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## Point of View

### CRIME CHAT: ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

By Queens District Attorney Richard Brown

Internet child luring is every parent's worst nightmare and is the reason that we repeatedly urge parents to communicate with their children about their use of the Internet and to monitor their children's Internet activities. There are sexual predators lurking online that are just waiting to take advantage of a child's innocence and trusting nature. These predators trawl Internet chat rooms pretending to offer friendship, sympathy and love to victims who are too young to understand that they are actually being lured into sexual abuse. My office's Computer Crimes Unit has teamed with the NYPD to catch these criminals in the act, prosecute them and get them off the Internet.



But Internet safety must begin at home. Parental vigilance plays a crucial role in protecting children from cyber criminals. Here are some tips to keep your children safe online:

- Talk to your child about the dangers of being victimized online and why his or her online activities cannot be kept private from you;
- Keep the computer in the living room or family room rather than in the child's bedroom;
- If your Internet service provider has parental controls available

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## The Hall of Science Continues to Destroy the Quality of Life in Corona Heights



The Hall of Science turned the streets of Corona Heights into one big traffic jam. See story on page 3.

## NYC CM Paul Vallone Presents Proclamation to Emilio Polito



NYC Council Member Paul Vallone presented Emilio Polito, owner of Tony's Beechhurst Deli, with a Proclamation for his patriotism serving in the military and for the many years of dedication contributing to the community he services. CM Vallone, "I was proud to present Emilio Polito with a City Council Proclamation to honor a life time of achievement and becoming a staple of the Whitestone Community. After serving in the United States Navy, Emilio settled down in Whitestone and established Tony's Beechhurst Deli. This achievement is a shining example of the fulfillment of the American Dream!" Pictured with Council Member Paul Vallone is Emilio Polito holding the Proclamation as his son Mario holding this daughter Gianna, Pasquale Carucci Board Member of the Petrosino Association in America and James C. Lisa President of the Petrosino Association in America Look on.

## Crowley Presents Military Awards to Family of Late Bronx Korean War Veteran



Rep. Joe Crowley presents a National Defense Service Medal to the family of late Bronx Korean War Veteran Thomas Matta. From left: Minerva Matta, Thomas Matta, Jr., and Luz Matta. See story on page 2.



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able, use them and/or use parental control software;

• Even if you use parental controls, you should also personally monitor your child's Internet usage by randomly checking website logs, chat room logs, emails, etc.; and  
• Inquire about the use of controls on computers at school, the local library, friends' homes and anywhere else your child can get on the Internet without your direct supervision.

In bygone days, parents told their children never to take candy

from a stranger. Nowadays, that "candy" is in cyberspace and cyberspace can literally be in your child's back pocket as more than ever the Internet is being accessed by portable devices such as cell phones and tablets. Impress upon your children how important it is to:

- Set up a meeting with anyone they meet online;
- Give out their name, address, phone number, email address or school name to anyone online;
- Respond to messages with sexual

content;

- Upload or send pictures of themselves to people they don't know; or
- Download pictures from an unknown source.

If you suspect Internet child luring, don't hesitate to call the Queens County District Attorney's Office at (718) 286-6000 or email [ContactQDA@queensda.org](mailto:ContactQDA@queensda.org) for assistance. My office is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and is staffed with experts in online investigations.

## Council Member Vallone Announces Winning Projects of Participatory Budgeting Vote

On April 27th, Council Member Vallone announced the results of the participatory budgeting vote. Constituents cast their ballots from April 11th until April 18th to decide how to spend up to \$1,000,000 of Council Member Vallone's discretionary funding on projects to improve North East Queens. A new record was set when over 2,300 votes were cast and the winning projects are:

- Bayside High School Music Studio – 1,430 votes: This project creates a state-of-the-art music studio for Bayside High School. The program currently has 350 students in the "Career & Technical Education" program for music production and performance. Price: \$400,000.
- P.S. 169 Auditorium Upgrade – 1,041 votes: This project will replace lighting, curtains, sound system and seating for P.S. 169's auditorium, which is currently shared with BELL Academy. The auditorium is used for after-school, summer and community programs. Price: \$400,000.
- P.S. 159 Technology Upgrade – 934 votes: This upgrade will finance new SmartBoards for classrooms and laptops for school. These SmartBoards will enhance and grow the level of instruction to our students. Price: \$90,000.
- NYPD Security Cameras – 880 votes: Funding will allow the NYPD to install three security cameras throughout the Council Member's district that will be used



for crime prevention, providing a sense of security and establish new surveillance locations. Price: \$105,000.

Council Member Vallone said, "Participatory budgeting is a great way to get the pulse of the community on and see what everyone believes city dollars and resources should be spent. The results clearly show the district overwhelmingly supported the process, and we are proud to commit to participatory budgeting for every year I am privileged to represent this great district. This monumental, eight month task could not have been possible without the continuous dedication of our delegates, community liaisons, volunteers, staff and especially Vito Tautonico, our Director of Constituent Services, who spearheaded the process. I look forward to growing the process next year and once again

seeing how our community spends \$1,000,000."

John Hirata, Bayside High School Assistant Principal of Operations, said, "We are thrilled to have our project selected as one of the winners and thank Council Member Vallone's office for giving us this opportunity. Participatory budgeting was a great experience for our students and we look forward to the positive effect the new music studio will provide to our academic programming."

Paul DiDio, P.S. 159 Principal, said, "Thank you to the education committee and all the volunteers who took the time, and we appreciate all the help."

The Council Member stressed he will continue to work with the Speaker and the Queens Borough President to tackle some of the remaining projects.

## Crowley Presents Military Awards to Family of Late Bronx Korean War Veteran

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On Monday, April 20, Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, presented several military service replacement medals to the family of late Korean War veteran Thomas Matta, in recognition of his service in the United States Army. Crowley secured for the family a total of five awards including the Korean Service Medal, the primary distinction for participating in the war and performing duty in the Republic of Korea between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who serve and have served in uni-

form to protect our country and defend our freedoms at home and abroad," said Rep. Crowley. "Thomas Matta is one such individual who the Bronx and our nation should be proud of. He served with valor and distinction during the Korean War, and these medals serve as tokens of our appreciation for his selflessness and courage."

"Whatever you do in life, you have to do it to the best of your abilities and honor your country," said Thomas Matta, Jr. "My father was proud to serve in the armed forces and I thank Congressman Crowley for his help in securing the medals my father earned for his service."

In addition to obtaining the Ko-

rean Service Medal, Crowley was able to replace other medals the family had lost, including: The National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Mr. Matta was a member of the U.S. Army from October 12, 1951 until July 11, 1953 when he was honorably discharged. After leaving the Army, Mr. Matta worked as a handyman for over 30 years. However, through his military service he inspired other relatives to serve their country, including his own sons.

On March 28, 2012 Mr. Matta passed away. He is survived by his wife Luz, five children and several grandchildren.

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## Queens Opposes Move NY's Plan: "Far From Fair, Lacks Promise of Returns"

Queens elected officials issued the following joint statement about the congestion pricing plan proposed by Move NY:

"The 'Move NY Fair Plan' is far from fair and lacks any promise of returns. It is fundamentally unfair to charge residents a fee to travel within one city. It is certainly unfair to the families who live in the transit desert of Queens as it would landlock our Borough.

"The ideas in the proposal for mass transit improvements are great. But without any direct connection between the revenues generated from the proposed tolls to those very improvements, there is simply no guarantee that this proposal will actually yield anything tangible or amount to anything more than just that: an

interesting idea.

"Our city's mobility and growth depends on more affordable, reliable and efficient mass transit. We recognize it is critical that we find more stable transit funding sources other than from the driving and riding commuters' pockets to fill deep budget gaps. But we reject the notion that there is only one way to generate additional monies for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and our region's infrastructure. Moreover, this proposal is not unlike the many other unfulfilled promises introduced over the years. This one does, however, have an equity deficit for many reasons, including but not limited to:

1. The proposal tolls all routes from Queens to Manhattan;

2. There is inherent unfairness in the different charges for different residents of different boroughs;

3. The proposal doesn't guarantee that any of the funds collected will be spent toward bettering transportation access for Queens' residents."

The above statement is jointly issued by the following: Queens Borough Melinda Katz; State Senators Joseph Addabbo, Jr., Tony Avella, Leroy Comrie, Toby Stavisky; Assemblymembers Jeffrion Aubry, Barbara Clark, Vivian Cook, Phillip Goldfeder, Ronald Kim, Michael Miller, Michael Simanowitz, Michele Titus, David Weprin; Councilmembers Karen Koslowitz, Rory Lancman, I. Daneek Miller, Paul Vallone and Ruben Wills.

## Statement From Assemblyman Francisco Moya Re: Earthquake In Nepal



"My thoughts and prayers are with those in Nepal and the surrounding region who are struggling to put their lives back together after this weekend's earthquake, and with the members of New York's Nepalese community, many of whom have been personally touched by this tragedy. I extend my deepest sympathies to all who've lost loved ones in the

earthquake.

To New York's Nepalese community, I send this message—the family of New York is behind you and we will support you in your time of need. If any members of Queens' Nepalese and South Asian communities are in need of assistance, my office stands ready to help. All of New York mourns with you in this moment of sadness."

## Statement from Council Member Vallone Regarding Edgestone Development in Whitestone



In response to Edgestone Group's development plans for the Waterpointe Site in Whitestone, Council Member Vallone has issued the following statement.

"I strongly oppose Edgestone Group's plan to build 203 residential units at the Waterpointe Site in Whitestone. Any new development here must follow what our community and City

Council agreed upon in 2008, and conform to the character of the neighborhood by taking into account the effect it will have on surrounding residents. Quadrupling the amount of units and eliminating the 3-acre waterfront park is a direct attack on Whitestone's quality of life and I stand firmly with our Community to call for the developers to abandon their ill-conceived plan."

## The Hall of Science Continues to Destroy the Quality of Life in Corona Heights

The Hall of Science is now known as a community destroyer not a leader. The community destroyer, The Hall of Science, by renting out their parking lot causes Corona Heights to be invaded by cars that swarmed into and take over the street of Corona Heights like locus at feeding time; jamming up the main arteries and side streets, parking in driveways and in front of fire hydrants, making it a safety issue as well as affecting the quality of life for the taxpaying residents and businesses of the community.

The Hall of Science by renting out their parking lot to a corporation, under the guise of running a culture event, shows that they do not care about a community; they only care about making money on the backs of the residents and businesses of Corona Heights. This corporation has the same mind set as the Hall of Science, money first let the community



be damned.

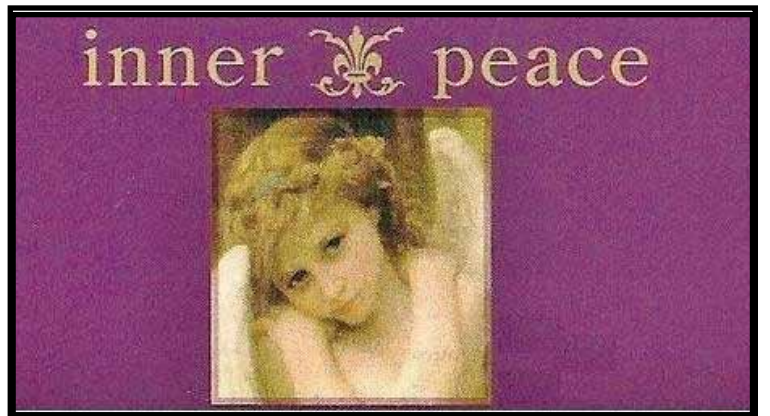
This brilliant move by the Hall of Science only led to bottled up traffic, the elimination of parking for the taxpaying residents and businesses of Corona Heights and a total disregard for the safety of a community. Enough is enough; the Hall of Science has been doing whatever they wanted to do for far too long. They must be held accountable. The residents and businesses that pay taxes must have a say in what happens in their community.

The Hall of Science has alien-

ated and angered the residents of Corona Heights, local business owners and the local Community Board. The police department, the Parks Department and the Elected Official must shut down any event the Hall of Science has scheduled until some sanity can be made on how, who and what events can take place. The damage to the taxpaying residents and businesses of Corona Heights must end.

A major question must to be

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## Whirl With Merle

### VIEW PROBABLY THE FAIREST by Merle Exit

When you check into a health care facility, they ask if you have any allergies. Why would I think to have to tell then that I am allergic to fresh cheap paint? Here at this nursing and rehab center, they didn't bother to ask anyone. There are many elderly people here...who also have oxygen being pumped in their nasal cavities. I have an allergy and am now sick. Sore throat led to congestion. Many of the days it was too cold to open the windows. Why couldn't they simply wait for better weather or splurge on paint that did not have those smelly chemicals?

I had one guy painting outside my room while the door was open. Lots of painting being done near the area where the therapy is being conducted. Staff having issues as well but I guess the administration simply does not care. More important is for it to "look good" for future residents as the family tours the facility.

It appears that much of the nursing and therapy staff are from the Philippines. I crave Arroz Caldo...a chicken soup that contains slices of fresh ginger root. One person did bring me a honey

ginger tea and despite bringing fresh ginger to the chef, I was never able to get it in my food or soup. Do they no want me to get well? One woman some doors down from me "passed" as the saying goes.

It is around 6 a.m. Saturday morning when I push the call button for an aide...bed pan. Someone comes around each evening to bring a cup of apple juice and a few cookies. The apple juice is sitting on my moveable desk. She knocks it over. I see her doing something and ask. She responds by saying, "Why do you have apple juice here?" She removes the papers that got wet, dabs a bit and doesn't even apologize. It's not as if the bed pan task is done in the dark. I later find the entire desk to be sticky and apple juice still on the floor. I called downstairs to file a complaint. No one came up. Weekend thing.

I had a long conversation with what I got is the assistant director of this part of the facility. She said that I should file complaints as they happen. I guess that means as long as it's not on a weekend.

More than a week ago my toe

was injured during therapy. I notified a nurse. I was told that they would make an appointment to a have an orthopedist see me. Hasn't happened. A psychologist came to see me. She asked if I was sleeping well. Anything she asked should have gotten a sarcastic response. They tend to patronize me.

So how was the weekend regarding food? Although the menu was to be completed by Friday for the following week (which is supposed to include Sunday), I did not received it until...which again says, "You'll eat what we give you on Sunday". Saturday afternoon was "Roast beef with roasted potatoes". The roast beef was clearly from a deli roast and put in the microwave. You can't disguise it with gravy. The potatoes were out of a can. I opted for the baked chicken which must have been cooked the day before and put in the microwave. Dinner was supposed to be a squash soup but was an onion soup. It came with a mac and cheese (food).

I'm going to ask a friend to bring me a quart of Arroz Caldo. I miss the Filipino food from Mama Meena's in Woodhaven.

Check out: [www.youtube.com/user/whirlwithmerle](http://www.youtube.com/user/whirlwithmerle)  
my blog on [www.merleswhirls.blogspot.com](http://www.merleswhirls.blogspot.com)

### Flushing Town Hall to Present Korean Traditional Folk Art Exhibition, "The Royal Blossom", by Jai Choon Kim

In May, Flushing Town Hall will unveil a new exhibition, "The Royal Blossom", marking the first time that renowned Korean folk artist Jai Choon Kim has presented her work in America. "The Royal Blossom" will be on view from May 2nd to May 31st.

Flushing Town Hall will host an opening reception at 6:00 PM on Friday, May 1st. The public is welcome to attend the event for a small admission fee (and, members and students receive free admission). Jai Choon Kim also will lead a Minhwa workshop on Sunday, May 3rd.

The Royal Blossom  
SAT, MAY 2 - SUN, MAY 31  
(Gallery Hours: SAT & SUN, 12-5 PM)

Opening reception: FRI, MAY 1, 6 PM

Suggested Admission: \$5/FREE for Members & Students

Renowned Korean folk artist Jai Choon Kim, presents her Korean folk art for the first time in America. Focusing on the natural elements, such as flowers, insects, and birds, this exhibition offers a great opportunity for the public to experience art influenced by exquisite royal palace paintings

of the Chosun Dynasty.

Experience Minhwa - Korean Traditional Folk Art Workshop  
SUN, MAY 3, 1 PM  
\$10/\$8 Members & Children (materials included)

In this hands-on workshop led by Jai Choon Kim, the adult group (ages 12+) will make Da Po, a handkerchief used to teach drinking, while youth group (ages 5-12) learns how to paint one of the most well-known types of Minhwa, Tiger and Bird, which were believed to ward off evil spirits.

Kim is a Craftmaster of Korean Royal Court Painting and one of the best-known artists of Minhwa, which is traditional Korean folk art painting. She is President of The Traditional Culture Arts Promotion Association in South Korea, and a respected jury member of many national art contests.

Her beautiful flower and butterfly paintings from ancient Korea will mesmerize the audience with its beauty and craftsmanship. In the exhibition, Kim will show folding screens and many other master pieces focusing on flowers and insects, including a large-scale folding screen painting filled with flowers and birds,

which the artist displays for the first time. This exhibition offers a great opportunity for the public to experience art influenced by exquisite royal palace paintings of the Chosun Dynasty.

Born in Kongju city, South Korea, she studied applied art at Sejong University and graduated from the pharmacy department Sookmyoung Women's University. She also graduated from the graduate school of public health, Inje University, and the Buddhist Culture Dongkuk University, where she received an M.A. in Buddhist art. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at Gyeongju University.

Kim teaches hundreds of students in Pusan National University and at her own Minhwa Academy ([www.minhwa-kjc.com](http://www.minhwa-kjc.com)), one of the largest and most active educational place for Korean folk art painting. She has done numerous solo exhibitions selected by national broadcasting company, museums, and public cultural art centers. While teaching, she continues to produce new artworks and attend international exhibitions annually in China, Turkey and Germany.

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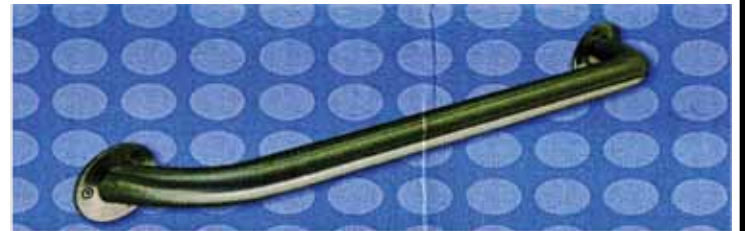
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 Control those desires to cast your fate to the wind. You can learn from those who have had similar experiences. Don't argue with family. Your lucky numbers are 1,7,5.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)  
 Your knowledge and good sense will help more than you think. Alienation may be the result of a misunderstanding. You are best to avoid joint ventures. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,2.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 Look into physical activities that will help get rid of some of that tension you may be feeling. Accept the inevitable. Travel opportunities look positive. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,2.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Your partner could also use some time alone with you. Control those desires to cast your fate to the wind. Listen to the problems of others and offer suggestions. Your lucky numbers are 3,2,1.

**LEO**  
 (July 23-Aug 22)  
 Keep to yourself in order to finish your projects. Try to be honest when dealing with your mate. Property investments should payoff. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,3.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Acknowledge your lover's needs. Don't be afraid to push your beliefs and attitudes. Passion will be your only answer. Check your investments this week. Your lucky numbers are 8,3,9.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 Be firm when dealing with matters pertaining to your business. Much can be accomplished if you compromise. Money can be made if you use your ingenuity. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,5.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 You need to do something energetic and different. Use your innovative mind to surprise youngsters. You can make amends by doing something special. Your lucky numbers are 8,7,3.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 Your disciplined attention to jobs will enhance your position. You will be ready to jump on anyone who gets in the way of your progress this week. Your lucky numbers are 7,4,3.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
 Take action on your investment ideas. A need to be in love may fool you. Travel could bring you the adventure and excitement you require. Your lucky numbers are 9,5,4.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 You will inspire confidence in others. Your stubbornness coupled with your mate's jealousy doesn't make for a favorable time. Pay extra attention to younger ones. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 Be sure to get involved in self improvement programs that will bring you in contact with interesting people. Don't confide in anyone for the time being. Your lucky numbers are 2,8,1.

**Electricians Recruit Apprentices**

USIS Electric, Inc. will conduct a recruitment from May 26, 2015 through May 25, 2016 for 16 electrician apprentices, the New York State Department of Labor announced today.

Please note that the 16 openings listed for apprentices represent the total number for three recruitment regions – the Hudson Valley, Long Island, and New York City regions.

Applications will be available at USIS Electric, Inc., 35 West Jefferson Avenue, Pearl River, NY, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding legal holidays, during the recruitment period. Applicants must apply in person. Applications must be received no later than May 25, 2016. The Committee requires that applicants:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
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## Van Bramer, DOT, Woodside Residents & Children Announce Installation of New Traffic Safety Measures

New York City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer was joined by Nicole Garcia, Deputy Borough Commissioner for Queens Department of Transportation, Paul Steely White, Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives, FDNY Ladder 163, residents of Woodside and children from PS 11 to announce the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of 51st Street and Skillman Avenue.

"The new traffic signal at the intersection of 51st Street and Skillman Avenue is going to save lives," said Council Member Van Bramer. "While the installation of one traffic light may not seem like it would make a difference to some, to us here in Woodside it makes a world of a difference. On top of Woodside's new traffic signal we are expanding the Neighborhood Slow Zone program into Sunnyside and Woodside. With the combination of these two new Vision Zero traffic safety improvements we will also help put an end to reckless driving and speeding throughout community. DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg has been a tremendous partner to work with. Working together with the Commissioner, the Queens DOT team, local residents and transportation advocates we have solidified major victories that will not only enhance traffic safety for our children and seniors but also make the neighborhoods of Sunnyside and Woodside better places to raise a family."

After a pedestrian was hit by a speeding vehicle at the intersection, Council Member Van Bramer began working with the residents of Woodside to develop a grassroots campaign as well as develop a petition to secure a traffic signal for the heavily trafficked location. As a result of their efforts, 265 signatures were secured and Council



Member Van Bramer's office was able to get the City to expedite the installation of a traffic light. The installation of the traffic signal along with the implementation of several Neighborhood Slow Zones is a part of Council Member Van Bramer's ongoing campaign to improve traffic safety for all residents of Sunnyside and Woodside.

Prior to the installation of the traffic signal at 51st Street two local residents were hit by speeding vehicles along Skillman Avenue. Council Member Van Bramer began working with the residents of Woodside to develop a grassroots campaign and petition to secure a traffic signal for the heavily trafficked location. As a result of their efforts, Council Member Van Bramer's office was able to get the City agency to expedite the installation of the traffic light.

The installation of the Woodside traffic signal along with the implementation of several Neighborhood Slow Zones is a part of Council Member Van Bramer's ongoing campaign to improve traffic safety for all residents of Sunnyside and Woodside. Currently the Department of transportation

is in the process of completing the implementation of a slow zone in Sunnyside Gardens-Woodside neighborhood. This slow zone is expected to be complete by the end of Spring.

Parameters of each Neighborhood Slow Zone within the 26th District:

- The parameters of the slow zone in Sunnyside Gardens-Woodside neighborhood are Queens Boulevard/Roosevelt Avenue as the southern border, its western boundary is 43rd Street, its eastern boundary is 58th Street, and its northern boundary is 38th Avenue/Barnett Avenue.

- The parameters for the western slow zone located in Sunnyside, south of Queens Boulevard and Greenpoint Avenue as the southern boundary, the eastern boundary is 43rd Street, the western boundary is 36th Street, and the northern boundary is Queens Boulevard.

- The parameter of the eastern slow zone located in Sunnyside, south of Queens Boulevard is 51st Avenue as the southern boundary, its western boundary is 38th street, its eastern boundary is 50th Street, and its northern bounda

## Sen. Stavisky and Sen. Gianaris Welcome Korean Consul General to Albany

Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) and Senator Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria) welcomed South Korean Consul General Gheewhan Kim (to the left of Sen. Stavisky), his staff, and members of the Korean Association of Albany to the Senate chambers to discuss American-South Korean partnerships on economic issues.



## Construction Begins on Garden-Themed Playground in Ridgewood's Evergreen Park

Two phase project represents \$3.4 million capital investment

NYC Parks Queens Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski today joined Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, District Manager of Community Board 5 Gary Giordano and Principal of PS 68Q Anne Marie Scalfaro to break ground on a \$1 million reconstruction of Evergreen Park in Ridgewood, and announce an upcoming phase of improvements.



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## NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm and Speaker Staff Participate in Amida Care “Live Your Life” Wellness Event

New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm and Joey Pressley, Deputy Chief of Staff of Member Services to Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, visited Amida Care’s “Medicine Necklace” event held on April 15 at the Community United Methodist Church in Jackson Heights, Queens. “Medicine Necklace” is part of a series of Amida Care’s monthly Live Your Life wellness events where members and their guests learn about ways to get healthy and take good care of themselves.



Author and performer Ty Nolan guided Amida Care members and the Council representatives through the creation of their own personal Medicine Necklaces. Native American people use the word “medicine” to mean both healing and sacred. As participants constructed their necklaces, they were asked to think of past experiences that made them feel proud, competent, and healthy and to create something that told their story in a tangible form. One breast cancer survivor used pink beads to symbolize breast cancer awareness. Another member used a variety of smaller and larger beads to represent the ups and downs of her life in her journey to wellness. The necklaces are to be worn as a reminder of personal strength and accomplishments.

Amida Care is a community-sponsored, not-for-profit special needs health plan (SNP) that provides comprehensive medical, behavioral, and wellness services to people living with multiple chronic conditions, such as HIV/AIDS, severe mental illness, and substance use disorder, throughout New York City. Programs like Live Your Life are a critical component of Amida Care’s unique approach to care and wellness: helping members to help themselves, ensuring that each person receives the specialized services and personal attention they need to get healthy and stay healthy. Members consistently express gratitude for the joy and fulfillment they get from Amida Care’s Live Your Life events. “The Live Your Life program grew out of direct member feedback that health care needs to be about more than visiting the doctor and taking pills. These events are designed

to meet the social, physical, and emotional needs of our members and build life skills. Our Member Advisory Council is credited with their creation,” says Doug Wirth, CEO of Amida Care. Amida Care hosts four monthly Live Your Life events at community organizations throughout the five boroughs. Free to all Amida Care members and their guests, the events offer opportunities to learn about nutrition, healthy relationships, art therapy, meditation, yoga, and African and Latin dance. According to Dr. Jerome Ernst, Chief Medical Officer at Amida Care, “We believe that health is more than the absence of disease, and we are doing our best to help our members achieve what the World Health Organization defines as health – a state of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing.” For more information about Amida Care, visit [www.amidacareny.org](http://www.amidacareny.org).

“We are grateful to Amida Care for offering these unique events that support community wellness in Queens,” said Councilman Dromm. “I’m delighted that I had the opportunity to share this experience with Amida Care members.”

## NYC Parks Breaks Ground on \$2.2M in Improvements to Rufus King Park in Jamaica Queens

On Monday, April 27, NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP joined Borough President Melinda Katz, Council Member Rory Lancman and District Manager of Community Board 12 Yvonne Reddick, and community members to break ground on renovations to Rufus King Park.



Photo by NYC Parks/Malcolm Pinckney

“NYC Parks is pleased to break ground on improvements to the historic Rufus King Park,” said NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP. “Thanks to the generous funding allocated by the City Council, the Borough President’s Office, Jamaica’s residents will be able to enjoy a renovated and revitalized open space with a new gazebo that will serve as a beautiful gathering place for this diverse neighborhood.”

vital greenspace to thousands in the community,” said Council Member Rory I. Lancman. “These renovations enable neighborhood children and families to enjoy an improved park for years to come.”

“Rufus King Park is like the town square of Jamaica, a central point for anyone of the vibrant and diverse community to enjoy,” said Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. “We’re pleased to hold this groundbreaking and look forward to enhancing public use by next year. The investment of public funds into this neighborhood treasure is very much a part of the Jamaica Now Action Plan fully underway, a 21-point strategic plan intended to revitalize Jamaica into a thriving residential neighborhood.”

This project will reconstruct the gazebo and park pathways to include a new roof, handrails, steps, and brick platform for the gazebo. The gazebo will also be supplied with new electrical service for use at future events. The asphalt pathways will be repaved and reconfigured to improve pedestrian circulation and a new lawn, trees, and shrubs will be planted throughout the park. The park’s spray shower will also be reconstructed to include new decorative colored concrete pavement, spray fixtures, and improved drainage.

This \$2.2 million project was generously funded by the City Council, the Borough President’s Office, and the Mayor’s Office and is expected to be completed in Spring 2016.

King Manor Museum and Park in Jamaica was once the home of Rufus King (1755-1827), a distinguished lawyer, statesman, and gentleman farmer. King was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787, an abolitionist, and made his most famous contribution to American history as a framer and signer of the Constitution.

In 1896, King’s house and the remaining eleven acres of property were bought by the Village

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# Queens Sports

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## Off to Fast Star

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St. Francis Prep High School is known for its sports, whether it be football, track and field, or tennis. When the sports come to the fall and it is basketball time, Christ The King shines in Queens. No matter who the coach is at CTK, the players bring championship teams to the school.

At one time a strong team in tennis, St. Francis Prep, nicknamed the Terriers, slipped down a bit during recent years, letting Fordham Prep take the the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association championship.

With a decent tennis squad this time around trying to succeed on the court, the Terriers from Fresh Meadows are now undefeated through their first four matches with Archbishop Molloy getting beaten twice. Just recently, the Terriers won at all five positions-

singles three time and doubles twice.

Head coach John Brennan is trying to do what he did just a number of years ago, put a winning combination at all the spots on the court.

Playing first singles for the Terriers is Gabriel Sifuentes, a sophomore at the Fresh Meadows based school.

"It's a great feeling playing number one for now," he said after a recent match at Alley Pond Park, Molloy's home court. "It's like I'm carrying my team and trying to motivate every body."

He trounced Molloy's number one player, 6-1, 6-1.

"The key to my match was trying to be consistent for the (entire time)," he added.

This year the Terriers have a god chance at winning the city wide or

intersectional title later on in the spring.

"We feel strong about our wins," Sifuentes said. "We'll continue to keep practicing and hopefully we go to the top."

His goal is to try to stay at number one and then go to the college show case. He also wants to play in a Division I or II college.

The student athlete doesn't think that he has an Eastern ranking because he took a break from tennis for a little while when he was busy with school. Now he hopes to play in one tournament a month to get that recognition. He thinks that he's near number 100. However, these high school matches don't count for ranking.

The payers all hope to win the team title. That's what they are striving for.

## The Hall of Science Continues to Destroy the Quality of Life in Corona Heights

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answered, and that is, how could NYC agencies allow any event to take place in the parking lot of the Hall of Science that disrupts and inconvenient and causes a safety issue to all the taxpaying residents and businesses of a quiet residential community? This is not what the Hall of Science was created to do. I do not believe if so called more affluent communities would allow events like this take place in their community's but because it is Corona, especially Corona Heights, it is OK there is something wrong with this picture. Traffic came to a standstill; ramps of the Grand Central Parkway and the LIE were so backed up causing residents to go other ways to get home taking hours and hours out of their lives just to get home. How in good conscience can events that threaten the fabric of a community and endanger the young and seniors who may have a health issues be allowed? Ambulances, emergency and fire vehicles, police vehicles were caught up in the traffic jams which are uncon-

scionable to have any community left to swing in the wind in such a manner.

Flushing Meadows Corona Park closes at 9pm how can the Hall of Science enter into a contract with a anyone and allow them to run an event after 9PM.

Especially when their parking lot is, we believe NYC Parks Property, and closes at 9pm. The contract to the corporation they rented to allows this event to run from 6pm to 12 Midnight. The Hall of Science has extended their authority to allow this event to run until 12 Midnight. We believe that the contract is illegal and the event should be stopped. How is the Hall of Science allow make their own rules and Why?

Why was the parking lot closed at 9 pm by the Hall of Science is there a liability issue here. Who becomes liable if someone is injured? Again, something is wrong with this picture.

The, I do not care attitude, the Hall of Science has taken with regard to the community of Corona Heights year after year after year must come to and end. It is time for the Hall of Science to cease all

activities that affect the residents and businesses.

The recommendations from the taxpaying residents and businesses are: for the NYC Parks Department rethink the Hall of Science's lease; a lease that has not been looked at since the end of the last World's Fair. The Hall of Science is quasi governmental agency and we are asking the elected officials for transparency into their funding. The Community Board must review all events that will have an impact on the community and prevent those events from happening.

The Hall of Science has had a free hand in trying to destroy the community of Corona Heights. One must remember that destroying Corona Heights will ultimately lead to the destruction of all communities that surround Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

There is a shift in the wind and we believe that this event was the straw that broke the camel's back. The Hall of Science must be held accountable for all the hurt, discomfort and mayhem they bring to the taxpaying residents and businesses of Corona Heights.

## Free Calls to Nepal For Time Warner Cable Phone Customers

Time Warner Cable has announced that all calls placed by its Home Phone and Business Services customers to landline and mobile numbers in Nepal will be free through May 25, 2015, and is retroactive for all calls placed since April 25.

"Our thoughts are with those who have loved ones in Nepal

and surrounding areas impacted by the devastating earthquake on April 25," said Time Warner Cable Chairman and CEO Rob Marcus. "Being able to connect with family and friends is crucial during this time and, we hope, will bring some comfort and peace of mind."

TWC Phone customers who make calls to Nepal during the

eligible time period do not need to make any changes to their accounts. Customers who were charged on or after April 25 will automatically be credited.

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## Meng and Emmer Introduce Legislation to Speed-Up Visa Approvals For International Physicians Slated to Work in The U.S.

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Tom Emmer (R-MN), members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today introduced legislation that would direct the State Department to speed-up the visa approval process for international physicians who are slated to work at hospitals in the United States.

Currently, foreign physicians scheduled to serve their residencies at American hospitals are encountering extremely long delays in obtaining J-1 visas from U.S. Embassies in their countries. The holdups have resulted in major dilemmas for those doctors and the U.S. hospitals – many in rural and underserved communities – at which the physicians are set to work. In many instances, the delays have forced hospitals to withdraw offers from foreign physicians who had already accepted.

“The excessive delays in approving visas for international physicians is causing unnecessary havoc for those doctors and the American hospitals that are depending on them,”

said Meng. “This ineffective approval process must be improved so that these doctors can enter the U.S. as planned, and provide the critical medical care needed in many communities throughout the country. Not resolving this dilemma would be extremely unfair to all and a disservice to the millions of Americans who seek treatment from these hospitals, especially in areas where there is a shortage of doctors. Our bill would finally fix this problem and that’s why Congress needs to pass it.”

“As American hospitals face doctor shortages, this important legislation will increase healthcare access across the country by eliminating the persistent backlog of J-1 Visas,” said Emmer. “By improving oversight and training at U.S. Embassies we can ensure our Foreign Service Officers have all the tools they need to properly process each application in a timely manner. I’m honored to introduce the GRAD Act with Congresswoman Meng. This bipartisan bill doesn’t just address is-

issues important to the State Department and the applicant; it will also benefit the patients of underserved hospitals by giving them access to medical care when they need it most.”

Entitled the Grant Residency for Additional Doctors (GRAD) Act of 2015, Meng and Emmer’s bill would require the Secretary of State to designate a State Department officer or employee to facilitate the expedited review of J-1 visa applicants slated to travel to the U.S. for graduate medical education or training. The measure would also require that the expedited review be the sole responsibility of this officer or employee from March to June, since the majority of residency programs begin each July. In addition, the legislation would mandate that Foreign Service officers at relevant embassies receive training related to medical graduates and medical graduate programs.

The J-1 is a temporary nonimmigrant visa that international physicians use to work in U.S. medical residency programs.

## Crowley, Serrano, Luján Introduce Legislation to Expand Access to STEM Fields for Hispanic Students

On Tuesday, April 21st, Congressmen José E. Serrano (D-NY), Joe Crowley (D-NY), and Ben Ray Luján (D-NM) introduced the Hispanic Opportunity Program in Education and Science Act (HOPES Act), which would require the National Science Foundation (NSF) to establish a grant program to support undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs).

In 2007, Congressman Crowley inserted language in the America COMPETES Act to allow the NSF to establish a program focused on HSIs. Despite having this authority, the NSF has yet to establish such a program. The HOPES Act will require the agency to establish a dedicated stream of funding for students attending HSIs.

“STEM education is crucial for the United States in order to maintain the lead in cutting-edge technology and competitiveness, to create well-paid jobs, and to provide opportunities for all. Unfortunately, we are not doing enough to attract Americans from all walks of life to these important and vital fields of study. The HOPES Act

will increase the number of Hispanic students pursuing STEM degrees by creating dedicated funding to help students attending HSIs succeed in these fields of study. This bill will help expand opportunities for all students, and will help ensure that our workforce in the STEM fields is as diverse as our nation as a whole,” said Congressman José E. Serrano.

“There is no question, STEM skills are critical for our country to compete in a global economy. Unfortunately, Hispanic students are severely underrepresented in these fields of tomorrow,” said Congressman Joe Crowley. “Our HOPES Act builds upon efforts I have made over the past 8 years to urge the NSF to establish a separate STEM education grant for Hispanic Serving Institutions of higher education. By creating a dedicated grants program, we can help Hispanic students reach their rightful place in the STEM fields.”

“The STEM fields offer a world of opportunities in growing sectors that create good jobs, and it is important that we engage students from every community. Young people need access to quality STEM

education that will prepare them with the skills and knowledge they need to get ahead,” said Congressman Ben Ray Luján. “Attracting a diverse workforce will enhance our ability to out-innovate the rest of the world, and the HOPES Act will help encourage Hispanic students to engage in areas that are vital to maintaining our economic competitiveness and growing our economy.”

Hispanic students are currently greatly underrepresented in the STEM fields. According to NSF data, Hispanic students comprise 10.3 percent of all students in STEM 4 year undergraduate degree programs and 14.6 percent of STEM 2 year degree programs. These numbers are well below Hispanics share of the nation’s population as a whole- 17.3 percent. This legislation will increase the likelihood of Hispanic students seeking a STEM education and provide HSIs with the necessary resources in order to enhance the quality of STEM offerings at HSIs and increase retention and graduation rates of students pursuing STEM degrees. The bill is supported by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU).

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Former NYPD Captain Joseph Concannon, founder and president of Square Deal Committee, Inc., a new non-profit organization in formation, is proposing that each Police Precinct in NYC, including Police Service Areas as well as Transit Commands, hold their own Candlelight Vigil. Concannon is calling on volunteers, community residents and civic leaders to wear blue and assemble at 8:30 PM on May 13th in front of your local precinct, in coordination with the nationwide observance for National Police Week. At 9 PM sharp everyone will light their candles and host a moment of silence.

The Square Deal Committee staff has been reaching out to precinct commanders, community affairs personnel as well as precinct council presidents in order to improve awareness of this effort. Starting this year we hope that this police vigil will become an annual staple of New York City community events in solemn memory of our fallen officers.

### THE HISTORY

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

This year National Police Week starts on May 10th through May 16th with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund being the principle organizer. The activities for National Police Week are generally centered in Washington DC, hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police and C.O.P.S. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund hosts the annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13th this year. The FOP hosts activities at our Nation’s Capital and C.O.P.S. hosts the Police Survivors Conference.

## Council Member Vallone Unveils Bowne Park Playground Upgrade Design Plans

On Tuesday, April 28th Council Member Vallone stood with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and Dorothy Lewandowski, NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner, as they unveiled the current design plans for Bowne Park’s playground upgrade. This upgrade is the first part of a two phase plan to renovate Bowne Park’s playground and pond and is being made possible by \$1.45 million in funding from Council Member Vallone and \$1 million from Queens Borough President Katz. The revamping will include a new enclosed toddler park, redesigned sprinklers and playground inspired by Bowne Park’s iconic turtles and oak and elm trees, as well as a new basketball court. The design and bidding process should be complete by the end of the year with construction set to begin in early 2016.

Also in attendance at the press conference were Warren Schreiber and Chuck Apelian from Community



Board 7, Barbara Embriano, President of the Bowne Park Civic Association, Peter Brancazio, President of the Northeast Flushing Civic Association, Joseph Brostek, Maria Becce, and Janet McCreesh, Immediate Past-President of the Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association

“I was proud to stand with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz as we unveiled the bright

future for this wonderful park,” stated Council Member Vallone. “Bowne Park has always been a gem in North Flushing and these upgrades will ensure that children and families will be able to continue to enjoy it for years to come. I look forward to working with the community and the Parks Department to ensure this project and its development moves swiftly.”

## Statement By Mayor De Blasio On Supreme Court Arguments On Marriage Equality

“It’s past time that the Supreme Court recognizes what many cities and states have already made clear: marriage equality is a fundamental human right all people deserve, no matter where they live or who they love.

Far too many are still denied basic rights, treated as second class citizens, or worse – simply because of who they are.

The Supreme Court has an opportunity to finally right this wrong – and ensure that our nation lives up to our values of equal opportunity, justice, and tolerance.”





## Protecting Eyes from Damaging UV Rays Can Help Save Sight Today and in the Future

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays has long been linked to skin cancer. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, UV radiation from the sun and from tanning beds is classified as a human carcinogen by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the World Health Organization.

Another potential casualty of UV rays is healthy eyesight. Cataract, a leading cause of visual impairment across the globe, has been linked to UV exposure. In fact, a recent study by Case Western Reserve University, funded by the National Eye Institute, provided a link between UV rays and "oxidative stress," finding that UV light can substitute for oxygen to trigger harmful oxidative reactions in the lens.

In addition to cataract, other eye problems that UV rays can cause include corneal sunburn (photokeratitis), pterygium (a growth that begins on the white of the eye), macular degeneration, and the development of skin cancer around the eyelids.

Prevent Blindness, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, has declared May as UV Awareness Month to help educate the public on the dangers of UV and steps to take to protect vision today and in the future.

There are different types of UV. UV-A radiation has lower energy and penetrates deep into the eye, which may injure the macula, the part of the retina responsible for sight in the center field of vision. UV-B radiation is presumably more dangerous and is mainly absorbed by the cornea and lens of the eye and can damage those tissues.

Prevent Blindness strongly recommends that both adults and children always wear both a wide-brimmed hat or cap and the proper UV-rated sunglasses. Wrap-around sunglasses are best as they protect the eyes and the skin around the eyes. For UV protection in everyday eyewear,

there are several options such as UV-blocking lens materials, coatings and photochromic lenses. UV protection does not always cost a lot of money and does not get in the way of seeing clearly. There are also many types of sports eye protection glasses that offer UV protection as well.

Prevent Blindness recommends speaking with an eye care professional to ensure the proper eye protection is being used no matter what the outdoor activity may be.

"Because UV damage to the eyes can be immediate, like corneal sunburns, and cumulative, causing cataracts and macular degeneration, it is imperative that we protect our eyes and encourage our kids to practice the same healthy habits to protect our vision for years to come," said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness.

For more information on the dangers of UV exposure and how to choose the best UV protection, please visit the Prevent Blindness dedicated Web page at [preventblindness.org/uv](http://preventblindness.org/uv) or call (800) 331-2020.

About Prevent Blindness

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates, Prevent Blindness is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, or to make a contribution to the sight-saving fund, call 1-800-331-2020. Or, visit us on the Web at [preventblindness.org](http://preventblindness.org) or [facebook.com/preventblindness](http://facebook.com/preventblindness).

## Maspeth High School Students Donate To The March Of Dimes

Maspeth High School's "League of Presidents" handed CSA President Ernest Logan a check for the March of Dimes on Monday. The presidents and vice presidents of the school's clubs started raising funds for the event last month and have collected more than \$1,000 to donate to the March of Dimes Staten Is-

land Division, CSA's Charity of Choice for 2015.

With Assistant Principal Matos matching one dime for every dollar raised, the grand total donated to the March of Dimes is \$1,132.18!

We'd like to thank the members and advisors of the following clubs for their donations:

## NYC Parks Breaks Ground on \$2.2M in Improvements to Rufus King Park in Jamaica Queens

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of Jamaica for \$50,000. The village was absorbed into City of New York in 1898, and the property came under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department.

King Manor has operated as a museum since 1900 under the care of the King Manor Association of Long Island, Inc. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a member of the Historic House Trust, and the house and park are designated New York City landmarks. King Manor Museum is open on a regular basis for tours, educational programs, and community events.

King Manor Museum and Park have benefitted from three major recent capital projects in addition to this one, all totaling over \$8 million. In 1987-93 the manor was restored and stabilized. In 1991-93 the park underwent an extensive reconstruction, which redistributed the recreation facilities, relocated the bandstand, rebuilt the park house, and provided new paths, fencing, and benches. In 1996-97 a new steel picket fence displaying the words from the Preamble of the Constitution was installed around the perimeter of the house.

## Resorts World Casino New York City Welcomes Back Popular

"Cigars Under The Stars" Event

Join actor and cigar aficionado Vincent Pastore of "The Sopranos" and more

Resorts World Casino New York City will host "Cigars Under the Stars," a one night event showcasing a wide selection of well-known, high-quality cigars on Friday, May 1, 2015. Vincent Pastore, star of the hit HBO show The Sopranos and an avid cigar enthusiast, will also attend.

Arthur Avenue Cigars, located in the Bronx, NY, will provide the cigars. The family-owned business has more than one hundred years of experience in the cigar industry, from harvesting tobacco to the traditional art of cigar rolling.

Tickets can be purchased at Resorts World Casino New York City on the lower level or at [rwny.com](http://rwny.com) for \$25. Tickets include one complimentary drink and a cigar cutter. No under 21 years of age admitted.

WHAT: "Cigars Under the Stars"  
WHERE: Resorts World Casino New York City  
Genting Palace Terrace

110-00 Rockaway Blvd  
Jamaica, New York 11420

WHEN: Friday, May 1, 2015  
Event begins at 8:00 PM

**ResortsWorldCasinoiseasilyaccessiblebyawidevarietyofpublic transportation options; the A train from Brooklyn, Manhattan or Queens, the Q37 Bus Line, or the Resorts World Casino shuttle which operates every 20 minutes from various points in the city. The casino is also easy to reach by car from one of the five boroughs, Long Island, Northern New Jersey and Connecticut.**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Formation of WM Staffing LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/14/15. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Werber Management, 40-52 75th St., Elmhurst, NY 11373, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 4/30,5/7,14,21,28&6/4/2015

JORIAN PARK LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/14/15. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 82-13 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 4/30,5/7,14,21,28&6/4/2015

66-40 Grand Avenue, LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/17/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Vito Mennuti, 4 Andover Dr, Syosset, NY 11791. Purpose: General. 4/30,5/7,14,21,28&6/4/2015

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 19, 2015, bearing Index Number NC-000035-15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) JOHN (Middle) CARLOS (Last) RODRIGUEZ. My present name is (First) JHON (Middle) CARLOS (Last) RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ AKA J. C. RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ, AKA JHON RODRIGUEZ. My present address is 4155 Case Street, Apt. #D2, Elmhurst, NY 11373-2293. My place of birth is COLUMBIA. My date of birth is December 13, 1980. 4/30/2015

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on March 19, 2015, bearing Index Number NC-001270-14/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) STEPHEN (Middle) C (Last) WEI. My present name is (First) CHAO YANG (Last) WEI AKA CHAOYANG WEI. My present address is 8504 52ND AVE APT 1, Elmhurst, NY 11373. My place of birth is TAIWAN. My date of birth is December 10, 1986. 4/30/2015

Notice of Formation of BELIMA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State NY SSNY on 3/05/15. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 4253 65th St Woodside NY 11377. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 4/30,5/7,14,21,28&6/4/2015

Right Property Solutions, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 2/26/15. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 133-14 148 St. Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful activity. 4/30,5/7,14,21,28&6/4/2015

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on April 23, 2015, bearing Index Number NC-000311-13/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) JONATHAN (Middle) ANGEL (Last) QUITO RODRIGUEZ. My present name is (First) JOHNATHON (Middle) SEVERO (Last) QUITO-RODRIGUEZ AKA JOHNATHON QUITO, AKA JONATHAN S. QUITO, AKA JONATHAN QUITOI. My present address is 103-08 42nd Avenue, Apt. #1B, Corona, NY 11368-2458. My place of birth is Queens, NY. My date of birth is December 17, 1994. 4/30/2015

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Notice is hereby given that an on premises license, #TBA has been applied for by Yankee Clipper Food Services Inc. d/b/a Panini Express to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at Terminal 1, Gate 8, Departures, JFK Airport Jamaica, NY 11420. 4/23&30/2015

Notice of Formation of THE CORTES LAW FIRM, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michael Cortes, Esq., 155 South End Ave, 11-C, New York, NY 10280. Purpose: any lawful activity. 4/23,30,5/7,14,21&28/2015

SAIMA & SUHAM LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/2/2015. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 34-03 30 AVE, ASTORIA, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/9,16,23,30,5/7&14/2015

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on April 20, 2015, bearing Index Number NC-000110-15/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) GEORGE (Middle) ABELINO (Last) PEREZ CONTRERAS. My present name is (First) GEORGE (Middle) ABELINO (Last) PEREZ (infant). My present address is 103-05 37 AVENUE APT 2R, Corona, NY 11368. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is March 15, 2000. 4/30/2015

80-16 LIBERTY AVENUE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/3/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 87-71 Lefferts Blvd Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/30,5/7,14,21,28&6/4/2015

BLACK CHERRY HOLDINGS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/2/14. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Registered Agent: Demetrios Coritsidis, Esq. 25-61 Steinway St Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/30,5/7,14,21,28&6/4/2015





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Kawitech LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 3/18/15. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 31-23 Crescent St, #4B, Astoria, NY 11106. General Purposes. 4/16,23,30,5/7,14&21/2015

Housesay LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 7210 37th Ave #602, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: General. 4/2,9,16,23,30&5/7/2015

NOTICE OF FORMATION of PERPETUAL FOUNDATION REALTY, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/6/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 223-01 Union Tpk, Bayside, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/16,23,30,5/7,14&21/2015

Notice of formation of T&A SECURITY, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/07/14. Office in Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1512 New Haven Ave Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/26,4/2,9,16,23&30/2015

Notice of Formation of MJJES HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/23/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 85-14 Midland Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: any lawful activity. 4/2,9,16,23,30&5/7/2015

Euro Structure LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/15/14. Off. Loc.: Queens Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 97-21 Pitkin Ave., Ozone Park, NY 11417. General Purposes. 4/9,16,23,30,5/7&14/2015

Notice of Formation of THE G GROUP TRAVEL SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/06/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Vilella CPA PL, 1200 Brickell Avenue, Ste 1950, Miami, FL 33131. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/23,30,5/7,14,21&28/2015

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT QUEENS COUNTY Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-FRE1, Asset-Backed, Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff against Italo Caceres ,et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) The Law Office of Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered January 21st, 2015

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Queens County Supreme Court, Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on April 10th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Premises known as 32-45 107th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. Sec N/A Block 1702 Lot 76. All that certain Plot, Piece or Parcel of Land, with the Buildings and Improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$950,128.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 701123/2014 .

Jason S. Vishnick, Esq. , Referee  
3/12,19,26&4/2/15

Notice of Formation of NY Natural Smile Dental PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/03/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 93 MACDOUGAL ST. APT 14, NEW YORK, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/26,4/2,9,16,23&30/2015

NOTICE OF FORMATION of GRAND PRESTIGE LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/14/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: GRAND PRESTIGE, 33-43 101 Street, 1G, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/23,30,5/7,14,21&28/2015

Notice of Formation of RELIANT REALTY PARTNERS LLC, Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/06/15. Office loc.: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8308 GRAND AVE, Elmhurst NY 11373 Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/23,30,5/7,14,21&28/2015

Excel Business Consulting LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 46-59 159th St, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: General. 4/2,9,16,23,30&5/7/2015

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Notice of formation of Yu Chang LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/13/2015. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 18-35 Corporal Kennedy St Apt 2D, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 4/2,9,16,23,30&5/7/2015

Shooting Star Stable 2, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/21/14. Office: Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 80 State St. Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 4/2,9,16,23,30&5/7/2015

Fu Xing Realty LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/17/15. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 145-48 Rockaway Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: General. 4/2,9,16,23,30&5/7/2015

4418 BROADWAY, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/17/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jeffrey E. Goldman, 501 5th Ave., Ste. 1900, NY, NY 10017. General purpose. 4/9,16,23,30,5/7&14/2015

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Pltf. vs. WAEL ABOELATIF, et al, Defts. Index #7867/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Jan. 21, 2014, I will sell at public auction in Courtroom #25 at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY on Friday, May 22nd, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., prem. k/a 20-22 126th St., College Point, NY. Said property located on the Westerly side of 17th St. also known as Quinlan St. to be known as 126th St. distant 200 ft. Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of 17th St. with the Southerly side of 5th Avenue also known as Kinney Avenue to be known as 20th Avenue; being a plot 100 ft. x 25 ft.. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$693,108.92 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. WILLIAM T. DRISCOLL, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Ste: 28, Mineola, NY -#85885. 4/23,30,5/7&14/2015

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ZENERGY PARTNERS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/19/2015. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 34-01 213th St., Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 3/26,4/2,9,16,23&30/2015

ONLY WHOLESAL LIGHTING, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/13/10. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 150-28 19th Avenue, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/26,4/2,9,16,23&30/2015

TERRAIN CONCEPTS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 3/6/15. 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, 23-25 Bell Blvd., Ste. 3G, Bayside, NY 11360. General Purposes. 3/26,4/2,9,16,23&30/2015

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff, against CARMELA BRAVO, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/4/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on 04/17/2015 at 10:00AM, premises known as 37-26 101ST STREET, Corona, NY 11368 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block: 1766 Lot: 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$757,967.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 28866/09. Gerald Chiariello II, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1132691. 3/19,26,4/2&9/15

Notice of Formation of Note Progress, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/14/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 1122, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: consulting and any lawful purpose. 4/23,30,5/7,14,21&28/2015

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Notice of Formation of 38-24 24th Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/09. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ivar Goldart, 11 Bettina Court, Hampton Bays, NY 11946. Purpose: any lawful activity. 4/9,16,23,30,5/7&14/2015

ANTONIO'S MISSION, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/19/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 162-10 Powells Cove Blvd., Apt. 2A, Whitestone, NY 11357. General purpose. 4/9,16,23,30,5/7&14/2015

Ooi's Networks L.L.C. Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 3/10/15. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Misun You & Brandon Ooi, 5616 196th St, Fl 1, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. General Purposes. 4/9,16,23,30,5/7&14/2015

Notice of Formation of RJMR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/30/15. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, c/o 137-19 72nd Rd., Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: any lawful activities. 4/23,30,5/7,14,21&28/2015

File No.: 2014-1439/A  
CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD,  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
To:  
Janis King Watkins,  
Garden Care Center,  
Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Lillie King, 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 Lillie King, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 143-67 226th Street, Laurelton, NY 11413, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

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

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Administrator of the Estate of Lillie King, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 18th day of June, 2015 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 \$10,929.70 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(4); and why the claim from Garden Care Center in the amount of \$6,036.00 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship,  
Dated, Attested and Sealed  
14th day of June, 2015  
HON. PETER J. KELLY  
Surrogate, Queens County  
Margaret M. Gribbon  
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court  
GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.  
(718) 459-9000  
95-25 Queens Boulevard  
11th Floor  
Rego Park, New York 11374  
This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.

Accounting Citation  
4/23,30,5/7&14/2015





### Rozic Celebrates Edible Arrangements Grand Opening



Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D-WF-Fresh Meadows), State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, and the Queens Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of Edible Arrangements in Fresh Meadows last Friday. They joined co-owners Dhaneshwar and Sharon, who were excited to open their first small business.

### Sen. Stavisky Meets with QCC Nursing Students

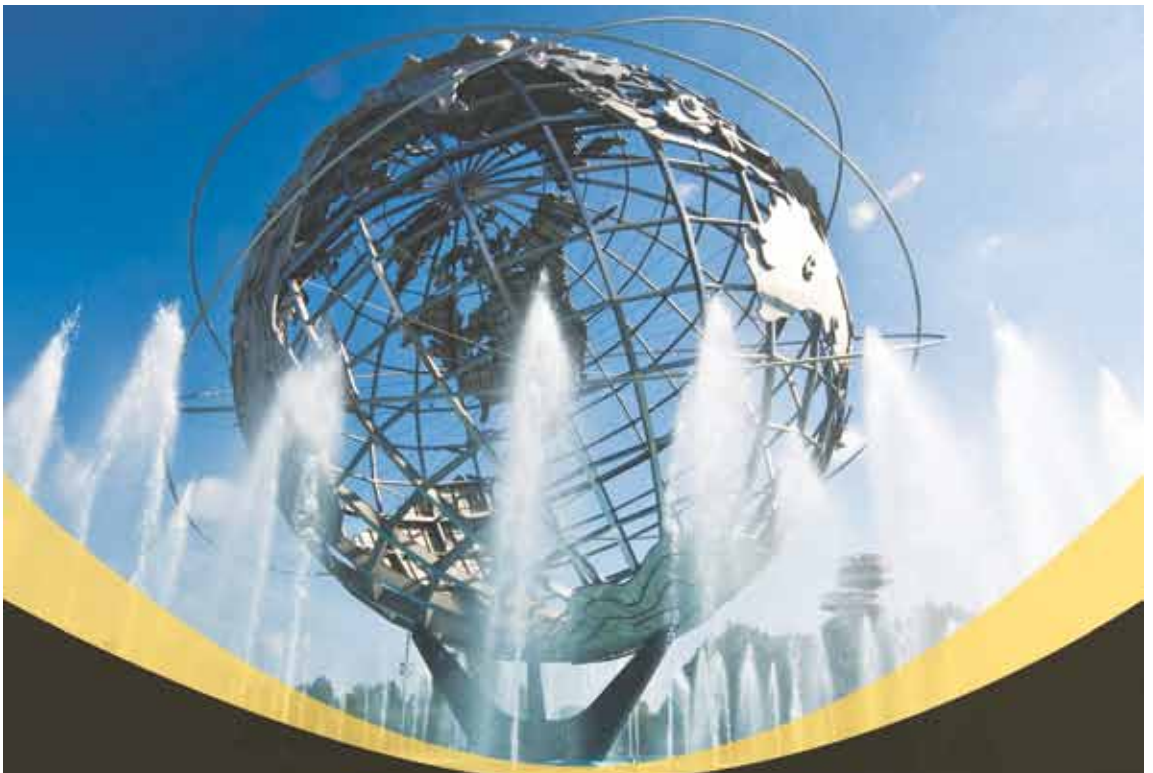


Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing) met with Dr. Barbara Campbell (far right) and her students from Queensborough Community College who are studying to become registered nurses.

### DA Brown at Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony



Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown with Assistant District Attorney Denise Tirino and the parents of 2014 homicide victim Carl David Richardson, during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony, April 22, 2015. The event was hosted by the District Attorney's Crime Victims Advocate Program to commemorate the loss of loved ones and to seek peace for victims, their families and the community. Richardson, 19, was fatally stabbed by Cedric Simpson during a dispute at a barber shop. Assistant District Attorney Tirino tried the case against Simpson, who was convicted of manslaughter and is currently serving 19 years in prison.



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