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## Point of View

### As Tax Day Approaches A.G. Schneiderman Releases Consumer Alert About Frequent Tax Season Frauds

With this year's tax day just a month away, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman provided taxpayers with a variety of tips to help them avoid fraudulent tax schemes. The Attorney General also urged New Yorkers to stay vigilant and report to his office any suspected scams intended to steal personal and financial information from consumers.

"Too often, fraudsters use tax season as an excuse to exploit consumers," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "My office will not hesitate to act if New Yorkers are being ripped off. This is why we ask consumers to remember a few helpful tips and notify my office of any fraudulent tax schemes."

Each year, the Office of the Attorney General receives complaints from consumers about various tax-related schemes. The Attorney General's Office continues to receive numerous complaints about scammers who are impersonating IRS officials and attempting to collect bogus tax debts. These often include fraudsters posing as government officials via phone calls or emails. Scammers threaten consumers with lawsuits or arrests if they do not turn over money or provide sensitive personal information. Consumers should not engage this type of caller or provide any

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## Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Honors Mother, Audrey Pheffer, at JCCRP



On Sunday, March 19th, 2017, at the Legislative Breakfast of the Jewish Community Center of the Rockaway Peninsula, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway) presented her mother, Audrey Pheffer, former

Assemblywoman and now Queens County Clerk, with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the JCCRP, and honored her with the renaming of their Community Service award as the Audrey Pheffer Award for Community Service.

"I thought I was her Lifetime Achievement, but what do I know," joked Pheffer Amato. "In all seriousness – I've learned so much of what I know from my mom."

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## Suozi Appears on "Morning Joe," Pushes Back Against Health Care Plan



Congressman Suozzi (far right) Before his "Morning Joe" Appearance

In a nationally televised appearance on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Congressman Tom Suozzi (D -- Queens, Long Island) pushed back strongly against the Republican-led health care plan, saying that

Congress must instead present the American people with a bipartisan "consensus." The full interview can be seen here.

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## Peralta & School Construction Authority Unveil New Building Design for Corona's PS 143 to Replace Classroom Trailers



Senator Peralta first proposed idea of the building a permanent annex to PS 143 in March 2013 to then-Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott. The new permanent addition brings 980 new seats to the school. See story on page 8



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personal information. A sample IRS scam call can be found here.

In many cases, the scammers claim consumers owe past tax debts and insist that consumers pay using a pre-paid credit card or gift card. Many scammers insist that would-be scam victims pay using these products, because they are generally difficult to trace. Consumers should not pay – the IRS and legitimate government agencies will never demand immediate payment or payment information over the phone.

New Yorkers can report potential scams to the Attorney General's office by submitting a complaint here or by calling the Attorney General's consumer hotline at 1-800-771-7755. Scams should also be reported to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

Taxpayers should be wary of tax preparation businesses that advertise low fees to get the customer in the door but then increase the final fee by hundreds of dollars claiming the tax return was more complicated than anticipated; and of a tax preparer who electronically withdraws more than the agreed upon fee without notice to the consumer.

In order to help New Yorkers avoid tax scams the Attorney Gen-

eral's Office offers the following additional tips:

- If you owe money, you will receive a legitimate notice in writing that identifies the agency and the reason you owe money;
- Do not give out personal information, including your Social Security number, bank account information, or other payment information, to telephone callers;
- Legitimate government organizations will never threaten arrest or deportation for failure to pay a debt;
- Legitimate government agencies will never insist that consumers pay a debt only via a pre-paid credit card.

The following suggestions will help consumers file their tax returns safely and keep more of their return:

- If you use a tax-preparation service, use only established and recognizable companies;
- Check the tax preparer's qualifications and history through the Better Business Bureau (org);
- Ask for a written estimate of all fees; avoid those who base their fees on a percentage of your refund;
- Avoid tax preparers that promise cash for preparing the return, but in fact merely offer a discount on inflated fees;
- Make sure the tax preparer is

accessible, even after the April due date;

- Never sign a blank return;
- Review entire return before signing;
- Make sure the preparer signs the tax form and includes a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN);
- Consult New York's "Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers."

Consumers can avoid the costs of refund anticipation loans and checks by filing their return electronically and having refunds either mailed or directly deposited into their own bank account.

The Attorney General is also reminding New Yorkers that there are Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites where consumers can get their tax returns prepared free of charge. For more information about how to qualify and identify a VITA location site go to: [www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html).

Attorney General Schneiderman reminds New Yorkers that in addition to being vigilant consumers, they should also report instances of fraud to his office. Consumers are encouraged to file complaints to the Attorney General's office by completing and submitting a Consumer Bureau Online Complaint Form or calling 1-800-771-7755.

## Suozzi Appears on "Morning Joe," Pushes Back Against Health Care Plan

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"This is about people's lives. We can't allow 24 million people to be kicked off their health insurance plans and allow others to get tax breaks while seniors and middle-class families are stuck with the bill. I came to Congress to work with Republicans and Democrats on bipartisan legislation that will provide all Americans with quality, affordable health coverage, and that's what I will continue to push for," said Suozzi.

Meets with Problem Solvers Caucus to Move Bipartisan Agenda Forward

On Friday, Congressman Suozzi, who serves as Vice-Chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus, held two important meetings with members of the caucus, which is made up of Republicans and Democrats who are coming together to create a dialogue to try and identify bipartisan solutions to the nation's problems.

"I'm dedicated to making this caucus a model for how

Congress is supposed to work. I came here to get things done and I'm committed working with anyone – Republican or Democrat – to find solutions and get results for the American people," said Suozzi.

Urges Innovative Approaches to Nuclear Infrastructure Efficiency

On Thursday, the House Armed Services Committee held an Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on U.S. nuclear security facilities and infrastructure needs. During the hearing, Congressman Suozzi pressed the panel of administrators testifying before the subcommittee regarding consolidation efforts, cooperation with other government agencies, and their efforts to explore public-private partnerships to increase efficiency.

"Ensuring the safety of our nuclear security facilities throughout the country is a top priority. As we continue to develop our nuclear deterrent, we want to take care to maintain our current facilities and ask ourselves if there are ways we

can do better," said Suozzi.

Connects with Constituents and Communities Back Home

Back in the district, Congressman Suozzi travelled to Hicksville to visit the DaVita Dialysis Center as well as Nassau Candy. He also sat down with the North Oyster Bay Baymen's Association and New York State United Teachers.

"I am glad I got to meet with the businesses and organizations that serve our district. I was able to learn more about how we can work together to meet the challenges Long Islanders face in their effort to enrich our communities," said Suozzi.

Celebrates St. Patrick's Day in Glen Cove

On Sunday, Congressman Suozzi joined hundreds of people for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in Glen Cove.

"I've been coming to this celebration for many years, and it's easily one of my favorite days of the year. I love being around my close friends of this community," said Congressman Suozzi.

## Crowley's Statement on Passing of Martin McGuinness

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement after former deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland and Sinn Féin politician Martin McGuinness died on Tuesday.

"I'm deeply saddened to learn of Martin McGuinness' passing. A giant for peace, he will be forever remembered for his attempts to bring change to all of Ireland. I first met Martin more than 20 years ago during his first

visit to the United States, though I knew of and admired him long before that visit. We became close friends and continued a relationship for years that was built on admiration and respect.

"Martin was one of the most extraordinary leaders I have ever met - never giving up on his belief in a united Ireland, while working to constructively bridge the divide with those who fought for a different future. His achievements, including

the leadership shown during the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement and his consistent, responsible support for devolution of power in the North, will be marked down in history as some of the most important efforts toward peace in modern history.

"I will forever treasure his warmth, friendship, and spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with Martin's family and the people of Ireland during this time."

## Governor Cuomo Announces Cashless Tolling to Begin on Rockaway Bridges on April 30

Cashless Tolling Will Reduce Congestion and Improve Travel Time at Rockaway's Major Crossings Ahead of the Summer Travel Season

Rockaway Resident Rebate Program is Unaffected by Switch to Cashless Tolling

Cash No Longer Accepted on Bridges Beginning April 30

Commuters with Leftover Tokens are Encouraged to Sign Up for E-ZPass and Will be Eligible for Token Refunds

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced cashless tolling will begin on the Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial and Cross Bay Veterans Bridges in Queens on April 30. The transition to cashless tolling is a major component of the Governor's plan to reimagine New York's crossings for the 21st century and will reduce congestion and improve travel time at Rockaway's major crossings ahead of the region's summer travel season. The Rockaway resident rebate program is unaffected by the switch to cashless tolling.

Beginning April 30, cash and metal tokens will no longer be accepted at either bridge and commuters with leftover bridge tokens are encouraged to transition to E-ZPass and will be eligible to redeem their tokens for a refund. E-ZPass will provide the best rate for all drivers, including Rockaway residents. Electronic tokens or E-Token E-ZPass plans will also be available starting April 30, 2017.

"The Rockaway Bridges are vital arteries for the Queens community and we are taking action to reduce congestion, increase safety and streamline the commute at these crossings," Governor Cuomo said. "The transition to cashless tolling at these bridges is an important milestone in our plan to reimagine New York City's crossings for the 21st century and we will continue investing in our transportation infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future generations of New Yorkers."

Open road tolling will be completed at all MTA bridges and

tunnels by the end of this year. The schedule is as follows:

- RFK Bridge – Summer 2017
- Verrazano-Narrows Bridge – Summer 2017
- Throgs Neck Bridge – Fall 2017
- Bronx-Whitestone Bridge – Fall 2017

The Rockaway Bridges join the Henry Hudson Bridge, Hugh L. Carey and Queens Midtown tunnels, where sensors and cameras suspended over the highway on structures known as "gantries" read E-ZPass tags and take license plate images, so vehicles no longer have to stop and pay the toll. Vehicles with E-ZPass tags are automatically charged, and vehicles without E-ZPass have their license plate recorded and a bill is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. E-ZPass tags should be mounted inside the vehicle's front windshield.

Current token users may use tokens for Rockaway Bridge tolls through April 29, 2017. Leftover tokens may then be easily redeemed by visiting one of the E-ZPass New York Customer Service Center walk-in centers and completing a token redemption request, or by calling 212-360-3000, selecting option 6 and requesting a token refund kit. Resident token users will be mailed information from MTA Bridges and Tunnels with instructions on how to transition from tokens to E-ZPass. Non-resident token users can go to [mta.info/e-zpass](http://mta.info/e-zpass) to get more information on opening an E-ZPass account.

Cashless tolling is projected to save commuters up to 21 hours of drive time every year. Additionally, it reduces emissions and significantly decreases the amount of fuel burned by drivers, who will no longer have to stop and start waiting to pay tolls. This will conserve approximately one million gallons of fuel and save \$2.3 million each year.

"I am excited to see Cashless Tolling come to the Rockaway Bridges, and believe the benefits of this technology will enhance traffic flow, reduce congestion

and decrease commute times making it easier for New Yorkers to get where they need to go," said Veronique Hakim, MTA Interim Executive Director. "The accelerated schedule we are undertaking to bring Cashless Tolling to all of our facilities in 2017 underscores our commitment to investing in New York's transportation network to meet the needs of a growing City."

To make it easy for drivers to pay their tolls, MTA Bridges and Tunnels has introduced a number of programs. Customers can sign up for E-ZPass and save 30-50 percent on MTA B&T tolls at [MTA.info/E-ZPass](http://MTA.info/E-ZPass) even if they do not own a car. Drivers who receive a Tolls by Mail bill can pay it online at the Tolls by Mail website; by mail; over the phone; or in-person, and payment options include check, credit card, checking account, or cash. Customers who call \*\*826 from a mobile phone will receive a text with a link to the Tolls by Mail website and information on how to set up a Pay Toll Now account that can be used by rental car customers.

To ensure that all users of MTA Bridges and Tunnels toll facilities pay their fair share, a series of enforcement measures are in place to tackle toll payment evasion and chronic toll scofflaws. Customers who do not pay their tolls are subject to violation fees, registration suspensions, and other enforcement actions. Late fees accrue if an initial toll bill is unpaid, and if a second notice is also ignored, violation fees of up to \$100 per toll violation may be imposed.

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles has enacted regulation that allows suspension of the vehicle registration of motorists who fail to pay three tolls, violation fees, and other charges resulting from violations on different days, within a period of five years, and ignore toll authorities' repeated notices.

For additional information on cashless tolling and E-ZPass, please visit [MTA.info/cashless](http://MTA.info/cashless) or call 1-800-333-TOLL (8655)

## Meng Issues Statement Opposing Trump Budget Proposal

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) today issued the following statement opposing President Trump's budget proposal.

"As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, there is absolutely no way I can support President Trump's budget request as it stands. His budget claims to put 'America First,' but I fail to see how slashing funding by \$54 billion dollars for our most vulnerable citizens is patriotic. The budget calls for a complete elimination of essential programs such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps low income families, particularly those with children or senior citizens in the home, with energy costs during cold winter and hot summer months. This program provides critical heating and cooling support to over 1 million New York households. Other programs will have their funding restricted, such as the Meals on

Wheels program, which provides food to impoverished older and disabled Americans who can't leave their homes.

Every single American would be negatively impacted in some way by this budget, whether it be through the elimination of community development programs that assist at-risk communities both rural and urban; deep cuts to the National Institutes of Health, which conducts research to find cures for devastating diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's disease; continued exposure to toxic waste due to slashed funding for the Environmental Protection Agency that cleans up these waste sites; or the termination of before- and after-school programs, particularly in high poverty areas.

My constituents deserve better than this budget. America deserves better than this budget. And I will not stop until I see something workable on the table."

## Chairman Crowley on President Trump's FY18 Budget Proposal

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement after President Trump released today a \$1.1 trillion budget that makes deep cuts to education, innovation, veterans, and assistance programs that Americans value.

"It stands beyond reason that a president who claimed to be concerned with working Americans, expanding the American economy, and keeping Americans healthy would author a budget that makes sweeping cuts to all these critical areas. It is abundantly clear that instead of investing in early education, skills training programs, and medical research, President Trump

is only interested in inflicting deep cuts to the programs Americans rely on – which amounts to an assault on working families and the poor.

"Nothing about the fiscal year 2018 budget puts America on the path toward long-term security. Pumping up defense spending while stripping funding for peacekeeping and other diplomatic efforts is extremely misguided. The budget proposal also has far too little support for veterans, as it would make deep cuts to National Institutes of Health and job training programs tailored toward returning service members.

"This is not how responsible leaders should govern."

## Five Companies Receive New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Certification

Office of General Services Commissioner today announced that the following five businesses have recently been certified by the Office of General Services' (OGS) Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (DSDVBD):

- Resilient Support Services Inc., located in Watervliet, NY, which provides general contracting, electrical/HVAC/high voltage power systems, and support services.
- Walker Diving Underwater Construction LLC, located in Hammonton, NJ, which provides marine construction, commercial diving, and underwater construction.
- Protek Government Solutions LLC, located in New City, NY, which provides system integration design services for information technology.
- HarpData, located in Buffalo,

NY, which provides technology consulting services, technology roadmaps, security design and cyber security.

• Perimeter Security Inc., located in Bronx, NY, which provides security, patrol, and watch guard services.

The Division was created by Governor Andrew Cuomo in May, 2014 with enactment of the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act. As of March 9, 2017, a total of 307 businesses have been certified.

The Act promotes and encourages participation of SDVOBs in NYS public procurements of public works, commodities, services and technology to foster and advance economic development in the State. More information on the program and the certification process can be found here <http://ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp>.

## Assembly Budget Puts Families First

Budget increases education investment by \$1.8 billion, takes steps to fund the Foundation Aid obligation, and expands access to higher education

Fixes problems with the STAR program, rejecting added hassles for seniors

Invests in quality, affordable health care to ensure access to needed care

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows) announced this week that the Assembly's proposed 2017-18 state budget preserves and protects programs that puts families first, including a total of \$26.3 billion in education funding, changes to the state's tax structure benefiting working and middle class families, and a \$65 million appropriation for the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).

"With a federal administration proposing cuts to programs and

resources, now more than ever it is important that we are taking proactive measures as a state," said Rozic. "The Assembly took a standing in crafting and passing a budget proposal that protects the middle class and helps lift up, not push down, those struggling to get by. We are a state that looks out for one another – our proposal reflects that and moves New York forward."

Rozic says the Assembly's 2017-18 \$153.8 billion spending plan:

- Allocates \$26.3 billion in school aid, an increase of \$1.8 billion over last year, and rejects the Executive Branch's repeal of the Foundation Aid formula, beginning a four-year phase-in of the state's obligation to its neediest school districts;
- Promotes college affordability by increasing funding for opportunity programs, expanding the Tuition Assistance Program, and also including a new refundable

credit for interest on student loans;

- Provides CUNY with \$100 million in capital funding to help pay for new projects, allocates \$6.5 million for community base aid, and restores \$902,000 in funding for CUNY to Child Care Centers;
- Continues a gradual reduction in personal income taxes for middle income wage earners that began last year. When fully implemented, the tax reductions will benefit about six million New Yorkers;
- Fixes changes made last year to the state's School Tax Relief (STAR) program so that all eligible homeowners receive deserved tax relief upfront as a reduction in their school tax bill. The budget also rejects the Executive Budget's proposed changes to the Enhanced STAR program that would require eligible seniors for STAR register with the state and participate in

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## Whirl With Merle

### WHERE HAVE ALL THE DELIS GONE?

by Merle Exit

I have had a craving for a kosher overstuffed tongue sandwich on rye bread. The kind that you can only get at a kosher deli. These days they are few and far between. According to Jay Parker, owner of Ben's Best, at 96-40 Queens Blvd., there were once up to eight kosher delis just in the surrounding area of Rego Park. Now, Ben's Best is only one of two located in all of Queens County.

Jay isn't the first owner as it was being passed down through his grandparents who immigrated from Poland and Russia during the 1930's. This was the all too common story of people who would never take a hand out and sacrificing their life to better the future of their children's. They did not want their offspring to work in a deli but rather go to school and grow into a more lucrative business. At that time the grandparents worked and lived atop a canned goods store. Jewish immigrants, particularly the Ashkenazi, yearned for their own "comfort food" of the meats, soups and what were considered inexpensive "delicacies". Jay told me that back in the 1930s and once the slicing machine was invented, there were 1500 kosher delis in New York City and that now there are only about a dozen.

Jay's father, Benjamin, was the first to own this boutique delicatessen in 1945. Jay took over in 1984 after his father died, trading Wall Street for pastrami and quite happy and proud that he did. "You just can't get this stuff anywhere else".

Of the space, half is taken up by the counter and kitchen. There is no party room. Jay says he likes it this way as keeping up the quality and taste is easier to serve and satisfy a smaller amount of diners at a time.

Finished with the history. Let's get to the food. I really wanted to sample everything on the menu. I settled on what I felt were the important ones starting with Jewish penicillin. In other words, Chicken Soup with a huge Knaidel (matzo ball), thin noodles, a couple of carrot slices and pieces of chicken. It's all about the broth using whole chickens, chicken bones and soup greens. I found that there was just enough salt to taste the savored flavor. Hey, you can always add salt, but you can't take it out.

Chopped liver, for those that have never had it, is made from chicken livers. Schmaltz (chicken fat), hard boiled eggs and onions are added. All is ground up to what would be considered a chunkier pate. I recall years ago when my mother made this and she had to use a chopper rather than a food processor. The chicken fat was taken directly from a fresh kosher chicken. When fried up, there were small pieces of the crisp fat, called greeven. Great on rye bread. Chopped liver at



Ben's Best is served with slices of red onions, red peppers, black olives and some lettuce. Oy, what a great sandwich it made, not to mention the good taste. Jay has the bread specially made with caraway seeds that are totally ground. No more having someone point at your teeth.

Stuffed cabbage is another favorite of mine. Cabbage leaves are basically stuffed with ground beef and cooked rice, along with a few other ingredients, then simmered in tomato soup. I found both the taste and consistency a bit different from ones I've had before, even making it myself. Ah! The beef was ground a bit more than usual and tomato SOUP is better than tomato SAUCE. The cabbage roll is served with peas and carrots atop.

Since I have mentioned cabbage, I'll mention the cole slaw and pickles that are served with meals. Thank goodness, there wasn't vinegar in the cole slaw. Pickles are coming from a barrel and not a jar. One sour, one half sour. Perfect!

Potato pancakes (latkes) may be typical of Chanukah. You don't have to wait for the holiday. Made from grated potato (less the water), onion, matzo meal, flour, eggs and oil, they are thick. Jay has them served with apple sauce that is freshly made on the premises. Option at home is to serve with sour cream. There isn't any dairy served here.

Kasha Varnishkes are actually a Sephardic recipe that combines these buckwheat groats with far-

falle bow-tie pasta. There are no meat products in this version. If the waitperson asks if you want beef gravy served on the side, ask "Which side?"

A delicious knish is a standard. What make a difference is the knishwich, a sandwich of meat served inside a knish. It's like having your meat and potatoes in a better form. All of the meats are made on the premises. Ben's Best is well known for the pastrami. I had sampled the pastrami, corned beef, brisket of beef and turkey. I could see what the pastrami rave was all about.

No, I did not forget the tongue. It is quite difficult to buy at a meat market or supermarket as I have heard from many that the Chinese discovered what they find as a "delicacy". That's right, they are shipped off to China and will pay highly for it. It's not unusual to find the price of cooked tongue here at about \$40 per pound. Jay's overstuffed sandwich has about a half pound of meat. In other words, eat it sparingly! Nurse it! Savor it! Love every bite of it! My craving has been satisfied for a while. Oy, a mechayah!

Stressed is desserts spelled backwards. Jay said that they make their own baklava. Perfect timing as the baklava was just coming out of the oven. Twist my arm. OMG it was awesome! Aside from eating it hot, I notice that the walnuts were chopped fine. As much as I like baklava, I don't particularly want to chomp on nuts.

(March 23 to March 29)

It's a monster week! The Queens Marathon returns. Shakespeare starts two runs. The Russian National Ballet performs. Two symphonic orchestras start their seasons. And some wacky art gets wackier.

March 23, King Lear, April 9. Using plenty of poetic license, this version shows King Lear at the onset of Alzheimer's disease. He divides his empire among his feuding children and wrestles with his mortality. All show times are 7:30 pm. \$18 in advance/\$20 at the door. The Secret Theatre, 44-02 23rd St., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2mIPIJz>.

March 23, Queens Symphony Orchestra, 7 pm. A night of Mozart. Free. All Saints Episcopal Church, 85-45 96th St., Woodhaven, <http://bit.ly/2ntggx8>.

March 24, Twelfth Night, April 9. Titan Theatre Company, an artist-in-residence, presents the Shakespearean comedy Twelfth Night at various times. A shipwreck leaves Viola with fears that her twin brother is dead. She ends up in a love triangle after masquerading as a man (in her brother's clothes) in order to procure a job. \$18. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2n1AyLw>.

March 24, Global Mashup I, 8 pm. Two musical genres share one stage with an open dance floor. Each band plays a set, then the two meet and jam. Basilio Georges and his Flamenco Latino join Lucy Blanco and the Afri-Garifuna Jazz Ensemble, which does a fusion of jazz and Garifuna music. (Garifunas are descendants of Africans who rejected slavery and settled in villages along the north coast of Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, and Nicaragua as well as St. Vincent.) Dance lessons are at 7 pm. \$16. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2nXzIP8>.

March 24, The LGBTQ Refugee Crisis, 12:20 pm. City Council Member Daniel Dromm leads a panel discussion on LGBTQ populations that flee war zones. Kupferberg Holocaust Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, <http://bit.ly/2mNxxjXv>.

March 25, Kids of Queens Run, 9 am. This two-mile friendly race is a kick-off for the marathon and the Queens Distance Runners Youth Program. Free to first 200 participants. Meet at Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2n6XivA>.

March 25, Hike Hell Gate, 11:30 am. This photo walk commemorates the 100th anniversary of Hell Gate Bridge. Meet at Socrates Sculpture Park (32-01 Vernon Blvd., LIC) and then go to the Astoria Houses, Welling Court, Shore Boulevard, and Hell Gate Bridge, <http://bit.ly/2mNrMA9>.

March 25, Wine, Women, and Song, 8:30 pm (and March 26 at 3 pm). A musical tribute to women consisting of popular songwriters from the 1920s through the 1950s.

\$22/\$20 for children and seniors. Theatre by the Bay, 13-00 209th St., Bayside, <http://bit.ly/2dIppqC8>.

March 25, Candlelight Tours, 5 pm. Live music, tours by candlelight, mulled cider. \$5/free for children. Onderdonk House, 1820 Flushing Ave., Ridgewood, <http://bit.ly/1bjQBAP>.

March 25, Temporary Walls, 3 pm. Working at the intersection of sculpture, drawing, and dance, Lauren Bakst and Yuri Masnyj present Temporary Walls, a new installation and performance piece made specifically for the venue's basement. SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2lMIHoA>.

March 25, 1950s Tea Social, 3:30 pm. Prize for best costume. Lecture on permanent resident Volney "Cold Cream King" Chapin Dagget. Sandwiches and desserts. \$25. The Center at Maple Grove, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd., Kew Gardens.

March 26, Second Annual Queens Marathon, 8 am. Domestic runners from as far away as Missouri, Texas, and Illinois, and international runners from England, Scotland, Australia, and Sweden join locals in this 26.2-mile race. \$120/\$160 on the day of the race. Meet at Universe Court, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2hrpbee>.

March 26, Swan Lake, 3 pm. With music by Tchaikovsky, the Russian National Ballet presents this German fairy tale about the heroic young Prince Siegfried, who labors to free the beautiful swan maiden Odette from an evil sorcerer's spell. \$39-\$42. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, <http://bit.ly/2mJa2VM>.

March 26, Love Lives of Sea Creatures, 4:30 pm. Short films by the French inventor and filmmaker who pioneered underwater filmmaking, the actor/filmmaker who explores the reproductive behavior of sea creatures, and the Italian neorealist master Roberto Rossellini, followed by a conversation with Dr. Mandë Holford, whose research focuses on how the venom of marine snails can be used in drug development for pain and cancer treatment. \$15. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, <http://bit.ly/2mNK9ES>.

March 26, QSO: Team Spirit, 3 pm. Watch and hear how the Queens Symphony Orchestra creates beautiful, exciting, and powerful music. Works include: Giacomo Rossini, Overture to the Barber of Seville; Robert Sheldon, Danzas Cubanias; Jean Sibelius, Finlandia; and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No.5 II. Free. Kupferberg Center for the Arts, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2ntkmFR>.

March 26, From Freedom to Bohemia, 11 am. Official Queens historian Jack Eichenbaum leads

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Queens Times Weekly ...  
**HOROSCOPE**  
 For the Week of ... 3/23/17 - 3/29/17

For Entertainment Purposes Only

**ARIES**  
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)  
 Sit tight. Things aren't as bad as they appear. You may find yourself interested in more than one person.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 5,9,7

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)  
 Ask a close friend for advice. Overexertion and negligence will be your worst enemies. Partnerships could prove to be lucrative.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 7,3,1

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 You will have a greater involvement in groups; however, they may not be to your advantage. Be careful that you aren't saddled with the responsibilities of others.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 6,9,1

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Personal problems may be hanging over your head but don't confront the situation. Don't get depressed, get busy.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 1,4,9

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)  
 Frustrations and limitations could cause anxiety today. Be aware of deception when it comes to your position, and be sure not to jump to conclusions.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 8,3,6

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Your efforts won't go unnoticed; however, someone you work with may get jealous. Don't draw too much attention to yourself at work.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 8,6,9

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 You might consider signing up for seminars that will not only bring you enlightenment but also broaden your circle of friends.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 7,3,2

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 Physical activity will help defuse your frustration. You should visit a friend or relative who hasn't been feeling up to par.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 4,3,8

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 Investments that deal with property will pay off but could cause conflict with some family members. Do what's best for the people you love most.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 6,3,1

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
 If you join intellectual or cultural groups, you should meet individuals who stimulate you. Try to include the one you love in your plans this week.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 8,6,4

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 New romantic relationships will develop through group activity related to sports events.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 4,8,7

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 You have to feel free to come and go as you please to achieve happiness. You can stabilize your situation if you compromise.  
 Your lucky numbers are: 8,4,2

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**Mets To Host Exhibition Game Friday, March 31 Vs. Army At Citi Field**

The New York Mets announced today that the previously scheduled exhibition game at West Point Friday, March 31 has been relocated to Citi Field. First pitch is scheduled for 1:10 p.m. The change of venue follows last week's snow storm in the Hudson Valley which impacted the playing field at West Point.

General admission tickets for Field Level seating are on sale now at mets.com/army or by calling (718) 507-TIXX. Tickets are \$10 and net proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Mets Foundation. All active and retired military members with military identification will be allowed to attend the game along with one guest for free.

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Crossword Puzzle"**

PUMP DEALS GUTS  
 ASIA IDIOT UNIT  
 CELL SERPENTINE  
 TREASON SPUTTER  
 VOW TASSE  
 TABERNACLES  
 SCORE BEAMY TOP  
 KENS ABASE HOBBO  
 SSE AROSE BEFIT  
 WATERCRAFTS  
 SCARF RED  
 CAROUSE REDRESS  
 UNDULATION ORAL  
 MOOT PARSE ONTO  
 SERE STEEL MEET

**"Try and Find"**

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**"Sudoku"**

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4	5	6	8	1	2	9	3	7
6	8	9	5	2	3	1	7	4
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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Reprimand
  - Spike
  - Head
  - Snouted animal
  - Relating to aircraft
  - Throw
  - A long-legged S. American bird
  - Cow sounds
  - False god
  - Possessions
  - What we kiss with
  - Family
  - Overact
  - Arch of the foot
  - Rituals
  - Of the cheekbone
  - Style of sofa
  - Dainty
  - Akin
  - Rate
  - The study of symbols
  - Verse
  - Frequently
  - A hot spring
  - Not lies
  - Children's game
  - Rime
  - Happening
  - Against
  - Website addresses
  - French school
  - Reclined
  - Eccentric person
  - Sand bar
  - A flat mass of ice
  - Chops
  - Lad

- DOWN**
- Knife
  - An enclosure
  - Iridescent gem
  - Large luxurious car
  - Imbiber
  - Street urchin
  - Many millennia
  - Tailless amphibian
  - A small cavity or dimple
  - School of thought
  - A financial examination
  - Metaphor or hyperbole
  - L L L L
  - Defraud
  - Japanese apricot
  - Rapscallions
  - Not
  - Slender
  - A shallow drum
  - Rule
  - Yucky
  - Blackthorn
  - Negatives
  - Heyday
  - Lascivious look
  - Albeit
  - Frequently, in poetry
  - Lapse
  - Needlefish
  - Relating to tone
  - Relative magnitudes
  - Elephant horns
  - 50%
  - Algonquian Indian
  - A ball of yarn
  - Reflected sound
  - Midday
  - Family group
  - Evasive

**TRY AND FIND**

**SOUP'S ON**

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| Carrot  | Egg Drop | Lentil   | Turkey    |
| Celery  | Escarole | Onion    | Vegetable |
| Cheese  | Fish     | Potato   | Wonton    |

## Dozens of Vets Seek Employment at Senator Sanders' Job & Resource Fair

State Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village) held a successful Veterans Job & Resource Fair on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Daniel M. O'Connell American Legion Post 272 in Rockaway Beach. The event coincided with the 14th Anniversary of the start of the Iraq War, and provided an opportunity to both assist veterans and celebrate their service to our country.

Dozens of veterans, representing nearly every branch of the military, packed the legion, which is housed inside the Knights of Columbus seeking jobs and other assistance. There were over 40 different organizations on hand to help with their needs.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs were available to provide support with healthcare and other VA benefits. The IRS offered free tax tips and advice, while Cindy Katz, coordinator of the Veteran's Justice Project at Queens Legal Services, provided free legal help. Leah Solomon of the NYS Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds helped vets search for cash on the spot.

A wide array of job opportunities were also available in fields ranging from healthcare and construction to transportation and retail. The event was a top to bottom vet function with the festivities being sponsored by Veteran Movers NYC, a company owned and operated by veterans and a complimentary lunch being catered by Vets Inc., another veteran owned and operated company.

"My friends, we are gathered here because we need to take care of ourselves," Sanders said. "If you are looking for this society to do right by you - forget about it. We need to do for ourselves, and with ourselves. We need to work with our organizations. If you are a young veteran, one of the first things you need to do is get connected. Don't try to deal with the



system on your own."

The event was co-sponsored by Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer Amato.

"It was such an honor to co-host this superb event to help our Veterans secure good-paying jobs," Pheffer Amato said. "Vets have the best possible skill set - no wonder they were literally recruiting for a captain for our long-awaited Citywide Ferry! When you have a crucial community or business program, you know a Veteran can get it done. Every person in that room has earned our respect a million times over. I want to thank Senator Sanders, and I know I speak for him when I say we both want to thank all the Vets who came out and the folks who helped pull this event together. I look forward to doing much more along these lines."

Senator Sanders' Veterans Job & Resource Fair represents continued outreach by his office to the veteran community.

Featured guests at the event included: Alliance Computing Solutions, American Legion (Daniel M. O'Connell Post 272), Black Veterans For Social Justice, Citywide Ferry by Hornblower, Combined Insurance, COCOON Homecare Reborn, CVO Home for Female Veterans Inc., CVS Health, Defender Security Services, Depart-

ment of Justice - Federal Bureau of Prisons, Easter Seals, FDNY, Helmets to Hardhats, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Jericho Project, Knights of Columbus, Metropolitan Transit Authority, Non-Traditional Employment for Women, NYC Board of Elections, NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), NYC Department of Correction, NYC Department of Veterans' Services, NYC Human Resources Administration, NYC Small Business Administration, NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs, NYPD, NYS Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds, NYS Department of Civil Service, Ocean Bay Community Development Corporation, Queens College, Queens Legal Services, Richmond Hill Army Recruitment Center, Royal Care, Samaritan Village, Skanska Walsh, U.S. Border and Customs Patrol, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, United States Postal Service (USPS), Veteran Movers NYC and Vets Inc.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for allowing us to use their space and for providing refreshments for the guests. Also thanks to Jim Trainor, the Queens County Commander of the American Legion, and American Legion Post 272 for helping to facilitate the event.

## Crowley on 'Empire State Kickback' Included in Harmful Republican Health Care Repeal Bill



House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement after Republican leaders included a provision in the GOP health care repeal bill that would deny federal matching funds for Medicaid dollars raised in New York State counties:

"The American Health Care Act will tremendously harm New

York State, its residents, and the country as a whole by ending health care coverage for 24 million Americans, raising premiums for seniors, and cutting billions of dollars from state Medicaid programs.

"And Republican leaders, upon realizing that even members of their own party were waking up to the damaging effects of the American Health Care Act, made a last-ditch play for votes by crafting a 'Empire State Kickback' provision. This provision would deny federal matching funds on any Medicaid dollars raised from counties and provide a powerful incentive for New York State to discontinue requiring county contributions altogether.

"Not only would New York City be left with the \$2 billion check once other New York counties stop paying into Medicaid, but the state

would be forced to respond to the lack of federal revenue in other ways - either through cuts to services, limiting Medicaid eligibility for New Yorkers, or reducing payments to health care providers. New York State could even feel obligated to raise property taxes or levy replacement fees on counties to make up the resulting shortfall.

"The 'Empire State Kickback' is nothing but political maneuvering of the worst kind - a shameful attempt to lure political support for a bill that remains, at its core, bad policy built by a bad process. Experts have questioned whether this kickback is constitutional, much less whether it will meet Senate budget rules. New Yorkers have had enough of backroom, closed-door dealing, and this amendment, like the base bill, should be rejected as the political ploy that it so clearly is."

## House Passes Meng Amendments as Part of Veterans Affairs Bill



chamber's consideration of her measure. "We also know that our service men and women sometimes have difficulty transitioning back to civilian life after serving. What could be better than having a service member with health care training and experience transition into employment with the VHA serving their brothers and sisters? Everyone wins with this amendment."

Meng's second amendment seeks to assist the VA Secretary in filling VHA positions for which there are severe staffing shortages.

Under current law, the Inspector General (IG) of the VA must issue an annual report on which positions within the agency are severely understaffed. The VA Secretary is then granted expedited hiring authority to fill those positions. Meng's provision permits the IG to report on additional shortages than those currently allowed by law so that the VA Secretary can fill those positions more quickly.

"Our veterans need the care that they have earned, and that they deserve. They need it now. The first step in that endeavor is making sure that VA staffing levels are adequate," Meng also said on the House floor.

Meng's amendments passed unanimously by voice vote. Both were approved as part of H.R. 1367, a bill to help hire and retain physicians and other employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs. H.R. 1367 passed 412 to 0.


The House of Representatives passed legislation which includes two amendments authored by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) that would provide employment opportunities to recently discharged service members, and address staffing shortages within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Meng's first amendment would require the Secretary of the VA to establish a program that encourages members of the Armed Forces serving as health professionals to pursue jobs with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) upon their discharge or separation from the military.


The VHA, a component of the VA, is the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing care to millions of veterans through VA medical centers, clinics and outpatient sites.

"As we all know, the VHA has existing shortages of health professionals," Meng said on the floor of the House during the





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## Senator Stavisky, Rep. Grace Meng & Councilman Peter Koo Celebrate Sino American Business Association's 15th Annual Gala

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing), joined by Congresswoman Grace Meng, Councilman Peter Koo, attended the 15th annual Sino-America Business Association Gala. The longstanding association has more than 100 members and is a strong presence in Flushing. Their mission is to foster beneficial relationships between American and Chinese businesses and promote entrepreneurship. SABA provides free cultural services and information to the community in order to build a bridge between the east and west.



**Pictured: Congresswoman Grace Meng, SABA President Jimmy Fu, Senator Stavisky, Councilman Peter Koo and SABA Founding President Annie Lin Fu, far right, with SABA members and business owners.**

## Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Greets Veterans for St. Patrick's Day

On Sunday, March 12th, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway) was honored to provide corned beef for, and to have an opportunity to speak at, a lunch for Veterans from the St. Albans Veterans' Affairs Center, held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Broad Channel.



"The first bill I submitted was for Veterans. My grandfather was a Veteran," said Pheffer Amato. "We literally owe these brave men and women everything. So any chance I can get to be of help, even in small ways, it's an honor. I want to thank the St. Albans VA, the Broad Channel VFW,

and everyone who came and who volunteered on Sunday. It was a wonderful event, and I can't wait to see everyone again."

## Senator Comrie Distributes Coats to Those in Need

Senator Leroy Comrie partnered with Rev. Dr. Maria Hubbard of AGAPE/Greater Bethel CDC, the NYC Department of Probation and the Jamaica YMCA to host a winter clothing giveaway on Thursday, March 16th. With cold and snowy weather still affecting the Northeast, Senator Comrie and Dr. Hubbard felt it was necessary to hold this event for people impacted by the plight of homelessness.



"A simple act of kindness, like providing men and women with clothes for themselves and their families, can go a long way in influencing their outlook, attitude, and ability to contribute to our community," said Senator Leroy Comrie. "I am glad to partner with AGAPE, NYC DOP and the Jamaica YMCA to lend a friendly hand to the men and women who reside at the Y."

"Today, it was a great honor to stand with Senator Leroy Comrie and his staff in distributing coats to the disadvantaged," said Rev. Dr. Maria Hubbard, a long-time community activist and philan-

thropist. "Together, we did not just meet the needs of the poor, but encouraged their spirits that they are not forgotten in the midst of a troubling political climate. Agape/Greater Bethel CDC mission stems out of the vein of Dr. Martin L. King's final project, 'The War on Poverty/The Poor People's Campaign.' Dr. King stated that 'God never intended for one group of people to live in superfluous wealth while others live in abject deadening poverty.' I am grateful

that Queens has a great senator who endeavors to meet the needs of all of the people in his district." "Our residents often times don't have winter coats," said Cedric Dew, Executive Director of the Jamaica YMCA. "We really appreciate this opportunity to receive such a generous gift, especially with winter lingering into March." Over 100 coats were distributed making this continuing winter weather a bit more bearable for those in need.



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## Assembly Budget Puts Families First

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the Income Verification Program. Currently, seniors are able to register with their local assessor or register when they file their income tax returns – a process that is far easier;

- Provides \$1 million for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) and \$1 million for Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NNORCs), which help keep seniors in the homes and neighborhoods where they have lived much of their lives;
- Restores \$78.8 million to Medicaid programs and \$37.6 million

in public health programs targeted in the Executive Budget proposal for consolidation. The Assembly budget proposal allocates \$14.6 million to the Essential Plan, an affordable health plan for low-income individuals and families, rejecting premium and co-pay increases;

- Invests \$700 million in capital funding for the state's health care and community-based providers, and includes over \$79 million to combat heroin and opioid addiction in our communities;
- An additional \$50 million in Consolidated Highway Improvement Programs (CHIPs) funds to help communities keep their roads

and bridges in good repair. The budget also includes allocations for the Pave NY Program, which helps municipalities to reconstruct local highways and roads;

- Rejects the Executive Budget proposal to reduce MTA funds by \$65 million. The Assembly has opted to fund a \$65 million capital appropriation to help the MTA run more efficiently for the millions of people who rely on it;
- Includes \$350,000 to create the office of the Utility Consumer Advocate, to serve as an independent advocate and represent the interests of residential utility customers who have issues related to billing or service.

## Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Honors Mother, Audrey Pheffer, at JCCRP

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She's been my role model for how I treat people, for going into public service, for learning that there are absolutely no limits on what a woman can do.

"What everybody says about her is what I take with me every day:

it was never about politics with Audrey Pheffer," Pheffer Amato continued. "That's why I don't talk about being a politician, to this day. I talk about community service. That's what I learned, and that's what I hope I pass on. Thank you, mom, for giving everyone here such a crystal-clear example

of what that looks like."

The Breakfast, which took place at Congregation Kneseth Israel (commonly referred to as "The White Shul"), was in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the JCCRP, a large and well-established social service organization serving the Rockaway Peninsula.

## House Passes Meng Legislation Honoring 100th Anniversary Of First Woman Sworn-Into Congress

*Measure would rename existing STEM grant program after former Rep. Jeannette Rankin Congresswoman had ties to NYC*

As the nation continues its observance of Women's History Month, the House of Representatives passed legislation sponsored by U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) that would honor the 100th anniversary of the first woman sworn-into Congress, former Rep. Jeannette Rankin (R-Montana).

The 100 Years of Women in Congress Act (H.R. 382), would rename the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program (WAMS)" to the "Jeannette Rankin Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program." Rankin, in addition to being the first woman elected to Congress, was a trailblazer in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology in 1902.

"Today, the House fully em-

braces Women's History Month by passing my legislation commemorating the incredible legacy of Rep. Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress, even before women had the right to vote," said Meng. "From politics to the sciences, Rep. Rankin was a true pioneer who continues to be an inspiration for women everywhere. I am grateful that my colleagues unanimously agreed to recognize her impact on our nation's history by passing the 100 Years of Women in Congress Act."

If renamed, the WAMS program would remain a competitive grants program for colleges and universities to encourage women and minorities to pursue research, degrees, and careers in STEM fields. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women make up 47 percent of the total U.S. workforce, but are still vastly underrepresented in STEM fields. Although gains have been made, women still comprise only 39 percent of chemists and material scientists, 28 percent of environ-

mental scientists and geoscientists, 16 percent of chemical engineers and 12 percent of civil engineers.

Born in 1880, Jeannette Rankin represented the state of Montana in the House. She was elected on November 7, 1916, almost four years prior to ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave women the right to vote.

Rankin also had ties to New York City. She helped organize the New York Women's Suffrage Party and worked for the National American Woman Suffrage Association, which was headquartered in New York City. She attended the New York School of Philanthropy which later became part of Columbia University.

The 100 Years of Women in Congress Act was co-authored by former Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Montana), now Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The legislation passed unanimously by voice vote. The bill also passed the House during the last session of Congress by a vote of 377-6.

## Peralta & School Construction Authority Unveil New Building Design for Corona's PS 143 to Replace Classroom Trailers

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Years after proposing the construction of a permanent addition to P.S. 143 in Corona to alleviate chronic school overcrowding, State Senator Jose Peralta, alongside the School Construction Authority, unveiled this morning the design of the new building to more than one hundred parents in the school's auditorium. The new structure will replace the current decades-old classroom trailers located in the surrounding area. It will be constructed on land owned by the City's Parks Department.

"Like I said many times, no child, no child, should be

educated in a trailer, and I hope once this project is completed, overcrowding at PS 143 will just be a chapter of its history," said Senator Peralta, who two years ago stood on school grounds with parents demanding the construction of this permanent addition. "Almost one thousand new seats to replace the mini building and the rundown trailers will help our students learn in the environment they deserve. It will give them a better opportunity to succeed."

"This brand new, state-of-the-art addition builds on our continued collaboration with local leaders to address overcrowding in School District 24" said Lor-

raine Grillo, President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York City School Construction Authority. "We are thrilled to construct a beautiful and modern learning environment for the PS 143 students to grow and thrive in and look forward to bringing these 980 new seats to Corona as fast as possible."

"Parks is happy that we were able to work with the School Construction Authority to design a solution that allows the school to expand, while also improving the recreational amenities in Louis Armstrong Park. I'd like to

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## Queens Sports

### Tennis Team is 'Hot' by Robert Elkin

With the winter sports season of basketball and hockey soon to be completed except for the playoff bound teams, if any in the met area, the spring sports of outdoor tennis, baseball track and field and horse racing, are underway at all levels.

One sport that seems to be neglected by the fans and even the media is tennis, especially if it's not the US Open. Plans for the US Open are already underway. Crowds do not come out for tournaments on the lower levels, only if a parent has a student or relative participating.

Sticking with tennis, last spring the Queens College tennis program made a good run in its conference and

overall and continued to build on its success.

Another success that Queens had was that its matches were staged outdoors on schedule unless inclement weather, especially rain forced it to go indoors as the college has its own courts for its matches.

The men's team, who is coached by a female, has done very well and has been certainly looking ahead to the future. The women's team has been coached by a male who has been a veteran at this sport.

Students come from nearby including Queens and Long Island. However, Queens' roster comes from foreign countries, as well, and are a definite plus to the college. Under graduates as

well as seniors are performing very well.

Not surprisingly, the men's team is highly ranked in Division II of the NCAA. In their East Coast Conference, Queens College was picked to finish second. Queens' coaches and players are hoping to win their conference title, which is their first step toward a successful season. At press time, Queens has a 3-4 overall record and is ranked second behind New York Institute of Technology in the East Coast Conference.

Queens College is the only City University of New York College that competes in Division II of the NCAA. This year in basketball it certainly showed it with a new head coach.

### Broderick Dominates in Doubleheader Split Against Pace

After two weeks of horrible weather, the Queens College baseball team returned back to action Tuesday afternoon in a non-conference doubleheader against the Setters of Pace University. The Knights dropped game one, 7-4, before senior Joseph Broderick took over in game two to give the Knights a split on the day with a 4-1 win. Queens improved to 6-5 on the season, while Pace moved to 6-7.

Game One  
Pace 7, Queens 4

The Setters took the early lead in the bottom of the second as they worked ahead Knights starter Nick Morena, as Brian Bohlander reached on a fielder's choice to score Domenick Luongo for the opening score. Morena induced a fly out to center field to get out of the inning before any further damage can take place. The next inning, Luongo doubled the Setters lead, 2-0, before Garrett De Lotto scored on a wild pitch to extend the lead to 3-0.

The Knights struck back in the top of the sixth, as junior Thomas Parish scored on a third basemen throwing error to cut into the deficit, 3-1. Sophomore Andrew Navarez brought home senior Joe Morris with a single to left center, as the Knights got within one (3-2) with two outs. Navarez stole second before advancing to third base on a wild pitch. Junior Billy Riches looked to equal the game before a diving stop by first basemen De Lotto got the third

out of the inning.

The Setters answered right back by adding insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth and seventh innings to take a 7-2 lead. The Knights refused to go away, as junior Joseph Pidoto scored on a passed walk before Parish scored on a wild pitch to cut the deficit down to 7-4. Queens threatened in the top of the ninth with one out, two on base and the tying run up at bat. However, Setters closer Michael Amato had other plans, as he picked up the save by striking out Pidoto before Setters catcher Frank Mayo got senior Kevin Kolesar caught stealing at second base to end game one.

Morena (2-1) picked up his first loss of the season, going for five hits, two earned runs and two strikeouts in three innings of work, while Setters starter Dan Wirchansky (1-2) held the Knights at bay with seven strikeouts and five hits in six innings. Kolesar, playing his first game after a four game hiatus, showed no rust, as he went for 3-for-5. Parish went 2-for-2 with two runs and walks, while Navarez (1-for 4, 1 RBI) and Riches (1-for-4) each recorded a hit.

Game Two  
Queens 4, Pace 1 (F/7)

The Knights jumped on Setters starter Kyle Cashman (0-2) from the first inning, as Kolesar got hit by a pitch before juniors Paulino Harrington and Karl Klesin each singled to load the bases. Pidoto delivered with an RBI sacrifice fly to right field to

score Kolesar, and Parish continued his excellent run of the afternoon with another single to score Harrington, as the Knights led 2-0 after one.

Broderick was dominant from the start, as he delivered from pitch one before giving up his first hit in the bottom of the third before, striking out the side, as the Setters were unable to pick up his speed and pitches. The Knights doubled their advantage in the top of the fourth to help their starter, as Queens went up 4-0 behind Klesin and Pidoto RBIs. In the bottom of the sixth, Broderick ran into his only trouble of the evening, as John Kukura doubled with one out before scoring on a De Lotto RBI single to left field. Broderick returned in the seventh inning to strike out the side to earn his second win of the season.

Broderick (2-1) pitched a masterful game of seven innings with a season-high 13 strikeouts, allowing three hits and one earned run to earn the complete-game win. Kolesar went 2-for-3 with two runs for his second multi-hit game in a row, while Klesin went for 3-for-4 with an RBI. Parish continued his form, going 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Pidoto hit 1-for-3 with two RBI.

UP NEXT: The Knights open up East Coast Conference play Saturday, March 25, as they travel to Uniondale, N.Y. to face the Lions of Molloy College at Mitchel Field Athletic Complex with first pitch set for noon.

## IT'S IN QUEENS

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a walking tour that starts at the F train stop on Roosevelt Island and proceeds to Four Freedoms Park. Then participants cross the bridge into LIC before ending at Bohemian Hall, the Czech beer garden. \$20. RSVP required: [jaconet@aol.com](mailto:jaconet@aol.com).

March 26, Performing Geometries, 3 pm. A performance by Shanti Grumbine and short film screening with Tatiana Istomina, followed by a conversation with exhibition curator Gabriel de Guzman. Free. Dorsky Gallery, 11-03 45th Ave., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2nEgplg>.

March 27, A Refugee's Story: Lessons in Exile for One of Iraq's Last Jews, 1:30 pm. Cynthia Kaplan Shamash talks about difficulties faced by political and religious refugees. She

also discusses new book, *The Strangers We Became*, which relates her Jewish family's odyssey as they fled in Iraq in the 1960s. Central Queens Y, 67-09 108th St., Forest Hills, <http://bit.ly/2nfJWNL>.

March 28, Lights, Camera, Music, 3 pm. The Astoria Symphony Orchestra presents Hollywood hits from classic romances, westerns, fantasies, and space thrillers. \$40. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, <http://bit.ly/2n186JV>.

March 29, Queens Symphony Orchestra, 7 pm. A night of Broadway show tunes. Free. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 101-41 91st St., Ozone Park, <http://bit.ly/2ntggx8>.

March 29, QCA Creative Conversations, 6 pm. Ryan Gilliam, Chair of Fourth Arts Block and Artistic/Executive Director of Down-

town Art, leads a meeting on the establishment of artist-driven spaces and the creation of cultural districts. SUNY Queens Educational Opportunity Center, 158-29, Archer Ave., Jamaica, <http://bit.ly/2mNKJ5r>.

March 29, Piece with Gaps for Each Other, April 1. Performance art with Ursula Eagly, Martin Lanz Landázuri, and Kohji Setoh with contributions by Madeline Best, Jamie Boyle, Mina Nishimura, and Kathy Westwater. Shows are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 pm. \$20. The Chocolate Factory, 5-49 49th Ave., LIC, <http://bit.ly/2nfPHeC>.

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### Pooch-Hater Tossing Splenda Packets Into Kew Gardens Dog Run

Kew Gardens dog owners are on edge because someone has been repeatedly throwing packets of artificial sweetener Splenda into their local dog run, possibly trying to hurt their pooches, they said.

"There has been multiple sightings of someone throwing Splenda packets in the Forest Park Barking Lot," dog owners posted on the run's Facebook page, adding that they needed "the dog park community to come together and help catch the perpetrators."

Some food products

can be extremely toxic, or even fatal, to dogs, like another artificial sweetener Xylitol, which can be found in chewing gum, some baked goods, mints and chocolate bars.

Splenda, experts say, is less likely to cause harm, but could still trigger intestinal distress.

"Splenda in minimal amounts — a few packets — is not toxic to dogs," said Dr. Tina Wismer, the medical director of the ASPCA's animal poison control center. But she also noted that "several cups of the sugar substitute

could cause vomiting and diarrhea."

The 9,000-square-foot dog run, known as the "Forest Park Barking Lot," was created last June near the Overlook, and is used daily by at least 100 dogs, the owners said.

"This needs to stop!" the post written last week also read. "The park is to be a safe place for our dogs to play and have fun! Not for them to go and get sick and die there!"

Dog owners said it's not the first time that someone in the neighborhood has tried to hurt their pooches.

### Peralta & School Construction Authority Unveil New Building Design for Corona's PS 143 to Replace Classroom Trailers

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thank Senator Peralta for his dedication to the mental and physical wellbeing of this community," said Queens Borough Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski.

The new state-of-the-art building will have a capacity for 980 students, new science laboratories, art and music rooms, and a large cafeteria. It is slated to open in September of 2020, and will be five stories high. With the new building, the six school trailers that accommodate almost two hundred first graders and the mini-building will be

removed.

"This is a victory for schoolkids, and I want to thank the parents, P.S. 143 and the community for their tireless efforts to bring about this project," said Senator Peralta. "I want to thank the School Construction Authority, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Education for partnering and working together to make this a reality. Our schoolchildren need this. Our schoolchildren deserve it."

PS 143 was built to accommodate about 900 students. It enrolls about 1,800, with students sitting

in six rundown trailers, a mini-building and an annex on 98th Street. "These so-called temporary classroom units, or trailers, have been here for decades. And just yesterday, students in these trailers faced frigid temperatures, making it difficult for them to learn," Senator Peralta said.

"We are very happy with this news, news about the construction of the new addition, and this wouldn't have happened without the help from Senator Peralta. He pushed for this project since the beginning," said Angélica Salgado, President of the Parent-Teacher Association at PS 143.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX #707938/2016 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-FLX3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-FLX3, Plaintiff(s), against

Unknown heirs at law of ALONZO DENSON, and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of who and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC DBA IN NEW YORK AS MIDLAND FUNDING OF DELAWARE LLC, MARGARET DENSON, any possible unknown heirs at law of MARGARET DENSON if living, and if any be dead, their respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE

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ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a certain consolidated mortgage dated January 24, 2007, executed by ALONZO DENSON to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE WORLD BANKERS, INC., its successors and assigns to secure the sum of \$353,000.00 and recorded in City Register File No. 2007000220398, in the Office of the CLERK of the County of QUEENS on April 27, 2007, which consolidated mortgage was later assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-FLX3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-FLX3, by assignment of mortgage which is dated December 10, 2009, and thereafter subject to corrective assignment of mortgage executed on September 1, 2015, covering premises known as 194-09 111th Road, Saint Albans, NY 11412 (Block 10952 and Lot 25). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named

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Defendants: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. David Elliot, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens on February 08, 2017. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward, Borough of and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 10952 and Lot 25, said premises known as 194-09 111th Road, Saint Albans, NY 11412. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. By virtue thereof, plaintiff has heretofore elected and by these presents hereby elects to accelerate the entire unpaid principal balance of \$374,137.08 to be immediately due and payable under the consolidated mortgage herein foreclosed, plus interest at the rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of the note from May 1, 2009, together with unpaid late charges in the amount of \$2,403.86 that have accrued prior to this action as of September 17, 2015, plus interest as stated above, and advances made or to be made to protect plaintiff's consolidated mortgage, and a reasonable amount for attorneys' fees to be determined by the court. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE

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Notice of Formation of 8543 Eliot LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/18/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Franklin Baharestani, 73-26 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

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101 RENTALS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/3/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 108-18 Queens Blvd Ste 906 Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

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HANYU HOLDINGS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/2017. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 217-05 53rd Avenue, Bayside, NY 11364. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 2/23,3/2,9,16,23&30/2017

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Notice of Qualification of Griffin Private Capital Group, LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/2017. Office location: Queens. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 11/01/2013. Princ. Office of LLC: 1135 Heatherstone Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1135 Heatherstone Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Name and addr. of LLC registered agent is available from SSNY. Arts. of Org. filed with VA Clerk of Commission of State: 11/01/2013. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

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176 United Partners LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 1/25/17. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 146-02 Hillside Ave, Jamaica, NY 11435. General Purposes. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

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Notice of formation of The Good Life I LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY SSNY on 12/12/2016. Office is located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against The LLC 44-45 Vernon Boulevard. LIC, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16&23/2017

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KAYLIN GROUP, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Leonardo Zen, 33-44 90th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Reg Agent: Leonardo Zen, 33-44 90th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16&23/2017

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Notice of Formation of THE OLIVSMITH LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 02/21/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 61-23 69 Lane, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/9,16,23,30,4/6&13/2017

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 7386-13 Date of Filing: February 7, 2017 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- NYNA TOWNSEL AKA ELEANOR N. TOWNSEL AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF LEE TOWNSEL, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said NYNA TOWNSEL AKA ELEANOR N. TOWNSEL AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF LEE TOWNSEL, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; WILLIAM H. TOWNSEL AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT TO KIN OF LEE TOWNSEL, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said WILLIAM H. TOWNSEL AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT TO KIN OF LEE TOWNSEL, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of

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service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable David Elliot, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on December 12, 2016, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by LEE TOWNSEL AKA LEE A TOWNSEL, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GOLDEN FIRST MORTGAGE CORP., its successors and/or assigns in the principal amount of \$491,782.00, which mortgage was recorded in Queens County, State of New York, on September 26, 2008 CRFN #: 2008000382892. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, by assignment of mortgage dated April 17, 2012 and recorded in CRFN: 2012000299901 in the County of Queens on July 30, 2012. Said premises being known as and by 190 -17 117TH ROAD, ST. ALBANS, NY 11412, which is more fully described in the attached Schedule "A." Date: December 4, 2014 Batavia, New York Virginia C Grapensteter, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue

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Batavia, NY 14020 585.815.0288 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working 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-BANKNYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies. 3/2,9,16&23/2017

Notice of Formation of IMPERIUM LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/09/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, regd. agent upon whom and at which process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 2/23,3/2,9,16,23&30/2017

Notice of Formation of NATURE POINTS ACUPUNCTURE, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/18/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 52-85 72nd Place, Apt #2, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/23,3/2,9,16,23&30/2017

NYA Realty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/22/17. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 102-21 63rd Dr., Forest Hills, NY 11375. General Purpose. 3/16,23,30,4/6,13&20/2017

BE HOME CARE, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/2017. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, C/O Central Assisted Living, 1509 Central Ave, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16&23/2017

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Notice of Formation of Apple3Condominium LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 1/5/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 3609 31st St., Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

Notice of Formation of WILLIAMSBURG BREAD LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 05/10/2011. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 31-22 71st, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/2,9,16,23,30&4/6/2017

E Home Shun LLC. Filed 2/3/17. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Corporate Filings Of New York, 90 State St Ste 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General. 3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2017

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1301039 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a bar under the ABC Law at 53-22 Roosevelt Ave., Woodside, NY 11377 for on-premises consumption; Solid State LLC 3/23&30/2017

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2016-3769 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TOPUBLICADMINISTRATOR-QUEENS COUNTY CYLA BREIT MAURICE BREIT To Chiel Mechel Irom, if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees, and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Michael Mankowski, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained. A petition having been duly filed by Ludwik Kowalczyk, who is domiciled at 103 Fernwood Road, Summit, NJ 07901. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on MAY 11th, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be

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made in the estate of Michael Mankowski lately domiciled at 67-38 108th Street, Apt D55, Forest Hills, New York 11375 admitting to probate a Will dated December 4, 2003, (a Codicil dated N/A) \_\_\_\_\_ (a Codicil dated N/A) \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of which is attached as the Will of Michael Mankowski deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that [X] Letters Testamentary issue to: Ludwik Kowalczyk [ ] Letters of Trusteeship issue to: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to: \_\_\_\_\_ (State any further relief requested) Dated, Attested and Sealed MARCH 17th 2017 HON. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate Lee J. Coulman Acting Chief Clerk Brian Tracz, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner 718-268-8700 Telephone Number 105-20 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills, New York 11375. Address of Attorney [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear It will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] 3/23,30,4/6&13/2017

Notice of formation of E & F QUEENS REALTY, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/13/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 15-04 College Point Blvd., College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: any lawful act. 3/23,30,4/6,13,20&27/2017

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 8, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-001118-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) JONATHAN (Middle) PHILIP ELIJAH (Last) CRAIG. My present name is (First) JONATHAN (Middle) ELIJAH (Last) CRAIG (infant). My present address is 176-18 129th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434-5820. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is January 15, 2011. 03/23/2017



### St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Annual St. Patrick's/ St. Joseph Party



St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus council #5911 had its annual St. Patrick's / St. Joseph party on Saturday March 11th. It was held at the Annex of St. Anastasia parish in Douglaston. The proceeds of event will go to various charities we support. In the picture are as follows, front row from left to right: Raffaele Mastromarco, Michael Proto, Frederick Bedell Jr. [Grand Knight ] William Cawley and Joseph Abt, back row- Michael DiOrio, Leonardo Samatino, John Ahern, Guisepppe Petruso, Pat McGonigle, and Ralph DiSala.

### Senator Stavisky Celebrates New York Farmers on National Agriculture Day

In honor of National Agriculture Day, Senator Toby Ann Stavisky recognizes the hardworking farmers in New York state. The Senator has the largest Future Farmers of America program in her district, located at John Bowne High School, a program she has long supported. Earlier this month, Senator Stavisky attended the New York Farm Bureau Reception in Albany where she sampled products made by local farmers.



Pictured: Senator Stavisky and Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins pet a calf at the New York Farm Bureau Reception in Albany this month.

### Council Member Dromm Marches in the St. Patricks Day Parade



Council Member Daniel Dromm marched twice in the Fifth Avenue St. Patrick's Day Parade - first with the City Council and then with the Lavender and Green Alliance. It is such a wonderful feeling to now march in an inclusive Manhattan St. Patrick's parade. Thank you to all the members of the board of the St. Patrick's Day Parade for their hard work. On Thursday, the City Council will honor Hilary Beirne, the founding chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Foundation, at City Hall.

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