

Police name 4th suspect in sex assault

BY NAEISHA ROSE

The 103rd Precinct has identified a fourth suspect in the July 11 gang assault and robbery of a 50-year-old mother of two who was leaving Celestial Church of Christ in Jamaica last week.

The police were searching for Isaiah Shorter, 20, a black male with brown eyes and black hair.

Three other suspects—Brandon Walker, 20, Julisses Ginel, 19 and Justin Williams, 17—were arrested and arraigned July 14 on multiple charges of criminal sex act, robbery and sex abuse charges, according to the Queens district attorney.

The woman was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center where she was in stable condition, police said.

The three defendants live in SCO Family Services, a transitional independent living center, which provides services to homeless youth and young adults up to age 21. It is located on South Road in Jamaica.

The center opened over a year ago, but the community was not informed that it was coming to Jamaica, officials said.

The four suspects were said to have a “pack-like mentality,” according to Queens DA Richard Brown.

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BY NAEISHA ROSE

The defense and the prosecution issued their closing arguments for Councilman Ruben Wills’ (D-Jamaica) corruption case Tuesday at Queens Supreme Court and the jury was still deliberating late Wednesday.

Wills is accused of defrauding the city and the state of a combined \$30,500 by allegedly creating a shell company, Micro Targeting, to siphon off campaign and grant money, which was meant to go to his charity, New York 4 Life, according to state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. He is charged with taking the money to buy gas, food and clothes for himself.

The money that the city Campaign Finance Board and the state Office of Children and Family Services provided him was to support programs for the not-for-profit, which doubled as a campaign platform for the councilman, who represents South Ozone Park, Rochdale and parts of Jamaica. Instead he is facing charges of grand larceny and falsifying business records to conceal how the money was allegedly transferred to his own pocket.

In his summation, Assis-
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Wills case goes to jury

Two sides make closing arguments as Jamaica councilman awaits fate

JAZZ THINGS UP



The Bartlette's New Millenium Band takes the stage and wows the crowd at the annual St. Albans Jazz Festival.

Photo by Nat Valentine



City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer introduces CreateNYC at Material for the Arts in Long Island City. Courtesy of Van Bramer's office

City Hall releases first cultural plan

BY BILL PARRY

New York City's first-ever comprehensive cultural plan, based on the feedback from nearly 200,000 residents in the past year, was released at Material for the Arts in Long Island City Wednesday.

The 180-page report called CreateNYC lays out a blueprint for expanding on the unparalleled strengths of the city's cultural sector, while targeting investments to address historically underserved neighborhoods across all five boroughs.

The plan also reaffirms the

city's commitment to cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive cultural workforce that reflects New York City's residents. CreateNYC is the result of Local Law 46 of 2015 sponsored by City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer (D-Sunnyside) and

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Summer session for CB5

Cannabidiol-infused products, soccer fields discussed

BY ANGELICA ACEVEDO

Community Board 5 held a meeting last week with avid discussions on issues ranging from the opening of a coffee shop serving cannabidiol-infused drink to the installation of soccer fields that would replace basketball courts.

CB5, one of Queens' only community boards to meet during the summer, held its meeting July 12 at Christ the King High School in Middle Village.

During the public forum, the most attention-grabbing subject was a controversial offering of the Flower Power Coffee House, which is scheduled to open in Glendale in August or September. Leighton Knowles, the chef and part-owner of the unusual coffee spot, responded to the concerns raised by a resident who spoke before him over the CBD-infused drinks he will serve and the packets of coffee he will sell called DeezCBDCoffee.

Knowles insisted that using CBD in food is legal in New York.

CBD is a component extract from marijuana, which, unlike the more commonly known THC, is non-psychoactive and is being studied by medical researchers, as it has proven to be effective in treating seizures and reducing anxiety, among remedies. DeezCBDCoffee is a Colorado-based company that launched last year and creates CBD-infused coffee and tea.

When one of the board members' asked him why he wants to add CBD to the drinks in the first place, he replied that on top of the beneficial properties it has, he wants to "bring something good to the neighborhood."

"We're going to do events in the evenings, and the idea is to build the community," Knowles said.

CB5 Chairman Vincent Arcuri Jr. said the board has



State Sen. Joseph P. Addabbo speaks at the Community Board 5 meeting in Middle Village.

reached out to the city Department of Health, NYPD and city Law Department about the legality of using CBD in food and were told that the agencies were looking into it.

"You understand we're on the edge of something here that's never been done," Arcuri said. "So it's very interesting and I think we need to pay attention to it seriously because this could be the beginning of a whole new industry."

According to the Law Department spokeswoman Meryl Holt, however, marijuana extracts are illegal. Additionally, although medical marijuana is legal in the state of New York as of 2014, the use of CBD in food is still considered a legal gray area, as there are no specific laws dedicated to the use of CBD in food as of yet.

Another topic that proved controversial was brought up by Parks and Recreation Services Committee Chairman Steven Fiedler, who spoke about the

installation of a soccer field in Rosemary's Playground as part of Mayor Bill de Blasio's NYC Soccer Initiative.

"These soccer fields are not what you know as soccer fields. They are the size of a basketball court, they're very big in Europe and in Australia, and they want to move this into this country," Fiedler said.

He explained that the soccer field would replace the existing basketball courts at Rosemary's Playground, which the Parks Committee was not in favor of.

"We're losing basketball courts left and right," Fiedler said. "In Rosemary's Playground we have two basketball hoops in the outfield and two full basketball courts. I went up there for the past six nights in a row, and every night I went, every court was being played on."

He said the new plan would leave the park with four basketball hoops, less than half of

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Cuomo's JFK plan takes step forward

BY BILL PARRY

The \$10 billion redevelopment plan for JFK International Airport is still in its early stages but it took a significant step forward Tuesday when Gov. Andrew Cuomo launched a Request for Proposals for preliminary engineering and design on the project.

The chosen firm will follow the blueprint laid out in Cuomo's "vision plan" to reimagine the airport's terminals, roadways, AirTrain, parking, cargo facilities and support infrastructure.

"JFK International Airport is an international gateway to New York and a powerful economic engine with the potential to grow even stronger," Cuomo said. "By enhancing capacity, improving access and creating a unified framework for one of the nation's largest international airports, the new JFK Airport will be a center of economic activity and a world-class airport of the caliber that New York deserves."

The RFP is complemented by \$1.5 billion in New York State commitments for improvements to the Van Wyck Expressway and Kew Gardens Interchange that will improve access to the airport and reduce congestion.

State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway Beach) lauded the governor's plan, calling the project "absolutely vital for safety, for tourism, and for the creation of a 21st century air infrastructure for Queens."

Pheffer Amato noted Cuomo's press release, which stated "JFK is one of the only major airports in the world that does not of-

fer travelers a one-seat ride from its city center." With that in mind, Pheffer Amato recommended Cuomo expand his plan to create one.

"This proposal is about keeping JFK world class and making it serve the people of New York," she said. "Some of the changes are long overdue; some are great bits of forward thinking. All of them are badly needed. My message to Gov. Cuomo, the MTA and the Port Authority is: You can't have a world-class airport without quick travel to the city center. South Queens has been isolated from the transit grid for too long, and we know that because we can't get to jobs, family and recreation as fast as the rest of the city. We used to have a 40-minute commute to Midtown. Now it's twice that."

Pheffer Amato has been a staunch advocate for the return of the Rockaway Beach Rail Line, a relatively inexpensive reactivation of a right-of-way that carried commuters between South Queens and Manhattan from 1880 to 1960.

"This is one solution, there may be another," Pheffer Amato said. "But whatever the solution winds up being, Gov. Cuomo is right that we need single-seat rail travel from the airport to the hub of the city. While we're redeveloping our infrastructure, why not kill two birds with one stone and give the airport's surrounding community — South Queens — a huge economic boost? That's what we're calling for."

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Breaking Ground's Ozone Park drop-in center opens

Banks, Pospisil lead tour of center, discuss citywide street outreach initiatives

BY GINA MARTINEZ

Ozone Park's highly debated drop-in center has opened.

Department of Homeless Services Commissioner Steven Banks and Breaking Ground Deputy Vice President Amie Pospisil led a tour of the recently opened, two-floor drop-in center on Atlantic Avenue in Ozone Park Tuesday afternoon. Pospisil discussed citywide street outreach initiatives, as well as how facilities like her nonprofit's drop-in center on Atlantic are crucial in the ongoing effort to help street homeless New Yorkers transition indoors.

According to Pospisil, drop-in centers provide baseline resources, such as showers, meals, clothing, and on-site case management services, with the goal of meeting immediate needs for street homeless individuals. At these locations, clients can also access an emergency overnight option or a referral to a respite bed at local churches.

Banks discussed the importance of collaboration between

DHS and not-for-profit service providers like Breaking Ground in addressing the citywide challenge of street homelessness.

"Drop-in centers are important to help get people off streets," he said. "We had success last year bringing 748 people off the streets who remained off and this new facility is an important piece in increasing the effort to getting people off the street. It's not a linear pathway to end up on the streets. There are individuals who have fallen through every social safety net that exist in society, and with dedicated providers like Breaking Grounds, we'll continue to make forward progress and bring more people off the streets like the 748 we've brought off last year."

Banks said the ultimate goal of the centers is to provide permanent housing, and that in addition to redoubling and enhancing proactive street outreach efforts, DHS has opened, or is opening, more low-threshold facilities dedicated to serving street homeless New Yorkers,



Breaking Ground's Deputy Vice President Amie Pospisil leads the tour of the Ozone Park transitional home.

Photo By Gina Martinez

including this Atlantic Avenue site, with 350 safe haven beds brought online since December 2015 and another 360 coming by January 2018.

In November Councilmen Ruben Wills and Mike Miller hosted a town hall in Richmond Hill where a panel of workers

from DHS and Breaking Ground tried to have an open conversation with residents. The panel was met by jeers and chants saying "put the shelter by your house!" and "Liar!" The main concern was that the center, located at 100-32 Atlantic Ave., is just 250 feet away from the High

School for Construction, Trades, Engineering and Architecture.

Now that the shelter is already built and running, Pospisil said Breaking Ground is very committed to being a good neighbor.

"We do a great deal of work to work with local electeds, the local community, precincts, business owners, school boards, everyone," she said. "We committed to do that at the town hall some months ago and we've stayed committed to that promise. We want to be good neighbors, hear any concerns and do whatever we can to address any questions."

Pospisil said that for now the Atlantic Avenue location is serving up to 10 people a day, eventually going up to 75. They're open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and offer basic services, three meals a day, case management services, and access to psychiatrists two days a week.

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City Hall in Your Borough

De Blasio meets face-to-face with his constituents on topics from the courts to Build it Back

BY MARK HALLUM

The second day of City Hall in Your Borough kicked off Tuesday with constituent office hours where residents could get a few minutes of one-on-one time with Mayor Bill de Blasio. Some shared problems they experienced with court programs in the city while other topics were lost in the murmur of the crowds of people waiting in a line stretching to the back of the Helen Marshall Cultural Center.

Up to 100 people stood in line to meet with de Blasio and people walking down Queens Boulevard were encouraged step inside Borough Hall. NYCHA and ID NYC had trailers on the curb to handle individual matters.

While one woman in line complained about reimbursements from Build it Back never making it to her door, others raised different issues not so easily handled.

Elizabeth Renner held de Blasio to his 2013 campaign promise to make improvements to Family Court after her divorce led to an even more bitter struggle between her family and court-appointed lawyers assigned as referees to determine which parent to grant custody to.

"You had said when you were public advocate, 'I'm going to be all over the Fam-



Mayor Bill de Blasio listens to a constituent during a resource session.

Photo by Mark Hallum

ily Court as soon as I get in," Renner said, explaining how she had written letters to City Hall about judges she viewed as unfit and lawyers who provoke family drama before coming to a decision on custody. "I'm a victim of abuses of the court system. For 15 years, my case was dragged through hell and my ex-husband and I lost \$2 million. My kids don't have any money for college now because they made up nonsense about us. He's a lawyer, I'm a teacher

and they made us go through a million judges and made up false allegations against us."

Renner complained about the amount of time it takes for issues to cycle through court and asked the city to investigate judges and staff of the courts to resolve these matters.

"ACS issues are obviously very controversial and very human, very complex, but I feel like family work is improving," de Blasio said, adding that Children's Services is in no



De Blasio spoke with Queens residents and directed serious concerns to commissioners.

Photo by Mark Hallum

The Mayor spent part of his second day chatting with Queens residents one-on-one.

way perfect, but with the appointment of more judges and the high quality of staff overall progress is being made.

"The mayor often goes into communities, he does town hall meetings and he answers questions directly all the time," Borough President Melinda Katz said. "But this is a way to get one-on-one with him and with the commissioners who can answer the questions."

According to Katz, the

mayor's office has not held anything similar to City Hall in Your Borough since Mayor David Dinkins was in office. City Hall in Your Borough has so far visited Staten Island and the Bronx.

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Blaz unveils site of long-awaited 116th Precinct

BY GINA MARTINEZ

In his first official act from Queens as he runs City Hall out of the borough this week, Mayor Bill de Blasio brought NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill to Rosedale Monday morning.

De Blasio and O'Neill unveiled the site for the new 116th Precinct, which will be located at 242-40 North Conduit Ave.

For years, community leaders and elected officials called for action to cut down on response times across the sprawling 105th Precinct, which stretches north to

Glen Oaks. According to the mayor, the 105th Precinct is the fifth largest in the city, covering 12.43 square miles and 354 miles of roadway in Queens. The new 116th Precinct will assume over half of the 105th Precinct's current territory.

De Blasio said the city wide average emergency response time is seven minutes, while the 105th's response time has averaged closer to nine minutes.

The mayor said thanks to the tireless efforts of the NYPD, New York City is the safest big city in America and that every neighborhood

in the city deserves the same quality of service.

"That is why we are making unprecedented investments in establishing high-quality precincts," he said. "The future 116th Precinct will help reduce current response times in southeast Queens and expand coverage throughout the community."

According to the mayor, the addition of the 116th Precinct will allow officers to respond more quickly and maintain a significant police presence in the southernmost part of the jurisdiction. The NYPD created the

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Mayor Bill de Blasio unveiled the site for the new 116th Precinct station in Rosedale.
Photo by Gina Martinez

brings Hizzoner to Queens

Mayor's administration officials tour College Point aerospace manufacturing plant

BY MARK HALLUM

De Blasio administration officials spread their wings for City Hall in Your Borough, an initiative by Mayor Bill de Blasio to govern from each borough, by touring the facility of S&L Aerospace Metals in College Point.

Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen and EDC President James Patchett were shown around the expanding facility that manufactures key components for both military and private aircraft. S&L is not only notable for keeping its base in Queens, when many industries have decided to leave the city altogether, but for building an additional 34,000 square feet to the manufacturing plant which will allow the company to add 20 high-paying advanced manufacturing jobs.

"I'm so pleased to see a business like this, not only want to come to New York, but want to stay in New York," Glen said in reference to the perception that



Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen and EDC President James Patchett tour S&L Aerospace Metals in College Point.

Photo by Mark Hallum

companies are looking to other cities to do business in. "The workforce [at S&L] are New Yorkers and incredibly diverse. It kind of

puts an end to the myth that people don't want to build a business in New York or that this kind of investment in a factory doesn't work here. In

any way the city government can help these businesses expand, that's a job for us."

Executive Vice President Ted Varvatsas led the tour in

which he showed the manufacturing process of making landing gear for Black Hawk helicopters, used to transport military personnel in theaters of combat, and also a hydraulic component that controls the pitch of the wing on the F-35 fighter jet, a highly controversial development project for the military because of the price tag that comes with each plane.

"This is very complicated," Varvatsas said, referring to the F-35 part. "We get all of the most complicated jobs that are out there and that helps us tremendously. If they want a cup made, I won't recommend they come to S&L. My customers know that."

The floor of the facility is filled with milling machines and operators doing complex work. Technicians work diligently making sure every aspect of the object they are molding meets exact measurements. Buckets of aluminum shavings are sit-

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Mobile payment system comes to boro's muni-meters

BY BILL PARRY

Motorists in Queens can use their cell phones to pay parking meters remotely now that the city's Department of Transportation activated its ParkNYC mobile payment system that was already available in the other boroughs. An online system links registered license plate numbers to NYPD traffic enforcement agents' handheld devices that confirm payment.

"In last year's State of the City, we promised pay-by-cell at every metered parking space in New York City and we have delivered," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "We know that especially here in Queens, parking can be a challenge, but ParkNYC now makes it a bit easier — with no paper receipt and the ability to quickly get on your way. Now that mobile payment is live everywhere, I encourage drivers to give it a try by downloading the easy-to-use app onto their phones."



Motorists can now pay parking meters using their mobile phones.

Photo by Bill Parry

smartphone to demonstrate ParkNYC at a metered spot along 108th Street in Forest Hills Tuesday as the system went online in Queens. It is now available at all 85,000 metered parking spots in the five boroughs.

"Now, drivers no longer have to scramble for change, and they don't even have to walk to a Muni-meter to get a receipt that could blow away from their dashboard. With no added fees, mobile alerts that let you know when time is running out on your spot and the ability to extend a parking session without returning to the car, ParkNYC offers a great convenience to New York drivers."

The ParkNYC mobile app is available for download at no cost for iPhones in the

Flushing's Wang Center to get \$65M expansion

BY MARK HALLUM

Mayor Bill de Blasio and first lady Chirlane McCray visited the Charles B. Wang Health Center in Flushing Tuesday to announce a \$65 million expansion to the institution's facility and services. The funding coincides with the ThriveNYC initiative for the city to support neighborhood medical support through community organizations serving a variety of nationalities.

The Wang Center at 136-26 37th Ave. has been in existence for nearly 50 years and during that time residents of the surrounding areas have been able to obtain critical medical care at an affordable rate, including mental health services. The improvements will include a new facility and services

in languages such as Mandarin and Cantonese for an estimated pricetag of \$65 million.

"People all over the country are watching Washington, D.C., watching what's happening with the health care debate, and they're worried. They're worried and they're afraid and they don't know if they'll lose the coverage that their families depend on. They don't know if they're going to be able to manage their diabetes, or pay for their counseling service, or pay for substance use treatment," McCray said. "As New Yorkers we believe people shouldn't have to be afraid, they shouldn't have to empty their bank accounts when they get sick, and no matter how they

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Jamaica receives \$10M for revitalization

BY NAEISHA ROSE

Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently announced that seven projects in Jamaica would receive a combined \$10 million for his Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

"The DRI has come a long way in recent years," state Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) said. "It's all thanks to the small business and civic leaders who have put forth this tremendous effort to realize their vision of what downtown Jamaica should be. Funding these projects will help us unlock the full potential of the downtown area. I look forward to continuing this work with local residents, my colleagues, and Gov. Cuomo, whom we thank for his leadership."

State Assemblywoman Vivian Cook (Jamaica) shared his sentiments.

"Thanks to Gov. Cuomo for providing this wonderful opportunity to revitalize and invigorate Jamaica's diverse downtown," Cook said. "These projects will not only improve public spaces for everyone to enjoy and spur investment in

the area, but also place a premium on preparing the local community for jobs through educational programs, as well as entrepreneurship and workforce training."

Greater Jamaica Development Corporation will receive funding to create a shared workspace at the Moda Building, which is located at 153-10 Jamaica Ave. The 10,000-square-foot space will be affordable for freelancers and entrepreneurs of startups and provide them with business equipment to do their jobs. It will accommodate up to 90 people at a time, according to the governor's office.

The second project involves bringing high-speed broadband to the downtown Jamaica area to support the delivery of high-speed service to existing businesses and the public.

The third development will expand pedestrian space, lighting and streetscape at Parsons Boulevard between Jamaica and Archer avenues. The fund will initially expand pedestrian sidewalks so that the area becomes a venue for public programming down the road, according to the statement from



Queens Borough President Melinda Katz (c.) and officials in southeast Queens welcome the news that the governor has set aside \$10 million to revitalize the downtown area.

Cuomo's office.

Dining options in the area will be improved to add to the nightlife activity downtown. Through a Restaurant Startup Fund, Jamaica Market, a food court located at 90-04 160th St., will establish space to set up an incubator that offers services for new food businesses. Up-and-coming restaurateurs will

get restaurant space and funding for equipment to lower their startup costs. Food operators at the court will also get to expand their business.

The fifth program is entrepreneurship training through the Expand Prime Skills agenda, which will provide low-income residents support to launch or grow a business. The

graduates of the program will receive mentorship and funds for equipment towards their business ideas.

Thomas Edison High School, located at 165-65 84th Ave., will have a career prep program. The school will receive funds for equipment and software to maintain its technical curriculum and ensure that graduates are job-ready for employment in tech, design and the health sectors, which are growing industries in the area.

The last project will include the development at the LIRR underpass at 159th Street, the key pedestrian gateway between York College and the downtown area, which will be converted into public space. Improvements to what will be called the Archer Archways include overhead lighting, public art, seating and an event space. Vendors will be able to temporarily set up stalls for commercial use, according to Cuomo's office.

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Ridgewood landlord tipped ICE: City agency



Mayor Bill de Blasio and Nisha Agarwal, his commissioner of Immigrant Affairs, slam a Ridgewood landlord who retaliated against immigrant tenants who complained about him by reporting them to ICE.

Courtesy of Mayor's Office/Ed Reed

BY BILL PARRY

The city brought charges against a Ridgewood landlord for retaliating against immigrant tenants after they reported him to the Commission on Human Rights for discrimination based on their immigration status.

In March, the commission served the landlord a notice of the complaint, alleging discrimination after Make the Road New York brought the case to the commission. In a response letter to the commission, the unidentified landlord denied the allegations and sent a copy to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which included tenants' personal information, in violation of the retaliation protections within the city's Human Rights Law.

"My landlord has been harassing and threatening me and my family for over a year. Most recently, he started threatening us with ICE unless we moved out of our apartment immediately," said a tenant and member of Make the Road New York. "With the help of Make the Road New York and the Commission on Human Rights, I know that I have rights, and I no longer feel that I have to live in fear."

The commission is now charging the landlord with retaliation against his tenants and is filing a complaint against him on behalf of the city. The commission is not releasing the names of the tenants out of fear for their safety, and will not name the landlord because the investigation is ongoing.

"Our message is loud and clear: We will hold landlords accountable for discrimination in our city," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "We stand with tenants, regardless of their origin in Queens and across the five boroughs."

The commission, which has the authority to fine violators with civil penalties of up to \$250,000 for willful and

malicious violations, as well as compensatory damages for victims, has notified the landlord of the retaliation charges and was awaiting a response.

"The commission will not hesitate to take action against bad actors when they retaliate against New Yorkers who have reported discrimination," said Assistant Commissioner of the Law Enforcement Bureau Sapna V. Raj. "The NYC Human Rights Law makes it illegal to retaliate against any individual for reporting discrimination, regardless of the immigration status. Everyone in New York City deserves the right to live free from discrimination and harassment and should not fear for their safety when reporting violations of the law."

The commission is currently investigating 291 claims of discrimination on immigration status, and/or national origin, with 89 of the claims specifically about housing.

This repeated harassment and retaliation against immigrant tenants is unlawful and unacceptable in New York City," said Commissioner Nisha Agarwal, of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. "It is very unfortunate that certain bad actors feel emboldened to follow Washington's lead in hostility towards immigrants. We are proud of our colleagues at the NYC Commission on Human Rights for taking action, standing with our fellow New Yorkers, and making clear that immigrants' rights must be respected in our city."

Learn more about housing protections against discrimination in New York City at www.nyc.gov/fairhousing. If you or someone you know believes they are the victim of discrimination or harassment by their landlord, call the commission's infoline at 718-722-3131.

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Jax Hts sex offender pleads guilty to contacting victim

BY BILL PARRY

A 42-year-old Jackson Heights man pleaded guilty to contempt of court for violating an order of protection for contacting the young woman he pleaded guilty to raping in 2012 when the victim was just 15 years old.

Vernon Corbett, who lives on 77th Street, contacted the woman via a LinkedIn request.

During their investigation, prosecutors said, the probation officer discovered Corbett had not listed his social media and email accounts with the New York Division of Criminal Justice Services, which is required by law for all sex offenders. Investigators also discovered child pornography on Corbett's cellphone.

"In light of the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that sex offenders cannot be excluded from the Internet or social media, it is imperative that those on the registry abide by the rules of the Division of Criminal Justice Services and identify their email accounts, screen names and any other online identifiers," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said. "In pleading guilty, the defendant admitted to violating the order of protection

against contacting the young woman he victimized five years ago. For this, and for failing to register his online identifiers, and for the photos of children being sexually abused that were found on his phone, the defendant will go to prison."

Corbett pleaded guilty July 13 to attempted possession of a sexual performance by a child before Queens Criminal Court Judge Gia Morris, who indicated she will sentence him to one year in prison on Sept. 15 for that offense. Corbett pleaded guilty last Friday to first-degree falsifying business records and second-degree criminal contempt before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Barry Kron, who set sentencing for July 31.

At that time, Corbett will be sentenced to 1 1/2 to three years in prison. The defendant also pleaded guilty to violating his probation and will face one to three years' incarceration. All sentences will run concurrently, according to the Queens District Attorney's office.

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White center cited for gender ID bias

BY GINA MARTINEZ

The NYC Commission on Human Rights filed complaints against a substance abuse center in Jamaica, and three more in other boroughs, for gender identity discrimination against transgender patients.

According to the commission, the four centers refused to admit transgender patients, assigned rooms according to patients' gender assigned at birth rather than their gender identity, and subjected patients to physical exams to determine gender identity.

The four centers cited were the Thomas and Marie White Health Center at 116-30 Sutphin Blvd, the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Brooklyn, Addicts Rehabilitation Center in Manhattan, and Promesa Residential Health Care Facility in the Bronx.

The complaints were the result of testing conducted by the commission following reports of discrimination from advocates.

Hollis Pfitsch, deputy commissioner of the commission's Law Enforcement Bureau, said that at a time when the federal government is rolling back LGBTQ protections, New York City is doubling down on its efforts to make sure everyone is treated equally and with respect.

"Transgender and gender non-conforming individuals have been targets of bias and discrimination for far too long," Pfitsch said. "The commission fights

to protect every person regardless of their gender identity in New York City and will hold accountable anyone who discriminates against another person for being who they are. In New York City, everyone has the right to be themselves without hatred, violence, or discrimination."

The commission began testing substance abuse centers for discriminatory practices after tips from the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund alleging discrimination against transgender patients in September 2016. Testers approached more than a dozen substance abuse centers citywide to inquire whether the centers accepted transgender patients for treatment and where those patients would be housed.

The commission said testers found that one center outright refused to accept transgender patients, telling a commission tester that "no, we don't [accept transgender patients]." Representatives at other centers told the testers that transgender women would be housed according to their gender assigned at birth in violation of gender identity protections under the city Human Rights Law, the commission said. Another representative said that "people with moving male parts would be housed with men," while another said "it depends on how far along the person is in the process."

Testers also found that *Continued on Page 46*

Harbor festival a hit

City of Water Day has roots in Long Island City

BY BILL PARRY

Seventeen members of HarborLab slipped their kayaks into the polluted waters of Newtown Creek early Saturday morning and paddled off from their launch site at the southern tip on Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City.

The group headed towards Governors Island to join City of Water Day, the metropolitan region's largest and most popular harbor festival celebrating the waterways and 700 miles of shoreline in all five boroughs.

The two-day event, organized by the Waterfront Alliance, now in its 10th year, drew thousands to more than 60 locations. Over 100 organizations participated, including several from Queens.

"City of Water Day is a day to play and a day to acknowledge our shared responsibility," Waterfront Alliance President and CEO Roland Lewis said. "We wouldn't have cleaner water, more waterfront access, and fantastic new ferry service without the hard work and advocacy — and we've still got a long way to go in terms of accessibility, resilience and environmental health."

The festival has its roots in western Queens, thanks to Erik Baard, the founder and executive of HarborLab, the Long Island City-based non-profit which offers programs in environmental education, stewardship and restoration. Baard created the Five Borough Ramble when he was the president of the Long Island City Community Boathouse in 2007.

"I was thrilled when Waterfront Alliance joined me as a partner, then asked if they could make it their annual event. I was ecstatic," Baard said. "Waterfront Alliance has so much more capacity to make this annual event great, and it's grown far beyond its origins. Less known is that I co-founded the annual Manhattan Circumnavigation tradition."

More than 200 kayakers from all over the tri-state area took part in Saturday's day-long circumnavigation, taking a lunch break at Astoria's Socrates Sculpture Park after landing in Hallets Cove. Socrates is now a four-acre park and cultural institution, but in 1986 it was an abandoned landfill and illegal dumpsite.



Kayakers from HarborLab paddle toward the Brooklyn Bridge on their way to join City of Water Day on Governors Island while other events took place in western Queens. **See more photos on Page 26.**

Courtesy Jeffrey Lim

"It's marvelous that Socrates Sculpture Park transformed a foreboding place into one that welcomes families and all lovers of art and greenery to our waterfront," Baard said. "HarborLab is eager to do all we can to extend Socrates Sculpture Park's mission onto the water, especially now that Hallets Cove water quality may be improving following our advocacy."

In 2014, Baard discovered uncapped drains at the Astoria Houses were allowing sewage to flow into the cove. The city eventually stopped the runoff problem and today Socrates Sculpture Park Beach is a kayak launch, NYC Ferry is set to launch its Astoria route to its landing in the cove Aug. 1, and City Councilman Costa Constantinides (D-Astoria) is moving forward with a plan to bring an eco-dock to Hallets Cove that will bring more waterfront access and education to the residents of western Astoria.

"These expanded services show that the Hallets Peninsula waterfront is growing for the better," Constantinides said.

Meanwhile, in Long Island

City Saturday, Mitch Waxman was leading a walking tour of the Dutch Kills tributary of Newtown Creek, a federal Superfund site Waxman calls "The Poison Cauldron" as historian of the Newtown Creek Alliance. As part of City of Water Day, Waxman led the three-hour tour of the polluted waterway from Court Square to the Smiling Hogshead Ranch community garden on Skillman Avenue.

"NCA is making a real effort to expand the awareness of Newtown Creek and issues surrounding it in Queens," he said. Other members of his organization celebrated City of Water Day by painting stencils near area catch basins to remind people that the area drains into Newtown Creek.

"During rain events sewer outfall causes street trash to be swept into the already polluted waterway," Waxman said. "The stenciling builds awareness for those that litter."

It was the 10th year Waxman has been involved with City of Water Day.

"Normally we do a boat tour," he said. "But this year there were no boats available."



The NYC Commission on Human Rights charged The Thomas and Marie White Health Center with gender identity discrimination.

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POLICE Blotter

Police search for missing Queens Village teen

QUEENS VILLAGE — A 14-year-old Queens Village girl was reported missing, according to police.

Angelie Villier was last seen July 12 at approximately 8:30 a.m. at her residence at 212-29 Hillside Ave., police said.

Authorities described Villier as a black girl who is approximately 5 feet, 5 inches tall and 100 pounds with brown eyes, long hair and braces on her upper and lower teeth. She was last seen wearing jeans shorts, a white T-shirt, a red-hooded Guess sweatshirt and sneakers, police said.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).



14-year-old Angelie Villier was reported missing from her Queens Village home.

NYPD

Two shot, one dead in Far Rock shooting

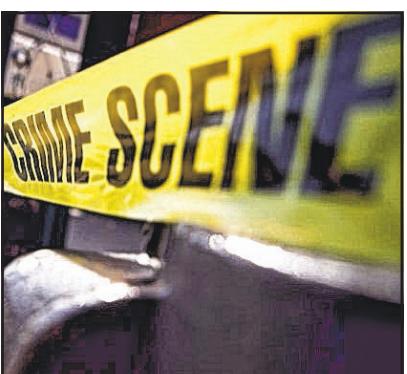
FAR ROCKAWAY — Two men were involved in a shooting in Far Rockaway Friday morning, leaving one man dead, according to the 101st Precinct.

Police responded to a 911 call at 1:21 a.m. regarding the incident that occurred between Beach Channel Drive and Hassock Street and found Kamir Shine, 28, with gunshot wounds to his chest and hip, police said.

EMS arrived at the scene and transported Shine to St. John's Episcopal Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to authorities.

Police later learned about a second gunshot victim from Nassau County officers. The second male, 25, sustained a gunshot wound to the chest and was discovered by the Nassau County officers in Inwood at 385 Bayview Ave., police said. The victim was later transferred by EMS to Jamaica Hospital.

Police believe the second victim



A man was killed in a Far Rockaway shooting Friday morning, according to police.

was shot at the Far Rockaway vicinity. He was listed in stable condition, according to police.

No arrests were made and the investigation was ongoing.

Cops hunt for Jamaica double homicide suspect

JAMAICA — Police were searching for Victor Ocasio, who is sought in connection with the shooting death of Jasmine Quattlebaum from Jamaica and Herman Mullings from Brooklyn, according to the NYPD.

Police described Ocasio as approximately 5 feet, 11 inches tall and 140 pounds.

Quattlebaum and Mullings were shot and killed at a Fourth of July house party at Quattlebaum's Jamaica

residence — located at 107-07 170th St. — on July 5, police said.

Quattlebaum, 27, was shot in the head, according to authorities, and Mullings, 28, was shot in the back. Police said a second male was shot in the arm.

Both men were transferred to Jamaica Hospital by the EMS, and the Brooklynite was pronounced dead after he arrived. The second man, 32, was listed in stable condition, police said.

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HELPING HANDS

Amid the grim statistics on the city's ballooning homeless population, there are moments that speak to the arc of the human spirit and the resilience of young people left on the margins.

There is a man from Astoria who keeps tabs on the homeless women living on the streets in Manhattan. He brings them food, clothing and basic essentials, such as toothpaste.

Mickey Zezima, who uses the street name Mickey Z, is a one-man rescue squad who founded the Helping Homeless Women-NYC Project to ease the hardship experienced by these women — many of whom have fled domestic abuse.

He started out paying for the care packages himself, but last winter he set up a GoFundMe page to encourage other New Yorkers to step up to the plate on the homeless crisis and to bring in more donations.

Mickey Z, who calls himself a "recovering activist," is a veteran of the Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter protests, but has found his true calling in helping homeless women.

Part of the challenge is to find the women, because unlike homeless men, they tend to be invisible and hide in the shadows, he says. Women who survive on the street are terrified of homeless shelters and prefer to battle the heat and the cold outside.

A professional trainer and writer by trade, Mickey Z is a Good Samaritan by inclination and a Queens hero. His ultimate goal is to get fellow New Yorkers involved in reaching out to homeless women until the city's Dickensian shelter system improves.

He matches volunteers' skills with the real-world needs of women who have lost all the trappings of a conventional life.

As Mickey Z roams the streets, there is a small miracle underway at the Sleep Inn Hotel shelter in Long Island City. It is the home — yes, home — of the first Girl Scout troop in the nation for homeless girls and women.

Troop 6000 was founded by a single mother of five, who became homeless after losing her rental home in Flushing, and a Girl Scouts community leader. In March, the group welcomed 22 enthusiastic young girls from the Sleep Inn. The program is designed to build the new Scouts' confidence and foster community support as they cope with being homeless.

And some of their mothers have expressed interest in becoming Scout leaders, a development which is bringing this life-affirming New York City experiment full circle.

In fact, Troop 6000 has been so successful that City Hall is investing more than \$1 million to expand the model to 15 shelters in all five boroughs.

These stories inspire and make us realize that we could all do more.



GUY CHRISTIE SNAGS A FLY BALL AT Citi FIELD

OTHER VOICES

LIRR's notable subsidy history

When it comes to Long Island Rail Road problems, the buck stops on Gov. Andrew Cuomo's desk.

At the end of World War II, there began a decline of our LIRR with a corresponding loss of farebox revenues. The Pennsylvania Railroad began to reduce financial support as well. This played a part in the LIRR going into receivership in 1949. In recognition of the role the LIRR played in the economy of both Long Island and New York City, New York State began providing financial assistance to the LIRR in the 1950s and 1960s.

The "Line of the Dashing Dan" was officially chartered on April 24, 1965, by the State of New York. Prior to 1965, the LIRR derived almost 100 percent of its funding for both capital and operating expenses from fares. Chartered by the state Legislature in 1965 as the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Authority, it was created to purchase and operate the bankrupt LIRR.

In 1966, New York state bought the railroad's controlling stock from the Pennsylvania Rail Road and put it under the newly formed Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Au-

thority. The MCTA changed its name to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in 1968 when it took over operations of the New York City Transit Authority.

With MTA subsidies, the LIRR modernized further, and grew into the busiest commuter railroad in the United States. Over the past 53 years, several billion dollars in combined county, city, state and federal taxpayer-generated dollars have subsidized both the capital and operating costs for the LIRR.

*Larry Penner
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Fare evasion data needs close scrutiny

In the first six months of 2017, the NYPD stopped New Yorkers more than 30,000 times for jumping a turnstile. Of those who were stopped, nearly three-quarters were issued a civil summons for violating the MTA rules against fare evasion.

A civil summons is similar to a parking ticket — it allows the city to hold an individual accountable for breaking the rules without rising to the level of a criminal charge.

However, during that same period, more than 8,600 individuals were arrested for “theft of services,” a misdemeanor offense under state penal law. The consequences of an arrest for fare evasion are potentially significant: a criminal record, time on Rikers Island, or de-

portation for even legal immigrants. No one who fails to feed the meter at a parking spot risks that kind of consequence.

But it is clear who the NYPD is arresting for fare evasion: people of color and immigrants. Nearly 90 percent of those arrested for fare evasion so far in 2017 are either black or Latino. This vast racial disparity is not new. In the last three years, blacks and Latinos have made up more than 85 percent of the individuals arrested for fare evasion.

It is evident that the mayor’s insistence on using arrests and criminal prosecution of fare evasion — all while a civil alternative is readily available — is disproportionately impacting people of color and immigrants. Not only is New York City un-

necessarily running people through the criminal justice system, but now, with Donald Trump in the White House, we are potentially putting thousands of immigrants at risk of deportation. That serves no public safety purpose, and runs contrary to our values.

Everyone who cares about criminal justice reform should be alarmed by these figures. But in order to make meaningful progress, we need more information about where the NYPD is expending its enforcement resources.

To that end, this week I introduced legislation to help fill in the gaps in our current reporting system. My bill requires the NYPD to report every three months on fare evasion arrests and summonses,

and break down the data according to which subway station was the site of the arrest, the precinct of the arresting officer, and the race, gender and age of the arrestee.

My legislation will solve a number of problems. First, that the NYPD does not currently report many of these figures. Only total arrest numbers are released with the data broken down by race. Additional information, especially the station where enforcement action was taken, is necessary to understand how NYPD is utilizing its resources.

Second, we need to ensure the NYPD is providing information on fare evasion arrests and summonses in a timely fashion. The NYPD today releases data sporadically, and

often only in response to direct questioning by elected or MTA officials, making it difficult to analyze trends in a timely fashion. My bill will rectify this problem by requiring the NYPD to produce fare evasion reports every quarter.

The collection and reporting of this data will illustrate how the city’s prosecution of fare evasion impacts certain communities unfairly and leads to criminal consequences when a fine would be sufficient to deter conduct. We need more information, and more readily available information, to bring about change to the city’s overzealous fare evasion enforcement.

*Rory Lancman
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Mayor tone deaf on panhandler issue

Mayor Bill de Blasio claims some panhandlers are doing it for fun. In the past, he’s said he wished he could eliminate panhandling. In my opinion, many are doing so because they are homeless and have little-to-no income.

These people need to eat and have needs like many of us do. Does he want to starve the homeless out of existence so that the issue will go away? There are many who are chemically dependant or mentally ill, or both. Also, there are those who have fallen on hard times, like veterans who have found it impossible to handle the high cost of housing. These individuals often have no choice but to panhandle.

What is the de Blasio administration doing to help the destitute? Homelessness in the Big Apple has shot up under Bill de Blasio’s watch to its highest level since 2005. According to the latest annual survey by the Department of Homeless Services, homelessness is up

40 percent over last year. There there is an estimated 60,000 living in shelters and motels paid by for the city and taxpayers. I see quite a few panhandlers in Glen Oaks Village and many of our residents and businesses find this most troubling.

I wonder: If these desperate individuals panhandled in front of City Hall or at the Mayor’s home in Brooklyn, would he try to do more? Of course, he would likely have security preventing that from happening.

I found myself homeless in 1975 after my release from the U.S. Navy, having served during the Vietnam era. I was forced to ask for spare change on the street for a while, until I was offered a place to live by the kindness of a stranger named Cyril who emigrated from Nigeria and understood homelessness. I truly feel the pain of the homeless and ask the city to do more.

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No, CB7 did not condemn Katz

I read the Queens Weekly dated July 9, 2017, and I was taken aback by the article with the headline “CB7 says city, Katz bailed on Willets Pt meeting.”

In the second paragraph, the reporter wrote: “The board sent a letter condemning Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and the EDC for not showing up to the latest Willets Point Quarterly Committee Meeting.”

Community Board 7 did not condemn the Queens borough president, and to be clear, her office has always provided support on the Willets Point developments. In our letter, we focused on the lack of participation and cooperation by NYC EDC and the mayor’s office at these meetings and how our relationship with these two agencies has deteriorated.

The borough president is the higher authority for

Community board representation to city agencies. Therefore, we included the Queens borough president as an addressee on our letter to NYC EDC for her assistance. The reporter never contacted me, nor our office, to discuss our letter referenced in her articles.

*Eugene T. Kelty Jr.
Chairman
Community Board 7*

Trump, Putin cohesion little surprise

By any yardstick one chooses, Vladimir Putin is a depot, the antithesis of democracy and a free press.

That Donald Trump con-

siders it to be an honor to be with Putin, and to invite him to the White House, does not come as a surprise.

Birds of a feather, flock

together. TWEET, TWEET!

*Benjamin M. Haber
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CORRECTIONS

The headline “CB 7 says city, Katz bailed on Willets Pt. meeting” on a July 14 story was incorrect. The community board sent a letter condemning city officials and the EDC for not showing up at the latest Willets Point quarterly meeting — not Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. We regret the error.

In the July 14 issue, a story on Sharon Lin, a Corona native honored as a Young Innovator to Watch, contained several errors. The awards ceremony was held by CE Week NY and Living in Digital Times and hosted by Miguel Gaminio, the chief technology officer of New York City. Lin and the other 12 recipients each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Mixed grades for de Blasio's first term



Tom Allon
**Mayoral
 Spin Cycle**

ises and delivered more than most expected. But there have been some sloppy subjects, too.

Listen up class, because here is the mayor's first-term report card:

Public safety: A

It's very hard to argue with the results of these first four years — murders are down from all-time lows, and most categories of crime have gone down as well. What is remarkable is that these impressive stats were accomplished while driving down so-called "stop-and-frisks" by 93 percent!

De Blasio has essentially debunked all those who thought the only way to keep crime low was to use aggressive tactics that became prevalent in the Bloomberg administration. I was one of the skeptics, but am now a convert to the idea that you can keep crime down without heavy, proactive policing.

Education: B+

Universal pre-K has been a remarkable achievement that many have touted in the past, but until de Blasio, no one was

able to execute. For that alone, his education legacy will be a strong one.

However, it is the education from K-12 that has largely inched up with stronger graduation rates (but lower standards) and essentially static results on reading and math tests.

Carmen Farina was a safe choice for chancellor and it will be interesting to see if she decides to stay for the second term. Most experts think she will not, and her successor will be pivotal in cementing the mayor's education reforms.

Affordable housing: B+

The mayor has been proudly touting the pace of preserving and creating affordable housing units but, alas, it is only a drop in the bucket. The mayor and his team get an "A" for effort, but a much lower grade for creativity.

The real estate community has been pleasantly surprised at how friendly de Blasio has been in general, but those who advocate for low-income New Yorkers have loudly voiced their displeasure with the mayor. In a likely second term, the mayor

has to be bolder on this and pick up the pace before the city becomes even more unaffordable for most people.

Homelessness: F

This has been the single biggest failure of this administration. Not only have the ranks of the homeless mushroomed, but the fact that homeless people seem ubiquitous in the city now leads to a sense that quality of life is deteriorating.

The mayor must take control here and figure out a more effective way to build transitional housing and to step up the pipeline of mentally ill homeless people to treatment rather than the streets. This will be the true test of the next term — if it gets much worse, we will be seeing tabloid headlines reminding us of the disorder in the city in the pre-Giuliani era.

Transportation: D-

Yes, we know that the MTA is really controlled by the governor, but the mayor still gets a bunch of appointees to the MTA board and has a bully pul-

pit to pressure Andrew Cuomo and the MTA to get things back on track. Not to mention the fact that the mayor could make larger capital contributions to the MTA budget to get those damn antiquated signals replaced before our grandchildren's time.

If Cuomo and de Blasio don't act rapidly here, they will both go down as failures, while millions of straphangers dread and curse their chaotic daily commute.

I'm sorry, but a trolley in Brooklyn and Queens and a nice ferry system are mere distractions when the subway arteries are afflicted with a fatal blockage.

Well, it looks like the mayor missed the Dean's List again because of a few problem subjects. Maybe he'll work harder and smarter in his second term.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

Champion long-distance runner reflects on career

QUEENS LINE

... the timeline of Queens

The Greater Astoria Historical Society

In conjunction with the Greater Astoria Historical Society, the TimesLedger Newspapers presents noteworthy events in the borough's history.

Born on July 9, 1978, Kara Goucher is one of the most competitive female long-distance runners in recent United States history. Beginning in her collegiate days at the University of Colorado, where the Queens native was an NCAA champion in track and cross country events, Goucher has been an elite runner in events nationwide and across the globe from the 1,500-meter race to numerous marathons.

She currently resides in Boulder, Colo., with her hus-

band, fellow American Olympian Adam Goucher, and their son, Colton.

After an early childhood in Queens, Goucher and her family moved to Minnesota after her father was killed by a drunk driver in 1982. Following four years spent honing her running skills at Duluth East High School in her adopted home state, the fleet-footed athlete from Queens took her competitive instincts to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she first earned national recognition.

She emerged on the national stage as a student-athlete in 2000. Not only was she the NCAA Outdoor Champion in

the 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter competitions, but she also was a key member of the Colorado team that took home the NCAA cross country title. She also finished eighth in the 5,000-meter U.S. Olympic Trials that year.

After graduating college and battling debilitating injuries for several years, the former NCAA champion began to make her mark on the international running scene in 2006. In the IAAF World Cup in Athens, Greece, Goucher ran the second fastest 10,000-meter race of any American woman in history. In 2007, Goucher ran the fastest woman's half-marathon time. She competed in the Beijing Olympics in 2008, but did not win any medals.

Soon after her return state-

side, the Olympian returned home to New York City to compete in her first of many marathons, finishing third among all women in 2008. Three years later, following

the birth of her son, she ran a personal best 2:24:52 in the Boston Marathon. Eyeing a return to Olympic glory, Goucher represented the United States in the 2012 Summer Games in London, placing 11th in the marathon. The long-distance runner from Queens

narrowly missed out on a trip to the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, finishing fourth in a trial run for three spots on the U.S. team.

Although Kara Goucher may be nearing the end of a career at the very top of her sport, she has never lost



Kara Goucher

her love of running and due pride in her storied athletic career. Speaking to local news media after completing a half-marathon in Duluth, Minn., recently, she took the opportunity to reflect on her lifelong relationship with long-distance running.

"I had so much fun today," Goucher said. "I don't know what place I was, but I had a blast. When I was in my 20s, I didn't think I would find it that fulfilling. Now that I'm a little bit older, I'm finding fulfillment in different things. I've just gained perspective, as most athletes do, as I age. I am slowing down. That's the reality, but my love for it hasn't gone away at all."

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Peralta's job fair draws hundreds

BY BILL PARRY

More than 750 job-seekers were able to meet with over 30 potential employers last week at the Queens Center mall and almost all of them had on-site interviews, according to state Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst), the host of his 7th annual job fair.

Apple Store, Game Stop, H&M, Yankee Candle and Pink by Victoria's Secret were among the companies represented at the event co-hosted by Woodside on the Move.

"I am sure people that participated in the fair will end up with a job offer," Peralta said. "This is what we have gathered from previous experiences, since many job-seekers have follow-up interviews and end up with job offers days after the event."

Peralta organized his first jobs fair as a response to the recession in 2008 and Queens has recovered well with an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent in May, according to preliminary date released by the New York State Department of Labor.

"Although our economy continues to improve, hardworking New Yorkers are still having a difficult time making ends meet," Peralta said. "Bringing resources to the community continues to be my No. 1 priority, and it is crucial we do all we can to help unemployed people find work. Every new hire means much-needed resources for a family."

In total, the companies that participated interviewed 744 candidates on the spot, and scheduled another 236 follow-up interviews. Additionally, several organizations provided career counseling and résumé preparation for employment seekers.

"Job fairs like this provide an opportunity for the unemployed to visit with nearly 50 busi-

nesses, all in one convenient location," Queens Center Mall Marketing Director John Scatturo said. "The mall is proud to be a part of this important community event."

Meanwhile, Peralta announced a \$75,000 allocation from this year's state budget for 82nd Street Academics, which will go to the center's initiative to complement public education with after-school programs. These provide students with the necessary tools to gain access to higher education and other educational opportunities.

"Education is the key to success, and this is why we must ensure schoolchildren have access to programs that encourage them in taking steps toward college," Peralta told middle school students at the center. "It's never too early to start thinking about college and possible areas of study."

Located at 81-10 35th Ave. in Jackson Heights, 82nd Street Academics provides after-school programs for students from kindergarten through the fifth grade.

"Any advocacy towards youth achievement in our neighborhood is appreciated," 82nd Street Academics Director of Instruction Mallory Tompkins said. "Our students are in silent crisis — high school graduation rates of 65 percent and 38 percent high school graduation for English Language Learners. Our students are not slow to learn, they are slow to receive the education all students deserve with normal class sizes. Sen. Peralta's grant will be used in our mission to protect the path to college for students of New York City."

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Affordable housing plan progressing on time: Blaz

BY BILL PARRY

The city is making strides in combating the affordable housing crisis.

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced last week that his administration secured 24,293 affordable apartments in 2017, the highest overall production since 1989. His 10-year Housing New York plan has financed a total of 77,651 new or preserved affordable homes since January 2014, including the highest three-year streak of affordable housing production in the city's history.

"Affordability is the key to protecting New York families, stabilizing our neighborhoods and the city as a whole," de Blasio said. "By making smart investments, we are stretching public funds and creating more and better homes for New Yorkers, from formerly homeless families to seniors, firefighters, police officers and teachers. We have more work to do, but this city is for New Yorkers — and we will keep it that way."

Of the 24,293 homes financed in the last year, more than 40



Mayor Bill de Blasio welcomes Matthew and Diane Crencher to their new home as the city finances the most units of affordable housing since 1989.

Courtesy Mayor's office

percent are for families earning less than \$43,000 a year, including 4,014 homes for families of three earning less than \$26,000 a year. The Housing New York plan is on budget and ahead of schedule, city officials said.

"We are delivering affordable housing on a scale that hasn't been seen since the Koch era," Housing Preservation and De-

velopment Commissioner Maria Torres-Springer said. "More importantly, we are reaching more of the city's lowest-income families, making good on our commitment to reach far deeper levels of affordability."

In Queens, One Flushing, a housing project at 39-01 Main St., will create 208 new affordable homes for individuals earning

as little as \$20,040 and \$25,770 for a family of three. The project on city-owned land was formerly a parking lot. One Flushing also provides supportive services for 66 seniors and a rooftop farm.

"Quality affordable housing for fixed-income seniors and low-income families is among the top needs in our community, and the One Flushing project is

a great example of the city responding to these needs with a range of solutions," City Councilman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) said. "Coupled with community spaces, support services, and commercial opportunities, One Flushing seeks to provide quality living for everyone who lives, works and visits our community."

The mayor said the nearly 78,000 apartments built or preserved in the last three years is "enough housing to provide for the entire population of Salt Lake City," and his Housing New York plan will supply affordable units for a half million people.

"Housing affordability is not only key to growing and protecting our working class, but it is essential to the sustainability and future success of our city," U.S. Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-Jackson Heights) said. "I'm glad to see the city is working on its commitment to making New York more livable for low-income families and our vulnerable communities, and I'm encouraged by the investments that continue to be made under Housing New York."

A large advertisement for City Tech. The background is dark blue with white and red diagonal stripes. On the left, the words "AM DESIGN" are stacked vertically. In the center, there is a portrait of a woman with short hair, looking directly at the camera. To the right of the portrait, a list of design programs is provided. The text "I AM CITY TECH" is repeated at the bottom in large white letters.

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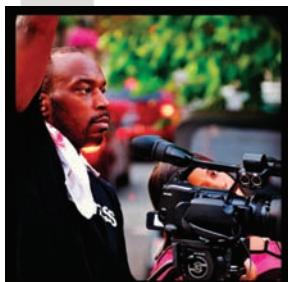
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2017 Alliance for Community Media National Hometown Award Winner

My Block TV - A Father and a Daughter



Congratulations to QPTV Access Producer Oswald Williams for his series pilot program *My Block TV - A Father and a Daughter*. Oswald is the winner of the 2017 Alliance for Community Media's Hometown Media Award in the web-based programs category for independent producers.

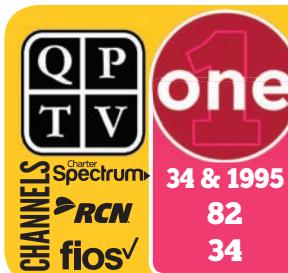


QPTV Access Producer Oswald Williams is passionate about storytelling and desires to consistently create diverse content for the Queens community and beyond.

QPTV Access Producer Oswald Williams worked with actor Ralph Outerbridge to create My Block TV's *A Father and a Daughter* web series. The series is about a single father raising his daughter, after his wife died in a car accident, and the different trials he faces, such as financial hardship and peer pressure.

Oswald met Ralph through a Queens-based organization called F.A.I.T.H. (Fathers Alive in the Hood), whose mission is to nurture and develop interpersonal relationships between children, parents, schools, religious institutions and communities. F.A.I.T.H. participates in many community initiatives such as Fatherhood Support groups, healing the 100, Dads Take Your Child to school, cure violence and many others. Through their involvement in the organization, Oswald and Ralph began to discuss the creation of a simple, yet powerful film that would show African American males in a different light. They wanted to create the program using the resources they had: a simple cast with the environment and location as key parts of the story.

To watch this award winning program, go to: <https://youtu.be/WdnIcj-IctU>



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Photo: Joseph Leone

Queens Public Television Receives Overall Excellence Award

This is QPTV's third consecutive year winning Overall Excellence in Public Access from the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) National Hometown competition, for a total of four wins in the past five years! Having previously won in 2013, 2015, and 2016, QPTV is thrilled to receive this top honor again in 2017.

QPTV board of directors and staff members were on hand to receive the award on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at the annual conference in Minneapolis. Pictured above from left to right: board members Joan Serrano-Laufer, Sandra Delson, and Henry Kee; Daniel J. Leone, President /CEO; Roslyn Nieves, Community Development Manager; James Faber, Web Design & Digital Media Coordinator; and board member Alfred Harris.

Overall Excellence in Public Access entries are submitted to the ACM by various access organizations, cable companies, educational institutions, local government, or other institutions that provide Public, Educational, or Governmental (P.E.G.) Access services throughout the United States.

As an access center, QPTV submitted a compilation of programs that reflect the diversity in the borough of Queens. The video clips that corresponded to the Overall Excellence reel illustrated how QPTV Programming addressed our diverse community's needs.

Watch the winning Overall Excellence reel at
<https://goo.gl/icXfNr>



The Overall Excellence reel illustrates how QPTV programming addresses our community's needs. The reel includes:

- The Stem Girls – The Tech Crew
- Power Women of Queens Episode 5 Dana Horn
- Culture Express Steinway & Sons Piano Factory Part 2
- Black History Month PSA
- Election 2016 - Live Election Night Coverage
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- LGBT Network PSA
- Around Queens Brag Party
- Queens Perspectives: Animal Cruelty Prosecutions Unit with Chief Nicoletta J. Caferri
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- Women's History Moment PSA
- Kids Perspective: Creative Communication with Cops and Kids
- Queens Perspectives: Office of Immigrant Affairs with Director Carmencita N. Gutierrez
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- Power Women of Queens Episode 3 Sister Margaret McCabe

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In 1982, Queens Public Television made its entrance on the stage of community television. Since that time we have trained thousands of residents and cablecast over 100,000 programs. QPTV has established itself as the media hub of Queens and the venue for the voice of the people. Our training programs, taught by media professionals, rival media classes that are taught on college campuses. QPTV's hands-on approach to training has become a sought after experience.

QPTV continues to train residents in the Borough of Queens how to produce and direct their own television programs. Queens, New York is the most diverse community in the world where over 200 languages and dialects are spoken. Virtually every culture, religion, political point of view or opinion can be found not only in this community but also on our four channels. QPTV is democracy in action and we are committed to assisting everyone in this community to exercise their First Amendment right to free expression.

As a Community Access Center we are very supportive of our community producers. The multitude of events that take place in our community are far too extensive for our volunteer producers to cover. Realizing this, QPTV has never hesitated to venture into the community to bring these complex programs and events to our viewers.

We are especially proud of the International Visitor Leadership Program. Since 2011, QPTV has been hosting visiting journalists under the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Journalists from Russia, Thailand, Armenia, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, South Korea, Syria and Francophone Africa have visited our facilities.

The foreign media professionals visiting QPTV are interested in citizen journalism and seek to establish community media in their country of origin. With each visit of journalists from foreign nations we are constantly reminded of the importance and need for independent media, especially in those countries where citizens are struggling against oppressive regimes. QPTV is proud to be a model for citizen journalists around the world.

Community television offers the opportunity for every individual to participate in the highest form of free expression that is protected by our First Amendment. QPTV is an electronic bridge between diverse communities. Public access television is not just a local reality: From Australia to Brazil and from Sweden to South Korea, community television is a global reality and QPTV is proud to have been a part of that reality for over 35 years.

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Jim Henson exhibit opens at MOMI



A wall of puppets that Jim Henson created will be displayed in the exhibition for patrons to see.

Photo courtesy of Museum of Moving Image

BY ANGELICA ACEVEDO

The much-anticipated Jim Henson Exhibition, featuring an array of more than 300 artifacts from his renowned film and television career, will permanently open to the public Saturday in the Museum of the Moving Image.

The museum, located at 36-01 35th Ave., hosted a press conference Tuesday giving members of the media the chance to see the exhibition before the opening.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the Jim Henson Exhibition is the appearances of the popular puppets he created, including Kermit the Frog — who greets patrons as they walk through the entrance — Miss Piggy, Rowlf, Big Bird, Elmo and other favorites. Patrons will also be able to see character sketches, handwritten storyboards, scripts, old photographs and costumes, all of which will give them a chance to see the extensive creative process that the iconic filmmaker and technical innovator possessed.

Barbara Miller, the curator of the collection and exhibitions, said it was a "privilege to work in this project."

"There's something really extraordinary about his work that I think tells a deeper story as well," Miller said. "The creative leadership, the innovation, the ability to bring out the best in the people that he worked with ... has been a tremendous example

and I hope it comes out in our work."

She added that she hopes that those who visit the museum will "come with an idea of who they think Henson was, but leave with a sort of complex idea of who he was, leaving people with more questions than what they had."

In addition, guests will be able to try their hand at puppeteering in two interactive experiences. Whether you are five or 50-years-old, you may be able to puppeteer on screen and design a character.

Carl Goodman, the executive director of the museum, spoke about the history of the project and how it took many years to bring it all together.

"Over the past three years, people here at the museum made it a priority," Goodman said. "This is not just an exhibition, it's a property and it has an identity, which will travel beyond here and millions of people will know about it."

He also thanked the Henson family, The Jim Henson Legacy, as well as the more than 2,000 donors, for their support.

Tickets will be \$15 for adults (18 and over), \$11 for senior citizens (65 and over) and students with a college ID, \$7 for youth (3-17), and free for children under 3 years old. For more information on museum hours and additional programming, visit the website at www.movingimage.us.

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Disputes over rules and first downs is inevitable in any pick-up game in the park.



A Jets receiver is forced out of bounds.



The teams show great sportsmanship at the end of the game, a 22-7 Giants victory.



Rules of the wheelchair version of the game call for six players on the field for each team. There are five downs and 15 yards are needed to move the chains.



A pass falls just a bit short as players from both teams try to make a play on the ball.

Electeds urge Cuomo to sign lead paint bill

BY MARK HALLUM

State lawmakers from Queens and the Bronx are calling on Gov. Andrew Cuomo to sign legislation which will address toxic and illegal lead levels in paint lacing the elevated tracks of the No. 7 train in the area of the 74th Street - Roosevelt Avenue station. The bill passed the Senate and Assembly last month.

The lead was found in the paint during a study performed by the District 9 International Union of Painters which was shown to contain 224,000 parts per million of the neurotoxin, more than 40 times the legal level.

State Sen. Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst) stood with Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz (D-Bronx) Friday at the senator's district office to urge Cuomo to sign the bill, which will require the MTA to perform an environmental study on the paint job of the elevated tracks and require the agency to remedy any toxicity associated with the century-old tracks to prevent falling lead particles from reaching New

Yorkers below.

"This is about protecting New Yorkers and ensuring their safety. High levels of lead paint in chips falling onto the streets and sidewalk endanger the lives of neighbors, visitors, shoppers, and commuters," Peralta said. "It is imperative that we remove hazardous lead paint from above-ground subway lines throughout the city."

Dinowitz explained how the bill affects non-Queens residents living along the No. 7 line and how it's likely to have an effect on his district, which has stretches of the elevated track of the No. 1 train, among others. He also pointed out that elevated trains are common in northern Manhattan and Brooklyn, putting the customers of street vendors selling food in the most immediate harm.

"We cannot expect people to live and work while being forced to use subway platforms coated in flaking lead-paint chips that may increase their risk of lead poisoning," Dinowitz said. "It is almost inconceivable in this day and



Sen. Jose Peralta and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz urge Cuomo to act on the issue of lead paint on the No. 7 tracks. Photo by Mark Hallum

age that people must put up with any lead poisoning-related dangers, yet this legislation will go some way toward ending this problem."

Peralta said although the more obvious signs of

the harmful effects of lead — which can cause irreversible developmental issues in children — have not revealed themselves in his district, asthma is currently prevalent among youth in East

Elmhurst.

Cuomo has already declared a state of emergency for the city's transit system, which has been rife with breakdowns, delays and derailments. While some of the issues can be attributed to human error, the majority of problems come from dramatically increased ridership and a signal system designed in the 19th century which prohibits the MTA from running trains closer together. Power issues have also been known to leave straphangers stranded in tunnels for hours at a time in some cases.

While the governor has poured an additional \$1 billion into the MTA capital funds for the necessary overhauls, Peralta said there is no estimate to the cost of repainting the No. 7 alone. The study would have to make that determination.

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Assemblyman Kim honors Marine captain

BY GINA MARTINEZ

State Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing) honored Daniel Kim, a captain in the United States Marine Corps, after his return from a recent tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Kim, also a Queens native and an NYPD police officer in the 111th Precinct, was called back into active duty and began his tour in November 2016 and finished in June.

The assemblyman thanked the captain for his service and praised the sacrifices and hardships that he and all other members of the military have endured on behalf of all Americans.

In return, Capt. Kim presented a distinctive American flag to the assemblyman, which was flown during combat operations in his time in Afghanistan. The flag was accompanied by a certification saying it was flown by Sgt. Tyler M. Miles, of the Marine Corps, over the United States Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 2. Kim acknowledged the assemblyman's



Assemblyman Ron Kim (l.) stands with Marine Captain Daniel Kim.

Photo Courtesy Ron Kim

years of public service on behalf of his community when presenting the flag.

Ron Kim said he was thrilled to welcome back hometown hero Capt. Kim from his

latest tour of duty in Afghanistan. Kim said it is difficult to overstate the bravery and dedication that he and other members of the military show each and every day to protect

the rights and freedoms of all Americans.

"Danny grew up in our local community, and is an NYPD officer in the same neighborhoods he was raised

in – his hard work and sacrifices exemplify the very best of Flushing, Queens, and New York," Ron Kim said. "My family and I are truly honored to be presented with this American combat flag from his tour of duty."

Capt. Kim said it was powerful to see the amazing work community leaders continue to provide to a place we call home.

"It's a blessing to be afforded the opportunity to have continued this service abroad in Afghanistan," he said. "Witnessing the dedication to duty of service members, my thoughts and prayers go out to all those abroad who are protecting our nation's freedom. I feel fortunate to have returned home safely. I thank Assemblyman Kim for the support and attention he has shown to those who serve and protect all members of our community."

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Socrates Sculpture Park hosted its first-ever City of Water Day event, holding a number of events for visitors throughout the day.



After an hourlong lunch break on the lawn at Socrates, kayakers repacked their vessels and prepared to carry them back down to the waters of Hallets Cove.



Each kayaker packed water and food aboard their craft. This one looked ready to take a quick break.



Participants in the daylong paddle hailed from all over the tri-state area from various kayak clubs.



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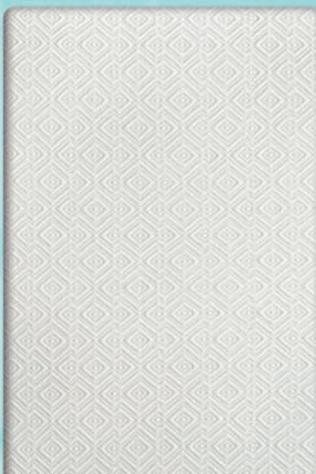
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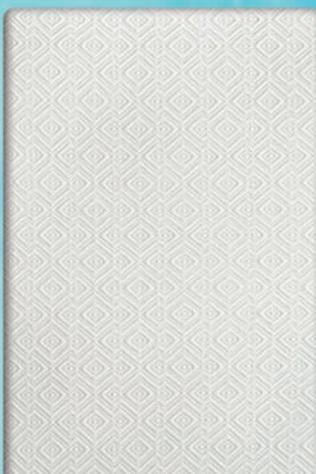


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Three Queens men charged in heroin ring: DEA

Suffolk distribution network was supplied smack from Little Neck and Elmhurst

BY MARK HALLUM

An alleged heroin network spanning parts of Queens and Suffolk County was busted up by Long Island law enforcement and the DEA, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota announced.

The Suffolk DA deemed the operation a victory for law enforcement, which executed search warrants across the two counties and confiscated about \$125,000 in cash.

Three firearms, including one which had the serial number filed off, a kilo of heroin, 90 grams of crack, 195 grams of marijuana and a small fleet of vehicles were also seized, Spota said.

The accused ringleader, Jackson Heights resident Oswaldo Alfaro, 35, has been charged — alongside 13 others, including two other men from Queens — on trafficking and conspiracy counts, according to the

DA. All 13 defendants have pleaded guilty, Spota said.

"Oswaldo Alfaro personally delivered 240 bags of heroin to 24 Windsor Place in Central Islip and to the Brentwood at 55 Bushwick Ave. an average of every three days," Spota said. "Alfaro collected approximately \$12,000 in cash for these deliveries, and strictly supervised his network of runners, who would resell the narcotics to users from 8 in the morning to midnight every day."

Juan Montoya, 27, of Elmhurst, was arraigned on a conspiracy charge as a supplier alongside the alleged primary supplier of cocaine, Giovani Delarosa, 27, who lives in Little Neck, the DA said.

Spota added that Alfaro "pushed his resellers in a way we have not previously seen and chastised his employees if sales were down. Alfaro took inventory of his product and his cash at the



A heroin trafficking ring, originating in Queens and distributing to Suffolk County, was busted by Long Island authorities. AP

end of every day."

Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent James Hunt pointed out the defendants were dangerous criminals, but aside from the firearms found, he did not

provide details.

"The Suffolk County Police Department and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office deserve credit for initiating this investigation into a signifi-

cant and violent drug trafficking ring," Hunt said. "As a result of federal and local law enforcement working together, the entire drug network was shut down and will no longer be a heroin source of supply enabling addicts and overdoses."

The narcotics allegedly supplied from Montoya and Delarosa were supposedly distributed by Alfaro's people across Bohemia, Islip Terrace, Oakdale, Smithtown and Ronkonkoma, the DA said.

Some of the vehicles found by police included an Aston Martin, a BMW and a Mercedes Benz, the DA said.

Law enforcement raids took place in Elmhurst, Corona, Jackson Heights and Little Neck, the DA said.

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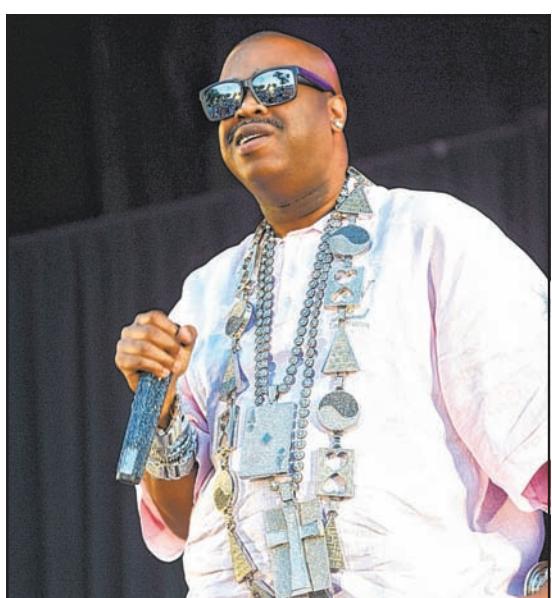
A little practice and you could do this, too. Or so claims Astoria's YogarromNYC in a tweet promoting this weekend's Queensboro Dance Festival in Long Island City.

Twitter



Bill, a special customer at Neir's Tavern – the city's oldest bar – celebrates his 100th birthday at the historic watering hole in Woodhaven. He had his wedding at Neir's 70 years ago.

Twitter



The audience for Slick Rick, the British/Bronx rapper who performed last week in Springfield Park in the Parks Department's free concert series, drew a crowd of noticeably over-30somedthings.

Photo by Nat Valentine



At the 107th Pct. in Fresh Meadows, Borough President Melinda Katz greets 30 recent Police Academy graduates who have been assigned to work in Patrol Borough Queens South.

Courtesy of Borough President



Payal Aggarwal, of Kew Gardens, graduated from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harlem, with the school's top honor, Student DO of the Year.

Courtesy of Shahar Azran



Capt. John Mastronardi, the new commanding officer of the 104th Precinct in Ridgewood, made a stop in Flushing last week to meet U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Flushing), who represents the precinct.

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TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

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

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

Daydreaming

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

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

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

Reading

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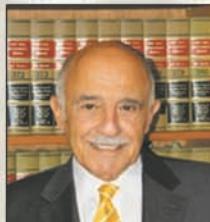


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This photo, titled "Lady Fortune" is just one of several items on display at the "Picturing Female Robots" exhibit at the New York Hall of Science.

Photo courtesy of Julie Wosk

ARTIFICIAL OBEDIENCE

Exhibit explores how artistic depictions of female robots have evolved over the decades

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

Robots come in all shapes and sizes. And whether we want it or not, they're getting more and more human-like.

With lightning-speed advances in robotics technology, android robots can now greet customers in stores, make light

conversation with dinner party guests, and will soon be minding the kids or taking care of granny.

While more women are working in the field of robotics and reshaping it in imaginative ways, history's sci-fi pages are filled with references to man-made female humanoid beings, born

of men's fantasies. If you want a beautiful woman on your arm, build one. That concept was behind the conjuring up of many famous fembots that have been depicted in popular movies and TV shows throughout the 20th century.

Those who find that appealing shouldn't miss an unusual

exhibit titled "Picturing Female Robots and Androids," which showcases a series of 28 colorful, intriguing images that capture the transformation of female robots throughout history. It is currently on display through Sept. 3 at the New York Hall of Science.

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THEATER CALENDAR



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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.

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Queens talent on display in Kew Gardens

First-ever Festival of Cinema showcases over 150 documentaries, features and shorts

BY ANGELICA ACEVEDO

The first annual Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema will take over Queens in August, presenting over 150 films from 24 countries — including various Queens-made projects.

The 10-day festival from Aug. 4 to Aug. 13 will take place at Kew Gardens Cinema, Maple Grove Cemetery and the Queens Museum. The films presented will compete for awards in the Narrative Feature, Documentary Feature, Narrative Short, Documentary Short, and the Animation and Experimental Film categories, chosen by a select group of jurors.

Winners of each category will receive a personally engraved statuette at the Grand Awards Gala. The



Alan Stark (l.) and Terry Katz (r.) directed "Pomonok Dreams," a documentary about the 1950's housing project in Queens.

Photo courtesy of Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema

event will take place on Aug. 13 at Terrace on the Park's rooftop penthouse in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Founder and Executive Director Jayson Simba said this event would not have been possible without the

"generosity and support of the residents of Kew Gardens."

"I would like to give a particular shout-out to

per, both economically and culturally, and we plan to keep this tradition going every year hereafter."

To begin the event, the Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema will host a kick-off party that will be open to the public Aug. 4 at Austin's Ale House's Trackside Cafe by the Long Island Rail Road Station in Kew Gardens. A plaque dedication ceremony in honor of the late Kew Gardens' resident, Rodney Dangerfield, presented by Friends of Maple Grove, will launch the event at 8 p.m. Then, there will be free beer tastings from some of the top breweries in Queens from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. To attend, you must RSVP at their website.

The festival will also *Continued on Page 38*



Maple Grove Cemetery and the Friends of Maple Grove, whose generosity and support has led to many introductions to officials in the Queens community, not to mention that without them we wouldn't have a headquarters from which to operate," Simba said. "I'd also like to thank members of the Kew Gardens Civic Association for allowing us to discuss the inner workings of a film festival, something that will be a first in the community."

Simba added that he hopes the festival will "help this historic hamlet of Queens continue to thrive and pros-



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When: Saturday, July 22, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Where: Wayanda Park
Cost: Free
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Website: www.movingimage.us

The Muppet Movie – Kermit makes his way from humble

origins in a swamp to fabled Hollywood, assembling his team as he goes, including Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy, and Gonzo. This enchanting road movie includes Kermit's heart-tugging rendition of "The Rainbow Connection."

When: Friday, July 21, at 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.; July 23 and 24, at 2 p.m.

Where: Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria
Cost: \$15
Contact: (718) 784-0077
Website: www.movingimage.us

Movie Under the Stars: Zootopia – "Zootopia" takes

place in a city where predators and prey live together in harmony. When Judy Hopps becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law. Determined to prove herself, Judy jumps at the opportunity to solve a mysterious case.

When: Monday, July 24, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Elton Street and Jamaica Avenue
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 393-7370

2017 Movies On The Waterfront Series: Finding Dory – The friendly but

forgetful blue tang fish, Dory, begins a search for her long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way.

When: Monday, July 24, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Where: Astoria Park
Cost: Free
Contact: (718) 393-7370

Movie Under the Stars: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them – A story set in the wizarding world before the events of the "Harry Potter" series, "Fantastic Beasts" follows Newt Scamander to

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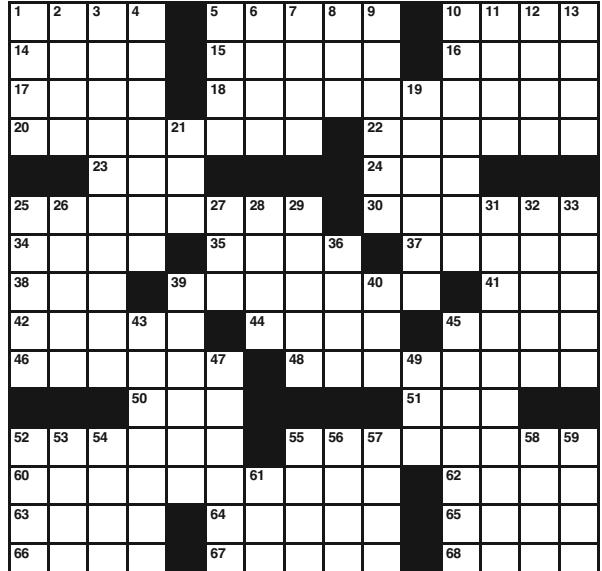
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By Ed Carty

Intelligence First

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- Hoarse talk
- Like the Capitol
- Icelandic epic
- High point
- Overhead
- Gehrig and Brock
- Golf hazard
- Sarcastic comments
- Treacherous types
- Ease
- Perfect score, often
- Abbr. on a lease
- Latte relative
- Belt targets
- Flu-like
- Rover's brand
- Apple messaging program
- Paolo, Brazil
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- Bert's companion
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- Like a tomato
- Turns bad
- Wedding words
- Popular fruit drink
- Holiday songs
- Unquestionable
- Divergence less than 90 degrees



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Cinema

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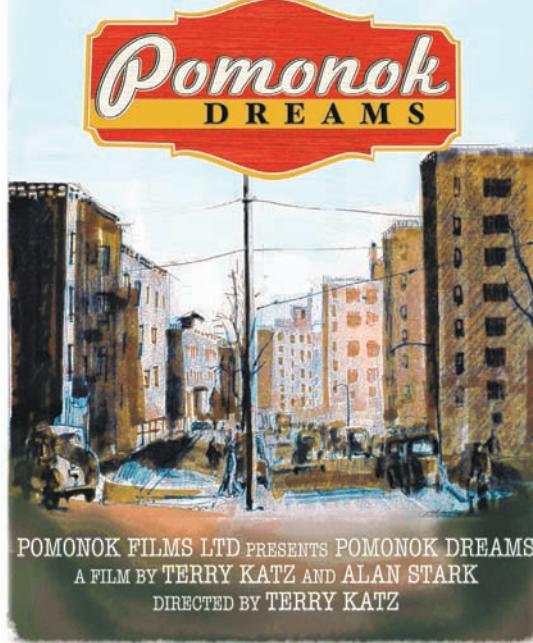
feature special programming of selected films and discussions at the Queens Museum and the Maple Grove Cemetery. One of these include three one-hour panel discussions at Maple Grove Cemetery's The Center on Aug. 12, which will cover "important and relevant topics in today's independent film industry." The panels are free and open to the public with seating on a first come, first serve basis.

Some of the Queens-made films that will be featured at the festival include the world premiere of "Good Day," directed by Forest Hills' Louie Cortes; the narrative short "Language is Dead," by Kew Gardens Hills' resident Jermaine Maniguall and the feature film "Nowhere, Michigan," by Robert Vornkahl of Woodhaven.

Another film featured in the festival is "Pomonok Dreams," directed by Terry Katz and Alan Stark. The documentary tells the story of a housing project in Queens that was built in the 1950s. According to their website, the story is told "in the voices of the people who first moved in, the kids who grew up there, and the families living there today."

Katz, born and bread in Pomonok, said that although their film was screened in three other festivals in the city, it's "more exciting to be in the Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema because

EVERY STORY HAS A DREAM



The Queens-made documentary "Pomonok Dreams" will be screened in Kew Gardens Cinema along with many other films.

Photo courtesy of Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema

this is where we grew up." Katz also edited a narrative short called "Stolen," directed by Gene Cernilli, that will appear in the festival.

He has been a film and television editor for over 30 years now, and is a professor in the Fashion Institute of Technology and St. John's University. Katz believes that it's great that the festival is pushing independent films, as opposed to the mainstream bigger-budgeted films and TV shows.

"Our film was a labor of love and it tells the story of a community built in a special time," Katz said. "It just seemed like things lined up right, but now public housing is falling from that initial dream."

"Pomonok Dreams" will give audiences the chance to see what it was like in that era. Katz and Stark worked on the film for a few years, not only talking about their lives there, but also collecting stories and videos from residents of Pomonok.

"Pomonok was diverse and people seemed to be a little more open-minded, and it was a time of assimilation. My grandparents came and wanted to be American — American first and Jewish second," Katz said. "We just want people to look back and see what it was like."

For updates and a full program of the festival, visit the Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema's website at www.kewgardensfestivalofcinema.com.



Astoria native Nelly DuBarry (l.) was singing and playing acoustic guitar with her band Toy Animals during a recent performance at The Quays. Saturday, the band will be playing at Joe's Garage in Astoria Saturday.

Photo by Christo Casey

Nurse by day, band leader by night

Astoria native fronts rock group

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

You don't often hear about a nurse who happens to front her own band.

But Astoria native Nelly DuBarry loves performing when she isn't reading patients' charts at a local hospital.

This Saturday night, at Joe's Garage in Astoria, her band Toy Animals will deliver a set "packed full of soul-wrenching digs; singing songs about unabashed debauchery, confusion of love, ripping the seams off the status quo, childhood nightmares, and an abandoned wasteland of lost souls," according to DuBarry, 39, who is the group's lead singer and guitarist — both acoustic and electric. She also writes all the songs.

Band members include John Keegan on guitar, Marie Grillo on drums, Philip DiFranco — also known as Snake — on bass, and Dave Siegal on the saxophone and keyboard.

Waxing poetic, DuBarry said her band will "vicariously awaken the deepest levels of your emotional consciousness, rocking you in a cradle of melancholic lullabye."

She also said the group is excited to take

the stage at Joe's Garage, an Astoria hotspot.

"This is our first time performing at Joe's and we're really looking forward to playing such a great new venue in the neighborhood," DuBarry said.

The guitar-playing nurse has performed both as a solo artist and with her band, since 2016, bringing the house down at popular Astoria watering holes like The Quays, Irish Whiskey Bar, Shillelaghs Tavern, as well as Sekend Sun, and at BWAC in Redhook, Brooklyn, and Sidewalks in Manhattan.

"My songs are about struggling introspectively, anti-establishment, indecisiveness about love and choices, mental illness, ill methods of coping," said DuBarry.

"I'm inspired by intense emotion, relationships,

circumstance, upheaval, loss and grief."

In her spare time, when she isn't playing with the band, DuBarry is also involved with The Venus Envy Artist Coalition and The Venus Envy Music Festival, which she founded. Showcasing well-known and lesser-known local female artists, the rockin' fest premiered last July at Irish Whiskey Bar and was a great success, as was

this year's kick-off show at LIC Beer Project on June 30. More shows and events are in the works, so stay tuned.

The friendly, outgoing singer, who calls herself "a Queens girl," knows many other musicians who live and work here. She feels the local music scene is "wonderful — like a family, with some great original talent."

DuBarry recalled that music was always part of her life growing up.

She said her mother had a great collection of records and her father was a classically trained acoustic guitar player.

According to the artist, her unique sound has been compared to English vocalist and guitarist PJ Harvey, while her voice may remind you of Chrissie Hynde, of The Pretenders, and Patti Smith.

She said the groups Velvet Underground, Sonic Youth, and Breeders have influenced her music, along with singer, songwriter, and guitarist Liz Phair.

DuBarry said her music is her "outlet to work out ideas, emotions, struggles, personal philosophies," and will continue to be a big part of her life. After all, "it's like a vital organ."



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ROBOTS

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The exhibit takes you on a tour through a bevy of lovely androids. You can ponder the cultural influence behind their creation, as you get a sense of how female robots have been shaped by evolving technologies, pivotal social changes, and changing attitudes toward women themselves, according to curator Julie Wosk, Ph.D., a professor of Art History, English, Studio Painting at SUNY, Maritime College in the Bronx.

Wosk noted that the images range in history from the earliest ancient dolls to today's hyper-realistic robots that look so real they can easily fool the eye.

"They also include a picture of the new Fashionistas line of Barbie dolls that show the diversity of female shapes, ethnicities and skin tones, and also images from today's popular TV series, like 'Westworld' and 'Humans,' where the robot females are not only totally lifelike, but they also are far different from the Stepford Wives,"



The "Picturing Female Robots" exhibit runs through Sept. 3 at the New York Hall of Science in Corona.

Photo by Todd Naraswan/NYSCI

Wosk said. "They want their freedom and independence."

The exhibit is based on Wosk's book, "My Fair Ladies: Female Robots, Androids, and Other Artificial Eves" (<http://www.myfairladiesbook.com>), and her own interest in life-like artificial females.

"I've also been fascinated by movies, television and stories where men use science and technology to create their notion of 'The Perfect Woman,'" Wosk said. "Their idea of perfection

is like the robot women in the two movie versions of 'The Stepford Wives.' They are beautiful, sexy, love to cook and clean, and have no minds or wills of their own. Their conversation is always pleasant, and to the men, they seem flawless."

"My Fair Ladies" was inspired by the author's own early experiences working as a public relations writer at Playboy Magazine in Chicago. "At Playboy, I could see how the magazine photos presented women who were not just seductive and

available, but also looked very artificial," Wosk recalled. "They were in soft focus, air-brushed, free of flaws. It got me thinking about men's ideas about 'The Perfect Woman.'

The book also highlights women filmmakers and artists who are creating their own witty versions of artificial females.

"The fantasy of a man constructing his perfect woman dates back to the Greek myth of Pygmalion," Wosk said. "Yet as technology has advanced over the past century,

the figure of the life-like simulated woman has become nearly ubiquitous, popping up everywhere, from 'Bride of Frankenstein' to 'Weird Science' to the film 'Ex Machina'—and today's eerily lifelike female robots."

As technology progressed, so did men's fascination with the perfect female robot. Of course, she had to be beautiful, curvy ... and preferably subservient. And it was a definite plus if she was unable to speak.

Modern-day feminists might have a thing or two to say about that.

The obsession of male filmmakers and directors with female androids has sparked the release of countless films over the decades. Though still depicted as sexy femme fatales and vixens, today's newer versions won't take crap from anyone, and they've become more powerful than ever. Endowed with super-human capabilities, no longer will they be controlled by anything or anyone, especially men.

Anesquire.com article titled "Hot Lady Robots Are a Serious Trend (But Should They Be?)" highlights famous bot gals, starting with the metallic False Maria, featured in the silent science-fiction film "Metropolis" (1927).

Pris from "Blade Runner" (1982) proves to be quite adept at manipulation of the human male, using her wiles to "make friends" with J.F. Sebastian, a man who literally built his friends, including his perfect woman.

Male audiences have always wanted their an-

droid heroines to have super-perfect forms coupled with super-human strength ... while clad in skimpy outfits. Do you remember those sexy Fembots in "Austin Powers" who kill the male guards? Then there was Angelina Jolie as an ass-kicking android, in "Cyborg 2."

"I think what the exhibit's images reveal is a cultural attitude about women that I find fascinating," Wosk said. "From very innocent to temptresses to women who want their independence and freedom, it's really been changing."

Wosk said she once saw an early episode of the vintage TV series "The Twilight Zone," where a woman falls asleep in a department store and when she wakes up, she goes to a floor where the mannequins are mysteriously walking about. "It stuck with me, and inspired my interest in the idea of inanimate people that mysteriously come to life," she noted.

As robots and computers get more skilled in their ability to observe and interpret facial features, body posture, gestures, speech and physical states, who knows what's next? Could we be on the verge of creating a superhuman intelligence?

Transhumanists believe that what lies ahead could be a merging of man and machine.

As technology evolves, it seems there is a greater gender divide. In many ways, it has become a woman's world, and one day, a female robot could be your boss.



Guests can view images of female robots, mannequins and dolls that were used in films, television, video games and more. The exhibit is based on curator Julie Wosk's recent book *My Fair Ladies*.

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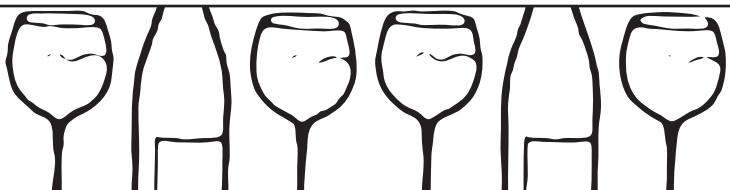
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The new deck at One Station Plaza. Lunch and Dinner service begin this week.

When Mark Boccia, John Ryan and the Bourbon Street management team began to merge ideas for a new restaurant to manage, the decision became easy when there was a presentation of *CJ Sullivan's of Bayside* to add to their existing portfolio. Both Boccia and Ryan had previously worked there at the very beginning of their hospitality careers. And, although they contemplated reinventing the concept, they thought to bring the restaurant full circle by restoring the original name to **One Station Plaza (OSP)**, and handling the turnover with care by detailing a concept that encompasses the history of the area, while bringing in a contemporary twist.

Now that **OSP** is open for the Summer season, Baysiders and visitors can enjoy the new outside garden or the modish interior.



One Station Plaza's John Ryan (left) and Mark Boccia (right).

Arts

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America, where the escape of some of Newt's fantastic beasts could spell trouble for both the wizarding and No-Maj worlds.

When: Tuesday, July 25, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Unisphere at Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 393-7370

EVENTS

Get Your Zen On — Join a certified yoga master for an hour of yoga. Regardless of yoga experience or fitness level, this adaptable approach is suitable for beginners to experienced students. Bring your own mat, towel, water bottle and insect repellent. Multiple sessions are encouraged. Limited to eight adult participants.

When: Saturday, July 22, at 9:15 a.m.

Where: Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston

Cost: \$16

Contact: (718) 229-4000

Website: www.alleypond.com

Saturday Sculpture Workshop — With exercises in color theory, 3D sculpting, and general education in the philosophy and history of butoh performance, attendees will learn how to create papier-mâché masks. Participants may have their creations documented via interactive photo booth, where their image can be taken and printed at no charge as a workshop keepsake.

When: Saturday, July 22, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Socrates Sculpture Park

Contact: (718) 956-1819

Cost: Free

Succulent Terrarium Workshop — Create a tabletop terrarium with succulents, known for their easy-to-care-for qualities—perfect for apartment living.

When: Saturday, July 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Queens Botanical Garden

Cost: \$35 (\$30 for members)

Contact: (718) 886-3800

MUSIC

Another Tequila Sunrise — Check into the Hotel California with this Eagles tribute band.

When: Friday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Where: George Seuffert



Bandshell, Forest Park, Woodhaven

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 235-4100

Louis Panacciulli and the Nassau Pops: Louis Panacciulli and the Nassau Pops Symphony Orchestra will perform an outdoor concert of the best in popular and light classical music.

When: Friday, July 21, at 8 p.m.

Where: Memorial Park, Mineola

Cost: Free

Contact: (516) 565-0646

Website: www.nassaupops.com

Dr. K's Motown Revue — Cover band Dr. K's Motown Revue will be performing Motown hits.

When: Sunday, July 23, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: O'Donohue Park

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 393-7370

We Rock Then We Soul Tour featuring Beginnings and Elements — Beginnings and Elements come together to bring you the timeless music of Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire in one unforgettable concert experience.

When: Thursday, July 27, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: George Seuffert

Bandshell, Forest Park

Cost: Free

Contact: (718) 235-4100

KIDS AND FAMILY

Kidz Kitchen: Nests for Nibbling — For those little ones who just can't wait to be a young chef, this is a program just for you. Kids will have fun learning about an animal and then help make a delicious snack to compliment what the

have learned. All materials included. Limited to eight participants ages 6-7.

When: Saturday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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When: Saturday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

Where: Alley Pond Park

Cost: Free

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The Magic of Rogue — As seen on America's Got Talent, Rogue brings a combination of magic and comedy. With tons of audience interaction, this show is a mixture of music, flowers, fire, and animals. Everyone will be amazed.

When: Sunday, July 23, from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Where: Fantasy Forest Amusement Park

Cost: Free

Sports



John Isner is no stranger to competing at the National Tennis Center and is excited to play on Court 17 with the NY Empire.

Photo courtesy of Rob Loud

Top tennis star joins NY Empire

BY LAURA AMATO

John Isner planned on being in Queens this summer — he just got here a bit earlier than expected.

Isner, currently ranked No. 23 in the world, joined the New York Empire Sunday night as the squad opened up its World Team Tennis schedule on Court 17 at the National Tennis Center. It's an opportunity for Isner — considered one of the best servers in the game — to showcase his skills and prepare for a possible return to Queens when the US Open gets underway next month.

"Any time you get to come to this city, it's very special," Isner said. "It's the greatest city in the world, so to come here and play World Team Tennis isn't something I thought I'd be doing, but I'm very, very excited about that."

Isner is familiar with Court 17 and the Tennis Center. He reached the US Open quarterfinals in 2011 and has spent plenty of time on the Flushing grounds. This time, however, things looked a bit different, particularly with the construction across the site and the

notable absence of Louis Armstrong Stadium.

"It's very weird," Isner said. "You're used to coming in here and seeing Louis Armstrong be there. It's gone now, so it's a very surreal experience right now. But I think in some time it's going to look real good."

Isner was quick to point out, however, that Court 17 offers its own appeal to both players and fans.

The court, which opened in 2011, is small, seating just 2,500, but it's an intimate setting with fans practically on top of the action. It's also one that brings the crowd just a bit closer to the game and, for an event like World Team Tennis, that proximity is exactly what the season is all about.

"It's really cool actually," Isner said. "This court is a pretty unique court in a lot of ways and I think it's one of the best at the US Open. The atmosphere is always great on this court and the players always play well on this court as well."

Of course, Isner also has experience with World Team Tennis.

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Division I-bound

St. Francis Prep ace Sal Ferro signs with LIU Brooklyn

BY LAURA AMATO

It was worth the wait.

Sal Ferro didn't have many Division I offers a few months ago and the St. Francis Prep baseball star worried he'd never be able to live out his college dream. That changed earlier this month when the left-handed pitcher committed to LIU Brooklyn, a choice that was so easy, Ferro was almost surprised he had to actually say the words.

"I always wanted to play Division I baseball," Ferro said. "And since I'm short, I don't really look like I can throw it and I didn't really get the offers I wanted. So when they offered me, I knew I had to accept."

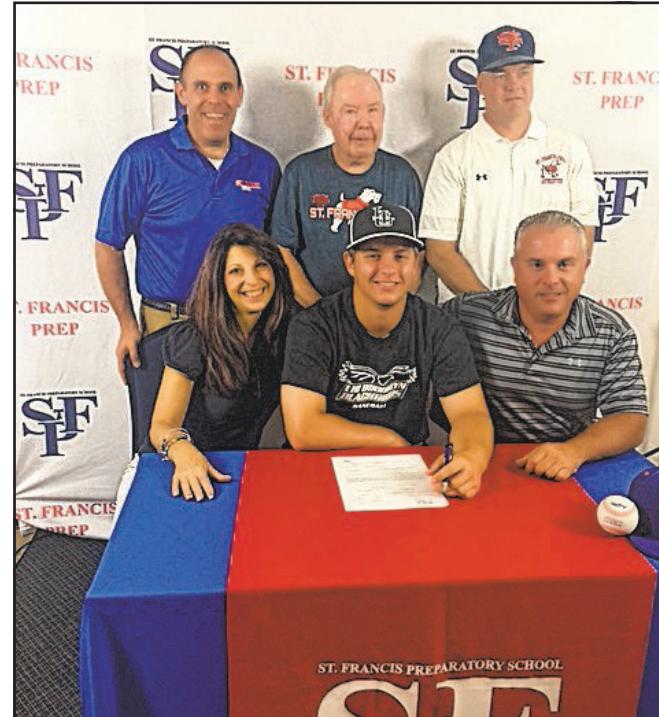
Ferro had a dominant senior season with the Terriers this spring, racking up victories on the mound, but the southpaw is quick to point out that his success mostly came from the fun he was having.

He wasn't just focused on his record on the mound, but on every aspect of his game — including hitting. And while Ferro doesn't expect to hit much at the college level, he knows the chance to step into the batter's box this spring made him a better all-around athlete.

"They put me in the lineup and I ended up being one of the best hitters on the team," Ferro said. "It helps because I'm having more fun. I always loved hitting, so it just makes it more fun. When you hit well, you pitch well and everything just kind of fell together."

Ferro's confidence has also grown in the last few weeks, playing summer ball for the Midville Dodgers. He tossed 21 innings in four games last month, picking up a pair of victories and striking out 33. Ferro also allowed just two earned runs and gave up five hits, while also throwing one complete game.

"I'm just trying to throw



St. Francis Prep left-handed pitcher Sal Ferro signed his letter of intent July 17, committing to Long Island University.

Photo by Stephen Ferro

strikes and try to gain some velocity before I go to college," he said. "And then I want to get into the weight room as much as I can. Every day, if I can."

Ferro took his official visit to LIU Brooklyn a little over a month ago and knew — almost immediately — he'd found the program for him. He was impressed with the campus, the location and, most importantly, everything the program has to offer.

"They're rebuilding right now. But last year they only had seven pitchers and they were able to win 22 games, so I know they can make it work," Ferro said. "And two of those pitchers were actually primary outfielders, so if they could make it work like that, then I'm pretty confident in that group."

Ferro was told he'd likely start in the bullpen — the Blackbirds are in need of a

good lefty closer — but if he can rack up the strikes and the strikeouts, there's a possibility he could work his way into the starting lineup. It's the chance Ferro has been waiting for.

"I think I can help. For sure," he said. "I just want to win games."

There's still plenty of summer left and plenty Ferro wants to improve on, but he can't quite mask his excitement for what's next. After all, he's always wanted to play at the college level and after the murkiness of the future just a few months ago, Ferro is more than ready to take on anything that's thrown his way.

"I'm excited," Ferro said. "I think we're going to be good. Their hitting was great last year, but it was just the pitching that was a little weak and I can help that. I want to win a championship."

Queens College men's hoops aims high

BY TROY MAURIELLO

So far, so good for head coach Matt Collier at Queens College. A successful first season with the men's basketball team saw him lead the Knights to their first East Coast Conference Tournament appearance since 2014, and now the second-year head coach has his sights set on continuing the growth of his program.

That growth will continue this fall, when the Knights travel to Connecticut and face the four-time national champion UConn Huskies in an exhibition game scheduled for Nov. 5. But while this game should be an experience that will last a lifetime for Collier's players, he will go in with a different, more serious frame of mind.

"Obviously it's definitely exciting, it's exciting for our kids, it's exciting for me as a coach," Collier said. "Playing UConn, I don't look at it as playing the tradition of UConn, I look at it as getting a chance to prepare with an exhibition game and prepare for our season against a good team."



Second-year coach Matt Collier hopes to keep building the men's basketball program at Queens College, challenging his players every time they step onto the court.

Queens College Athletics

The Knights will get a chance to do just that at either Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn., or the XL Center in Hartford thanks to Collier's longtime friendship with UConn assistant coach Dwayne Killings.

"They reached out to us," Collier said. "I've known him (Killings) since college, we both went to UMass together, so we've been tight ever since then."

And while that relationship should certainly spark

some feelings of a friendly rivalry during the exhibition, Collier made sure to note that the main focus of this game will be to prepare his team for their upcoming season.

He'll have his work cut out for him in that regard.

Although the Knights did make an appearance in the ECC tournament after winning the most games (13) since 2010-11 and posting their best conference record (10-8) since 2012-13, the roster was a veteran squad that featured seven seniors, all of whom have since moved on from the program.

Now with a young squad that will feature a plethora of underclassmen, Collier will have a unique task in front of him in order to replicate last season's success. He sees the exhibition against UConn as a chance to do just that — offering them top-tier competition right off the bat.

"We're going to be a young team and [a lot of] our guys have never played college basketball before," he said. "And I thought that playing a team in that environment would be good for them, just because if they can play a game against that caliber opponent and execute and still do the things that we're trying to work on, then they should be able to do it against anybody."

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Christ the King pitcher finds summer success

BY LAURA AMATO

Josh Vega has loved baseball for as long as he can remember. That love, however, has been tested more than once in the last few seasons.

Vega, a rising junior, plays

high school ball at Christ the King and it's been an up-and-down experience on the diamond with the Royals. The squad has struggled recently, finishing at the bottom of the Brooklyn-Queens standings last year, but Vega — who's playing for the Midville Dodgers this summer — hasn't lost his determination to be the best baseball player he can.

If anything, losing has taught Vega just how much he enjoys the sport.

"I just try to focus on my game," Vega said. "Obviously I want the team to win and I don't want to be losing all the time or anything, but when it comes down to it, I'm trying to better myself. I want to get a scholarship and maybe

even work towards the big leagues."

Vega, a right-handed pitcher, started playing years ago. When he first stepped onto the field with his father, he immediately knew he'd found his sport.

"I started playing when I was three years old," Vega said. "My dad brought me into it and, to be honest, I didn't have much of a choice. I really don't think he asked me what I wanted to play. I just ended up playing baseball and I stuck with it."

Vega admits that the Royals' recent struggles on the field haven't always been easy to contend with, but the opportunity to compete this summer has given him another chance to improve his game.

Midville plays a jam-packed schedule from June to August, competing in a handful of tournaments across the Northeast and facing off against top-tier competition.



Christ the King pitcher Josh Vega is hoping to improve his game, and his velocity, with the Midville Dodgers this summer before returning to the Royals next year.

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It's a challenge, but one Vega is embracing with a fastball that's improving every time he steps onto the mound.

In four early-summer games with Midville, Vega recorded 8.1 innings on the mound, picking up one win and two saves. He also racked up 13 strikeouts and

surrendered just two hits.

"It's great," Vega said of his experience with Midville. "Most people don't have this opportunity to play on a summer team. They're just playing fall and stuff like that, so that's a huge help for me."

The key for Vega, both

this summer and when he returns to Christ the King, is to focus on the little things; the small aspects of his game that can dictate the difference between a win or a loss. It's those little things that have kept him suiting up for more than a decade.

"It's a game of inches," Vega said. "You have to be exact almost every time. One mistake could lose a game, but one mistake could win a game too. I really love that."

Vega isn't looking too far ahead — he's enjoying summer vacation and a full slate of games with Midville in the next few weeks — but he's got his sights set on another spring with the Royals next year. He knows change will take some time, but Vega is hoping it can start with him.

"I know I can bring my talent to Christ the King," he said. "Maybe even teach a little bit, so I'm really looking forward to getting back into it."

Mets ideal trade partner is crosstown rival

Yankees' farm system provides an opportunity for GM Sandy Alderson to consider



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With the Mets looking more and more like sellers heading into the trade deadline, the club should not hesitate to make a deal with its city neighbor.

The Yankees and Mets do not trade with each other very often — the last completed deal came in 2014 — and when they do swap players, big names usually aren't involved. That can change this year.

General manager Sandy Alderson would be short-sighted not to entertain the possibility of making a deal with the Bronx Bombers, who have clear needs at first base and in the bullpen. The Mets have players that can fill those needs in Lucas Duda and Addison Reed, respectively.

Alderson told reporters he would be open to dealing with the Yankees, though it may be a tough pill to swallow. The Mets need to leave emotion out of this. While Alderson's Mets may have won over New York-

ers by outperforming the Yankees the last couple of seasons and wouldn't want to give the Yankees an edge, it would be irresponsible of him to ignore them in trade discussions.

Why? The Yankees boast one of the league's best minor league systems and can offer the Mets a solid return for rental players. Neither Reed nor Duda are under contract for next season and the Mets already have replacements in mind, so surrendering the duo in a trade should be appealing to the Mets, especially with what the Yankees have to offer.

The Mets farm system has been depleted in recent years — a result of the team's go-for-it mentality — and needs to be replenished. What better trade partner is out there than the Yankees, whose farm system ranks among the top two or three systems in baseball?

The Yankees can offer the



If the opportunity arises, Mets general manager Sandy Alderson should jump at the chance to make a trade with the Yankees. AP

Mets the best return. Perhaps a deal for some pitching depth gets it done. The Bombers can offer arms like Zack Littell, Domingo German, Domingo Acevedo and Ian Clarkin in return for Duda and Reed.

Not interested in pitching prospects?

The Yankees can also offer high ceiling position players like Thairo Estrada, Estevan Florial and Dermis Garcia. Any of those prospects would instantly be placed among the Mets' top 30 minor leagu-

ers and would give the team added insurance should any of their major-league starters hit the disabled list.

Making crosstown trades is never easy. You want to be sure it's a fair trade and that you are not fleeced in the deal while giving the other team a chance at a playoff berth, or even a World Series appearance. That doesn't mean trading should be off limits.

Look at what transpired in Chicago last week. The White Sox dealt ace Jose Quintana

to the Cubs for a package of four players, including two prospects ranked in the Top 100 in all of baseball. The White Sox — like the Mets — are out of contention and took the best package available for their best player, even though the trade gives the Cubs a chance to reach the postseason for the third consecutive year. It was an easy decision to make, according to White Sox GM Rick Hahn.

"The notion that any of us would at any point take an inferior deal simply because of emotion or something not related to what we envision for this franchise, that we would take less when the Cubs clearly had the best offer, is laughable," Hahn told reporters.

Alderson should follow Hahn's lead. If the Yankees offer the best package, make the deal. There's no reason not to, even if it helps the Yankees make it back to the playoffs this season as the Mets settle into mediocrity.

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Isner

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This summer marked his seventh season with the league and the North Carolina native particularly enjoys the team aspect of the game, with a chance to compete for one goal as a group instead of just focusing on the individual aspects of tennis.

"The format is very different [from usual matches] which is great," Isner said. "You have your coaches, your teammates and a lot of different people to support you and pull you through. That's, of course, different from a regular match where you're just sort of on an island by yourself."

Isner, often regarded as the top American male player throughout the 2010s, enjoyed his time with the Empire, leading the team to a victory over the Philadelphia Freedoms, but his focus is, always, on his own career. He's set to spend a



John Isner played his first game with the NY Empire on Sunday night, leading the team to a season-opening victory over the Philadelphia Freedoms.

Photo courtesy of Rob Loud

good chunk of his remaining summer on the court and although he was happy to be in Queens in July, he's also anxious to return in August, determined to notch a strong performance at the US Open.

"I hope I'm still in the prime of my career," Isner said. "You really just want to come out here and give it your all. I could play horrible, but I hope not. I'm just hoping to play as well as I can."

Hoops

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how to execute on the collegiate level, the new faces at Queens College also must understand the type of program that they are entering in to: a new-look, winning program under Collier.

"With these new guys coming in, they know that they're not coming in to a losing program," he said. "So they know, and hopefully

they respect that and want to take ownership of it."

But no matter what new faces take the court, the goal for Collier is for the Knights to ultimately build a national presence under his leadership. The trip to face one of college basketball's top programs should be a good start.

"Now, we get an opportunity to continue to make our stamp, not only in the ECC, but regionally and hopefully nationally at some point, because that's the goal," Collier said.

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uated near machines showing just how much work goes into the process of producing aircraft parts.

One employee, Bill Hans, has worked at S&L for over 40 years but recently put in his retirement. He emigrated from Germany in the 1960s, and spent time in the U.S. Army - which stationed him in his home country - before leaving and getting involved in the aerospace industry.

Many workers in the S&L ranks are immigrants from Asia and Latin America.

According to Varvatsas, employees are hired on and stay long term. The only

I'm so pleased to see a business like this, not only want to come to New York, but want to stay in New York.

Alicia Glen
Deputy Mayor

cause for turnover the company is currently experiencing is from retirees.

S&L started in Brooklyn in 1947, and in the 1950s and '60s, began moving into the defense industry. For much of the time it has been in business, S&L has had a facility in Maspeth. When it came time to move in 2007, the company made the determination to stay in Queens

and limit layoffs by staying within a 10-mile radius, according to Varvatsas.

The company currently has over 100 employees and 55,000 square feet of manufacturing space.

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apart from regular gender individuals.

According to the commission, claims of discrimination based on gender identity and expression continue to rise following a two-year trend. The commission filed 30 new investigations into gender identity discrimination in 2016, up from 18 investigations in 2015 and one investigation in 2014. It is currently investigating nearly 50 claims of gender identity discrimination.

The Human Rights panel

has the authority to fine violators with civil penalties of up to \$250,000 for willful and malicious violations of the law and can award compensatory damages to victims, including emotional distress damages and other benefits.

The Thomas and Marie White Health Center could not be reached for comment.

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Transgender

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representatives said they would perform physical examinations on transgender patients to determine whether they are on hormone medication or have had surgery. Other representatives said that transgender patients would be required to stay in private rooms. It is illegal to forcibly segregate transgender or gender non-conforming people into facilities

ies around the country have ample opportunity to do while these fights play out in Washington. Keep getting help to people who need it, keep creating a more inclusive and just society. That's what we celebrate today."

According to Wang Center CEO Jane Eng, lung cancer is one of the leading forms of cancer that Chinese Americans develop, while suicide is the ninth leading cause of death. Suicide is not in the top 10 causes of death for any other nationality, she said.

Primary care services for smokers and programs to assist people in quitting tobacco is part of a future initiative for the organization.

"There's lots of people who have insurance but still don't feel it's easy to access health care because maybe geography or a language barrier or they just don't understand how important it is to get care early before a problem develops into something

bigger," de Blasio said. "So, when you make health care more accessible to people, when it is at the grassroots, when it's available, when it's easy to reach, when it's in your language people get healthier. It's the whole concept of this place and that's why this expansion is so important."

Also attending the event was state Assemblyman Ron Kim (D-Flushing), Assemblyman Peter Koo (D-Flushing) and Councilman Corey Johnson (D-Manhattan), who is openly gay, HIV positive and sober for eight years after recovering from drug addiction.

The mayor toured the borough and held city hall proceedings from Kew Gardens this week.

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New precinct

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the satellite precinct last March to assist with its coverage and service in the 105th Precinct, which included 18 new officers, two new sergeants and a 24-hour operation to aid with the case loads and stretched jurisdictions.

State Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) said the new 116th Precinct is the result of persistent, grassroots advocacy.

"As we continue the process of finally establishing the 116th, my elected colleagues and I will work to ensure that the needs of the Laurelton, Rosedale, and Brookville communities are met by the city," he said. "I commend Mayor de Blasio and the NYPD for prioritizing this long-awaited project, and I thank Council members (Donovan) Richards and (Daneek) Miller for their tremendous efforts in the Council to bring us to this point."

De Blasio said the NYPD will conduct an analysis to determine the precinct's eventual borders. The study will consider factors such

as geography, population, 911/311 calls, crime and quality-of-life issues, all with the goal of increasing services while distributing workload as equitably as possible, he said. Staffing levels and operating costs for the new 116th Precinct will be determined as the process moves along, boundaries are determined, designs are completed and construction gets underway.

"We are excited to be here in Queens as we announce the site of the new 116 Precinct," O'Neill said. "This new investment will reduce response times and inevitably enable us to even further reduce crime."

Queens is the third stop on the mayor's "City Hall in Your Borough" initiative, following visits to Staten Island and the Bronx.

Mayor de Blasio, deputy mayors, and senior agency officials will meet and listen to the concerns of the people who live in the borough. A cabinet meeting, resource fair and town hall are among the scheduled events.

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Meters

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App Store and for Android at Google play. The website www.parknyc.org includes more information about registration and FAQs and can also be used for remote payment without downloading the ParkNYC app. Transactions can also be made by voice call to an automated phone system.

"So many Queens residents rely on a car — especially those without easy access to transit — to get around our borough, and parking is always a challenge," Queens Borough President Melinda Katz said. "ParkNYC's mobile payment system is a useful tool to help make that day-to-day struggle a little bit simpler. Now with the expansion of ParkNYC to Queens, it's easier to shop and dine at Queens' shops and restaurants just a little bit longer and enjoy the World's Borough even more."

Once the app is downloaded, users can enter personal information, provide the license plate number and load the ParkNYC wallet, which works like an EZPass, loading increments as low as \$25. After parking, he or she enters the six-digit unique zone number for block and length of time. After confirmation, the driver is set.

Motorists can extend their time if it is running out and maximum time has not already been reached, while parking time can be extended without returning to the car.

"Even though I do not drive a car, the convenience being afforded by this new technology is self-evident," City Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) said.

Muni-meters will continue to accept coins and credit or debit cards for drivers who don't want to use ParkNYC.

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Health center

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came to our country and our city, people shouldn't have to live in the shadows especially when it comes to health care."

McCray and de Blasio cited the current battle over medical coverage at the federal level and said the city can be the exception to what they believe to be a disaster lurking on the horizon with the failed GOP healthcare bill the centerpiece of their remarks.

"While we continue to fight battles in Washington, I fundamentally believe the answer is to keep showing what things should be, to keep being a beacon here in this city of the way that we want to see a fair society created, to keep being the antidote," de Blasio said. "It's something we and other cit-

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Suspect

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Williams allegedly approached the unidentified woman with what appeared to be a firearm at the intersection of 150th Street and Beaver Road at about 10:30 p.m. as she walked home and demanded that she give him money and her cell phone, the criminal complaints filed by the DA's office said. Walker allegedly went up to her and asked her to take her clothes off and perform oral sex on them, according to prosecutors.

The victim tried to defend herself, but Ginell and the man believed to be Shorter threatened to shoot her, the complaint said. Williams and Walker forced the victim to perform a sexual act on them, according to the DA's office.

The DA said two of the defendants were suspected of holding up three innocent men at gunpoint the next night and stealing their personal property.

Someone who worked at the center informed on the four young men, according to the Department of Youth & Community Development spokesman Mark Zustovich and the NYPD. DYCD is the city organization that supervises and funds SCO.

"An employee at a transitional independent living program for young adults discovered that residents served through the program might be linked to the attack reported in the media," Leslie Johnson, the director of communications at SCO, said in a statement. "Our staff took action and alerted the authorities, which directly led to the arrests."

According to a consultant for SCO who asked to remain anonymous, the Jamaica center that opened over a year ago

was specifically meant to help young men that ask for "right to shelter." They are required to focus on pursuing work or school, while remaining out of adult homeless shelters so they can become self-sufficient in the future. This is the first time an incident happened in the organization's 30 years.

State Sen. Leroy Comrie (D-St. Albans) was devastated to hear about what happened to the woman and disappointed to learn of another social service center built in the southeast Queens area without community approval. Earlier this year he put forth a bill that would require agencies to consider community feedback on the location of homeless shelters.

"He was unaware of the existence of that group home at that site prior to the reports of the attack," said Andrew Taranto, a spokesman for Comrie. "Like so many others, he was horrified by the news of what happened. As she, her family, and her congregation heal from this tragedy, he is praying for her serenity and strength and for justice to be served."

The church's pastor, Kehinde Oyetunde, said the church is doing everything to support the victim and spoke of her current state.

"She's trying to get past the shock, she's not feeling well," the pastor said. "Right now she is down. She was the type of woman that would take care of everybody. She feels weak and scared."

The pastor said that since the social worker is in a very emotionally fragile state and has taken time off from work, the church would financially assist her, her husband and their children.

"We are helping her counseling-wise and we are trying to raise funds for her," Oyetunde said. "We started a GoFundMe page so that everybody could give her a helping hand."

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what originally was an eight hoops and two full courts park. According to Fiedler, after asking if the city officials would be open to moving it to another location, perhaps the Highland Park, they didn't budge.

"With soccer, you can bring the plastic goals and play soccer wherever you want, but if you don't have the hoops, you can't play the game," Fiedler said.

Some community board members then brought up the

changing demographics in the area with some residents perhaps wanting a soccer field. However, in the end, the majority voted to disapprove of the soccer field in Rosemary's Playground.

State Sen. Joseph P. Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) gave some updates, including progress on his legislation that passed the Senate and Assembly, which will require chain pharmacies to collect unused, unwanted or expired controlled substances from the public; as well as upcoming events he will be hosting, such as a job fair in October.

Culture plan

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Councilman Steve Levin, who represents Greenpoint, Williamsburg and several other arts-oriented neighborhoods in Brooklyn. It was signed by Mayor de Blasio in 2015.

"This is a city of unmatched cultural richness that expresses itself on sidewalks, in storefronts, in museums, theaters and parks in every corner of the five boroughs," de Blasio said. "New York City is the world capital of art and culture. If we are going to continue to live up to that title, we must use every tool we have to ensure that every resident, in every neighborhood, has the same access to cultural opportunities. CreateNYC is the first comprehensive roadmap to lifting up the arts and culture across the city -- now it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work."

The plan is aimed at keeping

New York an artist friendly city in a time of skyrocketing rents and a variety of economic pressures. Van Bramer called the completion of the first cultural plan for the city a profound and historic achievement.

"We've built a plan that will guide our efforts to make art and culture more accessible to all, to empower and train the next generation of artists, and to fully support established and emerging cultural organizations in every borough, especially in areas that are traditionally underserved," Van Bramer said. "From the beginning of this journey, the development of the cultural plan has been a deeply democratic process, drawing on the perspectives of people from every neighborhood and all walks of life."

Throughout the engagement process, New Yorkers made it clear that they value the role that culture plays in their community. A Sienna College Re-

search Institute phone survey conducted for CreateNYC found that: 97 percent of the respondents said that arts and culture are important to the overall quality of life in New York City and 77 said they wish they were able to attend more arts and cultural activities.

"This is an exciting moment for everyone who cares about culture in New York City, and as we discovered throughout this process that's virtually everyone," Cultural Affairs Commissioner Tom Finkelpearl said. "We are proud to be the largest local funder of art and culture in America and with CreateNYC in hand, we can make sure that our investments in this singular asset help to address concerns, opportunities, hopes and priorities that residents voiced loud and clear."

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Wills

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tant Attorney General John Chiarro went over Wills' contract with the state and Chase Bank statements that he said showed how Wills allegedly used the money for personal use.

"He is stealing thousands and thousands of dollars that are meant to help them," said Chiarro as he pointed to Wills' supporters in the gallery. "He's not going to get away with this because you are going to hold him accountable," he told the jury.

Chiarro went over the contract start and end date for the money that the state gave to Wills to spend on a childhood obesity program, a single mothers' banquet, a single fathers' luncheon and public cleanup under the auspices of his charity.

Wills' goddaughter, Michelle Davis, was called as a witness for the prosecutor about her role in Wills' campaign. The councilman said she did data entry work for the obesity program, but Davis testified she only worked for the election campaign.

Chiarro cited a check written to Davis for data entry work on the obesity program that had a memo attached for NY4Life. But Wills' goddaughter said she did not do the data entry work but still cashed the check. Chiarro contended this showed that

the defendant falsified records and committed fraud.

"What kind of man drags his own goddaughter into this?" Chiarro asked.

He later produced bank statements of the stores where the councilman spent money during the time frame of the contract. The stores were Victoria Secret, McDonald's, Exxon Mobile, Dunkin' Donuts, Macy's, Walmart, AmTrak, Staples, and T-Mobile to name a few.

"There is not a single documentary evidence that he spent one penny on the events for people in southeast Queens. He spent it on himself," Chiarro said.

Wills' defense attorney, Kevin O'Donnell, said the prosecution had not proven anything.

"I've impeached all his witnesses," he said. "The witnesses were telling lies. He is fighting for his life here."

He singled out Wills' goddaughter, who cashed the checks from the councilman but told the court she did not know where the money was coming from.

"She said she never heard of New York 4 Life," O'Donnell said. "She said that she did the work, but she doesn't remember what she did."

Supporters of Wills whispered that she could not have done campaign work because he was elected during a special election after his predecessor Thomas White, Jr. died unexpectedly

in August 2010.

Joe Morrissey, a former auditor at the attorney general's office, said Wills "enriched himself with \$20,000," according to O'Donnell as he read his testimony. The lawyer later asked the jury why the councilman was not charged with tax evasion.

Shawn Garrick, a friend of Wills for over 30 years, testified he was not aware that he was named as an executive director of the councilman's charity or that New York 4 Life received a \$33,000 grant.

When Garrick was on the stand the previous week, he said "he could not remember" being in board meetings with Wills, O'Donnell said, even though Wills' chief of staff had testified that Garrick did attend board meetings.

Later O'Donnell ripped up a giant easel pad of the charges and threw it in a garbage can.

"This is what the prosecution is, garbage," O'Donnell said.

Afterward, both sides rested their cases and asked the jury to "use their common sense" in their deliberations about Wills' guilt or innocence.

Wills faces up to seven years if convicted, according to the judge.

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3407 EQUITIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/17. 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, 149-58 Cross Island Parkway, 2nd Floor, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 85-17 215th Street, Hollis Hills, NY 11427. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BUCKY 696 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/14/17. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 25-67 125th ST Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Jay Ave 6612 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/23/17. City: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 6603 Jay Ave., Maspeth, NY 11378. General Purpose.

JP Surplus Agora LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/15/17. City: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 8904 Pontiac St., Queens Village, NY 11427. General Purpose.

Mayflower Garden Hotel LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 5/19/17. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 61-27 186th St, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. General Purposes.

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 6-15-17, bearing Index Number NC-000288-17/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) JESSE (Last) RUBIN. My present name is (First) JESSICA (Middle) EILEEN (Last) RUBIN AKA JESSICA E RUBIN AKA JESSICA RUBIN. My present address is 36-28 166TH STREET, Flushing, NY. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is March 23, 1992.

Notice of Formation of Cactus Asset Protection, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/9/16. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Western Beef, 47-05 Metropolitan Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11385, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of CP REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/11/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy

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of process against LLC to: 26-44 213th St., Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of DC Realty Acquisition LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/09/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 155-25 Styler Rd., Jamaica, NY 11433. Purpose: any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: HUMBIRD PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/18/2017. 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: GABRIEL BELLIARD 77-44 AUSTIN STREET APT 5G QUEENS, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: AGELESS FOREVER TEAM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/19/2017. 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: AGELESS FOREVER TEAM LLC 48-26 59TH STREET 2FL WOODSIDE, NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation: Street Team Studios LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 6/21/2017. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated as service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 15350 89th Ave 931, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RSP 2017 FUNDING 003 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/12/2017. 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: RED SQUARE PICTURES 4720 CENTER BLVD. #2704 LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11109. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Cactus Asset Protection, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/9/16. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail copy of process to: RED SQUARE PICTURES 4720 CENTER BLVD. #2704 LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11109. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of CP REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/18/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to: CORPORATE FILINGS OF NEW YORK 90 STATE STREET STE 700, OFFICE 40 ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: YOLA MEDIA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/27/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 155-25 Styler Rd., Jamaica, NY 11433. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: ROXSTEADY MUSIC, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/13/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to the PLLC, 41-61 Kissena Blvd STE 35, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: General

Notice of formation of MAIN ON 38 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/23/2017. Office location: County of Queens. The street address is: 194-02 Northern Blvd., Ste. 215, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: AGELESS FOREVER TEAM LLC 48-26 59TH STREET 2FL WOODSIDE, NY 11377. Purpose: law practice.

At an IAS Term Part 52- of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Queens, at the Courthouse thereof, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York on the 10th day of July 2017.

PRESENT:
HON. MARGARET PARISI MCGOWAN
Date Summons Filed: 09/22/16
Index No.: 11068/2016

Ex Parte Order to Show Cause Seeking Alternate Means of Personal Service of Summons with Notice and Notice of Automatic Orders (DRL 236)

OTIS HILL, Plaintiff,
- against -
KARLEIN P. HILL, Defendant.

UPON READING Afidavit of Plaintiff OTIS HILL, duly sworn to on December 16, 2016; the Affirmation of Philip A. Kusnetz, Esq., duly affirmed February 13, 2017 and June 30, 2017; the Affidavit of Thomas Billow dated December 23, 2016; the Affidavit of Larry Radler dated January 20, 2017; the Summons with Notice and Notice of Automatic Orders (DRL 236); together with all of the exhibits annexed thereto,

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mail process to: 45-55 162nd St, Flushing, NY 11358. General Purposes.

S&R Self Defense and Strength Training, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/26/17. City: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 W. 56th St., 22nd Fl., Attn: Denise Iocco, Esq., NY, NY 10019. General Purpose.

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Notice of Formation: Lida Physical Therapy & Acupuncture PLLC Arts of Org filed with Sec. of State of New York (SSNY) 04/20/2017. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to the PLLC, 41-61 Kissena Blvd STE 35, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: General

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: MARIANO ASHTON PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/25/2017. 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: THE LLC 69-10 ROOSEVELT AVE. 2ND FLOOR WOODSIDE, NY 11377. Purpose: law practice.

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AND upon the Plaintiff moving for an ex parte order permitting service of the Summons with Notice and Notice of Automatic Orders (DRL 236) upon Defendant KARLEIN P. HILL by alternative service of process, in such manner as this Honorable Court may direct, pursuant to CPLR 308(5) together with an extension of time to effectuate said service pursuant to CPLR 306-b; and such other, further and different relief; AND no prior request for the same or similar relief having been made by Plaintiff in any State or Federal Court in the United States; NOW, on the reading and filing of the Affidavit of Plaintiff OTIS HILL duly sworn to on December 16, 2016: the Affirmations of Philip A. Kusnetz, Esq., duly affirmed February 13, 2017 and June 30, 2017; the Affidavit of Thomas Billow dated December 23, 2016; the Affidavit of Larry Radler dated January 20, 2017; the Summons with Notice and Notice of Automatic Orders (DRL 236);

It is hereby ORDERED that the Summons with Notice and Notice of Automatic Orders (DRL 236) and a copy of this Order be served in the following manner: by newspaper publication for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Queens Times Ledger.

Said service shall be effected within sixty (60) days of the within Order pursuant to CPLR 308(5) and Plaintiff's time to effectuate same is hereby extended pursuant to CPLR 306-b.

ENTER:
HON. MARGARET PARISI
MCCOWAN
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SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW
YORK COUNTY OF
QUEENS

Index No.: 11068/16
Date Summons filed:
9/22/16

Plaintiff designates
Queens County as the
place of trial

The basis of venue is:
Plaintiff's residence
SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
Plaintiff resides at:
211-02 75th Ave., Apt. 6-K
Oakland Gardens, NY
11364
County of Queens

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OTIS HILL,
Plaintiff,
-against-
KARLEIN P. HILL,
Defendant.

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ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete) if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set

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forth below.
Dated: Garden City, New York
September 16, 2016
PHILIP A. KUSNETZ, P.C.
By: Philip A. Kusnetz, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
825 East Gate Blvd., Ste. 308
Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 368-2484
To: KARLEIN P. HILL
NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: **DRL §170(6) - Written Agreement of Separation; and *DRL §170(7) - Irretrievable Breakdown in the Relationship. The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the plaintiff dissolving the between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional marriage relief demanded is:
1. Granting Plaintiff spousal maintenance;
2. A directive requiring Defendant to pay all fees for expert evaluations of marital assets (such as deferred compensation evaluations and/or house appraisals) and the fees of such experts to testify in court in connection with such evaluations;
3. A directive requiring Defendant to contribute to plaintiffs legal fees;
4. An award of equitable distribution of all assets, real and personal;
5. A declaration as to Plaintiff's sole and/or non-marital property;
6. A directive requiring Defendant to pay all debts in her own name and all marital debts, together with all family and marital expenses;
7. Permitting Defendant to resume use of maiden or former surname;
8. Such other, further, and different relief as to the Court may seem just.

NOTICE OF ENTRY
AUTOMATIC ORDERS
(D.R.L. 236) Rev. 1/13
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PURSUANT to the Uniform Rules of the Trial Courts, and domestic relations law § 236, Part B, Section 2, both you and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which have been entered against you and your spouse in your divorce action pursuant to 22 NYCR § 202.16(a), and 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:

(1) ORDERED: Neither party shall transfer, encumber, assign, remove, withdraw 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 jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household

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expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.
(2) ORDERED: 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 accounts, 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; except that any party who is already in pay status may continue to receive such payments thereunder.

(3) ORDERED: 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) ORDERED: 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, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5) ORDERED: 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: After

service of the Summons with Notice or Summons and Complaint for divorce, if you or your spouse wishes to modify or dissolve the automatic orders, you must ask the court for approval to do so, or enter into a written modification agreement with your spouse duly signed and acknowledged before a notary public.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, the within document(s) and contentions contained herein are not frivolous as defined in 22 N.Y.C.R.R. § 130-1.1(a), and where the document is an initiating pleading that the matter was not obtained through illegal conduct or, if it was, that the attorney or other persons responsible for the illegal conduct are not participating in the matter or sharing fees and that the matter was not obtained in violation of DR 7-111.

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Dated: Garden City, New York
September 16, 2016
PHILIP A. KUSNETZ

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Notice is hereby given that an on-premise license, #1302883 for Liquor, Wine Beer and Cider has been applied for by the undersigned at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at Blend Restaurant & Lounge LLC of 127-07 94th Avenue, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419 for on premises consumption.

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Assume the name of (First) BRIHANNA (Middle) LOREN (Last) DUPLESSY. My present name is (First) BRIHANNA (Middle) LOREN (Last) PLATEL (infant). My present address is 153-19 110TH ROAD, Jamaica, NY 11433. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is August 07, 2013.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 7-12-17, bearing Index Number NC-000656-17/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) ARKADY (Last) RAKHMAN. My present name is (First) ARKADY (Last) ISHKHAKOV. My present address is 108-25 66th Road, Forest Hills, NY 11375-2206. My place of birth is UZBEKISTAN. My date of birth is March 10, 1986.

NOTICE OF SALE
Supreme Court County Of
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FNBNI, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Rabeya Akter, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/5/2017 and entered on 1/23/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Courtroom 25, Jamaica, NY on July 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM premises known as 103-29 171st Street, Jamaica, NY 11433. 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: 10229, LOT: 4. Approximate amount of judgment is \$728,574.83 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 11255/2010. Heidi J. Henle, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

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interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 704734/2014
Richard A. Piccola, Esq., Referee
of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, ET AL, Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.
NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.
SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.
SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

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THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$587,877.12 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on June 27, 2007, in CRFN 200700371273, covering premises known as 104-29 164 Street aka 104-29 164th Street, Jamaica, New York 11433, County of Queens and State of New York - BL #: 10162 - 67. Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial based upon the location of the mortgaged premises in this action.
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:
COUNTY OF QUEENS
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, -against- SELIMOTE HUSSAIN A/K/A SELIMOTU HUSSAIN, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places

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1800 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone (585) 232-7400 Block: 11975 Lot: 110

NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION
The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of QUEENS, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein.

TO THE DEFENDANT, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action

To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the HON. CHEREE BUGGS, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated MARCH 6, 2017 and filed along with the supporting papers in the QUEENS County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a Mortgage.

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Inwood Street, distant 82 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection

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of the westerly side of Inwood Street, with the southerly side of 114 th Avenue; **RUNNING THENCE** westerly at right angles to Inwood Street, and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet; **THENCE** southerly and parallel with Inwood Street, 16 feet; **THENCE** easterly again at right angles to Inwood Street, and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet to the westerly side Inwood Street; **THENCE** northerly along the westerly side of Inwood Street, 15 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Mortgaged Premises:

114-2 INWOOD STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11436

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS S U P P L E M E N T A L SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 100-36 197TH ST HOLLIS, NY 11423 Block: 10863 Lot: 24 Plaintiff designates QUEENS as the place of trial situs of the real property INDEX NO. 700294/2014

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. BARY LYNN SNYDER A/K/A BARI LYNN SNYDER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA

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WHIDEMAN A/K/A EDNA SNYDER AND THE ESTATE OF MARY SNYDER; DERON SNYDER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA WHIDEMAN A/K/A EDNA SNYDER AND THE ESTATE OF MARY SNYDER; DAVID SNYDER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA WHIDEMAN A/K/A EDNA SNYDER AND THE ESTATE OF MARY SNYDER; DARYL SNYDER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA WHIDEMAN A/K/A EDNA SNYDER AND THE ESTATE OF MARY SNYDER; DOREEN SNYDER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA WHIDEMAN A/K/A EDNA SNYDER AND THE ESTATE OF MARY SNYDER; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors,

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administrators, legatees, devisees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE " TAX COMPLIANCE DIVISION " C.O. " ATC; MARY WELLS, and "JOHN DOE 2 to JOHN DOE 25", said names being fictitious, the persons or parties intended being the persons, parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU

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ARE SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$290,319.00 and interest, recorded on July 22, 2004, in CRFN # 200400453598, of the Public Records of QUEENS County, New York, covering premises known as 100-36 197TH ST, HOLLIS, NY 11423. The relief sought in the

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within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: June 2, 2017

Westbury, New York RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: JADWIGA SZAJNER, ESQ. 900 Dawn Ferguson as Guardian for Anne Dykes Davis is procuring bids for the Premises known as 218-11 140th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, New York 11413. The Auction will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday July 28, 2017, at the Law Offices of Alonso & Guzzardi, 189-05 Crocheron Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358. The opening bid will be no less than \$270,000.00 with bids increasing in no less than \$10,000.00 increments. The Premises are offered in "as-is" condition with partial vacate order, and subject to any tenancies. Seller makes no representation as to the legal use, and/or the existence of any Certificate of Occupancy, for the Premises, the property, or any structures or improvements thereon. Down-payment of 20% must be tendered at time of contract signing. Closing must take place within 30 days of executed contract. For more information contact Broker Mitchell Todd at (516) 993-0046.

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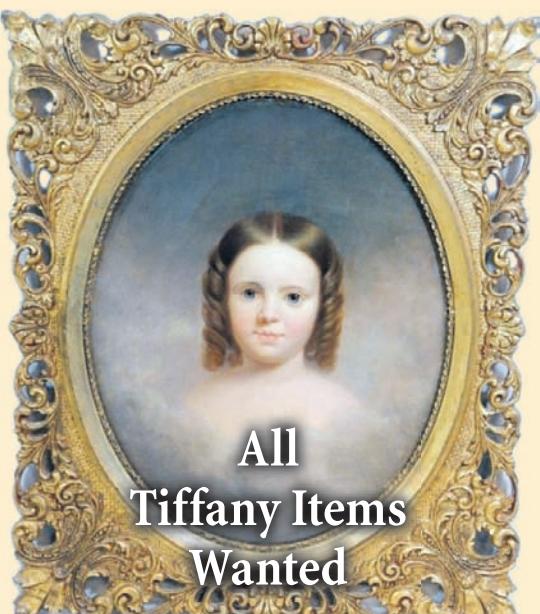
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