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Point Of View

Weill Cornell Researchers Discover How to Shutdown Cancer's Powerful Master Protein

The Queens Times thought that our readers would be interested in this new cancer treatment. We want our readers to be educated when it comes to saving live. Hope you enjoy article.

Weill Cornell Research Offers Patients Hope for New Treatments for an Aggressive and Common Lymphoma. The powerful master regulatory transcription factor called Bcl6 is key to the survival of a majority of aggressive lymphomas, which arise from the B-cells of the immune system. The protein has long been considered too complex to target with a drug since it is also crucial to the healthy functioning of many immune cells in the body, not just B cells gone bad.

But now, in the journal Nature Immunology, researchers at Weill Cornell Medical College report that it is possible to shut down Bcl6 in the cancer, known as diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), while not affecting its vital function in T cells and macrophages that are needed to support a healthy immune system.

"The finding comes as a very welcome surprise," says the study's lead investigator, Dr. Ari Melnick, Gebroe Family Professor of Hematology/Oncology and director of the Raymond and Beverly

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Corona Lions 45 Annual Award Ceremony



The Corona Lions held their 45 Annual Award Ceremony at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach were a backed house was on hand to enjoy this wonderful event. One of this year's Corona Lions Honoree was Commander of the Flanders Field VFW Post #150 and Lion Michael Liquori who received the Corona Lion Justice William G. Giaccio Outstanding Community Service award. Pictured above is Corona Lions President Joseph DeGaetano, Lion Joseph DiMartino, William Giaccio Jr. presenting the award to Lion Michael Liquori. See additional photo on page 12.

Ground Breaking Hunters Point South Development



Elected officials, community leaders and development partners, including Phipps Houses, Related Companies and Monadnock Construction, were on hand, Monday, March 4th as ground was broken on waterfront in Long Island City for the first two residential buildings of the Hunters Point South development. When completed, the project will be the largest new affordable housing complex to be built in the city since the decade of the '70s. Elected officials included: Queens Borough President Helen Marshall (right); Mayor Michael Bloomberg (C) and City Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer (L).

The Reopening The Broad Channel Library On Cross Bay Boulevard



Queens Borough President Helen Marshall speaks to youngsters at ceremony, Wednesday, March 6th to officially reopen the Broad Channel library on Cross Bay Boulevard. The library suffered more than \$940,000 in damages caused by superstorm Sandy and lost more than 16,000 books. At Marshall's right is Library CEO Thomas Galante. City Councilman James Van Brameris at left and City Department of Designand Construction Commissioner David Burney is second from left.



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Point Of View

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Sackler Center for Biomedical and Physical Sciences at Weill Cornell.

"This means the drugs we have developed against Bcl6 are more likely to be significantly less toxic and safer for patients with this cancer than we realized," says Dr. Melnick, who is also a hematologist-oncologist at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

If Bcl6 is completely inhibited, patients might suffer from systemic inflammation and atherosclerosis. Weill Cornell researchers conducted this new study to help clarify possible risks, as well as to understand how Bcl6 controls the various aspects of the immune system.

DLBCL is the most common subtype of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
-- the seventh most frequently diagnosed cancer -- and many of these patients are resistant to currently available treatments.

"Scientists have been searching for the right answer to treat this difficult lymphoma, which, after initial treatment, can be at high risk of relapse and resistant to current therapies," Dr. Melnick says. "Believing that Bcl6 could not be targeted, some researchers have been testing alternative therapeutic approaches. This study strongly supports the notion of using Bcl6-targeting drugs."

In fact, the findings in this study were inspired from preclinical testing of two Bcl6-targeting agents that Dr. Melnick and his Weill Cornell colleagues have developed to treat DLBCLs. These experimental drugs are RI-BPI, a peptide mimic, and the small molecule agent 79-6.

Dr. Melnick says the discovery

that a master regulatory transcription factor can be targeted offers implications beyond just treating DLBCL. Recent studies from Dr. Melnick and others have revealed that Bcl6 plays a key role in the most aggressive forms of acute leukemia, as well as certain solid tumors.

Transcription factors are responsible for either inhibiting or promoting the expression of genes, and master regulatory transcription factors are the equivalent of the CPU of a computer – their actions regulate thousands of genes in different kinds of cells. For example, Bcl6 can control the type of immune cell that develops in the bone marrow -- playing many roles in the development of B cells, T cells, macrophages and other cells -- including a primary and essential role in enabling B-cells to generate specific antibodies against pathogens.

"When cells lose control of Bcl6, lymphomas develop in the immune system. Lymphomas are 'addicted' to Bcl6, and therefore Bcl6 inhibitors powerfully and quickly destroy lymphoma cells," Dr. Melnick says.

The big surprise in the current study is that rather than functioning as a single molecular machine, Bcl6 instead seems to function more like a Swiss Army knife, using different tools to control different cell types. This multi-function paradigm could represent a general model for the functioning of other master regulatory transcription factors.

"In this analogy, the Swiss Army knife, or transcription factor, keeps most of its tools folded, opening only the one it needs in any given cell type," Dr. Melnick says. "For B cells, it might open and use the knife tool; for T cells, the cork screw; for macrophages, the scissors. The amazing thing from a medical standpoint is that this means that you only need to prevent the master regulator from using certain tools to treat cancer. You don't need to eliminate the whole knife," he says. "In fact, we show that taking out the whole knife is harmful since the transcription factor has many other vital functions that other cells in the body need."

Prior to these study results, it was not known that a master regulator could separate its functions so precisely.

"Now we know we can take out a specific tool -- to shut down a specific part of the protein -- that causes the disease we want to treat"

Researchers hope this will be a major benefit to the treatment of DLBCL and perhaps other disorders that are influenced by Bcl6 and other master regulatory transcription factors.

Study co-authors include Dr. Chuanxin Huang and Dr. Katerina Chatzi from the Division of Hematology and Oncology at Weil Cornell Medical College.

The research was funded by grants from the National Cancer Institute, The Burroughs Wellcome Foundation and the Chemotherapy Foundation. The research was initially supported by a March of Dimes Scholar Award and facilitated by the Sackler Center for Biomedical and Physical Sciences at Weill Cornell.

Sen. Stavisky Celebrates March As Women's History Month

Reflects on Women's Accomplishments, New York's Contributions to Empowerment, and Encourages Volunteerism

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Queens) is reminding all New Yorkers that March is Women's History Month, an opportunity to reflect on how women have shaped our society, government, and culture, as well as to raise awareness about the inequalities that remain

Senator Stavisky pointed out that this month is an opportunity for volunteers to help women in the community while also refocusing efforts to ensure equal pay for equal work and the protection of women's health rights.

"As the first woman from Queens elected to the State Sen-

A reformed burglar speaks out

and dispels some common security

practices we always thought kept

our home safer - Please take a mo-

ment to read them and see if you

Myth #1: Posting detailed alarm

By posting a sign stating which

alarm you have, you're giving the

burglar all the information needed

to bypass that specific system. A

better move is to post a general

warning sign that the home has

are a part of the myth!

signs

ate, I have a personal stake in remembering the women leaders who paved the way," Senator Stavisky said. "Though we should be thankful for their work and sacrifice every day, I welcome the opportunity to spend the month of March being particularly aware of the role of women in our society, and thankful that it is greater now than it has ever been."

Senator Stavisky noted that Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton formed the National Woman Suffrage Association in New York in 1869 to fight for a woman's right to participate in American democracy. The women's suffrage movement gained its ultimate momentum at the Seneca Falls Convention when Lucretia Mott spoke to those who had journeyed to New York in search of equality, and culminated in the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which established the right of women to vote.

Senator Stavisky added, "New York has played a pivotal role in women's history, but there is much more to be done. This Women's History Month, the Senate must stop stalling and pass the Reproductive Health Act, so that all women can have access to the services they need."

National Women's History Month has been officially celebrated in the month of March since 1987. For information and local Women's History Month events please go to:

http://womenshistorymonth.gov/

Mythbusters!

an alarm.

Myth #2: Leaving lights on

A light that stays on all the time is no more of a deterrent than a dark house. Use timers that turn lights on and off in different parts of the house at different intervals to give the appearance to anyone watching that there is someone home.

Myth #3: Hiding valuables in the bedroom

It's the first place burglars look - store rarely-used valuables in a safe-deposit box. In the home, be

creative with your hiding spots and don't hide everything in one place. Myth #4: Installing alarms (but not using them!)

Even if you're just running out for coffee, set your alarm. Career burglars will stake out your home to learn your habits before ever acting. Make it a habit - some newer alarms can even be armed remotely from your smartphone, so there is no excuse!

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RIDGEWOOD DEMOCRATIC CLUB INC. PRESENTS MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Ridgewood Democratic Club Inc., 60-70 Putnam Avenue, Ridgewood, New York 11385 presents Meet the Candidates.

New York State Assembly Member Catherine Nolan

Democratic District Leaders 37 AD, Part B – Tom Bornemann & Diane Ballek

New York State Committeeman - Jimmy Van Bramer

Club President – Jim Grayshaw Meeting Notice

Regular Membership Meeting Friday, March 22, 2013 - 7:30 pm We have invited all candidates running for Queens Borough President in the Democratic Primary. They have all confirmed their attendance. Tony Avella

Leroy Comrie Barry Grodenchik Melinda Katz Jose Peralta

Peter Vallone, Jr. Friends and Neighbors Welcome

As always, refreshments will be served

Save the Date

Annual Dinner/Dance Wednesday, April 24 at Riccardo's

For further information call (718) 821-9807

Tax Deadlines Are Real By Jason Alderman

Congress could well debate the debt ceiling, tax reform and other important economic issues until the cows come home, but one thing's for sure: If you don't pay your income taxes – or at least file for an extension – by April 15, you could be in for a world of financial hurt.

That's because the IRS probably won't give you a break on the penalties it levies on unpaid taxes unless you were the victim of a natural disaster, suffered death or serious illness in your immediate family, or experienced another catastrophic event.

You must file your 2012 federal tax return (or request an extension) by midnight on April 15, 2013, otherwise the penalty on any taxes you owe will increase dramatically. You'll be charged an additional 5 percent of taxes owed for each full or partial month you're late, plus interest, up to a maximum penalty of 25 percent of the amount owed. (The interest rate currently charged is 3.22 percent.)

If you file your return or extension request on time, however, the penalty drops tenfold to only 0.5 percent per month, plus interest.

Here's how it adds up: Say you owe \$2,500 in federal income tax. If you haven't requested an extension, you would be charged an additional \$125 (5 percent), plus

interest, for each month you're late in paying off your bill. Had you filed for an extension, the penalty would drop to only \$12.50 per month (0.5 percent).

Be sure to contact the IRS early if you won't be able to pay on time so you keep as many payment options open as possible – either call 800-829-1040 or visit your local IRS office. Also check out the IRS' "Filing Late and/or Paying Late" webpage for helpful information (www.irs.gov).

One way to avoid this penalty is to pay by credit or debit card before the filing deadline. You'll pay a convenience fee, which is tax-deductible if you itemize. Fees vary depending on which payment processor you choose. (See "Pay Your Taxes by Debit or Credit Card" at www.irs.gov for details.) If you use a credit card, make sure you can pay off the balance within a few months; otherwise the accrued interest might exceed the penalty.

Other payment options include:
• If you can pay the full amount within 120 days, you may qualify for a Short-Term Extension. If granted, you'll still owe interest on your debt, but will avoid the application fee for an installment agreement.

• If you need longer than 120 days, an Installment Agreement lets you pay off your bill in

monthly installments.

- To apply for either, fill out an Online Payment Agreement Application at www.irs.gov or call an IRS representative at 800-829-1040.
- Under certain dire financial-hardship circumstances, the IRS will allow some taxpayers with annual incomes of up to \$100,000 to negotiate a reduction in the amount owed through an Offer in Compromise. For step-by-step instructions, read the IRS Form 656 Booklet.

If you're unable to make payments on your installment agreement or offer in compromise, call the IRS immediately for alternative payment options, which could include reducing the monthly payment to reflect your current financial condition.

Also read the IRS's guide, "The What Ifs for Struggling Taxpayers," which contains helpful information on the tax impacts of different scenarios such as job loss, debt forgiveness or tapping a retirement fund.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 17, 2013, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2013.

Free Online Program Helps Reduce Blood Pressure

People with high blood pressure enrolled in a clinical pharmacist-led web-based monitoring program were more likely to lower their pressure to recommended level than people who did not use the program.

The study was published in the American Heart Association journal Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes.

The study, led by David J. Magid, M.D., M.P.H., at Kaiser Permanente Colorado in Denver, followed people who use the American Heart Association's Heart360 program. Heart360 is a free, online tool for tracking heart health where users can upload blood pressure data from their home blood pressure machines and send it to their health providers. Heart360 also provides patients with educa-

tional information and allows them to track progress towards their health goals.

Two groups of patients with high blood pressure were compared. One group of 175 patients used home blood pressure monitoring with Heart360. Their care was managed by clinical pharmacists trained to monitor and adjust medications. A second group of 173 patients received usual care, in which they were advised that their blood pressure was high, received written educational materials on managing high blood pressure, diet, and physical activity, and were instructed to follow-up with their primary care physician.

At 6 months, 54 percent of the Heart360/home monitoring group had reached their goal blood pressure, while 35 percent of the usual care group did. The benefits of Heart360/home blood pressure monitoring were even greater in people with diabetes or chronic kidney.

Uncontrolled hypertension is associated with an increased risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, and congestive heart failure. Lowering blood pressure to recommended levels has been shown to reduce the occurrence of these events. Of the 76 million U.S. adults with hypertension, more than half have uncontrolled blood pressure.

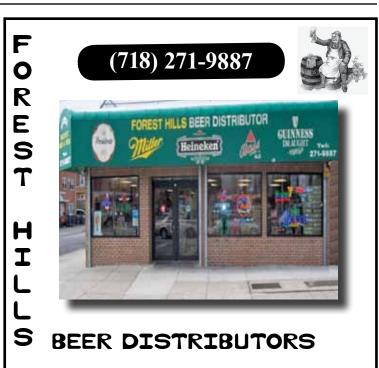
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Disposal Events Department of Sanitation On Saturday, March 30, from 10am to 4pm

for "solvents, automotive, flammables, electronics." Materials accepted include common residential items, such as auto fluids, batteries, electronics, glues, medications, paint products and more. Only NYC residential waste will be accepted.

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ALL IN THE TIMING by Merle Exit

provisational theatre at Primary Stages. This particular stage presented a 20th Anniversary revival of playwright David Ives' All In The Timing. The set has a backdrop of some clocks, one of which is working (but not the correct time). There are six doors, three on the right and three on the left. A coffee mug and flower in a vase sits on top of a café table with two chairs. Betty (Liv Rooth) sits there reading a book. Bill (Carson Elrod) enters. It's a rainy night. Bill asks Betty if the seat is taken. She answers and you hear a bell. Bill asks if the seat is taken and Betty gives another answer. The scene continues this way as with just about each answer, you hear a bell and the dialogue changes. It's as if an improv, but it's not and does lead to dialogue and a happy ending. This particular scene is called, "Sure Thing".

All In The Timing is composed of six brain teasing sketches that run from amusing to hilarious, not all of which employ the "ring of the bell" schtik.

"Words, Words" is the next sketch. There are three desks, each with a typewriter and each of the desks bares a name: Milton (Matthew Saldivar), Swift (Carson) and Kafka (Liv). They are monkeys in the lab of Columbia University. There is a rubber tire hanging from a rope for them to play on. Premise? Three monkeys, left alone in a room, each with a typewriter will eventually produce Shakespeare's "Hamlet". Great scene of when they pause and aware that they are being looked at, posed in the "hear no evil, etc." and dialogue reflecting that. Somewhat crude on the physical humor and does make a point in all of our lives.

In "The Universal Language," a stuttering woman, Dawn (Jenn Harris), shows up in a classroom where a professor, Don (Carson) waits to teach the world his answer to Esperanto, a language called Unamundo. We hear words such as "Velcro" for "welcome" and



"How are you?" becoming, "Harvard U". Dawn's motive for learning the language is that it doesn't make her stutter. The words do wind up connecting the characters and after awhile the audience can even recognize Don's language. Be sure to notice the backdrop of words and you can most likely figure out what it says even before Don speaks.

Interpishon. "Philip Glass Buys A Loaf of Bread begins the second half. It's another "ring the bell". There is a baker behind a glass case housing one loaf of bread. Philip Glass (Carson) enters to ask for a loaf of bread. There are two women in the room. The scene changes with different dialogue and movements with rhythms in the background. At one point an "Uderbaker" (Eric Clem) comes out from behind the backdrop. The entire scene is quite funny but would have been much funnier had I known who composer Philip Glass was.

"The Philadelphia" follows taking place in the present at a restaurant in New York City. Al (Matthew) is seated at a table relaxed and wearing sunglasses. Mark (Carson) enters in a bit of a frenzy. It appears that no matter what Mark asks for he is given the opposite. Al tells him that he is trapped in "Philadelphia". Al gets word that his is fired from his job and doesn't seem to care as he is in the state of "California". He's not even moved by his wife leaving him. At the end, we find that the waitress (Jenn) is in the state of "Cleveland". The sketch

The concluding play, "Variation On The Death of Trotsky" (Saldivar) reflects on the last day of his life, assisted by his wife (Liv) and his assassin, Ramon (Eric Clem). Trotsky is seated with an ax sticking out of his head. His wife is reading out loud about the assassin and the ax. Another "ring the bell". Mr. Ives places his exiled Russian, in a time warp in which destiny is played in a loop while the bell rings as he dies every day.

Each of the actors is certainly on key when it comes to the timing but would not have gotten off the ground if it weren't for Director John Rando's talent. Primary Stages is located at 59E59 Theaters. The play has been extended until April 14th. www.primarystages.org

Timing was great for singer Sarah Rice as well. Sarah performed her own show at 54 Below, a most darling nightclub in Manhattan. The evening entitled "Glamorous Nights and Careless Rapture was dedicated the music of composers Ivor Novello and Noel Coward. Accompanying her was Bill Zeffiro on the Piano, Maria Banks on the Harp, and Jonathan Russell, a very young and talented Violinist.

We not only experienced the delight of her sweet soprano voice, with both moving and humorous tunes, the audience was treated to Sarah playing an instrument called the theremin. This particular instrument is never touched but controlled through sound waves. For upcoming performances, visit her website at www.sarahrice.com

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It's In Queens!

(March 7 through March 13)

There's a theme to some upcoming activities. A world famous playwright will debut his new work in Queens. Plus, world famous filmmakers will participate in retrospectives on their careers. A world famous chamber orchestra will perform and an annual concert series will pay homage to a world famous pianist who recently died. Makes you think the World's Fair is coming back. I here's more of course. Here's the rundown.

March 7, World premiere of Robert Wuhl's Hit-Lit, 7:30 pm. World famous playwright Robert Wuhl debuts HIT-LIT, a mistaken-identity screwball comedy about an ambitious young editor who is searching for the next best seller. Runs until March 17: Wed. through Fri. at 7:30 pm; Sat. at 8 pm; Wed. and Sat. at 2 pm; and Sun. at 3 pm. \$42 weekday/\$49 weekend. Queens Theatre, 14

United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, (718) 760-0064, www.queenstheatre.

• March 7 Opening Reception for Ashley Garrett's Slate House Exhibition, 6 pm. Garrett's new body of work explores the uncanny qualities in common household objects. Growing up in a slatemining town in Pennsylvania with its now silenced quarry holes and obsolete tools, her work is infused with a sense of still contemplation and memory. On display until April 17. Acumen Project Space, 37-18 Northern Blvd., LIC, (718) 360-9500, www.acumenny.com.

• March 8, The Lautreamont String Quartet, 6:30 pm. The Lhevinne Classical Concert Series returns to Maple Grove Cemetery with a special twist honoring the life of Van Cliburn. At 6:30 pm, there will be a viewing of the 2003 documentary, The Legacy of Rosina Lhevinne, featuring interviews with Cliburn. At 7:30 pm, wine and cheese will be served. At 8 pm, the tribute concert to Cliburn and his devotion to his beloved teacher Lhevinne will begin. Principal performers will be The Lautreamont String Quartet playing pieces by Brahms and Bach. \$15/\$25. MGC community room, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd., Kew Gardens, (718) 544-3600, www.friendsofmaplegrove.org

• March 8, Spring Breakers with director as part of retrospective, 7 pm. Director, screenwriter and artist Harmony Korine made his name as the screenwriter of the nihilistic teen movie Kids, but came into his own with Gummo. Running until March 22, the Museum of the Moving Image will present a retrospective of Korine's five feature films, including Mister Lonely, Julien Donkey-boy and the cult hit Trash Humpers.

MMI, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria/ LIC, (718) 777-6888, www.movingimage.us.

 March 8, Humps and Bumps. The Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning presents a large-scale public art installation commissioned with the NYC Department of Transportation. Free. The Sidewalk on Archer Avenue at 158th Street, Jamaica, www.jcal.org.

March 9, Nature Photography worksnops, I pm, and again on March 16. Learn how to take better nature photos with professionals Rosalie Frost and H. David Stein. Workshops include approximately 45 minutes of outdoor photography, a slide show of examples and pointers on light and composition. Registration required at (718) 886-3800, ext. 230. \$10/one workshop; \$15/both workshops. QBG, 43-50 Main St., Flushing, www.queensbotanical.

· March 9, HSBC Children's Garden Family Day, 2 pm. A sneak peek of the HSBC Children's Garden with a hands-on program for children, ages 5-12, that teaches about plants, gardens and nature. Free and the Parking Garden will be open for \$5 per vehicle. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing, (718) 886-3800, www. queensbotanical.org.

March 9, Hands-on History: Pastime Fun & Games, noon to 3 pm. Learn historical games and activities that would take place in a parlor. Free. King Manor Museum, Rufus King Park, 153rd Street at Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, www.kingmanor.org.

March 9, Empty Bowls Ceramics Workshop, 3 pm. Beginners, artists, potters, friends and families are welcome. Make bowls which will be finished,

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Queens Times Weekly ...

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For the Week of ... 3/7/13 - 3/13/13

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ARIES

(Mar. 21 - April 20)

Changes in your residence may be financially favorable. Property investments, insurance, tax rebates, or inheritance should bring you financial gains. Your lucky numbers are 5,6,1.

TAURUS

(Apr. 21 - May 21)

This might not be the week for hasty decisions. You can make money through solid investment plans. You may make some very expensive purchases this week. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,5.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Don't allow colleagues to put unreasonable pressure on you. You will have extra energy; put it to good use. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,2.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

You may find yourself in a heated dispute with a friend if you try to change your mind. You will enjoy interaction with others this week. Your lucky numbers are 7,9,1.

LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 22)

You will feel better about yourself. Discord may arise with someone you're close to. It may be a disappointing day emotionally. Your lucky numbers are 8,5,2.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)

You will have to face some issues separately and in person. You may experience financial loss if you don't use good judgment. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,2

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Get involved in fitness programs that will bring you in contact with new friends. One-sided relationships are likely. Your lucky numbers are 1,4,3.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Any strange behavior will confuse loved ones. Don't let opposition from those envious of your talents daunt your progress. You have a lot to offer. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,1

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Friends and relatives may not understand your needs. Relationships may be hard to handle. Good friends will give you honest answers. Your lucky numbers are

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Be prepared to neutralize any threats. You won't be able to keep a secret. You will find good buys and you will lift your spirits. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,2.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Be careful when using machinery or electrical equipment. Get busy making those changes to your home. lucky numbers are 2,9,1.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Visit friends you don't get to see that often. Escapist tendencies may lead to overindulgence. Don't be afraid to pursue unfamiliar grounds. Your lucky numbers are

Did you know ...?

There are no letters assigned to the numbers 1 and O on a phone keypad. These numbers remain unassigned because they are so-called "flag" numbers, kept for special purposes such as emergency or operator services.

Answer to Last Weeks "Try and Find It! H L K D A E L V P N DA K В A M E Z L 0 PITCHREMU I E H O U E S T U M O VXNXT F 0 Y T EXGXA 0 L N N K C N E RMPZJK

Poets Corner **SNOW GAMES**

by Susan Varo

I watched the beautiful children Of whom I did not know Playing, rolling, tumbling In the freshly fallen snow

No one's too old to play I say On this day after all Only themselves and the elements Truly having a ball

Falling down then getting up Making angels all around Never hurts when pushed for fun As you never touch the ground

Dressed in winter clothing Purple red and blue And the ice on my window sill Glistens like morning dew

Running as they can Doing to others as they bequeath Shovel in hand to help them As they bury one another beneath

Some huddle in a mass Others lay flat out Still a few play piggy back And a couple swing about

A chill is in the air No little hand refrains Only if old man winter bites Toes and noses to end snow games

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VALLONE WARNS SENIORS AGAINST EMAIL SCAMS

On February 26th, Council Member Peter F. Vallone Jr. visited two more senior centers – one in Hillcrest and the other in Flushing – as part of his Queens-wide Public Safety Tour.

Vallone, who is Chair of the Public Safety Committee, outlined his vision for keeping Queens safe at the centers. He discussed various safety issues, including graffiti, his efforts to get more police officers and email scams targeting the elderly, among others. The Council Member also answered questions from very involved community members.

Vallone kicked-off his boroughwide tour roughly a year ago.

"People know to ignore the



Nigerian prince asking for money, but they also need to be aware of the fact that email scams have evolved, with many now addressing people by name and being sent from the hacked accounts of their friends and family," said Council Member Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER JIMMY VAN BRAMER'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION AND AWARDS NIGHT

On February 28th, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer held his Third Annual Black History Month Celebration and Awards Night at Jacob Riis Settlement House in Queensbridge. At the event, Council Member Van Bramer honored the outstanding achievements and dynamic community involvement:

- Marjorie Cotton, Community Activist
- Ellen Day, Brickhouse Ceramic Art Center, Founder
- Karen Dennis, PSA 9 Community Council, President
- Pastor Kenneth Ford, Astoria Baptist Church
- Veronica Franklin, Jacob Riis Settlement Program Coordinator
 Officer Darryl Johnson, PSA 9 Community Affairs
- Robert Madison, Jacob Riis Settlement Senior Services Director
- Yawne Robinson, Reading 4 Smiles, CEO
- April Simpson-Taylor, Queensbridge Tenant Association, President
- Tienya Smith, Queens Library, Long Island City Branch, Manager

"Many of the leaders we've honored are staples that help hold our community together and they should be recognized for all they



Pictured: Council Member Van Bramer is joined with honorees; (top row I. to r.) Robert Madison, Tienya Smith, Yawne Robinson, Officer Darryl Johnson, Pastor Kenneth Ford, (bottom row I. to r.) Marjorie Cotton, Karen Dennis, Veronica Franklin, April Simpson-Taylor and Ellen Day.

hard work they have dedicated toward making our society a better place," Council Member Van Bramer said to over 300 people in attendance. "By celebrating the achievements of our local African-American leaders in the community we help ensure that the significance of Black History Month is carried on within our City."

In addition to the awards ceremony, were also readings by the winners of Council Member Van Bramer's Black History Month Essay Contest from the students of PS 111, IS 204 and William Cullen Bryant High School. The celebration also included performances by Astoria Baptist Church as well as Tina Williams and Malik Woods of Precise Dance Studio.

Big Support For "The Big Chazaq Event"

City Council Member Karen Koslowitz joins elected officials and community leaders at the "Big Chazaq Event" celebrating a night of unity and inspiration. The event was held on March 3rd at the Forest Hills High School. Founded in 2006, Chazaq provides religious outreach programs within the Bukharian Jewish community in Queens, in partnership with local synagogues and yeshivas.



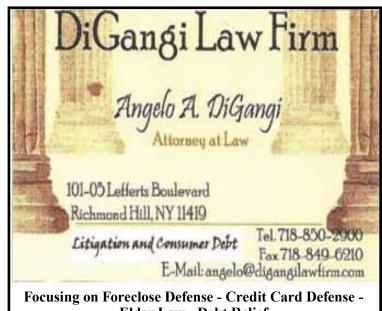
Pictured I-r: Yaniv Meirov, Operations manager for the Chazaq event; Rory Lancman; State Senator Toby Stavisky; Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz; Karen Koslowitz; Rabbi David Pollack; Barry Grodenchik; Congress Member Grace Meng; Jan Fenster, former President of QJCC

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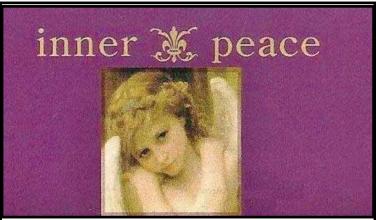
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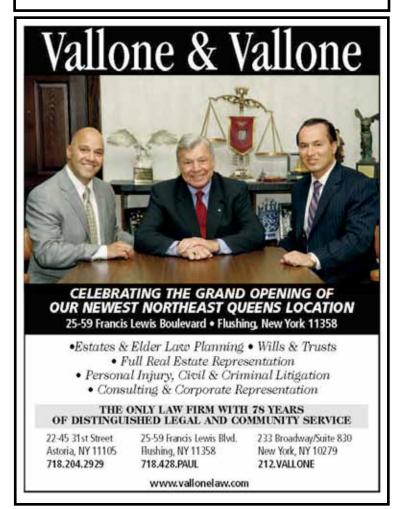
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Time Warner Cable Announces \$50,000 Grant To Bring A Learning Lab To Residents Of The Rockaways

State Senator Malcolm A. Smith Applauds Partnership with Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation to Help Area Continue its Recovery from Hurricane Sandy

Time Warner Cable, as part of a multi-year effort to ensure that New Yorkers have access to computers and the Internet, today announced a \$50,000 grant to the Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation (RDRC) to open a Time Warner Cable Learning Lab. The Learning Lab will be integrated into the RDRC's community development activities that help local residents acquire important computer skills, acquire job training and job placement services, and provide important youth and educational programs.

The Time Warner Cable Learning Lab at the RDRC will consist of computers fully equipped with software and the latest computer applications, as well as other technologies that will provide the organization with a state-of-theart facility to better serve local residents. The Learning Lab will be located within the RDRC facility at 1920 Mott Avenue in Far Rockaway, NY, and is scheduled to open later this year.

Kevin Alexander, President and CEO of Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation, said, "We are ecstatic about our new partnership with Time Warner Cable that will significantly increase our community's access to 21st century technology. The



Time Warner Cable Learning Lab will provide thousands of community residents with the opportunity to improve employment skills, research companies, apply for jobs, research and apply to college. We appreciate efforts by New York State Senator Malcolm Smith to recommend RDRC as a viable organization to house a Lab."

State Senator Malcolm A. Smith, Chairman of the Independent Democratic Conference, said, "Far Rockaway is still recovering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy and residents are in dire need of numerous resources. I am very pleased that Time Warner Cable has stepped up to the plate and is offering to help the community with a new Learning Lab funded by a \$50,000 grant. By teaching people computer skills, giving them job training and providing employment placement services, Time Warner Cable is bringing hope back to Far Rockaway. This is a great educational value to the Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation (RDRC) and the residents of Far Rockaway and I applaud Time Warner Cable for being a good corporate citizen and I hope it encourages others to do the same."

Time Warner Cable Learning Labs is an initiative to invest in communities to provide New Yorkers with free access to computers and high-speed Internet to help enrich their lives. The company has committed to have 40 Learning Labs open by 2020 within its New York City service area, and has already opened seven such facilities. Time Warner Cable expects its overall capital investment to equip all 40 Learning Labs with computers and technology will exceed \$2 million, with Time Warner Cable Business Class increasing this amount by powering each lab with high-speed Internet and HD TV services.

Ulrich Participates in P.S. 108 Book Drive for Sandy Affected Schools

In response to a letter written by a second grade student at P.S. 108, Councilman Eric A. Ulrich (R-Queens) and Queens Library teamed up with students to collect books for Sandy affected public schools in the Rockaways. The weeklong book drive began today, March 4th and will end on Friday, March 8th. Donations of new or gently used children's books for grades Pre-K through 5 can be dropped off at P.S. 108Q located at 108-10 109th Avenue in Ozone Park.

Ulrich said: "This book drive is just another example of young people in our community making a difference. By simply collecting new and used books for other schools, they are playing a small



but important role in the recovery process. I am very proud of them and commend the school community for fostering an environment that encourages acts of kindness and charity."

NYS Sen. Malcolm Smith Participated In A Discussion On Performance Enhancing Drugs

On Monday, March 4, 2013 state Sen. Malcolm Smith (D-St. Albans) participated in a roundtable discussion in Albany on performance enhancing drugs among student athletes. Also in attendance were Sen. Jeff Klein and retired baseball player Jose Canseco. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight solutions and concerns surrounding overthe-counter workout supplements among young people, including how to protect New Yorkers from these products, and ensuring consumers are aware of the dangers surrounding supplements.



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City & State Officials Host 2013 New York Farm-To-City Expo

Empire State Development (ESD), the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and New York City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn today hosted the 2013 New York Farmto-City Expo at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. This half-day forum — "Growing the Local Food Economy: Trends, Infrastructure, and Purchasing" — provided food businesses, organizations and local food system advocates the opportunity to learn more about public and private initiatives designed to meet the large and growing demand for locally produced foods and beverages. Opening remarks were provided by ESD President, CEO & Commissioner Kenneth Adams.

"Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, we have made great strides in promoting and growing the agriculture sector in our state," said ESD President, CEO & Commissioner Kenneth Adams. "From providing new market opportunities for the state's agricultural products to making it easier to distribute locally farmed food, we are committed to supporting our local farmers, creating jobs and growing the economy."

"This Expo is another example of Governor Cuomo continuing his efforts to promote agriculture across New York State," said State Agriculture Commissioner Darrel J. Aubertine. "New York City is one of the most important marketplaces in the entire world and we look forward to bringing New York agriculture to the forefront of this internationally-renowned marketplace."

"The Farm-to-City Expo was born out of the City Council's FoodWorks plan – a bold blueprint for our food system designed to improve health, support the local food economy and promote sustainability," said Speaker Quinn. "One way that government can support the growth of New York's vital agriculture industry is to better connect local producers, processors, and buyers in order to strengthen and create new markets. Events like this will help New York City maintain its place as a culinary mecca, and I thank our partners and our participants for making this event such a success."

The forum consisted of three panels: Infrastructure, highlighting the development of critical infrastructure that enables the growth of the food system; Institutions, featuring the advances of those who are adding more local produce into the menus of institutions like charter schools and city agencies; and Restaurants, focusing on restaurant owners who are successfully buying and cooking with local produce. Participants representing each of these categories discussed challenges and best practices of buying local and how to better make the connection across the food system to bring more local food to the greater New York City area.

Following the event, attendees were encouraged to network with each other and the Pride of NY MarketPlace farm and food company exhibitors. The event was held in conjunction with the 2013 New York International Restaurant and Food Service Show, a three-day trade show

for New York's restaurant and food service industry, and the Pride of New York MarketPlace, a Pavilion comprised of New York State farmers, producers and processors.

In 2009, the City Council laid out a bold, comprehensive food system plan to create jobs, improve health and protect the environment. The plan called for a regional food business-tobusiness networking event. The goal of the Farm-to-City Expo is to target both regional producers and local businesses to facilitate networking and distribution. By connecting businesses at every step of the food system, existing firms grow and add new jobs, while new opportunities are created for new and emerging entrepreneurs.

ESD is New York's chief economic development agency (www.esd.ny.gov). The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing economy, encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities, increase revenues to the State and its municipalities, and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of loans, grants, tax credits and other forms of financial assistance, ESD strives to enhance private business investment and growth to spur job creation and support prosperous communities across New York State. ESD is also the primary administrative agency overseeing Governor Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Councils and the marketing of "I Love NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information, visit www. esd.ny.gov.

How to Replace Five Common Vital Records

Vital records, like birth and marriage certificates and military service records are often necessary to access a variety of government benefits and services. But sometimes life happens and those vital records go missing. Maybe they were misplaced in a move, were stolen or got damaged in a fire.

USA.gov has information to help you find copies and replacements of your vital records so you can apply for whatever benefits and services you need.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

These records come from the states. To find a copy, you'll have to contact that state office where the life event occurred. Find the contact information for state and territory offices that can help you. Passport

Report lost or stolen passports to the State Department right away by calling 1-877-487-2778. To report and replace the lost or stolen passport, you'll have to submit

forms DS-11 and DS-64 in person at a passport agency or acceptance facility. If you lose a passport, and then find it again, you won't be able to use it to travel. You should return the lost passport and request a new one.

Military Service Records

You often need copies of military service records to apply for a variety of government programs available for veterans, like health care, retirement or education benefits. The National Archives keeps copies of all veterans' services records, and you can apply online to receive a copy of yours or an immediate family member's if they are deceased. If you prefer to mail or fax a request for your records, you can download form SF-180. You can also find out how to replace lost military medals and awards. Social Security Card

If you can't find your Social Security card, you may not actually need to replace it. As long as you know your Social Security num-

ber, you will still be able to collect Social Security benefits, get a job and apply for many government benefits and services. However, if you do want to replace the card, you'll need to gather documents proving your identity and citizenship to mail or take to a local Social Security office. Green Card

If you have a U.S. Permanent Resident (Green) Card, you may need to replace it if it was lost, stolen or damaged or if your name or other biographical information has legally changed since it was issued. You can easily request a new one online. If you're outside the United States and have lost your green card, you should contact the nearest U.S. consulate or immigrations office before you apply online for a new card.

If you need help getting copies of other vital records like tax returns or school records, you can find the information you need to replace them at USA.gov.

Liu's Statement On City Hall's Taxi Flip-Flop



City Comptroller John C. Liu said the following about Taxi and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky's flip-flop on wheelchair-accessible cabs:

"City Hall spent months resisting our calls to make the entire taxi fleet wheelchair accessible and insisting that the flawed, non-wheelchair accessible Taxi of Tomorrow was the only choice for the fleet. Now, after we rejected the Taxi of Tomorrow contract, City Hall has apparently changed its mind. Hooray! If another hearing is what it takes to get the Bloomberg Administration to do the right thing for New Yorkers, let's go."

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Queens Sports

Jenkins Returns East Via Trade by Robert Elkin

So many 'good' basketball Last year he adjusted well to players came out of the streets of Queens to compete professionally in the National Basketball Association. Currently there are a number of them on NBA rosters.-one in particular is Mark Jackson, but not as a player. He is coaching the Golden State Warriors. Jackson, who grew up in Queens, starred at Bishop Loughlin High School of the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association.

There were and still are a number of players in the NBA. One is Speedy Claxton, who is now retired as a player, but is staying in the game as a scout. He played his high school ball at Christ The King and starred at Hofstra University, not too long ago, He turned in an illustrious career in the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association.

Presently, there is a threetime Haggerty Award winner in Charlie Jenkins, a graduate of Springfield Gardens of the Public Schools Athletic League, where, too, made headlines. He, also blossomed out at Hofstra University in Long Island, where he became the spark of the team.

Jenkins, a resident out of south Jamaica, a basketball 'hot bed,' was drafted by the Warriors and more recently returned 'East' in a trade to the Philadelphia 76ers.

the pro game, being a starter at Hofstra where all the focus was on him, to the pros where he was primarily a reserve. He is still learning the sport

After playing in 51 games with the West Coast team last season and seeing action in 47 contests this season, he is getting used to the new team in Philadelphia.

The 6'3" guard, is fast, has plenty of speed, makes a team 'go,' runs the show from the backcourt position and feeds his teammates. He demonstrated all these attributes with the Warriors last season and should continue the same for the balance of the season with his new team. His strength is basically being superb from all phases of the backcourt

At Hofstra, he became the all-time career scoring leader with 2513 points in four years and twice he was selected as the Colonial Athletic Association Player-of-the-Year. These laurels came in his junior and senior campaigns.

Now wearing a uniform for the 76ers, in Philadelphia, the journey from his south Jamaica home to Pennsylvania \is a quick train ride or a drive down the highways through New Jersey and into Pennsylvania.

His fans can always see him in

action in Philadelphia when the 76ers are at home and at Manhattan's Madison Square Garden and /or the Barclays center in Brooklyn when they are on the road.

"It's always good to play in front of family and friends and be back close to home,' the reserve backcourt player added before a recent contest at Madison Square Garden, "While growing up my favorite player was Pearl Washington. I always wanted to play the same way he did. I tried to pattern my game after his."

Jenkins is on a young 76er team with five players having seven or more years of NBA experience ahead of him and six guards on the roster. He'll get more time when needed.

Jenkins is on the same Philadelphia team like another Queens resident in 10 year NBA veteran guard Royal Ivey, who has been around the league with numerous teams, and came out of Cardozo High School in Bayside.

In fact, they know each other very well. Jenkins had worked at a summer camp that he ran some four years ago.

The addition of Jenkins should help the backcourt of the 76ers during this disappointing year for them.

"Right now I have to approach every day like I can play, Jenkins





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Addabbo Co-Sponsors "Post-Sandy: How To File Claims - Tax, Insurance & Accounting Issues" Seminar With Local Accountants Eierman & Schulken

NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D-Howard Beach) is co-sponsoring a seminar with local accounting firm Eierman & Schulken to discuss with residents, "Post-Sandy: How to File Claims - Tax, Insurance, & Accounting Issues," set for Thursday, March 14 from 7 - 8 PM at the headquarters of New York Families for Autistic Children (NYFAC), 164-14 Cross Bay Blvd., Howard Beach, in their community room.

If you are interested in attending the seminar, please RSVP to Ms. Vivian Valentino, Eierman & Schulken Associates, Inc. in Howard Beach, (718) 835-1978, or email: vivian@enscpany.com.

The speakers will be Robert J. Eierman, CPA - Senior Partner, Eierman & Schulken Associates, Inc.; Craig Schulken, MBA - Partner, Eierman & Schulken Associates, Inc.; and James Verdi, CFP - President, CEO Synergy Wealth Strategies.

The accountants will cover: how to figure out your basis when computing your casualty losses from Hurricane Sandy; computing Fair Market Value of your lost property; the tax implications of insurance reimbursements and FEMA monies received; identifying your lost property and what is considered acceptable proof before the IRS; proper record-keeping and document reconstructing after the storm; computing your allowable casualty losses and the tax ramifications of "when to claim" these losses: tax rules regarding rental property and business losses; IRS and New York State and City relief available to businesses; a discussion on the special rules regarding 401K, Roth and IRA distributions for federally declared disaster area

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the office of Eierman & Schulken Associates, Inc., 102-18 159 Avenue, Howard Beach, NY, (718) 835-1978. or Senator Addabbo's Howard Beach office at 718-738-1111.

State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky Calls For Minimum Wage Increase

State Senator Toby Stavisky today joined with members of the Senate Democratic Conference to call for immediate action to raise the New York State minimum wage and index future increases to the rate of inflation.

"For too long over 1.1 hard working New Yorkers have been unable to break the cycle of poverty despite having full-time jobs. The state's minimum wage is too low and our neighbors are the ones suffering from continued inaction," said Senator Stavisky. "Poll after poll has demonstrated that the overwhelming majority of New York residents support raising the minimum wage, and I call on my colleagues in government to join with me and the Senate Democratic Conference to achieve this vital reform."

The legislation supported by the Democratic Conference would not only increase the minimum wage to \$9.00 an hour, but would also index future increases with the rate of inflation. This legislation will ensure that New Yorkers earning the minimum wage never again incur de facto pay cuts due to stagnant wages and increased costs of living.

"Providing minimum wage earners with greater compensation for their hard work will help stimulate local economic growth throughout the state and lead to the creation of thousands of jobs. Living on less than \$16,000 a year simply is impossible. Raising the minimum wage and indexing it to the rate of inflation is not only the right thing to do, it is the right economic thing to do," Senator Stavisky concluded.

Milestone For E-ZPass On-the-Go: 150,000 Sold In Cash Lanes

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' successful program to sell E-ZPass On-the-Go tags in cash lanes at its crossings hit another milestone over the weekend, reaching 150,000 in sales since the program began nearly two years ago.

"We want people to use E-ZPass because it's good for the MTA, good for the environment and helps keep traffic moving, said MTA Interim Executive Director Thomas F. Prendergast. "Through this program and others like it we are making it easier than ever for customers to pick up an E-ZPass and at the same time give them more control over how much money and where they replenish an account."

Those who prefer cash can use the MTA Reload Card to conveniently refill accounts at any of the 2,500 Visa ReadyLink locations throughout the region instead of traveling to one of three regional walk-in centers. The MTA Reload Card is not a credit card; it simply identifies the account for the cash reload.

With the MTA Reload Card they can still use cash and receive the E-ZPass discount, which is \$2.17 per trip at most MTA crossings with an E-ZPass from the New York Customer Service Center. Anyone from any state can request an MTA E-ZPass.

MTA customers who don't like pre-paying for tolls, maintaining a minimum balance or supplying a credit card can also choose MTA's Pay Per Trip payment plan where tolls are deducted from your bank account once the trip is taken using the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.

The program edged over the 150,000 mark early Sunday morning after selling 518 tags the previous day. The tags can be purchased in cashlanes for \$30, plus the price of the current trip. If linked to a credit or debit card. it can be used to pay up to \$30 in tolls. There is a \$10 tag deposit if it is not linked.

To date, the most tags have been sold at the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge with 35,967 (20,641 at

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Horizons Club Passover Celebration At The Reform Temple Of Forest Hills

Passover will be celebrated at led by the clergy of the Temple, a meeting of Horizons, a club for those 55 and over, on Thursday, March 21st at 12:30pm at The Reform Temple of Forest Hills, 71-11 112th Street. The program,

will feature the story, traditions, and music of the holiday.

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

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- March 9, Bursting, 4 pm. South Korean artist Hayoon Jay-Lee's installation consists of 13 large sacks of rice hung on the wall, some left intact, some slashed so that the rice falls onto the floor of the space. Hayoon will perform among the rice accompanied by musicians. The audience will help dismantle her installation and bring the rice home, thereby sharing in the art's physical, visual and spiritual sustenance. The Clocktower, 29-27 41st Ave., Queens Plaza North, (646) 645-5506, www.nolongerempty.org.
- March 9, Discover Amazake! Japanese Food Demo, 7 pm. A deliciously sweet and creamy natural beverage, Amazake is made with cultured rice that has been incubated overnight to produce a lightly fermented food rich in enzymes and nutrients. Learn to make your own Amazake. \$15. Resobox, 41-26 27th St., LIC, info@resobox.com, (718) 784-3680, www.resobox.com.
- March 9 & 10, Lewis Klahr at screenings of his collage films, 3 pm. Experience the dreamlike and iconoclastic work of Lewis Klahr, the prolific stop-motion filmmaker who has been making "collage" films for more than two decades. He will be present for all screenings. Plus, the Museum of the Moving Image will screen Otto Preminger's 1945 noir classic, Fallen Angel, which inspired Klahr. MMI, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria/LIC, (718) 777-6888, www.movingimage.us.
- March 10, Con Brio Ensemble presents Twilight Concert, 2 pm. Now it its 34th season, the Con Brio Ensemble will perform works by Schumann, Franck and Franz Mittler. \$12/\$10 students and senior citizens. Voelker-Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing, dianamittler@aol.com, (718) 459-1277, www.vomuseum.org.

- March 10, Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, 3 pm. The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields is regarded as one of the finest chamber orchestras in the world. The Kupferberg Center for the Arts presents an exclusive performance with Alisa Wellerstein, cello, and Inon Barnatan, piano. The program includes: Britten, Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge, Op.10; Haydn, Cello Concerto No. 1 in C Major; J.S. Bach, Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, BWV 1052; Haydn, Symphony No.45 in F-sharp minor Farewell. \$32-54. KCA, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, (718) 544-2996, www.kupferbergcenter.org. March 10 & 11, Fifth Annual Reel-Abilities Film
- Festival, times vary. The country's largest film festival by and about people with disabilities kicks off with international short documentaries about people with autism, Down syndrome and Tourette syndrome. On March 11, the Central Queens Y will screen Still Standing about singer Anita Hollander, who has performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall, and the Kennedy Center despite having lost a leg to cancer. Prices vary. CQY, 67-09 108th St., Forest Hills, (718) 268-5011,
- www.cqy.org.
 March 13, Keely Garfield Dance: Telling The Bees, 8 pm, runs until March 16. The custom of telling bees after their beekeeper died was believed to keep them from absconding or dying and encourage their affiliation with a new beekeeper. This tradition assumes a reciprocal relationship between animals and humans, between past, present and future and between the lines of life and death. Performer Keely Garfield forages links between the waggle and round dances of the honeybees, their industrious, cooperative societies, the sweet results of their toil and the sting of breakdown in our own organizing principles. \$15. The Chocolate Factory Theatre, 5-49 49th Ave., LIC, (718) 482-7069, www.chocolatefactorytheater.org.

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New York Cares Community Calendar

Do your part for Queens – Volunteer!

New York Cares, the city's leading volunteer organization, offers great ways for Queens residents to get involved in their community through rewarding, conveniently scheduled projects.

March Volunteer Project Highlights – Queens

Volunteering with New York Cares is easy. There are two ways to get involved. 1) Attend a onetime orientation at the AR-ROW Community Center in Astoria in the evening on Tuesday, March 26th or any other Queens location. You can then choose from approximately 1,500 projects citywide each month. 2) You can support our Hurricane Sandy response efforts without participating in an orientation. Simply visit our website and create an account online!

To register for an orientation or Hurricane Sandy response project in your area, please visit www. newyorkcares.org or call 212-228-5000.

Queens projects that need your help:

- English Conversation Partners with Seniors at Sunnyside Community Services Make an impact on the lives of seniors learning English as you increase their confidence and self-sufficiency through simple conversation in Sunnyside on Friday mornings.
- Sort Clothing with Housing Works Ensure homeless New Yorkers living with HIV get the support

they deserve by organizing donated clothing to raise funds for housing, health care, and other supportive services on Monday mornings in Long Island City. Hurricane Sandy response project highlights:

- Rockaway Readers Club Hurricane Sandy kept children of some New York City neighborhoods out of their schools for months. Make sure they can catch up, while reinforcing consistency, as you read, discuss, and analyze works of nonfiction with them at the Far Rockaway Library on Saturday afternoons.
- Assist the Rockaways Action Center Unload supplies, makes care packages, sort and serve families and individuals from the Rockaways affected by Hurricane Sandy, weekdays in Far Rockaway.

 About New York Cares:

New York Cares is New York City's largest volunteer organization. Founded in 1987, New York Cares runs volunteer programs for 1,300 nonprofits, public schools, and city agencies citywide. New York Cares volunteers help children learn to read, prepare meals for homeless and housebound people, help low income students get into college, revitalize public parks and schools, and much more. Last year, New York Cares volunteers helped 400,000 New Yorkers in need. For more information about New York Cares, the public should visit newyorkcares.org or call 212-228-5000.

Mark Weprin Gets Assurance That Community Groups Can Meet In Public Schools

Council Member Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) received assurance from the City Department of Education that the agency will allow co-ops, along with condominium and tenant groups, to continue to receive permits to use school space for meetings. Council Member Weprin had immediately contacted the Department of Education (DOE) to request a change in policy when he found out that a local homeowners' cooperative might no longer be able to meet in a public school.

The issue came to light when an Eastern Queens co-op received notice from the City Department of Education's (DOE) Division of School Support and Instruction that for-profit companies would no longer be able to meet in public schools unless they become non-profit organizations. There are many community

groups that do not fit the for-profit profile, but are not registered as non-profits either. Co-ops, condominiums, tenant groups, and civic associations meet to focus on community issues, and their meetings sometimes take place in local public schools. As a result, Council Member Weprin asked the DOE to explicitly state that community groups may utilize meeting space in public schools. The response that the DOE provided to Council Member Webrin clarifies the regulation, making it clear that the organizations in question can continue to meet in local schools.

"There would be no reason for DOE to exclude coops or condos from meeting in public schools after hours, as they have done for many years. I thank the agency for its rational response," said Council Member Mark Weprin.

Senator Peralta Urges Schools Chancellor Walcott Not To Co-Locate Programs Within Newtown and Flushing High Schools

State Senator Jose Peralta is urging Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott not to co-locate programs within Newtown and Flushing High Schools, arguing that the Department of Education's plans for these schools fail to recognize the strides they have made in the face of challenging circumstances, including "overcrowding and the continuous instability that the years-long threat of closure has created."

In a letter to Schools Chancellor Walcott, Peralta says that, "More than anything else, what the communities I represent and the entire borough of Queens need from the Department of Education is more schools, more classrooms and more seats for our children and youth.

"Dismantling neighborhood high schools, and colocating within them programs that accept students from far and wide, makes the idea of families being able to send their children to a good school in their own community an increasingly nostalgic notion.

"I urge you not to colocate programs within Newtown and Flushing High Schools."



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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE ACQUISTA GROUP

LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/21/13. 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, 32-75 Steinway Street, Suite 211, Astoria, New York 11103. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 3/7,14,21,28,4/4&11/2013

Notice of Formation, OWHOLLYA INNOVATIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State (SSNY) on 1/31/2013, Office location: Queens County. SSNY shall mail copies of process to P.O. Box 135, Merrick NY 11566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/7,14,21,28,4/4&11/2013.

69-40 51ST AVENUE, LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/25/13. 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, 162-30 92nd St., Howard Beach, NY 11414. General Purposes. 3/7,14,21,28,4/4&11/2013

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County, on the 12th day of January, 2010, bearing Index Number NC-000005-10/ QU, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) JUAN (Middle) PABLO (Last) CARDONA; my present name is (First) JUAN (Middle) PABLO (Last) CARDONA PATINO ÀKAJÚAN PABLO CARDONA: My present address is 103-26 68th Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375; The place of my birth is Cartago, Colombia; and, the date of my birth is October 22, 1982. 03/07/2013.



Milestone For E-ZPass On-the-Go: 150,000 Sold In Cash Lanes

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the Bronx plaza and 15,326 at the Manhattan plaza) followed by 29,120 at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, 28,778 at the Throgs Neck Bridge and 21,974 at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

Cash lane sales tend to be strongest on weekends and slowest on Wednesdays, and tend to increase during holiday weekends, including Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Jr., and A pilot program to sell On-the-Go tags in cash lanes began at the Henry Hudson Bridge in June 2011 and was expanded to the other eight crossings in March and April of 2012. On-the-Go tags must be registered within 48 hours of its first use, or the tag is deactivated. This can be done on line at www. ezpassny.com or by calling a toll free number at 1-800-

333-TOLL (8655).

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JM AUTO SALES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/18/2013. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 218-19 56th Ave., Bayside, NY 11364. Purpose: To engage in auto sales as well as any other lawful purpose. 1/31,2/7,14,21,28&3/7/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 28 POWELL STREET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY)

State of New York (SSNY) on 10/24/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated

as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 97-14 Atlantic Avenue, Ozone Park, New York 11416. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 2/14,21,28,3/7,14&21/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SPEC LAND, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/16/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 105 Samos Lane, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 1/31,2/7,14,21,28&3/7/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PRYCE & PRESTON, LLC .Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/04/13. 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, 96-05 101st Avenue, Ozone Park, New York 11416. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 2/14,21,28,3/7,14&21/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PROJECTMISO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/5/2006. 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, c/o Miah Morshed, 21-24 30th Avenue, Unit 6A, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: For any lawful purpose 2/21,28,3/7,14,21&28/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION of ELITE SHOWCASE ENTERPRISES LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/11/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 4115 57 St., Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Samson Greece LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/12. 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 Samson Management, 97-77 Queens Blvd., Ste. 710, Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/14,21,28,3/7,14&21/2013

Yinsheng Flushing LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 7/19/12. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33-28 164th St, Flushing, NY 11358. General Purposes. 2/14,21,28,3/7,14821/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: L2 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/14/13. 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, c/o Ciampa Organization, 136-26 37th Avenue, Flushing, New York 11354. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: STARTING FROM PAUMANOK, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/17/2013. 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: C/O STARTING FROM PAUMANOK, LLC, 37-05 221st Street, Bayside, 11361. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. 2/7,14,21,28,3/7&14/2013

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Livanis Behavioral Consulting, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/29/2013. 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, c/o Andrew Livanis, 32-27 33 Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 2/28,3/7,14,21,28&4/4/2013

Notice of Formation of 907 EAST 173 ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/28/12. Off. loc.: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Irwin Samet, 719 Empire Ave., Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/28,3/7,14,21,28&4/4/2013

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Notice of Formation of AC88, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/16/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, One Bay Club Drive #1-D, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: all lawful activities. 2/7,14,21,28,3/7814/2013

Notice of Formation of WILLIAM M. ALVAREZ, PT PLLC, a domestic PLLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/12. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC: c/o William M. Alvarez, 31-14 34 Street, Apt. 14, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Physical Therapy. 2/7,14,21,28,3/7814/2013

HLI Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/14/13. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: General. 2/7,14,21,28,3/7&14/2013

File No.: 2011-3348/B CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Paul Vidor,

Annamarie Vidor, Ana Maria Oprea, Attorney General

Attorney General of the State of New York,

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of STEPHEN NEDELCU, 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 STEPHEN NEDELCU, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 77-27 Kew Forest Lane, Forest Hills, 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 STEPHEN NEDELCU, 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 18th day of April, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the

Account of Proceedings of the

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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 \$48,790.36 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 claim from Ana Maria Oprea for reimbursement of expenses should not be rejected; and why the claim from Ana Maria Oprea of constructive trust should not be rejected; and why the claims of Ana Maria Opera should not be offset by the use and occupancy of the subject premises; 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

14th day of February, 2012
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.

Accounting Citation 2/28,3/7,14&21/2013

HILLSIDE CAFE LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/22/13. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mr. Sam Buffa, 70 Hudson Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purposes. 2/28,3/7,14,21,28&4/4/2013

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Public Administrator of Queens Citation County, as Administrator of File No. 2012-4626 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: CZESLAWA WITEK PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF QUEENS COUNTY BOGDAN SKARCYNSKI if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributee whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of ANN PUZANOWSKI, the

> A petition having been duly filed by Theresa Hollman who is/are domiciled at 300 E 51st St., Apt. 6A/6B. New York. New York 10022

> decedent herein, whose names

and places of residence are

unknown and cannot after

diligent inquiry be ascertained.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on APRIL 4, 2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Ann Puzanowski lately domiciled at 51-36 30th Avenue, 1C, Woodside, New York 11377, United States admitting to probate a Will dated November 30, 1999 (and Codicil(s), if any, dated), a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Ann Puzanowski deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:

[x]Letters Testamentary issue to Theresa Hollman
[] Letters of Trusteeship

issue to
[] Letters of Administration
c.t.a issue to:

[] Further relief sought (if any) Dated, Attested and Sealed, FEB 04 2013 Seal

HON. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate MARGARET M. GRIBBON Chief Clerk Robert G. McDermott, Esq.

Name of Attorney
McDermott Law Offices
Firm

(631) 414 0094 Telephone

110 Marcus Blvd., Suite 300, Hauppauge, New York 11788 Address

NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

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WELLIFE PHYSICAL THERAPY & ACUPUNCTURE, PLLC, a domestic PLLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/2/12. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 87-08 Justice Ave., Ste. CB, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Physical Therapy & Acupuncture. 1/31,2/7,14,21,28&3/7/2013

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: STEINBAR ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/10/13. 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, 70-38 153rd Street, Flushing, New York 11367. Purpose:

For any lawful purpose. 2/21,28,3/7,14,21&28/2013

Next Generation Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 108-37 42 Ave., Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: General. 2/21,28,3/7, 14,21&28/2013

71-20 80th Street, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 141-30 Pershing Crescent Ste BA, Briarwood, NY 11435. Purpose: General. 2/21,28,3/7, 14,21&28/2013

Myth Busters

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Myth #5: Hiding windows with landscaping

Tall bushes and shrubs can allow burglars to jimmy windows without being seen. Myth #6: Having newspaper and mail delivery stopped

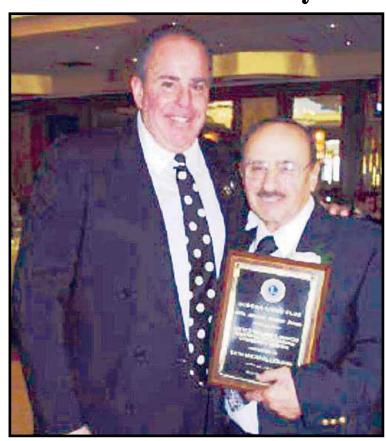
The more activity burglars see, the less likely they are to target your house. While you're away, it's better to ask friends or neighbors to gather your mail. If you can't do this, then stop the mail - don't let it pile up, as that is another sure sign no one is home.

Myth #8: Counting on chain locks

They're virtually useless...Secure every exterior door with deadbolts - and use them!

For more information on keeping your home safe please contact our Crime Prevention Section for a free Home Security Survey. You can also visit our website -www.nypdcommunityaffairs.org - for more information.

Corona Lions 45 Annual Award Ceremony



Pictured at the Corona Lions held their 45 Annual Award Ceremony, held at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, is this year's Corona Lions Justice William G. Giaccio Outstanding Community Service Award Honoree Commander of the Flanders Field VFW Post #150 and Lion Michael Liquori with Corona Lion Al Perna.

Jewish Institute Of Queens Honors Koslowitz At 2nd Annual Gala Dinner



Council Member Koslowitz was recently honored at the Jewish Institute of Queens in recognition of her outstanding efforts in building up the quality of Jewish life in the community. Koslowitz was presented the NYC Leadership Award by Rabbi Zalman Zvulonar, Rabbi Itzchak Wolowik and Rabbi Shmuel Kogan



Crowley Cheers Passage of the Violence Against Women Act

Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, voted to pass the Senate's strong, bipartisan bill reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, which provides critical protections to victims of domestic violence and abuse.

"Since 1994, the Violence Against Women Act has ensured that victims of domestic violence and abuse receive critical safeguards and protections. It was long past time to renew and extend this important law, but we had to ensure we did it in a way that was a real improvement. Today, the House of Representatives had the opportunity to get it right, and I'm pleased we did. With today's passage of the bipartisan Senate



bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, the law is now strengthened to help protect all women, regardless of background or sexual orientation, from violence."

