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New Laws That Benefit Our Community From Assemblyman Mike Miller

As we ring in 2017, New Yorkers have a lot to celebrate. For starters, many Queens's residents will have more money in their pockets thanks to a higher minimum wage. In addition, more first responders are protected along roadways, and it's more affordable and convenient to get screened for breast cancer. I'd like to share how these new laws taking effect in January might help you and your loved ones.

Every New Yorker deserves to make a livable wage, and we're making progress on that front. Thousands of workers across the state are now bringing home more money because the minimum wage increased on Dec. 31. This helps hardworking Queens families make ends meet. And with more increases taking effect in coming years, we will continue to lift working families out of poverty.

In New York City, the minimum wage increased to \$11.00 per hour and will go up in \$2.00 increments each year until it hits \$15.00 in 2018. For New York City businesses with 10 or fewer employees, the minimum wage increased to \$10.50 on Dec.

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"Passing of the Baton" Ceremony



Tom Suozzi, the congressman for New York's third Congressional district, held a ceremony along with his predecessor Congressman Steve Israel for a "passing of the baton," before he is officially sworn into the 115th Congress. See story on page 3.

Rozic Begins Third Term in the Assembly with Oath of Office



On opening day of the 2017 Legislative Session, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) took her oath of office alongside colleagues in the Assembly chambers. Today, Rozic officially begins her third term representing the 25th District. She serves on the Assembly's Children and Families, Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Correction, Environmental Conservation, and Labor Committees. Rozic is a member of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus and the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, and most recently was appointed Chair of the Subcommittee on Emerging Workforce.

Governor Cuomo and Bernie Sanders Announce Plan for Tuition-free College



Bernie Sanders and Governor Andrew Cuomo announce a plan for tuition-free college at La Guardia Community College in Long Island City. Photo courtesy of office of Governor Andrew Cuomo. See story on page 2.



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31 and will continue to increase \$1.50 each year. It is scheduled to reach \$15.00 in 2019. For Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties, the minimum wage rose to \$10.00 on Dec. 31. It will increase \$1.00 each year to reach \$15.00 per hour in 2021.

Veterans risk their lives to protect our country and the values it represents, and it's important that we do everything we can to help them once they come home. The state budget I helped pass extended the Hire-a-Veteran tax credit through 2018 to help more members of the military find good jobs and build a bright future when they return (Ch. 60 of 2016).

In addition, I'm working to make the health and safety of all New Yorkers a top priority, including first responders – the people who help keep us safe. I supported an expansion of the "Move Over" law to require drivers to slow down and move over for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers whose vehicles have flashing blue or green lights (Ch. 97 of 2016). The law already covered first responders and hazard vehicles that display red, white and/or amber flashing lights. We have seen far too many avoidable fatalities impact our communities, and it's important for all of us to exercise caution, slow down and move over when we see these vehicles.

I'm committed to making life more affordable for New Yorkers. That's why I helped permanently extend the Earned Income Tax Credit for noncustodial parents who are current on their child support payments and meet the income threshold for a single

taxpayer without children (Ch. 60 of 2016). In addition, homeowners are now eligible for a reduction in their homeowner's insurance premiums upon completing a natural disaster preparedness, home safety and loss prevention course (Ch. 54 of 2016). I'll keep working to keep more of your hard-earned money right where it belongs – in your pocket.

We also continued to make important progress in combating the devastating heroin epidemic, which has destroyed thousands of families across New York. I helped pass a law to reduce the stigma of medication-assisted treatment for those with a substance abuse disorder. Credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselors are now required to complete training in medication-assisted treatment as part of their continuing education requirements (Ch. 493 of 2016). This year's state budget provided \$26 million to strengthen prevention and treatment programs and safely dispose of pharmaceuticals.

Moreover, individuals struggling with substance abuse disorders will no longer need prior approval from insurance companies in order to access inpatient drug treatment services (Ch. 71 of 2016). Insurers will also cover an emergency five-day supply of medication to help overcome their disease without prior approval, as well as medications to treat drug overdoses (Ch. 69 of 2016). Heroin and opioids have taken far too many lives, and New Yorkers deserve to be aware of and have more treatment options available to them.

It's also important to be proactive when it comes to protecting our health, which is why New York expanded access to breast cancer screenings. Early detection of breast cancer can save lives. Starting this year, insurance companies can no longer require New Yorkers to pay annual deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance payments for screening and diagnostic imaging for the detection of breast cancer (Ch. 74 of 2016). This includes diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds and MRIs. In addition, more hospitals and clinics are now required to offer extended hours to make it easier for women who work full time to get potentially lifesaving screenings. New York City employees also now have the right to four hours of paid leave per year for breast cancer screenings.

As we enter 2017, it's important now more than ever that New York leads by example and remains a progressive champion. We've led the way on a number of important issues, and I'll keep fighting to help each and every New Yorker get ahead as the new legislative session kicks off. From helping to create more and better jobs, to giving students an education that sets them up for future success, to keeping dangerous drugs off our streets and helping those struggling with dependency, I'll always work to keep us moving in the right direction. If you would like additional information about any legislation, or have any questions regarding a community issue, please don't hesitate to contact my office at millermg@nyassembly.gov or 718-805-0950.

Governor Cuomo and Bernie Sanders Announce Plan for Tuition-free College

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Governor Andrew Cuomo and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders announced a plan in to introduce tuition-free state and city college at La Guardia Community College, called the Excelsior Scholarship, which would provide students who are attending two-year and four-year college programs in New York state and New York City, and whose families earn \$125,000 or less, a tuition-free education.

Cuomo, who was from the County of Queens said, "this would be the first program of its kind in the United States", and "college affordability is the most important issue that this state and nation must address because it is incredibly hard and getting incredibly harder to get a college education with an average college debt of \$30,000 per student". "Half the student debt in New York State is higher than \$30,000. That is not fair. That is not right."

With legislative approval the plan will start to be implemented this fall and will be officially in

place by 2019. The estimated cost of the Excelsior Scholarship would be \$163 million approximately 940,000 households in New York have college-aged children that could benefit from this program.

The new initiative will be phased in over three years, beginning for New Yorkers making up to \$100,000 per year in the fall of 2017, increasing to \$110,000 in 2018, and reaching \$125,000 in 2019.

Combining existing aid programs and other state money will be a way to pay for the program. The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) offers almost \$1 billion statewide and New York is only one of two states to offer a program like this. The program would provide TAP and other federal grants along with other state funds to cover the remaining costs.

Sanders, who made affordable college tuition a priority during his 2016 presidential run, said this plan would encourage other states to follow New York's lead in terms of providing a college education to all students regardless of family income.

"It is basically insane to tell the young people of this country, 'We want you to go out and get the best education you can, we want you to get the jobs of the future. Oh, but by the way, after you leave school you're going to be 30, 50, 100 thousand dollars in debt. And you're going to have to spend decades paying off that debt,'" Sanders said.

Currently, tuition at a four-year state school is \$6,470 per year. At two-year community colleges, the tuition is \$4,350. Those attending a four-year program at a city school pay approximately \$6,330 per year and \$4,880 per year at a two-year community college.

New York's public university system is the largest in the United States, with 440,000 students attending a public university on 64 campuses.

"It's once again New York leading the way, the way we did on raising the minimum wage, the way we did on paid family leave, marriage equality, the way we did on gun safety, and this should be a wake up call in this nation," Cuomo said.



Superstorm Sandy Emergency Cleanup Firm Donates Needed Technology to Children at St. Camillus Academy

Navillus Contracting a construction company that voluntarily provided extensive emergency restoration services to thousands of Rockaway residents dislocated by Superstorm Sandy in 2012 -- has continued to support the community by donating needed technology to a local school.

Students at St. Camillus Catholic Academy in Rockaway Park received the donation at a student assembly held on December 14. The firm gave the school 40 Google Chromebooks, as well as two wireless printers and a stocking full of additional holiday gifts for each student. Also in attendance was New York State Senator Addabbo.

"Those of us in the construction sector need to always remind ourselves that we are engaged in community-building," said Donal O'Sullivan, owner and president of Navillus Contracting, and a Queens resident as well. "All of us at Navillus Contracting have been proud to lend a helping hand to the Rockaways, which has sacrificed so much in these four years. We have developed friendships that will outlast our physical presence here and we are hopeful that our gift to the Academy today will continue to help this wonderful community."

"After the destruction which was caused by Sandy, Navillus was very active in the cleanup and recovery efforts in the Rockaways. Their presence and efforts eased the burdens of so many of us whose lives were shattered by the storm," said Rev. Richard Ahlemeyer, pastor of St. Camillus- St. Virgilus Roman Catholic Church. "It is a great pleasure to receive this donation and to realize that Navillus continues to support the Rockaway community. God bless them for their generous donation in the past and present."

"I think it is wonderful that Navillus has continued to give back to the families of Rockaway and Broad Channel. We are so very grateful for the donation of technology which will enhance our teaching and learning," said Shelia Smith Gonzalez, Principal of St. Camillus Catholic Academy. "I know the students of St. Camillus Catholic Academy will be thrilled and surprised by the early Christmas presents. God bless Mr. O'Sullivan and Navillus Contracting- you made our Christmas wonderful!"

As soon as the scope of the storm's historic impact became clear, Navillus Contracting -- which specializes in concrete high-rise construction -- im-

mediately sent in 100 volunteers to undertake emergency cleanup operations. The volunteers literally dug out more than 300 homes in Sandy's immediate aftermath, mobilizing heavy equipment for emergency cleanup.

A few days later, the firm sent another contingent of 50 corporate volunteers -- including hardhats and office personnel alike -- to provide additional, hands-on support to affected families. Navillus volunteers established a "relief tent" command center, distributing food and water for up to 4,500 people daily over a three-month period.

As part of its Sandy-related mission, Navillus also provided local families and shopkeepers with health and safety training, which would properly prepare residents to work safely in flood-impacted buildings and homes as rebuilding progressed.

A storm of historic proportions, Superstorm Sandy left a trail of devastation across the entire Eastern Seaboard in 2012, causing more than \$75 billion in damage. Only Katrina, the 2005 mega-storm that leveled New Orleans, caused more destruction.

Navillus Contracting was honored by City & State as one of New York's Top 100 Corporate Social Responsibility companies.

Alan Hevesi to Speak on The Politics of The Constitution



are also questioning what actions can be taken by a president alone, without any checks or balances. On Monday, January 9, at 1:30 p.m., former NYS Comptroller Alan Hevesi will speak at the Central Queens Y in Forest Hills on "The Politics of the Constitution." Hevesi will be discussing the question, how well does an 18th century document apply to modern circumstances? The Central Queens Y is located at 67-09 108 Street, in Forest Hills. All events are always open to the public. An \$8 voluntary donation is requested. For more information, contact CQY Cultural Arts at (718) 268-5011, ext. 151, or at pkurtz@cqy.org or online at www.cqy.org.

The U.S. Constitution was intended to unite 13 colonies and create a new national government.

Signed in 1787, it has evolved into the supreme law of the longest-lived democracy in history and the world's most powerful nation. Hevesi will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution. He will focus on a selection of the Constitution's most significant clauses in order to understand how it has helped (and sometimes hindered) Americans in resolving such issues as civil rights, freedom of speech, corporate power, religious freedom and the like.

Alan Hevesi is also former NYC Comptroller, former NYS Assemblyman, and a former Professor of Political Science. This program is presented by the Cultural Arts Department of the Central Queens Y. More information is available online at www.cqy.org or at (718) 268-5011 ext. 151, or pkurtz@cqy.org.

The electoral college is one of several constitutional issues back in the forefront of political discussions following the election of Donald J. Trump. Many

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown Delivers Year-End Message To The Residents Of Queens County



Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown -- who began his record seventh consecutive term as District Attorney and marked the completion of his twenty-fifth year as Queens County's chief law enforcement officer in 2016

-- delivered his year-end message to the residents of Queens County in which he noted that Queens County was again among the City's leaders in crime reduction in 2016.

Based on preliminary statistics released by the New York City Police Department, Queens County has seen an overall 3.26 percent decline in serious crime from the previous year. The downward turn was led by a nearly 19 percent drop in murders and a 15 percent drop in auto thefts, followed by an 8.5 percent drop in robberies and a nearly 8 percent drop in burglaries.

District Attorney Brown said, "During the twenty-five years that

I have had the privilege and honor of serving as district attorney of Queens County, my office has steadfastly committed itself to ensuring a safe environment for those who live, work and visit in Queens County. Through our law-enforcement initiatives and the utilization of an array of cutting-edge interventions and prevention programs, we have made tremendous progress in accomplishing that goal which, in turn, has contributed greatly to New York City's historic decline in serious and violent crime. According to statistical data provided by the NYPD, over the last twenty-three

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Resolve to Replace Your Bad Financial Habits

By Nathaniel Sillin

Most people have at least one bad financial habit. Whether it's impulse shopping, forgetting to pay bills on time or putting off building that emergency fund, balancing what you want to do and what you "should" do is never easy. The new year is the perfect time to identify potential financial weak points and replace bad habits with productive ones.

Start by identifying your bad habits. Sometimes a bad financial habit is easy to identify. For example, there might be a growing stack of bills in the kitchen that you willfully ignore. Others may be subtler, or perhaps they've become so ingrained that you do them without thinking twice.

Not sure where to start? Looking through your previous months' expenses can help you identify expensive trends or one-off purchases that are part of a larger theme. Online or paper bank statements can make this particularly simple. If you have a budget, you likely already compare projected spending with actual spending on a monthly basis, if not, this might be a good time to start.

You might recognize a few of these common bad financial habits in your life:

- Paying bills after the due date.
 - Paying only the minimum required on bills.
 - Ignoring bills and letting them go to collections.
 - Putting off saving for retirement or for a rainy day.
 - Impulse shopping or "retail therapy."
 - Not keeping track of how much debt you have.
 - Taking on debt to pay for something you don't currently need.
- Ultimately, all of these lead to spending more than you earn and in some cases, bad habits can have a cascading effect.

Try to figure out what's driving your behavior. You might need to figure out what triggers your behavior and the reward you perceive afterward before you can change a habit. However, triggers and rewards aren't always obvious.

For example, you might buy big-ticket items when they're on sale because you want to feel like you're accomplishing something by "saving" so much. Perhaps you could foster a similar feeling of accomplishment by investing the money in a tax-deferred retirement account and calculating how

much it'll be worth after years of compound interest.

Aim for these healthy financial habits. What habits should you try to adopt? Budgeting is certainly a worthy activity, but also consider the following mix of behaviors and specific objectives that can help keep your finances in order.

- Pay bills on time. In addition to avoiding late-payment fees, making on-time payments is one of the most important factors in determining your credit score.
- Make paying down debt a priority. Rather than accruing interest, make a point to pay down debts as quickly as possible.
- Build and maintain an emergency fund. Having three to six months' worth of living expenses in savings can help cushion the blow from a financial or personal setback. You could start with a goal to put \$1,000 aside and then build towards the full emergency fund.
- Save for retirement. You can put aside a percentage of your income for retirement and invest the money within a tax-advantage account, such as a 401(k) or IRA. Find a comfortable contribution amount to start with, and then try to increase it at least once during the year.
- Plan your large purchases. To help prevent impulse shopping from draining your budget, resolve to wait at least one day before buying anything that costs over \$100 (or whatever amount makes sense for your budget). If you know there's a large purchase coming up, start saving early by setting a little money aside from each paycheck.

You might consider asking others for input during this process. Especially if you're having trouble identifying a bad habit or finding the motivation to change, sometimes an outside perspective can help.

Bottom line: Make a resolution to replace your bad financial habits with healthy ones this year. Start by identifying the habits you want to change and trying to figure out the trigger and reward that surround the behavior. Then, try to replace that behavior with something positive. After identifying and trying to change your personal financial habits, you might want to consider the financial practices you share with a spouse or significant other.

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"Passing of the Baton" Ceremony

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The ceremony was attended by Congressman Steve Israel, the Hon. Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President, elected officials from across the district, clergy from multiple faiths and America's Got Talent Finalist, Sal Valentinetti will perform.

The "Passing of the Baton" ceremony began by Queens Borough President Melinda Katz welcoming everyone. The Trooping of the Colors was carried out by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 82. Edward Aulman did the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star

Spangled Banner was performed by Grace Lau, Julia LiVigni and the North Shore HS Concert Chorus. The invocation by: Church of St. Rocco's Fr. Elias Carr, Chabad of Brookville Rabbi Mendy Heber, Calvary AME Church Rev. Craig Wright, BAPS Hindu Temple Head Priest Harikrusn G. Joshi, and Islamic Center of Long Island Mufti Mohammad Farham. Musical performance by Sal Valentinetti, Passing of the Baton by former Congressman Steve Israel to newly elected Congressman Tom Suozzi and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz closed the ceremony.



Whirl With Merle

CRYSTAL PARK WILL REFLECT ARTIST RETREAT

by Merle Exit

Thomas Chen is president of the manufacturing firm Crystal Window & Door Systems based in Flushing. He came to the United States from his native Taiwan in 1982 at the age of 27. After working for several years for others and learning English at night, he started a small manufacturing business in Queens. In 1990, Mr. Chen launched Crystal Window & Door Systems. The company is now one of the top 40 fenestration manufacturers in North America with additional production facilities in Chicago, St. Louis, Riverside, CA and soon to have a 226-acre plant in Benton, PA. There is no branch in Holmes, NY. Yet, he is creating a 200-acre space at this location and calling it Crystal Park, located 65 miles North of NYC.

Mr. Chen is a longtime patron of the arts, and established a corporate foundation in 2002 to advance and preserve Taiwanese art and culture. In fact, Thomas Chen is Vice President of the Taiwanese American Arts Council. For many years, an art gallery he created within the Queens factory building of Crystal Window and Door Systems exhibited the works of local artists. Mr. Chen has sponsored exhibits at Flushing Town Hall, the Queens Museum, and other locations around the New York metropolitan area.

I had the joyous opportunity to take a Thanksgiving Day road trip, along with TAAC Executive Director LuchiaMeihua Lee, Ken Howell, Taiwanese artist Catherine Lan and journalist Emily Chang. Prior to Crystal Park's entrance an art piece resembling a car sits as the side of the road entitled "Sun in Action" by Lin Shih-Pao. A logo of crystals designed by Chiehping Chen greets the main gate. A house rests at the top of the hill, where we will later meet with his employee and their family. Walking down to the first level, we are able to look out at only some of what is to come including another stone carving poem by Tinghiam Wang written in Chinese. Luchia translated for me.

As long as
Snow has image, rain has trace,
Thunder has sound, water has pattern
There are poems.
If people no longer write poems,
Birds come to write,
Winds come to write,
Snails come to write.
Fish cannot take bait as food,
Flowers cannot choose vases as home.
A thinking reed
Is only a spine.
Under anger, no wisdom



Pictured Left to right: Emily Chang, Merle Exit, Catherine Lan, Tom Chen, Luchia Meihua Lee, Ken Howell.

Under jealousy, no virtue.

We can view artistic wooden paths, a gazebo, hammock hung between two trees, and a distant chicken coop with the sound of a rooster crowing. It is just perfect as this coming Lunar New Year marks the Year of the Rooster.

Not being mobile enough I stayed in the house while the others explored the property. Tom, meanwhile, continued working on the land digging on a fork lift. "I have watched this mountain land being transformed from a neglected rural setting towards a future multi-functional park and future artist village with art, recreation, farm and breath-taking landscape around the lake", Luchia said. "I have arranged for many artists to visit since 2014 and were all met with a stunning experience of nature."

"Crystal Park carries the dream of Thomas Chen who was born and grew up in a beautiful southern village in Pingdong, Taiwan," she continues. "If he had not been an entrepreneur, he would have been an artist. His Crystal Park will be a retreat for us to create, exhibit, enjoy and exercise; an artist village for not only Taiwanese Americans, but for all US artists that have the spirit and need the space to gain

energy."

Catherine Lan grew up in Australia where she learned her art forms and focus on nature. "It's another world from New York City", she commented about Crystal Park, "where you can get away for the weekend or a one-day trip. I am really excited that I will be able to go to the park when it is completed, although it is open for visits. I love the fresh air and even more the inspiration that it will provide me for some of my future works".

"With such a large area, there are many places to hike", Tom said. "It is a great way for me to teach my international employees about American outdoor culture." Future plans for this "artist colony" include gardens, farming areas, artist studio spaces, an art museum and the commission of outdoor sculptures by Taiwanese and international artists.

Incidentally, Crystal Window and Door Systems is open to the public but only sells to contractors. Tom said that he welcomes people to come in and learn about the types of products that would suit them best for their home. The company is located at 31-10 Whitestone Expressway. 781-961-7300. You can view more about Crystal Park at www.crystalpark.org.

Simplify Tax Time by Gathering Financial Documents Ahead of Filing Season

Good recordkeeping reduces errors and supports eligibility for tax credits and deductions

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is encouraging taxpayers to begin gathering and organizing their 2016 financial records in preparation of tax season. Receiving any tax credit or deduction hinges on the ability of taxpayers to prove their earned income and expenses claimed on their income tax return.

"With less than one week left in 2016, taxpayers can simplify the filing season by compiling their financial documents now," said Acting Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Nonie Manion. "With the proper documentation taxpayers are more likely to be able to successfully claim potentially valuable credits and deductions."

Records to collect

- Gather documents, including bank statements, deposit slips,

anceled checks, and invoices.

- Business owners—including the self-employed—must compile records of each sale, including the sales price, the sales tax collected, cash register receipts, and credit card sales slips.

- Records for the self-employed should contain enough information to accurately show the tax year's gross receipts, business expenses, and the purchase price of assets and inventory.

- Tax records should be maintained for at least three years as it could impact a taxpayer's ability to prove eligibility for valuable credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

For more information Recordkeeping requirements for sales tax vendors

EITC recordkeeping tips for the self-employed

Music Can Be a Major Key to Therapeutic Healing

Music plays a significant role in nearly everyone's life, but for some people it represents much more than an invitation to dance or a soundtrack for the morning commute.

Researchers have found that music therapy provides a diversion from negative feelings and helps manage the pain of not only adults, but of children with developmental, physical, behavioral, and neurological disabilities.

It also increases range of motion and motor skills, and in some cases is a replacement for medication. In short, its therapeutic uses are many. "Music is invaluable to people with special needs, allowing them to express themselves non-verbally," says Travis Perry, a music teacher for more than 35 years and inventor of ChordBuddy (www.chordbuddy.com), a device that makes guitar-learning easier for anyone—including those with disabilities.

"Veterans can use music to help cope with PTSD as well as other physical injuries. Senior citizens can learn to play the guitar, which helps build hand strength."

One recent study showed that music therapy can even help children cope with routine immunizations, making them less stressed—and their parents less stressed as well.

While music therapy is known to be fruitful for the person needing therapy, the results also can be a gratifying for the teacher. Perry says he's found it especially satisfying to teach the guitar to autistic children, who can be challenging

but ultimately rewarding pupils.

In fact, a small number of people with autism are musical savants, according to the American Music Therapy Association, but all benefit from music therapy interventions to enhance their social, communicative and motor skills, among other needs.

Generally, children with autism aren't able to make what would be considered a pleasing sound on the guitar without some assistance. Perry uses his invention to help them. Instead of positioning their hand into the correct chord positions—often tricky for even able-bodied learners—they can just press a tab that results in a clear, strong chord sound.

Perry, who has appeared on the popular TV show Shark Tank, didn't actually have music therapy in mind when he invented ChordBuddy. He was trying to help his daughter learn to play and her frustration became his inspiration.

"When learning an instrument, it's important to have success right away, and that can be difficult to do with the guitar," Perry says. "Most people give up within the first couple of months and the guitar ends up in a closet. That's why I'm so excited when I know I've been able to help a special-needs child, a veteran with PTSD or a senior citizen with arthritis make music."

"You realize the odds they've had to overcome, both with the usual hurdles to learning and their personal difficulties, and that's very fulfilling to me."

Upcoming No-cost Breast Cancer Screenings - Queens

The American-Italian Cancer Foundation's (AICF) mobile, No-Cost Breast Cancer Screening Program which provides mammograms and clinical breast exams to uninsured and medically underserved New York City women is scheduled to conduct screenings in your neighborhood. Below is a list for our upcoming community no-cost Breast Cancer Screenings.

Friday, January 6, 2017 - (9am – 12:30pm) Joseph Addabbo Family Health Center, 6200 Beach Channel Drive Arverne, NY 11692

Sunday, January 8, 2017 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 88-19 Parsons Blvd. Jamaica, NY 11432



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ARIES
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 You could lose money or precious belongings if you aren't careful. Try not to upset others with your plans. Your lucky numbers are: 5,9,7

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Your ability to deal with humanitarian groups will enhance your reputation. You may want to talk to your boss about your future goals. Your lucky numbers are: 3,6,9

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Lay your cards on the table regarding your personal direction. Sooner or later your partner will have had enough, so stop being critical. Your lucky numbers are: 6,8,3

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 You will find yourself tied to the phone all week it seems. Resist any idle chatter or gossip, it could be harmful. Your lucky numbers are: 4,6,2

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 Investments will not be as they appear this week. You will be ready to jump on anyone who gets in the way of your progress this week. Your lucky numbers are: 2,5,8

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Pleasure trips will induce exciting and passionate encounters. Don't lend to people who have given you negative vibes. Your lucky numbers are: 4,7,1

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 Your creative talent will prove to be lucrative if put to proper use. You may be emotional and quick to judge others. Your lucky numbers are: 3,6,8

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 Your personal secrets may be revealed if you let coworkers in on your family dilemmas. Your self-confidence will attract members of the opposite sex. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,9

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Spend some time with people who can shed some light on your personal situation. You may interest some of them in a service you have to offer. Your lucky numbers are: 7,3,2

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 You'll get to your destination just as quickly, so don't hurry or tailgate. Someone around you may not be trustworthy. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,9

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Don't do something silly just to get back at your mate. Take a look at investment opportunities. Someone close needs money. Your lucky numbers are: 5,7,8

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Don't be afraid to make a move if you aren't happy with your emotional situation. Your lucky numbers are: 2,8,5

Did you know ...?

- The longest time between two twins being born is 87 days.
- The world's deepest postbox is in Susami Bay in Japan. It's 10 metres underwater.
- In 2007, an American man named Corey Taylor tried to fake his own death in order to get out of his cell phone contract without paying a fee. It didn't work.
- The oldest condoms ever found date back to the 1640s (they were found in a cesspit at Dudley Castle), and were made from animal and fish intestines.
- In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead — he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body stayed in the saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20-1 outsider victory.
- Everyone has a unique tongue print, just like fingerprints.
- Most Muppets are left-handed. (Because most Muppeteers are right-handed, so they operate the head with their favoured hand.)
- Female kangaroos have three vaginas.
- Pteronophobia is the fear of being tickled by feathers!
- When hippos are upset, their sweat turns red.

Sanders Hosts Free Legal Help For Veterans

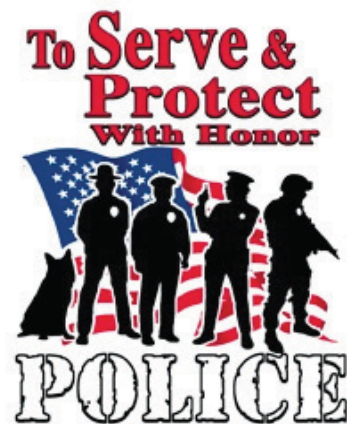
On First Thursday of Every Month New York State Senator and Marine Corps veteran James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway) hosts free legal assistance for veterans at his District Office in South Ozone Park on the first Thursday of every month. Veterans who are interested must call Senator Sanders' office at 718-523-3069 to make an appointment. The in-house lawyer is Cindy

Katz, Coordinator of the Veterans Justice Project at Queens Legal Services. She has 30 years of experience and is certified by the VA to represent veterans in service connected cases and discharge upgrades. She can also provide assistance with unemployment benefits, income tax issues, Social Security / Disability benefits, housing issues, family law, and unpaid child support.

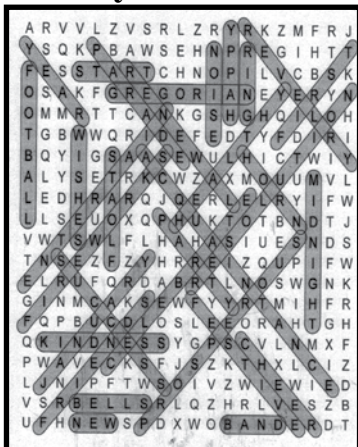
Assemblyman David Weprin Statement on NYPD Announcement Authorizing Sikh Officers to Wear Turbans

Assemblyman David Weprin issued the following statement on the NYPD announcement authorizing Sikh Officers to wear Turbans:

"I was elated to hear today's NYPD announcement authorizing Sikh officers the option to wear Turbans and beards. As a longtime proponent of religious freedom and as the prime Assembly sponsor of the 'Religious Garb' bill in New York State, I believe no one should have to choose between their religion and profession; and all Americans of all faiths should be allowed to freely exercise and display their religious choice at their place of employment. I applaud Mayor Bill de Blasio and NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill for championing the cause of religious liberty with this historic step; and congratulate the Sikh Officers Association and the Sikh community for achieving this milestone which makes it easier for people of the Sikh faith to serve in our country's largest police force, the NYPD."



Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles "Try and Find"



"Sudoku"

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TRY AND FIND

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- Deacon
- Devout
- Divine Faith
- Godly Hymns
- Holy Hymns
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- Minister Nursery
- Organ
- Pastor
- Priest
- Religious
- Pew Prayer

Long Island City Bid Expansion Passes New York City Council

The New York City Council unanimously voted to expand the boundaries of the Long Island City Business Improvement District, effective on July 1, 2017.

Created in 2005, the Long Island City BID currently encompasses Queens Plaza to 21st Street, and Jackson Avenue between Queens Plaza and Thompson Avenue. Over the past ten years, the BID has provided visitor services, community development, beautification, sanitation, and marketing for the neighborhood. Previous initiatives have included the creation of a mural on Thompson Avenue, the opening of the 1.5-acre Dutch Kills Green, and yearly events such as LIC Springs.

"I'm thrilled that after long last, the City Council has voted to pass the Long Island City BID expansion," said City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer. "Now, even more of our neighborhood

will benefit from the community development, beautification, sanitation, and marketing initiatives that have helped make Queens Plaza and Court Square the vibrant destinations they are today. This expansion is widely supported by residents, business owners, civic associations, and Community Boards 1 and 2 and I have no doubt that our newly expanded BID will make our community an even better place to live, work, and raise a family."

"This is a great milestone! The LIC Partnership looks forward to working closely with all the great businesses and stakeholders in the expansion area by enhancing services, increasing business opportunities and drawing more foot traffic from the surrounding transit hubs," said Elizabeth Lusskin, president of the Long Island City Partnership, which oversees the management of the Long Island

City Business Improvement District. "We give great thanks for the guidance and hard work of the BID Expansion Steering Committee and its co-chairs Gianna Cerbone-Teoli, Angelo Ippolito and Paula Kirby. We also give special thanks to NYC Council Majority Leader Van Bramer, who has supported this effort from its inception and personally worked so hard to see it become a reality on behalf of this special area of LIC."

The expansion will nearly double the current area of the BID to include Jackson Avenue between Thompson Avenue and Vernon Boulevard, Vernon Boulevard between Jackson Avenue and 44th Drive, and 44th Drive between 10th Street and Jackson Avenue. The BID currently encompasses Queens Plaza between Jackson Avenue and 21st Street, and Jackson Avenue between Queens Plaza and Thompson Avenue.

Vice Chair Crowley Welcomes NYPD Decision to Allow Observant Sikh Americans to Serve



Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus and a leader on Sikh-American issues, welcomed the announcement that the New York Police Department will allow observant Sikhs to serve in the force while maintaining their articles of faith. Crowley sent a letter in 2014 advocating for this change, and has had numerous discussions with city officials on the effort over the past four years.

"This is good news. Allowing observant Sikhs to serve in

the NYPD is not only the right thing to do, it will foster stronger relationships in our communities and strengthen the security of our city," said Crowley. "At a time when Sikhs have been targeted for hate crimes including in New York, it also sends a powerful signal that Sikhs are part of this great city and every bit as accepted as anyone else."

A recognized leader in Congress on issues related to the Sikh-American community, Crowley spearheaded a multi-year, successful effort to convince the FBI to begin collecting data on hate crimes committed against Sikh-Americans and Hindu-Americans, an important issue brought to nationwide attention by the massacre of Sikh worshippers in Oak Creek, Wisconsin in 2012. He has also helped lead a major bipartisan coalition urging the Department of Defense to allow Sikh-Americans to serve in the U.S. military while abiding by their articles of faith, such as wearing a turban or beard.

Getting Back to Basics: The Lost Art of Writing Things Down

In this digital age, you may go days without using a pen and paper, but there are many reasons to skip the devices and stick to writing things down. From staying organized to planning your week to tracking career growth, here are a few things to take note of when it comes to taking notes.

- Taking notes in longhand can help you retain more information, suggests a study from Princeton and UCLA, as taking notes makes you more likely to process the information and reframe it in your own words. Not only that, your notepad is likely to contain fewer distractions than your laptop, tablet or phone.

- Look professional and stay organized at your next interview or meeting. Taking notes will make you look engaged and interested in what is happening, and a professional planner and/or notebook are must-have workplace accessories. Brands like AT-A-GLANCE offer professional, yet stylish planners, matching desk pads, notepads and wall calendars in a variety of styles and formats. Visit MyAtAGlanceStory.com for organizational inspiration.

- Making comments in your notebook or planner helps you become the publisher of your story, capturing your life's moments along the way. These are tools that help you look back on events in a tangible way.

- Rid yourself of the ever-present stress that comes with a busy life.



Seeing everything written down will give you a sense of control. You will feel confident in knowing you have it all set, and keeping a record of your tasks in one location gives you an easy, organized way to get a grasp on your days.

- Using a planner to track your schedule can actually help you find missing time. You will have a better grasp on what is coming up and may even see a break that leaves you time to schedule dinner with a friend, try that new recipe you've been craving, or time to search for that special birthday present you need for the party this weekend.

- Increase productivity by maximizing the 24 hours that you have. Seeing everything on paper will help you plan and prioritize. Having "scheduled downtime"

can help you to know when to go full steam ahead and when to take a break and unwind for a bit.

- Tracking in one place can also help prevent committing to things you can't do. Wall calendars for the house are a great tracking tool for multiple schedules, helping day-to-day tasks run smoothly.

- Whether you're planning a wedding or a work conference, a planner is among the most important assets you can use to aid your efforts, helping you keep track of all the details, large and small.

Find a favorite pen and a favorite planner, and get back to basics. It may have been a little while since you relied on paper, but you may find that writing things down helps you keep better track of all of life's little details and makes you the publisher of your own story.

Van Bramer's Statement On Proposal For Tuition-Free Public Colleges



"I was glad to join Governor Cuomo and Senator Sanders at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City to announce the Excelsior Scholarship, a plan

to make public colleges tuition-free for middle and working class New Yorkers.

If you are willing to work hard, you should have access to a top-notch public education. For many years, our public colleges have been one of our greatest assets, and now, they will be accessible to even more people. The Excelsior Scholarship will create a path for advancement for millions of New Yorkers, allowing young people to earn a degree without going into debt.

With this plan, more young people will be able to gain the skills to lift up themselves and their families, and we will create a more prosperous and just city for all."


Synthetic Marijuana

New York State has recently experienced a dramatic increase in emergency department visits and poison control center calls from adverse health effects due to synthetic marijuana. Far too many people continue to fall victim to synthetic marijuana and we must do all we can to get these drugs off of New York's streets. The Department of Health has

developed new regulations to strengthen our ability to fight back against the individuals who are producing and selling these dangerous substances by expanding the list of banned chemical compounds.


Synthetic cannabinoids are marketed as legal and typically consist of plant material coated by chemicals, which are supposed to mimic

THC, the active chemical compound in marijuana. The drugs are marketed as incense, herbal mixtures, or potpourri in order to mask their true purpose. Street names for substances include Spice, K2, Green Giant, Smacked, Wicked X, AK-47, Geeked Up, Ninja, Caution, Red Giant, and Keisha Kole, XXX Ultra, Skunk, Atomic and many more.



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Vocalosity – The Aca-Perfect Concert Experience

VOCALOSTY – THE ACA PERFECT CONCERT EXPERIENCE will be appearing at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at LIU Post on Friday, January 20 at 8 pm. The 10 powerhouse vocalists that comprise the new all-star a cappella group are James C. Jones, Hannah Juliano, Kelli Koloszar, Cheeyang Ng, Nattalye Randall, Tracy L.J. Robertson, Bryan Vance, Nicole Weiss, Amy Whitcomb and RJ Woessner. VOCALOSTY's self-titled debut album from Universal Music Classics is now available nationwide via Amazon, iTunes, Barnes and Noble and Spotify.



VOCALOSTY is the all-new live concert event from the creative mind of artistic producer Deke Sharon (Pitch Perfect, The Sing-Off) that takes a cappella to a whole new level! This fast-paced production features an all-star ensemble of diverse young vocalists singing some of today's chart-topping hits in brand-new arrangements that set a new standard for 10-part harmony.

No genre of music is off limits in the world of a cappella and VOCALOSTY covers them all – from tenth century Gregorian chant and classical choral to barber shop quartet and bouncing doo-wop all the way to an exploration of the current sound of a cappella with music from

The Beatles, Bruno Mars, Ariana Grande and more. Combine that with direction and choreography from Seán Curran (Stomp original cast member) and you have an exhilarating evening of song unlike anything ever seen or heard, live on stage.

"Over the past few years, a cappella has grown from what was once considered a stuffy Ivy League activity to a pop culture phenomenon beloved by people of all ages," says Deke Sharon, who serves as artistic director, music director and co-creator of the production. "VOCALOSTY is my dream team, an all-star ensemble of diverse young singers each with a unique style and

personality. Most vocal groups aspire to create one sound and style, homogenizing the character of their singers, but this group is the exact opposite, weaving a variety of tapestries from different combinations of voices and characters."

Hailed as "the father of contemporary a cappella" by Entertainment Weekly, Sharon has served as on-site music director and vocal producer for the smash hit films Pitch Perfect and Pitch Perfect 2 as well as vocal producer of NBC's The Sing-Off.

To purchase tickets, please visit tillescenter.org and to learn more about VOCALOSTY, please visit <http://vocalosityontour.com/>.

Rozic Statement on Governor Cuomo's Veto of Indigent Defense Services Bill



program would have ensured defendants from all economic backgrounds have effective representation. It would have also put all counties in the state on the same footing and provided important mandate relief for taxpayers," she added.

While the New York constitution mandates that those unable to afford counsel be provided with legal representation, counties have struggled to properly fund and operate consistent, quality public defense programs. Currently, the state pays roughly 10 percent for indigent legal services for each county.

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows) says she was disappointed by the Governor's decision to veto legislation that would have brought equity to indigent defense funding across New York, a long overdue criminal justice reform measure.

"The cost and burden of indigent defense is most onerous on our state's poorest counties," said Assemblywoman Rozic. "This is a missed opportunity to sign legislation that had strong bipartisan support in both houses of the state legislature."

"As an issue of fairness, state funding of the indigent defense

A recent settlement between the state and five counties called for the state Office of Indigent Legal Services to reform the system of legal representation for defendants who cannot afford counsel.

Rozic added, "That is why we passed this legislation – so that all New Yorkers, regardless of where they live, have access to quality legal representation."

As a strong supporter of this effort, Rozic will join her colleagues in the fight to ensure this legislation is a priority in this year's budget deliberations.

Queens Borough President Katz on Governor Cuomo's Plan For JFK Overhaul



Borough President Melinda Katz responds to questions about

plans to overhaul John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in Queens, unveiled earlier today by Governor Andrew Cuomo:

"As the home to both New York City airports, Queens has become the borough of growth while still remaining the borough of families. Governor Cuomo today unveiled a bold, ambitious, critical plan to overhaul JFK, while still accounting for its impact on surrounding communities. Especially welcome in the Governor's plan is the inclusion of significant enhancements to the MTA Jamaica Station for mass transit riders

on the subways, buses and rails, while looking to build out a seamless one-seat ride between JFK and Manhattan. Also necessary are the Governor's inclusions of expanding the scope of work on the Kew Gardens Interchange, and expanding the Van Wyck Expressway from three lanes into four to help abate the existing chronic bottleneck for drivers. It's a new day for infrastructure in New York, and Queens lauds the Governor's new blueprint to transform our gateways and keep the region globally competitive in the 21st century."

Dance Theatre of Harlem to Perform at MLK Jr. Day Event at Kupferberg Center

The Dance Theatre of Harlem returns to the Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College in Flushing to perform during a third annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 4 pm. Reverend Dr. Floyd H. Flake, senior pastor of the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of New York in Jamaica, will be the official honoree, and award-winning reporter and distinguished NY1 News anchor Cheryl Wills will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets, which cost \$35 each, are available at <http://kupferberg-center.org>.

For more information, contact Maria Matteo, Assistant Director, News Services, Office of Communications, Queens College of the City University of New York, at 718.997.5593 or Maria.Matteo@qc.cuny.edu.

Queens College has long

played a role in the struggle for equal rights. In May of 1965, Dr. King was the first speaker in the college's John F. Kennedy Memorial Lecture Series, highlighting the power of peaceful resistance in his remarks. "Non-violence," Dr. King said, "is the most potent weapon available to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom and human dignity." A year earlier, Queens College student Andrew Goodman was murdered along with James Chaney and Michael Schwerner during the Freedom Summer voter registration project in Mississippi. The college's Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library clock tower is named for the three civil rights workers. In past years, the college has honored civil rights pioneers such as Aaron Henry, who received the Queens College Medal in 1990, and John Lewis, who received an honorary

degree in 2009.

About Dance Theatre of Harlem The Dance Theatre of Harlem is known for its thrilling performances that successfully challenge preconceived notions. The company consists of 14 racially diverse dance artists who perform an eclectic, demanding repertoire. From treasured classics, neoclassical works by George Balanchine and resident choreographer Robert Garland, to cutting-edge contemporary pieces and works that use the language of ballet to celebrate African American culture, the company brings new life to classical ballet. In addition to performances in New York City, across the country, and abroad company activities that carry a message of empowerment through the arts also include engaging communities through education activities for audiences and young people.

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(JAN. 5 to Jan. 11)

The new year begins with new art, film, virtual reality experiences, video games, and a Korean rock concert. Plus, annual traditions such as MulchFest and candlelight tours return. Here's the rundown.

Jan. 6, SsingSsing: Korean Folk Songs meet Rock, 8 pm. Six Korean musicians join creative forces to meld two totally disparate genres, while including elements from ballads, pop music, and shamanist rituals. \$16. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2hAg37C>.

Jan. 6, First Look Festival, Jan. 16. This annual showcase features new art, a video game, and virtual reality experiences. Movies include After the Storm (Jan. 6, 7 pm); Sincerely (Jan. 7, 2 pm); Out There (Jan. 7, 4 pm); Fear Itself (Jan. 7, 5:30 pm); UFE (Jan. 7, 7:30 pm); Territory (Jan. 8, 2 pm); Boone (Jan. 8, 7 pm); John Wilson's New York (Jan. 13, 7 pm); Short Films Program (Jan. 13, 7:30 pm); Reichstag 9/11 and other films by Ken Jacobs (Jan. 14, 2 pm); Havarie (Jan. 14, 4 pm); Helmut Berger, Actor (Jan. 14, 4:30 pm); Depth Two (Jan. 14, 6:30 pm); Silencio (Jan. 15, 2 pm); Between the Fences (Jan. 15, 4 pm); How Heavy This Hammer (Jan. 15, 4:30 pm); How I Fell in Love with Eva Ras (Jan. 15, 6:30 pm); Shorts Program I (Jan. 16, 2 pm); and Shorts Program II (Jan. 16, 3:30 pm). Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, <http://bit.ly/2iq3qxr>.

Jan. 7-8, MulchFest, 10 am to 2 pm. Drop off old holiday trees for the NYC Sanitation Department's "tree-cycling" program. Locations include Astoria Park (19th Street and Hoyt Avenue); Captain Mario Fajardo Playground (Kissena Boulevard at Booth Memorial Avenue, Flushing); Cunningham Park (196th Place and Union Turnpike,

Fresh Meadows); Forest Park (Forest Park Drive and Woodhaven Boulevard); Hunters Point South Park (51st Avenue and Center Boulevard, LIC); and Juniper Valley Park (80th Street near Juniper Boulevard North, Middle Village), <http://on.nyc.gov/2hUjrrS>.

Jan. 7, Candlelight Tours, 5 pm to 8 pm. Live music by the Nick Russo Trio, tours, mulled cider, and treats at a historic house with federal, state, and city landmark status. \$5 suggested donation. Onderdonk House, 1820 Onderdonk Ave., Ridgewood, <http://bit.ly/lbjQBAP>.

Jan. 7, Journey to Infinity, 3 pm. Opening ceremony for Peruvian-American artist Renzo Ortega's paintings on canvas that represent emotions and feelings he experienced as an immigrant artist in New York. Ortega leads a workshop on drawing and painting on Jan. 8 at 2 pm. \$5/free for students. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., <http://bit.ly/2hAkzTy>.

Jan. 8, Twilight Concert, 4:30 pm. Con Brio Ensemble members (oboe, piano, soprano, violin) perform works by Strauss, Dvorak, and others. \$12. The Church-in-the-Gardens, 50 Ascan Ave., Forest Hills, <http://bit.ly/2ilHhgh>.

Jan. 8, Tinker Lab Open House, 1 pm to 5 pm. Learn about an eight-week course on making electro light instruments. The first Sunday-only class is on Jan. 22. Lewis H. Latimer House Museum, 34-41 137th St., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2iq96aD>.

Jan. 8, Fun in the Snow, 10 am. Winter stories, songs, matching snowflake games, animal friends, crafts, and an outdoor walk, even if there's no white stuff on the ground. \$21. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, <http://bit.ly/2hmzdPb>.

Jan. 8, Three Kings Celebra-

tion, 2:30 pm. A reenactment of the visit by Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar, who followed a star to a Bethlehem manger to see Baby Jesus as part of a celebration of Latin American culture with live music, dancing, and toys. Free. El Paraiso Tropical, 102-11 42nd Ave., Corona, 718-261-7664 or LACCQ@aol.com.

Jan. 9, The Politics of the Constitution, 1:30 pm. Alan Hevesi, a former NYS Comptroller and Assemblyman, discusses the Constitution and how this 18th century document applies to modern circumstances. \$8 suggested donation. Central Queens Y, 67-09 108th St., Forest Hills, <http://bit.ly/2hwXrSV>.

Jan. 8, Music Together, 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers sing, dance, and play with adults. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing, <http://bit.ly/2hCMuEe>.

Continuing from last week: Curators' Choice 10 Best Films, until Jan. 8. This annual series screens the best and most adventurous films released in the past year, as per Chief Curator David Schwartz and Associate Film Curator Eric Hynes. Here's the remaining schedule: Made in America (Jan. 8, 1 pm); and Cameraperson (Jan. 8, 4:30 pm). \$15. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, <http://bit.ly/2hzsLkK>. GingerBread Lane, until Jan. 15. More than 1,000 houses and other structures made of gingerbread, royal icing, and candy. New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th St., Flushing Meadows Corona Park, <http://bit.ly/2fVlyis>.

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WeLoveWhitestone & the 109th Precinct is Proud to Host Our 3rd Annual "NYPD BLOCK WATCHER" Training Class on Saturday January 28th, 2017

This training is generally done at 1 police plaza but we made arrangements for the training class to be held in Whitestone (location to be announced).

Training is approximately 2 hours and you will be given a block watcher ID at end of session.

There is no enrollment fee or commitment after training..

If interested, please email the following information to welovewhitestone@gmail.com (Subject Line: NYPD BLOCK WATCH CLASS) :

- 1) FULL NAME
- 2) EMAIL ADDRESS
- 3) TELEPHONE

4) LET US KNOW IF YOU TOOK THIS CLASS IN THE PAST.

Certifications expires every 2 years. So if you attended our 1st class in 2015, then you will need to renew.

We will only contact the folks that are interested with the latest information.

Residents Start Petition to Limit Forest Hills Taxi Stand

A group of Forest Hills residents started a petition to urge the city to shrink a local taxi stand they said only increases congestion and noise at one of the busiest intersections in the neighborhood.

Currently, the stand located on the Queens Boulevard South service road, between 71st Avenue and 70th Road, just next to the Forest Hills subway station, takes over both sides of the street so that

those drivers who do not fit on the sidewalk side of the road can wait their turn on the other side of the street.

The petition, started last week and signed by about 30 residents, claims that people living in the buildings directly near the stand suffer "from the public nuisance of a poorly designed, over-expansive taxi stand" where drivers keep yelling and honking as the street

is "blocked by taxis constantly crossing from one side to the other, trying to get in front of each other in line."

Local officials said the stand was actually expanded to both sides of the road about a year ago because there was not enough room on the right side of the street to fit all the taxis, and the drivers

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Year In Review Part 2 by Robert Elkin

Despite not winning a team title on the major league side (meaning the New York Mets), this borough of Queens did pick up a few titles on the scholastic or even individual side.

Christ The King's varsity basketball team failed to make it four straight Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) basketball championships by losing a hard fought battle to Brooklyn's Bishop Loughlin in the intersectional final last March. Loughlin advanced to the New York State tournament.

Christ The King from Middle Village always drew its fans wherever it played—whether at home or on the road. And college recruiters continue to pack its games looking for talent.

CTK always does well in most sports, during its seasons, and went on to defeat Fordham Prep of The Bronx, 41-7, to win a gridiron league title.

Turning to the Public Schools Athletic League, Eagle Academy

III gridiron Squad turned back Frederick Douglas, 12-4, for the championship and thus relied on superb defense to provide the outcome.

Still in the PSAL, one of the older schools still in tact and around, Bayside High captured the its baseball championship. Bayside is in its 80th year of still being in existence.

Turning to the colleges, the personnel at Queens College named a new men's basketball coach in Matt Collier, who brought to its campus a wealth of experience on all levels, and certainly knows New York and its surroundings very well. He went to coach at Globe Institute of Technology and worked at the Five Star Summer Basketball Camp. He had attended Bronx High School of Science.

After some dismal basketball teams at Queens over the years, the Knights after the first part of the season have been doing very well under a new head coach and

staff. Still, a member of the City University of New York Athletic Conference, Queens competes in Division II of the NCAA and the East Coast Conference and tackles such opponents as CW Post, Mollo and New York Tech

On the said side of sports, tennis players, coaches and fans, lost a real good coach in Howie Arons, who produced championship teams and individuals during his coaching career while at Cardozo High. After leaving the high school scene, he became a director of a tennis academy in Great Neck.

While coaching in high school, he had his team workout at various tennis indoor and outdoor facilities. He always stressed that had work paid off.

And on the roads and in the parks, adults primarily, trained and stayed in shape for future road races, in Grenpoint, Central Park, the New York Marathon, and the local parks, including those in Queens Village and Astoria.

Residents Start Petition to Limit Forest Hills Taxi Stand

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kept blocking the intersection of Queens Boulevard and 70th Road, directly behind the stand.

"A while ago we put it on both sides because the cabs were lining up all the way down the service road," said Frank Gulluscio, district manager at Community Board 6, who called the change an improvement. "So now when a spot opens up they can move over."

Local taxi drivers said that the stand works much better since the change was implemented.

"Sometimes we need to move from one side to another but at least we don't block the intersection," said Ramesh Singh, one of the drivers.

Singh also said that the busy block gets congested mostly when delivery trucks come to the stores and restaurants along the service road, which is also used by local buses.

But residents of nearby buildings who signed the petition disagreed, saying "there are too

many taxis."

"I'm signing the cause because I think two lines of taxis are not needed, make the traffic worse," one of the residents wrote beneath the petition.

"Cut the size of the taxi stand down and give the residents a break," posted another.

But not everyone was on board. Residents who rely on taxis said they serve an important purpose in the neighborhood and they should be allowed to wait for passengers in the area.

"They go where the buses don't," said Karina Maslova, a Forest Hills resident, adding that she takes a cab home from the Forest Hills subway station at least several times a month. "A lot of people in the neighborhood rely on them, especially those who live far from Queens Boulevard."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Transportation said that the agency is aware of concerns about congestion in the area and noted that the DOT is working with local stakeholders on potential adjustments.

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years overall crime in Queens is down by 80.55 percent, murders – a stalwart benchmark for both prosecutors and police – have fallen 83.4 percent, robberies are down 82.4 percent, burglaries are down 85.9 percent, felony assaults are down 41.5 percent, and auto thefts are down an astounding 95.5 percent."

District Attorney Brown added, "We continue to be, I believe, among the best and busiest prosecutor's offices in the country. Last year our office handled more than 77,000 arrest cases – cases running the gamut from quality of life offenses to serious violent felonies. And, by any standard, we handled those cases efficiently and judiciously. Preliminary numbers for the year show that we statistically maintain the best arrest to arraignment time in the City and have the best arrest to sworn complaint time, meaning that we are able to get our police officers back on the streets faster than any other borough. In sum, we continue to have the respect of our law enforcement colleagues and the confidence of the people of Queens County."

An important highlight for the office in 2016 was District Attorney Brown calling on the New York State Commission on Forensic Science to authorize the use of familial searching of New York's DNA data banks. In his letter to the Commission, District Attorney Brown stated, "I am particularly interested in applying this technology in an ongoing investigation of a recent, unsolved brutal murder in Queens County. I understand that this technology has proven effective at generating important DNA investigative leads in cold cases in many other states and thus it could presumably help to solve any number of

New York State cases – including that of the Queens case."

Following public release of the District Attorney's letter to the Commission, many prosecutorial, legislative and law enforcement supporters came forward to voice their support of District Attorney Brown's proposal. As 2016 drew to a close, the state Commission on Forensic Science agreed to consider authorizing the use of familial searching of New York's DNA databanks at a hearing later this month.

Another significant development that occurred in 2016 was the establishment of the office's Animal Cruelty Prosecutions Unit. While animal cruelty cases had been aggressively prosecuted by a number of different bureaus throughout the office in the past, District Attorney Brown noted that the time had come for a committed and dedicated unit to better serve the people and animals of Queens County. Among the cases successfully prosecuted by the unit in 2016 was that of Carlos Hernandez, who was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to register with the City as an animal abuser after pleading guilty to killing his then-girlfriend's three-year-old Chihuahua by slamming the dog against the floor during a verbal dispute. In acknowledgment of the outstanding work being accomplished by the Animal Prosecution Unit, its chief, Assistant District Attorney Nicoletta Caferra, was named the Queens County recipient of the 12th annual New York City Bar Association's Thomas E. Dewey Medal last month.

District Attorney Brown said, "In a case that served as one of the initial reasons why my office saw the need to establish an Office of Immigrant Affairs, a Rich-

Classic win by Maspeth High's Junior Varsity Team

Boys JV Basketball Team victorious at Jim Dilg Classic Tournament

The Boys JV Basketball Team won the Jim Dilg Classic Tournament at Cathedral Prep H.S. on December 27th and 28th. The team defeated Kew Forest in the semi-finals in an exciting game with the final score of 80 to 64. They went on to defeat Cathedral Prep H.S. in the finals with a score of 53 to 34. The team was led by strong offensive performances by Andrew, Harry, Jericho and Jesse along with a strong defensive performance by Kamil!



Maspeth High School Argonauts Remains Undefeated After Beating Two Teams Before Winter Break

The Maspeth High School Argonauts continued their strong season, when they visited Townsend Harris High School and came away with a 61-55 victory.

It was a close contest between the two teams throughout the game, as Maspeth High School

took a slim three-point lead into halftime, 35-32. After the third stanza, Townsend Harris tied the game at 45. But, in the fourth quarter, the Argonauts pulled away, outscoring Townsend Harris 16-10, to seal the victory.

Senior Justin Miller dominated

the floor, dropping 27 points in the contest, while junior Jonathan Mea added 10 of his own.

Since that game, the Argonauts went on to beat the East-West School of International Studies, 77-34, to remain unbeaten on the season with a 7-0 record.

Walker's Career Night Highlights 65-48 Win at Xavier

Led by the senior duo of Jade Walker and Aaliyah Lewis, the St. John's women's basketball team (9-4, 1-1 BIG EAST) registered one of its best all-around offensive outputs of the season on Monday night en route to a 65-48 win on the road at Xavier (9-5, 1-2 BIG EAST).

"This was a great win for us, bouncing back from a tough loss last week," said Head Coach Joe Tartamella. "I thought we did a great job in a number of phases of the game that we needed to

improve on and I was really pleased with our effort. I thought the second quarter really became the difference and helped us open the game up a little and gave us confidence going into the half. I thought we did a great job of sustaining it throughout the second half."

Walker netted a career-high 24 points on 10-of-15 shooting from the floor. The senior from Maplewood, N.J., brought down seven rebounds, grabbed two steals, dished out one assist and blocked

one shot in the win.

Aaliyah Lewis also had a career-night as the 5-5 guard from Staten Island, N.Y., dished out a career-best 13 assists. The last time a St. John's player had at least 12 assists was back on Feb. 9, 2013 when former Red Storm standout Nadirah McKenith registered 12 dimes against Georgetown.

Freshman Alisha Kebbe had one of her best overall games of the season as the Philadelphia, Pa.,

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mond Hill family – a father, a mother and a daughter – who were convicted of defrauding nineteen individuals, mostly members of the borough's West Indian community, out of nearly \$2 million by promising to assist them in obtaining "federally seized" properties at cheap prices or to assist them in gaining legal status in this country had their convictions affirmed in 2016."

In a unanimous decision, the Appellate Division, Second Department, rejected the defendants' argument that the verdicts of guilty were against the weight of the evidence and that they were denied their constitutional right to present a defense.

Having just completed its second full year of operation, the District Attorney's Office of Immigrant Affairs has earned a well-deserved reputation for excellence, dedication and effectiveness in assisting members of the immigrant community, including visitors to Queens County, who may have fallen victim to crimes in obtaining justice within our legal system, as well as providing support and guidance to those who seek assistance in other areas related to criminal law.

District Attorney Brown continued, "In pursuing the office's core mission to increase public safety and reduce crime in 2016, we have vigorously pursued hate crime cases against those individuals who chose their victims based on religion, sexuality, the color of their skin and other factors and those who target older victims. We have aggressively gone after illegal cigarette traffickers, organized trademark counterfeiting rings and legitimate businesses and franchises that annually cheat the government out of millions of dollars of much needed State and City revenue. On a local level, we have focused our attention on quality of life issues – such as burglaries, home invasions and combating graffiti which leads to decreased property values and is expensive to remove. We continue to do our part in protecting our younger residents by going after on-line child pornographers, as well as sex traffickers and sexual predators who

attempt to meet underage children on-line for sexual relations."

District Attorney Brown added, "The Queens County District Attorney's Office has long been recognized as a nationwide leader in the number of court-authorized wiretaps that we handle. In seeking to prevent crime and in helping to turn young lives around, our Special Prosecutions Division ensures that we have a presence in all of the diverse communities of our country by running a host of crime prevention, school-based and community outreach programs and staff members attend our precinct council and community board meetings. We have dedicated Child Advocacy and Family Justice Centers – and a Domestic Violence Bureau that maintains the highest domestic violence conviction rate and the lowest dismissal rate in the City and which takes more pre-indictment pleas than the rest of the City combined."

District Attorney Brown said that among the office's successful prosecutions in 2016 were:

- **People v. Jose Bernazard.** Bernazard, who was convicted of attempting to murder an off-duty police officer, was sentenced to 59 1/3 to 66 1/3 years to life in prison. The police officer had stepped in to help a woman and her 10-year-old son when they were being assaulted by Bernazard, who was also convicted of stalking the woman, breaking into her home and violating an order of protection. The injury to the police officer was severe enough to force him to give up the job of being a New York City police officer.
- **People v. Kevin McClinton.** McClinton was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison for the May 2013 shooting death of D'aja Robinson, a 14-year-old Queens girl who was struck in the head and killed by a bullet that went through the window of the New York City bus that she boarded following a Sweet Sixteen birthday party.
- **People v. Gregory Cucchiara.** Cucchiara, who was convicted of second-degree murder following a jury trial in which he represented himself, was sentenced to 50 years to life in prison for the violent murders of both his parents – first by beating his mother and

submerging her head in a tub of water and then subsequently smothering his father to death in his bed.

- **People v. Shirley Verneus.** Verneus was sentenced to 13 years in prison following her conviction on depraved assault and other crimes stemming from an incident in which she held her 19-month-old foster son in scalding hot water and caused him to be severely burned and permanently disfigured on his lower extremities.
- **People v. Richard Thomas.** Thomas, a serial rapist who is already serving a 50-year sentence in state prison for sexually assaulting a woman and a 12-year-old girl, was sentenced to another 25 years of incarceration after being convicted in a 20-year-old cold case rape through forensic evidence uncovered by the District Attorney's DNA Prosecution Unit and which linked him to the crime.
- **People v. Tyron Adolph.** Adolph was sentenced to 45 years to life in prison following his conviction of predatory sexual assault against a child and endangering the welfare of a child in connection with the sexual abuse of three children who ranged between five and eleven years in age.
- **People v. Eduardo Moncayo.** Moncayo was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for abducting an Ecuadorian national off a Queens street and holding him hostage in a Long Island City warehouse for more than a month while demanding a \$3 million ransom from the victim's family living in Ecuador.
- **People v. Moise B. Vilorio.** Having continued to thumb his nose at society and the justice system by failing to honor the mandated provision of his sentencing, graffiti vandal Vilorio was re-sentenced to eight months in jail on his guilty plea to criminal mischief charges for writing his tag – "Lil Capo" – on public property after he failed to complete the 30 days of community service imposed by the Court earlier in the year.

"Getting guns off the streets of Queens and lowering the level of gun violence has always been a top priority for my office," said District Attorney Brown. "Toward that goal of getting as many guns off the streets of Queens County and mak-

ing our community even safer for everyone, we once again held a Gun Buyback initiative in 2016. As in previous years, our one-day gun buyback effort proved to be a success. A total of eighty-nine weapons were taken out of circulation – including 46 revolvers, 21 semi-automatic pistols, assault weapons, rifles and shotguns. Critical to the success of the program and emblematic of the level of cooperation needed by law enforcement to ensure the safety of all residents of Queens, was the support of the community in this undertaking."

In 2016, District Attorney Brown joined his fellow City district attorneys in reaffirming his commitment to prosecute vigorously crimes motivated by bias and hate. In furtherance of his commitment, District Attorney Brown joined Queens Borough President Melinda Katz in co-hosting the borough's first-ever Hate Crimes Forum in which law enforcement and community leaders and advocates discussed in depth what constitutes a hate crime and how these crimes are investigated and prosecuted.

District Attorney Brown noted that, "In 1987, my office was the first District Attorney's Office in New York City to establish a unit specifically focused on the prosecution of individuals who victimize others based on their own prejudices. Hate crimes – whether motivated by sexual orientation, gender, religious or ethnic bias – tear at the very fabric of our society and will never be tolerated in Queens County."

In demonstrating his point, District Attorney Brown noted the case of Bernhard Laufer, who was sentenced in 2016 to 20 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of attempted murder as a hate crime and other charges for repeatedly stabbing a Muslim man as the worshiper opened the door to his mosque.

District Attorney Brown concluded his message by saying, "I am optimistic that by continuing the very successful strategies that we have employed over the years we, together with our law enforcement colleagues, can make Queens County even safer in 2017."

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No. 711151/2015
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT –
COUNTY OF QUEENS
HSBC BANK USA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
-vs-

THE HEIRS LARGE OF PHUMZILE J. WATKINS-SIHLONGONYANE A/K/A PHUMZILE JOWATKINS SIHLONGONYANE A/K/A PHUMZILES IHLONGONYANE, deceased, and all persons who are husbands, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors of interest of all whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; JASON WATKINS A/K/A JASON H. WATKINS; RORY WATKINS; KEVON MARQUEZ WATKINS; TIMOTHY WATKINS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; NATIONAL CITY BANK; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU PAYMENT AND ADJUDICATION CENTER OF QUEENS; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein,
Defendants.

Mortgaged Premises: 107-03 37TH DRIVE, CORONA, NY 11368

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery 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. Your failure to appear or answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer to the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with

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the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

QUEENS County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.

Dated: OCTOBER 6, 2016

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NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION

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

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

To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the HON. RUDOLPH E. GRECO, JR., Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated DECEMBER 12, 2016 and filed along with the supporting papers in the QUEENS County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a Mortgage.

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

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of 37th Drive distant 19 feet easterly, when measured along the northerly side of 37th Drive, from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of 37th Drive and the easterly side of 107th Street; RUNNING THENCE Northerly parallel with the easterly side of 107th Street, and part of the distance through a party wall, 50 feet;

THENCE Easterly parallel with the northerly side of 37th Drive, 19 feet;

THENCE Southerly again parallel with the easterly side of 107th Street, and part of the distance through another party wall, 50 feet to the northerly side of 37th Drive; and THENCE Westerly along the northerly side of 37th Drive, 19 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Mortgaged Premises: 107-03 37TH DRIVE, CORONA, NY 11368

12/29/2016, 1/5, 12 & 19/2017,

Seniors Held 'Prisoner' by Broken Elevator Urge Landlord to Repair

Residents have not left their sixth-floor apartments since early December.

That's when the elevator in their building on Austin Street, near 84th Road, in

Kew Gardens was taken out of service for a major overhaul.

The elevator won't be working until Jan. 21, according to signs posted in the lobby.

On Tuesday morning, two men, who worked on the elevator, said that "it's a 6-week job."

The tenants, a lot of them seniors with disabilities, said

that the repairs were badly needed, since the elevator, which had been in the building since it opened in the 1950s, was old and broke down often.

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Onderdonk 375, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/21/16. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 375 Onderdonk Ave Ridgewood, NY 11385 General Purpose. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Notice of Formation of 73-14 Yellowstone LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/2/16. 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, 73-26 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

Notice of Formation of SSC GROUP, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/24/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o LLC, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/15,22,29/2016,1/5,12&19/2017

2412 27TH STREET LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 24-12 27th Street, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

5306 CHEN PROPERTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/7/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Jin Xia Chen 53-06 208th St Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

G2 Training LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/22/16. 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, 7524 Furmanville Ave., Middle Village, NY 11379. General purpose. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

Lee & Kwok International Trading, LLC. Filed 9/29/16. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4225 Elbertson St, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: General. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Notice of Formation of 90 Ave Realty, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/13/2016. 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. 12/29/2016,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2017

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Notice of formation of Veterans Billenting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 3, 2016. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

COZY MANAGEMENT LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/5/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to C/O Jimmy Ping Chen 1367 209th St Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Notice of formation of QUEENS PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/04/2016 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 20720 JORDAN DR FL 2 BAYSIDE, NY 11360. Purpose: any lawful activities. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

PORT RICHMOND LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/18/16. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Tejpal Sandhu 238 Causeway Lawrence, NY 11559. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

Notice of Formation of NextGear MotorSports, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o LLC, 633 East 87 Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017

Notice of Formation of 73-14 Yellowstone LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/2/16. 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, 73-26 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/8,15,22,29/2016,1/5&12/2017



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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT File No.2013-3054/A SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: Jerald Rawls, Joseph A. Matthews, Allen Matthews, Public Administrator of Queens County, and to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Edna Matthews deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead 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 A petition having been duly filed by Heidi Peterson, as Vice President for Seterus, Inc. with offices at 14523 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, Oregon 97005 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, on February 9, 2017 at 9:30 A.M., in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Edna Matthews, lately domiciled at 192-03 109th Road, St. Albans, New York 11412, granting administration and directing that Letters of Administration issue to Jerald Rawls, beneficiary under Will of decedent. Joseph A. Matthews, beneficiary under Will of decedent. Allen Matthews, and if they fail to qualify, then to the Public Administrator of Queens County, and if they are permitted to renounce, then to the nominee of the petitioner, Anitra DiMascia, upon duly qualifying or to such other person as may be entitled thereto. A copy of the will is attached. (State any further relief requested) That the authority or the representative under the foregoing Letters be limited as follows: To represent the estate in a foreclosure action in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Queens, which action seeks to foreclose a mortgage secured by the property located at 192-03 109th Road, St. Albans, New York, and that these proceedings be accepted pursuant to SCPA 1001 (9). Dated, Attested and Sealed, DEC 05, 2016 (Seal) HON. PETER KELLY Surrogate MARGARET M. GRIBBON Chief Clerk Name of Attorney for Petitioner: William Yurus, Esq. of counsel to Fein, Such & Crane LLP Tel No.: (914) 449-6744 Address of Attorney: 25 Broadway, Pleasantville, New York 10570 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

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right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. 12/15,22,29/2016 & 1/5/2017

Notice of Formation of JDU PROPERTIES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/07/2016. 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, 23-37 31st Road, Unit 2A, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Notice of Formation of PINE STREET VENTURES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o LLC, Roger Pine, 1-50 50th Ave., Apt. 2509, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/1,8,15,22,29/2016&1/5/2017

Notice of Formation of ALTAVISTA 1 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/05/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o LLC, 7014 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/15,22,29/2016,1/5,12&19/2017

Notice of Formation of NYC ALL PRO RENOVATIONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/08/2016. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o LLC, 218-12 119th Avenue, Cambria Heights, NY 11411. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/15,22,29/2016,1/5,12&19/2017

SEASIDE ROCK 14 LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/16. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 289 Beach 14th Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 12/22,29/2016,1/5,12,19&26/2017

Rockwell Brands LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY 10/12/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. General purpose. 12/29/2016,1/5,12,19,26&2/2/2017

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that an on-premises license #TBD has been applied for by La Piccolina Inc. to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in an on-premises establishment, under the ABC Law for on-premises consumption at 30-86 51st Street, Woodside, NY 11377. 12/29/2016&1/5/2017

ELYON PRODUCTS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/07/2016. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 39-40 30th St, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Notice of Formation of REN HE GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 136-20 Roosevelt Ave., #288, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Notice of Formation of Whitney 14A, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/16. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 193-38 Keno Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Notice of Formation of IDEATE MASPETH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/25/06. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LLC: 50-54 68th Street, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Notice of Formation of Advanced Hotel Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/26/06. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 100 Garden City Plaza, Ste. 220, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/5,12,19,26,2/2&9/2017

Walker's Career Night Highlights 65-48 Win at Xavier

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native recorded 14 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Five of Kebbe's nine boards came on the offensive glass.

Imani Littleton posted her second double-digit rebound game of the year as the junior from San Diego, Calif., brought down 10 boards. Like Kebbe, Littleton did work on the offensive glass, hauling in five caroms on the offensive end.

As a team, St. John's out-rebounded the Musketeers, 43-24, and came away with 13 steals to Xavier's eight. From the field, the Red Storm hit 26 of its 66 tries while holding Xavier to 17-of-40 from the floor.

Xavier took control early as St. John's trailed 18-10 after the first quarter. Then, with the Musketeers leading 25-24 with 3:30 left in the second, the Red Storm rattled off 14 unanswered points to close out the first half and never looked back. Kebbe and Andrayah Adams both had five points during the run. Crystal Simmons went 1-for-2 from the charity stripe with two seconds left before the break, giving St. John's a 38-25 lead at the half. For the period, the Red Storm outscored Xavier, 28-7.

In the third, Akina Wellere drained a three to extend the Red Storm lead to 19, 48-29, with 4:16 left in the quarter, the team's largest lead at that point. Throughout the remainder of the contest, St. John's maintained its double-digit lead and led by as many as 22 points on three different occasions in the fourth quarter.

Wellere finished with eight points. Maya Singleton added seven points and six rebounds.

As a team, St. John's assisted on 20 of its 26 made field goals, which is the most assists in a single game this season.

St. John's is back in action on Thursday when its heads to Indianapolis to take on Butler. The first tip is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will be streamed live on the BIG EAST Digital Network.



God Bless America

NYPD Reminds You to Claim Your Seized Property Before it's Auctioned

The NYPD is looking for the owners of the fur coats, jewelry and cars left unclaimed in its property division, which collects items throughout the city, mostly as evidence for crimes.

The laundry list of items in the NYPD's possession ranges from furniture to cameras to handbags, according to a post on The City Record — and now the department is searching for the rightful owners of the items.

"OWNERS ARE WANTED BY THE PROPERTY CLERK DIVISION OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT," the post begins, adding, "The following list of properties is in the custody of the Property Clerk Division without claimants: Motor vehicles, boats, bicycles, business machines, cameras, calculating machines, electrical and optical property, furniture, furs, handbags, hardware, jewelry, photographic equipment, radios, robes, sound systems, surgical and musical instruments, tools, wearing apparel, communications equipment, computers, and other miscellaneous articles."

The majority of the items are taken from crime scenes as evidence, but also include items confiscated from "prisoners, emotionally disturbed, intoxicated and deceased persons," as well as property "obtained from

persons incapable of caring for themselves," according to the city record and NYPD officials.

The listing urges people to reach out to the depots across the city to retrieve their property.

Items are held anywhere from 3 months to three years, depending on its value — after which it's auctioned off via an online site, according to the NYPD's Property Clerk Division website.

The list of sites to contact is as follows:

FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (All Boroughs):

► Springfield Gardens Auto Pound, 174-20 North Boundary Road, Queens, NY 11430, (718) 553-9555

► Erie Basin Auto Pound, 700 Columbia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231, (718) 246-2030

FOR ALL OTHER PROPERTY

► Manhattan - 1 Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038, (646) 610-5906

► Brooklyn - 84th Precinct, 301 Gold Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, (718) 875-6675

► Bronx Property Clerk - 215 East 161 Street, Bronx, NY 10451, (718) 590-2806

► Queens Property Clerk - 47-07 Pearson Place, Long Island City, NY 11101, (718) 433-2678

► Staten Island Property Clerk - 1 Edgewater Plaza, Staten Island, NY 10301, (718) 876-8484

Senator Stavisky Issues Statement on Gov. Cuomo's Free Tuition Proposal



Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing), Ranking Member of the Higher Education Committee issued a statement in response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's press conference with U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and former Comptroller Bill Thompson. The senator sponsored a similar bill for the 2015/2016 Legislative Session — S4760B — which would have provided free tuition for New York State residents to SUNY, CUNY and community college (LINK: <https://www.ny-senate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/>

S4760/amendment/B). The senator plans to re-introduce the bill for the 2017 session.

"In today's world, college has become not a privilege, but a necessary step for working individuals of all fields," State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky said. "Unfortunately, college comes with a price tag that few can afford without burdensome loans. The proposal presented by Governor Cuomo and supported by Senator Bernie Sanders is an important step toward equal access to higher education. While families who make less than \$125,000 will be able to send their children to SUNY and CUNY schools for free, we must also ensure no hikes are implemented on students who are paying tuition to off-set costs. Last year, we were able to secure a tuition freeze for public college and university students — a trend I would like to see continue. I congratulate and thank the governor for his commitment to higher education and I look forward to working with him to better our state's higher education system."

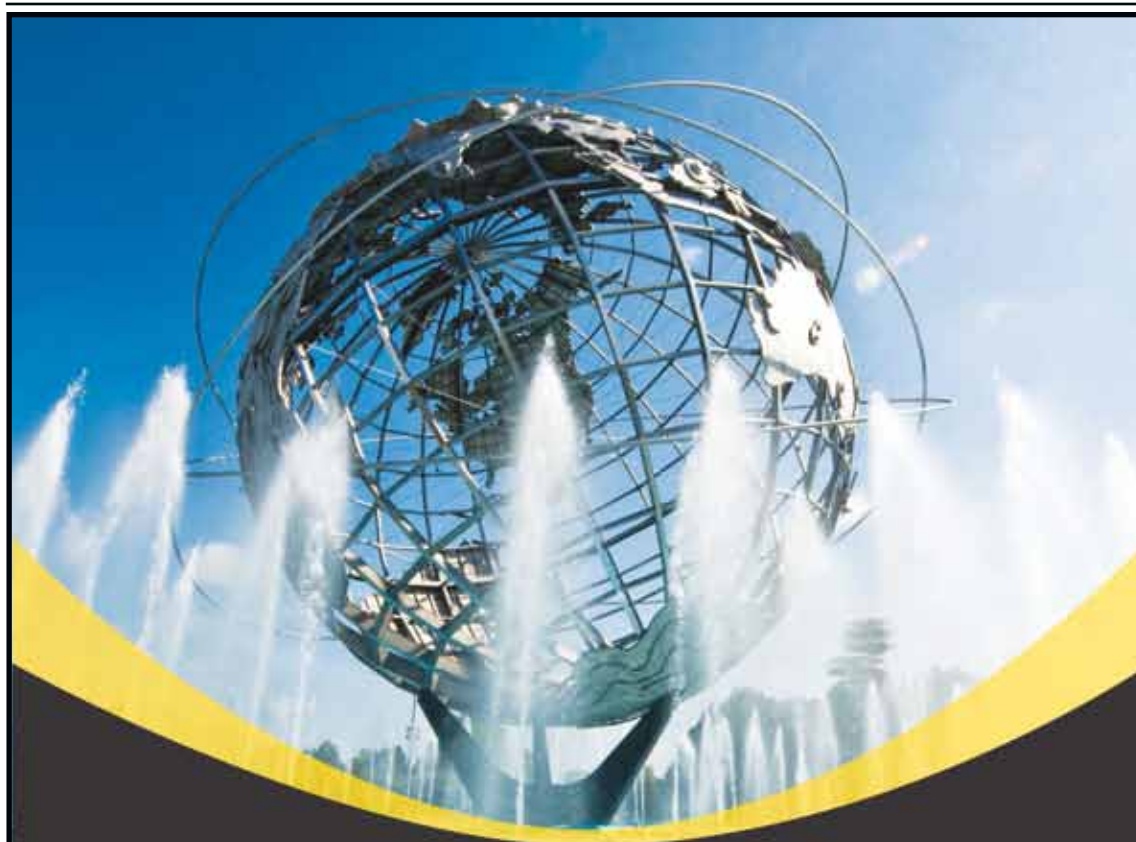
Winter Wonderland Event at NYC Health + Hospitals Brings Joy to Pediatric Patients

NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst recently held its second annual "Winter Wonderland Toy Giveaway and Healthy Holiday Fair." The hospital's Department of Social Work and Child Life Program host the event for local parents and families who may need extra help providing gifts for their children around the holidays. Parents chose from a variety of generously donated toys, and had them gift-wrapped by hospital staff and volunteers. This year the toy giveaway provided free gifts for more than 150 children. Elmhurst pediatricians and nutritionists were joined by representatives from FDNY and the Department of Transportation to offer parents information for a



Pictured: NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst's Child Life Specialists, physicians, nutritionists, volunteers, and other staff gather to organize activities for the facility's annual "Winter Wonderland" toy donation event for pediatric patients.

safe and healthy holiday season. Toys were generously donated by local businesses, nonprofits, and community groups.



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