who likes to caulk?
- It may be filed and painted
- Battle of the Bulge setting
- Rejects a lover
- Snake's loop
- Hollywood V.I.P.
- Pie nuts
- Ol' Blue Eyes' family
- Remove chemically
- Use a sled
- 'For' vote
- Donnie and Marie, e.g.
- Summer camp item
- Rural structure
- Liquor bill
- European peaks, to Pierre
- "Aladdin" spirit
- Sleazy lawyers
- Coach's list
- '... you could -- pin drop'
- "Just ----"
- First sound of impact?
- Yours and mine

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- Porter, for one
- Raising a false alarm
- Iowa college town
- " \_\_\_ Grows in Brooklyn"
- Apple originally marketed to schools
- Word after love or empty
- Skeptical
- Finishes an "i"
- Cordero in the saddle
- Arena arbiters
- Nest egg, for short
- Balderdash
- Ravel's " \_\_\_ Antique"
- Memorable Alabama coach
- Have \_\_\_ (know someone)
- Parts of a wd.
- Hole \_\_\_
- Mil. group
- Hellos and goodbyes, Italian-style
- Ants and roaches for God
- A biblical name
- Compartment for a Chicago team ?
- Volume units
- Elevated dwelling
- Less irrational
- 'It's a Wonderful Life' director
- Office job category
- Conferred
- Rat-\_\_\_ (drumming sound)
- Auctioneer's word
- Most withered
- Mickey or Andy
- More desertlike
- Do a cashier's job
- Part of a diamond
- Pile of wood for a final fire
- Man in Milan
- Boston's is about 42.36 (abbr.)
- Certain NCOs
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# Queer Eye

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Lifelong Astorian Elanna White, who plays shy, misfit freshman Leilani, said her portrayal of the bullying victim made her recall a time when she also experienced “what life is like in a situation where you don’t quite fit in.”

“Leilani is on the brink of exploring her own sexuality, which is a story that is so important and relevant for our current social climate. At the end of the movie, she ends up being the one with wisdom beyond her years that she didn’t even realize she had, said White.”

To play the role of Rylee — the bullying leader of the school’s popular clique — Meghan Andrews, another Astoria-based actor, said she drew on her character’s hidden vulnerability — insecurity about her own closeted sexuality.

“Her repressed insecurity leads to defensive anger, which she takes out on Leilani. On the outside, she picks on her, garnering laughs and respect from her friends. However, there is clearly a lot of sadness and repression beneath her hard exterior. A large part of

me finding Rylee’s character was identifying her defense mechanisms, digging down to the pain underneath it all, and seeing how I could personally relate to that suffering,” said Andrews.

“What the film really is saying is that, yes, we all want to fit in, but no matter what kind of reputation we uphold, we are all going through some kind of inner struggles. Some people just have more of a well-formed facade than others,” Gaeta added.

Gaeta grew up openly gay in a predominately conservative-Christian community in Southern California and her struggles in school formed the basis for “(Be)longing.”

“In elementary school, my classmates would tease me and casually call me a ‘dyke,’ but I never knew what any of it meant. So, when I started attending junior high, and there was a big rumor that my PE teacher was gay, I instantly gravitated to her,” Gaeta recalled.

Her confident, gracious teacher became a role model for Gaeta, and helped her persevere in the fact of constant bullying.

“Whether she knew it or not, she was really a totem pole in me surviving the everyday



Gaeta’s short film explores themes of bullying and sexual identity in the fictional Henderson High School. Photo by Shari Sison

taunts and slurs thrown at me. If this adult was happily living her life the way she wanted, then that was enough hope for me to get through the day. This is something I really wanted Misha, the PE teacher in the film, to embody.”

Leilani’s relationship with her PE teacher Misha, “was the embodiment of my relationship with my PE teacher, and Leilani’s relationship with Rylee, the bully, is that of me and my classmates,” said Gaeta. “Being one of the only ‘out’ gay kids in my school, definitely put a bull’s eye on my back. I was bullied a lot and really felt like a target. I didn’t feel wanted, I felt alone.”

Gaeta said representation of young LGBTQ role models really matters.

“If I had seen more representations of myself in the media, I think it would’ve made my time in high school a little easier,” said Gaeta, “I hope that diversity continues to grow in the industry, because I realize how many of us need to hear and see ourselves authentically. It is my hope to continue to make content that I know I needed to see growing up.”

Though the storyline hinges on the LGBTQ experience, Gaeta thinks her film is relevant to all people regardless of orientation.

“I think many people can

relate to being bullied or the dreaded feeling of having to attend high school as a victim,” she said. “I can’t say the film will have this kind of far-reaching affect, but maybe someone will effect their approach on how they associate with peers.”

Gaeta said that at the very least, she wants her audience “to experience a perspective they probably never thought of. To step into the character’s shoes and experience the world as Leilani, Misha, or Rylee.”

Gaeta has submitted “(Be)longing” to several film festivals, but fame and glory are not her main objectives with the film.

“I’d also be content enough with it being a small-scale thing, and if someone takes an idea or thought away from it, then I think I’ve definitely done my job and will call that a success for the film,” said Gaeta, who plans on releasing her project on YouTube and Vimeo.

“Though some people won’t relate to the subject matter,” said Gaeta, “my hope is that ‘(Be)longing’ will simply give a voice to those who usually aren’t given one, and inspire them to share their unique stories — because someone out there may really need it.”



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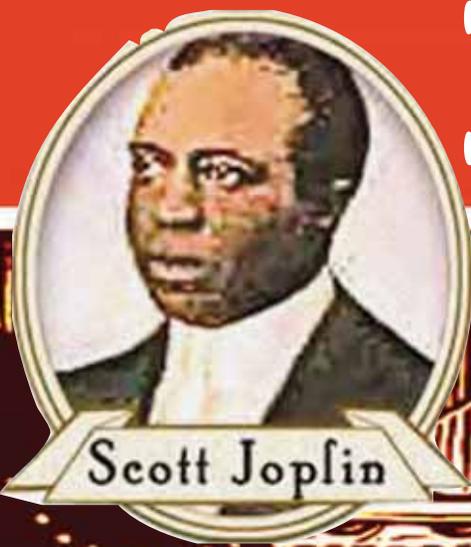
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# 'Raisin'

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dance, and pulling from so many cultures."

She adds that the dancing is integral to understanding the characters and their personalities, and the actors will showcase that.

"When you're doing a musical, you are finding movement in language, and in a show where every step isn't specifically set there is room for improvisation," said Goldberg. "It allows you to bring a movement forward and the cast to inhabit these different ways."

Bodarin believes the exploration of the characters in the adaptation presents a side to them that the play does not show. This fact will draw in the audience to form a more personal connection to their stories, she said.

"'Raisin' depicts the characters from the play and lets us hear what they'd sound like if they sang," said Bodarin. "There is something

about the musical, when a character is in really emotional heightened stakes — there are moments where you get to be with them in their emotional moments and they break out into song."

And even though there are multiple formats in which to enjoy the classic Hansberry story — including Sidney Poitier's star turn in the 1961 film — people will appreciate the musical just as much if they like the story, said Bodarin.

"I hope people get excited to see the characters' interactive and emotional lives even more explicated in this musical," she said. "The play is a masterpiece and the musical will give a very different experience in an exciting way, a different way, but you will enjoy it the same."

"Raisin" at Astoria Performing Arts Center [30-44 Crescent St between 30th drive and 30th road in Astoria, 718-706-5750, [www.apacny.org](http://www.apacny.org)]. May 4-27, Thurs-Fri at 8 pm. Saturday 2 pm and 8 pm. \$18 (\$12 for students).

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psychological thriller based on Booker-prize winning author Pat Barker's novel *Border Crossing*. The Drowning is the story of a forensic psychologist who is haunted by his expert witness testimony that sent a young boy to prison for a chilling murder. When the boy later reappears in his life, he is drawn into a destructive, soul-searching reinvestigation of the case.

**When:** Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m.  
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# Dream Act

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ship, according to students that have applied to them. "I'm glad that CUNY decided to do a tuition-free program, but it's sad that it won't apply to Dreamers in New York state," said Dulce Hernandez, 21, a senior. "We are at poverty level. We have to save up and work. It's stressing."

Hernandez believes that by denying Dreamers a chance to be a part of the program, they will not be able to become fully integrated into college life and remain dedicated to their studies like other students.

Hernandez was devastated that new Dreamers will end up like her and not be able to afford to go on to study abroad or be a part of an internship outside of school.

"It would have given us more opportunities to explore ourselves," Hernandez said. "If I was a part of the program, it would be nice to travel. Spending 20 years in one country and not going out and recognizing the world, it's sad. I know my parents struggle to put food on the table."

As a result of President

Donald Trump's stance on immigrants, many Dreamers are afraid to seek help elsewhere.

"People that receive welfare that are undocumented and have kids that are citizens, they are not reaching out for help anymore because they are afraid that immigration status will fall into the hands of ICE," said Muller, who was brought to this country when she was 15 months old.

Some of the help these students would receive is the Tuition Assistance Program, a grant for New York State residents, and the Federal Pell Grant, offered throughout the country. Both help students of meager means, according to the Higher Education Services Corporation website, which provides scholarship information.

To get SEEK, seniors in high school with "outstanding records" in terms of grades and community service receive financial assistance to different CUNY schools. They also get to apply to colleges early, receive mentorship while in university and get trained for highly coveted jobs before graduating.

"When I graduated high school, I got offered SEEK at John Jay, and I wasn't able to

take it because of my undocumented status," Muller said. "My brother, however, does have SEEK for City College, and so I see the difference. I'm happy for him, but it hurts because I'm not different from him."

While she couldn't carry the course load necessary to work in education and teach Urban Studies, Muller plans on helping individuals facing the same set of circumstances.

"I'm thinking about working at a non-profit that helps undocumented people who are trying to figure out their lives," Muller said.

Hsin hopes that one day that the issues for Dreamers gets addressed.

"We failed to pass the Dream Act in the federal and the state [Legislatures], so these undocumented students continue to struggle because they cannot access financial aid," Hsin said. "About 3 percent of our students are undocumented."

"They are some of the brightest, and they have to already overcome huge barriers."

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# Ferry

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per rider.

"This ferry is exactly what we've needed to give Rockaway residents something approaching a normal commute," Pheffer Amato said. "To get that commute in speed and style a month early? We're over the moon. We're glad the city is finally connecting South Queens to the rest of New York City in a workable way. This is a great day and it was so great to take the first ride with my neighbors."

The ferry is expected to reduce commuting times for South Queens residents by up to an hour.

The two elected officials talked with crew members, employees and fellow riders. They sampled the full-service concession stand, and even led a chorus of "Happy Birthday" for one of the passengers.

"This is the most exciting day I've had in a while," Pheffer Amato said.

"It's an amazing day for the Rockaway peninsula community and for New York City, to see all the hard work and dedi-

cation to this fight for better transportation options finally come to fruition."

Borough President Melinda Katz said the new ferry service will be a "huge boost" for the Rockaway economy.

"When you have permanence in a ferry, it means predictability for the Rockaways," Katz said. "It means that stores can predict the number of folks coming in and out. It means that we can create jobs based on the predictability of a permanent ferry. It means that families who move out of the Rockways know that they are going to be able to get in and out and work with the ferry every single day for years to come. That predictability will be a huge boost for the Rockaways."

Hartigan has been watching at the 108th Street landing as passengers disembark this week.

"Each boat that arrives, 50 to 100 people come off," he said. "The first group I saw had tourists, four from Sweden, two from France and one from Britain, and that was on day one. I told my wife I'm ordering a T-shirt from Jaws that shows Roy Scheider saying 'We're gonna need a bigger boat.'"

# CB 7

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for light manufacturing, while the part along the waterfront is zoned M3-1 for heavier manufacturing.

Following the presentation, board member James Cervino, an environmental scientist, raised the question of protection against flooding. He asked how developers were going to address the coastal zone erosion line that he said would be flooded and underwater in 50 years. Cervino called it a major problem. He also wanted to know about plans for evacuation in case of a flood.

"Northern Boulevard is so dense, how are you going to evacuate those people?" Cervino asked. "Is there an emergency contingency plan regarding

flooding? We're already at capacity. How are you going to deal with evacuating people? I would love to see something green happen, but putting development in that spot is too dangerous."

A representative from City Planning said that precautions were being taken, but the potential for flooding does not mean developers should avoid the area completely.

"Just because an area is vulnerable to flooding doesn't necessarily mean we should retreat from that area," she said. "We can design our buildings to be more resilient, elevated above flood plain, elevate mechanical systems so that after a storm maybe there's a little bit of damage to the building, but people can move back in quickly."

Joe Sweeney, the Land Use Committee's chairman, was upset that the presentation fea-

tured very few differences from the city's last plan and that the changes did not reflect the community's desires.

"You said you listened to the community," he said. "I went to some of these meetings and you know I'm not sure if you really listened to the community. We asked you to look into the 7 train, that's at 125 percent overcapacity. That was not addressed tonight. The schools in the area, they're at overcapacity. Now you plan to put this in and shove more kids into these schools? You also have the traffic on College Point Boulevard. It's jammed, you can't get up and down. It has not been addressed tonight. How can you commit to a community if you don't address their concerns? You're going to destroy what they've built. People are going to move out."

# DC 9

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almost exclusively to helping children and families who are coping with tics and Tourette disorders, making this community support from neighbors and TAA supporters like John Shepard, Larry Rubin and the DC 9 volunteers particularly meaningful. Their support helps support our mission and uplifts our employees in the place where they do their best work."

DC9 is an organization which represents painters and people working in wall covering, architectural metal and glass work, structural steel and bridge painting, drywall

finishing, window filming, metal polishing and sign and display painting.

According to DC 9 Business Agent John Shepard, many of the volunteers in the project come from Bayside and neighboring communities.

"Our team is grateful for the opportunity to be able to support TAA and conduct our work in Bayside, a town where many of us grew up and look forward to making this an annual tradition," Shepard said. "We are here for Bayside families and proud to be a part of this tight-knit community."

The TAA controls a network of 32 chapters and support groups in the United States and has been in operation since 1972.

# Town Hall

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million in city capital funds to create those safety measures on Thomson Avenue to protect the students of LaGuardia College and the surrounding community."

The mayor pledged another \$130 million to re-

place the Sanitation Department garage near the Ravenswood Houses, which has drawn complaints for years, in a different location that will be determined.

"This has been an environmental injustice that the Ravenswood community has suffered for decades and decades," Van Bramer

said. One resident voiced concerns about the Sunnyside Yards proposal and the mayor reminded residents that project is years down the road.

"This is a sort of project you're talking 10 or 20 years to ever come near achieving," de Blasio said, emphasizing that he was aware of the "tremendous

concern at a community level" about it.

When he was asked about service interruptions that plague the No. 7 subway line, he blamed the state-run MTA.

"We can't make it with the transit options we have now," de Blasio said, and that's why the NYC Ferry is important. "There's no

traffic jams on the river," he said, adding the BQX street car system was needed because the subway system is overburdened and he is working to make the connector happen.

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# Sports



Christ the King freshman phenom Natalija Marshall (r) is ready to represent the United States, after earning an invitation to the U16 trials later this month. Community News Group / Laura Amato

## Christ the King star invited to USA trials

BY LAURA AMATO

Natalija Marshall was named to 2017 USA Women's U16 National Team trials, an opportunity that she knows could completely change the future of her on-court career. The Christ the King basketball star first got the news in March and she's fairly certain her excitement hasn't ebbed since she hung up the phone.

"This is probably my biggest accomplishment in my life so far, basketball-wise," Marshall said. "To be recognized nationally, for playing basketball and doing something that I love is incredible."

Marshall is one of 35 athletes from across the country who earned an invitation to the trials, which will be held May 25-29. While she's had a few weeks to let the idea of competing settle, she's still bordering somewhere close to overwhelmed.

It is, after all, quite a compliment.

"It was a surprise, mostly," Marshall said of her initial reaction. "A bit anxious, excited, a little scared. It was a mix of emotions, but the excitement was just overwhelming. I'm still so,

so excited."

Of course, Marshall made a name for herself with the Royals this season. The freshman – who transferred into the school at the start of the year – took a few games to find her footing, but once she did, Marshall was all but unstoppable on the court.

She drained shots from just about anywhere, sinking three-pointers with the same ease she drilled bank shots on the block. Her size in the post became a key cog of Christ the King's defensive attack. Still, Marshall is the first to admit that she wasn't completely pleased with the way the season ended.

Christ the King came up short of a Brooklyn-Queens championship, falling to eventual CHSAA champion, The Mary Louis Academy, by two points on a last-second play that Marshall has been replaying on a loop since the final buzzer went off.

Now, she's hoping that this opportunity with Team USA will help erase some of those less-than-pleasant memories.

"After losing by two in the Brooklyn-Queens  
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## Fencing champions

### St. John's standouts ready for next challenge

BY LAURA AMATO

There hasn't been much time to celebrate.

St. John's fencing stars Andras Nemeth and Cooper Schumacher each clinched an NCAA championship in March, wrapping up the collegiate season at the top of the men's foil and epee categories respectively, but neither Red Storm standout has had more than a moment to sit back and think about the accomplishment.

In fact, they're already getting ready for the next one.

"I haven't had that much time to reflect because my season's not really over," Schumacher said. "It's over for the collegiate season, but I still have competitions that are leading up to world championships in July, so it's kind of just back to work."

Nemeth and Schumacher, despite the lack of post-title celebration, still managed to make a bit of history with their victories.

Nemeth became the first Red Storm foil fencer to ever win an individual national championship, while Schumacher, in his final NCAA event, earned his first-ever medal and All-American honor.

The road to gold, however, was distinctly different for the two athletes.

Nemeth grew up around fencing, following in his older brother's footsteps, and making his way to St. John's was the next logical step.

"There was an opportunity to go to St. John's and I was, like, 'Why not?'" he said. "So I thought it would be a big adventure. It's super different than being at home, so I really wanted to try it. I don't regret it."

Schumacher, on the other hand, stumbled into fencing in high school and didn't see a



Red Storm senior Cooper Schumacher wrapped up his college career with an NCAA championship, a perfect finish for the fencing star.

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future in the sport at first.

"I was 15 and I picked it up in high school as an after-school program," the New Jersey native said. "I didn't want to do it at first, but I kind of ended up doing it to keep me out of trouble. I had a kind of natural talent and I started doing it well without taking it too seriously. So I started working with a coach in his driveway that summer and then it really picked up from there."

Now, a month removed from their NCAA titles, Schumacher and Nemeth are ready for the next challenge – which will take place in the classroom.

"I have finals and all my attention is on that now," Nemeth said. "Then, right after that, I'll go home back

to Hungary for practice because it seems like I'll go to the European World Championships. Then, the end of August, I'll have the University games, so I won't be bored."

Schumacher, meanwhile, has a jam-packed schedule of his own, as he will be crossing the globe in the next few weeks with training sessions and competitions in France, Colorado Springs and Colombia. He's also planning to graduate college in the middle of all of that.

"It's not easy, but St. John's offers a great academic support system that helps me manage this," Schumacher said. "It allows me some leeway and I can get everything  
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# Molloy takes down Fontbonne Hall

Stanners earn 11-1 victory with strong performances on the mound and at the plate

BY LAURA AMATO

Kelsey Carr just ran and hoped for the best.

The Archbishop Molloy freshman standout didn't remember much about her trip around the bases, she just knew she'd found her way home when she heard the yells from the dugout.

Carr connected on a solo home run on the first pitch of her late-game at bat, sprinting around the diamond and wrapping up a day that was nothing short of dominant as the Stanners cruised to an 11-1 victory over Fontbonne Hall in five innings last Friday.

"I thought I was going to stop at third, I didn't think it was that far out," said Carr, who drilled the home run to deep left field in the bottom of the fifth. "But then she was telling me to go and I knew it was going to be close. I just made sure I slid outside, but I don't really know what happened. I couldn't really see, but it worked."



Archbishop Molloy freshman pitcher Kelsey Carr tallied 12 strikeouts in a victory over Fontbonne Hall.

Photo by William Thomas

Carr's homer capped off a stellar performance on both sides of the ball. The freshman pitcher connected on two hits, a sacrifice fly and notched

three RBI. She also racked up 12 strikeouts and never lost her cool in the circle — even after Fontbonne jumped out to a one-run lead in the top of the first

inning.

"[Kelsey] hit well today," Molloy coach Marueen Rosenbaum said. "But when she started off a little rough, it's good to

know she can come back and resume play. She just worked her hardest and came back smooth."

Carr wasn't the only Molloy player who found success at the plate. The Stanners batted through the order twice, connecting on a whopping 14 hits in the abbreviated game. Every player in the lineup recorded at least one hit.

"It's amazing," said sophomore outfielder Chloe Guistiani, who went 3-for-3 at the plate. "I've never been on a team that is so athletic and so good. To be along with them has been a lot of fun. We're pretty confident."

The Stanners took advantage of Fontbonne pitcher Anna Acevedo, who is not the Bonnies' usual starting pitcher. The Fontbonne hurler struggled to stay consistent throughout the BQCHSAA matchup and Molloy didn't waste time finding a rhythm in the box.

"I thought she was pitch-  
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## Cross, Xaverian game halted after three innings

BY LAURA AMATO

It was an honest mistake.

That didn't mean that Steve Adams felt any better about it.

The Holy Cross baseball coach walked off the diamond at College Point Fields Tuesday afternoon far earlier than he expected after a scheduling mis-cue forced the Knights' league matchup against Xaverian to be halted after three innings.

The Clippers held a 7-6 lead when umpires called the game.

"It was a screw-up, the scheduling screw-up was on our end," Adams said. "The Little League works well with us and it was a mistake of ours. We didn't have it on the schedule and it was a mistake on our end. So we had to give them the field. It's unfortunate, but we had to do it."

The mishap was just another bump in the road of a spring season that has been chock-full of them. Nothing has come easy to any of the teams in the league — bat-

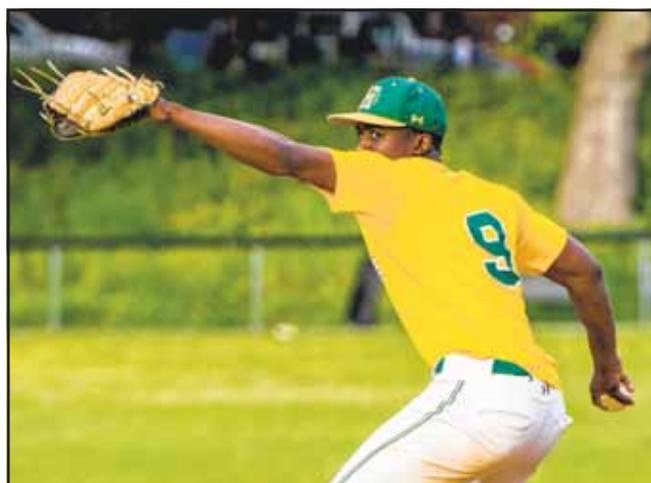
tling weather and delays as much as each other — but this latest issue was a bit of a surprise for both sides.

"Little League had the [field] permit, but according to [Adams], today was supposed to be cleared," Xaverian coach Frank Del George said. "On the Holy Cross schedule, it's clear. But [the Little League coach] showed him the schedule and it was right there. So we had to get off. It's crazy."

Of course, both teams were disappointed that they couldn't finish the game, if only because both teams seemed to have found their early-game stride.

Holy Cross got out to a quick start, plating two runs in the bottom of the first, but Xaverian answered quickly, hitting through the lineup and racking up seven runs in the Clippers' ensuing at-bat.

It was enough to chase Knights starter Patrick Morrissey after 1 2/3 in-



Holy Cross shortstop Jaylen Palmer connected on a single and a double as the Knights rallied against Xaverian.

Photo by Sean Murphy

nings, but Holy Cross never lost its focus.

The squad kept Xaverian off the board in the third and found its collective swing in the bottom of the frame, notching its own offensive explosion with four runs to make it a 7-6 game.

"It's important to have a

bit of momentum and being energetic and being down, but still staying in the game," Adams said. "That's where we can take advantage of those situations. If they were dead in the dugout, it might be different. We really feed off that a little bit."

It wasn't the first time

Holy Cross has come back against Xaverian this season — or even in the last week. The Knights clawed out of an early-game hole on Monday as well, bouncing back to take down the Clippers 7-5 on the road.

But this game wasn't quite as simple as just finding a late-game lift. This game, which both teams hope to reschedule sooner rather than later, is a brand-new type of test for the Knights as the squad look to grab a bit of momentum heading into the final stretch of the regular season.

It hasn't been an easy spring, but Holy Cross is hopeful there can at least be an easy finish — especially when it comes to this game.

"They fight, they're tough," Adams said of his squad. "Are we the best team in the league? No, but we give it all we've got every time we're out."

# Team doctors continue to let Mets down



Zach Gewelb



The Mets' training staff and team doctors confirmed its status as one of the worst units in the league last week with its mishandling of injuries to star players Yoenis Cespedes and Noah Syndergaard.

The training staff has long been back page fodder for its inability to correctly diagnose injuries and deserves to be criticized for their most recent failures.

Yoenis Cespedes originally missed three games due to a hamstring injury before returning to the starting lineup April 26. The decision to bring him back was approved by team doctors. He re-aggravated the injury the next day and now could miss significant time because he was rushed back to the lineup.

Cespedes is arguably the Mets' most important player and definitely their most important hitter, so one could see why the team wanted him back on the field. But that decision led to a DL stint and could cost the Mets' dearly, as there is no timetable for his return.

Then the Mets dropped the ball with Noah Syndergaard's injury.

The team skipped the ace's start last week, saying he had a sore bicep and a tired arm. Syndergaard refused an MRI, claiming that he was healthy enough to pitch Sunday against the Nationals.

"I think I know my body best," Syndergaard told reporters last Friday. "I'm pretty in tune with my body, and that's exactly why I refused to take the MRI."

It's easy to like Syndergaard's competitive nature and it's natural to want to trust him when he says he's good to go, but I can't think of another team that lets their players refuse an MRI just because they say so.

Trusting their ace, the Mets let Syndergaard pitch Sunday against the Washington Nationals and the

results were terrible. He gave up five earned runs in 1 1/3 innings before he had to leave the game with what was being described as an upper body injury.

Syndergaard agreed to an MRI the following day, which revealed a partial tear in his lat muscle. Turns out the injury was serious after all. It's tough to say if there was a tear all along or if pitching Sunday led to the severity of the injury, but perhaps an earlier MRI would've caught the injury and the Mets could've shut Syndergaard before it became serious.

Now their ace could be sidelined for up to three months, as he's been shut down indefinitely.

The mishandling of the injuries to Syndergaard and Cespedes are nothing new in Flushing, as the Mets' training staff has a notorious reputation for making the wrong calls.

In the past, injuries to Carlos Beltran, David Wright and Jose Reyes were all mishandled, leading to prolonged stints on the disabled list when it was originally thought the players would miss little time.

The failure of the Mets' training staff could be their undoing this season. First Cespedes, then Syndergaard. Who's next? Maybe Michael Conforto or Neil Walker will miss a game or two with a minor injury before it's revealed that they'll have to miss more time.

Either way, something needs to change. Whether it's as simple as getting new doctors or forcing players to go in for tests when there's a possibility of injury, the Mets need to figure it out soon, or 2017 could be another lost season in Flushing.

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# Different at 'Dozo

## Judges star hopes changes spark success

BY LAURA AMATO

It's different this year. Michael Coletta isn't trying to knock the ball out of the park every time he steps up to the plate and isn't too worried about his stats or where he's sitting compared to his teammates and the rest of the league.

This year, Coletta and the Cardozo baseball team are focusing on the little things, and it might make all the difference in the world.

"We were going to have to work harder than the first three years," Coletta said. "So we work a lot harder. Last year, we took more days off. We barely have days off anymore. And everyone knows their role, that's the big thing."

Coletta's role, as far as he's concerned, is to lead this team. He's one of three captains for the Judges and as a four-year varsity standout, the senior is determined to make sure he sets an example every time he puts on his uniform.

So far, he's done a pretty good job and has backed up his talk with strong performances on the field.

Coletta isn't trying to be the top hitter in the city, but in the first couple of weeks of the season, he's managed to do just that. In his first seven PSAL games, Coletta boasted a division-best .591 batting average, connecting on 13 hits, including seven doubles.

Of course, those numbers don't just happen. While Coletta isn't letting his competitive tendencies get the better of him this year, he's also the first to admit he's put some serious work in.

"Reggie Jackson used to say, hitting is repetition. So I'm hitting every day and that's what works for me the most," he said. "But if you take 100 swings and 90 of them are bad, it doesn't really mean anything. But if you take 50 good swings, then it's better than those 90 bad swings. So I'm just hitting every day, 200 to 400 swings a day."

The key for Coletta — and for 'Dozo, which came



Cardozo senior Michael Coletta hit nearly .600 in his first seven PSAL games this season, but the Judges' captain isn't worried about his stats.

Community News Group / Laura Amato

up short in the postseason last year — is getting back to the basics. The little things are going to win games and right now, that's all this team cares about.

"Last year, we were a little selfish. That's good and bad, but we were a little selfish because everybody was all about the stats," Coletta said.

"This year, we keep using the phrase 'role players.' We have kids who only pinch run, kids who won't get in for five games at a time, but when they do, they make the most of it."

Coletta knows the next few weeks won't be easy. Cardozo is playing without a home field and the league is chock-full of talent. That doesn't, howev-

er, mean he's lacking for goals.

He wants to win a title, wants to get back to Yankee Stadium and, for the first time since he was a freshman, bring a trophy back to 'Dozo.

If that means taking more practice swings or even focusing on the basics of baseball, Coletta is willing to do it.

After all, he's certain, this season is different than any other one he's played.

"[Winning a championship] would mean the world, actually," Coletta said.

"We don't have a field and to win a championship under those conditions is pretty insane. I don't think any team has done something like that."

# Softball

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ing a little slow, so I moved up in the box,” Guistiani said of her approach. “Just time it and load.”

It wasn't a perfect game — two Molloy runs were erased off the board after a baserunner failed to touch first and the Stanners notched a handful of less-than-stellar errors in the field — but the squad still managed to pick up the victory and, right now, that's all the they are worried about.

The Stanners have their sights set on a title, and while they might have been surprised with their early-spring success, Molloy is determined to wrap up the



Archbishop Molloy broke out the bats, hitting through the lineup twice in a shortened game against Fontbonne Hall. Photo by William Thomas

year on a high note.

“It definitely helped that the team came out hitting,” Carr said. “Even

now, this wasn't our best game. But we still pushed through and we know we can keep getting better.”

# Fencing

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done before I get back into the competition.”

There have been moments, for both Schumacher and Nemeth, when they didn't particularly enjoy fencing, challenges in and

out of the competition that were never easy to overcome, but through it all, both standouts have realized something important — this sport is everything to them.

No matter how they got here, or how little time they had to celebrate championships, neither Schumacher nor Nemeth would change

anything and they're ready for whatever comes next.

“There were moments when I wasn't the best,” Nemeth said. “There were two or three times in my career, however, when I just wanted to stop. I didn't think I could keep going, but it didn't take long to realize that I couldn't give up. This is my life.”

# Marshall

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championship, I think all of us, our confidence was a little down. Now we're hungrier than ever,” Marshall said.

“This was a sort of gateway to next year,” she added. “I'd say for all of us, not just me. We're all getting accolades.

“I think we're all just going to take this into the next year and, hopefully, a championship.”

Marshall is just one of two New York players named to the trials and she's determined to do her best to, not just represent her state, but her school as well.

“I think a lot of people know Christ the King,” she said. “They know the basketball and what we've done, but showing that we're all here is really important. To represent the school and do the best we can.”

The next few weeks will be a whirlwind of excitement for Marshall — playing with her AAU squad, Exodus, before heading to Colorado for the trials. She can't deny her excitement, but Marshall is also anxious to prove herself. The invitation was big, but making the team would be even better.

“I'm really excited and looking forward to it,” Marshall said. “It really is just another step towards getting better.”

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**271 Hicks Street LLC.** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/17/17. City: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Red Brick Properties, Inc., 56-02 Maspeth Ave., Maspeth, NY 11378. General Purpose.

**37-27 107th Street Property, LLC.** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/04. City: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 41-44 75th St., #MC, Elmhurst, NY 11373. General Purpose

**68-10 Almeda LLC.** Filed 3/16/17. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1788 Relyea Dr, Merrick, NY 11566. Purpose: General.

**Ared Investors, LLC.** Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/11/17. City: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 42-40 Bell Blvd., Ste. 103, Bayside, NY 11361. General Purpose.

**DMDAL LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14-38 31st Drive, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**Naked in Motion, LLC** Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 10/13/2016. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Legalinc Corporate Services Inc., 1967 Wehrle Dr, #1-086, Buffalo, NY 14221. General Purposes.

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 4-3-17, bearing Index Number NC-000265-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) ALEXANDRA (Last) MAFLA. My present name is (First) ALEXANDRA (Last) LOPEZ. My present address is 14037 Ash Avenue, Apt. #405, Flushing, NY 11355-2743. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is August 21, 1995.

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** Name: Blossom Home Care, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 4/14/17. Office location: Queens County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 26-13 21 st St, Long Island City, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**Notice of Formation of 52-21 Skillman Avenue LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/28/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Vasantlal V. Mehta, 79-20 32nd Ave., Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Notice of formation of Astoria Portfolio Advisors LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 4/06/2017. Office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 218 Park Lane, Douglaston NY 11363. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**Notice of Formation of Atlas Estate Development LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/28/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Atlas

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Estate Development LLC, 48-62 213th St, Bayside, NY 11364. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**Notice of Formation of CITILEASE LLC** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/17. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Elite Limousine Plus, Inc., 3272 Gale Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SANY MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/24/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: SHIRLEY WU 2930 138 ST #5G FLUSHING, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Y PILATES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/29/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC. 1967 WEHRLE DR STE 1 #086 BUFFALO, NY 14221. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: EERO CONTRUCTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/30/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 40-29 68TH STREET 3F WOODSIDE, NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: RYSE SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/06/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY

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**Notice of formation of S A M A R I T A N N CONSULTING, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on March 23, 2017. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC 86-97 Marengo Street, Hollis, N.Y. 11423. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**Notice of formation of T-Swirl Distribution, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/15/17. Office loc.: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to is Edward Wu, 36-16 30th Ave., Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Notice of Qualification:** Bear Paw Properties, LLC Auth. filed with Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/16. NYS fictitious name: Bear Paw Property Global, LLC. Office loc: Queens County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 8/21/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 73-20 220th St, #411A2, Oakland Gardens, NY. NV addr. of LLC: Nevada Corporate Headquarters, Inc. 4730 S Ft Apache Rd, #300, Las Vegas, NV 89147. Cert. of Form. filed with NV Sec of State, 101 N Carson St, #3, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: General.

**Notice of Qualification of BIT INVESTMENT THIRTY-THREE, LLC.** App. For Auth. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 3/8/17. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in MD on 11/22/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o TRAC - The Registered Agent Company, 715 St. Paul St, Baltimore, MD 21202. LLC Address: 1 E Pratt St, 5th Fl E, Baltimore, MD 21202. Art. of Org. filed with SDAT, 301 W Preston St, Rm 801, Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: All lawful purposes.

**Notice of Qualification of NAVITAS NEW YORK LLC.** Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 8/26/16. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/12/16. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801.

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Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is, CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Notice of Qualification of OVERLOOK FUND ADVISORS LLC.** Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/2/17. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/22/17. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 80-37 Park Ln., Kew Gardens, NY 11415. DE address of LLC: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK -- COUNTY OF QUEENS - Index No. 1628-2017 - Date Purchased:** February 16, 2017 - **SUMMONS WITH NOTICE - Plaintiff** designates Queens County as the place of trial-- Basis of venue: Plaintiff's residence. - **LUCIA MOHAMED, Plaintiff, against YAHYA MOHAMED, Defendant - ACTION FOR DIVORCE -** To the above named Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons is complete and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Dated: February 16, 2017, Queens, New York. Law Offices of Donald Mastrodomenico By: Donald Mastrodomenico, Esq. Plaintiff's Attorney 107-19 71 st Ave. Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375 (718) 268-8111 - **NOTICE:** The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL section 170 subd.(7) - the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is: That the Plaintiff shall have custody of the children of the marriage, Golaise Mohamed, born on January 27, 2011, and Taha Mohamed, born on January 29, 2014. That the Defendant shall have reasonable rights of visitation with the children. That the Family Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Court with respect to any future



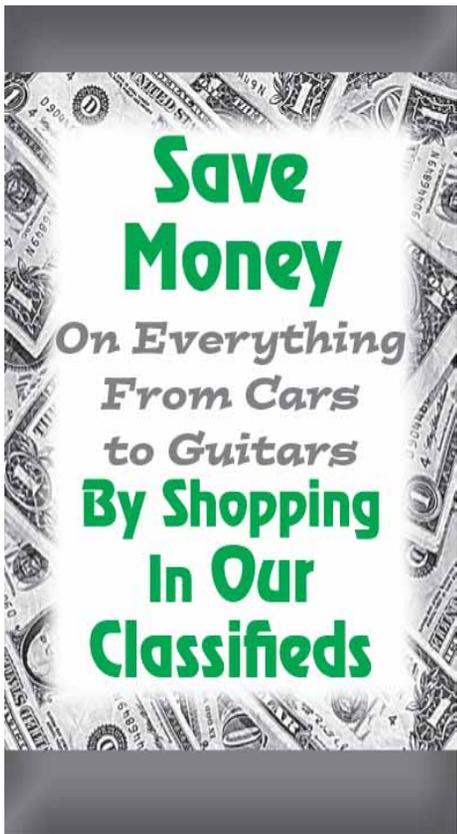
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issues of maintenance, child support, custody and visitation. That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance. I am not seeking maintenance as payee as described in the Notice of Guideline Maintenance. That equitable distribution has been resolved by the Post Nuptial Agreement dated May 11, 2016 and its provisions shall survive and not be merged in any judgment of divorce. That the Defendant shall pay to the Plaintiff reasonable amounts for child support. That the Plaintiff shall provide health insurance benefits to the children until the age of 21 years. That the Court issue an appropriate Qualified Medical Child Support Order. That both parties may resume the use of any prior surname. That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper. The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution.

**NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW SECTION 236 PART B, SECTION 2, THE PARTIES ARE BOUND BY CERTAIN AUTOMATIC ORDERS WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ACTION.**

**NOTICE OF GUIDELINE MAINTENANCE** You are hereby given that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$178,000 to be paid by the party with the higher income to the party with the lower income according to a formula, unless the parties agree otherwise or waive this right. Depending on the income of the parties, the obligation might fall on either the Plaintiff or the Defendant in the action.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THESE NOTICES YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE MATRIMONIAL PART, SUPREME COURT, 60 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007 TEL (646) 386-3010. DRL 255 Notice. Please be advised that once the judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both parties must be aware that he or she will no longer be covered by the other party's health insurance plan and that each party shall be responsible for his or her own health insurance coverage, and may be entitled to purchased health insurance on his or her own through a COBRA option, if available.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK -- COUNTY OF QUEENS - Index No.3659-2017 - Date Purchased: April 6, 2017 - SUMMONS WITH NOTICE - Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial-- Basis**

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of venue: Plaintiff's residence. --ROBERT SANTINO, Plaintiff, against HILDA TERESA SANTINO, Defendant -- **ACTION FOR DIVORCE --** To the above named Defendant: **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons is complete and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Dated: April 6, 2017, Queens, New York. Law Offices of Donald Mastrodomenico, By: Donald Mastrodomenico, Esq. Plaintiff's Attorney 107-19 71 st Ave. Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375 (718) 268-8111 - **NOTICE:** The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL section 170 subd.(7) -- the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is: That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance. That both parties may resume the use of any prior surname. That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper. The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution.

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judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both parties must be aware that he or she will no longer be covered by the other party's health insurance plan and that each party shall be responsible for his or her own health insurance coverage, and may be entitled to purchased health insurance on his or her own through a COBRA option, if available.

**Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Nassau** Index No. 17-200739 Date summons filed 3/21/17 Plaintiff designates Nassau County as place of trial The basis of the venue is plaintiffs residence and county where cause of action arose

**SUMMONS WITH NOTICE** Plaintiff resides at 26 Pirates Cove Massapequa, New York 11758 County of Nassau

**ACTION FOR A DIVORCE** To the above named Defendant

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** 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) and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Dated: Garden City, New York March 22, 2017

By: Rona L. Gura, ESQ. BREITER AND GURA L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 377 Oak Street, Suite 201 Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 539-7900

**NOTICE:** The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds of: the relationship between husband and wife has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months - DLR §170(7). Pursuant to DRL § 255, once the judgment is signed, a party thereto may or may not be eligible to be covered under the other party's health insurance plan, depending on the plan, and that said party may be entitled to health insurance on his or her own through a COBRA option, if available.

The relief sought is: A judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of the ancillary relief demanded is: Equitable distribution of all marital assets and/or a distributive award in lieu thereof;

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And for such other, further and different relief as the court may deem just, fair and equitable including the costs of this action.

**NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS PURSUANT TO DRL § 236** WHEREAS, an Action for Divorce has been commenced in the Supreme Court, County of Nassau, between Peter Brabazon, Plaintiff and Maria Brabazon, Defendant;

**NOW TAKE NOTICE**, that pursuant to DRL § 236(BX2), as added by Chapter 72 of the Laws of 2009, both you and your spouse (the parties) are **NOW BOUND** by the following **AUTOMATIC ORDERS**, which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties. Failure to comply with these orders may be deemed a contempt of court.

**ORDERED THAT:** 1. Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or joint held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

2. Neither party shall transfer, encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or in any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks or other assets held in any individual retirement account, 401K accounts, profit sharing plans, Keogh accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from applying for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payments of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court.

3. Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including, but not limited to further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except in the usual course of business or for customary or usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

4. Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

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5. Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect.

**Notice of Guideline Maintenance** If your divorce was commenced on or after January 25, 2016, this Notice is required to be given to you by the Supreme Court of the county where your divorce was filed to comply with the Maintenance Guideline Law (S. 5678/1.76451, Chapter 269, Laws of 2015) because you may not have counsel in this action to advise you. It does not mean that your spouse (the person you are married to) is seeking or offering an award of "Maintenance" in this action. "Maintenance" means the amount to be paid to the other spouse for support after the divorce is final.

You are hereby given notice that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$178,000 to be paid by the party with the higher income (the maintenance payor) to the party with the lower income (the maintenance payee) according to a formula, unless the parties agree otherwise or waive this right. Depending on the incomes of the parties, the obligation might fall on either the Plaintiff or Defendant in the action. There are two formulas to determine the amount of the obligation. If you and your spouse have no children, the higher formula will apply. If there are children of the marriage, the lower formula will apply, but only if the maintenance payor is paying child support to the other spouse who has the children as the custodial parent. Otherwise, the higher formula will apply.

**Lower Formula**  
1 - Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 20%  
2 - Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 25%  
Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 = Result 1  
Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40% of Combined Income\* : Result 2  
Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero.

**THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE LOWER FORMULA Higher Formula**  
1 - Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 30%  
2 - Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 20%  
Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 = Result 1  
Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40% of Combined Income\* = Result 2  
Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero  
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**C A L C U L A T E D GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE HIGHER FORMULA**

\*Combined Income equals Maintenance Payor's income up to \$178,000 plus Maintenance Payee's Income  
Note: The Court will determine how long maintenance will be paid in accordance with the statute. (Rev.1/31/16)

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**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 4-14-17, bearing Index Number NC-001248-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) BRIAN (Last) RIAD. My present name is (First) MOHAMMAD (Middle) RIAD (Last) HOSSAIN AKA MOHAMMAD R. HOSSAIN. My present address is 90-54 180th Street, 1st FL, Jamaica, NY 11432-5613. My place of birth is BANGLADESH. My date of birth is August 15, 1978.

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**NOTICE OF SALE** Supreme Court County Of Queens

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST Lisa Sooknanan, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/23/2015 and entered on 1/8/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on June 02, 2017 at 10:00 AM premises known as 154-02 119th Avenue Jamaica, NY 11434. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 12213, LOT: 62. Approximate amount of judgment is \$366,076.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 17264/2011.

Nora C. Marino, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-051275-F00

**NOTICE OF SALE** STATE OF NEW YORK, SUPREME COURT:

QUEENS COUNTY- 21st Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgage Loan Servicer to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, a federal savings bank d/b/a Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely in its capacity as Trustee for and on behalf of the

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Knoxville 2012 Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs. Tiffany Willis, et al, Defendant(s) Index No. 13672/05. In

pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$477,738.52 plus interest duly granted by this Court and entered in the Queens County Clerk's Office on the 2 nd day of August, 2007, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder therefor at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY, Queens County, Courtroom #25 on the 19th DAY OF MAY, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., the real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in former Town of Jamaica, now Borough of Queens, City and State of New York, known and designated on a certain map entitled "Map of Cedar Manor", 4 th Ward, Jamaica, Borough of Queens, City of New York belonging to the House and Home Company surveyed by S.H. McLaughlin, C.E. and C.S., filed September 4, 1909 in the Office of the Clerk (Now Register of the County of Queens being lots known as and by the Nos. 40 and 47 and which said lots taken together as one parcel, known and designated as Block 10203 Lot 13. Said premises known as 163-36 Phroane Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433. Premised sold subject to provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale. SUBJECT TO restrictions, covenants, etc. of record, prior lien(s), if any, and an easement contained in Deed recorded November 3, 2004 in CRFN 2 0 0 4 0 0 0 6 7 8 7 6 4 . LAWRENCE LITWACK, ESQ., Referee, Helfand & Helfand, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, Office address, 350 Fifth Avenue - Suite 5330, New York, NY 10118

**NOTICE OF SALE** SUPREME COURT

COUNTY OF QUEENS Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Bryant Moody; Shelly Moody a/k/a Shelley Moody a/k/a Shelley Percelli; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 22, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on June 2, 2017 at 10:00AM, premises known as 166-02 115th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block: 12341 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$319,724.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be



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TO:  
Christine Guidera- Bliss as Heir to the Estate of John Guidera who was Heir to the Estate of Frances Widmayer who was Heir to the Estate of Harry J. Widmayer who was Heir to the Estate of Eleanor R. Widmayer  
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Donna Vilbrin a/k/a Donna Delaney as Heir to the Estate of John Guidera who was Heir to the Estate of Frances Widmayer who was Heir to the Estate of Harry J. Widmayer who was Heir to the Estate of Eleanor R. Widmayer  
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**S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S**  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF QUEENS  
Index No. 13730/2014  
Filed: 3/24/2017  
Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated.  
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A  
Plaintiff,  
- against -  
Luciano Muniz, if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Elena Lie, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States Of America - Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance,  
Defendants.  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED Defendant(S):  
YOU ARE HEREBY

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SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
**NOTICE OF NATURE OF THE ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**  
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$270,750.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on June 23, 2003, in CRFN 2003000186939, covering premises known as 167-29 10th Avenue a/k/a 167-29 Brinkerhoff Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.  
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this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.  
Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property.  
Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.  
**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**  
Dated: Williamsville, New York  
January 18, 2017  
BY: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq.  
Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
53 Gibson Street (Main Office)  
Bay Shore, New York 11706  
(631) 969-3100  
Our File No.: 01-072666-F00  
TO: Luciano Muniz  
United States of America- Internal Revenue Service  
New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX # 711179/2016 S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S**  
AND AMENDED NOTICE  
Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the lien premises are situated.  
NYCTL 2015-A TRUST and The Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian, Plaintiff, against Shlomit Ianovici, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the verified complaint herein; Marcel Schonfeld; United States of America; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; The People of the State of New York and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #100," et al., Defendant(s).  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in

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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 Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof; 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 entitled action is to foreclose on a Tax Lien pursuant to a Certificate dated August 5, 2015, recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York on August 25, 2015, at CRFN#2015000294859, covering premises known as 210-08 85 th Avenue, Queens, NY 11427. (Block 07814 and Lot 0003). 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

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served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Howard G. Lane, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on 04/26/2017. This is an action to foreclose on a Tax Lien. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 07814 and Lot 0003, said premises known as 210-08 85 th Avenue, Queens, NY 11427. THE DELLO-IACONO LAW GROUP, P.C. f/k/a Law Office of John D. Dello-Iacono, Attorney for Plaintiffs, 105 Maxess Road, Suite 205, Melville, NY 11747, 631-861- 3001. Our File # 16-000329

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<p><b>12 Oz Pkg ... 6 Pack (Excludes: All Other Varieties) Thomas' Original White English Muffins</b></p> <p><b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p><b>100 Ct Pkg ... White Assorted Paper Plates</b></p> <p><b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p><b>6.8-26.5 Oz Pkg ... Assorted (Excludes: Pies, Single Serve &amp; Any Items Priced Over \$6.99 Normal Retail) Entenmann's Full Line Sale!</b></p> <p><b>3/\$10</b></p>	<p><b>8.25 Oz Box ... Assorted Act II Popcorn</b></p> <p><b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p><b>14.2 Oz Pkg Original or Reduced Fat Keebler Vienna Fingers</b></p> <p><b>2/\$5</b></p>	<p><b>16.25-18.63 Oz Pkg Assorted Wise Variety Pack</b></p> <p><b>\$5.99</b></p>	<p><b>128 Fl Oz Cont Corn, Canola or Vegetable Wesson Oil</b></p> <p><b>\$5.99</b></p>	<p><b>17 Fl Oz Btl Coiavita Organic Balsamic Vinegar</b></p> <p><b>\$5.99</b></p>	<p><b>24 Oz Jar Assorted Rao's Sauce</b></p> <p><b>\$6.99</b></p>
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