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## West Side club to review proposals for its stadium

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

The West Side Tennis Club elected a new president Friday, the same day a request for proposals was due to develop land within the club's tennis stadium.

In a three-way race, the club voted at a private meeting to elect Roland Meier, who will replace Kenneth Parker, president of the club for three years, a source from the group said.

Meier, who won by a "substantial margin," according to

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## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

Katarina Ham from the Air Force Junior ROTC program stands at attention during the ceremony to honor veterans at the conclusion of the Queens Veterans Day Parade in Middle Village. **See more information about Veterans Day events on Page 9.**

Photo by Christina Santucci

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# Forest Hills resident blasts decrepit house

69th Ave. home subject of long fight

BY JOE ANUTA

The city has fined a negligent property owner over his decrepit Forest Hills home a dozen times, and although neighbors said the rat-filled abode has only gotten worse, city inspectors have said it is up to snuff several times.

Maria Franco lives next door to 93-07 69th Ave., a home which she said has been used as a dumping ground by its owner for decades.

"This is 25 years now it has been vacated, but they just been throwing garbage into the house all those years," she said. "From the floor to the ceiling."

Curtains obscure the broken front windows of the house, but bags of garbage can be seen bulging against the fabric from the inside.

Just inside the back door, as Franco said, the garbage is liter-

ally stacked from the floor to the ceiling.

An orange shopping cart, a car tire, luggage and old speakers are just some of the dusty items stacked up just inside the back door.

The house is registered under the name of Nancy Chao Sun, according to city Department of Buildings documents.

But news reports have named Stewart Sun as the caretaker of the property.

Sun said he was "not interested" in talking with TimesLedger Newspapers after numerous attempts to get comment on the house.

Franco has repeatedly complained to the DOB about the property, and DOB inspectors have inspected it 22 times after complaints were filed, according to department documents.

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# Square scaffolding scrapped

Green blight that stood for 7 years at Forest Hills LIRR stop removed

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

Most of the green scaffolding that covered the tower of the Station Square Apartments in Forest Hills has been removed to the delight of the surrounding community of Forest Hills Gardens and Long Island Rail Road commuters.

“We were just waiting for the contractors to finish the work,” said Martin Restituyo, president of the apartments’ co-op board since 2008. “The tower [scaffolding] is almost completely down.”

The scaffolding was put up nearly seven years ago, with the co-op in the midst of capital improvements on its three buildings that is expected to be completed within the next five years, Restituyo said.

Earlier this year, the apartments received enough money to fill its coffers to complete the repairs, which came from the repayment of old debts by a tenant and a \$100,000 refund from National Grid.

That refund came about in large part because the Station Square Apartments management discovered it had been paying a gas bill for a nearby building for years.

Green scaffolding remains on a building connected to the tower, which still has some of the barriers, although it is obfuscated by trees.

The apartments are adjacent to the Station Square



The Station Square Apartments tower no longer has green scaffolding covering the upper floors of the column.  
Photo by Howard Koplowitz

LIRR stop and are near the shops that line Austin Street in Forest Hills.

The scaffolding was considered to be a blight by the neighboring Forest Hills Gardens Corp., which sued the Station Square Apartments in 2004 to remove the scaffolding, but the lawsuit was unsuccessful.

While the apartments look more aesthetically pleasing for the time being, Restituyo said eventually more scaffolding will go up for work on the tower’s

The scaffolding will return when work on the tower’s facade and roof resumes.

facade and roof.

“We’re trying to get [the work] in as earliest as we can,” Restituyo said.

“We’re taking it one day at a time.”

With winter soon arriving, Restituyo expected the improvements on the tower would not get started until next year.

Costs of the capital improvements to the apartments’ three buildings was estimated at \$2.5 million, he said.

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# Rich Hill welcomes all with new sign

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

Romeo Hitlall’s 4 1/2-year quest to get a “Welcome to Richmond Hill” sign erected in the neighborhood ended Monday when the sign was unveiled.

Hitlall — a member of Community Board 10, vice president of the community’s annual Phagwah parade and owner of NM-CRA Connectors Realty on Liberty Avenue — paid \$5,000 for the sign and will pay to maintain it and the surrounding shrubbery where Liberty Avenue, 133rd Street and 103rd Avenue converge.

“I’ve been working on this site for approval for 4 1/2 years, going back and forth with the city, the Parks Department, the Sanitation Department,” Hitlall said during the unveiling. “We’ve been working getting the right approval from the right department to get this sign up. It was a

lengthy process.”

Hitlall said the green sign “will identify the community. There’s a lot of traffic coming into Richmond Hill. I’m hoping this will better our community, identify our community ... and this sign will do that for us.”

Hitlall first contacted state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) about his desire for the sign.

Addabbo said he told Hitlall it would be a “long haul” to get the sign erected “because the city isn’t crazy about these signs.”

The senator said the sign “was long overdue.”

“This sign is going to welcome thousands of people daily from all parts of the world,” he said, referring to the area’s diversity. “This is a great spot for a ‘Welcome to Richmond Hill’ sign.”

Naidoo Veerapen, a member of the Phagwah

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Richmond Hill business owner Romeo Hitlall (l.) and state Sen. Joseph Addabbo shake hands after unveiling the new “Welcome to Richmond Hill” sign.  
Photo by Howard Koplowitz

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# Make unused Rockaway LIRR into greenspace: Activist

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## South Ozone Park woman says architects are planning to turn former railroad into Queens High Line

BY JOE ANUTA

An anonymous group of architects is working on yet another plan to transform a stretch of abandoned train tracks in Queens into the borough's version of The High Line, according to a South Ozone Park activist.

"There are a bunch of architects who have been working locally," said Anandi Premall, who has been publicly advocating for a park on the abandoned Rockaway Branch of the Long Island Rail Road, which cuts a rusty, overgrown swath through several neighborhoods in the borough.

Premall, who would not name the architects but said she was meeting with them at the end of the month, was inspired by the Manhattan park, which is a greenspace built on another set of elevated subway tracks.

The premise for the Queens version would be the same, according to Premall, since the

old LIRR line has not been in use since the 1950s, when the railroad company sold the tracks to various city agencies.

The neglected strip begins in Rego Park, where Little League diamonds now occupy part of the old footprint. The track, a portion of which is owned by Department of Citywide Administrative Services, then runs south through Forest Park and along the border between Woodhaven and Richmond Hill. At the intersection with Atlantic Avenue, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's A train takes over and runs down to the Rockaways.

Premall hopes the unused portion, at least from Forest Park to around Atlantic Avenue, could be made into a park.

"So far, people are supportive and they would love to see this happen," she said.

Premall proposed the idea for a competition hosted by the Institute for Urban Design, and



Queens activists want to turn a long-neglected stretch of Long Island Rail Road track, some of which is overgrown with foliage, into a park similar to Manhattan's High Line.

Photo by Joe Anuta

two architects drew up plans of what the park could look like in response. In addition, the institute included the idea in a book

depicting the possible future look of the city.

She also spoke about her vision at the Queens Museum of Art.

But this plan has been proposed before.

Several years ago another group came forward with plans to build a park on the elevated tracks and members of Community Board 9 also advocated for an elevated bike path along the tracks.

"There was an enormous opposition to it and it would cost an enormous amount of money," said CB 6 District Manager Frank Gulluscio, whose district encompasses a portion of the tracks.

Part of the problem is that ripping all the track would cost millions of dollars, he said, and another is that part of the tracks are now privately owned.

"There's just a lot to it," he said. "It's not just, 'Oh, there's empty land, let's go ride bikes.'"

In addition, Betty Braton of CB 10, which covers areas like Howard Beach and Ozone Park, said that southern Queens, especially the Rockaways, wants to keep the tracks open in the hopes LIRR service would one day be revived.

"We have a stated position that we are in support of the revitalization of the Rockaway branch," she said, recalling an earlier proposal that was brought before the board several years ago.

But Premall is aware of the previous opposition and said that since the LIRR has no plans to reinstate the railroad, the community would benefit from a public greenspace.

"I'm just a concerned citizen who would love to see this happen in the community," she said.

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# Convicted ex-comptroller cleans up in prison

State is paying Hevesi a buck a day for sweeping floors on top of his \$100,000-plus public pension

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

Disgraced former state Comptroller Alan Hevesi is collecting a six-figure pension while he serves time in a state prison on corruption charges.

Hevesi, also an ex-state assemblyman and city comptroller from Forest Hills, was sentenced to one to four years in prison in April for accepting about \$1 million in gifts, including trips to Israel and Italy, in return for investing state pension funds with favored firms that paid for the gifts.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed an ethics reform package, dubbed the Clean Up Albany Act, in June that included cutting back or taking away pensions from state officials who violate the public trust, but the law only applies to those who

are enrolled in the pension system after this month and are convicted of a felony for misconduct they committed after the law goes into effect. This means the law does not apply to Hevesi.

"It's outrageous, but the current law protects him and others like him," said Dick Dadey, executive director of the good government group Citizens Union. "It's one of the flaws in our pension system."

A caveat to the law is that it is up to a trial judge whether or not an elected official who commits wrongdoing in his or her official capacity has the pension reduced or taken away.

State law prevents the terms of pensions from being changed retroactively and only a constitutional amendment can expand the law Cuomo signed in June.

"In the past, this was



Former state Comptroller Alan Hevesi consults with his attorney, Brian Waller, during his arraignment in Manhattan Supreme Court. Hevesi is collecting a six-figure pension as he serves time in an upstate prison.

AP Photo/Louis Lanzano

[considered] a benefit that essentially you were entitled to ... and to take it completely away was unfair," said Russ Haven, executive director of the good government New York Public Interest Research Group. "It may punish your dependents — your spouse, your kids."

Hevesi collects four separate pensions: two from the state for his service as an assemblyman and comptroller; a city pension for his tenure as city comptroller; and a pension from CUNY for his time as a professor at Queens College.

Just from the state alone, Hevesi's annual pension is \$105,689.40, according to figures provided by the state comptroller's office.

It is unclear how much  
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## Coalition for Queens supports tech center at Roosevelt Island

BY JOE ANUTA

After Queens was snubbed last month in the competition to establish a tech campus in New York City, one organization was already planning on how to incorporate the borough into a frontrunner's plan.

The Coalition for Queens has long advocated for a technology-centric campus to be located in Queens as part of the mayor's Applied Sciences NYC initiative, which would give hefty incentives for top-tier universities to build a satellite campus in New York City.

On Oct. 31, the mayor announced seven proposals, none of which were for a location in the borough.

But the coalition,

founded by Jukay Hsu, has focused on the start-up businesses that are supposed to sprout from any future university instead of the location of the university.

"Wherever this campus is, it's about the larger goal about where these tech companies are going to go," he said. "We want people to know [Queens] is a possibility and we want to let them know they can build here."

Hsu has been in talks with representatives from CUNY universities about a plan by Stanford University to build a 1.9 million-square-foot campus on Roosevelt Island. The plan is considered a top contender for a gift of city-owned land and \$100 million in capital from city coffers, according to Hsu.

Stanford, like the other universities that submitted plans, will partner with another university and has proposed to work with CUNY.

The university currently is planning to specifically form a relationship with City College, a CUNY school in Manhattan, but Hsu wants the university to look toward some of the CUNY campuses in Queens, some of which are closer to Roosevelt Island and already offer technology development and entrepreneurship programs that could be useful in a relationship with the Stanford campus.

He has been in meetings with several university representatives to explore

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## Liu campaign woes worsen with \$527,400 in sign fines

BY JOE ANUTA

This was probably not the kind of publicity City Comptroller John Liu had hoped for.

The aspiring mayor is facing both a fine for a previous campaign and an accusation of malfeasance surrounding his current one.

Late last month he announced that he had retained former state Attorney General Robert Abrams to audit his yet-unregistered campaign for mayor after a scathing report by The New York Times.

And Oct. 20 the Environmental Control Board issued Liu \$527,400 in fines for putting up campaign posters on public property during his 2009 bid for comptroller, according to records released by the city.

The board — which hears cases in which a person or business has violated a health or safety law but does not judge crimes — released the information late last month about the Oct. 20 decision.



City Comptroller John Liu was ordered to pay more than \$500,000 in fines for violations relating to his 2009 campaign, even as he defends current fund-raising for his 2013 mayoral run.

The posters in question were plastered on public property, and in one case a tree, and each one carried a fine of at least \$75. Liu's campaign office erroneously placed just over 7,000 of them, according to the court decision.

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# Hillcrest HS recieves 'A' on progress report

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Hillcrest High School in Jamaica celebrated two achievements this year: its 40th anniversary and receiving an A on the city's high school progress report for the 2010-11 academic year.

The school, at 160-05 Highland Ave., was the only high school in Queens to improve by two letter grades on the Department of Education report, up from a C the previous year.

Hillcrest improved its score by increasing the rate of students who completed their remaining Regents exams by 16.5 percent, raising its four-year graduation rate by nearly 7 percent and by closing the achievement gap with high-need populations, such as English language learners and black and Hispanic males.

Hillcrest had a college-enrollment rate of 52.9 percent of its students last year. Principal Stephen Duch said the theme for this year is "40 and Fabulous," and that the school is planning a large party for the spring that will include staff and alumni from the past four decades.

During a tour of the school Monday, Duch said Hillcrest, with approximately 3,400 students, received a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation six years ago that

it used to develop seven theme-based Small Learning Communities and two academies that enable the school to give specialized attention to students in a more comprehensive learning environment.

"With 450 students or less [in each SLC], we're able to provide a high level of personalization for each student," he said.

Before entering Hillcrest, students decide which Small Learning Community they would like to enroll in — the Pre-Med Institute or the School of Teaching, for example. Each SLC has its own director and guidance counselor who work with the school's assistant principals and teachers to develop curriculum and individual action plans tailored to students' needs.

Teacher Charlie Potter said the school's structure helped to assist students in his social studies class who were struggling with vocabulary words on tests.

"We had meetings with teachers from different subjects, and we were able to identify a common language out of the different types of questions they were having trouble with," he said. "We were able to go back to our SLC with what we know was giving them trouble."

Hillcrest made significant gains in the number of

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Brian Denton (r.), a social studies teacher in the Senior Future Academy, checks classwork with Reyes Ali (l.) and Swarsatie Singh, as Hillcrest HS Principal Stephen Duch (back) looks on.

Photo by Christina Santucci

# JFK kitty loses fight for life

Online community mourns the end of Jack the Cat's nine lives

BY IVAN PEREIRA

Pet lovers from across the world are mourning the loss of Jack the Cat, who fought to regain his strength following a two-month disappearance at John F. Kennedy International Airport, and some are taking aim at the airline that had custody of him before he was to board the plane with his owner.

Vets euthanized the cat Sunday after they determined that the physical damage he suffered during his time on the lam was too severe, according to a spokeswoman for Blue Pearl vet centers, which had been caring for Jack since he was rescued at the airport Oct. 25.

"Our doctors tried every possible thing, but his condition took a turn for the worse over the weekend," Blue Pearl spokeswoman Joanne Lynch said.

His owner, Karen Pascoe, was with him during his final hours and was not available for comment.

The cat was transferred to the Blue Pearl fa-



Jack the Cat died earlier this week after doctors said they could not save him from his severe injuries. This is the last photo that was released of the popular pet.

Photo courtesy of BluePearl Veterinary Partners

cility, at 410 W. 55 St., last Thursday and the next day the veterinarians caring for him said he was out of critical condition.

But then he took a turn for the worse shortly after that, according to the hospital.

The cat had extensive injuries to his back and those wounds could not heal because the severe malnutrition he suffered caused his skin to deteriorate, the vet center said. The animal health specialists compared his skin con-

dition to his having severe burns to 50 percent to 60 percent of his body.

After talking with Pascoe, who flew to New York over the weekend to be with her pet for the last time, the doctors put the 5-year-old

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# Boro pols officially welcome Goldfeder

BY IVAN PEREIRA

Elected officials from all over the state gathered at Junior High School 210 in Ozone Park Sunday to pass the torch to the community's newest representative in Albany.

State Assemblyman Phillip Goldfeder (D-Howard Beach) was inaugurated before his family, friends, community members and fellow elected officials.

Goldfeder, who worked in the political offices of City Councilman James Sanders (D-Laurelton), Mayor Michael Bloomberg and U.S. Sen Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), succeeded former Assemblywoman Audrey Phoeffer, who became the Queens county clerk in June after serving the 23rd Assembly District for 24 years.

The new Assembly member said



Assemblyman Phillip Goldfeder (l.) talks with state Sen. Malcolm Smith following his inauguration.

Photo by Ivan Pereira

he was grateful for all the support he received from both the party and constituents and vowed to improve their

quality of life.

"As the new assemblyman, I'm going to do the things I promised on the campaign," he said.

The district includes the neighborhoods of the Rockaways, Howard Beach and portions of South Ozone Park.

Several Democratic members of the state Legislature, including state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-St. Albans), Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) and Assemblywoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing), were in attendance for the event, at 93-11 101st Ave., and said the rookie elected official will be making big waves in office.

Smith noted that two key Republicans — U.S. Rep. Bob Turner (R-Kew Gardens) and Councilman Eric U-

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# City fields suggestions on new routes to LGA

BY REBECCA HENELY

Civic activists, representatives of elected officials and LaGuardia Airport employees drew potential new bus routes to and from the airport and voted on what improvements they would like to see done to bus service as part of a study to improve transportation there.

"We got some terrific feedback," said Eric Beaton, of the city Transportation Department. "This is why we have these outreach meetings."

The workshops held at East Elmhurst's Vaughn College, at 86-01 23rd Ave., Nov. 2 served as the second public hearing of LaGuardia Airport Access Alternatives, a study being conducted through the DOT, New York City Transit and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey to find easy-to-implement and inexpensive ideas to improve public transportation to LaGuardia Airport.

"Which really means what we can do with the bus," Beaton



Aaron Suguira (l.), of the Department of Transportation, leads a group of community members and LaGuardia Airport employees in drawing up potential new bus routes to the airport.  
Photo by Rebecca Henely

said.

In the workshops, about 40 participants sat at tables of about 10 people. Each table had a map of areas surrounding the airport, including East Elmhurst, Astoria, Long Island City, East Elmhurst,

Jackson Heights, Flushing, College Point, Upper and Midtown Manhattan and the Bronx.

One suggestion for a new bus line was an addition to the existing line. Civic activist Lynda McDougall advocated a type of

express M60, which would travel from Manhattan to the airport and only pick up airport passengers. She said this would prevent what she called the chaos on the current M60 line that occurs between those who use the bus to travel exclusively to local Manhattan stops and those who use it to get to the airport.

"I've seen people fight to get off the bus to get a taxi," McDougall said.

Other suggested routes included a bus route along 74th Street in Jackson Heights to Northern Boulevard, a bus route that takes people from Midtown to the airport via Northern Boulevard and a bus that goes from the Bronx to LaGuardia Airport.

Participants also voted on some either-or scenarios, which offered the choice between two potential routes of public transport that differed in trip length or number of transfers. Then they voted on different amenities they would like to see to make riding the bus easier. Some of these in-

cluded curbside bus lanes, traffic signals that prioritize buses, more doors on buses, and ways to pay for the bus before boarding.

"People could really visualize what they were talking about," Andrew Ronan, who works in City Councilman Daniel Dromm's (D-Jackson Heights) office, said of the process.

Civic activist Rose Marie Poveromo said she thought the organizations were working to hear the community's concerns, but she had issues with the money being spent for the study.

"It's not the right time to be doing it," Poveromo said. "Financially, we're in big trouble."

A third public meeting is planned for spring 2012.

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# POLICE Blotter



Police say that a 30-year-old Asian man was struck and killed on the eastbound Long Island Expressway near 48th Street last Thursday at about 6 a.m. Emergency responders arrived at the scene and the man was pronounced dead. As of Tuesday, the man had not been identified and police said they believe he was homeless. No arrests were made, according to the NYPD.

## Teen from Woodside robbed of iPod: Brown

CORONA — A Woodside teen was arrested last week for allegedly mugging a person on the street in the middle of the day, the Queens district attorney's office said.

Regge Lopez, 18, of 61st Street, was arraigned on robbery charges Oct. 27, the DA's office said.

On Oct. 8, Lopez and an individual who had not been arrested as of press time

Tuesday approached the victim at the corner of 51st Avenue and 94th Street around 12:15 p.m. and asked if he went to Flushing High School before he ordered him to give up his iPod and cash, the criminal complaint said.

The two suspects then allegedly punched the victim in the head before taking the cash and music player, according to the complaint.

## Two men rob Woodside mini mart

WOODSIDE — Police were asking for the public's help in finding two fugitives who they say burglarized a mini mart last week.

The suspects, who are both described as black men in their 40s, entered the store

at 64th Street and 39th Avenue around 4 a.m. Oct. 30 and stole cash, cigarettes and other merchandise, police said.

The two men, one of whom is 5-foot-6 while the other is 2 inches taller, allegedly fled on foot, according to police.

## Man steals cell phone, iPod in Ozone Pk.

OZONE PARK — A woman was mugged in the middle of the afternoon three weeks ago, police said.

The incident took place around 2:30 p.m. Oct. 16 near 87th Street, where the 21-year-old victim was approached by a man with a gun, police said.

The suspect demanded that the woman give him everything she had on her and the victim gave up cash, jewelry, her cell phone and iPod, according to investigators.

The suspect, described as a black man between 22 and 28 years old, standing between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-8 tall, weighing approximately 130 to 150 pounds and seen wearing a blue sweatshirt, dark jeans and a black baseball hat, fled the scene, police said.



Police say this man robbed a woman's jewelry and cash.

Photo courtesy NYPD



## Veterans Day Roundup

### St. Francis Prep School

**What:** Naval Academy Women's Glee Club and Veterans' Day Parade Grand Marshal address

**Where:** 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

**When:** Nov. 10, 10:40 am

### Queensborough Community College Remembrance Grove

**What:** Color guard march and plaque unveiling

**Where:** Kupferberg Holocaust Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside

**When:** Nov. 10, 2:30 pm

### St. John's University

**What:** Observance ceremony

**Where:** St. John's, 8000 Utopia Parkway, St. Augustine Hall, Jamaica, NY 11439

**When:** Nov. 11, noon

### Greater Allen AME

**What:** Memorial service

**Where:** 110-31 Merrick Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11433

**When:** Nov. 13, 11:15 am



Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (L.) presents Pat Toro, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #32 president, with an award during a ceremony at the conclusion of the third-annual Queens Veterans Day Parade in Middle Village Sunday. Photo by Christina Santucci



## ELECTION DAY

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown casts his vote at the Grand Central Parkway School in Forest Hills Tuesday. Brown ran unopposed for a sixth term as the borough's district attorney. Additionally, 12 candidates, half running on the Republican and Conservative tickets and half running on the Democratic ticket, vied for six Queens Supreme Court judgeships. City Councilman Ruben Wills also ran unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

Photo by Ellis Kaplan

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# Aqueduct racino adds jobs for expansion phase

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

After a high-volume opening weekend in which 65,000 people visited Resorts World Casino New York, the company said Tuesday it plans to hire an additional 150 workers, bringing the total number of employees to 1,500 — a 76 percent increase from Resorts World's original estimates.

"We are overwhelmed by the excitement about Resorts World and are always looking for ways to best serve our guests," said Resorts World Casino New York President Michael Speller. "We have said from the beginning that we will continue to look for opportunities to create even more

jobs and are thrilled to be able to do that so soon after our first phase of opening. With our expanded staff in place, our second phase of opening in December will be a tremendous opportunity for visitors to experience the full extent of what Resorts World has to offer."

A Resorts World spokesman said most of the new jobs, which were not originally planned, will be in customer service.

Following years of false starts and failed deals, Resorts World opened the casino Oct. 28 with enormous demand as 65,000 visitors tried their luck during the facility's opening weekend.

The company took less than a year of construction to get the space up and run-



Visitors line up to buy Resorts World New York cards during the opening day. Photo by Christina Santucci

ning.

Resorts World, which operates out of Aqueduct Race Track, features video

lottery terminals and electronic table games.

State law bars non-Indian casinos from having

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table games with live dealers, although state Sen. Joseph Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) said he plans to introduce legislation that would bring full gambling to Resorts World.

In announcing the additional jobs Tuesday, Resorts World also said 90 percent of its workforce is comprised of women and

minorities — far surpassing its goal of 60 percent.

Resorts World's second phase of opening will bring additional VLTs and electronic gaming tables and a 130,000-square-foot events center, which the company said will be the largest event space in the borough.

Other additions include a second gaming floor and upscale restaurants RW Prime Steakhouse and the Chinese-themed Genting Palace, named after Resorts World's Malaysian-based parent company, Genting.

Reach reporter Howard Koplowitz by e-mail at [hkoplowitz@cnglocal.com](mailto:hkoplowitz@cnglocal.com) or by phone at 718-260-4573.

# No Room for Hatred

In the dark of night, a vandal or vandals armed with a spray paint can committed a despicable act when they painted swastikas on two Queens libraries and a synagogue in Jackson Heights.

Although the American Nazi movement does not stand a chance of gaining a foothold here, the act is bound to strike fear in the hearts of those who survived or lost family in the Holocaust.

They should be heartened by the community's response to this vandalism, which speaks louder than graffiti painted by a bigot ever can.

City Councilman Daniel Dromm, who knows the sting of prejudice, told a rally that he has demanded an investigation by the police department.

Borough President Helen Marshall, state Sen. Toby Stavisky, Council members Karen Koslowitz and Peter Koo and state Assemblymen Michael DenDekker and Francisco Moya also condemned what they rightly called a hate crime.

This crime may never be solved. It may also be that the person or people responsible do not understand that this symbol represents one of the most horrific evils of the 20th century.

Regardless, Queens will not tolerate anti-Semitism.

## DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

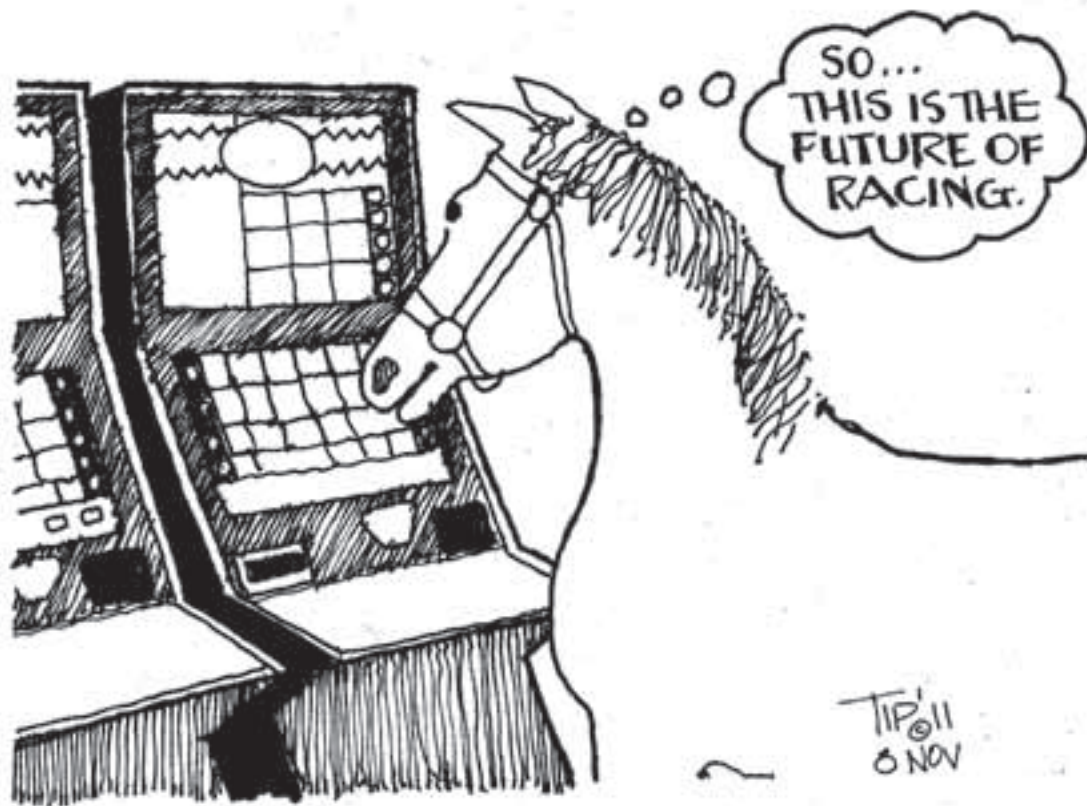
If there was justice in this world, Edwin Fuentes, 44, would die in prison. Instead, the former Woodhaven resident was sentenced to 20 years, even though he has admitted to murdering and dismembering his wife, leaving two small children without a mother.

We are sure that, like the community that helped in this investigation, the Queens district attorney would have preferred that Fuentes be sentenced to life without parole.

The former butcher admitted in court that he strangled his wife and cut up her body, placing part of it in a suitcase he hid in Forest Park.

We understand that sometimes prosecutors have to make a deal with the devil. The DA's office was not certain it could win a conviction and it did not want to have to put the children on the witness stand.

It would be reassuring in a case like this if the judge could place a condition on the sentence that Fuentes be sent to a hospital for the criminally insane until he is no longer a threat.



## OTHER VOICES

# Impose term limits on Glen Oaks prez

*An open letter to Glen Oaks Village President Bob Friedrich's Oct. 20-26 letter to the editor "E-mail disguised as birthday celebration":*

I am one of those ordinary folks who received an invitation to state Sen. Tony Avella's (D-Bayside) 60th birthday celebration. I was relieved to know what I could bring, as I would never dream of showing up to a party without a gift.

I guess not wanting a political career makes me see things differently. Was your letter genuine or just another one of your tries at a political position?

How many years is it now that you are president of Glen Oaks Village — about 26? I guess you do not have term limits at your co-op. Since one of Avella's top campaign issues is to bring term limits to Albany, I could see where the two of you may not agree.

I am also a shareholder and wonder if having political desires is in the best interest of the co-op. In your campaigns, you seem to stand strong against incumbent politicians, which you then later need.

Is a board working in the best interest of its shareholders when it does more than bring in all candidates as speakers come election time?

Maybe your North East Queens Co-Op/Condo

Presidents Council could discuss implementing term limits in their communities as well as a code of ethics as to exactly what side business a board president/director can engage in.

A clear understanding of fiduciary responsibilities would be of great help to a shareholder.

*Barbara Leonardi  
North Shore Towers*

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# Reform BSA after it allowed second house on lot

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The city Board of Standards and Appeals is a city agency that hears land use requests from developers, builders and architects. Many of the cases involve variance requests which allow an applicant to develop a site by bypassing some established zoning regulations. There are conditions that must be met in order for a variance to be granted.

The board is headed by five commissioners who are appointed by the mayor. They are the ones who make final decisions following public hearings of various cases. There is no appeals process to decisions made by this board unless a costly lawsuit is pursued by either an applicant or those who may oppose the grant-

ing of a variance or other application.

On Oct. 18, the BSA unanimously approved a variance that will allow a second house to be built on a property in Bayside Hills, where one house now stands. A variance had to be sought, because the R2A zoning that exists in this area would prohibit the construction of a second house due to the small size of the plot on which this house is to be built. This plot is currently a small garden.

This is a precedent-setting case. Other properties, especially corner properties, will be susceptible to such inappropriate development. This will threaten the character of our communities for years to come.

The Bayside Hills community came out in full

force in opposition to this variance. Headed by civic president Michael Feiner, huge numbers of local residents showed up at Community Board 11 and Borough President Helen Marshall's office to protest the granting of this variance. The community board voted unanimously to oppose the variance and the borough president, likewise, came out in opposition to support the community.

When the hearing was held at the BSA in downtown Manhattan, a busload of local residents attended and stood up and testified that they did not want this type of development in their neighborhood. Many believed that the owner of the property created a self-imposed hardship and should not be rewarded

with a variance to build the second house. They were supported by their civic association, all local elected leaders and many other community people.

Despite this impressive display of community unanimity, the BSA chose to grant this variance, this privilege, and ignored the will of the people. Five people, who are not elected, are determining the destiny of a community. That is democracy?

In another instance, a gas station on Northern Boulevard near 204th Street in Bayside neglected to renew its variance for more than 10 years. Civic leaders and the community board notified the BSA of this fact. The station had brought attention to itself because it had been storing

trucks illegally overnight on its property.

Finally, the executive director of the BSA wrote the owners of the gas station a letter stating that they had 60 days to renew their variance or be forced to start the process all over again from the beginning, which is costly. The gas station took 11 months to file for renewal.

Did the BSA follow up on its promise to deny an extension of the current variance? No — the gas station was granted a variance renewal. The rules were waived and the owners got away with being so late.

It is obvious that the BSA is an agency in need of reform on a number of levels. City Councilman Daniel Halloran (R-Whitestone) has proposed legislation

that would require the BSA to send out renewal notices when variances come due, with penalties to those who ignore these requests. He also has proposed legislation that would set up an appeals process through the Council if a BSA decision contradicts the community board's and/or the borough president's recommendation to deny approval.

To his credit, state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) had proposed similar legislation when he was in the Council, but was thwarted in his efforts to seek sensible reform of this agency. Let's hope Halloran will prevail.

Henry Euler  
Bayside

## Fund-raising just fine at Avella bash

I read with a chuckle the complaint from the perennial candidate, who is a perennial loser, about a party for a competent winner. Bob Friedrich complains that an invitation to a birthday celebration for state Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) was disguised as a fund-raiser ("E-mail disguised as birthday celebration," Oct. 20-26).

Tell us, Mr. Friedrich, in all the campaigns you ran, did you raise funds? Of course you did, and you wanted your supporters to help you so that you could try to win. That, of course, did not happen. I would believe that you used many different methods to accomplish your goal.

Avella will be running for office again next year and, hopefully, once again will prevail. In order to do this, he must raise funds, and what better way but to combine it with a special occasion?

Like most people, I do not attend a birthday party without a gift for the celebrant. I will inquire as to what the honoree would most appreciate so I can make my gift meaningful. In the case of this party, contributions to Avella's campaign were the most appreciated gift. Therefore, the gift amount was established in tiers and well-wishers could contribute based on their means and desires.

Surely over the years you have asked a birthday celebrant what they would like to receive as a gift. If you have not, perhaps you should start now so that honorees receive something thoughtful and meaningful on their special day.

By the way, in the last few months, I have attended birthday celebrations for three other elected or hope-to-be-elected officials and my gift was always a contribution to their campaign in

the amount recommended or more. I add this so that readers do not think Avella is alone in this type of fund-raising. It is quite typical.

This was an invitation which could be accepted or declined as you wished, not a mandatory appearance for which a fee was charged. You said you would like to attend a celebration for Avella if there was no charge. I would doubt that if true friends of Avella held a celebration for him that you would be on the list based on the diatribe in your letter.

By the way, are you planning to run for office once again and was your letter the start of your campaign?

Dianne Stromfeld  
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## Kids should learn respect at home

As the economic recession continues unabated with no improvement in sight, another important aspect to also note is that there seems to be a lack of respect and common courtesy in this country.

While driving, there is no courtesy anymore. People run stop signs and red lights, make illegal U-turns, change lanes without signaling and are nasty. It seems that increasing

road rage has become the normalcy.

When you hold the door open for someone, the phrase "thank you" is no longer in that person's vocabulary. If someone bumps into you while walking, they do not say, "Excuse me" or, "I'm sorry."

My parents raised me to be a respectful, decent and polite person. Our young people today need to be taught these values by their parents. While many

parents work hard to raise their children to be decent and respectful, there are those who need to be reminded that respect begins in the home.

Do not expect schools, teachers and administrators to do your job. Your children are your responsibility.

John Amato  
Fresh Meadows

### CORRECTION

An article in the Nov. 3-9 edition of TimesLedger Newspapers about the progress report of Hillcrest High School should have said the school improved from a "C" to an "A" grade. TimesLedger regrets the error.

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# Retired member of boro Dems set to celebrate 100 this month



Dee Richard  
■  
*Dishing with Dee*

On Nov. 2, the Bayside/Whitestone Lions Club held its meeting in **Paul Vallone's** law office on Francis Louis Boulevard. Those local Lions donated quite an impressive table full of non-perishable foods for needy families for Thanksgiving.

This particular group of Lions is a group of good guys and gals. They have recently reactivated the old Bayside/Whitestone club and they meet on the first Wednesday of every month in Vallone's office at 7 p.m. If you think you might be interested in becoming a

Lion or Lioness, come down on any first Wednesday and see what they are about. It's a good group. Check them out and I am sure they would be delighted to have you join.

Last Thursday night, the Queens Democratic organization held its fall cocktail party/buffet at Antun's in Queens Village. It was well-attended and many interesting conversations were exchanged.

**Joe Crowley**, who usually emcees all the county cocktail parties, was stuck in Washington. **Michael Reich** filled in with help from **Carol Gresser** and **Archie Spigner**, and a great job was done by all.

One of the announcements made was the fact that one of the evening's guests, **Tony Cominiti**, was a former active Democratic member who is retired. He surely is entitled

to retiree status, as he will be celebrating his 100th birthday before the end of the month. He was enjoying himself out partying for the evening. They just don't make them like that anymore!

It's always enjoyable attending the large events, as it gives you the opportunity to visit many friends at the same time in the same place, which makes for a great scenario to catch up on local gossip. This is a particularly busy time of the year, as all the parties are trying to encourage their members to get out and vote for the district attorney and judicial candidates. That's a hard sell, as it's tough enough to try and get them to come out and vote for their local legislators.

**Audrey Pheffer** says she enjoys her new county clerk's position. **Nettie**

**Mayersohn** says she misses not being an assemblywoman after so many years as one, but she is happy her Assembly seat is in good hands.

**Ed Braunstein** thanked me for the nice coverage I gave the Jefferson Democratic Club on its annual awards dinner. He is a nice and polite young man. How many times do people take a few minutes to say thank you? Good manners are becoming a lost art, although Carol did send a thank you note to me after the event, so I guess that makes her a well-mannered young lady.

Thursday nights are such busy nights. Everyone seems to designate Thursday as the night to hold events, which sometimes makes it necessary for active community members to run back and forth to attend, at least for a little

while, several different events on the same evening.

A case in point: **John Liu** came in late when the party was almost over because he had so many places to go that evening. On the other end of the spectrum, **Debbie Markell** and **Mathew Silverstein** left early. I guess they had to stop by another event as well, as they did not say goodbye. I did not have the opportunity to take a photo of them. You know, with everyone running back and forth, it's hard to keep track of everyone, but we try.

Kudos to the Queens Democratic organization's dynamic mom and daughter combination of **Mary Lu** and **Jamie Plunkett**, without them the four big annual Democratic cocktail parties at Antun's would never happen. Speaking of Antun's, it performed its

usual exceptional presentation.

On Friday night, **Joe Kasper** held a reception fund-raiser at the Old Mill Yacht Club in Howard Beach. For those of you who are not aware, Joe is campaigning for a judgeship in Queens County Supreme Court. Good luck to you, Joe. One of the guests at that event was **Michel Niebauer** of the Independence Party. I haven't seen him in more than a year. He has lost a considerable amount of weight; keep up the good work, Mike.

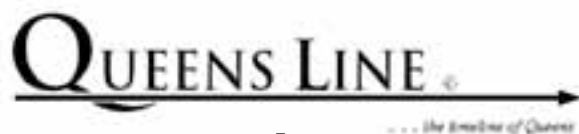
We will apprise you of the election results next week.

That's it for this week.

I like receiving your voice mails at 718-767-6484, faxes at 718-746-0066 and e-mails at [deerrichard@aol.com](mailto:deerrichard@aol.com).

Till next week, Dee.

## Singer Tony Bennett of Astoria worked as a grocery clerk



*The Greater Astoria Historical Society*

The Cold War cools down. Only a few weeks before, the Cuban Missile Crisis lurched the world toward war. On Oct. 24, 1962, the U.S. Navy set up a "quarantine" around Cuba. All Soviet ships with missile shipments had to turn back.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev blinked, promising that long-range missile bases would be removed from Cuban soil. By mid-November, United States releases photos showing Reds destroying bases and missile sites. Fidel Castro seeks a way to save face by blocking inspections.

President John F. Kennedy backs Red Cross certification and vows the blockade will stay in place until the missile pullout is verified.

● The missiles may be gone, but here come the jets!

LaGuardia Airport is moving a step closer to the Jet Age when several airlines — including Eastern and TWA — order Boeing 727s for delivery in two years. This fleet of 115 jets could be the first on LaGuardia's 6,000-foot runways. The Port Authority promises that jet flights are to start several years later

— in 1967 — when the \$115 million airport redevelopment program was to be completed.

A little to the southeast, Shea Stadium's location draws controversy. The Federation of Corona Organizations campaigns to have the new stadium's location called Corona, not Flushing. President Nicolas Compay, of the Corona Home Owners Association, presents supporting material to the city Board of Estimate.

● Mr. Zip slips a bit. The new mail-speed symbol is late for work and nobody knew his whereabouts. Although public relations people tell us he is designed for speed, appearances in Long Island City, Flushing and Jamaica draw a no-show.

Red-faced postal of-

ficials admit he is bogged down somewhere outside Pittsburgh, where he was introduced at the 47th annual Association of Postmasters of the United States. Postal authorities hope to catch the public eye through a blizzard of appearances in TV, magazines and posters.

The little cartoon character, clad in blue and with his compelling, eager-eyed smile, is soon to be everywhere. Zoning Improvement Plan codes are on the way.

● The 1962 election results are in: All incumbents return to office. New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller beats Robert Morgenthau by over 700,000 votes and Jacob Javits bests rival James Donovan.

A Star-Journal editorial compliments the Queens

voter who once again demonstrates the borough's tradition of independent thought. In a magnificent disregard for party labels, the Queens voter chooses Republican Attorney General Lefkowitz and Democratic Controller Arthur Levitt.

Such a demonstration of non-partisan voting reflects the enormous growth of independent political thinking in recent years. The Star-Journal is happy to observe that elections in which people ballot blindly under party labels are more rare.

● A one-time Astoria grocery clerk says his hero is Maurice Chevalier, got his inspiration in saloons and makes his second engagement at Carnegie Hall the day after Thanksgiving. His first engagement

was a sell-out.

Tony Bennett, at 37, recently saw his fourth single, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," go past the million mark.

The former Anthony Dominick Benedetto, of Astoria, describes himself as a homebody disdaining the camaraderie and inspiration of the West Coast "Rat Pack."

"I'm really just an associate member," he said in an interview. "I love all the guys and Frank [Sinatra] has been a genuine inspiration to me, but I'd rather spend my free time home with the wife and kids in Englewood, [N.J.]."

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# Rich. Hill tenant admits fatal stabbing: Brown

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

A Richmond Hill man pleaded guilty to manslaughter Friday for fatally stabbing his roommate's friend in the heart during an argument in January 2010, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

Luis Zeledon, 27, whose last known address was 87-32 123rd St. in Richmond Hill, admitted killing 28-year-old Andy Herrera following a verbal misunderstanding that escalated to a physical fight, Brown said.

Queens Supreme Court Judge Gregory Lasak, who set Zeledon's sentencing for Dec. 14, indicated he would give Zeledon a 10-year prison sentence, Brown said.

Zeledon shared a first-floor apartment on 123rd Street with his girlfriend and a roommate, Marlon Montalvan.

The three were hanging out in the apartment on the night of Jan. 19, 2010, with Montalvan's friend, 28-year-old Andy Herrera.

When Zeledon and his girlfriend went to bed, Zeledon thought he heard Montalvan saying something disparaging about him, the DA said.

Zeledon started an argument with Montalvan in the kitchen, picked up two knives and used one to cut Montalvan on the forearm, the DA said.

Herrera came to his



LUIS ZELEDON

friend Montalvan's aid and used a chair he had been sitting on as a shield when Zeledon stabbed him once in the chest, Brown said.

Herrera dropped the chair and ran out of the apartment, collapsing in the building's vestibule, the DA said.

He died shortly after he was taken to Jamaica Hospital, Brown said.

"The defendant admitted that his violent actions were solely responsible for the untimely death of a young man coming to the

aid of a friend," Brown said in a statement. "As such, the defendant has proven himself unfit for society, and the prison term to be imposed is more than warranted."

Herrera, a native of Nicaragua, worked as a carpet cleaner for his landlord's wife, Anna Rodriguez, on Long Island.

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## Boro Y hosts bereavement group

The Central Queens YM & YWHA, at 67-09 108th St. in Forest Hills, is a nonprofit community center offering services in Forest Hills ranging from educational to social and cultural events. The Y is now assisting those in need of healing from the deaths of loved ones over a light kosher breakfast and refreshments.

The Brunch Bunch Bereavement Group enables participants to share their losses and feelings. Participants also have the opportunity to meet other people who

have been in similar situations. The program provides door-to-door transportation whenever possible. The facilitator is Lauren Fredston-Hermann, the director of the senior center at the Central Queens Y.

To receive more information about the program or schedule an initial appointment, call Fredston-Hermann at 718-268-5011, Ext. 621. You can also visit [centralqueensy.org](http://centralqueensy.org).

— Kori Tuitt

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# Swastika hate crimes rattle Jax. Hts., Elmhurst

BY REBECCA HENELY

The culprits who defaced two Queens libraries and a synagogue with swastika graffiti last week were still at large, but police said they were aggressively looking for leads.

"This is an active investigation and the detectives are on the ground canvassing the community for additional video," an NYPD spokeswoman said.

No suspects had been arrested as of Tuesday evening.

Alex Florez, spokesman for City Councilman Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), said swastikas were spray painted between the night of Nov. 2 and last Thursday morning on the windows of the Jackson Heights Library, at 35-51 81st St.; at the East Elmhurst Library, at 95-06 Astoria Blvd.; and at the Congregation Tifereth Israel of Jackson Heights, at 31-36 88th St. in East Elmhurst.

There was no suspect description as of Tuesday afternoon, police said.

The act was condemned by of-



City Councilman Daniel Dromm (l.-r.), Community Rabbi Laurie Gold, state Assemblymen Michael DenDekker and Francisco Moya and Michael Nussbaum of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Photo by Rebecca Henely

officials and Jewish leaders Friday, including Dromm, Borough President Helen Marshall, state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Whitestone), Council members Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) and Peter Koo (R-Flushing) and state Assembly-

men Michael DenDekker (D-Jackson Heights) and Francisco Moya (D-Jackson Heights).

"We're here to deplore this type of a hate crime," Dromm said. "We're here to demand answers from the Police Depart-

ment."

Dromm said a police tower was placed at the corner of 37th Avenue and 81st Street near the library, but was moved after the swastikas were painted — an action he called an "insult."

NYPD had no comment on the tower.

Koslowitz, whose grandfather was killed before the Holocaust because he was a Jew, said the graffiti made her feel "absolutely sick."

"In this day and age we're united, we try to do everything together," she said, "and for someone to have such hate inside them it's outrageous and should be punished."

Marshall said the swastikas offended her as East Elmhurst is a black community.

"I have to get mad about that, too," she said.

Community Rabbi Laurie Gold said the swastikas are evidence that the community needs to redouble its efforts to fight bigotry.

"I pray that we will continue

to work for tolerance and love and understanding," she said.

Steve Knobel, president of the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights, at 37-06 77th St., said the center would be hosting a showing of the documentary "Paperclips," in which Tennessee students collected 6 million paper clips in memory of the Jews killed during the Holocaust.

"I thank everybody for doing their part and coming out for this demonstration," Knobel said.

Dromm urged those who knew anything about the crime to contact NYPD's Crimestoppers and said there was a \$3,000 award for the capture of the perpetrators.

Crimestoppers can be reached by phone at 1-800-577-TIPS, through its website [nypd-crimestoppers.com](http://nypd-crimestoppers.com) or by texting tips to 274637 and then entering TIP577.

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# House

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The first complaint ranges back to 1996, and the DOB notified the owner that two cars were being illegally stored in the rear of the house.

But many of the complaints, which describe the collapsing roof and the garbage in the house, were dismissed by DOB inspectors.

One note from a September 2004 inspection read: "No overgrown weeds at this fully attached vacant house [sic] house is in good condition."

Last year, the house was deemed "unsafe," and

according to a DOB spokeswoman it was sealed off, which is why it remained in compliance.

But a window on the second floor is broken out and is wide open to the elements, and the back is accessible via a flimsy metal door which comes open at the turn of the handle.

But after more complaints placed to DOB last month, a violation was issued Nov. 4 that stated the house was vacant, unguarded and required immediate attention by the owner.

Before the most recent violation, Franco had complained repeatedly about a broken gutter, which Buildings dismissed. But two weeks ago after a rain-

storm, water was dripping from the house's broken gutter in the back and forming a puddle near Franco's basement.

Over the years, that standing water has eroded the soil under her driveway, causing it to partially collapse and has caused mold and uneven floors in her basement, she said.

The Environmental Control Board, which issues fines for DOB violations after a trial, has held 12 total hearings about the property and fined the owner \$29,000 for violations.

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Maria Franco stands in front of a door to her neighbor's house, which she says is completely filled with garbage.  
Photo by Joe Anuta

# Tennis

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the source, also defeated club member Jack Morris.

Meier, who runs a logistics company in Forest Hills, could not be reached for comment.

The election took place the same day the request for proposals for the storied West Side Tennis Stadium were due. The city Landmarks Preservation Commission considered landmarking the stadium, which played host to the first US Open in 1923, but upkeep for the arena is costly.

Parker reached an agreement with developer Cord Meyer to raze the sta-



The West Side Tennis Club elected Roland Meier as its new president.

dium and build condos, but the plan was voted down by the board last year.

Half of the membership supported Cord Meyer's plan, less than the two-thirds majority required to approve it.

Those against the proposal voted it down

because they believed the club would not get enough money out of the deal. Others said they hoped the US Open, now played at Flush-

ing Meadows Corona Park, would return to the club.

The RFP only allows for plans that would keep the stadium's existing facade with development limited to the clay courts.

A member of the club doubted the Cord Meyer agreement was what led to Meier's election.

"I don't think the stadium had anything to do with it," the source said. "On occasion, people want change."

Anthony Colletti, of Cord Meyer, said the company submitted another bid and proposed condos for the area.

"We're skeptical that anything's going to happen," Colletti said, referring to the two-thirds vote required to approve a plan.

Another vote on the stadium's future is not expected soon.

First, the club's stadium committee has to review the proposals and report their findings to the membership.

A club member said they were hopeful "there will be four or five or six bids" this time around.

The tennis club would not say how many bids it received or who the bidders were, but an employee of one developer who considered submitting a bid said their firm decided against it.

"These people have so many demands and they want the stadium to remain," the employee said.

# Sign

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parade committee and Community Board 9, said he wondered why nobody had thought of such a sign earlier.

"Richmond Hill is a great melting pot," he said. "Sometimes I get calls, 'Where is Richmond Hill?' It's important to have a sign like this as a form of identification."

Diana Ali, a community resident, called the sign

"beautiful.

"When people are in this area, they have no idea where they are," she said. "They come off the [Van Wyck] Expressway, they have no clue."

Veerapen also said the sign will make it easier to tell people where the Phagwah parade starts.

"Now I can say [at] the 'Welcome to Richmond Hill' sign," he said.

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The Police Athletic League is looking for volunteers to continue its mission of serving New York City's young people by donating their time and talents to help serve Queens youngsters at PAL's Redfern Cornerstone and Far Rockaway Beacon in Arverne-Far Rockaway, PAL's Edward Byrne Center in South Jamaica and PS 214 in Flushing.

PAL Centers in Queens offer a wide range of opportunities for volunteers of all talents. PAL's Redfern Cornerstone and Far Rockaway Beacon are looking for people to participate in a center cleanup day. Volunteers are needed to tutor and mentor young people during the after-school program's daily homework help sessions.

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assisting the many special events held at PAL Centers throughout the year. PAL is also seeking professionals to give career advice and talk about their own careers to young people, as well as guest speakers who can share information on a specific hobby of interest to youngsters.

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# Police give update on Maspeth, Elmhurst crime

BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

The heads of three Queens police precincts updated the Communities of Maspeth and Elmhurst Together Civic Association on criminal incidents that occurred within the civic's boundaries over the last month during the group's meeting Monday night.

Capt. Tom Conforti, executive officer of the 110th Precinct in Elmhurst, said the precinct has seen an increase in felony assaults and attributed the rise in part to assaults on traffic agents who have had coffee thrown at them by irate drivers being issued tickets.

He said there were two grand larcenies in the area of Elmhurst covered by COMET, including what he called a "disturbing" crime Nov. 1, in which a group of men snatched a woman's pocketbook in from of a

church by 81st Street and Grand Avenue.

Conforti said the precinct is well-equipped to handle incidents at the Queens Center Mall as Black Friday inches closer.

He said crime was down 15 percent at the mall so far this year and arrests were up 3 percent.

Capt. Michael Cody, commanding officer of the 104th Precinct based in Maspeth, said crime was up more than 15 percent during the 28-day period that ended Oct. 30.

Cody said the precinct had fewer burglaries and stolen cars compared to the same period last year, but had more robberies, felony assaults and grand larcenies.

While the 28-day period coincided with Halloween, Cody said there were "no noticeable incidents" related to the holiday.

The precinct recorded



Capt. Don Powers (l.), commanding officer of the 108th Precinct, introduces new Community Affairs Officer Luis Diaz to the COMET Civic Association.

Photo by Howard Koplowitz

three robberies during the period, including a carjacking of a black Jeep Cherokee stolen at gunpoint and a commercial robbery on Flushing Avenue.

The third robbery was "unfounded," Cody said, after the victim recanted their story.

Cody said the two felony assaults that took place in the area were both domestic incidents.

The commanding officer commended his officers for making a gun possession arrest Oct. 28 at the corner of 70th Street and Grand Avenue.

The officers were responding to a call of shots fired, which Cody said turned out to be "unfounded," but a suspicious vehicle was stopped during the call and a loaded .22-caliber firearm was recovered.

"That was a very good arrest," Cody said.

Capt. Don Powers, commanding officer of the 108th Precinct in Long Island City, which covers part of Woodside represented by COMET, said charges against 20-year-old Elijah Stamateris were upgraded from assault to murder in the killing of 21-year-old Delilah Cordoba in Woodside.

Cordoba died of gunshot injuries to her head at Elmhurst Hospital three days after the Oct. 24 incident.

Powers said Stamateris had prior arrests on marijuana and disorderly conduct charges and re-

ferred to him as a "low-level criminal" who is no stranger to police.

"He was well-known to my crime fighters in the 108th," Powers said.

Powers said there were four assaults in Woodside — three that were domestic in nature and the other being the shooting that was upgraded to a homicide.

Two stolen cars were also reported in the area — a late-model Lexus and a late-model Audi, Powers said.

The commanding officer suggested residents hide valuable property in their cars so they do not become targets for burglaries.

"You can help yourself a lot of times with common sense stuff," he said.

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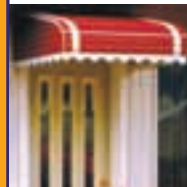
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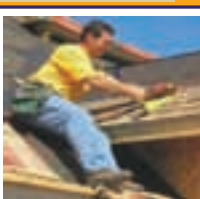
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# Feds will fund first phase of 2nd Ave. subway

BY PHILIP NEWMAN

The chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation Committee has assured New Yorkers that the federal government will supply enough money to complete the first phase of the Second Avenue subway.

Reps. John Mica (R-Fla.), chairman of the House Transportation Committee, and Carolyn Maloney (D-Astoria) last week toured the recently completed tunnels for the first part of the subway.

"For the benefit of other major transportation and infrastructure projects like the Second Avenue subway and the stability needed to undertake these kinds of projects around the country, it is essential that Congress complete a

six-year transportation bill as soon as possible," Mica said.

Mica said he would help ensure full funding of the federal government's share of the cost of the first phase of the new subway. The federal government is obligated to contribute \$309 million over the next two years to fulfill its \$1.3 billion commitment for the first phase of the four-phase project.

"The Second Avenue subway is a great example of what can be done when we invest in our infrastructure, and I thank Chairman Mica for committing to help ensure that the federal government meets its responsibility of funding the first phase," Maloney said.

"On its first day of operation, the new subway will carry roughly 202,000



After a tour of the recently completed tunnels in the first phase of the Second Avenue subway, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (c.) is joined by fellow Rep. John Mica to discuss the progress.

Photo courtesy Carolyn Maloney

people per day — more than the transit systems of Boston, Chicago and San Francisco combined — and ease the pressure on the Lexington Avenue line, the most overcrowded subway line in America," Maloney said.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority completed all tunneling for the first phase of the subway in September, when a tunnel boring machine broke through to an existing tunnel at Lexington Avenue and 63rd Street.

The MTA must still finish station entrances, ancillary buildings and track preparation and says the first phase will be completed by December 2016.

When finished, the Second Avenue subway will run 8 1/2 miles from 125th Street to Hanover Square

in Lower Manhattan. The first segment will include stops at 72nd, 86th and 96th streets. At 63rd Street, the new line will link onto existing Q line tracks, providing a one-seat ride from the Upper East Side to Times Square, Wall Street and Brooklyn.

Construction of the Second Avenue subway, which will also enable the MTA to route Long Island Rail Road trains through Grand Central by siphoning off passengers from the Lexington Avenue line, will be in four phases, with completion scheduled for 2018.

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## Corona shop sold uninspected poultry to groceries: Feds

BY REBECCA HENELY

A Corona halal slaughterhouse has been barred from selling uninspected poultry after it was found to have been marketing its wares to supermarkets and groceries in Queens instead of to individuals, U.S. attorney in Brooklyn said last week.

Brooklyn Attorney General Loretta Lynch said 44th Avenue Halal Poultry Corp. at 102-09 44th Ave. and its president, Hakim Abdul Mazumder, entered into a consent decree which permanently enjoined the corporation from selling uninspected chicken. If Mazumder and the corporation commit more violations, they face a series of penalties, which include increasing fines.

"The defendants flouted vital USDA inspection procedures and placed uninspected poultry directly into grocery and other re-

Stores in Maspeth, Astoria and Jackson Heights bought the chicken.

tail stores despite repeated warnings," Lynch said in a statement. "By their actions, they placed their economic interests ahead of public health and safety."

An employee at the slaughterhouse said Tuesday they no longer sell to supermarkets but would not comment further.

Mazumder and his corporation operated under an exception to the Poultry Products Inspection Act, which allows companies to sell poultry that has not gone through the inspection process directly to individuals so they may eat it



A Corona slaughterhouse was found to have been selling uninspected poultry to supermarkets.

Photo by Rebecca Henely

at home, the court said.

But Mazumder sold thousands of pounds of uninspected poultry to gro-

ceries and retail stores in Maspeth, Astoria and Jackson Heights between 2005 and 2011, according to a

complaint filed by the Justice Department against Mazumder and the corporation.

Justice made these claims because of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Safety Inspection Service, Lynch said. While he received repeated warnings to stop, Mazumder kept selling the uninspected poultry, the court said.

Mazumder and the corporation were barred from selling uninspected poultry or poultry products Sept. 27 after the Brooklyn federal court granted the government a preliminary injunction against the corporation, the court said.

U.S. District Judge Nicholas Garufis approved the decree, Lynch said.

"With the successful resolution of this matter, a significant health risk to the public has been remedied," she said.

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# Boro civic slams Crowley over Rikers bill in Council

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BY HOWARD KOPLOWITZ

The City Council passed a bill last week that strips city funding for a federal program that detains Rikers Island inmates who are determined to be illegal immigrants, prompting a protest outside City Hall by the Juniper Park Civic Association, which claims the legislation is a threat to public safety.

Under the bill, known as Intro 656, illegal immigrants who are cleared of their crimes or have no felony criminal history will not be referred by the city Department of Correction to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for detention and deportation.

Correction has an office at Rikers.

Juniper Park took aim at Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) for co-sponsoring the bill, although she was one of 38 Council members to sign on to the legislation.

Intro 656 passed the

Council last Thursday by a vote of 43-5.

Councilmen Eric Ulrich (R-Ozone Park) and Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria) were the only Queens members of the Council to vote against the legislation.

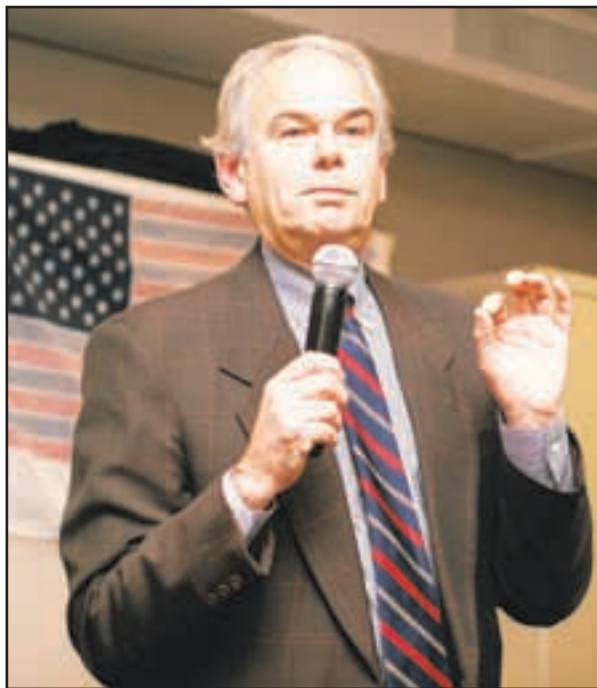
"The entire civic association is very disappointed and embarrassed that our councilwoman would support such a bill, but to co-sponsor it is even more puzzling," said Juniper Park Civic Association President Robert Holden in an e-mail.

In an online poll on the civic's website, 90 percent said they were against Intro 656.

The topic was discussed at the civic's latest meeting and no one said they were in favor of the bill.

Holden said the civic planned to meet with U.S. Rep. Bob Turner (R-Kew Gardens) to see what can be done on the federal level.

At a meeting of the Communities of Maspeth



Juniper Park Civic Association President Robert Holden speaks out against Intro 656. Photo by Joe Anuta

and Elmhurst Together Civic Association Monday night, Crowley pointed out that Intro 656 had the support of Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. An-

drew Cuomo.

Crowley said that with the city's limited resources and poor financial situation, it cannot afford the \$30 million Rikers program.

"The city is not supposed to be doing the work of the federal government," she said.

Proponents of the legislation say it is a step forward for immigrants' rights while those against it claim the detention policy threatens public safety.

"This bill will absolutely make our communities less safe — it not only puts illegal immigrants who have been charged with another crime back on our streets, but makes no distinction between arrests for violent crimes and other crimes," Vallone said. "The main thing that makes immigrant communities cooperate less with the NYPD is irresponsible statements from elected officials. They are well aware that the NYPD is not allowed to share immigration status information with federal authorities. In addition, the president has stated that only the 'worst' will be deported, so it is clear that no innocent

victim or witness has any reason to be concerned."

Councilman Danny Dromm (D-Jackson Heights), who represents a district with a large concentration of immigrants and is chairman of the Council Immigrant Affairs Committee, said the city's current policy is unfair.

"What they are doing at Rikers is running an alien program rather than a criminal alien program," Dromm said. "Many innocent immigrants are unfairly being detained and deported because of this broken immigration system. We cannot allow the cooperation between ICE and the DOC to continue tearing families apart and destabilizing immigrant communities that pose no threat to public safety."

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# Landlord in Jamaica kills tenant, then self: Police

BY IVAN PEREIRA

A Jamaica landlord killed his tenant with a machete before turning the blade on himself Tuesday morning after the two had a long quarrel over the rent, police and neighbors said.

Hettie Patterson, 48, who was living in a basement apartment at 111th Avenue and 143rd Street, was found around 11 a.m. lying on the ground in the backyard of the property with her head cut open, police said.

Investigators then found her 61-year-old landlord Eulith Reid in a first-floor bedroom with a self-inflicted wound to his neck and a machete nearby, according to the police.

Both were rushed to Jamaica Hospital, where they were declared dead,



Ambulance crews haul one of the victims in a murder suicide that took place in a Jamaica home.

Photo by Ellis Kaplan

according to investigators.

Neighbors watched in horror as homicide detectives combed the scene and brought out the weapon and

the victims.

"A young man just came flying out to me and asked to call 911," said a home health aide who was

working at the house opposite the crime scene at the time of the murder and asked not to be identified.

Police did not officially

A machete was the weapon in both deaths.

give a cause for the deaths, but several neighbors said they may have resulted from a feud between the two.

The landlord and tenant had been arguing over the woman's overdue rent for several days, according to several residents. One of the neighbors, who had been a good friend of the landlord and asked not to have her name made public, said the arguments were heated and sometimes

took place outside in front of everyone.

The neighbor said the landlord's behavior shocked her because she never knew him to be violent.

"He was a quiet man, but sometimes with people you don't know what can happen in situations," she said.

The neighbor said the landlord had a wife, but she was not sure if the tenant was living in the basement alone.

The killings took place just down the block from Queens Academy High School, but the school was closed for Election Day.

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# Marshall helps launch CUNY Month at Queens Coll.

Flushing institution among only five in nation offering quality education at an affordable price

BY JOE ANUTA

The Queens beep kicked off CUNY Month last week at Queens College in Flushing, an institution that was highlighted in an education study released over the summer.

"As a former student and founding chair of the Higher Education Committee in the City Council and later on as borough president, I know full well the value of CUNY and the great contributions over the years that its faculty and students have made to our city and far beyond," Borough President Helen Marshall said in a statement.

All colleges in the system will celebrate CUNY Month, but a recent study showed that Queens College does especially well

at providing quality education to students of any income level, a goal of the entire CUNY network.

But Education Trust, a nonprofit that aims to narrow the gap in education opportunities between low- and high-income students, gave Queens College a special distinction shared with only one other campus in the CUNY system.

The trust compared data of 1,200 four-year colleges across the country and found that Queens and Baruch colleges were two of only five schools that effectively offered quality education at a price that low-income students could afford.

The study was based on three criteria that Queens College met: The college enrolled a proportion of low-income students that is at



Borough President Helen Marshall officially proclaims November CUNY Month with representatives from several CUNY campuses.

Photo courtesy Queens College

least equal to the national average, it required low-income families to pay a portion of their yearly household income no greater than that of a middle-class

family and it offered students at least a 50 percent chance of graduating.

None of the other 1,195 colleges met the criteria, which the trust said is in-

dicative of a growing inequality that makes higher education unattainable for low-income Americans.

"Family income needed to pay for college has mushroomed. This is especially true for the lowest income households. These families must pay or borrow an amount equivalent to nearly three-quarters of their annual income to send just one child to a four-year college," the report said.

In fact, the average cost of a four-year university represents 72 percent of a low-income family's annual income, while it only represents 27 percent for a middle-class family and 14 percent for an upper-class family, the report said.

"In this country, higher education is crucial to achieving the American Dream, but the families

of many of our students are immigrants just starting out and are of modest means," Queens College President James Muyskens said in a statement. "In many cases, our students are among the first in their families to attend college. We take great pride in making a high-quality education accessible to everyone, no matter their economic situation."

On a statewide level, though, New York was cited as having lower-cost tuition than the national average and ranked second in offering financial assistance to low-income families hoping to send a child to college, according to the report.

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## Divorce Caribbean Style

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According to Alan Alford,

proprietor of Divorce.com, some of the divorces offered require travel to the court, while some can be done without any travel or court appearance. Some require both parties to sign the court petition for divorce, while others can be achieved with only one party signing. All of the divorces happen very quickly and with a minimum amount of paperwork.

The divorces are valid and recognized everywhere, and Alford reports that he processes several thousand of them every year, particularly for New Yorkers. The total cost for fast divorces starts

at \$895, with other options raising the price to as high as \$1,500. All of the divorces, Alford says, are completed within a few days and the clients are then free to remarry or otherwise continue with their lives as single persons. Anyone interested in more details about the Divorcefast offerings should access the company website: [www.divorcefast.com](http://www.divorcefast.com). The forms and instructions are printed out from there and submitted to the company. For those lacking Internet access Alford and his staff are prepared to discuss foreign divorces on the phone, or by mail.

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Women with breast cancer who receive radiation after surgery are half as likely to have their disease return within 10 years and are one-sixth less likely to die over a 15-year period, according to the results of a new study reported on Friday, October 21.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The American Cancer Society's estimates that there will be about 230,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer in women in the U.S. in 2011 and approximately about 39,520 women will die from breast cancer this year alone.

The new study published in The Lancet included close to 11,000 women who took part in 17 studies. The women were followed for about 10 years on average. After 10 years, 35% of women who had breast-conserving surgery without radiation had a breast cancer recurrence. By comparison, 19% of women who had radiation after their breast-sparing surgery experienced a recurrence.

"For breast cancer patients treated with a lumpectomy, the addition of radiation significantly reduces the chance of the cancer coming back and most importantly improves the overall chance of ... being cured," said Thomas A. Buchholz in a recent interview with WebMD. Dr. Buchholz is a professor and chair of the department of radiation oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, who wrote an editorial that's published with the new study.

The study also looked at overall survival. After 15 years, 25% of women who did not have radiation had died from breast cancer, compared with 21% of these women who had both surgery and radiation. Adding radiation to treatment reduced the rate of dying from breast cancer by one-sixth, the study shows.

"We believe the findings from this study conclusively indicate the significant benefits of radiation following a lumpectomy in terms of reduction in breast cancer death rates," explained Dr. May Lim, Board Certified Radiation Oncologist at Northern Boulevard Radiation Oncology in Flushing. "Based on these results, we support that the use of radiation treatment at the time of diagnosis is a more effective strategy in breast conserving therapy than delaying treatment and using it for patients who have experienced breast cancer recurrence."

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# People IN THE NEWS

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## Awards



Gretchen Hirsch (r.) stands with model Samia Ahmed.

**Gretchen Hirsch** of Astoria was the third-place winner of the Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge at the 18th-annual American Sewing Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Mich.

## Business



JACKIE COHEN

Fidelis Care has announced that Flushing native **Anne Kontopoulos** has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president of finance.

**Michele Ehrlich** of Middle Village has been named an associate broker in Charles Rutenberg Realty's at Plainview, N.Y., office.

TD Bank has named **Jackie Cohen** the store manager of the Hillcrest/Fresh Meadows store in Fresh Meadows.



MICHELE EHRLICH

## Miscellaneous

**Joselyn M. Salazar** of Richmond Hill was promoted to director of marketing for GuildNetSM, The Jewish Guild for the Blind's Managed Long Term Care Plan and Medicare Plans.

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown has appointed **Samantha Alessi**,

**Courtney S. Charles, John P. Esposito, Edwin M. Ferguson Jr., Briana G. Heymann, Andrea M. Mauro, Gabriel Mendoza, Deanna M. Paul, Benjamin R. Pred, Priya Ravishankar, Harold G. Rosengarten, Michael Vanunu** and **Lissa Li-Chia Yang**

as assistant district attorneys. Senior defensive back **David Lopez** of Ozone Park has been selected as a pre-season honorable mention all-American by the Collegiate Development Football League and the D2vsNAIA Senior Bowl Selection Committee.

## Military

Sgt. First Class **David Fernandez** of Maspeth has re-enlisted to continue service with the 222nd Chemical Co.

Sgt. First Class **Robert Ravert** from Middle Village has re-enlisted to continue service with the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Sgt. **Justin Lee** of Flushing has re-enlisted to continue service with the Co. A 1-69th Infantry.

Sgt. **Sungil Bang** of Flushing has re-enlisted to continue service with the Co. C 101st Signal Battalion.

Sgt. 1st Class **Cesar Ramirez** of Flushing has re-enlisted to continue service with the Headquarters Headquarters Co. 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

**Edgar Rosales** of Woodside, serving with the 1569th Transportation Co., is promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

**Ronald Gonzalez** of Forest Hills, serving with the 719th Transportation Co. (Medium Truck Cargo), is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Brian Lopez** of Corona, serving with the Co. B 1-69th Infantry, is promoted to the rank of sergeant.

**Salas Weitzel** of East Elmhurst, serving with the 719th Transportation

Co. (Medium Truck Cargo), is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Amy Bonilla** of Jackson Heights, serving with the Co. B 3-142nd Aviation, is promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

**Julio Redwood** of Elmhurst, serving with the 145th Maintenance Co., is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Jessica Alberto** of Elmhurst, serving with the Co. A 101st Signal Battalion, is promoted to the rank of private.

**Eon Myers** of St. Albans, serving with the 7th Finance Detachment, is promoted to the rank of private.

**Kareem Gibbs** of Jamaica, serving with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co., is promoted to the rank of private.

**Leroy Poole** of Jamaica, serving with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co., is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Nyesha Stephenson** of Jamaica, serving with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co., is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Rashawn Townsend** of Jamaica, serving with the 442nd Military Police Co., is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Desiree Cabusas** of Jamaica, serving with the 37th Finance Detachment, is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Lotoya Harris** of Jamaica, serving with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co., is promoted to the rank of private 1st class.

**Herbert Tudor** of Queens Village, serving with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co., is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Olimel Garciamanriquez** of Kew Gardens, serving with the Co. C 642nd Support Battalion, is promoted to the rank of sergeant.

**Juan Germanfrias** of Ridgewood, serving with the Co. A 1-69th Infantry, is promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

**Jie Zhang** of Flushing, serving with the Co. E 3-142nd Aviation, is promoted to the rank of specialist.

**Christina Schloss** of College Point, serving with the 133rd Quartermaster Support Co., is promoted to the rank of specialist.

Sgt. **Karel Kassad** of Flushing has re-enlisted to continue service with the 14th Finance Detachment.

Sgt. **Bryan Bastidas** of Forest Hills

has re-enlisted to continue service with the 14th Finance Detachment.

Sgt. First Class **Stephen Ram-lakhan** of Ozone Park has re-enlisted to continue service with the Joint Force Headquarters.

SpC. **George Gracia** of Middle Village has re-enlisted to continue service with the 442nd Military Police Co.

Staff Sgt. **Juan Germanfrias** of Ridgewood has re-enlisted to continue service with the Co. A 1-69th Infantry.

**Keith C. Dempsey** of Jamaica has been promoted to the rank of gunnery sergeant.

The following New York Guard members have received the state Humane Service Medal for their service during Hurricane Irene: **Walter L. Luciano** of Ridgewood; **Michael W. Schneider** of Glendale; **Ubou A. Mendie** of Whitestone; **Alirio E. Aguilar** of Forest Hills; **Brian A. Calabrese** of Howard Beach; **Betty A. Gannon** of Ozone Park; **Edgar Moya** of Corona; **Frank J. Armone**, **Adrian Ramos** and **Vingrove A. Thomas** of Jackson Heights; **Carlos A. Jaramillo** of Elmhurst; **Tracy R. Mike** of Jamaica; and **Russell Simplicie** of Cambria Heights.



# Commish will decide future of cops in Bell case

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BY IVAN PEREIRA

The fates of two of the officers who killed Sean Bell in a hail of 50 bullets is now in the hands of the police commissioner, and the Rockaway bridegroom's family is urging him to give them justice.

The NYPD departmental hearing against Detective Giscard Isnora and Officer Michael Carey ended Nov. 2 with their attorneys making their cases and the special counsel for the department summing up her version of the incident before the judge.

Isnora, who fired first during the Nov. 25, 2006 incident and delivered 11 shots, and Carey, who fired three bullets, have been accused of violating departmental guidelines when they shot Bell and his two friends Trent Benefield and Joseph Guzman, who were mistakenly believed to have been armed.

Special NYPD counsel Nancy Slater suggested to Judge Martin Karopkin

that Isnora be immediately terminated from the force while she contended Carey should lose 30 days' pay in the trial at 1 Police Plaza in Manhattan.

"While his choices are not criminal in any way, his choices and actions show he cannot be a member of the department," she said of Isnora during her closing arguments.

The judge will make a recommendation to Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who ultimately will make a decision about Isnora and Carey's status with the department.

Both sides re-enacted the events of the night at the now-defunct Jamaica strip club, the Kalua Cabaret, where Bell was having his bachelor party. The undercover police were investigating suspected drug and prostitution rings that were taking place inside the club.

Isnora observed Bell and his friends getting into a heated argument with another patron and



Detective Giscard Isnora (c.) could lose his job with the NYPD due to his actions on the night Sean Bell was killed. Pool Photo

he testified that he heard Guzman yell that he was going to get his gun. Isnora called for backup as he followed Bell, Guzman and Benefield to the corner of Liverpool Street and 94th Avenue, where Bell's car was parked.

The detective and an unmarked police minivan

approached the car and Bell rammed his car into the police vehicle twice. Isnora, Carey and three other officers fired at the car, killing Bell instantly and seriously wounding the other two men.

No weapon belonging to the three young men was ever found at the scene.

Philip Karasyk, Isnora's attorney, told the judge the detective was justified in discharging his gun because he strongly believed he and his team were in danger.

"Had Sean Bell placed his foot on the brake, none of us would be here today," he said.

Carey's attorney, Stephen Worth, agreed and said his client used his gun only to protect his comrades.

"Officer Carey opened fire only at the last possible second," he said.

Slater, however, criticized both officers for not looking before they leapt. She said the argument that aroused Isnora's suspicions had de-escalated at that point and he should not have had his gun drawn nor should he have come out of his undercover role when he approached Bell's car.

"You can search the entire record and there is no reason for Detective Isnora to put on his shield

except fear," she said.

Isnora; Detectives Michael Oliver, who fired 31 shots and reloaded; and Marc Cooper, who fired four shots, were acquitted on manslaughter and reckless endangerment charges in a bench trial in 2008. Carey and Detective Paul Headley, who fired the last shot, were not criminally charged.

Oliver and Cooper were negotiating with the NYPD on their retirement and Headley has left the force, according to the Detectives Endowment Association.

Bell's fiancée, Nicole Paultre-Bell, who won millions from the city in a settlement for a wrongful death lawsuit, said she was confident the officers would be penalized for their actions.

"I think these officers have shown they can't be trusted on the force," she said outside police headquarters following the hearing.

## Bayside Tourette center set to close doors in two months

BY RICH BOCKMANN

A unique resource for people living with Tourette syndrome and their families is planning to close its doors in Bayside early next year, leaving the community searching for alternatives to the counseling services it has provided for nearly three decades.

The Tourette Syndrome Association's New York City Counseling Program provides individual and group counseling at its office on Bell Boulevard — as well as another in Brooklyn — but officials said they were notified last week of debilitating funding cuts from the state that will force the program to shutter both offices at the end of January.

"This program is the only one of its kind, let alone in New York," said spokeswoman Tracy Colletti-Flynn.

"We just received the letter yesterday. With only two months, there's not too much time to save it," Colletti-Flynn said Nov. 3. "We're always hopeful something

may change, but at this point ... we're not too hopeful."

Licensed clinical social workers at NYCCP currently provide individual and group counseling to about 100 children, teenagers and adults at the Bayside office.

Specialized counselors help patients to learn about and cope with the neurological disorder, which affects more than 200,000 Americans and manifests itself in symptoms such as uncontrollable vocal sounds and physical movements, known as tics.

Cheryl Tellis and her son, Marques Seme, have been attending counseling sessions at the NYCCP since Marques was diagnosed with TS around the age of 7.

"It was beneficial for him to go every week. The individual counseling was so-so. It was hard to get him to open up to a group, but once he did it was absolutely awesome," she said. "He got to see he wasn't the only person living with TS. You think you're the only person in the world with this



Director Emily Kelman-Bravo with the letter from the city Department of Health informing her the state had cut funding to the Tourette Syndrome Association's New York City Counseling Program. Photo by Rich Bockmann

awkward disease."

Tellis said counselors were able to help her son, now 15, accept his disorder and, through identifying patterns, enable him to reverse his negative habits.

"They were able to help him come to terms with his TS. When

you become more comfortable, the frustration goes away. Frustration just intensifies the symptoms," she explained.

"They taught him that his tics come in patterns, and once he saw the first one he could be aware the second and third

are coming," Tellis said. "They helped him to not control, but to better manage them."

In fact, Marques, has become so comfortable with his TS that he shared his experiences with the disorder in a Discovery Channel program.

Tellis also goes for weekly counseling sessions, helping other families cope with the disorder.

"I joined the family counseling group and heard from a lot of different adults," she said. "I told them about what we went through in the past so they could follow along with what most likely will happen."

The Flushing resident said she was not sure where they would go after NYCCP closes its doors.

"He goes to a medical doctor for medication for his symptoms, but not for counseling. There are a lot of counseling groups out there, but none with the full understanding of Tourette syndrome," she said.

# Student of Distinction

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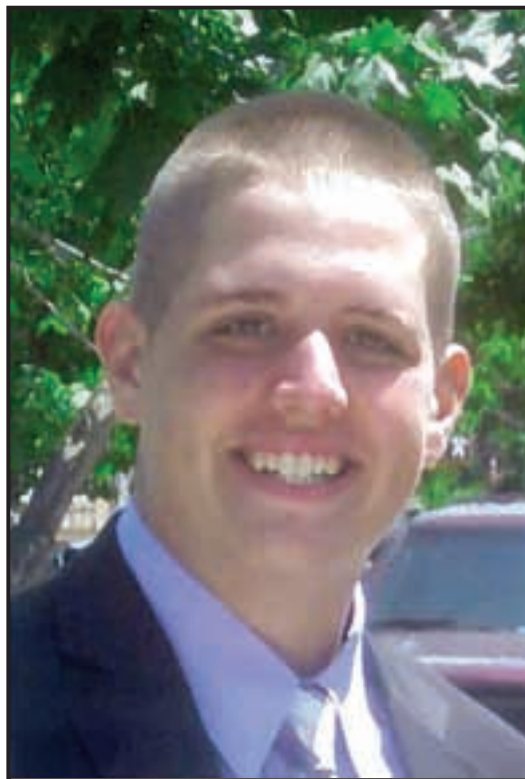


**Steven Wasserfall**  
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**St. Francis Preparatory School,**  
**Fresh Meadows, NY**

TimesLedger Newspapers next "Student of Distinction", Steven Wasserfall, is a junior at St. Francis Prep in Fresh Meadows.

Steven grew up in Middle Village where he attended Our Lady of Hope School. Steven participated in both baseball and basketball. Steven was always an excellent student completing each year with at least a 97% average. He was on the Principal's List every year. Steven won his school's math bee three times representing his school at the district math bee. In fourth grade Steven advanced to the diocesan math bee where he placed fourth in all of Brooklyn and Queens. Steven was a member of the Siena Enrichment Society, whose members had to achieve academic excellence for induction. He was also President of the National Junior Honor Society in 8th grade. At 8th grade graduation, Steven was given the General Excellence Award.

Steven decided to attend St. Francis Prep H.S. whose rich tradition had already touched seven of his family members including his parents, two cousins and three aunts and uncles. Steven wanted to play football at Prep like his father and two uncles. "On the field, Steven personifies selflessness and team. He cares not for personal triumph or glory, he only applies his entire being to a team effort to see victory as an accom-



plishment of everyone. Steven will never let you down because his preparation is optimal. He thinks on the field and he uses his intellect to anticipate many plays of the opponent and to overcome any obstacles", says Mr. Joseph Licata, St. Francis' football coach.

"Steven is also a member of the baseball team and has been on the Principals' List; he currently has a 96.4 GPA. I believe Steven is an outstanding person with many great characteristics" we are told by Laura Hassett, Guidance Counselor. "Maintaining an A average while taking honors classes and participating on two varsity teams along

with an excellent academic record, Steven shares his knowledge and spirit helping the Prep community as a model student". "He is a very dependable young man, which is evident by the high standard in which he maintains all of his responsibilities. He is, by far, one of the most well rounded and outstanding students I have encountered while teaching here at St. Francis", says Mrs. Phyllis Gambino, Dept. of Religious Education. "I am most impressed by his determination, focus, and concern for others in need. Steven's serious approach to academics and enthusiasm should be recognized. He is a definite asset to our school".

"Steven is mature beyond his years. When you mention his name to those that know him be it teachers or students, everyone has a compliment or a story on how he handled a situation. At St. Francis there is a class called Experience Group. Steven was without a doubt the leader. I have watched as other students gravitate toward him for guidance. He held the students in his group to a higher standard without judging them. He makes others think about things and as his teacher said 'Steven makes doing the right thing seem cool,'" says Laura Hassett.

As for the future, Steven would like to pursue a career in law. He hopes to attend The United States Naval Academy or an Ivy League school.

TimesLedger Newspapers and CNG congratulate Steven on all his accomplishments and achievements, and wish him continued success.

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## A Portraitist Behind the Lens

**Former CBS Morning News correspondent embraces her passion, returns to the world of fine art**

BY ALLISON PLITT

Long Island City painter Betsy Ashton has never been one to back away from a challenge. During the 1970s and '80s she was a radio and television news reporter in an era when very few women worked in the field. She began her journalism career in Washington, reporting on the emerging women's movement, and was the only reporter — to her knowledge — to ever do her own courtroom sketches. She moved to New York City in 1982 to become a reporter and, eventually, editor of the CBS Morning News.

But while Ashton had a successful 20-year career in broadcast journalism, her college education was in the fine arts. After receiving a bachelor's of art degree in art and design from American University in 1966, she spent the next six years in arts-related professions. She taught art to high school students, worked as an advertising artist and a cartoonist and even taught art on a television show that she produced.

Since she saw herself mainly as a portraitist, Ashton stepped away from the art scene in 1971 during a time when galleries were gravitating toward artists considered to be abstract expressionists who used abstract form and expressive color to communicate with their viewers.

"In the late '60s, it seemed that the only thing people were interested in in the art world was Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko," she said. "Now I have nothing against stripes,

but my attitude was if that was where the art world was going, I'm not going to put my head up against a wall. I like figures. I like people. I'm out of here."

Four decades later, there has been a resurging interest in portraiture, which has allowed Ashton to resume the career she once abandoned. In 2006, she ran into an old friend, Everett Raymond Kinstler, a master portrait artist who encouraged her to return to painting. Ashton agreed to take on the challenge as long as Kinstler played the role of her mentor.

At Kinstler's urging, Ashton has been able to hone her skills by studying the techniques of other master portraitists. At the National Academy School of Fine Arts in Manhattan, she has taken classes taught by Mary Beth McKenzie and Sharon Sprung. She has traveled to Nashville, Tenn. to study with Kinstler's protégé, Michael Shane Neal, and she recently traveled to Philadelphia to take a workshop with Nelson Shanks at his Studio Incamminati.

Ashton believes her experience as a reporter has enhanced her ability to get to know clients better and paint more personal portraits. "Maybe it's just my natural gregariousness that helps. I am not the shy, retiring type," she said. "I like communicating and working with people and that is perfect for doing this kind of art because the more I can draw out the person, the more I observe them. I don't pose them. I watch them."

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Betsy Ashton with her portrait of Myron Kandel, founding business editor at CNN.

Photo by Allison Plitt



# Drawing a crowd: Not like it used to be in theater



Ronald B. Hellman  
The Play's The Thing

It's not a good sign when there are more people on stage than in the audience. Our dedicated reviewer, **Arlene McKanic**, found that to be the case on a recent assignment at the **Secret Theatre** in Long Island City. Sometimes, no matter what you do to publicize your show, it just isn't good enough.

A couple of years ago, I wrote three consecutive columns, and an occasional one before and since, on what it takes to attract an audience. And — as you savvy readers know — there's no single or easy answer. Many local companies believe that you

have to do something that people will recognize: a play or musical that has stood the test of time, an old friend that you want to visit again. A few others — very few actually — will try something out of the ordinary, in the hope of bringing in the more adventurous theatergoers, those who want to meet someone new.

**The Phoenix Players**, performing at the **Poppenhusen Institute** in College Point, is one of the latter. Their latest offering is "Circle Mirror Transformation", a recent Obie Award Winner for Best New American Play. If you hurry, you may still be able to get a ticket for the final performances Thursday through Saturday nights. **Beari Productions**, based in Middle Village, has been making the effort to distinguish itself from other community theaters by some ambitious choices. They recently concluded a production of "Judgment at Nurem-

berg" at two different locations. A nod to **The Gingerbread Players**, who have been taking on the ageless **William Shakespeare** — whomever he was — at the **Saint Luke's Episcopal Church** in Forest Hills. Its new construction makes it handicapped-accessible.

You would think that, from a population of millions within 30-45 minutes of most of our local theaters, all of the available tickets would be quickly sold. After all, the price is right and the quality is good. Truth be told, however, live theater in our New York City area has to compete with so many other forms of entertainment — not the least of it television — that even filling 100 seats is a struggle.

A few years ago, **The Outrageous Fortune Company** produced "The Shape of Things" by **Neil LaBute**. We had our biggest ever turnout of actors at auditions, for just four roles. There

was a movie version of the play and it appealed to a younger audience than average. But when it came to ticket sales, it was the worst attended of our 50 productions.

If you get into Manhattan from time to time, as I do, you'll find that most of the Broadway and Off Broadway shows are available at a discount (still pricey) at the **TKTS** location in Duffy Square. Very few shows sell out, even though the pros have the money to heavily publicize their product, and often star celebrity names to attract the public. A new play I recently saw, "Ch'inglish", by **David Henry Hwang**, the author of "M. Butterfly" and "Yellow Face," is one you shouldn't miss — it's lots of fun and has a lot to say.

**Queens College** is underway with its 36th anniversary season of Evening Readings held in its Music Building on occa-

sional Tuesdays at 7 p.m., usually featuring literary types who read from their work and then submit to an interview. However, two major theater guys are next up — on Nov. 15, **Edward Albee**, and on Dec. 6, **Stephen Sondheim** will have a conversation with former New York Times theater critic **Frank Rich**. (More info at [www.qcreadings.org](http://www.qcreadings.org), or call 718-997-4646.)

For those of you with a number fetish, tomorrow is 11/11/11, although a Leap Year child like myself knows that the calendar is not to be taken seriously. Check back with me next February when I may tell you more about it. But what really counts tomorrow is **Veterans Day**. Give that some serious thought, and wonder when America will end all these foreign wars. Peace and love to you all.

Contact Ron Hellman at [RBH24@Columbia.edu](mailto:RBH24@Columbia.edu).

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# Betsy Ashton

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Using the same approach on all her clients, Ashton first interviews them. "I want to know who they are," she said. "I want to know if there is a special place that is in their heart that means something."

After Ashton and her client decide on the location for the portrait, they go to the site to scout a spot for a photo shoot.

As soon as Ashton begins taking pictures, she and her client talk to each other. "I get them very relaxed, very comfortable and the body becomes relaxed and natural," she said. "My people are never stiff. They never look posed. They look comfortable in their skin and I'm able to draw out their real personality. It's an interviewing skill that was honed over years as a radio and television news correspondent."

The next step for Ashton is to do a live sketch of her client at the location. "It's important that they give you a little bit of time in real life – that I can do one real live sketch, at least, because two eyes are much better than that one eye of the camera," she said. "You get much more depth and you get the colors right."

Working from the photos and the live sketch, Ashton also admits to experimenting with both color and subject matter to create a more realistic representation.

For example, in her painting of U.S. Army Lt. Col. Thomas Pike, Jr. in the Park Avenue Armory, where he was once a cadet, Ashton describes the techniques she uses to compose the full portrait.

"This is the actual photograph of the body, but he has a more stern, severe look. I didn't like that. He's a warm personality. That's why we put this head on this body," she pointed out. "I actually started painting the Armory with warmer wood and



Betsy Ashton painting in her Long Island City studio. Photo by Jorge de la Barra

then I decided to darken it and bring these colors up. So you play with it."

Not counting the time it took to scout the location, and photograph and sketch Pike, Ashton spent 75 hours painting his portrait. She acknowledged, however, that other portraits take less amount of time to paint.

Ashton intends to enter the portrait of Pike into national competitions. In the meantime, she is happy to "just keep painting" and remains tirelessly inspired by the New York art community.

Besides joining artist associations in Manhattan such as the National Arts Club and the Salmagundi Club, she loves living in Long Island City where she commutes 10 minutes by foot to her studio in the Reis Studios building.

"Long Island City seems to be just bursting with artistic activity. I love it," she said. "This block in which Reis Studios are on, there are a thousand artist studios here doing everything imaginable. There are a lot of really contemporary painters and there are a lot of people doing films. It's thrilling."

For more on Ashton and her artwork, visit [www.ashtonportraits.com](http://www.ashtonportraits.com) or call 347-703-4600.

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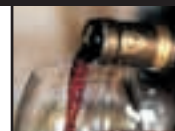
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# “S Wonderful” musical featuring classic Gershwin

BY ARLENE MCKANIC

The crew of the new renovated Queens Theatre is a doughty lot. They came in to work even during that freak October snowstorm of a couple of Saturdays ago. Unfortunately, QT’s executive director Ray Cullom couldn’t come thanks to a downed tree, but he still spoke with TimesLedger about their upcoming show, “‘S Wonderful,” a review chock full of absolutely delicious George and Ira Gershwin tunes.

“They were from musicals which

people forget,” Cullom said. “We thought these songs were so timeless and versatile you can combine them and make up new plays.”

“‘S Wonderful” is actually five mini-musicals whose songs combine in new and unexpected ways. Sometimes men sing songs that were originally written for women, and vice versa. The show, which harkens back to an earlier time while managning to be brand new, is just right for Queens Theatre audiences.

The show was the idea of Todd Ger-

shwin and co-producer Dan Chilewich. “It would be a small enough show that it could play throughout the country and bring the music and legacy of the Gershwins to as many people as possible,” Gershwin said. “Plus, we wanted young and enthusiastic actors and actresses. And we had to find the right person. Ray delivered exactly what we were looking for.”

Cullom became director of the Queens Theatre in April. Most theaters have their next season planned out by then, but Queens was running a little behind. This turned out to be a good thing, for some new shows were added to the schedule at the last minute. “It was a very exciting time,” he said. “If you booked your season, you don’t have the versatility to do that, to keep that flexibility. It was challenging and a great opportunity.” The theater finally announced the first half of the 2012 season in August. This fall, besides “‘S Wonderful,” the theater is putting on readings from the Immigrant Voices Project and performances from the Parsons Dance Company.

Cullom said the staff at Queens is a “great mix of people, some have been here since 1989. They share my passion for new theater.”

Cullom also thinks the Queens Theatre can be a new tryout place for shows, as it’s so much closer to Broadway than a traditional tryout place like Connecticut.

Audiences in other states can also be quite different from New York audiences. “It should be an ‘in-town, out-of-town’ experience,” Cullom said.

Gershwin — yes, he’s related to George and Ira, his grandfather being their younger brother Arthur — premiered “‘S Wonderful” in Pittsburgh, then shepherded it through a successful run in Suffolk County.

As one of the Gershwin family members who control the copyright to the brothers’ songs, Gershwin also thinks the show is perfect for audiences that usually come to the Queens Theatre. He doesn’t have plans to bring the show to Broadway. “Our goal is for the show to be seen in communities like Queens and maybe Westchester.” This would be convenient, as Westchester is where he lives.

By the way, the writer asked Collum, people have noticed that Queens Theatre was formerly known as Queens Theatre in the Park. What happened to the “in the park” part?

“Shakespeare in the Park has such a lock on that name,” he explains. “People began to think we were an outdoor summer theater. We aren’t that. We need to change perceptions because most of what we do is in the winter. We’re an indoor year-round theater. And we want to be Queens Theatre, the theater in Queens.”

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By Pete Canty

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# DEC uses Newtown funds for Dutch Kills waterfront

BY REBECCA HENELY

Long Island City officials praised the state Department of Environmental Conservation's decision in October to set aside \$2 million of settlement money so it can be used to acquire land from private owners near the Dutch Kills waterway for improvements and a park.

"We see it as an opportunity to open up the waterfront," said Community Board 2 Chairman Joseph Conley.

Improvements near the Dutch Kills waterway around 47th Avenue between 27th and 29th streets placed third on a list of projects to be funded by \$7 million of a larger \$10 million agreement the city made to fund environmental projects in lieu of paying for deadlines missed in upgrading the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Projects were chosen on the basis of their distance to the plant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, the cost and feasibility as well as community input.

In a vote conducted by the nonprofit City Parks Foundation, which is overseeing distribution of the funds, improving the Dutch Kills waterway ranked first

among residents of Queens and Brooklyn. On the list approved by the DEC last month, it is ranked third after creating a Greenpoint Boat House and Environmental Education Center for \$3 million and rehabilitating wetlands along Newtown Creek on the Brooklyn and Queens sides for \$500,000.

The projects will be developed in the order of their priorities and the foundation must find a revised cost estimate for each of the projects and verify their feasibility within the next five years.

A letter from the DEC said final commitments to purchase the land near the waterway and develop conceptual designs must be done within 60 days after Oct. 25.

Conley said any improvements that can be done on the project would be welcome. He said the project is important for access to the water and its potential for recreational activities in the community.

"It was always viewed as an opportunity to use it for something better," he said.

State Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan (D-Ridgewood) praised the DEC move in a statement, but said she wished the state agency

The City Parks Foundation is overseeing distribution of the settlement money

had given a higher ranking to funds meant to help turn the former site of St. Saviour's Church in Maspeth into a park.

These funds were placed on the DEC's list of secondary priorities.

"I will be working with other elected officials to advocate again for St. Saviour's. The destruction of the church and yard has been a tragedy that needs to be addressed," Nolan said.

Conley said Dutch Kills was more appropriate as the St. Saviour's site is more inland.

"We're talking about opportunities around the affected area," he said.

Reach reporter Rebecca Henely by e-mail at [rehenely@cnglocal.com](mailto:rehenely@cnglocal.com) or by phone at 718-260-4564.



The state DEC named the rehabilitation of the industrial area around the Dutch Kills Basin as a primary priority, and \$2 million in city settlement money could be used to acquire the land from private owners.

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# QCC to launch program that assists immigrant families

Three-year initiative will give instruction to museums on how to teach English through the arts

BY RICH BOCKMANN

Queensborough Community College recently announced plans to develop a program that would serve as a model for museums and other community colleges to teach English and critical thinking skills to adult immigrants and their families through the use of art.

The three-year program, known as Culture and Literacy through Arts for the 21st Century, will form a partnership among other community colleges in the CUNY system, Queens College's Godwin-Ternbach Museum, the Rubin Museum of Art, the Katonah Museum of Art and El Museo del Barrio to improve the ability for these institutions to engage with English-language learners and their families while at the same time expanding their reach into this community.

Other educational partners include The Literacy Assistance



Queensborough Community College (l.) and Queens College have partnered for a program that will use museums to teach English to immigrants and their families.

Center and Visual Thinking Strategies.

The college has not yet released a date when classes will start, but its goal is to test a model with at least 30 teachers and museum educators to work with a minimum of 50 students and their families per year.

"This project will impact museums' capacities to diversify their audiences by establishing nationwide museum and community college collaborations and by providing a replicable model initiative to engage and empower adult immigrants and their families in a meaningful and perma-

nent way," said Patricia Lannes, CALTA21 Project Director.

The program is being funded by a \$495,000 National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as well as by matching contributions by the college, university and the collaborating partners.

QCC said one of the main reasons it was awarded the grant is the effect the initiative will have as a model that can easily be replicated by museums and community colleges across the country.

"National Leadership grantees help advance the museums, libraries and archives field," said IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. "We look forward to much exciting work from this round of awards, including projects that will support learning and 21st-century skills relevant to a new generation of digital natives, enhanced access and ability to interact with digital content and providing innovative services for existing and new types of library and museum users."

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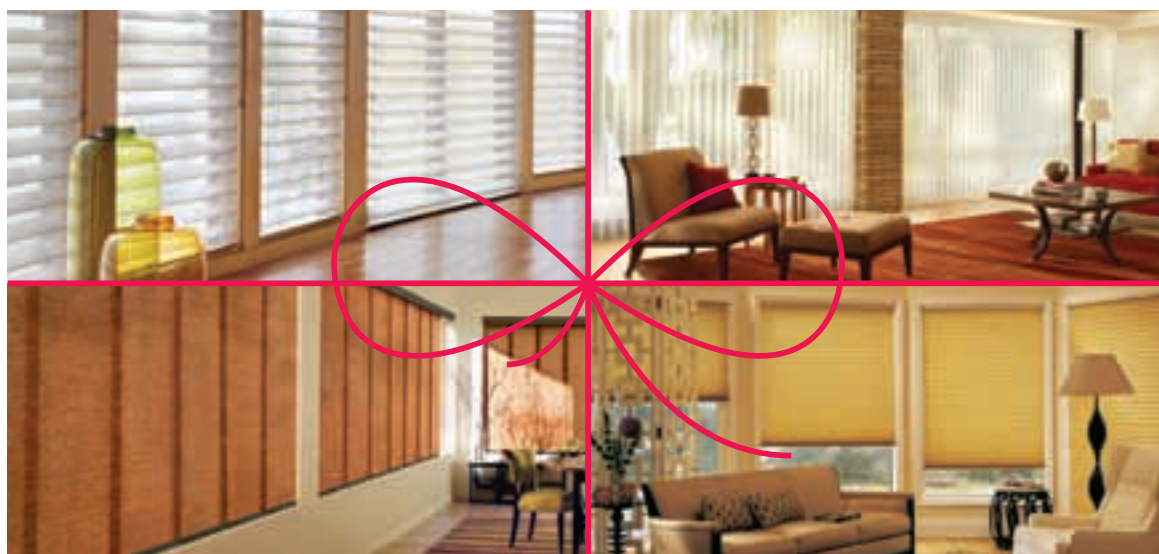
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Photos by Christina Santucci





## Pulitzer-winning poet to give workshop on poetry in Forest Hills

American poet Philip Schultz will give a workshop on the work of the great Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai Nov. 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Central Queens YM & YWHA in Forest Hills.

One of the most beloved Israeli authors, Amichai was also considered one of the leading poets of the 20th century. Schultz, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and educator, founded The Writers Studio after years as the director of New York University's graduate creative writing program. This program has a \$6 donation suggested.

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## College Pt. eatery devoted to fine art of broth

Mama Soup offers many varieties with take-out, sit-in service – touts Matt Damon as a customer

BY IVAN PEREIRA

Megan Kleven said she and her family shared some fond moments anytime her grandmother would invite them into her College Point home for some of her soup.

Not only did it allow her and her 14 cousins, aunts and uncles to bond, but it also gave them a chance to enjoy her great cooking.

"I think soup is a comfort food and my grandma always knew how to cook a good bowl," the 26-year-old said.

Kleven has brought her family's recipes and personal touch to her new restaurant Mama Soup, at 122-18 18th Ave. Since it opened last year, the take-out and sit-in eatery has quickly become a hot spot for people all over the

neighborhood.

Kleven, who has lived in College Point all her life, said the secret to her success is maintaining the comfort level in all of her recipes and the decor of the restaurant.

Mama Soup offers many varieties, including pea, chicken noodle and beef barley, and seasonal specials. Recently, the restaurant started to offer pumpkin pie soup, which was a fun variation of the classic fall dessert.

"We made our regular pumpkin soup, but added sweet croutons in to make it taste like a crust," Kleven said.

The owner added tables for anyone who wanted to have a quick sip of her soup and also has a speedy but friendly take-out service.



Megan Kleven shows a picture of her grandmother Valentina, who taught her how to cook her soup recipes. Photo by Ivan Pereira

The location used to be an old metal factory and the restaurant's owner said she wanted to keep the old establishment's history alive.

She renovated the interior from the top down and kept a lot of the old pillars and walls intact.

Kleven, however, did

add a personal touch to the front door that keeps her family's memory alive.

"The bell that rings anytime anyone opens the door was on the backyard of my grandmother's house," she said.

The restaurant currently provides free delivery to neighborhoods close to the store, including Flushing, Bayside and Whitestone, but Kleven said she would like to expand to more places. And thanks to a celebrity endorsement, she might have to expand out of the borough.

Kleven said Matt Damon is a frequent customer after his driver, who lives in College Point, introduced him to her soups. Although she has never met the "Bourne Supremacy" star, she said he constantly sends the store messages

about how great the soup is and always asks for the newest flavors to be delivered to his Manhattan home.

Kleven said the success of Mama Soup rests on the shoulders of her entire staff, which includes her sister Keri, who works the counter and handles the store's marketing, and mother Sheryl, who works in the kitchen.

"It's my business, but if I didn't have the help of family and friends and support of the community, I wouldn't have anything," she said.

Log on to [mama-soup.com](http://mama-soup.com) for more information about the restaurant.

Reach reporter Ivan Pereira by e-mail at [iper-eira@cnglocal.com](mailto:iper-eira@cnglocal.com) or by phone at 718-260-4546.

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# Hevesi pension

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Hevesi collects from the city and CUNY.

Hevesi is serving a one-to four-year prison term in the Midstate Correctional Facility in Ulster County and is eligible for parole in April. He is housed in the

prison's protective custody unit and is assigned the inmate No. 11-R-1334.

He also earns \$1 a day for his job sweeping the prison's floors, according to state Department of Corrections spokeswoman Linda Foglia.

Hevesi has stayed out

of trouble while in prison and received recreation periods for his good behavior.

"I wouldn't say 'model prisoner,' but there's no disciplinary action on file," Foglia said.

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## Liu

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The fines were issued once before by the city Department of Sanitation, but thrown out due to a technicality.

The board threw out the violations in March when it was found that they were not properly delivered to Liu's campaign, according to city documents.

But Sanitation reissued the violations, and Liu was ultimately ordered to pay the fines under the most recent decision.

A lawyer representing

Liu told the New York Post that the mayoral hopeful plans to appeal the decision again.

And in addition to his past campaigns, Liu is also running into trouble with his possible bid for mayor.

An Oct. 11 report in The Times found that many of the people listed as donating to Liu's campaign war chest denied giving money when confronted by reporters.

Liu currently has more than \$1.5 million in his campaign coffers, according to the city Campaign Finance Board, with many of the donations in the amount of \$800, a num-

ber the Times reports is associated with the number 8, which is auspicious in Chinese culture.

The report cited other sources who said donors with deep pockets allegedly filled out additional cards in the names of unsuspecting employees in order to give Liu more money than is legally allowed, the report said.

Liu responded to the allegations soon afterward, welcoming any scrutiny of his campaign finances.

He announced that he would retain Abrams to thoroughly vet his cash Oct. 28.

## Jack

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feline to sleep, according to Lynch.

News of Jack's death stunned the growing online community that has been following his story since his disappearance at the American Airlines terminal at JFK Aug. 25. Hundreds posted on the Facebook page, Jack The Cat is Lost in AA Baggage at JFK, which had more than 25,000 fans as of Tuesday following the announcement of his death. "That is so sad. I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is hurting. RIP sweet Jack," fan Kathy Nix posted.

Pascoe was moving

from Manhattan to the West Coast with Jack and his cat brother Barry when Jack somehow escaped from his kennel in the terminal's baggage room. Crews searched for weeks for the cat, but could not find him initially.

The Facebook fans and Pascoe, who adopted another cat, Nilly, did not give up hope and held "Jack the Cat Awareness" days when they combed the airport and pushed JFK employees to keep up the search.

Two months to the day he went missing, the cat fell from the ceiling of the terminal's customs room and was immediately taken for treatment.

American Airlines expressed its condolences to Pascoe for her loss on its

Facebook page.

"From all of us at American, our sincere apologies to Karen and Jack's family and friends. We also thank all of you who have provided support, ideas, kindness and understanding for Jack along the way," the airline said in a statement.

Jack's fans, however, blasted American for failing to keep him secure in the first place and many threatened on the company's Facebook page to never use its services again.

"Nothing you can say to make this right. NOTHING!" Darlene Triplett Jones posted on the page.

Lynch said she does not know if there were any funeral arrangements for the cat.

# Queens coalition

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options should Stanford be selected.

"We are starting to have this conversation about what is possible," he said, stressing that the conversations are preliminary since the winner will not be announced until January.

But regardless of the winner, Hsu and the coalition also wanted to

highlight the opportunity for business growth in Queens.

Hsu received media attention last month when he visited the Queens Museum of Art's panorama of New York City and placed a temporary model of a campus on Willets Point, a site where the coalition would like a campus. But he also placed models over areas like the College Point in-

dustrial area, Long Island City and Astoria that he said would be perfect for the businesses that will likely come out of the tech campus.

"I think there are just a lot of good places in Queens," he said. "One of the main arguments is the potential room to expand."

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## Hillcrest

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students completing their global history Regents, ranking in the top 1 percent across the city.

In the business/technology SLC, students can participate in the Virtual Enterprise Program, where

they create a mock company and are involved in every aspect of running it, from sales and marketing to accounting.

"We've replaced the concept of teaching in a small, isolated environment," Duch said. "Here, they're utilizing all these different skills at one time."

Assistant Principal of Organization Deborah Zi-

ozis said students demonstrate a lot of pride in their SLCs.

"They say, 'I'm from Hillcrest,' but they also say, 'I'm Pre-Med' or, 'I'm part of the Newcomers Academy,'" she said.

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## Goldfeder

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rich (R-Ozone Park) — were at the inauguration and he called on Goldfeder to continue to lead in a bipartisan manner.

"The aisles shouldn't matter. You should do what is right," he said.

Silver agreed and said Goldfeder's long career in the New York political arena has made him a strong community activist, and

he would not only be able to convey the community's voice to Albany but also bring Albany's side of the issues back home.

"You are part of a young collection of leaders who continue to define themselves as defenders of working families," he said.

Pheffer, who was Goldfeder's former boss, said she was confident he would be able to fill her shoes.

"There are so many, many problems that need to be worked on," she said. "I am confident that he is going to do a better job [than

me]. He is confident."

Goldfeder said he is working on solving those issues, including the elimination of the toll at the Cross Bay Bridge and creating new incentives for neighborhood store owners during the down economic times.

"Right here, there are many businesses that need to survive," he said.

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## Crowley to hold environmental town hall

City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) has scheduled a green town hall for Nov. 16 at PS 49 in Middle Village.

"In these tough economic times, going green is one of the best ways to save money," Crowley said in a statement. "I invite all homeowners to take advantage of this town hall to learn important information, protect the environment and, most importantly, save money."

Experts from the New York State Energy Research and Development

Authority, the Community Environmental Center and the city Department of Housing are expected to attend and teach residents how they can save money while also helping the environment.

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# Sports



St. John's University men's basketball coach Steve Lavin has been away from his team since Oct. 6 prostate cancer surgery.

AP Photo/Kathy Kmonicek

## SJU already has eyes on March Madness

BY MICHAEL CANFAROTTA

The St. John's Red Storm men's basketball team will look to build on a 2010-11 campaign that saw first-year head Coach Steve Lavin lead his program to an NCAA Tournament birth for the first time since 2002.

That may be easier said than done.

Twelve players from last year's team are gone, leaving Malik Stith as the only returning scholarship player. Not to mention that Lavin has missed considerable time from the team recovering from an Oct. 6 surgery to treat prostate cancer. Still, the team presses on without him, winning their season opener Monday night at Carnesecca Arena on St. John's University's Jamaica campus. The team beat

William and Mary 74-59 after a stunning second-half surge.

Special assistant and advisor Gene Keady thinks this team can continue winning right now, and he should know better than most.

Keady has accumulated well over 500 career Division I wins and was an instrumental part of the program's success last year. He is confident that his players are good enough right now.

"We have faith in them and we think they will be a really good team," said Keady.

Keady and company will look to a recruiting class that features three players who were ranked in the top 100 in the nation. According to redstorm-

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## CK ends magic year on top

Incredible season ends with school's first-ever girls soccer title



Christ the King celebrates its first CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens title.

Photo by William Thomas

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Christ the King's first diocesan soccer title was a family affair in more ways than one.

The Royals were less than 10 minutes away from being disappointed after Mary Louis' Therese Boyle buried a shot in the top left corner for the game's first goal, but CK star Fabiana Rebecca knew that wasn't the way her team's season was going to end.

"I had faith," she said. "I had so much faith in our team all season. We weren't going out [like that]."

She responded nearly a minute later with the tying score on a run up the right side and first cousin Luna Siracusa popped in the eventual winner from

just inside the left corner of the box late in the first overtime. Both were off Christina Viaggio through balls.

"My family," Rebecca said. "We kicked [butt]."

Her extended family as well.

Sophomore goalie Kristen Drogslers fended off a barrage of Mary Louis shots, including a punch save over the crossbar during a frantic second extra session. A final Deirdre Ray shot settled into her capable hands in the closing seconds and the Royals celebrated a heart-pounding 2-1 win over Mary Louis in the Catholic High School Athletic Association Brooklyn/Queens girls' soccer final Friday night at Aviator Sports Complex.

It is the first-ever title in its first championship game appearance for Christ the King, ranked No. 7 in the city by the New York Post, and the crowning achievement for the team's six seniors that helped revitalize the program.

"It is so special," said Siracusa, a senior. "From the beginning when I came in as a freshman we already were a family. Half of us played together since third-grade. The rest just added on — bigger family. This means so much because it's history."

The turn of events left No. 10 Mary Louis (9-3-2), which returned to the league after leaving in 2002 for Nassau/Suffolk, wondering what could have been if not for a momentary

lapse in concentration following its goal. Hilltoppers Coach Tom Bruen said after Boyle scored he couldn't help but think that there was still 9:37 left to play.

"Usually teams are more vulnerable after they score a goal," he said. "There was a letdown."

The Hilltoppers and Ray, who severely sprained her ankle in the second half, didn't let up the pressure in the second overtime, including a ball that hit just off the left post. But Drogslers, who has been a thorn in TMLA's side all season, made three saves in the final 3:50. She leaped to hit a Ray rocket to the top left corner over the crossbar, collected a Briana Or-

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# St. Francis Prep captures first title since 2006

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Franco Purificato grabbed the trophy, turned toward his team and raised the hardware over his head.

"Here it is, baby!" the St. Francis Prep coach said as his players met him in an embrace.

The feeling was understandably euphoric. Too many times in recent years the Terriers have been the favorites and come up empty. The stigma was that SFP couldn't win the big game.

Well, that all changed with a 1-0 victory over Fordham Prep for the Catholic High School Athletic Association Class AA inter-sectional boys' soccer championship Sunday at St. John's University's Belson Stadium. St. Francis (18-0-1) will take the title back to Fresh Meadows for the first time in five years.

"It's been a long time coming," Purificato said. "It feels like forever since '06 when we actually won."

It was particularly significant for the 10th-year



St. Francis Prep captains Christian Molano (r.) and Chris Joseph embrace after winning their first title. Photo by Denis Gostev

coach, because senior lead- ers Chris Joseph and Chris-

tian Molano — two of the best players in the city — finally got a championship to call their own. They were the only two to compete on the varsity as freshmen three years ago in Purificato's 17 total years on the SFP sideline.

"I saw them out there, I almost started crying," Purificato said. "It's emotional for them. For me and for them. They've been with me for four years now. They're like my little guys."

They came up huge all postseason. Joseph played a ball to striker Jason Gonzalez, who put forth a tremendous individual effort to score in the 50th minute. Molano, meanwhile, was sturdy in the back to say the least. Fordham Prep (12-3-5) had very few chances in the second half.

Joseph said he and Molano gathered their teammates together before the final 40 minutes and said that they were the best team in the state and they could pull this off.

"[Saturday] night I couldn't even sleep," Mola-

no said. "I've been here for four years and we've come so close. We needed to win this."

Last year, it was a stunning loss to Iona Prep in the semifinals and a loss in the state final despite being nationally ranked coming into the postseason. St. Francis Prep held a similar distinction here, too. The Terriers just wouldn't allow a repeat.

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"We definitely put our stamp on the trophy now," Joseph said. "Because now we're St. Francis Prep, the team that goes all the way and wins it."

Gonzalez's goal, a memorable tally, held up. Joseph played it to him near the top of the 18 and he worked a combination with Kenny Redzematovic before cutting up three defenders and putting it past keeper Mark Rajovic with his left foot.

"He's got amazing footwork," Purificato said. "It was like a magnet on his

foot on that one. Sometimes he holds the ball a little bit too much, but in that case, beautiful goal. I haven't seen a goal like that in a long time."

Once it reached the back of the net, Gonzalez lifted his jersey and ran toward his parents, Francisca and Abelino, sitting in the bleachers. The words on the shirt underneath read, "I love you mom and dad." Gonzalez, who also has been wearing pink gloves in support of breast cancer awareness, wanted to honor his parents in some way and was hoping to score in the final. It was his third goal in three playoff contests.

"I was hoping for this," Gonzalez said. "We were in the finals two years ago and I missed a goal last minute. This is my way to get back and help my team win."

"This time we played without pressure and we weren't nervous," Molano said. "We had one goal and that was to win the championship."

# Ray's 'superhuman' effort not enough for Mary Louis

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Deirdre Ray went from sitting and watching to nearly winning her team a title.

"It's superhuman considering the injury she had," TMLA Coach Tom Bruen said.

The Mary Louis senior star midfielder spent 16 minutes of the second half nursing a severely sprained ankle in an eventual 2-1 overtime loss to Christ the King in the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens soccer final Friday night at Aviator Sports Complex.

Eventually the ice pack was removed and she limped back onto the field

with 12 minutes left to play in regulation after colliding hard with CK defender Destiny Marino.

"Oh, my God, it hurt so badly," Ray said. "She came out of nowhere and just rammed in."

Unfortunately for the Hilltoppers, she couldn't rocket the ball into the net in the closing minutes of the second extra session after CK (11-1-2) had tied the game late and gone ahead in the first five-minute overtime.

Seeing her career on the line, Ray, who as a sophomore was dubbed the face of Mary Louis soccer by then-Coach Nicole Madtes, battled the pain, dribbled



TMLA's Deirdre Ray came back from an ankle injury and put a flurry on net in the second overtime. Photo by William Thomas

around and through Christ the King defenders and put a barrage on net.

"I give her credit," Royals Coach John Fayad said. "We knew she was going to dribble and she was still dribbling."

Ray dinged a shot from 20 yards out off the left post with 3:50 left to play in the second overtime. She watched Christ the King keeper Kristen Drogler make a punch save over the crossbar on a 25-yard blast and had a final chance in the closing seconds gobbled up.

"I thought that was in," Ray said of the shot knocked away. "I really did."

She was trying to make up for her team's momentary lapse after Therese Boyle gave it a 1-0 lead with less than 10 minutes to play in regulation. The Hilltoppers (8-3-2) were so excited that they lost track of Fabiana Rebecca, who scored the tying goal about a minute later.

"She kind of just blended in over there," Ray said.

She, however, did not in the closing minutes try everything she could to will her team back.

"She left everything out on the field," Bruen said. "If those balls had gone in, she wouldn't have just tied it. She would have won the game."



# St. John's Prep girls' first title since 1988

BY MARC RAIMONDI

It was the set that didn't want to end.

St. John's Prep would go ahead. Then Bishop Loughlin would get two points and take a lead.

That pattern was repeated multiple times until Paola Sirica stepped in to serve with things tied up. The St. John's Prep senior put together two straight service points, including an ace to end a marathon, pivotal third set.

"I was shaking literally afterward," Sirica said. "I was in a state of shock. I couldn't believe we pulled through that."

It gave the Red Storm all the momentum they needed. St. John's Prep went on to beat Bishop Loughlin 25-14, 23-25, 30-28, 25-19 in the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens Division II championship game Thursday night in Astoria.

The title is SJP's first in girls' volleyball in 23 years. Senior Maria Barbarino said every day in practice she'll look up at that last banner and it would fuel her throughout the season. Now she and her teammates will have one of those to call their own.

"We haven't had a banner since '88," Barbarino said. "We wanted our banner this year. That was our goal."

It was the pint-sized outside hitter who took matters into her own hands

in the fourth set. With the score knotted at 17, Barbarino had five of her 11 kills down the stretch, including the final two to give her team the championship. The 5-foot sprite with the impressive vertical leap just pounded every ball that came her way over the net, even on the first or second bounce.

"It did catch them off guard," Barbarino said. "You get used to how people play, you see how they set up the ball and you know where they're going."

Barbarino added four aces and Sirica had four kills and five aces. Matea Turkovic had five blocks and senior Annalise Sinona had nine kills and was instrumental early in the match. The outside hitter is just in her second year playing volleyball.

"She's really come into her own with being able to look across the court and seeing the empty spots and placing it there," SJP Coach Jenn Cocchi said.

This was Cocchi's first title in 14 seasons at the helm of the Red Storm. She will guide St. John's into the CHSAA Class A state tournament next week at Cardinal Spellman for the second straight year. SJP was also very competitive at the Division I level, beating powerhouse Archbishop Molloy two years ago,

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St. John's Prep celebrates its championship victory over Loughlin. Photo by Marc Raimondi

# SFP bests Molloy for title

Rivals scrap in tight contest, St. Francis Prep wins 5th straight

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Kelly Flynn sat out practice last week and missed the semifinals against Mary Louis due to a mild concussion.

So how did she celebrate her return in the finals? By landing on a Molloy player's foot and turning her ankle just minutes into the match.

"First game back and down I go," Flynn said with a laugh.

The junior middle hitter returned later in the set and more than made up for lost practice time. Flynn had 18 kills and five blocks to help lead St. Francis Prep to a 25-18, 23-25, 23-25, 25-20, 25-20 victory over rival Archbishop Molloy to win a fifth straight CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens Division I girls' volleyball championship Nov. 2 in Fresh Meadows.

"That girl is Wonder Woman," SFP senior outside hitter Talia Colasante said. "She did really good even though she hasn't practiced in a week before two days ago. If Kelly didn't practice at all, she'd be up there. We all have faith in Kelly."

It was the typical, epic back-and-forth match between the two teams, who met three times previously with two of those also going five sets. St. Francis (12-1) had to fight back from down 2-1 in sets and an 18-14 deficit in the fifth to beat scrappy Molloy (10-3). Flynn had a block followed by a kill to get SFP within 18-17 and then later made it 23-20 with a crushing kill in front of a standing room-only crowd at St. Francis.

"I felt it, but it's just the kind of thing that I had to push through," Flynn said of her ankle. "I wanted



St. Francis Prep celebrates its victory over Molloy.

Photo by Denis Gostev

this game so badly, as did everyone else. And there was nothing that was going to get in our way of it."

Colasante, one of the city's best outside hitters, finished with 22 kills, including the match's final one, which happened to be considerably softer than her typical booming attacks. Kiara Pierre made a nice play to get to the ball, setting from her knees to Colasante, who simply flipped the ball into the middle of the Molloy defense.

"I was aiming for the [middle], because usually that works and I was hoping I'd catch [Molloy star libero] Jenna [Hoffman] off guard, which rarely happens," Colasante said.

Added Terriers Coach Kevin Colucci, laughing: "Take the breaks. Sometimes they go your way, sometimes they don't. We

were fortunate to have it go our way this time."

Pierre preceded that play with a back row kill to make it 24-21 and she had a floating service ace earlier that made it 21-19. The junior finished with 12 kills and five aces and Kendra McCalla had 47 assists. Pierre said her "heart stopped" when Flynn came up balking in the first set. Lucky for SFP, when she returned she was able to establish the middle and Molloy really didn't have an answer.

"I knew it was gonna be tough for them to stop our middles," Colucci said. "They dig everything. It's a tough team to play against."

Molloy, rife with juniors and sophomores, will be just as tough next year. That was no solace to the Stanners Nov. 1, though.

There were tears of disappointment and missed opportunities on their faces.

"It's so aggravating, because we had it," said Molloy's Emily Rabot, who had 15 kills and five aces. "It was right in our hands and we lost it. That's just not how we play."

St. Francis Prep, though, has become the city's premier program over the past half-decade. Winning Brooklyn/Queens, the city's top league, five years in a row is a significant accomplishment. The Terriers will now compete in the CHSAA Class AA state tournament Nov. 12 in Bufalo.

"It just means that we have the most drive, that we just wanted it more than anyone else did," Flynn said. "We weren't [going to] let anyone stop us or let anything get in our way."

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ttega header to the near post off a corner kick and finally another Ray shot from the top of the box.

“It was high,” said Drogler, who only started playing goalie last season. “I just got a hand on it. I couldn’t really grab it. I just punched it.”

She like everyone else couldn’t have been happier for the seniors, who included Viaggio, Stephanie Abruzzo, Naomi Lakhan and Catherine Pitelli. They suf-

fered an upset loss to Bishop Kearney in the semifinals last season but this was different. CK (11-1-2) was a more focused team all year long.

“I wanted this so bad and I got it,” Siracusa said.

The Royals won their first Brooklyn/Queens regular-season crown thanks to a late-season 2-0 win over Mary Louis after tying in the first meeting. Athletic director Joe Arbitello told the players after that their photo would be up in the gym because of their historic win.

“I’m really proud of where they were and where they came,” Royals Coach John Fayad said.

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sports.com, they will be replacing 96.3 percent of their scoring and 97.8 percent of their rebounding from the previous year.

One of those recruits is Queens native Moe Harkless, who chose St. John’s because of its proximity to his home and the belief that the program is heading in the right direction under Lavin. The freshman hasn’t set any personal goals for this upcoming year, but he is ready to give it his all.

“I’m not going to make any predictions because

you never know what happens, but I’m going to go out there, work hard and try my best,” said Harkless.

He will be looking for leadership from the only returning scholarship player from the previous season in Malik Stith, whose teammates have affectionately named him “Pops” or “Grandpa” because of his junior eligibility. With six new additions to the team he has gravitated toward the role.

“My role is to basically show them the ropes ... give them advice, and tell them what I’ve been through my past two years as a freshman and sophomore,” said

Stith. The leadership of Lavin, however, has been missed, though he’s maintained contact. During his recuperation from surgery, he has still managed to connect with players and coaches. He has dictated practice plans and watched film. Sometimes Harkless even feels like Lavin is at practice when he is not.

The recovery of Lavin has affected Stith personally. He continues to stay in touch with his coach.

“Having a year with Coach Lavin, it’s on my mind every day, just praying that he comes back 100 percent,” said Stith.

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before the league split last season.

“It meant just as much to us as it did to her,” Barbarino said of her coach. “I think winning it for her was the biggest thing.”

Cocchi was emotional afterward as was the Bishop Loughlin players. The Lions wanted to win a championship for their

coach, Angela Proce, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and returned over the summer cancer-free. Cocchi, who is also the league’s girls’ volleyball chairwoman, and Proce met in a long embrace after the match as tears streamed down Loughlin players’ faces.

It was an even match that turned, Cocchi said, in that wild third set.

“I felt that the way the energy of the game was, if we lost that we probably may have lost the match,” the coach said.

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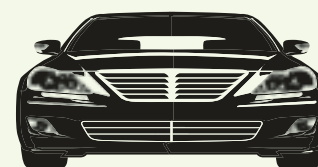
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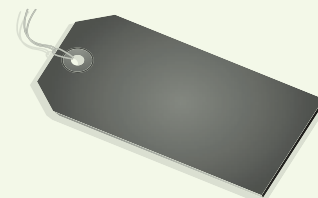
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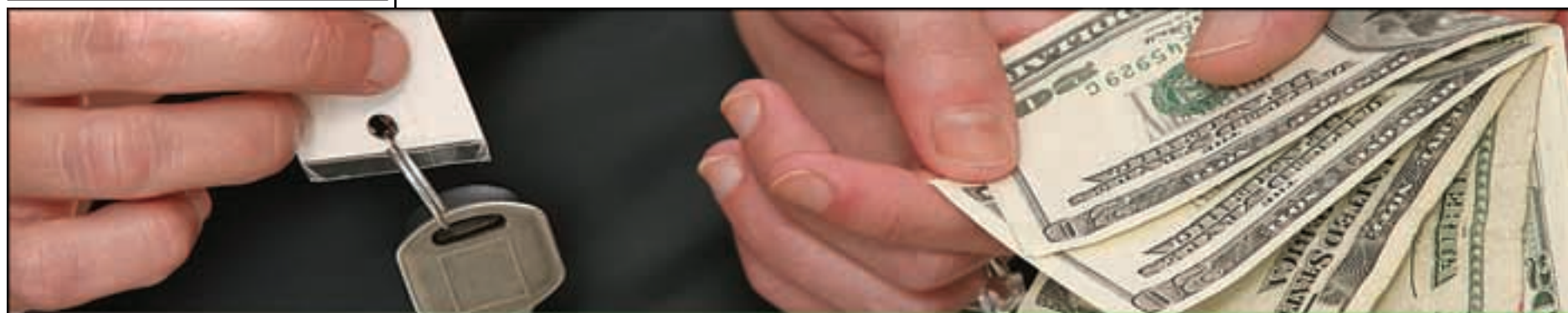
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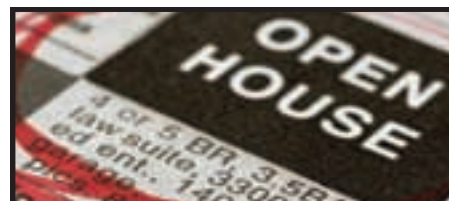
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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSORS BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 310 shares of stock of 88-30 182ND STREET REALTY CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 88-30 182ND STREET UNIT #2D, JAMAICA, NY 11423. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on November 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
Chase Home Finance, LLC, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 710 shares of stock of BERKELEY TOWN HOUSE OWNERS CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 34-25 150th Place, Apt. 2H, FLUSHING, NY 11354. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on December 2nd, 2011 at 10:45AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

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NOTICE OF SALE  
CitiMortgage, Inc., in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 820 shares of stock of Calloway Chateau Apt. Corp. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 5921 CALLOWAY ST., Apt. 2S, CORONA, NY 11368. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on December 2nd, 2011 at 11:00AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 254 shares of stock of WP OWNERS CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 211-01 75TH AVE, Apt. 6k, BAYSIDE, NY 11364. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on December 2, 2011 at 10:15 AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party  
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JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 432 shares of stock of Hanover Court Mutual Housing Cooperative, Inc. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 92-31 57th Avenue, Unit 5F, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on December 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 195 shares of stock of GREENBRIAR TENANTS CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 8515 MAIN ST, Unit 1E, BRIARWOOD, NY 11435. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on November 18, 2011 at 10:15 AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY: FLUSHING SAVINGS BANK FSB, Pltf. vs. COLMAR REALTY, LLC, et al, Defts. Index #34715/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Sept. 13, 2011, I will sell at public auction in Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY on Nov. 18, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., prem. k/a 41-17 48th St., Sunnyside, NY. Said property located on the easterly side of 48th St. 351.40 ft. northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 48th St. with the northerly side of 43rd Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 27.20 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$944,123.69 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. NICOLE L. BRUSZEWSKI, Referee. CULLEN AND DYKMAN, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 100 Quentin Roosevelt Blvd., Garden City, NY. #80415

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cured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 1146 shares of stock of THE HAMPSHIRE OWNERS CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 110-31 73RD RD, Unit # 6L, FOREST HILLS, NY 11375. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on November 18, 2011 at 11:15 AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 276 shares of stock of 64-00 SAUNDERS OWNERS CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 64-00 SAUNDERS ST., Apt. 1G, GREY GO PARK, NY 11374. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on December 2, 2011 at 10:30 AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF QUEENS, ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 23918/10 WELLS

## LEGAL

ALEXANDER J. CUTNICK, Plaintiff, vs. DOMINICK ARCURI, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Order Confirming Referee's Report of Amounts Due and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 02, 2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on November 18, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., premises known as 1846 Decatur Street, Ridgewood, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 3579 and Lot 45. Approximate amount of judgment is \$185,531.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 30420/09. Walter R. Marklein, Esq., Referee  
Haber & Haber, LLP, 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 235, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE  
Washington Mutual Bank, now backed by J.P.Morgan Chase, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 276 shares of stock of 64-00 SAUNDERS OWNERS CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 64-00 SAUNDERS ST., Apt. 1G, GREY GO PARK, NY 11374. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on December 2, 2011 at 10:30 AM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party  
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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF QUEENS  
ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 23918/10 WELLS

## LEGAL

FARGO BANK, N.A.Plain-tiff, vs.AUDYE VOLTAIRE, ET. AL.Defendant (s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 241-18 NEWHALL AVENUE, ROSEDALE, NY 11422 SBL #: BLOCK: 13544, LOT: 29 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 21st day of October, 2011, TO: AUDYE VOLTAIRE, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. MARGUERITE A. GRAYS of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 13th day of October, 2011 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Queens County Clerk, in the City of Queens. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by AUDYE VOLTAIRE dated the 5th day of August, 2009, to secure the sum of \$303,403.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 2009000274978 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, on the 27th day of August, 2009. The property in question is described as follows: 241-18 NEWHALL AVENUE, ROSEDALE, NY 11422 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION Block 13544 and Lot 29. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Rosedale, in the Fourth Ward, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of Newhall Avenue, distant 150 feet Easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Southerly side of Newhall Avenue with the Easterly side of 241st Street; thence RUNNING THENCE Southerly at right angles to Newhall Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE Easterly parallel with Newhall Avenue, 30 feet; THENCE Northerly again at right angles to Newhall Avenue, 100 feet to the Southerly side of Newhall Avenue; THENCE Westerly along

the Southerly side of Newhall Avenue, 30 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Premises known as 241-18 Newhall Avenue, Rosedale, New York. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-B A N K - N Y S (1-877-226-5697) or visit the department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a pay-



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ment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: October 21, 2011 Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 The law firm of Steven J. Baum, P.C. and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF QUEENS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 30879/10 CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, vs. MOHI U. KHANDAKER, et al. Defendant(s). MORTGAGED P R E M I S E S : 118-17 152ND STREET JAMAICA, NY 11434 SBL #: BLOCK 12206, LOT 12 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) at-

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torney(s) within twenty 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 case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 12th day of October, 2011, TO: MOHI U. KHANDAKER, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. SIDNEY F. STRAUSS of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 5th day of October, 2011, and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Queens County Clerk, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by MOHI U. KHANDAKER dated the 17th day of December, 2008, to secure the sum of \$355,500.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 2009000380888 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County, on the

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19th day of November, 2009; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 22nd day of November, 2010, and recorded on the 20th day of December, 2010, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County, at Instrument No. 2010000426105. The property in question is described as follows: 118-17 152ND STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11434 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situated, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly side of 152nd Street, distant 151.50 feet Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Easterly side of 152nd Street with the Northerly side of 119th Avenue; RUNNING THENCE Easterly and at right angles to 152nd Street and partly through a party wall, 100 feet; THENCE Northerly and parallel to 152nd Street, 13.5 feet; THENCE Westerly and again at right angles to 152nd Street and partly through a party wall, 100 feet to the Easterly side of 152nd Street; THENCE Southerly along the Easterly side of 152nd Street, 13.5 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. 118-17 152ND

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company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: October 12, 2011 Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 The law firm of Steven J. Baum, P.C. and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.



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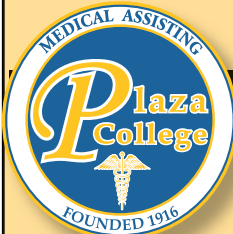
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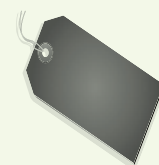
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