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Point Of View

New Medicaid Laws: What Queens Seniors And Their Families Need To Know Now

Guest editorial by Chandra Wilson

New York State (NYS) is changing its Medicaid program. This means that the way seniors on Medicaid get their services will soon be changing too. One of the biggest changes on the horizon is the requirement that all Medicaid patients who need long term care must enroll in a Medicaid Managed Long Term Care health plan—called MLTC for short—in order to access healthcare services.

MLTC is a specialized health plan serving people who are chronically ill and need help with Activities of Daily Living (such as walking, dressing, bathing or preparing food) in order to live safely at home. The new state-wide change is part of an overall initiative to help improve the quality of care while reducing state costs associated with caring for older adults in need of long term assistance due to disabilities or multiple chronic illnesses such as diabetes, dementia, heart disease, and other complex conditions.

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Local Bank Teaches St. Kevin's Students to Save Money



Pictured (L to R) enjoying a lesson about saving money and protecting identity are Astoria Federal Savings Flushing Branch Assistant Operations Supervisor Athena Theodoratos, St. Kevin's students Joseph Spiridigliozzi, Angelina Jimenez and Gabriella Ghaleb along with Astoria Federal Savings Flushing Branch Assistant Managers Sunitha Joseph and Cheiris Gilmore.

Students at St. Kevin's School in Flushing became "Secret Agent Savers" and participated in a fun and interactive lesson on saving money, presented in May by Astoria Federal Savings. Staff

from Astoria Federal's nearby Flushing Branch, including Assistant Branch Managers Sunitha Joseph and Cheiris Gilmore and

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First Day Of City's Summer Youth Employment Program And Launches Two New Education Pilot Programs



Pictured at the Summer Youth Employment Program kick off is DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Board Chair of West Harlem Local Development Corporation Donald Notice, Executive Director of West Harlem Local Development Corporation Kofi Boateng, Alum of SYEP and Ladders for Leaders programs Sharnell Creary, Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Council Member Peter Koo and Assemblymember Grace Meng. See story on page 2.

LIRR Underpasses In Corona Heights Gets Graffiti Cleanup



The Corona Lions Club in collaboration with Councilmember Julissa Ferreras (District 21), Assemblymember Francisco Moya (39th Assembly District), and the 110th Precinct Explorers Program Volunteers cleaned graffiti on the walls of the Long Island Railroad along 44th Avenue between Junction Boulevard and 111th St in Corona Heights. Pictured above are Chris Es-

trada, Abel Marcos, Aura Rivera, Catherine Lajara, Andrea Peralta, Cindy Lucero from the Explorers; Delvi Rodriguez (a community volunteer); Frank Rodriguez (Corona Lions Club); and Ari Espinal representing Assem-

blymember Moya's office. Not pictured but participating were Winston Martinez (Corona Lions Club); Khadim Ndoye, John Zhang, Andy Chen and P.O. Karen McKenzie Ndoye (Explorers Program); and Tristan Massalay-Ellis representing Councilmember Julissa Ferrera's office.



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For decades, the not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Service of New York has worked to create innovative and cost-effective healthcare solutions that address the complex needs of this vulnerable population—many of whom are at risk for falling between the cracks in our healthcare system, especially when they become isolated and live alone. Christopher Palmieri, president of VNSNY CHOICE Health Plans has worked closely with NYS as the new policy has evolved. He offers the following important insights into what the new law means for New York seniors who depend on Medicaid. When Do the Changes Start?

Pending approval from the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which is expected shortly, Medicaid beneficiaries receiving community-based long term care services will need to sign on with an MLTC health plan in order to receive care. The New York Department of Health (NY DOH) has already started mailing out letters explaining how this will work and providing phone numbers to help with questions.

Once federal approval is received, a second letter from New York Medicaid Choice will be sent out that will help people choose which plan is best for their needs. Individuals will have 60 days to make a choice after receiving the letter. If they do not choose a plan, Medicaid will automatically select one.

How is Switching to a MLTC Plan Better for Me?

Your MLTC plan will arrange for all of your long term care services. One of the advantages to a comprehensive plan like VNSNY CHOICE MLTC is that each member has a dedicated Nurse Care Manager—a registered nurse—who creates a personalized care plan, supervises all of their care and serves as a liaison with the primary care physician. The nurse and her team serve as the “eyes and ears” for the physician, monitoring the physical and emotional well-being of each member—often noticing subtle, easily overlooked changes that could indicate a serious health risk. They build strong relationships with each member, facilitating communication among all those who provide care, including the member’s family. Without this kind of consistent, proactive attention, many elderly New Yorkers who are challenged

with multiple chronic conditions end up in the emergency room or hospitalized with serious illnesses that could have been avoided.

MLTC provides services that can keep nursing home eligible seniors living at home longer. At VNSNY CHOICE, we’ve seen our seniors stay stronger physically and mentally when they’re able to stay connected to their neighbors and engaged in their communities. Not only do our members have around-the-clock support from an entire team of health care specialists, including home health aides, dentists, nutritionists, physical therapists, social workers and many others, we also offer a variety of social activities and workshops that encourage members to take an active role in their own well-being. Our goal is to help our members live with independence and dignity in the homes and communities they love for as long as they possibly can. Do I Have to Switch Doctors?

As long as physicians agree to work with the plan, there’s no need to switch doctors. VNSNY CHOICE has the largest MLTC health plan in the state, and doctors and specialists are well acquainted with our nurses and other health professionals. It’s always a good idea to ask if the MLTC plan you’re considering will change coverage for important medical benefits such as doctor visits, hospitalizations, emergency room care, and prescription drug coverage. Because we are trusted and respected as a not-for-profit by so many care providers, transition to VNSNY CHOICE MLTC from another plan is usually seamless—we even provide experts to help you navigate the paperwork.

How Do I Choose the Right MLTC Plan?

MLTC works best when the lines of communication are free and clear along the entire continuum of care. Consistency and trust are important too. We’ve observed that people tend to stay healthier longer when they are actively involved in their own care—so you want to choose a plan that encourages you to be as involved in your care as possible, supports you where and when you need help, and inspires you to live your life the best you can without compromising your safety. At VNSNY CHOICE, a registered nurse works with each new member and his or her physician—

sometimes with family caregivers as well—to create a customized care plan that takes into account each person’s challenges and concerns. Medication management, for instance, can be a serious concern for many seniors. With this in mind, our Nurse Care Managers will often pre-pour medications and help members devise easy-to-remember strategies for taking medications on time and in the proper dosage.

Other things to look for are:

- A simple application process and qualified experts to help navigate certification
- Someone who speaks your language—we deliver care in 25 languages at VNSNY CHOICE MLTC
- Access to trustworthy home health aides supervised by nurses who know your medical history
- A 24/7 Nurse Support Hotline that is available 365 days a year
- Access to adult day centers, health education workshops, senior centers, and fitness programs
- Resources for family caregivers

Will I Still Need to Call CASA or Social Services?

No, the letter you receive from NY DOH will include a list of Medicaid MLTC health plan providers that you can choose from. The plan you select will then arrange all your long-term care services. After you join a plan, your Medicaid CASA office or local Social Services office will no longer be in charge of approving your services.

What Should I Do Now?

The most important thing to do right now is to watch your mailbox for the letter that will soon come from the NY DOH. The letter will provide helpful phone numbers and a list of Medicaid MLTC providers that you can choose from. Share the letter with your doctor, a family member, or someone you trust to help you make healthcare decisions. You might also want to speak to your CASA office or local Social Services office.

Where Can I Get More Information?

New York Medicaid Choice counselors can tell you which plan works with your home care agency or other providers you are currently using. You can reach them at 1-888-401-6582. For more information about VNSNY CHOICE Health Plans, call 1-855-282-4642 or visit www.VNSNYCHOICE.org.

First Day Of City’s Summer Youth Employment Program And Launches Two New Education Pilot Programs

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Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott and Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav today kicked off the first day of the City’s summer youth employment and learning programs. The Summer Youth Experience initiative provides young people with learning and employment opportunities during the summer

months and also plays a key role in the Mayor’s Young Men’s Initiative. There are approximately 31,700 youth participating in the City’s Summer Youth Employment Program, Ladders for Leaders, the Young Adult Internship Program, the Young Adult Literacy Program, the Young Men’s Initiative Work Progress Program, and two new programs NYC Summer Quest, and Summer Scholars, a Career and Technical Education summer jobs pilot. The Mayor’s Fund to

Advance New York City and the Fund for Public Schools launched a fundraising campaign this year to offer expanded opportunities for youth. Over \$6 million from more than 80 donors has been raised for this summer’s programs. The Mayor made the announcement at the Queens Botanical Garden where 35 summer youth employees will take on positions as Garden Greeters, Horticulture Aides, and Aides to the Children’s Garden. Grace Meng.

Why You Need a Social Media Will

By Jason Alderman

By most estimates, over half of adult Americans haven't written a will stating how their assets should be distributed after death. Fewer still have bothered to appoint someone to make financial and health care decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated. And now we can add another necessary, but probably overlooked legal document: a social media will.

That's right – in this age of email, password-protected accounts and social media sites like Facebook and LinkedIn, the U.S. Government, of all sources, recently pointed out why it's important for people to leave instructions for how they want their online identities handled after death.

The government's blog, www.usa.gov, suggests appointing a trusted relative or friend to act as your "online executor," taking responsibility to close your email accounts, social media profiles and blogs after you die. This could easily be an addendum to your will – assuming you have one.

Suggest actions that will help you write your social media include:

- Review the privacy policies and the terms and conditions of each website where you have a presence.

- State how you would like your profiles to be handled. You may want to completely cancel your profile or keep it up for friends and family to visit and share their thoughts. Some sites allow your heirs to create a memorial profile where others can still see your profile but can't post anything new.

- Give your social media executor a list of all websites where you have a profile, along with your usernames and passwords.

- Stipulate in your will that the online executor should be given a copy of your death certificate. He or she may need this as proof in order for websites to take any actions on your behalf.

I'd take it one step further and suggest that you also leave instructions for accessing your password-protected devices and accounts including computers, cellphones, and online banking accounts. The last thing you want grieving survivors to have to do is try and guess your account user names and passwords.

In case you've been procrastinating about completing a will and other such documents, here's a good motivator: Although wills aren't mandatory, if you don't have one when you die, the state will decide how your estate is settled. Similarly, if you haven't filed financial and healthcare durable powers of attorney, someone

else – not necessarily the person you wish – will make financial and healthcare decisions on your behalf should an accident or illness render you unable.

Here are a few things that could go wrong if you don't make your wishes known:

- Court-supervised probate could hold up your estate and result in costly fees.
- Because the state usually awards assets to surviving spouses, children and other relatives, your friends and favored charitable institutions could be left out.
- With no will, the state decides guardianship for minor children whose parents have died.
- Your preferences for things like life-support procedures and burial instructions may not be followed exactly.

Key documents that can prevent these kinds of scenarios include a will, revocable living trust, financial and health care powers of attorney and a living will.

In this Internet era, your legacy will likely live on long after you die. Do your family a favor and spare them from having to deal with these issues by addressing them now.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

Treasury Announces \$283,196,000 Increase In Small Business Lending At New York Banks Receiving Capital Through The Small Business Lending Fund

The U.S. Department of the Treasury today released a report showing that New York banks receiving capital through Small Business Lending Fund (SBLF) continue to increase their small business lending, in total by \$283.2 million since receiving that funding.

The SBLF, established as part of the Small Business Jobs Act that President Obama signed into law in 2010, encourages community banks to increase their lending to small businesses, helping those companies expand their operations and create new jobs. Treasury invested more than \$4.0 billion in 332 institutions through the SBLF. Collectively, these institutions operate in over 3,000 locations across 48 states. To date, institutions participating in the program have increased lending to small businesses by \$5.2 billion over the baseline.

"Today's report is more evi-

dence that the Small Business Lending Fund is doing what the Administration intended it to do," said Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Neal Wolin. "Community banks are leveraging SBLF capital to support new lending to local entrepreneurs so that they can create and grow jobs in their neighborhoods."

Small businesses play a critical role in the U.S. economy and are central to growth and job creation. Small businesses employ roughly one-half of all Americans and account for about 60 percent of gross job creation. In the aftermath of the recession and credit crisis, small business owners faced disproportionate challenges, including difficulty accessing capital.

The SBLF helps small businesses meet this challenge by providing capital to community banks that hold under \$10 billion in assets. The dividend rate a community bank pays on SBLF

funding is reduced as that bank increases its lending to small businesses – providing a strong incentive for new lending to small businesses so they can expand and create jobs.

To view today's report, including a detailed list of the change in lending at banks receiving SBLF capital, please click here.

The SBLF is one part of the Obama Administration's comprehensive agenda to help small businesses access the capital they need to invest and hire. Treasury also administers the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), which allocates \$1.5 billion to state programs designed to leverage private financing to spur \$15 billion in new lending to small businesses and small manufacturers.

For more information on the Obama Administration's small business initiatives, please visit www.sba.gov.

Council Member Mark Weprin To Host Two Meetings to Introduce Participatory Budgeting

At two upcoming community meetings in Eastern Queens, Council Member Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) will introduce Participatory Budgeting, a new exercise in participatory democracy that allows community members, over the course of one year, to determine how City funds are spent. Local residents will exchange ideas, work together to turn ideas into project proposals, and ultimately vote to decide which proposals get funded. Participatory budgeting

puts spending decisions directly in the hands of the people those decisions impact the most: the residents of each district. This is a unique opportunity to designate one million dollars in resources for the community, and Council Members Weprin invites the public to take part.

*Community members can attend either one of the Introductory Meetings to learn more:

Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Samuel Field Y, 68-20 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, New

York, 11362 Council Members Mark Weprin and Daniel Halloran are cohosting this meeting. While this is a joint meeting, the two districts' funding is separate.

or Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Fresh Meadows Library, 193-20 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows, New York, 11365

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It's The Old Nigerian Scam

by Merle Exit

I placed an ad on Craig's List to rent a 1-bedroom timeshare in the Berkshires, the week of August 18-24 for a mere \$600. That's cheap, considering all of the summer entertainment going on there. I soon got a response from Rebecca Montlongo. Emails went back and forth.

First it was about asking for a different week. I corrected this and was told that this week was fine. She wanted a photo of the place. I gave her the website of the timeshare and website of the tourism in the Berkshires.

Her English wasn't all that great so I asked where she was from. Rebecca said that she was originally from Spain but that she was presently living in London. I couldn't help but ask why she wanted to be there. She said that she was doing a week project on Engineering skills and that her boss would be paying for the trip. That is when I became skeptic. Why choose the Berkshires of all places in the U.S.?

She asked for my name and address to send the check as well as my phone number, to call me. Excuses were coming up as to why she didn't call having to do with her sick mother in the hospital. I give people the benefit of the doubt and also thinking, "well maybe this is not a scam."

I asked for her address and she gave me one in North London of: "1038 Beacon Park Dr, North London England QD934G plus 44 702 404 2940" I guess the last part was her phone number. I never called.

I googled her name and sure enough it had her in Nigeria. I decided to go through with it to see if it was in fact a Nigerian scam. She said that the check was going out and when I did not get it soon enough I told her that I would be going ahead and renting it to someone else. She begged me to reserve it.

On July 7th I received the following. "Am Sorry for not getting back to you in time i av been ruining around here,my mother was sick here and she's just getting better,so i was busy alot,also am glad to inform you that the payment has been mailed to you and we get to you today or tomorrow, However there is a mistake on the check,our feeding and traveling expenses was included in the check for our booking.This was suppose to come in a different check and not in the one for my booking,But since it has been sent before i was informed,

just deduct the deposit Payment of our booking and send the remainder to our agent through the money transfer so that we can make all necessary things we need to do with it pending the time of our arrival, I hope you understand this and i can be able to depend on you,also here is the tracking number for the check see below (I'm leaving that part out). Thank you very much and God Bless you..

Regard Rebecca"

I checked the tracking number. An electronic shipping info was received on July 5th by USPS, went to Maricopa AZ, Phoenix AZ, and to Bethpage, NY. This priority mail was sent out for delivery on the 7th of July.

I requested the amount of the check. "Merle..the amount on the check is 3,430 dollar,also i will send the agent information to you on monday,so will use to send the funds to them via western union or money gram. Thanks."

This couldn't have been more descriptive of the Nigerian money scams! Sure, I'm to deposit the money in my bank account (the check will look good but will never clear) and being that kind person that I put across, I was expected to withdraw money from my account. They would now have info on my bank account just by trying to cash it.

I asked someone who was involved with the US government about this. Here was the reply. "The official first language of Nigeria is 'English'. The 'bad guys' there literally flourish in 'basement boiler rooms' running these scams continuously 24 hours a day internationally. The Government of Nigeria claims it is cracking down on this but their cooperation with Interpol, FBI offices across the world and other foreign government law enforcement agencies have indicated that there's a high likelihood that the Nigerian Government is at least, accepting kickbacks from the proceed of this criminal enterprise if not outright aiding and abetting these scammers.

"Banks can take up to 7 days to clear a check....especially if it's not from within the same State it is being deposited/cashed. Initially, a Bank may tell you, 'Oh yes, the check is good but it takes time to clear'. This happens a lot and the victim assumes that if the Bank says it's good, then the money is good. Wrong. The bank will take this amount of time to 'clear the check' while you go and wire the difference to the bad guy. Seven days later, you get a call/letter from the Bank telling you the check is a phony. Now you're out of the money you wired and your argument/complaint to the Bank is 'But you said it was good'.... that's useless...the bank will respond, 'Too bad. We know for sure 'now' that the check is not good'. Many people are surprised that the Banks do this; they give you the 'green light' when in fact, they themselves don't know if the check is good or not....it has to go to the Federal Reserve Bank for verification and that takes time. Banks get away with this every day."

Although the tracking number says that the priority mail was sent out on July 7th, the day of this writing is the 9th and I have not received it. That's okay. It's not as if I'll cash it.

P.S. Timeshare week is still available.

Graduated College, Now What?

Congratulations! You did it! You finished college, or maybe just completed your first year. But now what?

The summer is a great time to strategize and secure a job or build up your resume during the summer break. This workshop will help you learn how to get at a job in this difficult economy. Learn from a panel of experts on how to find employment now that you are out of school. Learn to think out of box, find strategies to stand out and get the job that you want. Topics include:

- The summer is "hot", use your time wisely to built up your skills and your resume
- Learn how to work a room, though networking
- Use social media to land a job
- Learn techniques to climb the corporate ladder

This workshop will be held on Tuesday July 17th 2012 at the Bay Terrace Pool and Tennis Center, located at 212-00 23rd Avenue Bayside NY 11360 from 6:30-8:30pm. Please RSVP at (718)224-0566 or connect-to-care@sfy.org. Please visit our website at www.sfy.org to view all upcoming workshops.

Statement By Councilman Peter Koo Regarding His Endorsement

Prior to his endorsement, Councilman Peter Koo will meet with each candidate. The candidates for the 40th Assembly are Ethel Chen, Yen Chou, Ron Kim and Myung Suk Lee.

Councilman Peter Koo stated, "It is important to me to meet with the individual candidates to discuss the issues, their platform and their vision for our community. All of these candidates have unique backgrounds and each possess characteristics that would make them effective elected officials. I know firsthand the hard work and dedication required to run for office. I commend each candidate for their desire to represent our community and work for the people of the 40th Assembly District."

Tech News

Windows 8 will launch in October

Microsoft announced on Monday during its annual Worldwide Partner Conference that its next-generation Windows 8 operating system will launch this October. The company confirmed that the Release to Manufacturing (RTM) version of its operating system is on track to be released to partners in August, and the final consumer version will be released in late October along with the first run of next-generation devices powered by the new operating system. Microsoft also said that users who purchase Windows 7 PCs today will be able to upgrade to Windows 8 Pro following its release for just \$14.99. Read the full story at Boy Genius Report.

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ARIES
 (March 21 - April 20)
 Try being alone it will help you sort out your thoughts. You should be raising your self esteem and confidence in order to promote your work. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)
 Don't be afraid to talk to close friends or relatives about pressing personal problems. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,9.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Watch your bankbook you may want to spend foolishly. Make sure that all your personal documents are in order. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,9.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Don't be too hard on yourself. Complete those hobbies you started a long time ago. Sort all your situations out as best you can. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,1.

LEO
 (July 23 - August 22)
 Don't let individuals with wild schemes talk you into a financial deal that is not likely to be successful. Keep an eye on your current investments. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,3.

VIRGO
 (August 23 - September 23)
 You may have more fun with children this week; keep an open mind. Don't overextend yourself in order to add luxury items to your household. Your lucky numbers are 4,8,9.

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)
 You may meet potential business associates, but make sure they aren't trying to "con" you. Your high interest will be inspiring to anyone around you. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,6.

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)
 Try not to do any traveling this week. Balance is required if you want stability. Use your intellectual approach to get the best results. Your lucky numbers are 7,3,1.

SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)
 You will be up and down emotionally. You are best to get out of the house this week. Your investments pay off this week. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,7.

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)
 Your unique approach to life will interest others. You will easily charm members of the opposite sex. Acknowledge your lover's needs. Your lucky numbers are 1,5,9.

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)
 You could overreact to emotional situations regarding your relationship. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,9.

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)
 Try controlling your emotional feelings. Don't spend too much on products that promise amazing cosmetic results. Be tolerant. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,7.

Poets Corner

MEMORY FLEEING
 by Frederick R. Bedell Jr.

There was a place way in the reaches of my mind. Maybe was a place and maybe a face who would speak and make a case. For my sake if I, only would have listen. But maybe it was a shadow who would speak in the dark. It gave me a sense of things. The voices of one's youth seem to be laced with many faults and spaces, and many takes, like a movie that is made with many takes till they get it straight. Memory of one's youth is like an explosion of colors that come from the mind which casades with reds. blues and browns that bring back memories of time and space to our minds. One does ask was it real. the memories of our minds. For with age we just ask for more time.

Free Movies In The Park This Summer

QUEENS
 Thursday, July 19
 Happy Feet 2
 Grover Cleveland Park
 Stanhope Street and Fairview Avenue
 Wednesday, August 1
 Kung Fu Panda 2
 Elmhurst Park
 Grand Avenue and 79th Street
 Thursday, August 9
 The Muppets
 Juniper Park
 80th Street and Juniper Valley North
 Pack a picnic grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park! From July to September NYC Parks will host 35 family-friendly movie showings throughout the five boroughs. Movies begin at dusk.
 For more information, visit nyc.gov/parks or call 311.



Answer to Last Weeks "Sudoku"

5	3	9	1	4	7	2	6	8
2	8	7	9	5	6	4	3	1
4	1	6	8	3	2	5	7	9
1	6	2	4	9	5	7	8	3
3	9	4	2	7	8	6	1	5
7	5	8	6	1	3	9	4	2
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Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer Welcomes The Arrival Of The Doe Fund In Woodside

Member Jimmy Van Bramer joined representatives of the Doe Fund, members of Community Board 2, business owners and local residents to introduce a new street cleaning initiative to maintain the cleanliness of Woodside.

Council Member Van Bramer has allocated \$31,000 to the DOE Fund which will begin an aggressive street cleaning program stationing a dedicated maintenance team to all streets along Roosevelt Avenue from 51st Street to 61st Street, 61st Street from Roosevelt to 39th Avenue and Woodside Avenue from 58th Street to 60th Street, including plazas and the surrounding areas.

This dedicated street maintenance initiative will assign two workers, three days per week, for six hours a day for the entire year.

"The residents of Woodside deserve their streets to be clean and maintained on a regular basis," said Council Member Van Bramer. "This initiative ensures that a street cleaning team is dedicated to addressing their needs as long as I am their Council Member. I want to thank the Doe Fund for providing us with access to such a locally successful program. I look forward to working with them and implementing a variety of other street cleaning programs throughout Woodside."

The introduction of the Doe Fund is a part of Council Member



Van Bramer's ongoing efforts to maintain the cleanliness of Woodside through a series of programs which include community cleanups, the implementation of pigeon mitigation systems at 7 train stations along Roosevelt Avenue and additional street cleaning services, which were introduced last December.

"We are honored to partner with Council Member Van Bramer and the 26th District," said George T. McDonald, Founder and President of The Doe Fund. "The Council Member's support of the 'men in blue' is inspiring and will go a long way in making New York City a cleaner, safer, and kinder place in which to live and work." Service provided by the Doe

Fund:

- Cleaning of sidewalks from the building or property line to the curb and gutters
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- Alignment of miscellaneous newspaper distribution boxes at all intersections daily
- In the event of snow, clearing of catch basins, gutters and pedestrian crossings at street intersections as well as from bus stops within the area being serviced.

Avella Presents Whitestone Native Mike Baxter Of The New York Mets With Senate Resolution

Just before the July 3rd New York Mets game, Senator Tony Avella presented Whitestone, Queens native Mike Baxter with a special New York State Senate Resolution. Mike Baxter was born and raised in Whitestone and attended St. Luke's Parish school and began his illustrious baseball career in the Bayside Little League. Mike also graduated from Archbishop Molloy High School in 2002, leading the baseball team to the CHSAA City Championship his senior year. The resolution was passed unanimously by the New York State Senate and will forever document on Senate record the State's honoring of Mike Baxter for his outstanding athletic career, which began in Queens and continues there to this day as a member of the New York Mets. This season, on Friday, June 1st, against the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals,



Mike Baxter became an enduring part of Mets' history by making a tremendous catch in left-field of a Yadier Molina line drive to preserve Johan Santana's his-

toric, Mets' first-ever no-hitter. In making his historic catch, he crashed into the wall and had to leave the game with a serious shoulder injury.

13 Safe Zones Coming To New York, Will Protect New Yorkers From Speeding Drivers

More Than 100 Neighborhoods Apply For Traffic Calming Measures

The New York City Department of Transportation announced plans to install 13 safe zones throughout the city. More than 100 local groups applied to have these zones in their neighborhood. Safe zones make streets safer by reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph.

Traffic calming measures, including speed bumps and markings, are also installed to ensure drivers don't speed. A pedestrian has a 98 percent chance of surviving a collision with a car traveling at 20 miles per hour.

"Today's announcement is a victory for these neighborhoods," said Paul Steely White, Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives.

"Local residents have been clam-

oring for safe zones to protect themselves and their families from dangerous speeding. As the majority of speeding-related fatalities occur on neighborhood streets, communities in all five boroughs will need safe zones of their own."

Neighborhood safe zones reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph in order to protect local

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NYC & Company Leads Tour Guides through LIC/Astoria to Encourage Travel to Queens

NYC & Company, New York City's official marketing, tourism and partnership organization, recently escorted a group of more than 20 tour operators throughout Long Island City and Astoria, Queens, to familiarize them with many of the hotels and attractions in the area. The tour was designed to educate guides about tourism products throughout Queens and generate future travel bookings to the borough. All of the tour operators who participated in the tour are active in bringing domestic and international visitors to New York City.

Stops on the tour included: Wyndham Garden Long Island City Manhattan View Hotel, Z NYC Hotel, Fairfield Inn New York Long Island City/Manhattan View, Holiday Inn Manhattan View - Long Island City, Four Points by Sheraton - Long Island City/Queensboro Bridge, Museum



of the Moving Image, The Noguchi Museum, SculptureCenter, Dorsky Gallery and 5 Pointz.

Joining the group were Fred Dixon, NYC & Company's SVP Tourism & Convention Development; Kelly Curtin, NYC & Company's SVP Membership

& Destination Services; Rob MacKay, Director of PR, Marketing & Tourism, Queens Economic Development Corporation, who addressed the group on Queens tourism; and the Long Island City Partnership. Photo credit to Julienne Schaefer.

Addabbo Applauds Reported Agreement To Provide Greater Tax Relief For Co-Op And Condominium Owners



NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D-Queens), who has long sponsored legislation to provide owners of co-ops and condominiums with fairer treatment under New York City's property tax laws, today applauded a reported agreement among the Governor, State Senate and State Assembly to provide new tax relief for these property owners.

"It was very disappointing when the State Legislature ended its regular session last month without addressing the need to

provide more equitable tax treatment for co-op and condominium owners and without taking action to extend the J-51 tax abatement program," said Addabbo. "It now appears, however, that the Legislature will return to the State Capitol before the end of the year to address these vital housing issues. I look forward to reviewing the legislation and voting to provide New York City co-op and condo owners with the tax relief they have long deserved."

Addabbo noted that he voted in favor of legislation (S.7648) during the legislative session that would have extended the J-51 program, which provides tax abatements for the renovation and upgrading of multiple dwellings. "A number of constituents had reached out to me on this issue," Addabbo noted.

The Senator added that constituents had also contacted his office to ask for his support of legislation that would have extended existing real property tax abatements for co-ops and condominiums for another four years. "As the sponsor of legislation (S.4283) that would permanently address tax inequities shouldered by co-op and

condo owners, I am committed to finding a solution to the unfair property tax burdens suffered by this group of property owners," Addabbo said. "Hopefully, we are now looking at a longer-term approach to reforming the tax laws."

Under the terms of the reported agreement, tax abatement rates will be lowered for owners of co-op and condominiums used as primary residences. While the existing tax abatement for co-ops and condos expired on June 30, the City will still send out the newest round of tax bills using that same rate. Once the new state legislation is approved, the lower rates are expected to be made retroactive to July 1.

"I greatly look forward to returning to the State Capitol to pass this long-overdue reform, which will put more money in the pockets of middle-class homeowners in my Senate district and throughout the City," Addabbo said. "Affordable housing is already difficult to find and maintain in the five boroughs, and this initiative will make it a little easier for individuals and families to keep their roofs over their heads."

Local Bank Teaches St. Kevin's Students to Save Money

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Assistant Operations Supervisor Athena Theodoratos visited the school to teach students about the importance of saving money for the future. They also discussed

tips for safeguarding their identity and personal information.

The Teach Children to Save program incorporates an age-appropriate curriculum developed by the American Bankers Association (ABA) Education

Foundation. Throughout April and May, Astoria Federal branch managers reached out to local schools as part of Astoria Federal's own Education First initiative that encourages lifelong learning in the communities it serves.

Feds Crack down on Texting and Driving

Transportation secretary Ray LaHood announced a plan June 7 that will step up federal efforts to stop distracted driving. LaHood's plan would put pressure on states to crack down on dangerous driving habits by enacting legislation and educating young adults on the importance of focusing on the road.

The federal government will give \$2.4 million to Delaware and

California to establish pilot programs to kick off the campaign. The plans specifically target cell phone use-both texting and calling-by teenagers and young adults while driving.

Many young drivers say they know texting while driving is dangerous but they still do it. An anonymous national survey conducted last year found that 58 percent of high school seniors

said they had texted or emailed while driving during the previous month.

"Distracted driving is a highly preventable behavior in college students who have misplaced confidence in their own driving skills and ability to multitask," said Linda Hill, a clinical professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of California at San Diego.

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Assemblyman Goldfeder Highlights Program To Help Struggling Families Stay Cool This Summer

As temperatures continue to climb this summer, Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (D-Rockaway) is drawing attention to a program that helps low-income New York families afford air conditioning for the hot summer months ahead.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program, administered through New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). The \$3 million available through LIHEAP and set aside by the state helps eligible families cover the high cost of keeping their homes cool and safe, Assemblyman Goldfeder noted.

“Scorching summer heat can quickly become a life-threatening emergency,” Assemblyman Goldfeder said. “That’s why it’s crucial to be aware of available programs like LIHEAP. There comes a point when air conditioning is not a luxury, but a health necessity.”

To be eligible for LIHEAP, one must:

- meet guidelines based on income and family size;
- have at least one household member who has been diagnosed with a chronic or acute medical condition which is aggravated by exposure to extreme heat; and
- obtain a doctor’s written documentation within the last

six months that air conditioning is critical to prevent a heat emergency.[1]

“This program is particularly important for those most susceptible to summer heat – children and seniors,” Assemblyman Goldfeder said. “Unfortunately, too many families will not turn on their air conditioner because they simply can’t afford it. No family should be putting their lives in danger during this extreme heat because of financial difficulty.”

For more information on this program, eligibility requirements or to fill out an application, contact Assemblyman Goldfeder’s office at 945-9550 or email goldfederp@assembly.state.ny.us.

Protect Your Home from Thieves While on Vacation

July and August are peak months for residential burglaries because so many residents are vacationing and away from their homes for extended periods of time. “It’s important for homeowners to take steps to help protect their home and possessions before departing,” says Allstate New York spokesperson Jaclyn Darrohn.

The Queens Times shares the following tips with homeowners to help them protect their homes this summer:

- Make it appear as though you are at home. Keep the house well lit and consider placing staggered timers on different lights, both inside and outside the house. Make sure that outside lights are out of reach of burglars. Keep blinds or

curtains in their usual position

- Ask a trusted neighbor to lend a hand. Arrange to have mail, packages and newspapers picked up regularly. Make arrangements for the lawn to be mowed. If your car will be parked outside for more than a week, ask a friend to change its position a few times. Tell only people you know and trust that you are going away

- Keep valuables well hidden and under lock and key. Expensive jewelry should be stored in a safety deposit box at the bank or hidden in a room other than the bedroom

- Create deterrents to entry. Install strong frames, locks/deadbolts, and alarms on windows, doors, garages and sheds (tools

stored in sheds can be used to break into homes). Also, remove spare keys and openers from outside the house

- Safeguard personal documents. When possible, do not leave personal documents in your home office or desk, as burglars will know to look for them there. Put critical documents in a lock box elsewhere in the house. Keep copies of important documents at another location, such as a relative’s home.

- Disconnect hackers. Turn off your computer and disconnect it from the Internet. If you save personal information on your computer, make sure it is difficult to access. You don’t want a hacker at work while you are on vacation.

New Yorker’s Don’t Have To Pay Their Parking Tickets

“It’s official. The New York City Parking Violations Bureau no longer requires you to pay a parking ticket until it has been found guilty not once but, twice” according to Glen Bolofsky of parkingticket.com.

“New Yorkers will start to benefit from brand new laws that require the Parking Violations Bureau to find you guilty on both the initial hearing round as well as on the second round, known as the Appeal round, before you are required to make a payment” according to the ticket fighting website.

“The city has quietly updated their forms but hasn’t made any announcements. I guess they would prefer to keep this a secret

to avoid an onslaught of appeals and refunds. There has always been at least two rounds to fight a parking ticket; the initial hearing round and the appeal round. And according to the law, if you choose to have the Appeals Board review the initial hearing decision you shouldn’t be compelled to make a payment until the Appeal hearing is concluded. Yet, that’s what the Parking Violation Bureau has been doing for years. Worse, it was imposing penalties on motorists while tickets were in the possession of the Appeals Board. Now, motorists rights are being recognized and we continue to press for fairer hearings so the public gets a fair shake.”

Devora Cohn, retired General

Counsel of the Parking Violations Bureau says “recent legal reforms provide the public with the ability to file appeals without making a payment. This will likely increase the number of appeals being made by the public.”

If you don’t know how to fight a parking ticket or prepare an appeal parkingticket.com can help. parkingticket.com is the only website in the world that provides a seamless process online. “Even the City of New York does not allow you to process your Appeals online but we’ll automatically generate an Appeal for you so you don’t have to. We’ll do the heavy lifting for you” says parkingticket.com’s Bolofsky “you just point and click!”

Racing Season Soon To Close by Robert Elkin

Repole Stables’ Stay Thirsty didn’t do much and disappointed the crowd in the hot afternoon during the 126th running of the Suburban Handicap, as the horse racing season here at Belmont Park is soon to move upstate to Saratoga.

Instead Mucho Macho Man rallied in the stretch to overtake Trickmeister in the nine furlong Suburban Handicap for three year olds and over.

What’s next for Mucho Macho Man?

Just ask trainer Kathy Ritvo? “We’re going to take it slow and see what happens,” she said after the race at Belmont Park. “We’ll make sure he comes back (in) great (condition) and we’ll look again (at what’s next).”

Mucho Macho Man faced a great field of horses including fourth place finisher To Honor and Serve

and fifth place Stay Thirsty in the seven horse field.

A strong ride especially by Mike Smith into the stretch paved the way for the victory. This horse could be a candidate for the Breeders’ Cup Classic race in the fall.

“I couldn’t believe how easy he beat (a strong field),” said Smith. “You put that bunch (into) the Breeders’ Cup your favorite is going to come out of this race.”

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Queens Sports

by Robert Elkin

Roa Places High In Race

Three residents of Queens cracked the top ten finishers in the Queens 10K on a recent Sunday morning in Flushing Meadow Corona Park. The overall winner was Manhattan's Julius Arile Lomeriyang, the class of the field, in 29:21. The latter's debut in the race marked a success for him.

The winner took the lead at the 2K mark and ran away from the field.

The race, part of the Five Borough Series in New York City at different distances was the first ever of its kind and replaced the Queens Half Marathon, which was extremely missed by most of the athletes.

The organizers from the New York Road Runners who conducted the event shortened it from last year's 13.1 mile race at the same venue because of the heat, a hot summer and the timing of the event

The distance didn't bother the initial three finishers, for it was in their favor. Jerry Faulkner, originally from Oklahoma, and currently residing in Sunnyside finished second in 32:29 for second place, one position ahead of Roa, who was timed in 33:26.

Rounding out the top five were fourth place finisher Brent Frisora of Manhattan who was timed in 34:25 and fifth place athlete Elmustafa Mahkirata, who was timed in 35:49. The latter resides in Astoria.

Faulkner, who belongs to the Urban Running Club, is getting ready for the New York City Marathon while Roa is preparing for the American East College Cross Country Championships, highlighting the harrier's schedule at Stony Brook University.

"It'll be exciting, awesome and fun and I'll feel good running in the New York City Marathon," Faulkner later said.

"Roa, who trained about 55 miles a week in preparing for the Queens 10K, is very familiar in competing in races in and around Queens. In preparing for his college season. He is testing his legs, seeing where they are and pushes

himself a little bit.

Running in a 10K in the park is more of a strength race for him. "A lot of cross country is more strength than anything," he said. "Doing training in the summer will help me become stronger.

"This race is great. It's like running in my back yard. I'm from right here in Jamaica. I figured on 'why not try this race.' This start was pretty good; I felt good competing in the race. I went out in about five minutes. ...But then the heat bothered me and I had to slow down at about three miles. I really had to grind it out to the finish.

"For the first mile I was in the lead but the (eventual winner) took over. I enjoyed competing in such a race and against a Kenyan."

"Kenyans really push running. If we didn't have Kenyans around we wouldn't be running. They push us to the next level."

The 20-year-old Roa is coached and trained by Andy Ronan at Stony Brook. The latter was a marathon runner at one time. During the summer or off season, Roa competes for the West Side Runners, which he has done for years.

In the Queens 10K, Roa was happy with his place but not with the time as the heat slowed down everyone's times.

"The turns on the course were a little too many for me," Roa added. "But overall I liked the course, and it was nice and flat"

His parents were into the sport of running, for his father Carlos Roa was previously named New York City Road Runner of the Year and mother Ana came in 18th in the new York City Marathon of 1993.

"I was born into running, something I was embarrassed into at a very young age," the localite said. "It's something I grew up with."

The 10K in Queens drew 5404 starters in its first such race of its kind. The organizers will continue it next year.

However one of the entrants remarked "I miss running the half marathon here," but the 10K isn't bad, for its okay," he summed up.

Gaming Cafe Concerns

The Queens Colony Civic Association and Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation are concerned about the proposed application submitted to Community Board 13 Queens by the Department of Consumer Affairs for a Gaming Café to be located at 245-19 Jericho Turnpike in Bellerose, Queens, NY for the following reasons:

Traditionally, the word "gaming" has gambling connotations. We are being told that these will be video games but in all of our research "gaming cafes" are used for internet gambling/sweepstakes. Despite assurances from the developer that no gambling will be taking place nor will there be any availability to porn sites, we are wondering why those who seek to gain entry must be 18 years of age and will be subject to ID check. That poses the question "Why does one need ID to play video games?" Are we really talking about gambling or other adult sites? The owner states that no gambling will occur on site. However, is there an allowance for gambling on an outside video site? We know there is a technicality in the words here. What assurances are there that porn sites will be not obtainable and how effective will monitoring be?

This 40 seat gaming café is scheduled to open in late August 2012. The owner believes that Bellerose is "IPad poor" therefore hopefully drawing numerous adults to use his gaming café. There are many people in Bellerose with iPads and those who don't have them have access to computers to play games on.

Parking is mostly unavailable and there are no plans for extra parking in the foreseeable future. Where will cars be parked? The proposal is adjacent to a major bus stop and having crowds of young adults congregating at this site would be problematic.

The community was given a 15-day notice by Consumer Affairs. How convenient is it that this issue comes up at a time when civic associations do not meet, community boards do not meet and people are on vacation which means that if an emergency meeting were to be called by the Community Board, most likely a quorum would not be attainable?

Bellerose has been vigorously fighting through the local civic associations and the Joint Bellerose Business Development Corporation to keep our area homeowner friendly and to welcome businesses that appeal to its residents. We are still fighting the 4 pawn shops (one on the Nassau side and 3 on the Queens side) and a questionable "Male Only Spa" establishment. Adding a gaming café would be disastrous and open the door for further unsavory establishments. We also worry about the element it will bring.

Due to these reasons the Queens Colony Civic Association and Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation strongly object to this business and ask that the Department of Consumer

5 Ways to Use Blueberries (and Why You Should)

July is National Blueberry Month, which makes it a great time for reminding ourselves of the many great ways they can be consumed. It's also a great time to be reminded of the myriad reasons for making them a regular part of one's diet. The more you know about these powerful little berries, the more you will want them to become a bigger part of your family's life.

"Blueberries have been loved in this country since the beginning, really," explains Chef Scott Jenkins, the executive chef at Arlington-based Extra Virgin restaurant. "They are delicious, versatile and healthy, so what's not to love about a blueberry?"

According to the North American Blueberry Council, blueberries are a native American species. We produce roughly 90 percent of the world's blueberries, making this country the leader in blueberry production. While blueberries are grown in over 30 states, with the harvest running from mid-April through October, the harvest peak is July.

Blueberries, according to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, are one of the fruits with the highest amount of antioxidants, which are important in helping to fight aging, cancer and heart disease. They are also high in dietary fiber, as well as Vitamins A and C. Although they ripen in warmer months, they can easily be frozen and used throughout the year. For the best results, freeze them unwashed, in a single layer, in freezer bags. When you are ready to use them, take out just what you need and wash them.

Here are five ways that you can incorporate getting more blueberries into your diet:

1. Baked goods. Blueberries are great in pancakes, muffins and pies, whether for breakfast or dessert.
2. Sauces. Create your own sauce for pancakes and waffles, or use them in a savory sauce for your meat dishes.
3. Add-ons. Top a salad with blueberries or add them to grains, such as couscous or quinoa.
4. Dried. Blueberries that have

been dried make a great addition to trail mix.

5. Soups and smoothies. Drinking blueberries is also a tasty way to get their benefits. Add them to soups, smoothies and fresh juices.

"Blueberries are sometimes overlooked, but they shouldn't be," adds Chef Jenkins. "They can add a lot to your dishes, and they offer a lot of health benefits. Using them is a win-win!"

Extra Virgin has an olive-oil-inspired menu and décor, and specializes in modern Italian cuisine. The restaurant, which is located in Arlington, which hosts a variety of live entertainment acts, featuring jazz music, and offers late-night dining. The restaurant Options include such specialties as wood-fired pizzas, pastas, meat, poultry, and seafood, as well as vegetarian options. The restaurant offers lunch specials, as well as new weekly menu specialties.

Try Chef Jenkin's Special Chilled Blueberry Soup

Ingredients:

2 pints fresh blueberries, washed
1 fresh squeezed lemon
½ cup wildflower honey
1 tsp ginger, fresh puree
2 tablespoons green apple balsamic
1 tablespoon brown sugar

2 quarts soda water

Use a blender to puree the fresh ginger. Leave the ginger in the blender and add blueberries, honey, lemon juice, sugar, balsamic, and soda water. Blend together and chill. Serve garnished with a slice of lemon.

About Extra Virgin

Located in Shirlington Village's "Restaurant Row," Extra Virgin offers diners a variety of modern Italian cuisine. The restaurant offers both lunch and dinner, as well as full catering services. The owner, Shary Thur, is a four-time breast cancer survivor, while Scott Jenkins, the executive chef, has over 18 years of culinary experience. The restaurant hosts weekly jazz and other music events, as well as weekly specials, in addition to late night dancing. To learn more about Extra Virgin, visit the website at: www.extravirginva.com.

13 Safe Zones Coming To New York, Will Protect New Yorkers From Speeding Drivers

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residents from speeding drivers and reduce traffic crashes. Speeding is the leading cause of fatal crashes in the five boroughs. In 2010, speeding drivers killed 45 people, and injured 2,300.

After installing the city's first safe zone in the Claremont section of the Bronx last November, the DOT began accepting applications for safe zone installations in neighborhoods across the city. The New York City Department

of Transportation selects appropriate locations and works in the community to install the safe zone with the approval of the local community board.

Transportation Alternatives worked with the Fort Greene Association, the Park Slope Civic Council, the Brownsville Partnership, Rego Park Green Alliance, the Bronx Helpers and local residents along Baychester Avenue in the Bronx and in Clinton Hill to improve street safety by applying for safe zones.

Two Noshwalks This Weekend (including Friday in Flushing)

Experience Asian Flushing without the crowds and the midday summer heat! Join this late afternoon tour to experience south Asian, Chinese and Korean Flushing. Visits will include Pakistani eatery, old and new Chinese markets, a hand-pulled noodle stall, a dumpling shop that sells delicious chive pies, and a Korean market where we can sit down and taste a range of foods. Meet 3:00 PM in front of the Queens Botanical Garden at 43-50 Main Street. As part of the tour (and an ongoing effort by tour leader Myra Alperson to add public art to the tours), we'll see a set of the best public murals in New York City. Take the #7 train to Main Street-Flushing (last stop), head south on Main Street (New World Mall will be on your left). You can also take the LIRR

from Penn Station to save time, but the schedule is limited. FEE: \$50 - includes all tastings but not beverages. Call 212-222-2243 for more information or check www.noshwalks.com for details

This longer Noshwalk offers you an experience of several incredibly different neighborhoods, starting in Rego Park with Uzbek, Persian and Russian markets (kosher and non-kosher places) and then heads towards the old Italian section of Corona (including a stop at the fabled Lemon Ice King), a visit to a wonderful tortilleria and concludes with a taste of Ecuador. This tour includes a sit-down at an Uzbek restaurant for salads and dumplings. Note that when we have a sitdown, we

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DVD Available at Local Library Addresses Teens' Concerns about Stuttering

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on teenagers. Help is available at most public libraries in the form of a DVD. Some libraries have an older video format.

"It's meant to encourage teens, to tell them that there is hope out there," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of three nationally recognized experts appearing in the DVD produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation.

David Wilkins, a high school student who stutters, narrates the DVD. It features students from junior high school through college

talking about their experiences with stuttering and what they found to be helpful. They talk openly about the ridicule they faced from classmates and how their stuttering affects their lives.

"We really try to emphasize the embarrassment and frustration factor, and we think teens will relate to that," adds Ramig. He appears in the DVD along with speech-language pathologists Dr. Barry Guitar of the University of Vermont and Dr. Hugo Gregory of Northwestern University.

The three experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

Books and DVDs produced by the 65-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. A library that will shelve them can contact the Foundation at 1-800-992-9392, e-mail info@stutteringhelp.org, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org or www.tartarmudez.org.

Judges Across The State Side With A.G. Schneiderman, Ordering Removal Of Illegally Labeled Bath Salts And Other Synthetic Drugs From "Head Shops"

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced that judges across the state have issued temporary restraining orders against 11 head shop retailers blocking them from selling designer drugs, including commonly known synthetics such as "bath salts" and "synthetic marijuana." The orders come one day after the Attorney General filed lawsuits against head shops with 16 locations statewide for violating the state's labeling laws. At a press conference Tuesday in Rochester, Attorney General Schneiderman detailed legal actions that followed statewide undercover investigations revealing that head shop employees were illegally selling and promoting dangerous synthetic drugs.

To issue today's tempo-

rary restraining orders, the judges found that Attorney General Schneiderman's lawsuits had shown a likelihood of success on the merits, and the potential for irreparable harm if the products were not removed. In Syracuse, a judge instructed personnel from the Attorney General's office to immediately go to the head shop and verify all misbranded and mislabeled products had been removed from the shelves pursuant to the court order.

"The quick action by these judges to immediately remove dangerous, mislabeled products from store shelves is an indication of the urgency of addressing this problem. This is a major victory for the health and safety of consumers in New York State," said Attorney

General Schneiderman. "These orders demonstrate that all levels of government in our state must fight back to control this crisis, and ensure that the days of profiting off the illegal sale of these dangerous drugs are over."

The Attorney General's lawsuit has been filed in 12 counties across the state against 16 store locations, from Buffalo to Long Island. In addition to successfully seeking an immediate end to the sale of mislabeled drugs, the lawsuit is seeking an accounting of all commodities sold or offered for sale including the name of the product, the manufacturer and/or distributor of the product, a description of the product, the retail price of the product and the number of units sold.

Ackerman Criticizes Postal Service For Proposing To Close Bayside Post Office

Agency seeking to relocate facility to remote and inconvenient location

Move would have negative impact on community

U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Queens/L.I.) today criticized the United States Postal Service for planning to close the current Bayside Post Office and relocate the facility to a remote and inconvenient location.

Under the plan, Postal officials want to move the centrally located Bayside branch, situated just off Bell Boulevard in back of the Long Island Rail Road station, to a remote Postal carrier annex at 41-29 216 street. The annex, several blocks from Bell Boulevard, is located in a much less convenient location, and on the edge of a residential neighborhood.

"If this is what they are

considering, and we have received no official communication to so indicate as much, then this clearly would be a consolidation of facilities, and requires public notice, consultation and input," said Ackerman. "That has not happened. We must insist that proper procedure is followed."

"Moving the Bayside branch from its prime spot in the middle of the area's busy commercial strip to a remote and inconvenient location makes absolutely no sense," added Ackerman. "Not only would this plan adversely impact the local residents and businesses who use this facility, but it could likely cause a further erosion in Postal business since its customers may not trek to this out-of-the-way location. The Postal Service is in a financial death spiral, and we're all aware that the agency is under intense pres-

sure to cut costs. But making it more difficult for consumers to purchase its products and utilize its services is certainly not the way to go. The Bayside facility has served the community well for many years and I urge the Postal Service to reconsider its decision."

Ackerman also expressed concerns about the potential increase in traffic and further lack of parking that those who live in near the proposed new site may be forced to endure.

The Postal Service says they are seeking to relocate the Bayside branch sometime in 2013. No jobs would be lost under the plan. The Postal Service presently leases both properties and claims that the move would save the agency money.

The Bayside Post Office is located at 212-35 42nd Avenue.

A.G. Schneiderman Announces Settlement Enhancing Religious Accommodations For Employees Of NYC Health And Hospitals Corporation

Agreement Improves Corporation's Policies And Training To Ensure Employees' Rights Are Safeguarded

Schneiderman: My Office Is Committed To Ensuring That The Religious Rights Of All New Yorkers Are Protected

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman has recently announced a settlement with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal health-care organization in the country, and Jacobi Medical Center, a facility within that network, to safeguard all employees' rights to religious accommodations. Today's settlement requires the institutionalization of best practices at HHC's several facilities, and ensures that employees' religious accommodations requests will be handled in accordance with the New York State Human Rights Law, New York City Human Rights Law, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"Protecting the religious rights of all New Yorkers is an important priority of my office," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Our society honors the balance of a person's religious commitments with his or her responsibilities in the workplace, and the law protects these rights. We are pleased that HHC and Jacobi have taken these critical steps to improve upon, and institutionalize,

necessary religious accommodation policies to ensure a proper balance for all of their employees."

After the Attorney General's Office began a formal investigation into religious observance practices, HHC and Jacobi agreed to make across-the-board changes in order to amicably resolve this matter. The settlement requires all hospitals and medical facilities within the HHC network, including Jacobi, to implement a uniform policy on the review and granting of religious accommodations requests, conduct regular training on that policy and the law, and develop an internal complaint system. Additionally, Jacobi will regularly report to the Attorney General on the implementation of these procedures.

In November 2011, Attorney General Schneiderman launched the Religious Rights Initiative, which is dedicated to combating religious discrimination, investigating religious freedom violations and ensuring that anti-discrimination laws are aggressively enforced. The Religious Rights Initiative targets faith-based discrimination and violations of religious rights through public education, outreach and law enforcement, including litigation.

Today's settlement was hailed by leaders of the faith community.

Ron Meier, New York Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, said, "The right to observe

one's faith is a fundamental one, and requires protection. We commend the New York State Attorney General for advancing the rights of religious observers in the workplace."

Todd R. McFarland, Associate General Counsel, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, said, "It is reassuring to know that the religious rights of all are safeguarded in the State of New York. People should not have to choose between observing their faith and securing their livelihood. We take comfort in knowing that the Attorney General recognizes and protects the rights of religious persons."

The case is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Allegra Chapman, and was previously also handled by former Assistant Attorney General Kayla Gassmann, under the supervision of Civil Rights Bureau Chief Kristen Clarke, Chief Counsel for Civil Rights Spencer Freedman, and Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Janet Sabel, with the assistance of Alyson Spindell, Director of Community Affairs and Engagement for Religious Rights.

The Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau is committed to combating discrimination and protecting the rights of all New Yorkers. To file a complaint with the Bureau, contact 212-416-8250 or civil.rights@ag.ny.gov.

Events & Exhibits at NY Hall of Science

Animation

Through September 2, 2012; open during regular NYSCI hours Explore animation from concept to finished product — from storyboarding, character design, and drawing techniques to movement, timing, filming and sound. Larger-than-life graphics of popular Cartoon Network characters provide a colorful backdrop to the exhibition, which also explores the history of animation and features a screening room and a cartoon museum. Ages 4 and older. Free with NYSCI admission. Animation was created and is circulated by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in collaboration with Cartoon Network and partially funded by The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation™ and ©2011 Cartoon Network. All rights reserved.

Science Playground

Through December 31, weather permitting; open during regular NYSCI hours The nation's largest

science playground features 60,000 square feet of exhibits for children of all ages. Slides, seesaws, climbing webs, a water play area, drums, mirrors, sand boxes and more allow kids to explore science by playing. \$4 per person, plus general NYSCI admission. **Rocket Park Mini Golf** Through December 31, weather permitting July & August: Daily during regular NYSCI hours; September–December: Weekends, 10 am – 6 pm Putt your way through a nine-hole miniature golf course that teaches the science of spaceflight. Players will explore key science concepts such as propulsion, gravity, escape velocity, launch window, gravitational assist, and more. \$6 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, plus general NYSCI admission.

Little Makers: Sound Painting

July 11, 2012; 3 – 5 pm Be a composer and conductor as you improvise and paint with sound. \$8 per

family, plus NYSCI admission (\$5 per family for members). Preregistration is recommended. For more information and to register, call 718-699-0005 ext. 341.

The Garbage-Men

July 14, 2012; shows at 1 & 3 pm; drop-in workshop noon – 4 pm Make music with garbage! Get inspired by a group of 10th graders who play music from the 50s, 60s and 70s on instruments made out of garbage and recycled materials. Then, create your own instrument to take home. Recommended for ages 4 – 10. Free with NYSCI admission.

Little Makers: Ice Cream, You Scream... July 15, 2012: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm July 18, 2012; 3 – 5 pm Invent your own flavor as you shake up a batch of homemade ice cream. \$8 per family, plus NYSCI admission (\$5 per family for members). Preregistration is recommended. For more information and to register, call 718-699-0005 ext. 341.

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Notice of Formation of EAST ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATES, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of NY. ("SSNY") on 2/18/2012. 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: 59-55 47TH AVENUE, WOODSIDE, NY 11377 Purpose: any lawful activity. 6/14,21,28,7/5,12&19/2012

Notice of Formation of SHINSAKU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/30/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 136-20 38th Ave., Unit 2B, Queens Crossing Shopping Center, Flushing, NY 11354. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to % Masheta Management, LLC, 163-177 Pennsylvania Ave., Patterson, NJ 07503. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/7,14,21,28,7/5&12/2012

Notice of formation of SD Flushing LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/13/2012. Office location, County of Queens. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Storage Deluxe, 26 West 17th St., NY, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful act. 6/7,14,21,28,7/5&12/2012

Ridgewood Forest Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/8/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4312 54th Rd, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: General. 6/7,14,21,28,7/5&12/2012

CITATION
File No. 2012-1447
SURROGATE'S COURT,
Queens COUNTY
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God Free and Independent
TO: BARBARA ELAINE LOPEZ if living and if dead to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of RAYMOND LOPEZ, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.
A petition having been duly filed by ELIZABETH A MULVIHILL who is/are domiciled at 446 KENT AVE APT 10E, BROOKLYN, New York 11211-5923

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YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD, JAMAICA, New York, on August 16, 2012, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of RAYMOND LOPEZ, aka RAY, RAMON lately domiciled at 61-25 98TH ST APT 2A, REGO PARK, New York 11374, United States admitting to probate a Will dated February 25, 2010 (and Codicil(s), if any, dated ___), a copy of which is attached, as the Will of RAYMOND LOPEZ deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:
[X] Letters Testamentary issue to ELIZABETH A MULVIHILL
[] Letters of Trusteeship issue to
[] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to
[] Further relief sought (if any):
Dated, Attested and Sealed,
JUN 12 2012
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Surrogate
MARGARET M. GRIBBON
Chief Clerk
TODD A. SCHULMAN
Attorney
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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. 6/21,28,7/5&12/2012

Notice of Formation of HAPPY HOUSE ON THE ROCKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/17/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LENA ROCA SOLE MBR, P.O. Box 930085, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11693. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/21,28,7/5,12,19&26/2012

172 DOUGLAS LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 172-33 Douglas Ave., Jamaica, NY 11433. Reg Agent: Christopher Hein, 172-33 Douglas Ave., Jamaica, NY 11433. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 6/21,28,7/5,12,19&26/2012

AGS FASHION LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/7/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Leonard Finkel, Esq., 6817 Fresh Meadow Ln., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. General Purposes. 7/12,19,26,8/2,9&16/2012

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: XING WONG 88, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/10/12. 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, 50-58 69th Street, Woodside, New York 11377. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 6/28,7/5,12,19,26&8/2/2012

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: IRZA LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 01/18/2012 Office location: County of Queens. Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 105-06 Jamaica Avenue Richmond Hill, NY 11418 6/28,7/5,12,19,26&8/2/2012

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ROCKAWAY BLVD. DRIVE THRU LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/23/12. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2050. 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, 195 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06855. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 6/28,7/5,12,19,26&8/2/2012

Notice of Formation of Renaissance Therapy LLC. Articles of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/29/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Ms. T. Morgan, P.O. Box 310488, Jamaica, NY 11431. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/28,7/5,12,19,26&8/2/2012

Notice of formation of THE NEW WEI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State NY (SSNY) on 06/12/2012. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: P. O. Box 650411, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 7/5,12,19,26,8/2&9/2012



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3404 46th Street Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/7/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Petros Paliouras & Dimitrios Paliouras, 34-04 46th St, Long Island City, NY 11101. Duration Date: 12/31/2062. Purpose: General. 7/5,12,19,26,8/2&9/2012

Notice of formation of LUNAR ECLIPSE HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/4/2012. Office location, County of Queens. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The Delorio Law Group PLLC, Attn: Vincent Delorio, Esq., 800 Westchester Ave., Ste S-608, Rye Brook, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act. 7/12,19,26,8/2,9&16/2012

RAGO LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/1/12. 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, 60-26 Wetherole St., Elmhurst, NY 11373. General Purposes. 7/12,19,26,8/2,9&16/2012

NOTICE OF FORMATION, The Cliffs of Long Island City, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/15/2012. Office location: QUEENS. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to c/o: The Cliffs at Long Island City, (1 Commerce St, Valhalla, NY 10595). Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. 7/12,19,26,8/2,9&16/2012

AGS FASHION LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/7/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Leonard Finkel, Esq., 6817 Fresh Meadow Ln., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. General Purposes. 7/12,19,26,8/2,9&16/2012



Get Creative With A Classic Summer Beverage

(StatePoint) It's summertime and there's no better time to enjoy those treats that evoke the season. From state fair favorites like funnel cake and corn dogs, to iced refreshments to cool you off on a hot day.

For coffee drinkers, the summer is all about making your cup of coffee taste great and in-season. Here's an easy way to make cold brewed iced coffee at home: Cold Brewed Coffee
1 1/2 cups (4oz) coarsely-ground coffee, a lighter roast like Seattle's Best Coffee Level 2 is recommended for cold brewing
2 1/2 cups water
Add 1/2 cup water to the grounds, stirring gently. Add the remaining 2 cups water, agitating the grounds as little as possible.

Cover and let steep at room temperature for 12 hours. Strain the coffee grounds with a filter. If the coffee looks cloudy, strain again. Store concentrate in the refrigerator for up to two weeks, though using it within a week is recommended. To serve, add 1 part coffee concentrate to 3 parts water over ice.

Now that you've mastered the basics, consider kicking it up a notch and giving your summer cup of coffee a bit of flair.

TV Chef Jeff Mauro and Seattle's Best Coffee are hosting the "Red Cup Showdown," a coast-to-coast search at state fairs and on Facebook to find the most imaginative new coffee drink.

Mauro is encouraging coffee lovers to submit their creations for a chance to win \$10,000 and have their coffee drink featured at Seattle's Best Coffee locations nationwide. "From chicken



fried bacon to red velvet funnel cake, State Fairs are a hotbed of cooking creativity. I can't wait to meet some great people and see what they bring to the table for the Red Cup Showdown." You can enter your recipe online by visiting www.facebook.com/seattlesbestcoffee.

Before you get started, try this great recipe from Mauro for a bit of inspiration:

Chocolate Cream Cookie Sandwich Iced Coffee
1 1/2 cups of Vanilla Flavored Seattle's Best Coffee, cold brewed (see "Cold Brewed Coffee" instructions)
1/4 cup half and half
1 tablespoon of chocolate syrup
2 tablespoons of sweetened condensed milk
Whipped cream
8 chocolate and cream sandwich cookies, pounded in a freezer bag

In a large bowl or measuring cup, place coffee, half and half, chocolate syrup, and condensed milk. Whisk until combined. In a mason jar, pour over ice and top with whipped cream and crushed cookies.

Now get into the kitchen and make your dream summer brew a reality. With inventive ingredients and a bit of imagination, a regular cup of coffee can be transformed into something delicious.

Gaming Cafe Concerns

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Affairs suspend the 15 day notice so that the community has an ample time to review the application and meet with the owner to get the answer to all the outstanding questions regarding this proposed application. In addition, we also call on our our elected

officials to back us in stopping the opening of this gaming café.

Contact: Angela Augugliaro, President, Queens Colony Civic Association, (917) 514-7682.

Mary O'Donoghue, President, Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation, (516) 581-2762

Two Noshwalks This Weekend (including Friday in Flushing)

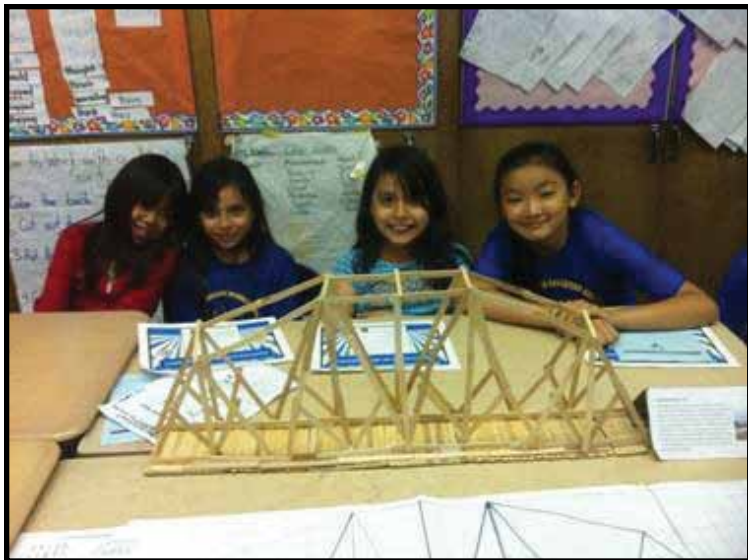
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ask that participants leave a tip. Be sure to check www.hopstop.com to plan your trip if you're taking mass transit. The tour ends near the 7 train. Meet in front of Queens Bazaar Food 94-02 63rd Drive, Rego Park. Directions: Take the R train to 63rd Drive. Sit toward the back of the train to be closer to our meeting place.

Fee: \$54, includes all tastings but not beverages. Call 212-222-2243 for more details or see www.noshwalks.com.

Due to some extreme weather conditions this summer, please be sure to check ahead of time if tours are going as scheduled. If you have reserved and a tour is canceled due to weather or other reasons, your fee will be credited to another tour.

Queens Students Complete BRIDGES Program



Students from P.S. 199 in Sunnyside, Queens, learned about the science behind bridges and constructed their own models through Salvadori Center's B.R.I.D.G.E.S program sponsored by Time Warner Cable. Photo credit: Salvadori Center

Continuing its mission to raise awareness about the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills through the Connect A Million Minds program, Time Warner Cable announced today its \$18,000 grant to the Salvadori Center B.R.I.D.G.E.S. program. B.R.I.D.G.E.S. [Build, Research, Invent, Design, Grow and Explore through Science] is an after-school, 12-week science education program serving middle school-aged children in over 25 community centers in New York City.

Students from P.S. 150 and P.S. 199 in Sunnyside, Queens, and the YouthBuild organization in East Harlem recently completed a successful semester of the B.R.I.D.G.E.S. program. This past Spring, students investigated the different types of bridges and their function, while learning about the history of some of the world's most prominent bridges. Students also identified the structural parts that make up a bridge and the forces that act upon them, analyzing how location, materials and technology affect the design.

"The Salvadori Center's B.R.I.D.G.E.S. program is a great complement to Time Warner Cable's Connect A Million Minds program as both bring alive the importance of STEM skills to students," said John Quigley, Time Warner Cable's Regional Vice President of Operations for New York City. "B.R.I.D.G.E.S. is a great way for students to learn about the architectural wonders

that we see and experience each day, and how STEM plays a central role. Time Warner Cable encourages students to pursue STEM skills as recent studies show that more than half of the fastest growing jobs in the future will be in the science or technology field."

"For over 35 years, the Salvadori Center has been helping students gain a personal understanding of math and science concepts through exploring the built environment – bridges, building, landmarks, and their communities," said Kenneth Jones, Salvadori Center's Executive Director. "With the generous support from Time Warner Cable, the Salvadori Center is able to bring this approach to learning math and science to students in after school programs in three sites in East Harlem and Sunnyside Queens. Salvadori's B.R.I.D.G.E.S. program delivers a fun and captivating experience that enables students to better understand science, engineering, mathematics, design, and technology through the built environment while reinforcing school-day learning."

B.R.I.D.G.E.S. focuses on fun and engaging topics such as bridges, skyscrapers, green design and skateparks. The program allows students to explore architecture, structural engineering, science, and math while learning more about their own communities. For more information about the Salvadori Center and its programs, visit <http://www.salvadori.org>.



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