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## Point Of View

### When a Winter Wonderland Becomes a Nightmare: Best Ways Older Adults Can Avoid the Hazards of Winter

We at the *Queens Times* thought that these Winter Tips from Dr. Granieri could help older adults this winter.

Winter is a special time for celebration. It should also be a time for added caution if you or someone in your family is an older adult. It is the season for falls, slips on icy streets and other dangers that can be especially harmful for older adults. "Something as simple as a fall can be devastating for older men and women," says Dr. Evelyn Granieri, director of the Division of Geriatrics at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/The Allen Hospital. "Before the cold weather arrives, it is important to prepare."

Dr. Granieri addresses some of the most pressing concerns mature adults have about their health and safety during the winter:

- For more information, patients may call (866) NYP-NEWS.
- The flu. Influenza is a serious illness that can be fatal in older adults, who often have chronic medical conditions. The vaccine offers some, if not complete, protection against the flu and can be administered as early as September. The flu season begins in mid-October and runs through March.
- Hypothermia. Keep your thermostat set to at least 65 de-

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## In Second Inaugural of President Obama



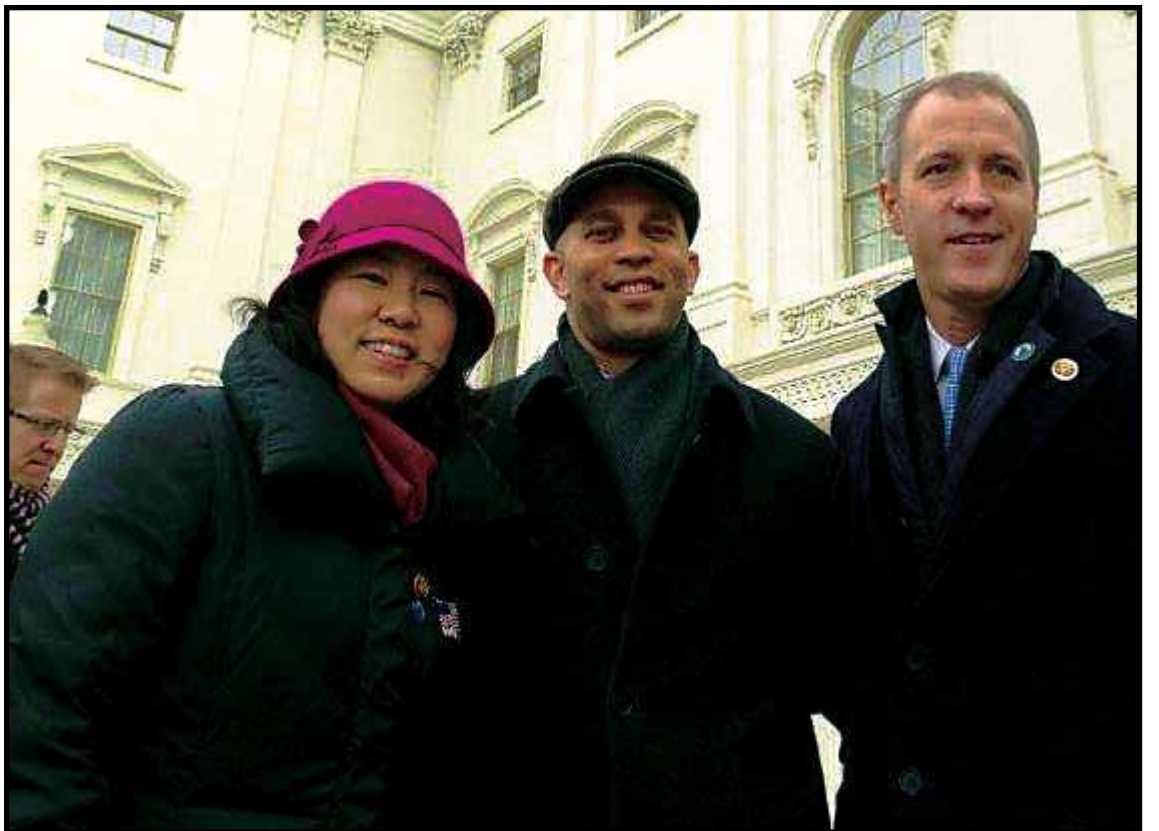
President Barack Obama is pictured after his inaugural speech at the swearing-in ceremonies on the West front of the Capitol in Washington.

## QBP Helen Marshall Meets With Mary And Tim Smith, After Her State Of The Borough Address At Queens College



Queens Borough President Helen Marshall talks after her State of the Borough address at Queens College, Tuesday, January 22nd with Mary and Tim Smith, the parents of the late Dylan Smith. Smith, who died in December at the age of 23, helped to save seven lives in Belle Harbor during the height of Superstorm Sandy on October 29th after teaming up with neighbor Michael McDonnell. Using Dylan's surfboard and McDonnell's makeshift ropes, both men rescued their neighbors from fire and floodwaters. Marshall dedicated her address Tuesday to Dylan.

## New York's New Members Of Congress



Pictured after the inaugural address of President Obama is New York's new members of Congress: Reps Meng, Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) and Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY) at the capital.



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grees to prevent hypothermia. Hypothermia kills about 600 Americans every year, half of whom are 65 or older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Also, keeping the temperature at 65, even when you are not at home, will help prevent pipes from freezing by maintaining a high enough temperature within your walls.

- Icy streets. Navigating through icy streets can be intimidating. Wear comfortable shoes with anti-slip soles. If you use a cane, replace the rubber tip before it is worn smooth and becomes slippery on the wet ice.
- House fires. Make sure your smoke alarms are working. You should also have working carbon monoxide alarms.
- Falling in the home. Winter means fewer hours of daylight. Older people often have the need for a higher level of illumination

in the home. You may also have difficulty adjusting to changes in light, and different levels of lighting may increase the risk of slip and falls. Make sure there are no great lighting contrasts from one room to another. Also, use night lights, and don't have loose extension cords lying around — tape them to the floor. Make sure rugs are not wrinkled or torn in a way that can trip you up as you walk.

- Strenuous activities. Try to avoid strenuous activities like shoveling snow. You should ask your doctor if this level of activity is advisable. If you must use a shovel this winter, warm up your body with a few stretching exercises before you begin and be sure to take frequent breaks throughout.
- Dehydration. Drink at least four or five glasses of fluid every day. This should not change just be-

cause it is winter. You may not feel as thirsty as you do in the summer months, but as you get older your body can dehydrate more quickly, putting you at greater risk for complications from a number of illnesses; and also changing the way in which your body responds to some medications.

- Winter itch. This usually occurs because of dry skin. Wear more protective creams and lotions to prevent the dry and itchy skin commonly experienced in the colder months when humidity levels are lower.
- Home emergencies. For older persons living alone, it is a good idea to have a way to communicate quickly with other persons or medical personnel. If you have a cell phone, keep it handy. Another option is a personal emergency response system — a device worn around the neck or on a bracelet that can summon help if needed.

## JOINT STATEMENT FROM Congressman Steve Israel, Congresswoman Grace Meng, State Senator Tony Avella & Assemblyman Edward Braunstein On Increased Aircraft Noise In Northeastern Queens

Following a meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today, a joint statement was released by Congressman Steve Israel, Congresswoman Grace Meng, State Senator Tony Avella and Assemblyman Edward Braun-

stein: "With today's meeting with the FAA, we took a step forward in addressing the significant quality of life issue that was created by the FAA's new flight procedures at LaGuardia Airport, which have resulted in

extreme increases in aircraft noise in northeastern Queens. We will continue to fight for an open process that involves additional options and put pressure on the FAA to pursue those alternatives which include vital community feedback."

## AM Miller Participates in "Moving Society Beyond Soup Kitchens"

Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Queens) attended the New York City Coalition Against Hunger's 10th annual "Moving Society Beyond the Soup Kitchen" Serv-a-thon. The event was held at Food Bazaar, Bogopa Store, located at 454 Wyckoff Avenue in Ridgewood. Assemblyman Miller and volunteers from the NYC Coalition Against Hunger handed out information and enrollment forms for SNAP (food stamps) commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his life work.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived his life fighting for equal rights and serving the community," Assemblyman Miller said. "And there is no better way to honor him on his birthday than by doing a serving to the community."



Pictured above: Assemblyman Mike Miller stands with members of the NYC Coalition Against Hunger.

## Step Right Up! Cirque du Soleil Is Back In Town

Adecco is currently staffing for a new and exciting Cirque du Soleil show at Citifield in Queens. There are many fun and exciting positions available that require your enthusiasm, customer service skills and love of working with the public. Positions we are staffing for include:

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## With Investments, Diversifying Is Key By Jason Alderman

Ever wonder why Mom and Pop stores sell wildly unrelated products side by side, like umbrellas and sunglasses, or Halloween candy and screwdrivers? Customers probably would never buy these items on the same shopping trip, right?

That's exactly the point. By diversifying their product offerings, vendors reduce the risk of losing sales on any given day, since people don't usually buy umbrellas on sunny days or sunglasses when it rains.

The same diversification principle also applies in the investment world, where it's referred to as asset allocation. By spreading your assets across different investment classes (stock mutual funds, bonds, money market securities, real estate, cash, etc.), if one category tanks temporarily you may be at least partially protected by others.

You must weigh several factors when determining how best to allocate your assets:

**Risk tolerance.** This refers to your appetite for risking the loss of some or all of your original investment in exchange for greater potential rewards. Although higher-risk investments (like stocks) are potentially more profitable over the long haul, they're also at greater risk for short-term losses. Ask yourself, would you lose sleep investing in funds that might lose money or fluctuate wildly in

value for several years; or will you comfortably risk temporary losses in exchange for potentially greater returns?

**Time horizon.** This is the expected length of time you'll be investing for a particular financial goal. If you are decades away from retirement, you may be comfortable with riskier, more volatile investments. But if your retirement looms, or you'll soon need to tap college savings, you might not want to risk sudden downturns that could gut your balance in the short term.

**Diversification within risk categories is also important.** From a diversification standpoint it's not prudent to invest in only a few stocks. That's why mutual funds are so popular: They pool money from many investors and buy a broad spectrum of securities. Thus, if one company in the fund does poorly, the overall impact on your account is lessened.

Many people don't have the expertise – or time – to build a diversified investment portfolio with the proper asset mix. That's why most 401(k) plans and brokerages offer portfolios with varying risk profiles, from extremely conservative (e.g., mostly treasury bills or money market funds) to very aggressive (stock in smaller businesses or in developing countries).

Typically, each portfolio is comprised of various investments that combined reach the appropri-

ate risk level. For example, one moderately conservative portfolio offered by Schwab consists of 50 percent interest-bearing bond funds, 40 percent stocks and 10 percent cash equivalents. Usually, the more aggressive the portfolio, the higher percentage of stocks it contains (i.e., higher risk/higher reward).

Another possibility is the so-called "targeted maturity" or lifecycle funds offered by many 401(k) plans and brokerages. With these, you choose the fund closest to your planned retirement date and the fund manager picks an appropriate investment mixture. As retirement approaches the fund is continually "rebalanced" to become more conservative.

Although convenient, this one-size-fits-all approach may not suit your individual needs; for example, you may want to invest more – or less – aggressively, or may not like some of the funds included.

These may seem like complicated concepts, but the Security and Exchange Commission's publication, "Beginner's Guide to Asset Allocation, Diversification and Rebalancing," does a good job explaining them ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

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## Sunday to Remember Program Hosts Warm Winter Party Sunday, January 27, 2013 2:30

The Latin American Cultural Center of Queens, Inc. (LACCQ) and the Sunday to Remember Program will host their Winter Party on Sunday, January 27, 2013 from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm at El Paraiso Tropical located at 102-11 42nd Avenue, Corona, NY 11368.

Sunday to Remember is a recreational and supportive program for families that takes place the last

Sunday of each month from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Throughout the years, the program has conducted various activities including concerts, outings to cultural organizations and annual events like Mother's Day and our Holiday Party.

Attendees will warm up the winter with the Latin flavor of this celebration, during which they will meet new friends, participate

in raffles, dance and enjoy a variety of Latin American rhythms interpreted by musician Francisco Cantilo. Admission is free, please reserve at 718-261-7664 or [laccq@aol.com](mailto:laccq@aol.com).

For more information on the Latin American Cultural Center of Queens please visit our Facebook page [Facebook.com/LACCQ](http://Facebook.com/LACCQ) and follow us on Twitter @LACCQ.

## NYC Small Business Services Commissioner, Robert Walsh to visit affected businesses in Southern Queens and Rockaway

Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (D- Rockaway) has announced that in response to his recent letter, NYC Small Business Service (SBS) Commissioner Robert Walsh has committed to visit struggling small businesses and demolished storefronts to lend support and inform them of available resources to assist in recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

"Small business owners have been hard at work to get their businesses back up and running and recover from the extensive damage that was caused by Hurricane Sandy," said Assemblyman Goldfeder. "I want to thank Commissioner Walsh for responding to my request to provide more small business assistance in Southern Queens and Rockaway and for his diligent work after Sandy to help rebuild our community."

Following Goldfeder's letter requesting attention and outreach, Commissioner Robert Walsh agreed to personally visit affected small businesses and storefronts in Rockaway in ad-

dition to teams already in place. In his response, he pledged his full attention to Sandy business recovery and to continue his work with other agencies to ease regulations and devote every possible resource to assist small businesses in their recovery efforts.


After Hurricane Sandy, Commissioner Walsh provided many valuable programs and services to Southern Queens and the Rockaways including a low interest emergency loan and grant program that has already delivered \$7.6 million dollars to struggling business owners. Due to the demand for more assistance, he has already begun plans for additional resources to help strengthen community-based organizations in Southern Queens and Rockaway which will hopefully be directed towards storefront building and rejuvenation, Goldfeder noted.

"It's been nearly 3 months since Sandy and I still do not have funds to repair my business; reparation in construction, furniture

and equipment loss is over \$1.2 million," said Robert M. Kaskel, owner of Thai Rock Restaurant in Rockaway. "Even if I can obtain this level of financing, the financial drag will be daunting. Although the devastation and costs to overcome this adversity are large, I believe that reopening Thai Rock is the right thing to do, so much so that I just purchased the building at a full pre-Sandy price. Any help such as grants, real estate tax abatements, sales tax rebates, or a mortgage recording tax rebate would all be very helpful in getting my business back up and running."

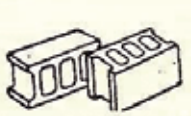
"Small businesses are the backbone of our community and presently they are suffering," said Assemblyman Goldfeder. "It is important that we continue to do everything we can to assist our small business now before it's too late. I look forward to working with Commissioner Walsh, SBS, and other agencies to help all of Southern Queens and the Rockaways rebuild and become stronger and better than ever."

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## Whirl With Merle

### “STEAKOUT” OF QUEENSITE CHEF CRAIG JERMIN

Bobby Van was a musical actor most probably known for his Broadway career in the 1950s and 1970s. People in show biz love to have their own restaurants. He opened his first one in Bridgehampton, Long Island where he tended bar and played the piano. The restaurant's focus was prime USDA meats and fresh seafood. Although he died in 1980, his legend lived on in the form of what is now a chain of restaurants to include a steakhouse located at 135 W. 50th Street, the heart of the theatre district.

Not all Bobby Van's are alike and at this steakhouse location Craig Jermin, the Executive Chef, prides himself on obtaining not only the best cuts of meat and from different purveyors, but a few of his own non-beef signatures and sides.

I could not help but take in the décor that screams mahogany, glass, mirrors and high ceilings. I noticed one most pleasant change in steakhouses...there were two female persons on the wait staff! General Manager Paul Modica and I talked about this since I have constantly seen only the male gender doing this work. It doesn't matter here since the amount of space allows for carts, rather than arms filled with heavy plates. Years ago steakhouses were geared towards the male population and cigars. My how the years have gone, bye!

Lately my taste in wine has been a white Pinot Grigio to go perfect with my choices. Paul suggested Duo Torre...thanks, Paul. Ah, yes...I did a tasting...of food. Out comes the basket of bread, which I usually pass up. They were artisan breads one of which had cranberries and nuts.

Appetizers to begin. Lobster Cocktail. A chick (one pound) lobster served with a cocktail sauce and mustard remoulade. For those who want to spice it up, a small plate with horseradish and a teeny bottle of Tabasco sauce is there, as well. The lobster was not of the frozen ilk.

A flavor bouncing Crab Cake appeared. It was a combination of fresh lump crab meat, eggs, mayo, heavy cream, and other goodie including fresh chives and bread



crumbs. The amount of ingredients did not overpower the amount of crab meat in any way. It was served with a mustard remoulade, micro greens and lemon wedge.

What is a Harry Salad? Paul tells me that steakhouses tend to have salads named after someone that may or may not pertain to the restaurant itself but tend to have similar ingredients. Now get this one! It's a combo of chopped shrimp, string beans, chopped tomatoes, red onions, roasted red peppers, and chopped bacon tossed in a shallot vinaigrette. Harry is topped with a non-chopped shrimp and the vinaigrette enhanced the salad. Hint, hint...this would make for an excellent lunch in itself.

I have found that an accomplished test of the chef's talent is not necessarily a steak, but seafood that has not come out of a shell, especially when Chilean Sea Bass on is on the menu. Craig must have done a lot of experimenting to get this obviously perfected dish. It cannot be overcooked nor have a “fish” flavor. In fact, I tend to recommend Chilean Sea Bass for people who “don't like fish”.

What was done with this made it even more savory. This 10-oz cut was glazed with Tamari, over a mix of asparagus, shitake mushrooms, baby bok choy in a truffle broth. For those who are not familiar with Tamari...it is a Japanese soy sauce that is brewed with wheat to enhance the flavor and color. Tends to be stronger than soy sauce but not as salty. When they prepare the glaze the tamari is cut with miso paste in order to adhere to the fish. Spoon

was nearby to enjoy the broth.

Now it's time for the steak, a prime NY Sirloin. I requested it to be “medium” and it was. The center was a bit on the rare side (which is what I like) while it spread out to pink to well done on the outside. I have to admit that one of the reasons that I chose this temperature is for leftovers. I can heat it up and the center will simply turn pink. Salt and pepper on the steak along with a side of steak sauce (made by the now famous chef). Our waitress, Keri, another Queensite, presented this delish dish.

I had to check on the sides; two more “tests”. Creamed spinach is one. I hate that after taste of cooked spinach...if you know what I mean. None here. The other is Mac and Cheese. Chef Craig made a good choice in a combo of cheeses.

Yes, I did indulge in some of the desserts. They don't employ a pastry chef so except for a few, they are handpicked from different sources. One of the most interesting, in both presentation and taste, is a 21-layer crepe with pastry cream in between each layer. The top appears to be caramelized. Enjoy an extra appetizer or side dish rather than hold out for a dessert.

I did sample the gelato. Unfortunately it did not live up to the one at I Dream of Gelato in Provincetown. Oh well.

It's Restaurant Week in New York City until February 8th and Bobby Van's is participating. A three-course lunch costs \$25, dinner, \$35. Check out their menu on [www.bobbyvans.com](http://www.bobbyvans.com)

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## It's In Queens!

(Jan. 24 through Jan. 30)

January and February are normally relatively quiet months in Queens, while activity and hotel prices rise in Florida and other warmer places. However, this upcoming week is busier than a typical week in the busiest month, August, even though there are no street fairs or parades. Just Tango, puppets, movies, live world music, art, sculpture, theater, comedy, history, dance, cooking, networking, lectures and snow globes. Here's the rundown.

• Jan. 25, afroTANGO, 8pm. Discover Tango's African roots in this world premiere musical with music arranged and directed by Latin Grammy winner Raul Jaurena. Show runs until Mar. 17,

Fri./Sat., 8 pm, and Sun., 4 pm. \$35; \$32 students/seniors. Thalia Spanish Theatre, 41-17 Greenpoint Ave., Sunnyside. 718-729-3880, [www.thaliatheatre.org](http://www.thaliatheatre.org).

• Jan. 25-27, Weekend Retrospective on Legendary Songwriter, Singer and Actor Paul Williams, 7pm. Tonight show favorite Paul Williams was a cultural icon in the 1970s and 1980s. He will be present for all screenings, including a new digital restoration of Ishtar, Brian De Palma's Phantom of the Paradise, The Muppet Movie and the acclaimed new documentary Paul Williams: Still Alive. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria, 718-777-6888, [www.movingimage.us](http://www.movingimage.us).

• Jan. 25, Repetition in Design, Queens Botanical Garden's regular hours. On display is a series of oil paintings on canvas by QBG Supervising Museum Instructor Gennadyi Gurman. Some of these pieces are influenced by the way the 8-bit video games from the 1980s looked, also from cartoons; but all show a bright color contrast. Until April 15 and free with admission. QBG's Visitor & Administration Building Gallery, 43-50 Main St., Flushing, [www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org).

• Jan. 26, World Music: Afro-Ameridian Journey, 6pm. Follow Latin music's journey around the globe with extraordinary musicians and an open dance floor. The

night pays homage to the blending of indigenous and African traditions in Mexico, Colombia and Peru. Empanadas and Peruvian Chicha for sale, thanks to Terraza 7 Café. 20/\$15 members and students with ID. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., 718-463-7700, [www.flushingtownhall.org](http://www.flushingtownhall.org).

• Jan. 26, Urvashi, A Love Story, 6pm. The Natraj Center for the Performing Arts recalls and promotes Indian culture through classes and workshops in dance, drama and music. Expect this Natraj performance to include Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathak, Odissi folk dances and modern Bollywood film and pop

genres. \$25/\$15 children. York College Performing Arts Center, 94-45 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, 718-468-1604, [www.york.cuny.edu](http://www.york.cuny.edu).

• Jan. 26, Scientifically Speaking: Winter Snow Globes, 1pm. Engage in an afternoon of indoor science, crafts and fun. Workshops may include a nature hike (weather permitting) and live animal demonstration. Learn about the concepts of weights, floating and sinking and create a winter snow globe. While this is an adult program, children ages 9 and up are welcome to join as long as they are accompanied by a

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**ARIES**  
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)  
 Try communicating with others. Travel will be to your advantage; however, it might be expensive. Visit someone who hasn't been feeling well lately. Your lucky numbers are 9,3,1.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)  
 Romantic opportunities will be available. You need to clear up some important personal problems before the end of the year. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,9.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 Try putting some cash into a safe, long-term investment. Dealing with relatives will not be in your best interest. Don't overspend on items for your home. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Don't expect anything for nothing and you won't be disappointed. Show what a dedicated person you can be. You may have difficulties with relatives or friends. Your lucky numbers are 2,4,7.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)  
 You can have quite the romantic adventure if you take time to get to know your mate all over again. Try to have patience and refrain from being judgmental. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,3.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Don't blow things out of proportion or people will misinterpret what you really meant. Helping children may be rewarding and challenging. Your lucky numbers are 7,1,3.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 Be cautious who you deal with financially. Avoid boredom by being creative in your endeavors. They may cost you dearly. Financial gains can be made. Your lucky numbers are 1,9,2.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 Since you have worked hard, the payback is now. You should focus on moneymaking matters and stay away from speculative investments. Your lucky numbers are 5,4,2.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 You can make extra cash if you act on a hunch. Family members will not be happy with the amount of time you are spending away from home. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,7.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
 Travel will stimulate your need to experience exciting new things. You should avoid getting involved in the personal problems of colleagues. Your lucky numbers are 7,4,3.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 Your determination may make you a little overbearing when dealing with others. Rewards for past good deeds will highlight your day. Your lucky numbers are 3,6,9.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 You can make financial gains if you are prepared to take a risk. Family outings should include visiting friends or relatives. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,6.

**Statement From  
 NYS Senator  
 Jose Peralta On  
 Governor Cuomo's  
 Budget Proposal**

"There is a lot to like about Governor Cuomo's budget plan, from rebuilding in the wake of Sandy, to efforts to preserve and create affordable housing.

"It was especially encouraging to hear the governor's continued support for a long-overdue increase of the state's minimum wage. And the film tax credit extension will be good for economic development in Queens and the city.

"As with the State of the State Address, however, I would have liked to have heard the governor count the New York State Dream Act among his priorities for the year.

"For many undocumented immigrant children, America is the only country they know. In their hearts and minds they are American. The Dream Act would greatly expand the educational opportunities available to these young people and help make it possible for them to achieve the American Dream.

"I will do everything I can to make the Dream Act reality in New York."



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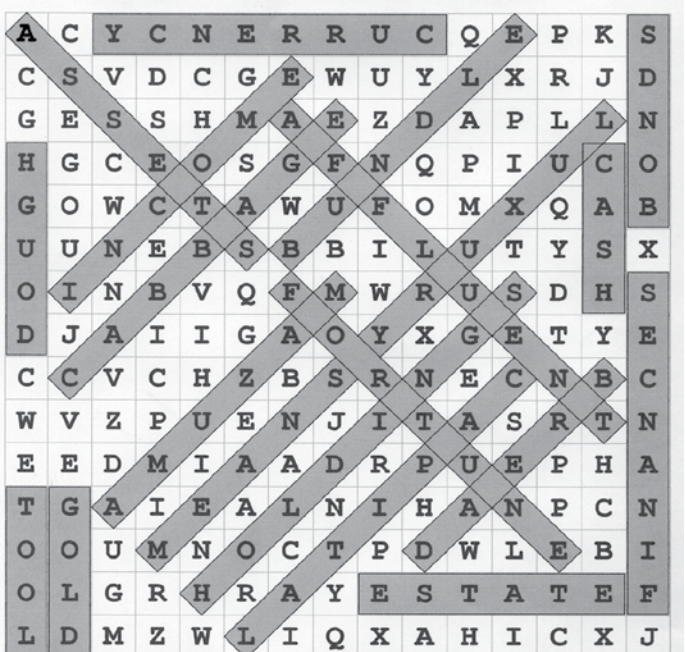
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### Council Member Crowley and Elmhurst Hospital Offer Free Flu Vaccines at Peter Cardella Senior Center

Council Member Elizabeth S. Crowley (CD-30, Queens) and Elmhurst Hospital offered free flu vaccines at the Peter Cardella Senior Center on Tuesday morning. Outreach was focused on seniors from the Peter Cardella Senior Center and parents and teachers at nearby PS 88, and more than 20 people took advantage of the free vaccines.

Flu-related illnesses have reached an epidemic level in New York, and Council Member Crowley is urging all residents to get vaccinated. The City urges everyone six months and older to get vaccinated. It is especially important for at-risk populations, including pregnant women, children younger than five, and adults older than 50.



Council Member Elizabeth Crowley and PS 88 teacher Audrey Glass look on as a nurse from Elmhurst Hospital administers a flu shot to a Ridgewood resident.

### Addabbo Brings "Epic Changes In January 2013" Lecture To Ozone Park Seniors On February 7th

NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., is co-sponsoring a "Changes to EPIC" lecture at 1 PM on February 7 at Nativity B.V.M./ St. Stan's Senior Center, which meets monthly on the first and third Thursdays in the basement at 101-41 91st Street, (718-845-3691), with a representative from the NYS Department of Health's Medicare-EPIC Program, Gema Diaz. The series began last summer and continued through October 2012 at senior centers around the senator's district and covers the changes to New York's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) prescription-drug program, now that the 2012-13 state budget restored \$30.6 million. This will reinstate co-payment assistance for almost 300,000 EPIC enrollees, thereby returning the EPIC program to two plans again.

One year ago, more than a quarter of a million seniors around our state were affected by major cuts to New York's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) prescription-drug program. Consequently, EPIC provided prescription-drug coverage only after a member fell into the Medicare prescription coverage gap (the "doughnut hole") when the total drug costs for an individual



Senator Joe Addabbo and NYS Department of Health's Medicare-EPIC program representative, Gema Diaz, at the Woodhaven-Richmond Hill Senior Center for last year's EPIC lecture series in Addabbo's district-to explain changes affecting EPIC members starting January 2013.

reached \$2,930.

Currently, seniors enrolled in the EPIC program are forced to pay 25 percent of the cost of each prescription drug. With the co-payment assistance restored, enrollees will return to paying no more than \$20 co-payment for each prescription.

All EPIC members will be notified of the changes, and how they will be affected, by letter. Eligibility requirements remain the same: NYS resident, 65 or older, with income up to \$35,000 single or \$50,000 married. Applicants cannot be receiving full Medicaid

benefits but may have a Medicaid spend-down. If a member cancels their Medicare Part D coverage, they will not receive any benefits from EPIC and coverage may be canceled. Members must have Part D in order to receive EPIC benefits and maintain EPIC coverage.

For more information, call Addabbo's two district offices at Howard Beach (718-738-1111) and Middle Village (718-497-1630).

Visit Senator Addabbo online at: <http://addabbo.nysenate.gov> or on Facebook at "Senator Joe Addabbo."

### Saving A Queens Treasure and Saving Over A Half Million Dollars

Marie Rose International Museum founder Naida Njoku (3rd L) invited Assembly William Scarborough (2nd L), Parodneck Foundation Mortgage Remediation Specialist Gerald Carter (R) and Ken Wray (2nd R), executive director of the Parodneck Foundation, to personally thank them for saving her museum and saving her over a half million dollars. She Museum Manager Shirley Phipps showed off her most recent acquisitions, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama dolls in formal wear dressed for inaugural balls, fitting for inauguration weekend. Photo Credit: Juliet Kaye



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### CM Jimmy Van Bramer & Swizz Beatz Together at Intrepid

Grammy Award-winning producer and recording artist Swizz Beatz joined Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (Queens, 26th District) and New York City music students from The Bronx Charter School for the Arts (BxA), Women's Academy of Excellence (WAE), East Harlem Women's Leadership School and Music Unites Ambassadors at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum's Power of One eminent speakers program here today to promote music and arts education as critical components of a child's learning experience.



Pictured in the back row (l. to r.): Swizz Beatz; Michelle Edgar, founder of Music Unites; Bill Werde, Editorial Director, Billboard; Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer with music students from The Bronx Charter School for the Arts (BxA).

### Vallone Continues Borough-Wide Safety Tour In Bayside

On January 15th, Council Member Peter F. Vallone Jr. continued his Queens-wide Public Safety Tour by visiting the Selfhelp Clearview Senior Center and CCNS Bayside Center.

Vallone, who is Chair of the Public Safety Committee, discussed various safety issues at the senior centers, including graffiti, scams involving door-to-door solicitors and his efforts to get more police officers.

Vallone kicked-off his borough-wide tour several months ago, beginning with safety speeches to the Queensboro Hill Neighborhood Association and University Park Tenants Council, Peter Delamonica Senior Center and Bay Terrace Community Alliance, among others. "It is very important for people to realize that certain crimes are up across



Queens and to learn what they can do to stay safe," said Council Member Vallone. "We all stay safe when communities stay involved and more police are patrolling our streets."

### Council Member Mark Weprin Swears In Student Government

Council Member Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) swore in the new Student Government Officers at P.S./I.S. 178Q, The Holliswood School. At P.S./I.S. 178Q, which is Council Member Weprin's alma mater, he discussed their new roles as elected leaders of the student body.

"I am proud to see these students take an active interest in bettering their school community. They are the leaders of tomorrow," said Council Member Mark Weprin.

P.S./I.S. 178Q, The Holliswood School, is located at 189-10 Radnor Road in Queens and serves students from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade.



Council Member Mark Weprin administering the oath of office to the new Student Government Officers at P.S./IS 178Q, The Holliswood School.

### 110th Precinct Community Council January Meeting

The 110th Precinct Community Council presented the Cop-of-the-Month award to Sergeant Dawn Adames and Police Officer Stanley Przedwiecki at its January meeting held at Flanders Field VFW Post #150 in Corona, Queens. Pictured above (l to r) is: Deputy Inspector Ronald D. Leyson, Commanding Officer, 110th Precinct; P.O. Stanley Przedwiecki; Sgt. Dawn Adames and Evelyn DeCoursey, President, 110th Precinct Community Council.



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## Greater Astoria Historical Society February Events

KEVIN WALSH PRESENTS: THE VILLAGE OF ASTORIA A Forgotten New York Lecture MONDAY, February 4, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

An inlet in Astoria was named Halletts Cove after the family that moved to the land 360 years ago. However Astoria was named for a man who apparently never set foot in it: entrepreneur and real estate tycoon John Jacob Astor (1763-1848). Astor was the wealthiest man in America by 1840. (As it turns out, he could see the village from his home on what is now East 87th Street near York Avenue.) This presentation will take a look at Astoria Village, which is now vanishing quickly to new housing and development. Free to GAHS members, \$5 to the public.

EDWARD G. ROBINSON: LITTLE CAESAR (1931) Saturday Afternoon at the Movies with G.A.H.S. SATURDAY, February 9, at 1:00 P.M.

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the death of Edward G. Robinson who is buried in Ridgewood, Queens. Little Caesar, released in January 1931, is Robinson's breakout movie – it

catapulted him to stardom. It tells the story of a hoodlum who ascends the ranks of organized crime, and his inevitable downfall. Free!

KOREA: 60 YEARS LATER The History Roundtable at G.A.H.S. SATURDAY, February 16, at 1:00 P.M.

Some called the Korean War (or a 'Police Action' by a United Nations resolution) the last chapter of World War II, others, the opening salvo of the Cold War. Before it was over, millions of Koreans, North and South were casualties, and more than 120,000 American troops were either killed or wounded. Join us for a look back at America's 'Forgotten War' of the 1950s on the 60th Anniversary of the armistice ending hostilities. If you know of a Korean War Veteran, please encourage them to attend and share their experiences. Free to GAHS members, Veterans and their families, \$5 to the public. FILM – A PRESIDENT'S DAY FAMILY EVENT: NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM Family Day at G.A.H.S. MONDAY, February 18, at 1:00 P.M.

A newly recruited night security guard at the Museum of Natural History discovers that an ancient curse causes the animals and exhibits on display to come to life and wreak havoc. Museum guard Larry (Ben Stiller) turns to a wax replica of President Roosevelt (Robin Williams) for a little advice on keeping things intact, but Teddy seems to think that a man of Larry's greatness needs little help. A discussion and tour of our artifacts follow the film. Bring the entire family. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served! Free! VICTORIAN GOTHIC: A READING AND DISCUSSION A New York Nineteenth Century Society Lecture SATURDAY, February 23, 2013 @ 4 P.M.

Come and learn about old favorites and make new discoveries. Moderator: Catherine Siemann Featuring Authors and Scholars: Genevieve Valentine, Leanne Renee Hieber, Curt Herr, Kutztown State University, Gwen Hyman, Cooper Union, Leah Richards, LaGuardia Community College Location: Cooper Union, 41 Cooper Square, Room LL-101. (Corner of 3rd Ave. and 7th St.) Free!

## What Lance Armstrong Teaches Us About Real Heroes

As a Cancer Survivor and U.S. Marine, I Once Looked Up to Him

by: Jay Platt

What is a hero? Webster's dictionary defines a hero as someone who's admired for his achievements and noble qualities, and one who shows great courage. Fortunately, today we have many examples of real heroes. Look no further than the U.S. military, police and firefighters -- men and women who put their lives at risk for others.

A real hero also is the person who is fighting cancer or some other chronic illness, and does so with great dignity and grace. Though they may be in pain or discomfort, they somehow make those around them feel better, do better, and be better.

Which brings me to Lance Armstrong.

I was a supporter of his since his first Tour de France win. Coming back from cancer the way he did, and racing the way he did drug-free (supposedly), inspired me to no end. When others questioned how he was able to do the things he did without any help from performance-enhancing drugs, I defended him as if he were a personal friend.

As a cancer survivor myself, and someone who continues to battle the disease daily, he inspired me. He gave me strength when I felt like I had none. He even motivated me to challenge myself by attempting demanding physical feats, like hiking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail beginning to end. When I got tired and wanted to quit, I'd think to myself, "If Lance can do the things he does, I can do this, too."

So, his recent revelations to

Oprah Winfrey hit me like a 50-pound sledgehammer to the chest. When he admitted to lying about taking performance enhancing drugs, I felt like he had personally lied to me. And that's when I knew that he is nothing more than a fake hero.

Fake heroes have none of the qualities of a real hero. Rather, they lie, cheat, steal, and do whatever it takes to make themselves look good and heroic. Winning, to them, is the most important thing, and who they hurt in the process really doesn't matter. All of which, sadly, describes Lance Armstrong.

I know he still will have his defenders. I've already heard from people who have basically said, "Well, what about all the good he's done for cancer research?" While that is true, and I certainly hope that Livestrong is not negatively affected by Armstrong's admission, the fact is that the whole organization was started based on a lie.

He never would have had the millions of dollars, the fame, and the incredible story if it had not been for the lie that he told for so long. And, although it is uncomfortable to say so, how do we know that he did not get cancer because of his taking performance enhancing drugs? Would that have changed his story? I'm sure, for many, it would have.

And what of his admission now? Surely, that took courage? It was heroic, right? Hardly! First of all, look at to whom he chose to tell all of the details. Oprah Winfrey. I have no doubt that was a well-thought-out strategy on his part. He, undoubtedly, was advised to go where he would most likely

garner sympathy and do it before an audience that probably knows little about cycling, and that is most likely to give him a pass on his transgressions.

Even with all that though, he still could have done the heroic thing. But he did not. He could have looked into the camera and said in the sincerest way he could muster that steroids are not the way. That he, in all likelihood, gave himself cancer in his quest for fame. Think of the kids who could have benefited from hearing such a thing. Instead, however, he defiantly said that since everyone else was supposedly doing it, he felt justified in doing it, too. Very hero like, huh?

About Jay Platt: Jay Platt was medically retired from the Marine Corps in 1998 after suffering complications from the cancer von Hippel Lindau (VHL), a genetic disease that resulted in brain and spinal tumors, kidney cancer, and the loss of his left eye. Told his future would be considerably dimmer than his past, Platt set out to rebuild himself physically, mentally and spiritually, and to challenge himself by setting demanding physical goals. He is one of fewer than 300 people to have hiked the 2,100-mile southbound Appalachian Trail; one of three to swim from Alcatraz Island to San Francisco with hands and feet tied; and the only person to swim across the Mississippi while blindfolded, handcuffed and shackled. Proceeds from his adventures and sales of his documentary benefit non-profits, including the VHL Family Alliance. For more information, visit: [www.livingunstopable.com](http://www.livingunstopable.com).

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## Queens Sports

### College Activities In High Gear

by Robert Elkin

Robert Holford is in his first year as head basketball coach at Queensborough Community College. He recently came to a game between C.W. Post College and Queens College, and took 18 members of his junior college squad with him. They were looking at the four year college teams in action, the next level for the current crop of junior college players.

"I want them to see what it takes to be (a four year) college student athlete," Holford said. "Playing basketball is what they all envision themselves to keep doing (some day in the future). I want to give them a realistic incentive to play at this level."

Last year, Holford, who played his high school ball at the then Andrew Jackson High School) and later coached at Christ The King High School, conducted a boys' sports academy called Urban Honor Academy.

Presently, QCC has an under .500 basketball record on the court competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

"The kids have been working hard," said Holford. "We have a great nucleus of young people."

In terms of scoring, four players have been leaders, led by Chris Aubry and Troy Singleton. The latter played high school ball at Queens Teaching and helped to lead the latter to a Public Schools Athletic League championship.

Singleton, a sophomore, is averaging 13 points a game and likes to shoot and drive. Actually, he transferred from Buffalo State University to Queensborough Community College.

"College basketball is very intense and is very important not only basketball wise, but grade wise, too," Singleton added.

The players recently finished their first academic semester of 2012-2013.

"The future is bright," the coach added. "We'll try to make a good run (for the title) during the second half of the year."

Holford has been coaching at different locations, schools and levels for the past 15 years.

"It's a lot of responsibility," Holford went on "and I had the opportunity to give back, help the young people develop, mold them better themselves in life and understand the importance of education and how to conduct themselves as men..."

Turning from basketball to more of an individual sport, track field, Queensborough Community College, based in Bayside a walking distance from Cardozo High School and Springfield Boulevard near Long Island Expressway, was well represented in the 31st

Yale University Intercollegiate Classic held at the University's Coxe Cage in New Haven, Connecticut.

QCC's freshman Alex Roach triple jumped 12.88 meters for

sixth place in a field of 12 entrants, sophomore William Allen placed 37th and was timed in 5:06.69 in the mile run, captured by Patrick Peterson of Sacred Heart University in 4:13.37, and frosh Fritz Michael Parkinson ran a 53.19 for 33rd place in the 400 meters..

Sophomore Nathan Cyrille was recorded in 2:03.04 for 18th place in the 800 meter run, and another sophomore Zachary Merced ran a 9:46.01 for 28th position in the 3000 meters.

QCC's distance medley relay quartet was clocked in 11:18.24 for 16th position. Its 3:41.62 time earned its relay team 12th place in the standings for the 1600 meter relay.

Individually again, Queensborough Community College competed in two events – the 400 meter run when Matthew Schwartz was clocked in 1:00.68 for 48th spot and 8:23 for 43rd place in the 60 meter dash.

Schwartz, who is progressing, is a good runner and is training hard but he has work to do done. He's been improving every year. He needs work and has the attitude to do well.. It's always fun to see a kid with no experience to do well.

Schwartz, out of Bayside High School, is a good runner and is training hard. He is improving every year. He needs work and has an attitude to do well. And according to his coach, it's always fun to see a kid with no experience to do well.



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participating adult. Limited space. Please register first. \$24/\$18 members. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, 718-229-4000, www.alleypond.org.

• Jan. 26, Nineteenth Century Society: German Theater, 1pm. Germans were one of the largest American immigrant groups during the 19th century, second only to the Irish. In this presentation, author/ journalist/performer Trav S.D. will unearth some of the forgotten history, outlining the many ways Germans shaped (and were shaped by) American popular culture in the realms of music, theatre and comedy. Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, Long Island City, 718-278-0700, www.astorialic.org.

• Jan. 26, Close Embrace: Nimbus Dance Works, 2:30pm. Join the choreographer and dance artists for a sneak peak at the creative process behind Huang-Yi's new work Close Embrace. Dancers rehearse and invent new sequences in this behind-the-scenes look at the new work. Talk-back to follow. \$6/\$4 children. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., www.flushingtownhall.org.

• Jan. 26, Free Cooking Class for Children, 3pm. The class includes a chef-led lesson making the day's recipe, a lesson in setting a restaurant-style table and a kitchen tour. Students will also have a chance to enjoy the dish they prepare with their family. For children ages 5-12. Class is free, but registration is required at www.allergictosalad.eventbrite.com. Vesta Trattoria & Wine Bar, 21-02 30th Ave., Astoria, allergictosalad@gmail.com.

• Jan. 27, Tomorrow's Artists Today Face the Music, 5:30pm. An "alt-classical" ensemble of more than 70 unusually talented teenagers from in and around NYC. \$20/\$15 seniors/\$10 students. Church-in-the-Gardens, 50 Ascan Ave., Forest Hills, 718-894-2178, www.musicareginae.org.

• Jan. 27, Rob Schneider Live, 8pm. The Emmy-nominated actor and comedian most recently seen in Grown Ups brings his zany comedy to the borough. \$40. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, 718-631-6311, www.qcc.cuny.edu/qpac.

• Jan. 27, Fireside Literary Event: Nature of the Muse, 6:30pm. A cozy, indoor, fireside literary event featuring local writers and their traditional/polished poetry and prose work, plus live writing. (Each writer will receive a random prompt and have to write from it on the spot, and present to the audience at the end.) No cover, but one-drink minimum. LIC Bar, 45-58 Vernon Blvd., Long Island

City, 718-786-5400, www.longislandcitybar.com.

• Jan. 28, Talk on the Hungarian Jewish Community, 1pm. Agnes Veto will discuss the rich history of the Jewish community in Hungary and its fate during the Holocaust. Born in Budapest, Veto is completing a PhD in Jewish Studies at NYU. She has taught as an adjunct professor in Jewish Studies at Vassar College. \$6 suggested donation. Central Queens Y, 67-09 108th St., Forest Hills, 718-268-5011, www.cqy.org.

• Jan. 28, Subjective Histories of Sculpture: Martin Kersels, 7pm. The program furthers SculptureCenter's exploration of how contemporary artists think about sculpture, its history, legacies and potential for innovation. Utilizing sculpture as a point of departure and source of inspiration, they explore the material conditions of our lives. \$5 suggested donation/\$3 for students. SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City, 718-361-1750, www.sculpture-center.org.

• Jan. 29, The Little Prince, 10:30am. Re-imagined for young audiences, this astonishing tale about a crashed and stranded pilot who befriends the apparition of a little boy enralls each new generation. Discover the heartwarming story of the Little Prince and his inspiring journey of love, loss and laughter in this multimedia, visually stunning production by a team of award-winning puppet designers. \$8. Kupferberg Center, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, 718-793-8080, www.kupferbergcenterarts.org.

• Jan. 30, Chinese New Year Celebration with Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, 10:30am. Traditional folk dances such as Lion Dance, Peacock Dance and Coin Stick Dance alternate with pieces inspired by festivals and life in contemporary China. With their dazzling costumes and fantastic props, Nai-Ni Chen's multiracial troupe helps students contextualize China's history, geography and culture. \$8 per seat. Kupferberg Center, Goldstein Theatre, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, 718-793-8080, www.kupferbergcenterarts.org.

• Jan. 30, Power Networking Event, 6 pm. Panel discussion about succeeding in business with five successful entrepreneurs moderated by Robin Wilson, director of the Queens Women Business Center. Networking event will follow. \$10 suggested donation. Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd. Kew Gardens, rwilson@queensny.org, 718-263-0546, www.queensny.org.

The "It's In Queens" column is produced by the Queens Tourism Council with the hope that readers will enjoy the borough's wonderful attractions.

## Queens Pride Celebrates Winter Pride

QUEENS PRIDE will celebrate its 20th Winter Pride event on Saturday, January 26 at Astoria World Manor in Astoria, Queens. The event supports the Queens Pride Parade and Multicultural Festival and provides a venue to honor those who significantly contribute to the causes and concerns of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) Community in Queens.

This year more than 350 people, including numerous elected officials, will gather to honor Congresswoman Grace Meng, Dr. Marjorie Hill and Gay Men's Health Crisis, and Out Astoria. These individuals and groups reflect the diverse agenda for advancing the legislative, health, and social issues of the LGBTQ community.

U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng is serving her first term in the United States House of Representatives, representing the 6th District. Representative Meng is the first Asian-American member of Congress from New York, and the first female member of Congress from Queens since former Vice Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro. She is dedicated to fighting for the hardworking families of Queens by protecting Medicare and Social Security, spurring economic growth, creating jobs, ensuring access to a quality education and increasing funding for transportation and infrastructure projects.

Prior to serving in Congress, she was a member of the New York State Assembly. While in the Assembly, Grace was a dedicated bridge builder and a fighter for equality.

"Throughout her political career, Congresswoman Meng has supported the many causes of the LGBTQ community. We look forward to her continued advocacy on a national level" said Queens Pride Co-Chair Hank Krumholz.

Dr. Marjorie Hill is a health professional and public policy advocate, and she serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). GMHC is the world's first and leading provider of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and advocacy. Building on decades of dedication and expertise, GMHC understands the reality of HIV/AIDS and works to empower a healthy life for all.

"It is important to remain vigilant about the HIV/AIDS crisis both in terms of the progress we have made and for the spirit of the many we have lost," says Andrew Ronan, the organizer of Winter Pride.

GMHC organization offers counseling, health care, educational, and other support programs to patients, family, and friends of HIV/AIDS and works vehemently to end the HIV/AIDS crisis. Their annual Aids Walk in Central Park is the City's largest fundraising event for the HIV/AIDS support, research, and education. GMHC

continues to pioneer HIV prevention, care and advocacy.

Out Astoria organizes the LGBT community in Astoria and Long Island City, providing its members with a way to get to know each other and support our community. The organization was founded in 2006 and began as an informal dinner group for LGBT locals. It has since expanded into one of the largest LGBT organizations in Queens.

"Out Astoria represents the important grassroots efforts of individuals to connect our community," says Chris Calvert, Co-Chair of Queens Pride. "Through their organizing efforts, the LGBTQ community of Astoria is active, strong, and probably the fastest growing of anywhere in New York City."

Out Astoria identifies LGBT-owned and LGBT-friendly businesses in our neighborhoods and forges partnerships with their owners to plan events for the gay and lesbian community. Out Astoria also provides a vehicle for the gay and lesbian community to connect with others to improve our neighborhoods for all residents.

"Twenty years of Winter Pride celebrations in Queens has helped to build a strong lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) movement in the borough," said NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-

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## Council Member Ferreras' District News & Events



On January 18th, Council Member Julissa Ferreras chair of the Women's Issues Committee, held a public hearing on Proposed Resolution No. 1635-A, a resolution

commemorating the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and calling of the United States Congress to support funding for comprehensive reproductive health care.

## American-Italian Cancer Foundation Free Breast Cancer Screenings

Saturday, January 19th, 2013  
Antioch Baptist Church of Corona  
103-02 Northern Blvd  
Corona, NY 11368  
AN APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY  
Call 1-877-628-9090

Sunday, January 20th, 2013  
Corona Spanish SDA Church  
40-34 102nd Street  
Corona, NY 11368  
AN APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY  
Call 1-877-628-9090

## Business Legal Structures; Presented by Yogi Patel Esq

This seminar is designed to inform attendees about various business structures and to help them determine which type of entity is most suitable for their emerging or existing business. The seminar will benefit established businesses, those getting started and

individuals anticipating going into business on Thursday, January 24th, 2013 6PM-7PM at the Office of Council Member Julissa Ferreras, 32-33A Junction Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY 11369

Registration is required. 718-205-3883 or email Queens@bocnet.org

## Langston Hughes Library to be Recognized as Literary Landmark

Queens Library's Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center will be nationally recognized on Saturday, February 9th as a Literary Landmark by United for Libraries. It is the first public institution named for the famed poet/author of the Harlem Renaissance. A plaque will be placed in the library at 100-01 Northern Boulevard during the annual Langston Hughes Celebration. The community is invited. Admission is free.

In her letter to Queens Library's C.E.O Thomas W. Galante, United for Libraries' Executive Director Sally G. Reed said, "I am most pleased that you've applied for this designation for a man who had such significant impact on African-American literature and American literature generally." Hughes wrote more than 860 poems in his lifetime, and was heralded as an author of short stories,

plays, essays, anthologies and as a journalist from the 1920's until his death in 1967.

Although Hughes lived in Harlem, New York, the library was named in his honor in 1969 when it opened for public service. Langston Hughes Community Library is home of the Black Heritage Reference Center of Queens County, housing New York State's largest public circulating collection of print and non-print material on the Black Experience. This collection is now estimated at over 45,000 titles, including approximately 1,000 volumes of Theses and Dissertations on Black Literature.

The plaque presentation will be part of the 28th Annual Langston Hughes Celebration. It will be made by Rocco Staino, United for Libraries board member emeritus and director of the Empire State Center for the Book.

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CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD,  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
To:  
Rhona Davis,  
Lillian E. Lewis,  
Evan A. Davis,  
Veronica A. Lee,  
Evan E. Davis,  
Pauline G. Davis,  
Ingrid N. Davis,  
Joan C. Davis,  
Andrea C. Kronlund,  
Karen A. Davis,  
Dale A. Davis,  
Valda Payne,  
Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. of America,  
Internal Revenue Service,  
NYS Tax Commission,  
Attorney General of the State of New York,

JOAN WALKER, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence.

Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of BERTRAM E. DAVIS, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 34-18 110th Street, Corona, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING:

Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of BERTRAM E. DAVIS, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 14th day of March, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$52,571.50 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 5.5% of assets or income collected after the

date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(4); and why the Temporary Letters of Administration issued to the Public Administrator should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration CTA should not be issued to the Public Administrator; and why the claim from Lillian Lewis in the amount of \$5,281.03 should not be rejected; and why the claim from Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. of America in the amount of \$10,491.00 should not be paid; and why the net residuary estate should not be paid as per the stipulation dated May 15, 2012 as follows: 12% to Pauline Davis; 22% to Lillian E. Lewis; 22% to Veronica Davis Lee, 22% to Evan E. Davis, and 22% to Evan A. Davis,

Dated, Attested and Sealed 10th day of January, 2013  
HON. PETER J. KELLY  
Surrogate, Queens County  
Margaret M. Gribbon  
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court  
GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.  
(718) 459-9000  
95-25 Queens Boulevard  
11th Floor  
Rego Park, New York 11374  
This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.  
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CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD,  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
To:  
Johnny Sellers  
William Bernard Madison III  
Brenda Jones-Sanders  
Zubair Realty Corp.  
Attorney General of the State of New York  
The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of LOTTIE MADISON AND NORMA MADISON BRADFORD AND GEORGE WILLIAMS AKA GEORGE STERLING WILLIAMS, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained.

Being the persons interested as creditors, lega-

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tees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of GEORGE WILLIAMS AKA GEORGE STERLING WILLIAMS, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 109-14 Northern Boulevard, Corona, NY 11368, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING:

Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of GEORGE WILLIAMS AKA GEORGE STERLING WILLIAMS, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 7th day of March, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$20,456.27 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(4); and why the claim from Zubair Realty Corp. in the amount of \$19,740.00 should not be rejected; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship,

tees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of GEORGE WILLIAMS AKA GEORGE STERLING WILLIAMS, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 109-14 Northern Boulevard, Corona, NY 11368, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

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Dated, Attested and Sealed 7th day of January, 2013  
HON. PETER J. KELLY  
Surrogate, Queens County  
Margaret M. Gribbon  
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court  
GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.

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SDME Capital Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/27/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 102-10 Metropolitan Ave Ste 200, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: General.  
1/24,31,2/7,14,21&28/2013

Notice of Formation of GLOBAL TEAM L.I., LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/14/03. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 11-11 44TH Drive Long Island City NY 11101. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.  
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Tank Investors LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 11/26/12. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8472 130th St, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. General Purposes. 12/27/2012,1/3,10,17, 24&31/2013

Notice of Formation of 35-28 UNION STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/06/12. 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, 570 Sierra Vista Ave., San Marino, CA 91108. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 12/20,27/2012,1/3,10,17&24/2013

21-13 36th Street LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/2/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 147-32 28th Ave, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: General. 12/20,27/2012,1/3,10,17&24/2013

Notice of formation of RZ Merchant International Associates, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/2012 Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC. SSNY shall mail process to 39-15 Main Street, Suite 301, Flushing NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities. 1/3,10,17,24,31&2/7/2013

Forest Hill 147 LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 11/21/12. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 87-01 56th Ave, Elmhurst, NY 11373. General Purposes. 1/3,10,17,24,31&2/7/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JPDL DITMARS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/12. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2111. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 28-18 Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria, New York 11105. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 1/3,10,17,24,31&2/7/2013

Orchard Plaza LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/5/05. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 188-30 Jamaica Ave, Hollis, NY 11423-2512. Purpose: General. 12/20,27/2012,1/3,10,17&24/2013

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MP7 Demolition, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York, (SSNY) on 12/19/12. NY Office location: 144-04 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11435, Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: (Manny A. Frade, c/o Mastropietro-Frade, LLC, The Chancery, 190 Willis Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 1/3,10,17,24,31&2/7/2013

Notice of formation of LAYER 0 TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/22/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 244 5th Avenue, Suite B-290, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/10, 17,24,31,2/7&14/2013

Notice of Formation of 105-08 150TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Ernest Ferrara, 105-08 150th St., Jamaica, NY 11435. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 1/10,17,24,31,2/7&14/2013

File No.: 2011-3006/A  
CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD,  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
TO:  
Sonali Gandhi  
Chetan Gandhi  
Punit Shah  
EOS CCA for AT&T Mobility  
Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Dilipkumar Gandhi, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained.

Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Dilipkumar Gandhi, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 69-10 108th Street, #5G, Forest Hills, NY 11375, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING:

Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as

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Administrator of the Estate of Dilipkumar Gandhi, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 28th day of February, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$13,482.74 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(4); and why the claim from EOS CCA for AT&T Mobility in the amount of \$1,632.31 should not be rejected; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship,  
Dated, Attested and Sealed  
3rd day of January, 2013  
HON. PETER J. KELLY  
Surrogate, Queens County  
Margaret Gribbon  
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court  
GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.  
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Notice of formation of ORGANIZED LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2012. Office in Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 143-35 257 Street, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1/10,17,24,31,2/7&14/2013

TSC RESPONSE LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/16/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 751 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002. General Purposes. 1/17,24,31,2/7,14&21/2013

ARKAYS - EAST MAIN STREET LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/5/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Demetrios Kazalas, 90-16 37th Ave., Jackson Hts., NY 11372. General Purposes. 1/17,24,31,2/7,14&21/2013

Notice of Formation of 12-29 31st Avenue, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/10/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Tina Mavrikos, PO Box 4611, Sunnyside, NY 11104. Purpose: any lawful activities. 1/17,24,31,2/7,14&21/2013

SHLOMOSMILES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/26/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 144-19 77th Road Suite B, Flushing, NY 11367. Reg Agent: Alex Kay, 144-19 77th Road Suite B, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 1/17,24,31,2/7,14&21/2013

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1267918, has been applied for by Pano Dion Corp., to sell beer and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, at 34-12 31st Avenue, Astoria NY 11106, for on-premises consumption. 1/17&24/2013

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial # 1268309 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 47-45 Vernon Blvd, Long Island City, NY 11101 for on-premises consumption; KL 747 Inc. 1/17&24/2013

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Liz Seegert Ink LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/3/12. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Elizabeth Seegert, 41-24 247th St., Little Neck, NY 11363. General Purposes. 1/24,31,2/7,14,21&28/2013

CARENETTE, LLC. Articles of Organization of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 12/28/12 Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC at The LLC, 1085 Irving Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: To engage in all things that the company may legally engage in under the Laws of the State of New York. 1/24,31,2/7,14,21&28/2013

GLOBAL MARKETING SERVICES LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jay Scharf, Esq., 24 Sycamore Dr., Port Washington, NY 11050. General Purposes. 1/24,31,2/7,14,21&28/2013

Notice of Formation of NELLY'S ALFAJORES LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/02/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: Imelda Vasquez c/o Legalzoom.Com, Inc. 101 N. Brand Blvd., 11th Floor, Glendale, CA 91203. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 1/17,24,31,2/7,14&21/2013

SIMONE AFFILIATES LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/28/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Judson Ain, 136-48 39th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354. General Purposes. 1/17,24,31,2/7,14&21/2013

60-38A 55 DRIVE LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/4/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 59-05 55th Dr., Maspeth, NY 11378. General Purposes. 1/17,24,31,2/7,14&21/2013

**Queens  
Pride  
Celebrates  
Winter  
Pride**

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Jackson Heights, Elmhurst) who founded the organization in 1992. "When I first started this celebration only one or two elected officials attended. Now it has become the most important "political" non-political event. It is a must-show for every elected official in the city if they are looking for support from the LGBT communities. Winter Pride has helped create a sea change in public opinion about LGBT issues.

I congratulate the Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride committee in having another successful event."

Queens Pride continues its efforts to support and celebrate the LGBTQ community of Queens. The 21st Queens Pride Parade and Multicultural Festival will take place on Sunday, June 2 in Jackson Heights. The group continues its efforts of outreach throughout the year with a film series and social and educational programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.queenspride.org](http://www.queenspride.org) or contact [winterpride@queenspride.org](mailto:winterpride@queenspride.org).

**Weekday  
Programs For  
Preschool  
Children  
(Ages 3-5)**

**The Samuel Field Y** has two exciting weekday programs for preschool children (ages 3-5) with developmental disabilities and their families.

On Mondays 3:00-4:30 there is Monday Magic: Learn & Play at the Bay Terrace Center : 212-00 23 Ave. Bayside, NY.

On Wednesdays 3:00- 4:30 there is Gym and Creative Exploration at the Little Neck Site: 58-20 Little Neck Pkwy. Little Neck, NY 11362. JOIN US!!!

Also join us for our holiday party on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 1:00-2:30. Little Neck Site. Programs are \$5.00 per family. Snack will be served

Programs are ongoing and may be joined at any time.

This program is made possible by a grant from the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities - Queens DDSO

For further info and to RSVP, contact Amanda at 718 225-6750 ext 262 or e mail [asmith@sfy.org](mailto:asmith@sfy.org)



# AM Miller Hosts Successful Anti-Theft Event



**Pictured: Assemblyman Mike Miller, Officer Brendan Noonan from the 102ND Precinct, and several local residents.**

Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Queens) hosted a successful anti-theft and VIN etching event. The event took place in Assemblyman Miller's district office in Woodhaven. Many local residents took advantage of the event and brought in their cell phones, laptops, and tablets and got them etched.

"I was happy to see so many people take advantage of this program" Assemblyman Miller

said. "By these individuals taking advantage of this program, not only do their items have a better chance of being found, in the case of theft, but they can also help identify the thieves that are out there committing these crimes and hold them responsible."

For more information on this program, please call Assemblyman Miller's office at 718-805-0950.

# Vallone Clowns Around At Woodside Children's Festival



On January 20th, Council Member Peter F. Vallone Jr. attended a children's festival sponsored by Cesar Ordonez's New York Tele-Prensa at La Boom in Woodside.

The event, which attracted over 500 people, featured free food, a toy giveaway, performances by local artists and a clown show. Vallone was pulled on stage and

assisted the clown magician during her show, joking that he had a new career option if his campaign for Queens Borough President doesn't work out.

The Council Member also discussed his hopes for the borough, as well as his continuing efforts to aid small businesses and keep people safe as Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

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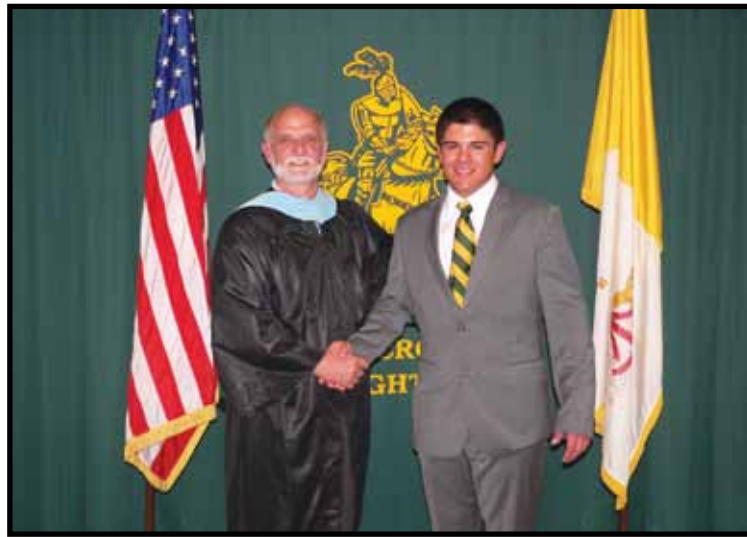


# Holy Cross High School Valedictorian 2012 Continues Excellence with Dean's List at Notre Dame

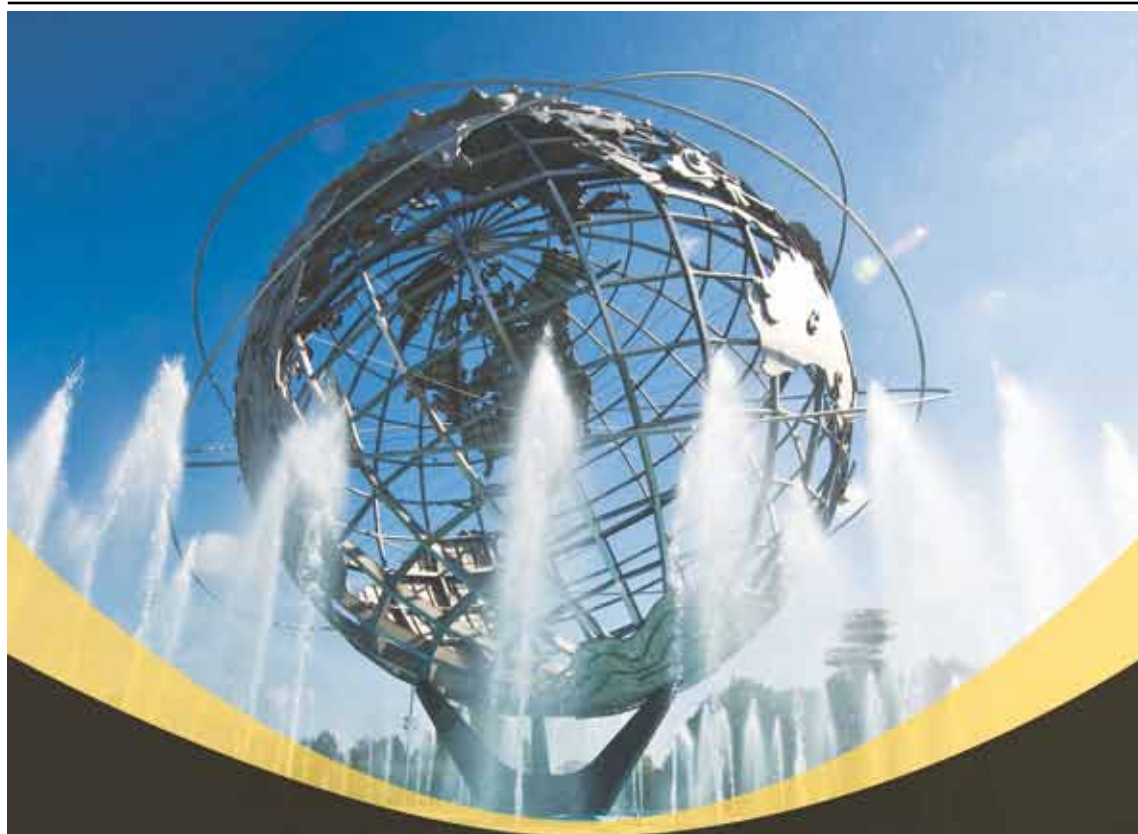
Holy Cross High School's most recent Valedictorian and Man of the Year, Victor Benavides, has gotten off to a brilliant start to his collegiate career, achieving the honor of Dean's List in his first semester. The following is quoted directly from a University of Notre Dame press release:

"Victor Benavides of Flushing, New York, has been named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's First Year of Studies for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2012 semester.

"Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college."



**Pictured here with Principal Joseph Giannuzzi '65 during the 2011 Academic Awards Ceremony. Victor won 17 different academic awards in various disciplines throughout his HC career. Photo by Dominick Totino Photography**



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