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# **Point Of View**

## How to Save on **Back-to-School Shopping**

By Jason Alderman

On the fun-o-meter, I'd probably rank back-to-school shopping right above getting a flu shot and preparing income taxes. Never mind the hassle of figuring out what our kids need for the coming school year and dragging them to the mall, it's just so expensive.

For example, our son insists that we replace his baseball glove and bat as he enters 7th grade. (He's right – his fouryear-old mitt has seen better days.) Also, our daughter is starting soccer and needs cleats – good ones aren't cheap and footwear is one area where we refuse to scrimp.

Many years ago my wife and I learned our lesson and started setting aside money each month for the inevitable – and unexpected – expenses that crop up each fall. By trial and error – and sound advice from fellow parents – we've developed a back-to-school budgeting checklist:

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#### Crowley and White House "Car Czar" **Tour Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association's Queens Training**



Congressman Crowley welcomes Jay Williams, Executive Director of the Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association.

On Monday, August 13th Rep. Joe Crowley (NY-7) welcomed Jay Williams, Executive Director of the federal government's Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, to the Greater New York Au-

tomobile Dealers Association (GNYADA) for a tour of the association's Center for Automotive Education & Training and to meet with local auto dealership

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# **Crowley Hosts Back-To-School Drive** With Woodside On The Move



Pictured above: Congressman Crowley interacts with students in the computer classroom at the Pictured above: Congressman Crowley and Adrian



summer camp hosted by Woodside on the Move. Bordoni handing out new school supplies to students

Congressman Joe Crowley hosted a back-to-school drive with Woodside on the Move for children attending summer camps at PS 11 and PS153 in Woodside, Queens. After touring the camp at PS 11 and talking to students to about the need to focus on their education, Congressman Crowley donated backto-school supplies to over 300

campers, including notebooks, pens, pencils, paper and other needed items.

"Every child deserves to have the necessary resources to succeed in the classroom. That's why I am proud to partner with Woodside on the Move to host this back-to-school drive for students here in Woodside. The supplies these children are receiving

will not only give the students much-needed tools to help with their education, but will ensure they get off to the right start on day one this school year," said Congressman Crowley.

"On behalf of Woodside on the Move, I'd like to thank Congressman Crowley for hosting this

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## **Mayor Koch Endorses Grace Meng for Congress**



Assemblywoman Grace Meng, the Democratic candidate for Congress in New York's 6th district, today received the endorsement of former New York City Mayor Ed Koch on the steps of City Hall. Mayor Koch heralded Assemblywoman Meng as the best choice to

stand in support of a strong U.S. – Israel relationship in Congress, and to protect our middle-class families at all costs.

Mayor Koch said, "Grace Meng is unequivocally the strongest candidate to maintain strong U.S. relations with the State of Israel

Grace has demonstrated a deep understanding of the nature of Israel's struggle in its corner of the world and why it's so important for Israeli and American interests and global security that the United

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First, calculate how much you can afford to spend on school-related expenses without blowing your overall budget or racking up debt. Scoring bargains won't help your bottom line if you end up paying interest on unpaid balances.

Next, make a comprehensive list of anticipated expenses for each child and build in a cushion for unexpected costs. Try these strategies:

- Examine previous years' bills and compare notes with other, more experienced parents.
- Ask the school which supplies they expect you to buy. Pool resources with other families to take advantage of volume discounts and sales.
- Spread clothing purchases throughout the year so your kids won't outgrow everything at once; plus you can take advantage of off-season sales.
- Review school dress codes so you don't waste money on inappropriate clothing.
- Before buying new clothing or accessories, look for

"gently used" items in the closets of your older kids, friends and neighbors, at garage sales, thrift and consignment stores, and sites like Craig's List.

- Find out how much extracurricular activities (athletics, music, art, etc.) cost. Account for uniforms, membership dues, private lessons, field trips, snacks, etc.
- Compare the cost, convenience and nutritional value of school lunches and snacks versus food you prepare yourself.
- Learn your school's policy on immunizations and see what's covered by your insurance or which ones you can access free at health fairs or community clinics
- Factor in public transportation, school bus or carpool expenses.
- Although shopping online can save money, time and gas, don't forget shipping and return costs, which could undo any net savings. If your kids are old enough, put them in charge of online comparison shopping.

- Clip newspaper and online coupons. Many stores will match competitors' prices even if their own items aren't on sale. Plus, many consolidation websites post downloadable coupons and sale codes for online retail-
- Mobile shopping apps let in-store smartphone and mobile browser users scan product barcodes and make on-the-spot price comparisons, read reviews, download coupons, buy products and more.

Some parents wrestle over whether or not to take their kids on shopping trips. I think it's worth the effort so they can hear and absorb your decision-making process and understand what's available to spend. My kids are probably sick of hearing me say, "I'm going to buy this brand of underwear because it's cheaper, which will give us more money to buy a better-quality jacket."

Bottom line: Back-to-school shopping can be tedious, but if you plan carefully, you can save time, money and aggravation.

## **Mayor Koch Endorses Grace Meng for Congress**

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States stands in support of her."

Mayor Koch noted that Assemblywoman Meng's opponent, Republican Councilman Dan Halloran, strongly endorsed Congressman Ron Paul's presidential candidacy throughout the Republican presidential primary season. Mayor Koch highlighted Rep. Paul's anti-Israel agenda, including the congressman's calls to cut foreign aid to Israel and his outspoken opposition to interfering in Iran's efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

"The facts don't lie. Dan Halloran was Ron Paul's most ardent supporter in all of New York City—a dangerous and alarming choice by an individual seeking a seat in Congress," Koch continued. "The Councilman simply cannot have it both ways. Mr. Halloran's support for Ron Paul's presidential candidacy is a clear indicator that

he does not prioritize the sacred bond between the United States and Israel."

"Above all else, Grace is a woman of principle who takes a sensible approach to her stances on the issues, including her dedication to protecting working, middle-class families and ensuring that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share. That is why she has my strongest support in her bid to become our next representative from New York's 6th Congressional district."

Assemblywoman Meng said, "Mayor Koch has long stood as a pillar of strong U.S.-Israeli relations and a champion of middle class families everywhere, which is why I am so honored and thankful to have his endorsement during this critical moment in our nation's history. Middle-class Queens families, the American people, and the greater international community

deserve a United States Congress that will fight to protect the hard working families and our most vulnerable neighbors and stand up for the rights of our allies, including Israel. I look forward to working with Mayor Koch in the years to come and standing up for these commonsense ideals as a member of the House of Representatives."

"All New Yorkers would agree that Mayor Koch is authentic, he's the real thing," Grace concluded. "the depth and seriousness of his public service experiences and accomplishments are unique among those who serve. I'm thrilled to have his support."

In addition to his tenure as a reforming Democratic Party official in the early 1960's, Ed Koch was a NYC Councilman from 1967-1969, and Member of Congress from 1969 through 1977 before his first Mayoral election.

# Crowley and White House "Car Czar" Tour Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association's Queens Training

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owners to discuss the future of the American auto industry and the impact of the federal government's rescue efforts on Queens and New York.

The tour gave the officials a first-hand look at how the Center's career development program is training students for jobs in the auto industry. The program currently includes 750 students, 49 of which are returning war veterans.

"I am so pleased Executive Director Williams was able to join us in Queens to see first-hand the unique approach the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association is taking to prepare workers, including our veterans, for a future in the auto industry," said Rep. Crowley. "From employing thousands of

residents to generating muchneeded tax revenues, the auto industry is playing a pivotal role far beyond Detroit, and is a leading innovator and employer right here in Queens. Thanks to Mr. Williams and the successful efforts by the Obama Administration to keep the U.S. auto industry from going bankrupt, the industry is once again thriving across the country and has maintained a strong presence here in New York."

"We were thrilled that Executive Director Williams visited Queens so that he was able to witness firsthand the exceptional job that the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association does in training and educating individuals who choose to work in the automotive field," said Congressman Gary Ackerman (NY-5). "The auto industry

is crucial to the economy of Queens and the entire New York area, and thanks to the outstanding work of Jay Williams and the Obama Administration – who pulled the automobile business back from the brink of bankruptcy – the industry remains a valuable asset to our region."

As head of the federal government's Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, Mr. Williams is working directly with state and local stakeholders in areas affected by the changing American automotive industry to ensure they receive the federal support necessary to thrive, grow and succeed in the current economy.

According to a 2010 economic impact study released by GNYADA, franchised new car

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#### CM Peter Vallone Voices Support For Efforts To Reduce Non-Health Related Restaurant Fines

Council Member Peter F. Vallone Jr., a member of the City Council's Health Committee, has voiced his support for Speaker Christine Quinn's efforts to streamline the appeals process and reduce fines for restaurants for non-health violations. Vallone will also be

signing on as a sponsor of the legislation.

"Astoria features some of the best restaurants and outdoor cafes in all of New York City, but they are fighting for their lives with high property taxes and competition from street vendors, let alone these frivolous

and bloated fines that can go as high as \$2,000," said Council Member Peter F. Vallone Jr. "Heavy fines for violations which have nothing to do with health concerns, like slightly broken tiles or three drops of water on the floor, can shut down a healthy business."

#### Speaker Quinn Launches New Online Initiative To Spark Community Development In Low-Income Neighborhoods Across Five Boroughs

Speaker Quinn today announced the launch of a new initiative with Kickstarter to increase investments in low-income neighborhoods. The partnership will empower people to raise funds for creative businesses and projects in communities that need it the most. Speaker Quinn first proposed the plan this past February in her annual State of the City address.

While New York City is home to nearly 200,000 small businesses, business owners in low-income communities continue to face barriers to growth, including insufficient access to capital. To help them receive much-needed funding, the City Council is working with Kickstarter, a funding platform for creative projects, to highlight New York City-based projects. The New York City Council's page on Kickstarter features an array of projects in neighborhoods across the five boroughs. Local residents will have the chance to contribute to projects they want to see in their districts. People around the world will be better able to support New Yorkers who are making a difference and giving our economy a boost.

The collaboration will also promote community development across the five boroughs. The Council's page will serve as a place for residents to pledge their support for local projects that have the potential to yield a variety of benefits to underserved communities. With projects ranging from neighborhood urban farms

to public art installations and performances to co-ops and cafes — the potential for positive community change, civic engagement and urban renewal is limitless. New Yorkers are looking to invest in their city, and this partnership provides them to means to get involved.

Here's how it works: someone with an idea for a community project or a creative venture posts a proposal on the Kickstarter website. People pledge money, and in return they get a reward. The money is then used to bring the project to life.

Projects like Seasoned Vegan – a new mother-son owned Vegan restaurant in Harlem - will be featured on the New York City Council Kickstarter page. Kickstarter helped the group raise \$22,185, and in exchange for their pledges, backers will receive rewards ranging from free cupcakes to having dishes on the menu named after them.

Seasoned Vegan is slated to open in September 2012 and will not only create jobs for the neighborhood, but will also host cooking and entrepreneurial classes for local students, through a community-outreach program.

"From East New York to the South Bronx, we're going to kickstart New York's low-income communities through our partnership with Kickstarter, said Speaker Christine C. Quinn. "New Yorkers are still struggling, and we need to do everything we can to give

people a leg up.'

Kickstarter has facilitated the funding of more than 27,000 creative projects since its launch in April 2009 and more than two million people have pledged over \$300 million in support of these projects.

'Gaining access to startup capital is a major hurdle for any entrepreneur, creative or otherwise. This is especially true for entrepreneurs and artists in our city's poorer communities," said Council Member Al Vann. "City Council's new Kickstarter page will connect New Yorkers with dreams to others who want to participate in their success. In so doing, the page will shift the focus from the negative statistics that often define these communities to the creativity and potential that exists within them. I look forward to seeing new projects on the page each month and to watching the dreams of New Yorkers come

Aaron Beener, co-founder of Seasoned Vegan said, "As small business owners it has been very difficult for us to raise the money to open our restaurant. Most lending institutions require that you have at least 20% of the small business loan you are requesting. We are so thankful for the platform provided by KickStarter.com which has allowed us to raise half the funds needed to get our loan."

The Council Kickstarter page can be found here: kickstarter. com/NYC

# Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation To Make Invasive And Unwanted Telemarketing More Difficult In New York State

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation today that will reduce telemarketing by prohibiting calls that deliver prerecorded messages unless the recipient has expressly consented to such calls and requiring telemarketers to provide call recipients with the option to put their phone number on the telemarketer's do-not-call list.

The Governor's legislation would also give authority to the Department of State to ban telemarketing companies that violate New York's telemarketing laws from doing business in New York State.

"Unwanted telemarketing calls are intrusive and irritating," said Governor Cuomo. "This legislation is designed to ensure that New Yorkers who choose not to receive these promotional messages are not forced to deal with these harassing phone calls."

Currently, telemarketers licensed outside of New York are able to harass New York consumers, pay a negligible fine, and continue to do business in the state. Under the Governor's proposal, all telemarketers doing business in New York will be required to register with the Department of State which will have the authority to revoke or suspend the registration of companies that do not comply with state law. In addition, violation of the telemarketing law could result in additional fines and misdemeanor charges. The legislation will take effect in 90 days.

At present, fewer than 30 telemarketers are registered in New York. In contrast, in nearby states that require registration of out-of-state telemarketers calling into the state, the numbers are much higher, ranging from over 200 in Pennsylvania to over 300 in Vermont and over 500 in New Jersey.

In 2000, New York enacted the Do Not Call law to protect consumers from unwanted and abusive telemarketing calls. The law permits consumers to place their telephone numbers on a central registry to reduce the number of unsolicited telemarketing calls they receive. New Yorkers have registered over 13 million phone numbers on the Do-Not-Call registry. From 2009 to the present, the Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection has received nearly 5,000 Do Not Call complaints and inquires; in just the first quarter of 2012, the FTC received 61,705 Do Not Call complaints from New Yorkers. New Yorkers who wish to place their numbers on the Do Not Call registry can visit: https://www. donotcall.gov/

Senate Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos said, "Complaints about intrusive and unwanted telemarketers are pervasive throughout New York, but this new law will help by holding all telemarketers to

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# BASEBALL HOF INDUCTION by Merle Exit

My memories of going to baseball games puts me at Yankee Stadium and seeing players such as Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Clete Boyer, Bobby Richardson, Moose Skowron, Whitey Ford and Yogi Berra. When I left The Bronx, baseball didn't seem to be as much fun.

I recently had the opportunity to take a trip to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown for the 2012 inductions of Barry Larkin and Ron Santo via a company called Sports Travel and Tours. This HOF Weekend included: Two nights hotel accommodations at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Albany (free breakfast); round trip motorcoach transfers to and from Cooperstown; membership to the National Baseball Hall of Fame; admission to the Induction Ceremony; a trip reception and dinner the first evening; plus a few souvenirs of which one was an engraved collectable mini bat.

Baseball fans came from afar to experience the weekend events. I made my way to Albany via Amtrak. I must say that the ride was quite comfortable as well as scenic. I just wind that you can now travel Amtrak with an E-ticket. Check it out on http://www.amtrak.com/eticketing-your-ride-is-just-a-barcode-away

There were two bus loads. John Werner was the ever knowledgeable tour guide on our bus as we were off Saturday morning to Cooperstown. Main Street, the main street, was crowded with baseball fans looking for souvenirs and autographs. Many famed baseball players were signing at



a cost. Many fans were happy enough just to see and just say "hi" to their heroes. I missed being able to chat with Yogi Berra.

The Baseball Hall of Fame was my first stop but with too much to see, I focused on two exhibits: Diamond Dreams: Women In Baseball; and the old Yankee players. Across the street the post office was issuing stamps with the players who were being inducted. You could buy the stamps, or get a one of those artistic envelopes with a canceled stamp.

Over at Doubleday Field an awards presentation took place in the afternoon.

Early evening brought the Hall of Fame Parade of Legends that featured the famed players as they would each be seated in the back of a truck waving to the fans lining Main Street. Yogi Berra was not able to make an appearance but Whitey Ford did.

Sunday morning got us back

to Cooperstown for the induction ceremony. The sun was beaming (I forgot to wear my cap and sunscreen that Sports Travel and Tours provided) as each of the living legendary HOF players were introduced and seated. Yogi Berra was introduced and Willy Mays helped Yogi to his seat. Willy was the next to be acknowledged.

Sports Travel Tours offered a VIP package that got you reserved seats at the induction. If you weren't seated close enough there were big screens to view instead. In fact there was much more to see on the screens involving each of their careers. It was then time for Barry Larkin and Ron Santo's induction. Ron's wife accepted the plaque.

Back on the bus, a few more souvenirs, and we're at the hotel. Great job, John! You can check out the upcoming sports tours at www.sportstravelandtours.com.

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# EXPLORING ALBANY by Merle Exit

Atraking to Albany I arrived in the morning, giving me much of the day to explore some of the main attractions, the first being Albany Institute of History and Art, located in the downtown area. "Step inside one of the oldest museums in North America for a glimpse of what life was like in old Albany and the Upper Hudson Valley through an amazing collection of furniture, clothing, paintings, silver and photographs, all celebrating the importance of this region in American history".

Accompanied by Schuyler Bull, we took a tour through the museum beginning with some recent acquisitions to include works of art and decorative furniture such as an oak table from the early 20th century.

One room featured an exhibit called "First in the Hearts of His Countrymen" exploring the impact of George Washington, whose likeness both during life and since his death has adorned and inspired thousands of artists, sculptors, and craftspeople.

Another exhibition, Great, Strange, and Rarely Seen places on view the little known collections from the Albany Institute. Chinese lacquer, intricately carved Japanese netsuke, and eighteenth-century English porcelain statuettes. Then there are other collections like patent models and human hair jewelry. The exhibition also includes panoramic photographs, unusual clocks, British and American fortepianos, and riches from the Library.

The most interesting of the collection is in the room displaying Ancient Egypt through art and objects to include two mummies. www.albanyinstitute.org.

A quick lunch at Melvile's Mug a specialty coffee cafe named for Herman Melville. The cafe is located in Clinton Square across the way from the Palace Theater.

Albany Visitors Center, located in Quackenbush Square, gave me the opportunity to view a 10-minute video presentation with an orientation of the city. www. albany.org/visitors-center.

albany.org/visitors-center.

The New York State Museum was the next stop. It is difficult to give a full description of this massive museum, the largest museum of this sort in the US. I'm guessing that the goal it to tell the story of New York State, both cultural and natural with many galleries. "The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response", is one of the most recent exhibit to a major mu-



seum regarding the 911 disaster.

A gallery devoted to Harlem is another. We took in a depiction of a Mohawk Iroquois village longhouse and up on the 5th floor, a functioning 36-hourse carousel that was hand-carved in Brooklyn in the 1980s. www.nysm.nysed.

Last stop was the Capitol Building one of only a few in the US that does not have a dome. Located at Empire State Plaza, architecture is a main topic here that not only emphasize the exterior but also the ceilings, walls and major staircases. The Great Western Staircase, also known as the Million Dollar Staircase, took an unheard of 14 years to construct, from 1883-1897 and cost, more than one million dollars. Most of the work was accomplished by stone cutters that came from Italy. We did view the large Senate Chamber. http://assembly.state.

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## **TAURUS**

#### (April 21 - May 21)

Social activities that involve the whole family will be enjoyable. Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavory situations. Your lucky numbers are 1,4,5.

#### **GEMINI**

#### (May 22 - June 21)

You can get your point across if you don't beat around the bush. Traveling will promote new business encounters. Uncertainties about your personal life are probable. Your lucky numbers are 2,6,8.

#### **CANCER**

#### (June 22 - July 22)

Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. Don't let others know about your private affairs. Don't rely on coworkers. lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

#### (July 23 - August 22)

Don't reveal anything about your personal life to those who may use such information against you. Don't put all your cash in one place. lucky numbers are 8,4,3.

#### (August 23 - September 23)

You may want to pull out some of those unfinished project you've got tucked away. Good investment situations may be apparent at home. Your lucky numbers are 4,8,3

#### **LIBRA**

#### (September 24 - October 23)

Don't deny yourself enjoyment this week. A change of attitude is needed. You can make drastic changes in your business this week. Your lucky numbers are 7,4,3.

#### **SCORPIO**

#### (October 24 - November 22)

You may find that doing odd jobs around the house will be successful and appreciated by loved ones. Don't be too shy to promote your own interests. Your lucky numbers are 9,2,5.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

#### (November 23 - December 21)

Talk to someone you trust and respect to sort out any problems. Children may be demanding, and entertainment could cost a lot more than you can really afford. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,7.

#### **CAPRICORN**

#### (December 22 - January 20)

It might be best to work on your own; if possible, do your job out of your home this week. You may find it difficult to communicate with someone at work. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,2.

#### **AQUARIUS**

#### (January 21 - February 19)

Romance will unfold through business trips. Relatives will be cordial. Don't be too quick to react. Do not yield to children or relatives. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

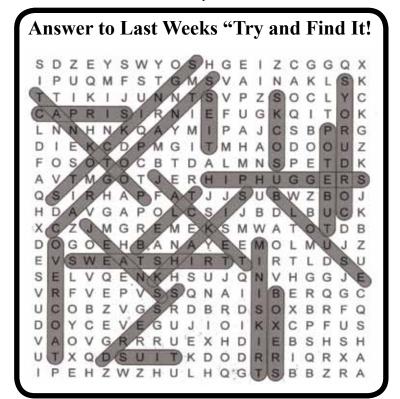
#### **PISCES**

#### (February 20 - March 20)

Your mind will be wandering to exotic destinations. You can spend a passionate evening with someone you cherish if you make your plans early. Your investments are looking better this week. Your lucky numbers are 7,5,3.

#### Did you know ...?

Pineapple ... One-third of the World's pineapples comes from Hawaii. A rhinoceros' horn is made of compacted hair



## Poets Corner

#### Firefly by Susan Varo

It's been years and years When will I see That glowing neon That captivates me Above a hedge Beyond a tree Oh what a sight What fun they'd be In the darkest of nights

A glimpse of their glow Where is the firefly I simply don't know Just a blip here and there Before you and then Seen further away

But before you again I would not have thought As time would go by Would never have caught Another firefly

They're not like another That buzz in my ear They shine like no other Why aren't they here

Every summer and then I'd catch some in a jar But where did they go Away somewhere far

I know they're some place But I won't say goodbye I'll just say so long To that bright firefly

#### **Statement From** NY State Sen. Jose Peralta On The Proposed **Construction Of A Soccer Stadium In Flushing Meadows** Corona Park

"It's encouraging to see the progress that is being made on an economic development project that will create badly needed construction and permanent jobs," State Senator Jose Peralta said. "With a centrally located soccer stadium that has Citi Field and the United States Tennis Center as neighbors, and an extensive transportation infrastructure servicing the area, there is the potential to create in North Central Queens a world-class sports and entertainment destination that is second to none."



#### **Answer to Last Weeks** "Sudoku"

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#### Dromm and Local Merchants Reach Agreement on 37th Road Plaza

NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm (center) and the merchants of the 37th Road Plaza in Jackson Heights announced a new partnership to ensure the plaza remains an active and vibrant part of the local business community. The merchants also announced the formation of a new non-profit organization called Social Uplift Knowledge and Hopes Initiative (SUKHI) to manage and program events on the 37th Road Plaza.

As part of a diverse array of events being planned, an Eid Bazar and Chand Raat Festival will take place on the Plaza from August 16th through August 20th. Dromm pledged his full support for the organization and applauded the efforts of the stakeholders



Pictured with Dromm from left to right are: SUKHI Member Mohammad Yousuf, SUKHI President Shazia Kausar, Soundview Broadcasting C.E.O Shafquat Chaudhary, SUKHI Founder Agha Saleh and Kabab King Co-owner Shaukat Ali.

of the 37th Road Plaza and their commitment to making the plaza

the gateway to Jackson Heights' diverse community.

#### **Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer Tours Queensbridge Community Garden**

Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer recently visited the Community Garden at Jacob Riis Settlement House in the Queensbridge Houses. Nearly 20 community residents care for the community garden which has become a space for seniors to socialize, receive nutritional information and observe food demonstrations. The garden also features intergenerational programming with local seniors which engages over 100 Riis Academy Youth. In this photo, Council Member Van Bramer is joined by Lyndell Williams, a senior participant of the Queensbridge Senior Center and Bob Madison, Director of Senior Services, as he tours the garden which features four recently built raised beds that have yielded



herbs, vegetables and flowers; including basil, epazote, rosemary,

oregano, eggplant, lettuce, okra, sunflowers and moon flowers.

# **Council MemberMark Weprin Presents Citations At Council Sports & Arts In Schools Foundation**

Council Member Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) presented citations to students at the closing ceremony of NYC Council Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF) program at P.S. 46Q, in Oakland Gardens, Queens. The SASP program is a free summer camp, funded by the New York City Council, that provides engaging instruction, including sports, arts, and educational field trips.

"Summer programs like SASF give young students the opportunity to engage in activities like sports and the arts. In an age of extreme emphasis on standardized test preparation, it is wonderful to see children using their minds and bodies for creative expression," said Council Member Mark Weprin.

SASF was founded in 1970 and has grown to be the leading provider of comprehensive school-based sports and arts after-school programming in New York City.



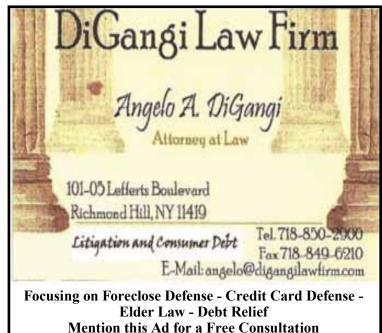
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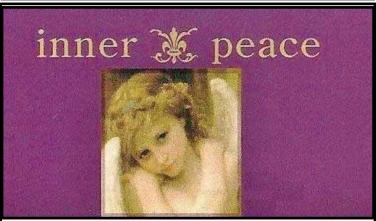




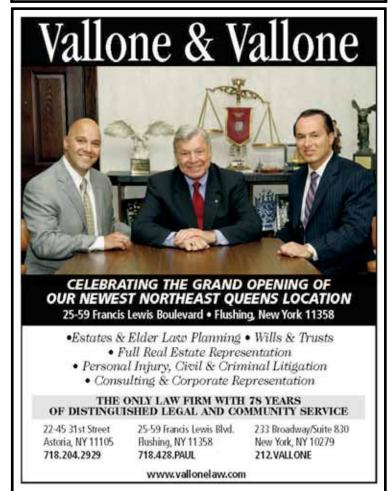
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# Crowley Hosts Back-To-School Drive With Woodside On The Move

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back-to-school drive today. It was inspiring to see the excitement on the faces of each of the children as they received their new school supplies. I look forward to continuing to work with Congressman Crowley as we ensure that every child receives the quality education they deserve," said Woodside on the Move executive director Adrian Bordoni.

This is the sixth year Woodside on the Move has hosted the summer camp at PS 11 and the fourth year at PS 152. Both camps are funded by New York City's program Out-of-School-Time, which provides academic, recreational and cultural activities for students during after school hours, the summer and holidays. After funding for both programs were cut under the initial city budget, Congressman Crowley and other



Pictured: Congressman Crowley and Adrian Bordoni, executive director of Woodside on the Move, and students with their new school supplies.

elected officials successfully rallied to have the funds restored

to the after school and summer programs.

# 110th Precinct Community Council Holds Successful "Night Out"



Pictured presenting Commissioner Seth Diamond with a proclamation a the 110th Precinct Community Council 29th annual National Night Out is Albert Perna, NYC Department of Homeland Services Commissioner Seth Diamond, 110th Precinct Executive Officer Captain Mark Wachter, 110th Precinct Community Council President Evelyn DeCoursey, NYSSen. José Peralta. Photoby Bob Grant.

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Pictured are those who are responsible for distribution the food is 110th Precinct Community Council member Joseph DiMartino, Corona Lion Lou Sara, Corona Lion Gracw Vozzolo, Officer Flanders Field VFW Post #150 Mike Liquori and Corona Lion Theresa Ann Rella. Photo by Bob Grant.

The 110th Precinct Community Council celebrated the 29th annual National Night Out at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park with approximately 1,000 people in attendance. The purpose of the event is to bring community members together with police of-

ficers in an entertaining and educational setting. Police officers distributed informational material and discussed issues such as crime prevention, domestic violence, counterterrorism, children's safety and highway safety. Children's activities included face-painting by a clown, bounce houses, access to the Queens Zoo petting zoo and the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Carousel, as well as a Youth Olympics competition sponsored by Target. Free hot dogs, refreshments, ices and desert was also available

#### **Local Elected Officials and Community Rally for Miller**

Surrounded by friends, colleagues, supporters and community leaders, Assembly Member Mike Miller hosted a rally in support of his re-election. A host of elected officials specifically noted Mike's ability to get things done without regard to politics while working hard to create good jobs and expand economic opportunities for Queens' families.

"I am running for re-election to make sure all our children have access to great schools, our seniors remain protected, and our small businesses have the resources to flourish," said Assemblyman Mike Miller. "I am focused on keeping taxes low for middle class families while at the same time raising the minimum wage to grow our economy and create good jobs here at home. In

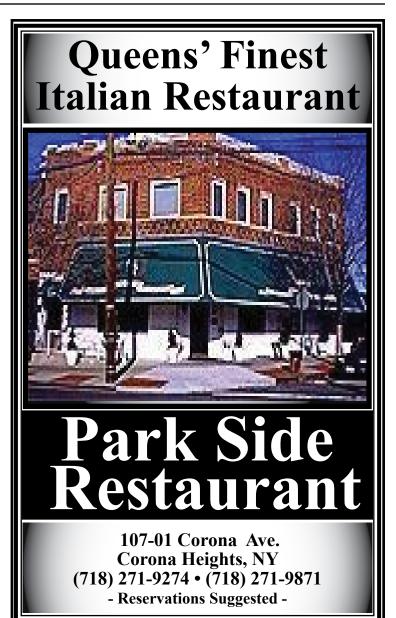


this incredibly diverse district, I will continue to be a voice for all our families, in all our neighborhoods."

Over the past year, Assemblyman Miller has been on the front lines of the fight to protect middle

class families in an uncertain economic environment. From helping to close a \$10 billion dollar budget deficit without raising taxes, to securing much needed funding

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#### **Artificial Retina With The Capacity To Restore Normal Vision**

For the First Time, Researchers Decipher the Retina's Neural Code for Brain Communication to Create Novel, More Effective Prosthetic Retinal Device for Blindness

Two researchers at Weill Cornell Medical College have deciphered a mouse's retina's neural code and coupled this information to a novel prosthetic device to restore sight to blind mice. The researchers say they have also cracked the code for a monkey retina-which is essentially identical to that of a human —and hope to quickly design and test a device that blind humans can use.

The breakthrough, reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), signals a remarkable advance in longstanding efforts to restore vision. Current prosthetics provide blind users with spots and edges of light to help them navigate. This novel device provides the code to restore normal vision. The code is so accurate that it can allow facial features to be discerned and allow animals to track moving images.

The lead researcher, Dr. Sheila Nirenberg, a computational neuroscientist at Weill Cornell, envisions a day when the blind can choose to wear a visor, similar to the one used on the television show Star Trek. The visor's camera will take in light and use a computer chip to turn it into a code that the brain can translate into an image.

"It's an exciting time. We can make blind mouse retinas see, and we're moving as fast as we can to do the same in humans," says Dr. Nirenberg, a professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics and in the Institute for Computational Biomedicine at Weill Cornell. The study's co-author is Dr. Chethan Pandarinath, who was a graduate student with Dr. Nirenberg and is currently a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford University.

This new approach provides hope for the 25 million people worldwide who suffer from blindness due to diseases of the retina. Because drug therapies help only a small fraction of this population, prosthetic devices are their best option for future sight.

"This is the first prosthetic that has the potential to provide normal or near-normal vision because it incorporates the code," Dr. Nirenberg explains.

Discovering the Code

Normal vision occurs when light falls on photoreceptors in the surface of the retina. The retinal circuitry then processes the signals from the photoreceptors and converts them into a code of neural impulses. These impulses are then sent up to the brain by the retina's output cells, called ganglion cells. The brain understands this code of neural pulses and can translate it into meaningful images.

Blindness is often caused by diseases of the retina that kill the photoreceptors and destroy the associated circuitry, but typically, in these diseases, the retina's output cells are spared.

Current prosthetics generally work by driving these surviving cells. Electrodes are implanted into a blind patient's eye, and they stimulate the ganglion cells with current. But this only produces rough visual fields.

Many groups are working to improve performance by placing more stimulators into the patient's eye. The hope is that with more stimulators, more ganglion cells in the damaged tissue will be activated, and image quality will improve.

Other research teams are testing use of light-sensitive proteins as an alternate way to stimulate the cells. These proteins are introduced into the retina by gene therapy. Once in the eye, they can target many ganglion cells at once.

But Dr. Nirenberg points out that there's another critical factor. "Not only is it necessary to stimulate large numbers of cells, but they also have to be stimulated with the right codethe code the retina normally uses to communicate with the brain."

This is what the authors discovered - and what they incorporated into a novel prosthetic system.

Dr. Nirenberg reasoned that any pattern of light falling on to the retina had to be converted into a general code-a set of equations-that turns light patterns into patterns of electrical pulses. "People have been trying to find the code that does this for simple stimuli, but we knew it had to be generalizable, so that it could work for anything-faces, landscapes, anything that a person sees," Dr. Nirenberg says.

Vision = Chip Plus Gene Therapy

In a eureka moment, while working on the code for a different reason, Dr. Nirenberg realized that what she was doing could be directly applied to a prosthetic. She and her student, Dr. Pandarinath, immediately went to work on it. They implemented the mathematical equations on a "chip" and combined it with a mini-projector. The chip, which she calls the "encoder" converts images that come into the eye into streams of electrical impulses, and the mini-projector then converts the electrical impulses into light impulses. These light pulses then drive the lightsensitive proteins, which have been put in the ganglion cells, to send the code on up to the brain.

The entire approach was tested on the mouse. The researchers built two prosthetic systems-one with the code and one without. "Incorporating the code had a dramatic impact," Dr. Nirenberg says. "It jumped the system's performance up to near-normal levels-that is, there was enough information in the system's output to reconstruct images of faces, animals-basically anything we attempted."

In a rigorous series of experiments, the researchers found that the patterns produced by the blind retinas in mice closely matched those produced by normal mouse retinas.

"The reason this system works is two-fold," Dr. Nirenberg says.

"The encoder-the set of equations-is able to mimic retinal transformations for a broad range of stimuli, including natural scenes, and thus produce normal patterns of electrical pulses, and the stimulator (the light sensitive protein) is able to send those pulses on up to the brain."

"What these findings show is that the critical ingredients for building a highly-effective retinal prosthetic-the retina's code and a high resolution stimulating method-are now, to a large extent, in place," reports Dr. Nirenberg.

Dr. Nirenberg says her retinal prosthetic will need to undergo human clinical trials, especially to test safety of the gene therapy component, which delivers the light—sensitive protein. But she anticipates it will be safe since similar gene therapy vectors have been successfully tested for other retinal diseases.

"This has all been thrilling," Dr. Nirenberg says. "I can't wait to get started on bringing this approach to patients."

The study was funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health and Cornell University's Institute for Computational Biomedicine.

Both Drs. Nirenberg and Pandarinath have a patent application for the prosthetic system filed through Cornell University. Weill Cornell Medical College

Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University's medical school located in New York City, is committed to excellence in research, teaching, patient care and the advancement of the art and science of medicine, locally, nationally and globally. Physicians and scientists of Weill Cornell Medical College are engaged in cutting-edge research from bench to bedside, aimed at unlocking mysteries of the human body in health and sickness and toward developing new treatments and prevention strategies. In its commitment to global health and education, Weill Cornell has a strong presence in places such as Qatar, Tanzania, Haiti, Brazil, Austria and Turkey. Through the historic Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, the Medical College is the first in the U.S. to offer its M.D. degree overseas. Weill Cornell is the birthplace of many medical advances-including the development of the Pap test for cervical cancer, the synthesis of penicillin, the first successful embryo-biopsy pregnancy and birth in the U.S., the first clinical trial of gene therapy for Parkinson's disease, and most recently, the world's first successful use of deep brain stimulation to treat a minimally conscious brain-injured patient. Weill Cornell Medical College is affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, where its faculty provides comprehensive patient care at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. The Medical College is also affiliated with the Methodist

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# **Queens Sports**

by Robert Elkin

#### **Bell and Gaines Play On Champs**

Two natives of this borough of Queens, including one with professional basketball experience, put on summer uniforms to stay in shape for the next level, whatever it might be.

Rashad Bell, who came out of St. Francis Prep and then Boston University, and Sundiata Gaines, who played at rival Archbishop Molloy during their schoolboy days in the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association, and eventually at the University of Georgia, both competed for The Franchise quintet, one of eight teams during the summer. These squads belonged to the Nike Summer Basketball Pro City League, whose games were set for Manhattan's Baruch College.

Gaines ended up competing for the then New Jersey Nets of the National Basketball Association last winter.

Both have aspirations of advancing further in their basketball careers, whether it be in the NBA or overseas, or another capacity in the hoop sport.

In the championship game, Bell saw action for The Franchise for 39 minutes scored 15 points, on six of 12 shots made from the floor, and three of four from the free throw line, took down three rebounds, assisted twice and committed three turnovers..

Gaines appeared on the court for 22 minutes for the same team and scored 10 points, including going a perfect eight for eight from the free throw line, grabbed four caroms, assisted twice, stole the ball twice and committed three turnovers.

The coaches tried to give every player in attendance a chance to see action in a very competitive exciting 93-90 win for The Franchise over Dyckman/NYAC before a capacity crowd that certainly kept the attendees on their feet and cheering for both squads.

"This is my second championship (in summer leagues)," said Bell, whose team didn't win it last year. "I've been playing in this league for four years (summers)."

Playing summer league ball keeps the athletes in

shape for the following season, wherever it might be.

"It's a good way to stay in shape before we go overseas (or even to the NBA for the fortunate ones who really progressed in this sport,)" Bell said. "Last year I played in Hungary. I don't know where I'm going yet. I'll be somewhere.

"Summer basketball prepares me because it's a high level of basketball. Wherever I go I'll have to play at a high level."

Bell said that his mother wanted him to go to St. Francis Prep for his high school days.

"She told me it was a good school for academics," he went on. "At St. Francis Prep I averaged 28 points a game and in college I averaged 17 points a game while at Boston University. Playing

at Boston U helped me expand my game and not to be just a perimeter player, but also to have a post game.

In the Nike League, Bell played with who he termed 'good players, thus enabling his team to capture the title on two occasions.

Meanwhile, Gaines would like to continue to be with the Nets, who has recently moved to downtown Brooklyn. He would even be a backup guard on the team, as they got better by adding new players during the off season and they certainly improved from last year in all phases of the game. They have a lot of guards on their roster.

"Being back with the Nets, I'll see how it all works out," he added after the overtime victory in the Nike Championship game. "There's no guarantee right now."

Should Gaines sees action for the Brooklyn Nets, he will be playing closer to where grew up-in Jamaica."

"It's always good to be 'home,' "he said after the final Nike League contest. "I have to take it a day at a time, and see how it (goes). If an opportunity takes itself, I'll take advantage of it."

Right now Gaines is in pretty good shape and ready for the NBA.

"Playing with NBA players is another level," he went on. "I'll be ready to 'go.""

#### Mets And American Red Cross Team Up To Host Blood Drive

Donors Will Receive a Pair of Tickets To Monday, September 17 Mets-Phillies Game at 7:10 P.M.

The New York Mets today announced they are teaming up with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive this Saturday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. in the Caesars Club at Citi Field. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by visiting redcrossblood.org and use Reference Sponsor Code 16064nyp.

# **Kids Waiting For Special Day**

by Robert Elkin

Pop-vocal sensation The Wanted, chart-topping singer Carly Rae Jepsen, guest performer Owl City, teen quartet Mindless Behavior and X Factor star Rachel Crow will team up with such ranking tennis players as Roger Federer, defending singles champion Novak Djokovic, top US singles player John Inser, and Mardy Fish, and on the female side Kim Clijsters at the 17th annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day on Saturday August 25.

There will also be interactive games, musical entertainment, and tennis activities. And of course, the players who will actually be competing in the US Open championships will be practicing, and the spectators will be able to watch them in action before the actual competition begins.

All the action at the Billie Jean King USTA National Tennis Center starts at 9:30 a.m.

However, tennis fans who will want to see the promising newcomers should come out on this Tuesday for the Qualifying tournament, which will send some of the remaining left over players into the main draw that starts a week from Monday.

# Crowley and White House "Car Czar" Tour Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association's Queens Training

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dealers in the New York metro area have pumped \$24.9 billion into the economy, provided more than 56,000 jobs to area residents, and generated \$1.71 billion in tax revenue to state and local governments.

"The retail auto industry is the backbone of communities across the country," said GNYADA president Mark Schienberg. "Here in New York, area dealerships are an enormously important part of the local and state economy because of the revenue they generate and the jobs they produce. Greater New York's franchised auto dealers provide tens of thousands of jobs to area residents, and are a key part of the region's economic growth and development."

Nationwide, the U.S. auto industry has created 250,000 American jobs since June 2009.

#### Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation To Make Invasive And Unwanted Telemarketing More Difficult In New York State

(Continued from page 3) the same standard. I applaud Senator Zeldin, Governor Cuomo and our colleagues in the Assembly for working together to hold every telemarketer accountable and giving consumers more power to avoid unwelcome solicitations."

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said of the measure, "This legislation is an important step to restrict aggressive telemarketing solicitations. I thank the Governor for supporting this bill and making these delivery restrictions and

registration requirements the law in the Empire State."

Senator Lee Zeldin said, "Unwanted telemarketing calls have become an increasing nuisance here in New York State. Under current law, out-of-state businesses that engage in telemarketing are exempt from New York State regulation and are not required to register with the Department of State (DOS). This bill, which I was proud to introduce in the Senate, will require these entities to register with the DOS and fully comply with our laws. I

commend Governor Cuomo for his leadership with this important legislation and thank my colleagues in the Legislature for supporting this effort to help protect New Yorkers from further unwanted telemarketing calls."

Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, the bill's Assembly sponsor, said, "On behalf of harassed customers statewide, I applaud the Governor for signing this bill into law and helping stem the tide of unwelcome telemarketing calls in New York."

#### **Local Elected Officials & Community Rally for Miller**

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for our schools, Mike has consistently delivered real results for his constituents.

"While some might shy away from a fight, I have shown time and again that independence and determination can lead to real results for Queens," Assemblyman Miller added. "With your help, I am eager to continue this fight in the weeks and months ahead."

Assemblyman Miller was joined at the rally, and proudly endorsed, by the following elected officials:

- Senator Joe AddabboAssemblywoman Cathy Nolan
- Assemblyman Rory Lancman
- Assemblyman Mike DenDekker
- Assemblyman David Weprin
- Assemblyman Mike SimanowitzAssemblyman Fran-
- cisco Moya
   Assemblyman Phil
- Goldfeder
  Council Member Diana

"Mike Miller is focused only on how best to deliver real results for his constituents. From his fierce support for raising the minimum wage, to his staunch advocacy for the most vulnerable citizens

among us. Mike is a true

public servant who serves

this district admirably. Together, let's make sure we send Mike back to Albany." --Senator Joe Addabbo

"Mike has been fighting to protect working men and women since the day he entered public life. His work ethic, connection to his community, and ability to get things done, make him an exemplary representative for Queens' families. I am proud to support him for re-election." -- Assemblyman Rory Lancman

"Mike has been an effective, fierce advocate for this incredibly diverse community. He has kept the streets of his district safe for children by passing some of the most comprehensive anti-sex offender legislation in Albany. Mike work hard to make sure he is re-elected this fall." -- Assemblyman Mike DenDekker

"I am thrilled to support Mike because he has always stood up for the interests of our working families. With Mike's help, we look forward to continuing to push to raise the minimum wage here in New York State."--Assemblyman David Weprin

"Mike has been a staunch advocate for working families, seniors, children, and the disabled during his time in the state legislature. Whether it's, fighting for increases in higher education funding, or securing funds to keep our streets safe, he has always been on the right side of the issues the community cares about." – Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz

"I support and endorse Mike Miller because he is not afraid to make the tough choices on behalf of Queens' families. He supports raising the minimum wage because he recognizes that working men and women form the backbone of our local economy. Mike exemplifies what public service is about and is the kind of leader we should all support." -Assembly Member Francisco Moya

"Mike Miller has always made sure that his community sees its fair share of state funding for crucial programs to support our schools, assist our seniors, and grow our economy. He has his finger on the pulse of the community and never backs down from a fight. He is just the kind of leader we need." --Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder

"Assemblyman Miller has been a stellar advocate on issues affecting Queens. From fighting to increase the State mandated minimum wage to supporting the DREAM Act, Assemblyman Miller knows what policies truly impact his constituents."-- Council Member Diana Reyna

# 243rd St. 3rd Annual Block Party

The 243rd Street Block Association (between 135th and 136th Ave). held their 3rd Annual Block Party. Pop Corn cotton candy for the kids and BBQ gave neighbors the opportunity to come together as a community. (L - R) Lisa Tompson, Cindy Lamour, Mamie Lumpkin, Assemblyman William Scarborough, Lilliam Lumpkin, Michelle Gay. Photo Credit: Juliet Kaye



#### LEGAL NOTICES

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 13115/11 Date of Filing: July 26, 2012 SUPREMÉ COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2 ASSET BACKED NOTES, Plaintiff,

-against-LIZA BESS, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-atlaw, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said LIZA BESS, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD: NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; STATE OF NEW YORK: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED **DEFENDANTS:** 

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service of this summons is made by delivery upon you personally within this state. or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE

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

#### LEGAL NOTICES

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED

DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Robert J. McDonald of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on July 3, 2012, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by LIZA BESS to MORTGAGÉ ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC in the principal amount of \$375,000.00, which mortgage was recorded in Queens County, State of New York, on July 20, 2006, as CRFN. 2006000414806. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to the Plaintiff by

assignment of mortgage dated March 10, 2011. Said premises being known as and by 1516 DUNBAR ST, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691. Dated: December 13, 2011 Batavia, New York Virginia C. Grapensteter, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff

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SUPPLEMENTAL PROBATE **CITATION** File No. 2012-66 SURROGATE'S COURT-**QUEENS COUNTY** SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and

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TO DAVID TRACY, if living and if dead to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residences are unknown and if died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his Executors, Administrators, Legatees, Devisees, Assignees, and Successors In interest whose Names and places of residences, are unknown and to all other Heirs at law, next of kin, next of kin and distributees of DORAH. YOUNG, the decedent herein whose names and places of residences are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained

A petition having been duly filed by Brenda Carr, aka Brenda E. Carr who is domiciled at 10636 Wake man Drive. Fredericksburg, VA 22407

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court. Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on September 20, 2012 at 9:30 o'clock in the am of that day,

Why a decree should not be made in the estate of DORA H. YOUNG, A/K/A DORA YOUNG Lately domiciled at 111-47 179th Street, St. Albans, NY

Admitting to probate a Will dated April 21, 2011 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of DORA H. YOUNG deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to: Brenda Carr

[X] Letters of Trusteeship issue to: Brenda Carr

[] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to (State any further relief

requested) Dated, Attested and Sealed AUG 02 2012

HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate MARĞARET M. GRIBBON

Chief Clerk Christine Bastone Name of Attorney 516-316-3138

Telephone Number 557 Chester Street, South Hempstead, New York, 11550

Address of Attorney [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 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



#### LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

File No.: 2009-3693/B CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND **INDEPENDENT** 

Stephen R. Larocca, Eileen Larocca, Nicola Cheversan, Iosif Cheversan, Marta Cheversan, Nada Cheversan Gruban, Rada Cheversan, Cretka Cheversan, NYC Human Resources Administration Department of Social Services, DiConza, Larocca, DiCunto & Kaplin, LLP, Attorney General of the State of New York,

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of NICOLI CHEVERESAN AKA NICOLAE CHEVERSAN AKA NICOLAE CHEZERSON, 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.

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

Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of NICOLI CHEVERESAN AKA NICOLAE CHEVERSAN AKA NICOLAE CHEZERSON, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 315 Beach 9th Street, 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 Temporary Administrator of the Estate of NICOLI CHEVERESAN AKA NICOLAE CHEVERSAN AKA NICOLAE CHEZERSON, 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 27th day of September, 2012 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of

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

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Accounting Citation 8/9,16,23&30/2012

for you.]

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: M&E 61 HILBERT STREET CO., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/29/12. 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, 105-30 101st Avenue, Ozone Park, New York 11416. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 8/9,16,23,30,9/6&13/2012

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1264385for Tavern beer & wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer & wine at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 104-17 Northern Boulevard, East Elmhurst, NY 11368 for on-premises consumption: Los Pinos Lounge Corp. 8/16&23/2012

125 BEACH LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/1/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mr. Sam Buffa, 72 Hudson Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11201. General Purposes. 8/16,23,30,9/6,13&20/2012

Notice of Formation of MD RESOURCE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/11/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, regd. agent upon whom and at which process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 8/16,23,30,9/6,13&20/2012

Notice of formation of W&K GLOBAL REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 07/30/2012. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 87-01 56th Avenue, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/16,23,30,9/6,13&20/2012



\$24,996.37 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 petitioner should not be authorized to retain the sum of \$10,000.00 to satisfy the contingent and possible claim of the guardian, referee, and all others entitled to fees and commissions on the pending motion for a period of six months from the date of the decree to be settled hereon; and why, upon service on the petitioner of an order from the Kings County Supreme Court fixing the legal fees and commissions of Stephen LaRocca for services rendered to the decedent. petitioner should not be further authorized to pay the guardian, referee, and all others entitled to fees and commissions said amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and why if Stephen LaRocca should fail to obtain

an order from the Kings County Supreme Court fixing his legal fee and commissions for services rendered to the decedent within six months from the date of service of the decree, the amount retained by the petitioner should not be distributed to the NYC Human Resources Administration Department of Social Services; and why the Last Will and Testament dated May 18, 1999 should not be denied

probate; and why Temporary Letters of Administration duly issued by the Surrogate's Court on November 12, 2010, should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration should not be issued to the Public Administrator of Queens County; and why the claim from DiConza, Larocca, DiCunto & Kaplin, LLP in the amount of \$2,147.00 should not be rejected; and why the claim from NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$889,144.23 should not be paid to the extent of the net

> Dated, Attested and Sealed 27th day of July, 2012 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Clerk of the Surrogate's Court Margaret M. Gribbon GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718)459-9000 95-25 Queens Boulevard

distributable estate.

11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not

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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

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

Notice of Qualification of JMDH REAL ESTATE OF GARDEN CITY WAREHOUSE, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/11/12. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/09/12. Princ. office of LLC: 15-24 132nd St., College Point, NY 11356. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the princ. office of the LLC. DE addr. of LLC: 1220 N. Market St., Ste. 806, Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of DE, Div. of Corps., State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 7/19,26,8/2,9,16&23/2012

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: KAHEN DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/06/12. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2062. 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 Sharon Kahen, 117-18 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, New York 11375. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 7/26,8/2,9,16,23&30/2012

SILVER LAKE TRADING LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/24/2012. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Athena Ni, 81-15 Queens Blvd., #401, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 8/9,16,23,30,9/6&13/2012

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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 Iocation: 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. 7/12,19,26,8/2,9816/2012

Notice of formation of 30-74 36th Street LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/11/2012. 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: The LLC, 30-74 36th St., Queens, NY 11103. Purpose: any lawful act. 7/19,26,8/2,9,16&23/2012

1725 PUTNAM AVENUE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/25/12. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 86-31 250th St., Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 1725 Putnam Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11385. 7/19,26,8/2,9,16&23/2012

MC THERAPY SOLUTIONS, LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/21/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Christopher Bautista, 8202 Grand Ave., #1C, Elmhurst, NY 11373. General Purposes. 7/19,26,8/2,9,16&23/2012

ASTORIA LIGHTS LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/16/12. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 42-01 235th St., Douglaston, NY 11363. General Purposes. 7/19,26,8/2,9,16&23/2012

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PRADO PHYSICS ASSOCIATES LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 5/25/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY design. Agent Of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to US Corp. Agents Inc 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn N.Y. 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/26,8/2,9,16,23&30/2012

SPRUCE NYC LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 06/08/2012. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to THE LLC C/O Meir Babaev, 83-32 Parsons Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 8/2,9,16,23,30 &9/6/2012

Notice of Formation of GO FIT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/18/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 162-20 77th Rd., Flushing, NY 11366. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

8/2,9,16,23,30 &9/6/2012

Notice of Formation of GO FIT AT 20TH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/18/12. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 162-20 77th Rd., Flushing, NY 11366. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 8/2,9,16,23,30 &9/6/2012

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Rockaways ASC Development, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/30/2012. 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 Rockaways ASC Development, LLC, 122-18 Rockaway Beach Blvd., Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: To Provide Outpatient Healthcare Services. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve. No specific date 8/9,16,23,30,9/6&13/2012

Stop, Drop Productions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/1/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3223 32nd St, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: General. 8/9,16,23,30,9/6&13/2012

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 2525 CRESCENT STREET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/17/12. 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, c/o Polyxeni Kaliabakos, 20-07 35th Street, Astoria, New York 11105. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 8/2,9,16,23,30 &9/6/2012

File No.: 2008-2595/C CITATION/C THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Dillard Jackson,

Tracy Mano,
Chase Manhattan Bank USA,
N.A.,
Attorney General of the State

of New York, The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at

law

and assignees of DILLARD MATTHEWS, JR., 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 DILLARD MATTHEWS, JR., deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 187-17 119th Drive, St, Albans, NY 11412, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING:
Upon the petition of LOIS
M. ROSENBLATT, Public
Administrator of Queens
Co u nt y, wh o maint ain s
her office at 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens
County, New York 11435, as
Administrator of the Estate of
DILLARD MATTHEWS, JR.,
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 20 day of September, 2012 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the

Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached. should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$12,455.28 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered

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by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on

Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus

any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(4); and why the claim from Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A. in the amount of \$9,666.23 should not be rejected due to insufficient proof of claim; 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,

kinship,
Dated, Attested and Sealed
25 day of July, 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

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Notice of formation of LL TAKE TWO LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/26/2012. 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: The LLC, 5247 Browvale Lane, Flushing, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful act. 8/2,9,16,23,30&9/6/2012

The Cliffs At Long Island City, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/15/12. Office in Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Commerce Park, Valhalla, NY 10595. Purpose: General. 8/9,16,23,30,9/6&13/2012

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Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1265325 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 4229 Bell Blvd., Bayside, NY 11361 for on-premises consumption; Bell Panini Inc. 8/16&23/2012

Z. STRONG MANAGEMENT LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/27/12. 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, 79-25 150th St., Ste. B27, Flushing, NY 11367. General Purposes. 8/16,23,30,9/6.13&28/2012

#### Council Member Vallone Facebook Post Against Illegal Signs

Council Member Peter F. Vallone Jr.'s most recent Facebook post below:

"These "cash for cars" signs are out of control these are NAILED into TREES! don't patronize these jerks. i'm working with sanitation to get as many taken down as possible. sanit doesn't drive around doing that anymore unfortunately but will respond to 311 complaints, so call em in, and alert me and i will make sure they come down. i'm also looking at what needs to be done to toughen up the laws to shut these dirtbag companies down.."

Our office has received many complaints from constituents about these signs.

#### NY State Approved Defensive Driving Course Available Online

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles has APPROVED the New York Safety Program IPIRP course for all users. For further information please call 718-224-7385 or visit: queensnysp.com



#### 105th Precinct Night Out at Cabbell Park



Pictured: (L-R) LaSandra Middleton, New Greater Bethel Ministries, Det. Jovoda Cooper, 105th Prec., !05th Commanding Officer Dep. Insp. Joseph Courtesis, Rev. John Boyd and Joshua Boyd, New Greater Bethel Ministries. Photo Credit: Juliet Kaye

National Night Out Against Crime anticrime prevention. The 105th was introduced by a crime prevention organization, Association of Town Watch in 1984 to heighten awareness and strengthen community participation in local

Precinct held their Night Out at Cabbell Park in Cambria Heights. Free food, cotton candy and bouncy rides for the kids brought the community out.

#### **Council Member Koslowitz Participates** In "Operation Backpack"



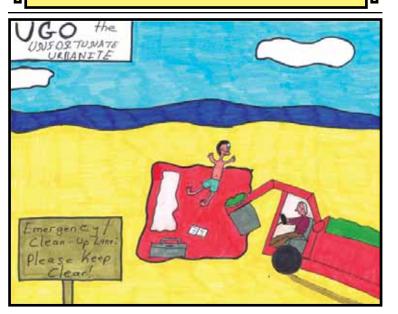
From July 16th to August 10th, Council Member Koslowitz took part in the Volunteer for America's, "Operation Backpack", the national campaign to raise backpacks and school supplies for children living at homeless and/or domestic violence shelters.

"I can't even begin to imagine the many challenges homeless children have to face everyday" said Koslowitz "but no child should ever have to miss out in getting an education for reasons that are never their fault. Taking

part in "Operation Back", these kids will not only be prepared with the essential supplies for the upcoming school year, but it will also boast their self-esteem, helping them to feel like everyone else."

Council Member's office was listed as one of the three designated drop off locations in Queens. Altogether the drive raised over 50 back packs and over 200 school supplies. The supplies will be dropped off at the Volunteer for America's center in Manhattan

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Crown (Porcelain)	\$995	\$505	\$490	
Tooth Extraction	\$150	\$55	\$490 5 \$100 5 \$920 6	
Complete Upper Denture	\$1495	\$575	\$920	
Filling (Amalgam)	\$110	\$40	\$70	
X-Ray (Full Mouth)	\$140	\$40	\$100	

