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Point Of View

Is Smoking Marijuana as Hazardous as Smoking Cigarettes?

We at the Queens Times was wondering, now that the selling Marijuana for medical reasons is legal in some places, if smoking Marijuana would have the same effect cigarette smoking has on our health or the health of others. We did some research and found the following information and we want you our readers to come to your own conclusion.

The Regular use of marijuana or K2 shows the same respiratory problems as cigarette smoking. Persistent coughing, symptoms of bronchitis and more frequent chest colds are possible symptoms. In fact, as in cigarettes, smoking marijuana highly increases the risk of heart attack in regular users.

It is also alarming how harmful passive Smoking is to others. Passive smoking is also called secondhand smoke, involuntary smoking or environment smoke. Passive smoking is equally harmful and as dangerous as active smoking. Passive smoking occurs when the ambient or exhaled smoke comes in contact with the other person and inhaled by him/her.

Passive smoking is intricated with inhaling toxic components and various carcinogens, which are present in secondhand smoke. These carcinogens include benzene, benzo[a]pyrene, 1, 3-butadiene and 4-(methyinitrosamino)-1-(pyridyl)-1-butanone with various other harmful components.

Smoking marijuana on regular basis increases the likelihood of developing cancer of the head or neck; and, it has the potential to promote cancer of the lungs and other parts of the

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Maspeth Street Becomes Pope John Paul II Way In Sunday Ceremony At Holy Cross Church

Councilmember Crowley, Assemblywoman Markey and parishioners hold the sign with the new street name. Holy Cross Pastor Witold Mroziewski hold the NYC Proclamation honoring the day. See Story on page 2.

Council Member Vallone Helps The Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club Hand Out 200 Free Trees To Community

The Bayside-Whitestone Lions Club, in partnership with MillionTreesNYC and The New York Restoration Project, distributed 200 free trees to community residents! This is the third year the Bayside-Whitestone Lions have done this tree giveaway and Council Member Vallone, as Past President, was happy to lend a helping hand!

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respiratory tract because of the various carcinogens present in it. Smoking marijuana may badly affect the immune system's ability to fight disease.

Well, the conclusion we came to is that smoking anything is bad for your health and the health of the people around you. So, we do not understand why the powers to be would allow the smoking of Marijuana because of the documentation made by the medical profession on how hazardous smoking is to the society.

Maybe medical Marijuana could be made in a pill form for those who need the help from Marijuana's properties, which would eliminate the smoking aspect from the equation. Smoking is not good for anyone.

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"Of the many initiatives we have started this year, the Educational Ambassador Program is one of the top priorities for our office," said Council Member Vallone. "Each high school in our district will be sending us the best and brightest to become the ambassadors for the rest of the city to see and emulate. They will come to City Hall and present legislation they will have drafted, engage in district and city-wide community service, and work with our District attorney, Borough President and City Comptroller's office to engage in all aspects of public service. Providing this opportunity that gives each student every possibility of future success is the least we can do for our children."

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Assemblywoman Margaret Markey joined City Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley and parishioners and visitors to Holy Cross Church in Maspeth on April 6 for the installation of signage that memorializes the visit of Pope John Paul II to the parish at a time when he was a Cardinal.

Assemblywoman Markey said: "This co-naming of 56th Road as Pope John Paul II Way will provide all Maspeth residents and visitors to our community a permanent reminder of our historic connection to a revered spiritual leader who will soon be canonized as a saint."

The installation of the signage by the City's Department of Transportation was initiated by Councilwoman Crowley upon requests from the parish, Polish American Congress, Jewish Historical Society of Queens, the Polish-Jewish Dialogue Committee.

"As a borough that is home to many nationalities and religions, this Pope's connection to Queens seems particularly appropriate," added Assemblywoman Markey.

"The first non-Italian Pope in 400 years, he boldly reached out to the many cultures and religions of the world, creating dialogue and championing human rights for all. This designation will forever remind us of our special connection to a revered spiritual leader for all Catholics, and of a man who showed us how to act with love and devotion for all humanity," she said.

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Governor Cuomo Announces "Operation Hang Up" To Stop Distracted Driving

State Police and Local Law Enforcement to Conduct Statewide Cell Phone and Texting While Driving Crackdown April 10 – 15

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo thas announced that State Police and local law enforcement are stepping up patrols and checkpoints throughout the state from April 10 - 15 as part of "Operation Hang Up," which encourages drivers to focus on the road instead of using mobile devices. This effort combines periods of intense enforcement of anti-texting and hand held cell phone laws coupled with advertising and media outreach to let people know about the enforcement and convince them to obey the law.

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Governor Cuomo Announces Red License Plates For State And Local Government Emergency Response Vehicles

Red Plates will assist law enforcement in identifying vehicles during major storms or emergencies

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the Department of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing the first New York State emergency management red license plates for vehicles registered to State agencies and political subdivisions such as counties, cities, towns, and villages. Vehicles that serve a critical role will be given the new emergency license plates to assure they have immediate access to locations impacted during a state emergency as well as prioritized access for assets such as emergency fuel supplies. The red plates will carry a new Emergency Management (EM) indicator for quick identification.

"New York has lived through the new reality of repeated extreme weather and natural disasters and we are reimagining every part of how our state responds so that when the next storm comes, we are ready," Governor Cuomo said. "We are distributing the new red emergency license plates to local governments and agencies free of charge to help prioritize response efforts statewide. This will help law enforcement and first responders respond faster and keep New Yorkers safe when the worst happens."

The new plates will have a white background and a red banner with the "EM" designation appearing in the upper left hand corner. The name of the State Agency or the political subdivision and its county of primary use will also be displayed on the plate. "State" will appear at the bottom of State Agency plates. Sample images of the new plates can be viewed here and here.

The New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will determine how many red license plates will be available to the various agencies and localities. Initially most localities will be entitled to register for a minimum number of red plates. The vehicle must either be owned or controlled and registered in the name of the State agency or locality in order to be eligible for the new red license plate. Additionally, the highest ranking government official in each locality will certify that the identified vehicles are eligible for this program.

Letters were sent recently to the heads of eligible State Agencies and political subdivisions to advise them of the availability of these plates and to provide them information on how to apply. The new plates will begin to be distributed to the agencies and political subdivisions as applications are received and processed. There is no charge for the new plates.

A political subdivision is defined as a subdivision of New York State that has been delegated certain official functions of state or local government including a government entity created by, or under the authority of, State law. Volunteer organizations are not political subdivisions.

Barbara J, Fiala, Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles said, "We are sure that providing these emergency plates to the various state and local entities will benefit all New Yorkers in time of emergency or significant storms. We will be working with DHSES and the various localities to make sure that these plates are distributed in a timely manner."

Jerome M. Hauer, Commissioner of the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services said, "This is another component of the Governor's plan to ensure New York is the best prepared state in the nation. These plates will aid in quickly identifying people with the critical need to enter areas that have restricted access and who should be on the road during times of emergency. It's another step forward in better preparing our state."

For additional information, on plate availability and use, contact the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services at (518) 242-5202.

Demystifying Credit Scores

By Jason Alderman

One of the few positive outcomes of the 2008 financial crisis was that it helped shine a light on the importance of understanding and staying on top of your credit profile. Along with that heightened visibility, however, has come a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding – particularly around the all-important credit score.

"The consequences of not maintaining a sound credit score can be very costly," says Anthony Sprauve, senior consumer credit specialist at FICO. "A low score can bar you from getting a new loan, doom you to higher interest rates and even cost you a new job or apartment."

Five factors are used to determine your credit score: payment history (usually around 35 percent of your score), amount owed (30 percent), length of credit history (15 percent), newly opened credit accounts (10 percent), and types of credit used (10 percent).

Fortunately, if your credit score has taken a hit, you can initiate several actions that will begin improving it almost immediately. Just be aware that it can take many years to recover from events like bankruptcy or foreclosure.

First, find out where you currently stand by reviewing your credit reports from each major credit bureau (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion). Look for negative actions your creditors might have reported as well as errors and fraudulent activity, which you can challenge through the bureau's dispute resolution process. You can order one free report per year from each bureau through the government-authorized site, www.AnnualCreditReport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.

You might also want to order your credit score. Lenders use credit scores to supplement their own selection criteria to determine whether you are a worthy credit risk. Several types are available, including FICO® Score, VantageScore (a competing model jointly created by Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) and proprietary credit scores from each of the three bureaus, among others. Scores typically cost from $15 to $20 each.

Note: You may see offers for free credit scores, but they're usually tied to expensive ongoing credit-monitoring services you may or may not want. Read the contract carefully.

Here are a few tips for improving your credit history:

- Always pay bills on time and catch up on missed payments.
- Set up automatic payments for recurring bills and automatic minimum credit card payments if you often miss deadlines.
- Sign up for text or email alerts telling you when your balance drops or payments are due.
- Never exceed credit card limits.
- Monitor your credit utilization ratio (the percentage of available credit you're using). Try to keep your cumulative utilization ratio – and the ratios on individual cards or lines of credit – below 30 percent.
- Transferring balances to a new card for a lower rate will slightly ding your credit score – although it won't take long to recover. But be careful the transfer doesn't increase your utilization ratio on the new card.
- Make sure that card credit limits reported to the credit bureaus are accurate.
- Don't automatically close older, unused accounts; 15 percent of your score is based on credit history.
- Each time you open a new account it slightly impacts your score, so avoid doing so in the months before a major purchase.
- Pay off medical bills, as well as parking, traffic and even library fines. Once old, unpaid bills go into collection, they'll appear on your credit report.

"Bottom line, don't lose hope," says Sprauve. "The negative impact of past credit problems will gradually fade as recent good payment behavior begins to show up on your credit reports."

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MEAT ME AT THE BUTCHER BAR by Merle Exit

Astoria or Long Island City, whichever you prefer to call it, has a not so average butcher shop. Here the meats are organic, the beef grass fed. It looks delicious enough to eat right there. In fact, you can as the Butcher Bar is a restaurant as well.

I sampled their most popular items such as the "Meat Candy" Beef burnt ends that come from the double smoking of their brisket of beef. To taste the difference, slices of the brisket were sampled as well. Both tasted delish. Smoked Pulled Pork was oh so tender.

For a meat based restaurant, they certainly know how to cook up a mean Mac and Cheese that doesn't taste as if it were soaked in Velveeta. Choose the right cheeses and make it creamy.

Hey, if you are eating smoked meat, you gotta have freshly made baked beans. Don't ask for the family recipe.

One of the side dish popular items is the sauteed string beans with bacon and onions which I could understand its popularity.

You may want to check out their website for further information and more about the chicken, lamb and pork products. www.butcherbar.com.

Christ the King Community to Host Semi-Annual Blood Drive

The Christ the King Community will be hosting its Semi-Annual Blood Drive in conjunction with the New York Blood Center on Wednesday, April 16th at Christ the King High School, located at 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., from 8:00 AM to 2 PM.

Christ the King High School was honored last month by the New York Blood Center and Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio for being the #1 high school in the Diocese of Brooklyn for blood donations in 2013. Last year, Christ the King donated 287 pints of blood.

Christ the King President, Michael Michel stated, "We take great pride in our students, faculty, staff and friends of the CK Community who helped us reach this goal for saving lives. We hope that we can continue that success and top our last blood drive."

For more information regarding Christ the King's Blood Drive or to sign up, please contact Alice Wenz at (718) 366-7400, Ext. # 244.

Spring Fever Gridlock at Christ the King

Theatre Production Groups Performs for Local Schools

Christ the King High School's Theatre Production group hosted a special viewing of their Spring Musical Theatre production for local schools in the area. This year, more than 900 students attended the performance of Guys and Dolls. Local schools in attendance included Middle Village Preparatory, Notre Dame Academy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Adalbert's, St. Elizabeth, St. Helen's, St. Matthias, JHS 189 and PS 58.

Michael Michel, President of Christ the King Campus said, "Over the years, Christ the King has strived to create strong community relations within its surrounding area. One way we have done this is by inviting local schools to enjoy our musical theatre productions."

"With this year's production of Guys and Dolls, there is no better way to welcome the spring, than to have an auditorium filled with smiling children," continued Mr. Michel.

In the past years, the CK Musical Theatre's Production group has put on performances of Little Shop of Horrors, Into the Woods, Grease, Sweeney Todd, Phantom of the Opera, Pippin, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, and A Christmas Carol: The Musical.

The CK Musical Theatre Production will conduct three performances of Guys and Dolls this weekend, Friday, April 11 at 8:00PM; Saturday, April 12 at 8:00PM and Sunday, April 13 at 2:00PM. Tickets are available for general public purchase by visiting www.showtix4u.com or www.ctkny.org

Addabbo And Fellow Electeds Thank Mayor De Blasio For Extension Of Rockaway Ferry

Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. joined city and state elected officials in commending Mayor Bill de Blasio for his efforts in extending the service of the Rockaway Ferry, but still made clear the community needs a permanent ferry service.

"Hundreds of thousands of passengers have crossed these waters on the Rockaway Ferry since its inception in 2012," Senator Addabbo said. "That in itself should be reason enough to make this service permanent – the community has very clearly shown it's a valuable and needed resource."

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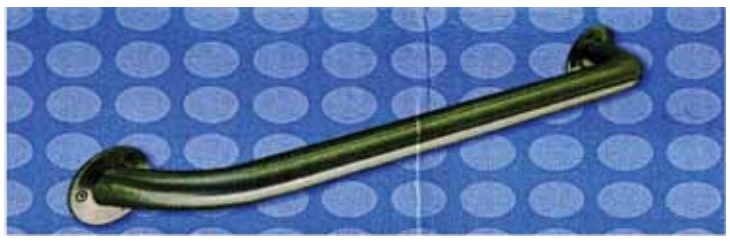

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Don't do anything silly just to get back at your mate. Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,1.

TAURUS
(Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your involvement in groups will be favorable for meeting new and exciting business associates. Elders may get you going this week. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,3.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)
Expect temper tantrums on the home front if you haven't been letting someone have their way. Don't let jealousy get the best of you. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,6.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)
You can be sure that any dealing with large institutions will go well. Try to improve yourself. Love may come your way. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

LEO
(July 23 – Aug. 22)
Don't gamble more than you can afford to loose. Be prepared to counteract the damage that adversaries are about to create. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,2.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
Talk to friends who you trust in order to get sound advice. You will be accident prone if you aren't careful this week. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,3.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Tone down and put some of that hard earned money into a safe, long-term investment. You may find yourself in a heated dispute. Your lucky numbers are 6,9,2.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Everything is moving quickly, just the way you like it. Don't get involved in other people's private doings. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,9.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
Don't make promises you can't keep. Don't be too pushy or demanding. Opportunities for travel and socializing are evident. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,4.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Opportunities to meet new lovers will I come through pleasure trips or social events. Don't sign up for too many extra activities. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,2.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
State your case in plain and simple terms. You will be able to make changes regarding your living arrangements. Your lucky numbers are 6,2,5.

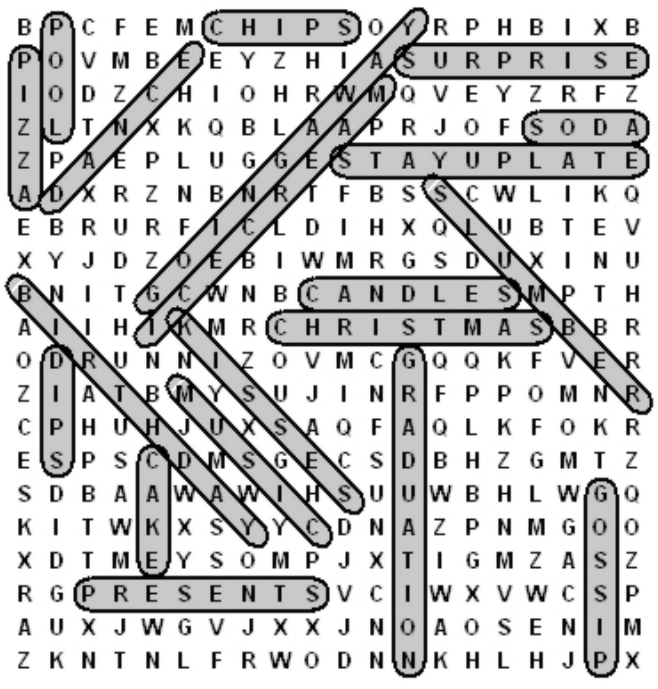
PISCES
(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
Physical work or exercise should be part of your schedule. Put your energy into moneymaking ventures. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,1.

Did you know ...?

On the new one hundred dollar bill the time on the clock tower of Independence Hall is 4:10.

The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.

Answer to Last Weeks "Try and Find It!



Senator Avella Announces Collegiate Scholarships

Senator Avella announced that the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators is now accepting applications for four $2,000 scholarships to be awarded on June 9th at their Annual Legislative Conference Day.

The scholarships will be handed out to four current or future college students from New York State. Eligibility will be based upon the student's grade point average, interest in pursuing a higher education, involvement in the local community as well as individual financial need.

"Given the ever increasing costs of higher education, every opportunity must be explored by local students and their families to meet the required expenses by applying for scholarships, financial aid and scholarships," said Senator Avella. "The State Legislature and specifically, the Italian-American Conference, is very proud of our role in promoting higher education and assisting students in reaching their academic goals and full potential for future success in the global marketplace. I highly recommend that the students of my Senatorial District apply for these prestigious scholarships."

Two of the scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement and two for athletic talent. Each member of the Conference will nominate two students, one from each category, for the scholarships and the final winners will be selected by an independent panel.

To apply, any interested students should contact Senator Avella's District Office to request an application by calling (718) 357-3094 or emailing avella@nysenate.gov.

Completed applications must be received by the District Office no later than Friday, May 2nd, 2014.

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Answer to Last Weeks "Sudoku"

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Queens Borough President Melinda Katz & America Works Of New York Hold Hiring Event For Low Income Queens Residents

On Friday April 4, 2014 Queens Borough President Melinda Katz & America Works of New York, Inc partnered together to hold a hiring event for low income Queens residents currently receiving public assistance. Over 300 Queens residents attended. Over twenty one employers attended with over 100 full time positions to be filled.

"I am very pleased to be hosting this hiring event at Queens Borough Hall in partnership with America Works of New York," said Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. "Increasing the number of jobs in Queens and connecting those jobs with our borough's residents are top priorities. I am happy that this hiring event will bring some exciting employment opportunities to the people of Queens."

America Works Of New York, Inc Chief Executive Officer Dr. Lee Bowes said "We are so excited to partner with our new Borough President Melinda Katz on this hiring event. America Works is dedicated to helping Queens County residents receiving public assistance find good full time jobs. I am confident that this hiring event will lead to over 100 Queens residents getting employed. I would like to thank Borough President Melinda Katz for graciously hosting us. We look forward to working with her for years to come.

America Works participants practicing interview skills before meeting with employers

"With a variety of employers ready to interview candidates, job fairs are an excellent venue to connect New Yorkers to employment in their own communities," said Steven Banks, the Commissioner of the New York City Human Resources Administration. "HRA is grateful to Borough President Melinda Katz for making the Queens Borough Hall an available and accessible location for this job fair."

Senator Stavisky and Council Member Koslowitz Announce Dramatic Increase in Number of Seniors Eligible for SCRIE

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Eastern Queens) and Council Member Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills) are proud to announce a dramatic increase in the number of seniors who will be eligible for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE).

The benefit applies to seniors over 62 if their apartment is rent regulated (rent stabilized, controlled, Mitchell-Lama), and if they are on the lease and if their current rent or the rent they will pay with their new lease renewal is at least 1/3 of their income.

This year's budget raises the income cap from $29,000 or less to up to $50,000 or less starting July 1, 2014.

This is the first increase of the income cap since 2009 and the change is expected to cover 10,000 more seniors.

"This tax relief for seniors is long overdue," said Senator Stavisky. "Seniors, many of whom are living on a fixed income, have been victims of Albany's inaction for nearly five years now. Under the new budget, thousands of New Yorkers will finally get the tax relief they deserve. I thank my colleagues for their dedication to this important issue and hope that together we can protect the interests of seniors and prevent an oversight like this from happening again."

"For thousands of senior New Yorkers, the ratio of rent to income is unsustainable. Raising the SCRIE income threshold to $50,000 will enable many seniors to remain in their homes and have additional available income for such necessities as food and medical care. I applaud the Governor and the state legislature for their action on this critical issue," said Council Member Koslowitz

Assemblywoman Margaret Markey Announces $100,000 State Grant to the Queens Tourism Council for World's Fair Events

Assemblywoman Margaret Markey (D-Maspeth) announced yesterday that the State of New York has awarded a $100,000 grant to the Queens Tourism Council to help it promote the borough as a destination during the upcoming year. The funds, which come from the NYS Department of Economic Development's "I Love NY" program, will largely go to spreading the word about local World's Fair commemorative events over the next six months.

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QCH Honored Melinda Katz, Joseph Hennessy at Forest Hills Event

Queens Community House (QCH) honored Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and Queens Community Board (CB) 6 Chair and QCH Director Emeritus Joseph Hennessy at its Spring Event on April 1st at The West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills. Mr. Hennessy was the recipient of the 2014 Queens Community Builder Award.

Anita Phillips Strauss, Vice President of the QCH Board of Directors, congratulated Katz on her election to the Borough Presidency, and highlighted Katz's support of Queens Community House and its neighbors for over two decades, both in the State Assembly and the City Council. "Melinda's been a tireless advocate for residents of this community," said Strauss, "and now her great leadership will benefit the whole borough." Katz was presented with artwork by QCH afterschool participant Amir Djalilov, age 6.

Katz, in turn, read a proclamation from her office naming April 1, 2014 "Joseph Hennessy Day," and called the honoree "a gift to Queens." Hennessy was then presented with the 2014 Queens Community Builder Award by Blanca Izaguirre, who served with him on the QCH Board of Directors, the Forest Hills Co-op Board, and Community Board 6, the latter two of which he currently chairs. "Joe has served this community for more than 37 years. In all he does, he demonstrates the qualities of humility, tenacity, kindness, courage, compassion and collaboration." The award was established by the QCH Board of Directors in 2013 to recognize "an individual who has made a dedicated effort to unite neighborhoods of all backgrounds, embodying what is best about Queens."

Hennessy spoke eloquently about the important role that QCH (then Forest Hills Community House) played in bringing people together after the development of public housing divided the neighborhood in the mid 1970's. "Like a young tree, the Community House planted its roots in Forest Hills but now its branches reach out throughout Queens."

During the evening attendees partook in a wine tasting by distributor Liberty Wine Selections, a silent auction and raffles. All proceeds directly benefit Queens Community House and its programs, which serve more than 25, 000 children, youth, families and older adults every year.

Assemblyman Aubry and Senator Gianaris Introduce Queens Library Reform Bill with Queens BP Melinda Katz

Following recent revelations regarding questionable spending and a lack of effective oversight at the Queens Borough Public Library, Borough President Melinda Katz, Senator Michael Gianaris and Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry today announced they have crafted and introduced legislation to reform the operations of the Library's Board of Trustees and improve the Library's overall governance (A.9217/S.6893).

The legislation, introduced in the state Legislature by Assemblyman Aubry and Senator Gianaris and drafted with the assistance of Borough President Katz, calls for the implementation of several "best practice" reforms, including the creation of an audit committee to oversee the Library's accounting and financial reporting processes and its annual audits and the establishment of a labor relations committee to address labor issues and oversee the contracting out of services. It would also require key executive staff of the Queens Library to file financial disclosure forms and would subject them to limitations on any outside employment that may present a conflict of interest with their library duties. In addition, the bill would require the Library's Board of Trustees to approve the hiring of key Library staff.

The bill would also restructure the Board of Trustees and the process governing the removal of Trustees from the Board.

"The Queens Library System is a jewel in the borough of Queens. It has an extraordinary history of service in every community of Queens. Recent events have the potential of dulling this jewel. This legislation focuses on the governance of the library so that the services it provides can again be an inspiration to the entir e borough. I want to thank my colleagues Borough President Melinda Katz and Senator Mike Gianaris for their work on this legislation," said Assemblyman Aubry.

"The Queens Library is not only a symbol of our commitment to education and an invaluable resource for those seeking to enrich their understanding of the world. It is also a taxpayer-funded institution with no right to unjustly enrich its employees at the expense of New Yorkers," said Senator Gianaris. "This bill would immediately rein in the excesses of the Queens Library and provide a long-term blueprint for efficiency, transparency, and accountability."

This bill has garnered the support of many members of the Queens Delegation, including Senator Peralta, Senator Addabbo, Senator Sanders, Senator Smith, Senator Stavisky, Assemblyman Braunstein, Assemblywoman Clark, Assemblywoman Cook, Assemblyman Dendekker, Assemblyman Goldfeder, Assemblyman Hevesi, Assemblywoman Markey, Assemblyman Scarborough, Assemblyman Simanowitz and Assemblywoman Titus.

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(April 10 to April 16)

Queens bids farewell to the Holocenter with a major blow-out party this week. The borough also welcomes the New York Tenors, a few jazz legends and a duo that combines violin with hip hop. There are also various World's Fair-related events on the horizon, including photo exhibits, lectures, a walking tour and an inspiring LEGO exhibit. Here's the rundown.

April 11, A Farewell Extravaganza for the Holocenter, 8 pm to 2 am. Celebrate with the Holocenter before it leaves the Clock Tower. Music, holograms, projections, performers, interactive installations, food, and drinks. Free. Must RSVP. Holocenter, 29-27 41st Ave., LIC, www.holocenter.org.

April 11, The Mark Wade Trio, 8 pm. Bassist and composer Mark Wade leads his dynamic trio in an evening of original jazz compositions. $15/$10 students. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing, www.flushingtownhall.org.

April 11, Honeymoon, 7 pm. Presented by the Czech Center, Honeymoon is about a country wedding that takes a dark turn when an uninvited stranger shows up with an urn full of ashes. $12. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria, www.movingimage.us.

April 12, The New York Tenors, 8 pm. Enjoy three of NYC's premier voices -- Andy Cooney, Daniel Rodriguez and Michael Amante. $40. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, www.visitqpac.org.

April 12, Live Jazz, 7 pm. David Schnitter has been playing tenor sax for about three decades, including regular Manhattan gigs at Smalls Jazz Club and Fat Cat. His long-time partner Marti Mabin provides the vocals. Free with suggested donation. Sunnyside Reformed Church, 48th Street and Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside.

April 12 – 22, Master Builder Lego Animation Workshops, 1:30 pm and 3 pm daily. In this 60-minute workshop, children work in production teams to plan and create a stop-motion animated movie using LEGOs. Ages 8+. $5 materials fee. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria, www.movingimage.us.

April 12, Black Violin, 2:15 pm. Kev Marcus and Wil B are classically trained string instrumentalists who meld highbrow and pop culture into a single act blending classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B, and even bluegrass music. $12/$8 children. Buy two family shows and the third is free. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing, www.flushingtownhall.org.

April 12, Just the Wind, 2 pm; Fish 'n' Chips, 5 pm; Miss Violence, 7:30 pm. Presented by the Hungarian Cultural Center, Just the Wind is about a Gypsy community struggling to scrape by after a series of racially motivated murders. Presented by the Consulate General of Cyprus, Fish 'n' Chips is about two people who relocate to Cyprus and open a fish and chips shop. Presented by the Greek Consulate and the Onassis Foundation (USA), Miss Violence tells the story of an 11-year-old girl who jumps to her death from her family's fourth-floor balcony on her birthday. The ensuing investigation reveals unspeakable horrors lurking beneath the family's eerily placid surface. $12. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria, www.movingimage.us.

April 12, The NY World's Fair Tour, noon. A walk through Flushing Meadows Corona Park led by the Greater Astoria Historical Society and Forgotten New York. $20. Meet at boardwalk leading to park, south of the 7 Train's Willets Point Station, www.astorialic.org.

April 13, The Monster Who Ate My Peas, 1 pm and 3 pm. Based on the multi-award winning book written by Danny Schnitzlein, this musical tells the funny and poignant story of a young boy who doesn't want to eat his peas. $14/$100 for Family Series Flex Pass (10 tickets to use however you want.) Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, www.queenstheatre.org.

April 13, Visions of Tomorrow: Art and Commerce at the 1939 New York World's Fair, 3 pm. Noguchi created a fountain for the Ford Motor Company during the 1939 World's Fair. He was also worked on a major sculpture for the facade of a proposed (but unexecuted) Model Community Center. Helen Harrison, director of the Pollack-Krasner House and Study Center and editor of Dawn of a New Day: The New York World's Fair, 1939/40, discusses ways in which artists' participation in the fair reflected the planners' agenda, and what role art played in promoting the fair's theme: Building the World of Tomorrow. Free with admission. NG, 9-01 33rd Rd., LIC, www.noguchi.org.

April 13, Unveiling of 64 in 64, ongoing. Organized by the Queens Historical Society, sixty four photographs documenting the construction of the iconic New York State Pavilion, which consisted of Theaterama (today's Queens Theatre), the Tent of Tomorrow and three Observation Towers. Runs through Nov. 2, open on Mondays from 11 am to 2 pm and Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 am to 6 pm. Free. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, www.queenstheatre.org.

April 13, Iconic Symbols of the 1964 World's Fair Reimagined — in LEGOs, ongoing. Check out seven World's Fair structures made out of LEGOs. Runs through Nov. 2. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, www.queenstheatre.org.

April 13, Bringing the World to the Fair: The Port Authority's Role — Trade, Travel and Tourism in Queens, the Region and the World, ongoing. Exhibit including a pop up, display case and video, sponsored by The Port Authority of NY & NJ. Runs through July 31. Open on Mondays, 10 am to 2 pm, and Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 am to 6 pm. Free. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

April 13, Blood Type, noon; The Bucuresti Experiment, 2 pm; My Dog Killer, 5 pm; Sonja and the Bull, 7:30 pm. Presented by the Consulate General of Estonia, Blood Type is a powerful documentary showing the personal struggles, daily dangers, and haunting fears of Estonian soldiers fighting in Afghanistan. Presented by the Romanian Film Initiative, The Bucuresti Experiment tells the real story of the 1989 revolution in Romania, exposing a disquieting alternative history of secret psychological engineering. Presented by the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic and Slovak Film Institute, My Dog Killer takes place in rural Slovakia, where a skinhead spends most of his time training his dog and hanging out with the local neo-Nazis. When he discovers he has a half-Gypsy brother—a serious taboo in this region—he is driven to drastic extremes. Presented by the Consulate General of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Audiovisual Centre, Sonja and the Bull is about a big city animal-rights activist lobbying to end bullfighting. She is given a bizarre, put-up-or-shut-up wager she cannot ignore. $12. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria, www.movingimage.us.

April 13, Bronx-Whitestone Bridge Anniversary Lecture, 2:30 pm. Mary Hedge, an archivist for MTA Bridges & Tunnels, and Aris Stathopoulos, deputy chief engineer at MTA Bridges & Tunnels, discuss the unique aspects of the bridge, its ultra sleek design and the many measures that have been taken to make it more wind resistant. Free. Queens Historical Society, Weeping Beech Park, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing, www.queenshistoricalsociety.org.

April 14-18, The LEGO Movie, 1 pm daily. Presented in Dolby Digital 3-D, this is an eye-popping, witty, fast-paced, and inventive stop-motion animated feature about Emmet, a rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the "most special, most interesting, most extraordinary person" and the key to saving the world. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria, www.movingimage.us.

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Queens Sports

Maragh Heads To Kentucky

By Robert Elkin

Rajiv Maragh is headed for the Kentucky Derby!

The veteran jockey originally hails from Jamaica, West Indies. In fact, Rajiv's father Collin introduced him to the sport of horse racing as the former was a jockey, himself, in his native land of Jamaica, and now trains in Florida.

Maragh expects to get the mount aboard Wicked Strong, upset winner of the Wood Memorial over the nine furlong track at Aquedeuct Race Track in Ozone Park.

"Hopefully, all goes well from now until Derby (time)," Maragh said. "I'm going there with a great shot (to win)."

Maragh was aboard Wicked Strong for only his second time in his career, for he raced him in the Remsen last year. Owner Don Little and trainer Jimmy Jerkins made a change of jockeys from Javier Castellano and Jose Lezcano to Maragh and felt very comfortable and confident aboard him in his recent victory.

"Rajiv did a great job (in the Wood)," Little said. "And he did a good job (also) in the Remsen."

The thoroughbred thus posted his second win in six outings in his young riding career. After the Remsen, he knew that his horse had a lot of ability. Now he's developing into a nice strong horse, coming together at the right time of the year.

"To me, he's the Derby favorite right now," the 5 foot 4 inch jockey said. "He's really maturing at the right time now, and there's a lot left in him."

"He (the jockey) fits him (the horse)," Little said. "He came running. Rajiv road him perfectly."

The connections of the horse hope that he comes out in good shape for his next test that is, the Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the triple crown for three year olds-meaning the Preakness and Belmont Stakes are to also comprise the triple crown.

"This horse has been a great presence," added Little. "I put a lot of emphasis on the ride."

"He's always looking around and is always focused . And if he has something to run at , he's going to run at him."

"He's always looking around and he's always focused," Little added. "And if he has something to run at he's going to run at him."

Last year Maragh finished in sixth place in the New York Racing Association jockey standings with 120 winning performances.

"I was satisfied with the whole year, for it was a good year," he said.

He also had what he called a good winter, winning quite a few races. In addition to performing at Belmont Park and Aqueduct, he rode in Florida.

Overall, he competed three times in the Kentucky Derby. He best finish was third place in this three-year-old race coming aboard run on Mucho Macho Man.

"Riding in the Kentucky Derby is a pinnacle of the sport as a a jockey is to be able to ride in the Derby," Maragh added. "It's what you dream for and look forward to, especially going with a live shot (at winning)."

They had great luck with Rajiv especially during the last couple of years. The mounts that Rajiv were aboard won two thirds of their starts.

Everyone has to keep plugging away for Wicked Strong to succeed in this Derby. In fact, he'll become one of the favorites to cross the finish line first in this first leg of the triple crown.

Governor Cuomo Announces "Operation Hang Up" To Stop Distracted Driving

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"The message is clear: distracted driving is deadly and it will simply not be tolerated on New York roads," Governor Cuomo said. "With stricter laws and crack downs like this one we are working to make New York a safer state for all our drivers. Vigilance is particularly important as young motorists develop habits that will stay with them throughout their lifetime. I urge all New Yorkers to hang up, keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel so that no one has to unnecessarily suffer the pain of losing a loved one at the hands of a text."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2012, 3,328 people across the country were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver and an estimated 421,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. Additionally, 10% percent of fatal crashes were reported as distraction-affected crashes.

Current laws include strict penalties for distracted drivers:

- For a first offense, the minimum fine is $50 and maximum fine increases to $150.
- For a second offense committed within 18 months, the minimum fine is $50 and the maximum fine increases to $200.
- For a third or subsequent offense committed within 18 months, the minimum fine is $50 and the maximum fine increases to $400.

Beginning on November 1, 2014 new laws take effect for young drivers:

- Young and new drivers convicted of texting-while-driving will have their license suspended for 120 days on the first offense.
- For second offense, young and new drivers will have their license suspended for one full year.

Governor Cuomo also directed the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to implement tougher penalties for distracted driving for all drivers. DMV has increased the number of points earned against an individual's driving record upon conviction for texting-while-driving and cell-phone related infractions from three points to five points.

Troopers will be using both marked State Police vehicles and Concealed Identity Traffic Enforcement (CITE) vehicles as part of the operation in order to more easily identify motorists who are using handheld devices while driving. CITE vehicles allow the Trooper to better observe distracted driving violations. These vehicles blend in with every day traffic but are unmistakable as emergency vehicles once the emergency lighting is activated. The State Police fleet of CITE vehicles are unmarked and come in a variety of colors to ensure that they blend in with traffic on the road. They are also equipped with hidden high intensity emergency lights.

During the last "Operation Hang Up" campaign from November 27 to December 1, 2013, State Police issued more than 875 tickets. More than 625 tickets were issued for talking on a cell phone without a hands free device while driving and more than 250 of the tickets were for texting or using an electronic device while driving.

Rozic Introduces Bill to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows) announced today city support for her legislation A7964 that would require wireless telephone companies to allow victims of domestic violence to be released from the shared or family plans without penalty. Council Member Rafael L. Espinal, Jr. (D-Brooklyn) also announced he will be introducing a resolution in the City Council in support of Rozic's legislation.

"We need to send a clear message that there needs to be greater protections for victims of domestic violence," said Assemblywoman Nily Rozic. "Together, we will help free victims of domestic violence from being continually victimized. I want to thank Senator Parker and Council Member Espinal for their leadership and united front on this issue."

"Every year approximately 99,719 victims break free from chains of domestic violence. Cellphone contacts are keeping them hostage to an abusive relationship," stated Council Member Espinal. "It seems very clear that we must take every conceivable step to protect victims of domestic violence from their batterers. That is why I fully support the State legislation and I commend Assemblywoman Rozic for taking the lead on the issue."

The legislators were joined by Dr. Carmella T.M. Marrone, Founder and Executive Director of Women & Work and Grace Jungsook Yoon, Executive Director of the Korean American Family Service Center, in support of the legislation.

In 2013, according to the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, the New York City Police Department responded to 280,531 domestic violence incidents. In preceding years, a number of victims of domestic violence were able to use the protective service provided by telephone corporations that allowed them to use an anonymous listing or pseudonymous identity free of charge. With the creation of "shared" or "family plans" that lower costs and fees, further legislation is necessary to prevent batterers from accessing victim's information.

The State Assembly is expected to pass the legislation in the next couple of weeks. The NYC Council Resolution will be introduced at the Stated meeting on April 10, 2014.

Senator Peralta Brings Dept. of Health In To Explain New Regs To Restaurant Owners

State Senator Jose Peralta, in conjunction with the 82nd Street Partnership, is hosting a forum for restaurant owners to learn about proposed changes to the letter-grade system and associated fines for eateries.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene officials will detail the proposed changes and respond to questions. Senator Peralta will serve as the moderator of the forum, which will be held Monday, April 21, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Langston Hughes Library, located at the corner of 100th Street and Northern Blvd in Corona.

"Small businesses have suffered during the economic meltdown and painfully slow recovery that has followed," said Sen. Peralta. "Bullying and relentlessly fining them was making a bad situation that much worse. There was a sigh of relief among small business owners when this mayor was elected. The proposed new restaurant regulations are an important first step toward helping small businesses succeed."

The period for public comment on the proposed new Department of Health regulations closes April 29.

Council Member Peter Koo Introduces First of its Kind Carpet Recycling Bill in NYC

Council Member Peter Koo has introduced legislation that would require carpets in commercial establishments to be recycled if they are being removed as part of a construction, alteration or demolition project.

Currently, there are no laws governing the recycling of carpets in the City of New York. If this bill is enacted, beginning on January 1, 2015, no person would be allowed to dispose of carpeting removed from a commercial unit or building as solid waste. Any construction, alteration or demolition project within the City, where there is carpeting covering a floor space equal to ten thousand or more square feet, would trigger this mandate. The party responsible for ensuring the proper disposal of the refuse generated by a project must ensure that the carpet is separated from other solid waste, and arrange for the collection and transportation of the carpeting for reuse or recycling through a licensed carter or a carpet recycling company.

Among other things, this legislation directs the Department of Sanitation to establish, maintain, and regularly update, a non-exclusive list of carpet recycling companies on their website. It would also require the responsible party to submit a certificate of recycling to the sanitation commissioner, ensuring that they have disposed of the carpet in accordance with this bill. Additionally, it requires any recycling company receiving carpets to submit, on a regular basis, as determined by the commissioner, details concerning the total amount of carpeting secured, reused, recycled, and carpeting not able to be recycled.

Council Member Koo stated, "I am environmentally conscious and am always looking for ways to make New York a more sustainable city. The amount of development happening within my district and across the five boroughs necessitated for the writing of this bill." Koo continued: "Massive amounts of carpets get thrown into our landfills each year. We can and must make every effort to be good stewards of the environment, and my bill will allow us to continue contributing to this effort."

Addabbo And Fellow Electeds Thank Mayor De Blasio For Extension Of Rockaway Ferry

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When Sandy devastated the Rockaways, ferry service became a vital piece of the recovery process. This is the fourth extension of its service, and with summer approaching, ridership will not slow down.

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CITATION
File No. 2014-642
SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
By the Grace of God Free andIndependent,
TO: The heirs at law, next of kinand distributees of SARAH COHEN, a/k/a SARA COHEN,Deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees,executors, administrators,assignees and successor in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence,and to the Public Administrator of the County of Queens
Attorney General of the State of New York
A petition having been duly filed by AMNON KAMINER, who is domiciled at 770 Gilbert Place, North Woodmere, New York 11581.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, Queens County Surrogate's Court at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Room 62,Jamaica, New York, on May 22, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of SARAH COHEN, a/k/a SARA COHEN, lately domiciled at Long Island Living Center, 431 Beach 20th Street, Far Rockaway, New York 11691, admitting to probate a Will dated July 26, 2013, as the Will of SARAH COHEN, a/k/a SARA COHEN, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to AMNON KAMINER.
Hon. PETER J KELLY
Peter J. Kelly,
Surrogate, Queens County
MARGARET M. GRIBBON
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court
Dated, Attested and Sealed,MAR 20 2014
HOFHEIMER GARTLIR &GROSS, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
530 Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10036
(212) 818-9000
NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested.
4/3,10,17&24/2014

Notice of Formation of INTEGRATED PT2, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/27/14. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of PLLC: 4720 Center Blvd., Apt. 3006, Long Island City, NY 11109. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Eric J. Munoz at the princ. office of the PLLC. Purpose: Physical therapy.
4/3,10,17,24,5/1&8/2014

215-27 Property LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 2/24/14. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 215-27 42nd Ave, Bayside, NY 11361. General Purposes.
4/3,10,17,24,5/1&8/2014

Notice of Formation of THE ART OF SELF HEALING CENTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 21-19 24th Drive, 2nd Fl, Astoria, New York 11102. Purpose: any lawful activity.
4/3,10,17,24,5/1&8/2014

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County, on March 11, 2014, bearing Index Number 38-14, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, in room 357, grants me the right to Assume the name of ANTHONY QUITO. My present name is MANUEL QUITO aka MANUEL FRANCO QUITO. My present address is 96-17 46th Avenue, Corona, NY 11368. My place of birth is Queens, New York. My date of birth is May 31, 1992. 3/20/2014

Notice of formation of 1741 NORMAN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/2013. Office location, County of Queens. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1741 Norman Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful act.
3/6,13,20,27,4/3&10/2014

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60 LANE RIDGEWOOD NY LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 03/11/14. Office Location: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 3 Coachman Dr., Roslyn, NY 11576. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.
4/3,10,17,24,5/1&8/2014

Notice of Qualification of New York Water Polo Club LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/10/14. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in DE on 2/27/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 151-63 25th Dr., Flushing, NY 11354, principal business address. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

NOTICE OF FORMATION, Kill Street LLC. Articles of Organization Filed w/ Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/06/14. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to c/o United States Corporation Agents, INC, 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
3/13,20,27,4/3,10&17/2014

Notice of formation of HOLCARE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/20/2013. Office in Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 19-05 22nd Rd Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Business.
3/13,20,27,4/3,10&17/2014

QUEENS MEDICAL PLAZA, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 5/14/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Fuqiang Zhang, 3636 Main St., Unit #1S, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purpose.
3/13,20,27,4/3,10&17/2014

Tomorrow Property LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/06/14. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 165 Suffolk St., Apt. 2B, NY, NY 10002. General Purposes.
3/20,27,4/3,10,17&24/2014

Private Capital Group of NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/20/14. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 99-41 64th Ave, Ste. B-7, Forest Hills, NY 11375. General Purposes.
3/20,27,4/3,10,17&24/2014

HOPE AND VALOR PRODUCTIONS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/3/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 550 54th Ave., Long Island City, NY 11101. General Purpose.
3/20,27,4/3,10,17&24/2014

Notice of formation of SAANS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 03/13/2014. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 9354 Queens, #2C, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
3/20,27,4/3,10,17&24/2014

Notice of Formation of TBG Property Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/25/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 863787, Ridgewood, NY 11386. Purpose: any lawful activity.
3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

Notice of Qualification of New York Water Polo Club LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/10/14. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in DE on 2/27/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 151-63 25th Dr., Flushing, NY 11354, principal business address. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

Notice of Formation: HARRIETTE LO REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/07/2014. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to c/o: THE LLC, 7510 167TH ST FRESH MEADOWS, NY 11366. Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.
3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

MBAEZ CONSULTING, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/25/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. General Purpose.
3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

Notice of formation of Park Regent Realty, LLC, a limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 02/12/2014. 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: 41-25 Kissena Blvd., Suite 106, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

Notice of Formation of Luna & Cip LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/4/14. 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 c/o Dentons US LLP, Att: Tanya Hicks, Esq., 1221 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10020. Purpose: any lawful activities.
3/6,13,20,27,4/3&10/2014

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. NAME: LATIN GLASS L.P. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/13/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the L.P. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to L.P., c/o Gabriel Acuna, 48-11 94th Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
4/10,17,24,5/1,8&15/2014

Notice of Formation of ID INSPIRE DANCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/20/14. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 44-15 Purves St., Apt. 14D, Long Island City, NY 11101. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
4/10,17, 24,5/1,8&15/2014

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RAMDAS 4 TAXI LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/26/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to LLC, 129-16 101st Ave., Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
4/10,17, 24,5/1,8&15/2014

Notice is hereby given a license, number (PENDING) for on-premises Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at Laguardia Airport A Terminal A, Flushing, NY 11371 for on premises consumption.
MAR AIR FOODS INC.
D/B/A MARCATO PICCOLO
4/10&17/2014

LINDEN TOWER REALTY L.L.C., Articles of Organization filed NY Sec of State (SSNY) 01/02/2014. Office in Queens County. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o LINDEN TOWER REALTY L.L.C., 56-16 188TH STREET, FRESH MEADOW, NY 11365.
4/10,17,24,5/1,8&15/2014

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial # 1277494 for beer & wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer and wine at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 217-19 Jamaica Ave., Queens Village, NY 11428 for on-premises consumption; La Nueva Delicia Corp. 4/10&17/2014

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Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County, on April 07, 2014 bearing Index Number NC-000143-14/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) ENA (Last) BOURGEOIS. My present name is (First) LYDIA (Last) BOURGEOIS AKA MEINA WANG. My present address is 41-67 JUDGE ST #4C, Elmhurst, NY 11373. My place of birth is CHINA. My date of birth is February 04, 1981.
4/10/2014

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Pltf. vs. WAEL ABOELATIF, et al, Defts. Index #7867/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Jan. 21, 2014, I will sell at public auction in Courtroom #25 at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blv., Jamaica, NY on Friday, May 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., prem. k/a 20-22 126th St., College Point, NY. Said property located on the Westerly side of 17th St. also known as Quinlan St. to be known as 126th St. distant 200 ft. Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of 17th St. with the Southerly side of 5th Avenue also known as Kinney Avenue to be known as 20th Avenue; being a plot 100 ft. x 25 ft.. Approx. amt. of judgment is $693,108.92 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. WILLIAM T. DRISCOLL, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East County, Ste: 28, Mineola, NY. #83930 4/3,10,17&24/2014

Egg-Stravaganza at Queens Botanical Garden!

Queens Botanical Garden will hold an Egg-stravaganza on Saturday April 19, 2014 ! All children are invited and their parents are encouraged to pre-register for one of two sessions (12-1:30 pm or 2-3:30 pm) of "egg-cellent" fun. Come enjoy games, crafts and a special scavenger hunt, with egg prizes.

Pre-registration is required for either of the 2 sessions (12 noon to 1:30pm and 2 to 3:30pm); supplies are limited to the first 500 children per session. The $5 per child ticket price does not include Garden Admission, charged separately at the QBG Gate. Register at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-egg-stravaganza-tickets-10993647295

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Aparare Global Security LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 10/9/13. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy toprinc. bus. address c/o Jose Brown 96-10 Linden Blvd. Ozone Pk., NY 11417. Purpose: any lawful activity. 3/13,20,27,4/3,10&17/2014

Notice of Formation of DEKA Management 48, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/17/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 345 E. 52nd St., 4E, NY, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful activity. 3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

ACCOUNTING IMPOSSIBLE, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/15/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, Attn: Mark Akens, 728 Amsterdam Ave., Ste. 4N, NY, NY 10025. General Purpose. 3/13,20,27,4/3,10&17/2014

MAXGOLDSTAR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/13/14. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 13237 B 41st Rd., Ste. 102, Flushing, NY 11355. General Purposes. 3/6,13,20,27,4/3&10/2014

Przybilla Atelier, LLC Arts of Org. filed NY Secy of State (SSNY) 2/10/14. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 1920 76th St., 2nd Flr. East Elmhurst, NY 11370. Purpose: any lawful activity. 3/6,13,20,27,4/3&10/2014

Notice of formation of Haiek LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/2014. Office location, County of Queens. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 83-57 246th St., Bellerose NY 11426. Purpose: any lawful act. 3/6,13,20,27,4/3&10/2014

Notice of Formation of MIAO YAN, LLC., a limited liability company (LLC). Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 02/07/2014. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 97-14 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activity. 3/6,13,20,27,4/3&10/2014

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO. 14854/10 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. JUAN C. GREGORY A/K/A JUAN CARLOS GREGORY, TERESA GREGORY, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DAVID RODRIGUEZ, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, GREGORY RAMOS, PEDRO BERA, JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 37-29 98TH STREET, Corona, NY 11368 BLOCK 1761 LOT 56 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 21st day of March, 2014, Gross, Polowy & Orlans, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s), 25 Northpointe Parkway, Suite 25, Amherst, NY 14228 TO: DAVID RODRIGUEZ, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. DAVID ELLIOT of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 27th day of February, 2014 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Juan C. Gregory A/K/A Juan Carlos Gregory and Teresa Gregory dated the 18th day of September, 2001, to secure the sum of $332,920.00 and recorded at Liber 6060 of Mortgages at Page 2378 in the Office of County of Queens, on the 29th day of October, 2001; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 7th day of June, 2010, and sent for recording in the Office of the of the Clerk of Queens County. The property in question is described as follows: 37-29 98TH STREET, Corona, NY 11368 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION Block 1761 and Lot 56 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, known and designated as and by the Lot No. 123 on a certain map entitled "Map of Property in the Town of Newtown, Queens County, Long Island, belonging to Daniel B. Taylor, surveyed June 1854, drawn November 1854, Van Alst and Messerole, C.E. and C.S." and filed in the Queens County Clerk's Office on February. 23, 1856 as Old Map No. 364, New Map No. 2468, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly side of 98th Street, formerly known as 41st Street and Evergreen Avenue, distant 375 feet Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Easterly side of 98th Street with the Northerly side of 38th Avenue, formerly known as Washington Place; RUNNING THENCE Easterly at right angles to the Easterly side of 98th Street, 100 feet; THENCE Northerly parallel with the Easterly side of 98th Street, 25 feet; THENCE Westerly again at right angles to the Easterly side of 98th Street, 100 feet to the Easterly side of 98th Street; THENCE Southerly along the Easterly side of 98th Street, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Premises known as 37-29 98th Street, Corona, New York DATED: March 21, 2014 Gross Polowy Orlans, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s) 25 Northpointe Parkway, Suite 25 Amherst, NY 14228. The law firm of Gross Polowy Orlans, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 223430. 3/27,4/3,10&17/2014

15 WEST 116 LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/26/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Kahen Development Group LLC, 117-18 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. General Purpose. 3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

VINTAGE CAKERY LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 02/25/2014. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 18-16 Linden St., 1st Fl., Flushing, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 3/27,4/3,10,17,24&5/1/2014

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION
File No. 2013-3482
SURROGATE'S COURT, Queens COUNTY
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
By the Grace of God Free and Independent
TO: Harry Cantor, 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 RUTH CANTOR, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained; Arkady Barinstein; and The Public Administrator of Queens County.

A petition having been duly filed by Lydia Johnson who is/ are domiciled at 16 Sherwood Drive, Huntington, New York 11743

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on APRIL 24, 2014 at 09:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of RUTH CANTOR lately domiciled at 133-17 Sanford Avenue, Apt 2L, Flushing, New York 11365, United States admitting to probate a Will dated May 14,2010_(and Codicil(s), if any, dated June 4, 2010, copies of which are attached, as the Will of and Codicil of RUTH CANTOR deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to Lydia Johnson
[ ] Letters of Trusteeship issue to
[ ] Letters of Administration at a. issue to
[ ] Further relief sought (If any):

Dated, Attested and Sealed,
MARCH 10 2014
Seal
HON. PETER J. KELLY
Surrogate
MARGARET M. GRIBBON
Chief Clerk
Nell B. Fang, Esq.
Attorney
Schwartz & Fang, P.C.
Firm
(516) 488-0100
Telephone
60 Crossways Park Drive West, Woodbury, New York 11797
Address

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
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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT QUEENS COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 303054-13 Borough: Bronx Block: 4859 Lot: 79 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors,

successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through SYLVIA KAYE A/K/A SYLVIA MILLER, DECEASED, by

purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right,

title or interest in and to the premises described in the

complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the

respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of

whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs;
EDWARD HAVERSTONG;
CITIBANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO

CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO

CITIBANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

AND FINANCE;
1199 SEIU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION;
NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU;
NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL

CONTROL BOARD;
JONAS MILLER
and "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 99 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest
in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein,
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended complaint.

Queens County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises.

Dated: January 13, 2014

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable David Elliot, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated February 24, 2014, and filed with supporting papers in the Queens County Clerk's Office.

This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as Landing Road, Borough of Queens, New York and identified as Block 13844, Lot 1 (the "Tax Parcel"). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of $2,876.79, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel.

Anthony J. Iacchetta
Phillips Lytle LLP
Office and Post Office Address
1400 First Federal Plaza
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel. No. (585) 238-2000
4/3,10,17&24/2014

Notice of Formation of 481 ST. MARKS, LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/21/14. Office location: QUEENS County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 167-41 147TH AVENUE JAMAICA NY 11434. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 4/3,10,17,24,5/1&8/2014

JSCS LEASING LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/30/14. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 2818 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY 11105-2718. General Purpose. 4/3,10,17,24,5/1&8/2014

Notice of Formation of QUEENS BLVD VENTURES, LLC, Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 03/07/2014. 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 35-06 Leavitt Street, Suite #CF-A, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/3,10,17,24,5/1&8/2014

Miller Awarded Students Assembly Citations For His Essay Contest

Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven) awarded several students Assembly citations for being chosen for an essay contest held by Assemblyman Miller's office. Pictured in the above photo is Assemblyman Miller, Principal Joanne Gangi, several students who participated in the essay contest, and those students who were chosen as the essay contest winners.

Avella Saves Senior Center From Closure

Seniors and Director Joan Ubertini stand with Senator Tony Avella

Senator Avella was joined by the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers and Civic Association (GWTCA) Senior Center at a press conference to announce that the center will no longer have to close its doors, thanks to a $100,000 funding allocation by Senator Avella. The Center was in imminent danger of closing its doors by the end of the year due to lack of funding which initially began to disappear as a result of the national economic crisis in 2008. The lack of funding was further exacerbated after the executive branch of the state eliminated discretionary funds for the State Legislature in 2010.

Senator Avella tirelessly advocated for additional monies to keep the center open since being elected to the State Senate. After joining the Independent Democratic Conference, which makes up the majority coalition in the State Senate, Senator Avella was able to deliver on his key promise and top priority to senior citizens in his District by allocating the much needed funds during this year's Executive Budget negotiations.

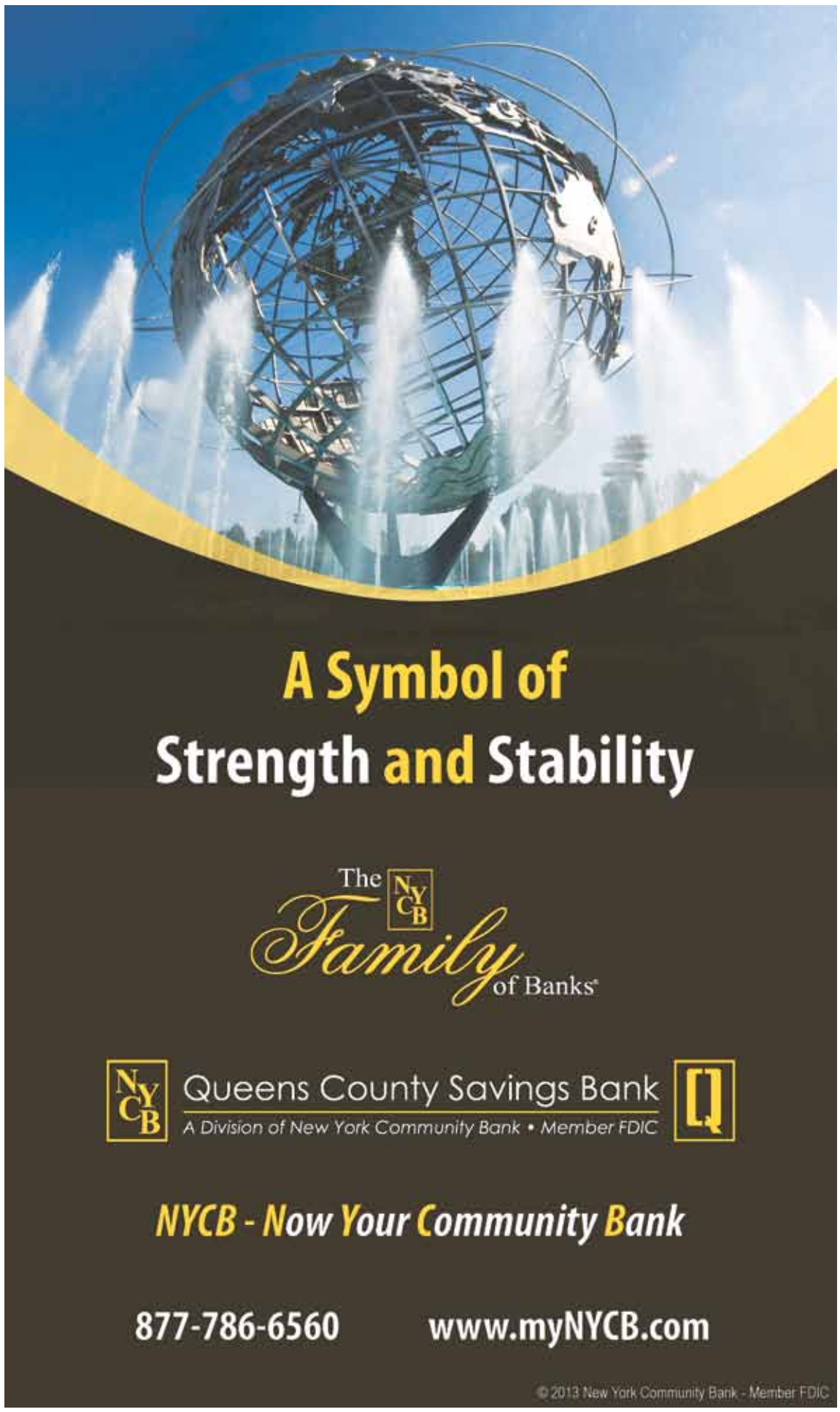
As a result, the GWTCA Senior Center expects to continue operating and providing essential services to senior citizens for years.

"This issue has weighed heavily on me for the past few years and I am thrilled that the Senior Center can finally breathe easier instead of wondering if they will be open a month from today," said Senator Avella. "Our seniors are the backbone of this country who deserve to be properly taken care of and it is the responsibility of the Legislature to provide essential resources to these groups to ensure that they continue to operate."

Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, QBP Melinda Katz, Other Elected Officials and Community Leaders Remind New Yorkers to File Their Taxes by April 15

Officials remind New Yorkers of the city's free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites, including five run by Urban Upbound

Queens non-profit warns New Yorkers to avoid rapid refund services to maximize their returns

With only a few days days until the filing date for income taxes New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Queens elected officials and community partners joined Urban Upbound at a press conference urged low- to moderate-income New Yorkers to take advantage of the city's free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites – five of which are run by Urban Upbound.

Free VITA sites enable qualified working families and individuals to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) benefit – which provides an important lifeline in tough economic times. Urban Upbound has been urging New Yorkers not to request rapid tax refunds, which often diminish their returns.