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Point Of View Statement On 37Th Road Public Plaza In Jackson Heights

The 37th Road Public Plaza is the product of a sound idea and perhaps less-than-perfect execution, whose success is nevertheless already visible and will become even more obvious with time. We wish to emphasize that, while this project is not of our making, the Jackson Heights Green Alliance fully supports it.

The claim has been made that the 37th Road Public Plaza initiative is being rammed down the throats of the community with no public meetings or input. We find this claim not only unfounded and untrue, but destructive to the community dialogue. This was a road, and therefore under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT).

The decision to convert it to a plaza was a direct outcome of the DOT's Jackson Heights Transportation Plan which was years in the making and included a robust public involvement process – with walkthroughs, open houses, public workshops, and several community board meetings. Our members have attended many of the workshops, having come across flyers for them posted around the neighborhood. The claim that the plaza had no public process is false and inflammatory, and we wish those who are making it would, for the benefit of honest,

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Huge Show of Support for Plaza at Jackson Heights Town Hall



At a Town Hall meeting organized Tuesday night by Congressman Joseph Crowley and Council Member Daniel Dromm at the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights,

more than 200 residents turned out and showed strong support for the 37th Road Plaza. Although there were four people in the audience who held up signs opposing

the implementation of the plaza (including former City Council candidate David Rosasco from

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Leonardo da Vinci I.S. 61Q Student Wins Morgan Museum Book-Arts Award



The Leonardo daVinci Intermediate School 61Q (I.S.61Q) Student Tensing Dakpa who received a Book-Arts Award from the Morgan Library and Museum in New York City is pictured with Ms. Susan Bayza and Mrs. Clare Stokolosa at the Morgan Library and Museum. See story on page 4.

Addabbo & Miller Meet With NY American Legion Members Pledge Continued Support For Needs And Concerns Of Veterans Senator And Assemblyman Given Citations In Appreciation Of Legislative Efforts

NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D-Queens), the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security & Military Affairs, and Assemblyman Mike Miller recently joined American Legion veterans at a meeting in Albany to review and show support for the group's 2012 State Legislative Program. Addressing the American Legion members, Addabbo underscored the tremendous debt that all Americans owe to veterans in recognition of their sacrifices and unparalleled dedication to their country. "It is an honor to advocate in the Senate on behalf of all of our veterans, whether they served in overseas conflicts long ago, or are fighting on foreign soil to protect us from the ravages of terrorism as we speak," said Addabbo. "Groups like the American Legion serve an



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Woodside), there was an extended round of applause after Council Member Dromm explained why the plaza was installed in the first place.

The 37th Road Public Plaza is a result of the federally-funded Jackson Heights Transportation Study. The NYC Department of Transportation conducted an in-depth, three-year study at the request of community leaders and elected officials to identify ways to improve pedestrian safety, reduce traffic congestion, and minimize noise and air pollution.

"I was elected in 2009 to the City Council with a mandate to improve the quality of life of residents," said Dromm. "The two top concerns I heard repeatedly during my campaign were that traffic congestion in the lower 70s section of Jackson Heights was making life unbearable for residents, and that the community has a need and desire for more open space. The public plaza on 37th Road presents an opportunity to address both of these concerns."

Dromm showed pictures of how well the plaza is being used and spoke about the critical need for economic development in the area. Despite being interrupted several times by the four opponents of the plaza, Dromm continued to talk at length about unlocking its potential and making sure that the retail stores in the neighborhood are thriving places to do business.

Congressman Crowley and Council Member Dromm took questions from the audience for nearly two hours and addressed a wide range of federal and local issues including health care, sanitation and redistricting.

With a small contingent of people outside the Jewish Center protesting Representative Crowley for his vote on a free trade agreement with Colombia, the Congressman also took time to explain his vote and speak about the importance of engaging one of our country's strongest supporters in Latin America.

Tech News IKEA to Integrate TV's and Sound Systems Into Its Furniture

Already the one-stop shop for smart and compact home furnishing, IKEA is venturing into the world of technology — with the IKEA TV. The new furniture range, named UPPLEVA, the Swedish word for experience, integrates an LED TV, a sound system with wireless bass speakers, an internet connection and CD, DVD and Blu-ray players — all in one self-assembly piece. Read the full story at The Washington Post

Point Of View

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civil community dialogue, stop.

As to the merits of the plaza itself, the claim is also being made that it has resulted in increased vagrancy, gangs, trash, and a drastic drop in business. We think this characterization is unfortunate in a neighborhood that prides itself on its diversity. And, with regard to this last claim, it is our understanding that no data has been offered to support it; therefore, the rest of the community is being asked to simply take their word for it. As local residents who have observed the plaza countless times and at all times of day, all we can say is that we, again, are troubled by this claim, as 37th Road appears to us more busy and vital than ever.

Jackson Heights has one of the lowest percentages of open space in the city, and for that reason, the Jackson Heights Green Alliance has successfully advocated for the 78th Street Play Street, which is also becoming a plaza this year. The key to a successful plaza is that it must be used, and therefore it is helpful if it is located near to other activity. In that case, we have Travers Park. But, in many ways, 37th Road is even more fortunate in its location, nestled between the busy 73rd and 74th Streets, and the second busiest subway station in Queens. It is, by far, the busiest pedestrian location in the entire neighborhood.

There was a lot of doubt and skepticism when the Times Square plaza was established, but a recent article in the Times Real Estate section said that the end result has been to render the retail there some of the most valuable in the whole city.

Regressing to the point of allowing motor vehicles back on the 180-foot stump of public space that was 37th Road, in this heavy pedestrian center, would make no sense.

In summary, a lot of claims are being made with very little — or in some cases contrary — data in evidence. Jackson Heights needs open space, and 37th Road is an excellent location for some of that open space. To many of us, this is an experiment that is working. But we suggest that whatever decision gets made be made on actual verifiable data, and not just on a lot of claims, however passionately or frequently stated.

Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer Held His Second District 26 Mobile Office In Long Island City



Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer held his District 26 Mobile Office at the New York Irish Center in Long Island City. At Council Member Van Bramer's second Mobile Office, constituents had the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns directly to Council Member Van Bramer and members of his staff. Since taking office in 2010, Council Member Van Bramer has made accessibility his priority. By getting out in to the community, Council Member Van Bramer believes constituents who do not have the opportunity to visit his district office during the work week can have their concerns heard at their convenience.

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Should You Adjust Your Tax Withholding?

By Jason Alderman

Now that tax day has passed, chances are you're either waiting patiently for your 2011 tax refund to arrive, it's already been spent, or you just wrote the U.S. Treasury a check and are in budget-cutting mode.

It's difficult to calculate exactly how much you'll owe in taxes unless your income and family situation are identical from year to year. But going more than a few hundred dollars above or below your final tax bill is not a good idea: A big refund means you've been giving the government an interest-free loan, while significantly underpaying means you may have to pay costly penalties and interest on the amount.

Your goal should be to receive little or no tax refund. Better to use that money throughout the year to pay down credit card balances or other debt, build emergency savings, beef up your retirement plan contributions or invest it where you can earn interest or dividends. Unless you're self-employed, retired or had unexpected sources of income, the driving factor for how much tax you owe or have refunded is probably your W-4 form. That's one of the many forms you filled out your first day on the job and probably never thought about again.

To refresh your memory: IRS

Form W-4 determines how much federal income tax is withheld from your paychecks. The more allowances you claim on the W-4, the less income tax is withheld each pay period. When you file your yearly tax return, the government basically settles accounts with you: If they took out too much during the year, you get a refund; not enough and you pay additional taxes with your final return.

It's a good idea to review your W-4 each year in case your financial or family situation has changed. For example, if you or your spouse:

- Experience a significant increase or decrease in income.
- Add a second job, start or stop working (including retirement).
- Have a child (including adoptions).
- Reduce or increase how many dependents you're claiming.
- Get married or divorced.
- Buy or sell a house.
- File for bankruptcy.
- Increase or decrease income adjustments for IRA/401(k) deductions, student loan interest payments or alimony.
- Significantly change your itemized deductions or tax credits.

If you have a sizeable change in taxable income not subject to withholding (e.g., self-employment income, interest, dividends,

capital gains, retirement distributions), you may want to either increase the amount withheld from your paychecks or make quarterly estimated tax payments. Otherwise, the IRS may charge you an underpayment penalty come next April. Estimated tax rules are fairly complicated, so refer to IRS Publication 505 for details.

Ask your HR department for a new W-4, or download the IRS version that lets you enter your information electronically and print out a copy (search www.irs.gov). The form contains worksheets for calculating personal withholding allowances and estimating income adjustments if you plan to itemize deductions.

Generally, you'll claim one allowance for yourself and one for each of your dependents. However, you can adjust the number to avoid having too much or too little tax withheld from your pay. If you need additional help with the calculations, see IRS Publication 919, use the IRS's Withholding Calculator or use the calculator found in most tax preparation software packages.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 23, 2012, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2012.

EASE OUR PAIN AT THE PUMP! Avella Announces Legislation Requiring NYC To Use Flat Tax On Gas

Senator Avella hosted a press conference in front of a gas pump marked by skyrocketing gas prices to announce legislation (S.6852) he has introduced in the State Senate requiring the city of New York to compute its sales and compensating use tax for gasoline and diesel fuels at a flat, cents per gallon, rate rather than the current percentage per gallon rate.

Currently, New York State taxes consumers a flat rate of

8 cents per gallon for retail gas sales. The flat rate remains constant regardless of the fluctuation in the price of gas. Unfortunately for City residents, NYC charges consumers a percentage of the sale price per gallon of gas on top of the State's sales tax.

"As we all cry out in pain over the rapid increase of gas prices the past few months, the City is quietly sitting back and collecting an unfair and underserved surge in revenue," stated Avella. "Not

only are consumers being gouged by the base price of oil but they are also being gouged by the City collecting a percentage rate. With the rapid increase in gas prices, the City is receiving an undeserved windfall tax revenue at the expense of its commuters."

"At four dollars a gallon the difference between the percentage and the flat rate would save someone buying 20 gallons of gas a week roughly eighty dollars over the course of a year."

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall To Have First Hearing Screening At Lexington Mobile Testing Van During Better Hearing & Speech Month

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall To Have First Hearing Screening At Lexington Mobile Testing Van During Better Hearing & Speech Month;

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It's July of 1960 during what would be the Presidential Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The political party (which is never mentioned) consists of a Former President Arthur "Artie" Hockstader (James Earl Jones), Mrs. Sue-Ellen Gamadge, Chairman of the Women's Division (Angela Lansbury) and Senator Clyde Carlin (Dakin Matthews).

Then there are the candidates: Secretary William Russell (John Larroquette), Alice Russell, his wife (Candice Bergen), Dick Jensen, his campaign manager (Michael McKean), Catherine, a campaign aide (Angelica Page), Senator Joseph Cantwell (Eric McCormack), Mabel Cantwell, his wife (Kerry Butler), and Cantwell's campaign manager, Don Blades (Corey Brill).

The race theme is Russell vs. Cantwell both vying for the prez's endorsement, amongst it all. We first get to find that Russell and his wife have not been getting along for several years (separate bedrooms and more), but the press is present and it's time to join forces for the presidency. At one point the plot pits the two candidates with what each believes will be the reason for the other to drop out of the race and give the votes to the other. An egotistic Cantwell digs into Russell's past to find emotional breakdowns while Russell is able to find information regarding Cantwell's rumors of his life in the armed forces, revealed by a former buddy Sheldon Marcus (Jefferson Mays).

Let's begin with the cast. Lansbury, Jones, and Bergen have certainly aged, but their acting abilities have not dwindled. Bergen, however, did not appear most healthy. Jones has been given that wonderful outspoken character and runs with it. Larroquette has the humorous role that fits him so well. Yes, humor. The show is quite funny and certainly not a bad actor among the bunch.

Timing is perfect for *The Best Man*, which was performed several years ago. It could just as well be the present Republican Convention going on.

The setting puts us viewing the hotel rooms of the candidates, where we get a glimpse of their personal lives, and how they present themselves to the press.

Kudos has to go to Director Michael Wilson and Set Designer Derek McLane as well as the casting director. The question is whether this play would work as well without an all-star cast. With so many Broadway shows to choose from, it was a smart thing to do. As for the play itself, it did keep my interest and titillated my humor. I expect some nominations for *The Best Man*, a Broadway show not to be missed. MORE BLOGGING by Merle Exit

The season began for the New York Sharks women's pro football team with their first game against the Boston Militia. New York lost while Boston player and ex-New York Sharks player Adrienne Smith continues to keep the \$23,000 that she stole from the Sharks. What? Remember a few years ago with the first International Women's Tackle Football Tournament, when Smith went on tv and got the \$65,000 for the team to attend? Five players made it onto Team USA. There was left over money which was supposed to go to the 2011 season for the New York Sharks. She took the money and ran. In front of those millions who watched she stated

that the money would be going to the New York Sharks and not what is left over for herself. Interesting how she lives and works in New York but can play for a team in Boston. Hey, Sharks let's get the lawyer on her ass! To Andra... the one yard line.

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What's coming up? You know that outer-outer borough known as Staten Island? I started exploring it beginning with a cooking class at Casa Belvedere, dinner at Ruddy & Dean and a concert (Judy Collins) at the St. George Theatre.

Recently returned from a trip to Westchester County...shows, food and nature. Stay tuned!

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Leonardo da Vinci I.S. 61Q Student Wins Morgan Museum Book-Arts Award

Tenzing Dakpa, a student at Leonardo da Vinci Intermediate School 61 in Corona, Queens, was one of four students to receive an award from the Morgan Library & Museum in New York City for a book that he created as part of the museum's book arts project.

I.S. 61 teachers Susan Bayza, English Language Arts, and Clare Stokolosa, Art, collaborated with Principal Joseph Lisa to select the 20 students to participate in the project. The program included 300 students from eleven public New York City Schools and a New Jersey school.

The Leonardo da Vinci Intermediate School 61Q students, known as "Da Vinci Apprentices," took two educational trips to the Pierpont

Morgan Library & Museum to study illuminated manuscripts and old-world paint making processes. The teachers then guided students in writing, illustrating, and binding their own manuscript books using professional grade paper and binding materials. Students made their own paints by grinding traditional pigment sources such as malachite, saffron, and insects and completed their illustrations with 22-karat gold leaf.

Each participating school submitted students' four best projects to a jury, which selected 27 winning entries, and four outstanding books.

Tenzing's book was one of the entries receiving a special award. His book, *Hazard Potion*, will be featured on the Morgan website at

www.themorgan.org/StudentBookAward.

At the award ceremony on Friday, March 30, 2012, students, parents, teachers, and administrators viewed the winning books and visited the Morgan Library's collection of exquisite books, paintings, and artifacts.

"It's critical for students to have access to all the arts," Eric G. Pryor, Executive Director of The Center of Arts Education, said at the award ceremony on Friday. "It's about teaching students how to think and solve problems in a creative way. The purpose is to utilize creativity in their life and what they contribute to society."

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 Don't start any arguments, they may lead to a major fight. Listen to the complaints of others. Plan a nice evening for two. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,2.

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 You enjoy taking courses. Don't dwell on past regrets. Spend time with youngsters this week. Financial deals look good this week. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,5.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 Work on yourself, try losing a little weight. Don't do things because someone else thinks you should. Attend to unfinished business. Your lucky numbers are 2,8,6.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Your involvement in sports or entertainment will lead to meeting new friends. Be professional, and you will advance much more quickly. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Don't be too pushy at work. You can win points with family if you take the time to show interest in their accomplishments. Go out with friends. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,7.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Spend time with friends and relatives. You are best to do something energetic this week. Take the whole family on an enjoyable outing. Your lucky numbers are 7,4,3.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Your best efforts will come through hard work. You would be best to work late in order to avoid such disharmony. Your nerves are frazzled. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,7.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug 22)
 Property in vestments should pay off. Make sure that you have covered yourself legally and try not to let your temper get out of hand. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,3.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Your own small business on the side sounds pretty lucrative. You will be viewed as a sensitive, compassionate individual. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,2.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Try to avoid family squabbles. Time is money and you must be ready to take action in order to reach your highest potential. Your lucky numbers are 8,1,2.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Your courage and willpower will enable you to get rid of destructive habits as well. Enjoy the company of relatives this week. Your lucky numbers are 3,1,8.

Did you know ...?

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

Answer to Last Weeks "Try and Find It!"

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 "I Remember
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At The Reform Temple Of Forest Hills

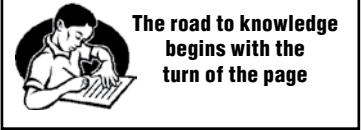
In honor of Mother's Day, "I Remember Mama", a Broadway play which was later adapted for a movie, a TV series, and eventually a Richard Rodgers musical, will be the subject of Tom Newby's next lecture at a meeting of Horizons, a club for those 55 and over on Thursday, May 10th at 12:30pm at The Reform Temple of Forest Hills, 71-11 112th Street. Mr. Newby, who has delivered other lectures on both opera and musical theater at Horizons meetings, performs concerts as a singer and is active in community theater as a director and choreographer.

Attendees are invited to bring lunch. A charge of \$3 will include coffee and cake.

**Samuel Field Y
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 & Noble Bookfair**

Please join the Early Childhood Department of the Samuel Field Y Pre-Schools at Barnes & Noble, located at 176-60 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows, for a special book fair on Sunday, April 22, 2012. The fair begins at 9:00 AM and includes several activities throughout the day. A Music Together class will be offered at 10:00 AM for children under the age of 5, followed by a read aloud and crafts hosted by Samuel Field Y staff for children at 11:30 AM. A dance performance by our after school program at P.S. 266 will take place at 2:30 PM, and a theatrical performance by our after school program at P.S. 169 will follow it at 3:30 PM. At 5:00 PM Randy Robertson will speak about his book, Finding Mary. There will also be an Earth Day Art Contest and a raffle for a Nook. Please present the voucher or Bookfair ID code from the flyer at the register when making a purchase and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Early Childhood and Preschool programs. The flyer can be found on our website: www.sfy.org/events.

For more information on our bookfair please contact Julie DeLorenzo at (718) 423-6111 ext. 228.



Answer to Last Weeks "Sudoku"

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9	7	8	1	3	2	6	5	4
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Miller Educates Seniors On Fire Safety

Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven) held event in conjunction with the New York City Fire Department to educate senior citizens about the importance of fire safety. Joined by FDNY Lieutenant Frank Manetta, Assemblyman Miller distributed smoke alarm batteries and informational brochures and discussed important fire safety tips with senior citizens.

"Senior citizens are among the most vulnerable fire victims," said Assemblyman Miller. "I am working hard to prevent fires in the homes and apartments of our seniors and I appreciate the support I get daily from the New York City Fire Department in this effort."



Congressman Crowley Applauds Creation of New York Health Insurance Exchange



Congressman Joe Crowley

Following Governor Cuomo's issuance of an executive order creating a health insurance exchange in New York, Rep. Joe Crowley (Queens, the Bronx) released the following statement:

"I applaud Governor Cuomo for taking this critical step to ensure that New Yorkers have access to good health insurance options. State health exchanges are an important part of the Affordable Care Act, making it easier for individuals and small businesses to purchase quality, affordable health coverage. With this step, New York can now move forward

with developing an exchange that meets our state's needs and helps the millions of uninsured New Yorkers and their families gain access to health care."

Starting in 2014, Affordable Insurance Exchanges will serve as health insurance "marketplaces," where individuals and small businesses can review and compare health insurance plans and choose the best plan for their family and/or employees. Consumers will also be able to find information on options, such as health programs or tax credits, that will make coverage more affordable.

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Christ the King Regional High School Students, Faculty and Staff Give the Gift of Life

Christ the King Regional High School Students, Faculty and Staff came together Easter Week to support their Annual Blood Drive. The school donated 88 pints! Congratulations and Thank you all! Pictured above from left to right: Cynthia Bajor (kneeling), Lauren Nuss, School President Michael Michel (giving blood), next three are NY Blood Center Nurses, School Blood Drive Organizer and Public Relations/Facility Manager Alice Wenz, Nicolette Kerr (dressed in Blood Droplet costume), Adrian Batiste and David Laborde



Free Breast Cancer Screenings Offered in Astoria

Council Member Peter F. Vallone Jr. and the American Italian Cancer Foundation Jr. co-hosted a free breast-cancer screening event in Astoria. They teamed up with Multi-Diagnostic Service for free medical services, which were provided at a mobile van parked outside of Council Member Vallone's district office at 22-45 31st Street. Over thirty women were screened.

Pictured at right are Council Member Vallone, Nurse Rosa Lopez, Mammographer Marta Velasquez, Nurse Lorraine Serra




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Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer Holds A Hearing On The Economic Impact Of Libraries In New York City

Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, Chair of the New York City Council's Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee, along with Council Member Diana Reyna, Chair of the Small Business Committee and Council Member Vincent Gentile, Chair of the Select Committee on Libraries, held a hearing on the economic impact of libraries in New York City.

The hearing was attended by the heads of New York City's three public library systems; Tom Galante, CEO, Queens Public Library (QPL); Linda Johnson, President & CEO, Brooklyn Public Library (BPL); and Tony Marx, President & CEO, the New York Public Library (NYPL); and explored the contributions of public libraries to the City's economy at a time when the Mayor's preliminary budget proposal threatens to make nearly \$100 million in cuts to the City's three library systems.

"Libraries are a precious and affordable resource for all residents throughout our all New York City's neighborhoods," said Council Member Van Bramer, Chair of the Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee. "The threat of further cuts will only have disastrous effects on the educational, cultural and economic development programming provided by these institutions.

We cannot stand by as these proposals threaten our libraries and the programming which millions of New Yorkers take advantage of every day. I will continue to fight the record cuts in order to ensure that they are restored once again."

Currently, the three New York City libraries are reporting that people are turning to these facilities in record numbers to take



advantage of the availability of such free resources, such as computer access, books, video games, DVDs and CDs, job-search assistance and health information.

New York City's three independent library systems; the Queens Library, the Brooklyn Public Library, The New York Public Library; operate 214 local library branches, offering free and open access information as well as career services and internet access, along with educational, cultural and job skills-building programming for city residents of all ages. A significant slash to the three library systems' budgets would threaten the essential services provided to millions at a time when each library is experiencing a record number of visitors.

Currently, the NYPL system offers a broad array of services and resources for job seekers and the unemployed. In the Bronx, the Bronx Library Center offers a Career and Educational Information Service to members of the public. This service includes one-on-one counseling, resume assistance, and career planning services. The BPL system includes a Business & Career Library at one of its locations. Its purpose is to meet the needs of entrepreneurs, business owners, investors, jobseekers, stu-

dents and community organizations through a suite of resources and services. The QPL's two Job Information Centers, at the Jamaica and Flushing branches, offer a variety of services for people who are unemployed, underemployed or would like to help with the direction of their career. These centers also sponsor workshops given by career guidance professionals throughout the Queens Library system on resume writing, job interview skills, and job search techniques. The Flushing location has helped over 2,000 people and facilitate over 300 successful job placements. The QPL estimates that this one program has helped generate \$12 million as an economic engine.

"All of these programs are at risk of reduction or even elimination should these cuts take effect," said Council Member Van Bramer.

In the photo below, Council Member Van Bramer, Chair of the Libraries Committees discusses the cultural programming provided at 214 local libraries throughout New York City with, Tom Galante, CEO, Queens Public Library; Linda Johnson, President & CEO, Brooklyn Public Library; and Tony Marx, President & CEO, the New York Public Library.

St. Mary's Hosts A Karaoke Party For Kids With Z100'S Danielle Monaro And 106.7 Lite Fm's Christine Nagy And Students From The Lowell School

Clear Channel Media and Entertainment New York and The Lowell School located in Bayside, New York - hosted a karaoke party for St. Mary's Kids at St. Mary's Hospital's Bayside Campus. Students of The Lowell School donated a karaoke machine and Z100's Danielle Monaro and 106.7 Lite fm's Christine Nagy emceed the event that celebrated the children in St. Mary's Inpatient, Young Adult and Early Education programs.

"Events like today's allow for us to celebrate each of the many special children here at St. Mary's," said Jeffrey Frerichs, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children. "But more importantly, it gives our kids a chance to forget about their complex medical conditions and just be kids, which is vital to their recovery."

This past year, Clear Channel Media and Entertainment New York teamed up with St. Mary's to launch the We Believe in Music campaign, a project to build a vibrant music environment at St. Mary's Hospital for Children. Clear Channel New York helped to create a music-themed space in the Children's Activity Center, part of St. Mary's new Patient



Pavilion, with music memorabilia, recording studio, DJ booth, iPod download station, karaoke machine and much more. The music-themed space creates a healing environment that will help St. Mary's Kids recover and thrive.

"We have had the great pleasure of working with St. Mary's over this past year and our experience with these children has been incredible," said Joe Puglise, President and Market Manger of Clear Channel Media and Entertainment New York. "Seeing the kids reaction to their new karaoke machine

and listening to them sing along with their favorite hits was simply amazing."

In response to St. Mary's and Clear Channel New York's We Believe in Music campaign, The Lowell School's seventh graders from teacher Christine Bargellini's class, with additional help from its Student Government, spent this school year raising funds through the sale of original art-designed bookmarks, food and bake sales, to purchase a karaoke

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Queens Sports

by Robert Elkin

Wells Captures JFK Race

Some 960 runners, mostly from the New York area, entered into the JFK Rotary Club 5K Runway Run at the John F. Kennedy Airport on an ideal day for the running sport. Everything went smooth for a race that attracted competitors of all ages and all walks of life. Some were first time runners in this race while others were veteran ones. Some used this race as a preparation or a tune-up run for future events, such as the Long Island Marathon or even half marathons.

The first person who crossed the finish line was from Orlando, Florida; it was 49 year old Alan Wells, who has constantly improved in his performances over the years.

Wells, a veteran of the sport, led practically all the way, ran at a 5:24 pace, and covered the 3.1 mile course in a winning time of 16:46. It marked the second year that this course was used. He ran the course in a little slower time than before because of the wind.

"The course was tough because of the cross wind," said Wells, who competed on the same course like last year when he placed third.

Some of the competitors felt that the course was just very windy but will still go on and support this race in the years to come.

Meanwhile, Jay Brown of Brooklyn finished in third place, one spot behind Adam Wolf of New Jersey. Brown is preparing for the Buckley's race to take place in May. This race is near Riis Park and is named after a restaurant-bar located in Brooklyn.

"It was very windy in this (airport) race," added Wolf who will continue to support this race. "Other than the wind, the race (last week) was just perfect.

Wolf was clocked in 17:02 while Brown was timed in 17:04.

One of the local runners who didn't need to travel much for the 5K was Bruno Bertolini, who competes unattached, and whose entire family came to see them in action.

"Every year we come here for such a charitable thing (event)," he said. "It's good for everybody and it's healthy."

Bertolini who has run for some 40 years, competed in the New York City Marathon, a number of years ago.

"It's a beautiful day," he added "(We had perfect weather even with the wind).

Council Member Mark Weprin Sponsors Informational Forum For Home Owners

Come join Council Member Mark Weprin and the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development as they host a Information Forum for Home Owners to discuss issues such as property tax exemptions, foreclosure prevention, building permits, lead safety, pest control, and low-interest home repair loans.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 25th, 2012, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

WHO: Council Member Mark

As a graduate of Richmond Hill High School, Bertolini has been running in these races for years.

"My goal is to stay fit," added Bruno, who was clocked in 28 minutes. "We had perfect weather even with the wind, which slowed down some of the runner's times. It's good for everyone and I's healthy.

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Meanwhile, his son Roberto, who was timed in a slower 28:47, said that the race was fun.

"And we had experience in competing in such a race," Roberto said. "Families and friends came out. Most of the money went to a charity. It (the proceeds) went for a good cause. I ran in this race every year."

Roberto attends Archbishop Molloy High School and he is not a member of its track team because of the hours and time of practices that he must put in. Being on such a team takes a lot of time. Instead of a school team, he goes in for karate after classes.

Queens residents among the top 30 finishers include Scott Bartucia of Jackson Heights with a time of 17:12, Joe Kennedy of of Sunnyside, (17:24), Eduardo Aponte of Ridgewood (18:48), William Pena of Flushing (20:05), Ramon Cabrera of Fresh Meadows (20:19) and Vincent Spiteri of Howard Beach (20:34).

Last Sunday morning marked the 30th annual race conducted by the JFK Rotary and it was not always been on the same course. It is the largest fund raiser of the year and helps children around the world, especially children, in the Queens area, and employees of the JFK Airport.

Some 100 people from the Rotary helped out in various capacities to make the race a tremendous success.

"This is the second time that we had our race on the runway (which is flat)," said Joe Morea, Past President of the JFK Rotary. "Two years ago the course was different...Last year we were in ther runway. I run the logistics of the race. We had a beautiful day."

"Road racing is wonderful," added Mark McMillan, Deputy Counsel for the Queens Borough President and runner and former basketball player at Flushing High School. "It keeps you healthy and your head clear."

Weprin, New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, other City agencies, and residential property owners

WHAT: Informational Forum for Home Owners

For more information, contact Council Member Mark Weprin's office at (718) 468-0137.

WHERE: The Kingsbury School, Public School 188Q, 218-12 Hartland Avenue, Oakland Gardens, New York 11364

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Join beloved former players including Rusty Staub and Ed Kranepool, cultural and baseball historians, sportswriters, statisticians, bloggers, biographers and fans at an interdisciplinary conference commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the New York Mets at Hofstra University April 26-28, 2012.

The academic conference will feature panel discussions, a meet-and-greet, exhibitions, performances and a raffle of Amazin' Mets merchandise. Visit "The Bullpen" and dish the latest Mets news with noted bloggers such as amazinavenue.com and faithandfearinflusing. Learn about Mets-inspired poetry, meet player/poet Edwin "The Glider" Charles - who is baseball's poet laureate, and attend panels that examine the cultural significance of the Mets' greatest rivalries and the Miracle Mets of 1969. Listen to sportswriters talk about their Amazin' experiences covering the Mets, and meet players and their families.

The 50th Anniversary of the New York Mets conference is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Dana Brand, a beloved Hofstra professor who was former chair of the Department of English and a lifelong Mets fan. He had started planning the conference shortly before his passing in 2011. He was the author of the books Mets Fan (2007) and The Last Days of Shea (2009). His efforts in the blogosphere earned him the nickname "The Proust of Mets Bloggers" in The New York Times. Proceeds from a Mets Memorabilia Raffle and Auction will benefit a scholarship in Dr. Brand's name.

St. Mary's Hosts A Karaoke Party For Kids

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machine for St. Mary's Kids. Today, ambassadors from the school including staff and students were on hand to present St. Mary's with this generous gift of music for the kids.

"We are thrilled to be a part of today's karaoke party at St. Mary's and help bring a smile to the faces of so many children," said Dede Proujansky, Executive Director of The Lowell School. "The Lowell School has had a long standing relationship of giving with our friends at St. Mary's Hospital for Children, and today's event was another way for our students and staff to get involved with this great cause."

Children at St. Mary's are battling complex medical and life-limiting conditions due to serious illness, injury and complications of premature birth. Events such as the Karaoke Party help bring each of St. Mary's kids towards

Addabbo & Miller Meet With NY American Legion Members

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incredibly important role for our veterans - giving them a voice, a presence, camaraderie, and a vital network of social and support services."

"We have seen what happens when we fail to take care of our returning veterans," Assemblyman Miller said. "The soldiers coming back from Vietnam were offered few services and were met with public disdain. That group of warriors had succumbed to homelessness, high unemployment, and drug addiction. We owe it to today's veterans to take the very best care of them when they return home and I, along with Senator Addabbo, intend to do that"

The American Legion Department of New York 2012 Legislative Program advocates passage of a variety of bills addressing such issues as military service credit, protection of war memorials, tax reductions for veterans and veteran organizations, health and chemical dependency services for servicemen and servicewomen, and greater recognition of the importance and meaning of the American flag and Pledge of Allegiance. Addabbo is the sponsor of legislation (S.1719-A) that would authorize the State Department of Education to develop and make available to New York Schools a curriculum focusing on the history of the American flag and underscoring the connection between the Pledge of Allegiance and the many contributions made by United States veterans to this country.

In addition to presenting their

2012 New York State legislative priorities, the American Legion members also highlighted several new laws of importance to them approved during the 2011 legislative session. Among these was a law, Chapter 527 of the Laws of 2011, authorizing "buffer zones" around funerals and other memorial ceremonies for deceased veterans that might attract demonstrators opposed to military policies and practices. A permit process was also created in the law to allow for peaceful protests while respecting the feelings of mourners.

Addabbo, a co-sponsor of the law, said, "While our First Amendment rights guaranteeing freedom of speech are precious, so are the rights of families who have lost loved ones in service to their country and who should be able to mourn their losses in peace and dignity. This law strikes a balance between the constitutional rights of protesters and our obligation to show respect for families who are saying a final good-bye to their beloved servicemen and servicewomen."

Assemblyman Miller is also working a number of issues pertaining to the American Legion, including a bill to allow full pension credit for all service members currently serving on active duty (A.9501).

In the remaining months of the 2012 State Legislative Session, Addabbo and Miller pledged to continue working on addressing the many different needs and concerns of veterans and active duty military personnel in New York State.

Goldfeder Tours Jamaica Bay Waterfront With The American Littoral Society



Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (center) joins Don Riepe, President of the American Littoral Society (left) on a tour of the Jamaica Bay waterfront aboard Mr. Riepe's boat "Oystercatcher" to see firsthand the many different species of birds and wildlife nesting near the neighborhoods of Howard Beach, Broad Channel, and Rockaway, and the work needed to preserve the marshlands surrounding JFK Airport.



Bloomberg Signs Brewer Bill On Better Access For Blind New Yorkers

In the Governor's Room at City Hall, Mayor Michael Bloomberg will sign into law Intro 183A, a bill introduced by Council Member Gale A. Brewer that will establish an Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) program in New York City. An APS is a device that communicates information about when it is safe to cross city streets in a non-visual format, such as audibly or via a vibrating surface.

Intro 183 will require the New York City Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and members of the visually impaired community, to install APS signals at 25 intersections each year. The legislation will also require an annual report on the status of the APS program, which shall include, amongst other things, detailed information on the cost of the program, potential funding sources, and a ranking of the top 50 intersections recommended for new APS signals.

According to Council Member Brewer, "Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) are as essential to the

visually impaired community as crossing signals are to the sighted. Intro 183, by requiring an expansion of the city's APS program, is a step in the right direction, and a commitment toward a world of equal accessibility for all New Yorkers."

Council Member Brewer would like to thank Mayor Bloomberg, Speaker Quinn, Transportation Committee Chair Jimmy Vacca, and the many members of the blind and visually impaired advocacy community for their hard work in making equal accessibility a priority in New York City.

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Joint Statement By Council Member Karen Koslowitz, Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Assemblywoman Grace Meng And Community Board 6 District Manager Frank Gulluscio Condemning Acts Of Hate In Forest Hills

In response to the anti-Semitic graffiti found near the Grand Central parkway in Forest Hills

Back Ground:

On April 13th anti Semitic graffiti were found at the Grand Central service road by 64th Avenue and 64th Road. Images of the swastika and racial slurs were largely spray painted across the base of the overpass. The incident was reported to the 112th Precinct around 10 am. Images were promptly removed.

Council Member Karen Koslowitz:

"I am utterly disgusted and angered at such expressions of hate and bigotry especially during the week of one the holiest religious observance for Jews. These images serve nothing but a terrible reminder of the prejudice that still exists today. It breaks my heart to know that someone would stoop so low to evoke fear and dreadful memories of

the past. They should be ashamed of themselves and know these actions of hate will not be tolerated here or anywhere else. I commend the NYPD 112th Precinct for their immediate response in having these images removed."

Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi:

"I am absolutely appalled to see such malicious and offensive action taken against our community. This sort of hate filled message is in no way reflective of our diverse and inclusive neighborhood. We will not tolerate bigotry of any form, be it race, religion, or anything else in our community."

State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky:

"This crime of hate is a crime against us all. New York City is the melting pot of the world, where people of all backgrounds live without fear of bullying and threats of violence. Hate speech must be dealt with

swiftly and decisively. Hate is a four-letter word which must be stricken from our vocabulary."

Assemblywoman Grace Meng:

"Such hateful acts have no place in our communities. These callous, cruel words strike at the heart of our diverse neighborhoods, and their intent is to divide and intimidate. We reject them and, with pride, remind everyone that Queens is the most diverse county in the United States. We must cherish and embrace this fact and together stand strongly against these bigoted acts." CB 6 District Manager Frank Gulluscio:

The hate crimes demonstrated the inappropriate behavior and irresponsibility of a few during Passover. It has affected the quality of life of Christians and Jews this holiday season. Our community can only hope and pray that these crimes can be solved.

Dinner at Bourbon Street to Support Programs for Children with Autism

In conjunction with Autism Awareness Month, The Samuel Field Y will be hosting a charity dinner at Bourbon Street Café, located at 40-12 Bell Boulevard, in Bayside, NY, on Monday, April 23. Reservations are recommended, and if you mention the Samuel Field Y while placing your reservation, a generous portion of your bill will be donated back to the Y, and used towards funding for programs for children with autism.

Make your reservations today for whatever time works best for you by calling Bourbon Street Café at (718) 224-2200, and don't forget to mention the Y when doing so. We encourage you to bring your friends and family as well, and help support this great cause.

For more information or to make a donation to the Samuel Field Y's programs for children with autism, please contact Jennifer Colletti-Membreno at (718) 225-6750 extension 238.

The Samuel Field YM&Y WHA, known as "The Everybody Place", is a not-for-profit, multi-service, multi-site community based organization that provides a diverse array of programs and services to over 30,000 residents of Queens and Western Nassau Counties. Since its inception, over 55 years ago, the Samuel Field Y has been dedicated to the core element of its mission - enhancing the quality of individual, family and communal life through service to people of all ages, ability levels, stages of life and backgrounds.

Assemblymember Rosenthal's New Law Helps Condo Owners Recover \$30,000 In Tax Overcharges From The City Department Of Finance

New Law Grants Condo Owners Access to Tax Abatement Applications They Were Prohibited From Reviewing Prior to Law's Passage

Thanks to a new law passed by Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal (D/WF-Manhattan) a Manhattan couple stands to recover thousands of dollars in tax overcharges from the New York City Department of Finance (Finance). The law used by the couple, Chapter 453 of the Laws of New York, signed by the Governor in August 2011, allows owners of condominiums to obtain copies of tax abatement applications submitted to the City by condominium building managers. Previously, condo owners were restricted to viewing these documents online and were denied access to the physical copies. A record-keeping error made by Finance prevented the McCarthys from collecting a tax abatement to which they were legally entitled. Access to the couple's properly filed original documents, which had been subsequently misclassified by Finance, will enable the McCarthys to prove their entitlement and collect \$30,000 of tax abatements improperly denied over the course of ten years.

"It is stunning that a simple clerical error cost the McCarthys \$30,000 over the past decade, not to mention the cost to the couple in terms of the time dedicated and the stress caused them in addressing this mistake. Human error such as this can and clearly does have significant impact on people living in the City; that is precisely why it is so important that we empower ordinary citizens by allowing them to access and review tax abatement filings to ensure that all information is documented accurately. As we have seen in the case of the McCarthys, who have fought for more than a year to recover the improperly collected funds, the ability to do so could save people thousands of dollars and years of unnecessary stress," said Assemblymember Rosenthal.

The manager of the McCarthys condominium building originally filed the McCarthys' tax abatement forms with Finance in January 2004, listing the McCarthys as owners. It wasn't until some years later that the McCarthys learned that they were entitled to a tax abatement as condo owners that they were not receiving. The McCarthys

immediately contacted Finance to obtain a copy of their original tax abatement application, but despite repeated attempts, the City refused to provide them with it. Had the McCarthys been granted access to their paperwork, they would have learned that they were in fact listed as owners on their tax abatement documents and that Finance had made a serious and very costly error.

"I am thrilled that this new law will help the McCarthys to recover \$30,000 in erroneously collected taxes due them," said Assemblymember Rosenthal. "There may be countless other New Yorkers who have been wrongfully charged and who are entitled to recover taxes that the City incorrectly levied. This law will help them to prove their case," Rosenthal stated. "Allowing people to access tax abatement applications and other important documents will help to prevent these costly errors in the future, or at the very least, ensure that they are not as severe as they unfortunately were for the McCarthys. Thirty thousand dollars is by no means a nominal sum, particularly in this economic climate, and I am so pleased that my law was able to help."

"After being told by a tax lawyer that I was not receiving the 17.5% tax abatement, I contacted the City, and I was told that I was a renter, instead of an owner," said Lois McCarthy, who, along with her husband Dennis, owns the condominium that was denied the abatement. "Renters are not eligible for this abatement. I was never a renter in this building, so I was confused. I emailed the City at least seven times asking for clarification on this issue. I thought that if I was listed as a renter then someone else must be getting my abatement and they said 'no.' I have been an owner for 10 years, since May 2000. As a long time resident of the Upper West Side, I praise Linda Rosenthal and the Alliance for Condo and Co-op Owners for this very important accomplishment. I know they have worked very hard to get this law passed."

Larry Simms, president of the Alliance for Condo and Co-op Owners (ACCO), has worked closely with the McCarthys to recover the money at issue. "When we started working on this issue, we thought it was an aberration

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Rare Diseases Affect Millions Of American Families

(StatePoint) One in 10 Americans is currently affected by a rare disease. For these people, getting properly diagnosed and treated can be a challenge.

Studies have shown it often takes five years or longer to receive an accurate diagnosis of a rare disease, according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD). And once diagnosed, many patients and families don't know where to turn for treatment or support.

"Nearly 30 million Americans are living with the challenges of a rare disease, but they are underserved and often ignored by the medical system," said Peter Saltonstall, President and CEO of NORD. "Despite the challenges, many people with rare diseases

display tremendous courage and strength, living their daily lives with disabling and mysterious symptoms."

To draw attention to rare diseases as an important public health issue, NORD sponsors Rare Disease Day, which is held on the last day of February every year. Details can be found at RareDiseaseDay.us.

In the US, any disease affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans is considered rare. According to the National Institutes of Health, there are nearly 7,000 rare diseases, and about 75 percent of them affect children.

Dave Crawford of Dallas knows firsthand the challenges of suffering from a rare disease. For more than 50 years, Crawford suffered from daily mysterious symptoms including red,

bumpy skin rashes, fevers, conjunctivitis, headaches, joint swelling and muscle aches. The symptoms often occurred after exposure to cold or damp air, but also flared spontaneously. Crawford's mother, grandmother and great-grandmother had also lived with the same painful symptoms, but never received a diagnosis.

It wasn't until 2010 that Crawford was finally diagnosed with Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS) -- a group of rare genetic diseases that affect an estimated 300 people in the US.

"After suffering from daily symptoms for decades, it was a tremendous relief to get a conclusive diagnosis," said Crawford. "My doctor and I have developed a treatment plan

that keeps the inflammation and other symptoms well under control."

"CAPS is a serious and lifelong inflammatory disease that is treatable, but often misdiagnosed or undiagnosed because few physicians are familiar with it, and its symptoms may resemble other illnesses," said Dr. Hal Hoffman, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the University of California, a specialist in rare inherited inflammatory disorders whose lab identified the gene responsible for CAPS.

Though rare diseases are often overlooked, it's important to learn your family's health history as many are passed down through generations.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION File No. 2011-4054 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of William Tymms a/k/a William E. Tymms a/k/a William Edmond Tymms, deceased, if living, and if any of them be deceased, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; and to the Public Administrator of Queens County; Lee Ann Tymms Truitt; and John Everett Tymms II.

A petition having been duly filed by Rose Packard who is domiciled at 34 Windsor Road, Great Neck, New York 11021 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11435, on May 24, 2012, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of William Tymms, aka William E. Tymms and William Edmond Tymms lately domiciled at 18-40 211th Street Apt. #4F, Bayside, New York 11360, United States admitting to probate a Will dated June 10, 1991 as the Will of William Tymms deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to Rose Packard
 [X] Further relief sought (if any): Granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.
 Dated, Attested and Sealed, APR 03 2012
 Seal
 HON. Peter J. Kelly
 Surrogate
 MARGARET M. GRIBBON
 Chief Clerk
 Robert A. Berzak
 Name of Attorney
 Lester, Minsky & Berzak, P.C.
 Firm
 325 Merrick Avenue, East Meadow, New York 11554
 Address
 (516) 794-2327
 Telephone

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.
 4/12,19,26&5/3/2012

117 GUY R. BREWER REALTY, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. Of State of NY 09/12/2005. 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, 145-14 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
 3/15,22,29,4/5,12&19/2012

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Charities R Us, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/11. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 576, Cedarhurst, NY 11516. Duration Date: 12/31/2197. Purpose: General.
 3/29,4/5,12,19,26&5/3/2012

Notice of Formation of Lags Realty, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/2/12. 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 Michael Lagudis, 44-20 Francis Lewis Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 3/22,29,4/5,12,19&26/12

Notice of formation of Da Han Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/08/2012 Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC. SSNY shall mail process to 39-15 Main Street, Suite 301, Flushing NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 4/5,12,19,26&5/4/2012

CHEZ RAISIN LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/22/12. 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, 95-11 68th Ave., Forest Hills, NY 11375. General Purposes.
 4/5,12,19,26,5/3&10/2012

J&M Global Development LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 03/23/2012, as J&M Global Development LLC. Office in Queens Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 108-20 65th Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375 USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
 4/12,19,26,5/3,10,&17/2012

HONG KONG REALTY, LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/27/2011. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 149-37 Elm Ave, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
 4/5,12,19,26,5/3&10/2012

SENTRONG TRADING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) March 06, 2012 as SENTRONG TRADING LLC. Office in Queens Co. SSNY designated. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 61-20 232 STREET OAKLAND GARDENS, NEW YORK, 11364. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
 4/12,19,26,5/3,10,&17/2012

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 132-09 LIBERTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/06/12. 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 the LLC, 132-09 Liberty Avenue, Richmond Hill, New York 11419. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
 4/5,12,19,26,5/3&10/2012

HUNTERS POINT DIRECT, LLC, Arts of Org, filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/2012. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated as agent LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to Attn Michael L. Kolodner, 25-11 Hunters Point, Long Island City, NY, 11101. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.
 4/12,19,26,5/3,10&17/2012

Careeraspiration LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/11. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General
 4/5,12,19,26,5/3&10/2012.

TWIST IT TOP IT FROZEN YOGURT LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/16/12. 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, 158-18 Crossbay Blvd., Howard Beach, NY 11414. General Purposes.
 4/12,19,26,5/3,10&17/2012

NOTICE OF FORMATION, Rego Park Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/23/2012. Office location: QUEENS County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to c/o: THE LLC, 88-42 62nd Drive, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose; any lawful act or activity.
 4/12,19,26,5/3,10&17/2012

New York City Sport Center LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/11. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Boon Huat NG, Kok Ming Hee, 31-22 College Point Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: General.
 3/15,22,29,4/5,12 & 19/2012



LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1262315 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 34-10 31st Ave., Astoria, NY 11106 for on-premises consumption; Zenon Taverna Inc.
 4/12&19/2012

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1261772, 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 Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 59-35 174 Street, Fresh Meadows, NY, for on premises consumption. New Traditions Inc.
 4/12&19/2012

THE LAW OFFICE OF FRANK T. DIPIAZZA, PLLC, a domestic PLLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/15/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Frank Di Piazza, 66-31 Fresh Pond Rd., Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Law.
 3/15,22,29&4/5,12&19/2012

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SUNRISE X REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/12. 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 the LLC, 37-36 75th Street, Jackson Heights, New York 11372. Purpose: For any lawful purpose
 .4/19,26,5/3,10,17&24/2012

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 43-11 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/12/12. 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 the LLC, 25-64 36th Street, Astoria, New York 11103. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
 4/19,26,5/3,10,17&24/2012

Notice of Formation of Pinch Music LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on March 20 2012. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to 3029 48th St., 2nd Fl., Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
 4/19,26,5/3,10,17&24/2012



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Notice of Formation of ROCK BEACH GOLF MANAGEMENT, LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/12. 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: 224 Beach 136th Street, Belle Harbor NY 11694. Purpose: Any Lawful Activity. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.
 4/19,26,5/3,10,17&24/2012

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 3/21/12, bearing Index Number NC-000133-12/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 (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) MARIA (Middle) DEYSI (Last) RUIZ. My present name is (First) DEYSI (Last) ZUNIGA. My present address is 87-15 165 ST. Apt. 7D, Jamaica, NY 11432. My place of birth is EL SALVADOR. My date of birth is January 28, 1936.
 4/19/12

Notice of Formation of Global Entertainment Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/02. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Telly Hatziegeorgiou, 80 Warren St., Apt. 66, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 4/19, 26,5/3,10, 17,&24/2012

SCS Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration

WHEN Thursday, April 19, 3 to 6 p.m.
 WHERE SCS, 43-31 39th Street, Sunnyside, NY
 CONTACT: Roberta Zulawski, 718 784-6173 x 434 | rzulawski@scsny.org
 WHO In addition to over 200 volunteers of all ages attending the celebration in their honor, representatives from local politicians, NYC DFTA and SCS board members and staff will present awards and certificates to volunteers who have distinguished themselves by going above and beyond in their service to the community. Awards will be presented in administrative service, social services, older adult services, youth and family services and more. Photo opportunity throughout, opportunities for interviews before and after ceremony.

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To learn more about CAPS and take a disease questionnaire, visit CAPS-FamilyConnections.com/rare. If you or someone you love have already been diagnosed with CAPS, share your experience with others at CAPSConnectUSA.com/rare. Both websites are provided by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

New Law Helps Condo Owners Recover \$30,000 In Tax Overcharges

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affecting one or two homeowners. We've since seen instances of missing tax abatements pop up all over. It's absolutely clear that no agency's 'interpretation' of the original documents can be relied on. Just like when voting, we need to be able to check the paper trail," said Mr. Simms. "The McCarthys were told on seven separate occasions that the official record listed them as renters, but they were never allowed to see the actual application. As soon as the form was released--thanks to this new law--they saw that their names were properly recorded as owners. They are out of pocket tens of thousands of dollars and faced with the new challenge of recovering from the city their principal plus interest. If not for this legislation, however, the McCarthys would never have been able to prove their case. We don't know how many homeowners are affected statewide by this problem. ACCO is deeply indebted to Assemblymember Rosenthal for facilitating the discovery of the simple truth in these cases."

Assemblymember Rosenthal encourages any condominium owner who suspects that he or she may have been wrongfully denied a tax abatement to contact her office at 212-873-6368 or rosenthall@assembly.state.ny.us immediately.



Senator Stavisky Greets Chabad Rabbi



Senator Toby Ann Stavisky met in Albany with Rabbi Shmuel Menachem Butman, a leader of the Chabad movement and director of the Lubavich Youth Organization following Rabbi Butman's delivery of the daily invocation in the Senate chamber. Senator Stavisky, who has represented Queens in Albany since 1999, spoke with the Rabbi about their shared commitment to social justice, educational opportunities, and progress for all New Yorkers.

Leonardo da Vinci I.S. 61Q Student Wins Morgan Museum Book-Arts Award

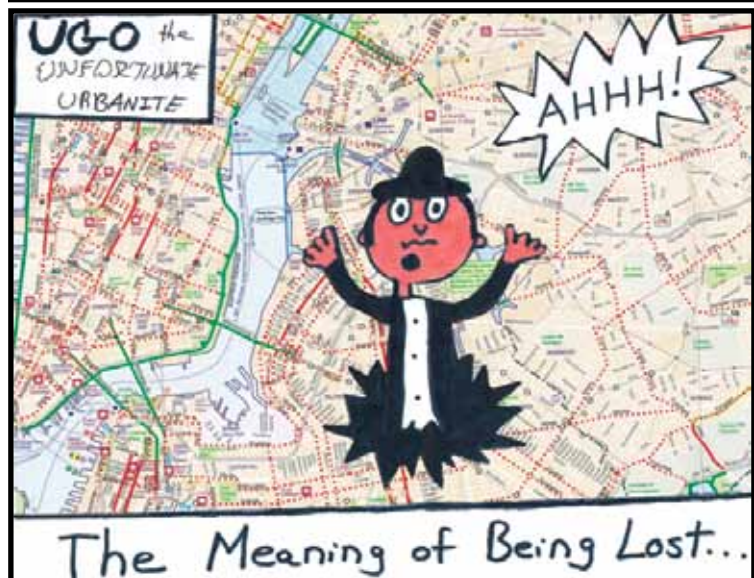


I.S. 61 "Da Vinci Apprentices" are pictured with lead teachers Ms. Stokolosa and Ms. Susan Bayza at the Morgan Library and Museum.

Goldfeder Joins Howard Beach Girl Scouts At Their Annual Cookie Sale



Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder joined Daisy Troop 4286 and Brownie Troop 4615 from St. Barnabas in Howard Beach at their Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale with District Leader Frank Gulluscio and Deputy Borough President Barry Grodenchik at Queens Borough Hall. In addition to raising money for their troop's activities, the girls also raised money to send cookies to our troops over seas.



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