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A Guest Editorial

It's Time to Move On

The last thing President Obama needs now is for his domestic agenda to be jeopardized by a protracted investigation of - or criminal indictments emanating from - the previous administration's use of torture. Although some Republicans still insist that America didn't engage in torture, most now acknowledge that we did. More important, the American people now know that we tortured prisoners.

Former President Gerald Ford was correct in pardoning President Nixon for any and all crimes he may have committed during the Watergate scandal. He had already resigned in disgrace, and there was nothing to be gained by dragging him into court under criminal indictment. The same is true now. It would be hard for Americans to hold former President Bush and Vice President Cheney in more disrepute than they already do. We're talking about one of the worst - if not the worst - presidency in our history, and distracting the attention of the American people away from President Obama's agenda to rejuvenate our economy, provide health care to all of its citizens and reform our educational system makes no sense.

President Obama has frequently and clearly stated that America will no longer engage in torture. He has frequently and clearly stated that intelligence officials who relied upon torturously (sorry for the pun)

crafted Department of Justice memoranda that provided legal cover for the use of torture would not be held accountable for their actions. What's to be gained by going after the lawyers who wrote these memos? They could hardly suffer more disgrace.

Do we really want to spend months - possibly years - ascertaining what we already know happened? It's not that former President Bush and Vice President Cheney are above the law - they're not. It simply comes down to the fact that we don't need the distraction. Former President Bill Clinton effectively lost 2 years of his presidency - and nothing whatsoever was accomplished - while he fought off attempts to impeach him for various and sundry infidelities.

The *Woodside Herald* believes President Bush should have been impeached for spying on Americans without first obtaining warrants, but it's too late to impeach him now.

Can't you see how it will unfold? Republicans will cry, "witch hunt" (Indeed, some Republicans have already begun to use that phrase). If a probe is conducted properly, we may indeed find that some Democrats were aware of what was going on - and said nothing about it at the time. In any case, the news cycles will feature torture 24/7, and nothing else will get done.

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108th COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Captain Kavanagh, Commanding Officer, 108th Precinct will give his monthly crime updates and receive your questions and concerns.

TUESDAY, MAY 26th @ 7 P.M.

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES

43-31 39th Street - 2nd Floor
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Please make every effort to show your support for the 108th Police Precinct by attending this important and informative meeting.



Congressman Thomas J. Manton Boulevard

One mile of Queens Boulevard running through both Sunnyside and Woodside was renamed in honor of the late Congressman Thomas J. Manton. On Saturday April 25th the section of Queens Boulevard between 38th and 58th streets was ceremonially renamed Congressman Thomas J. Manton Boulevard, recognizing the former legislator from Woodside who died in July 2006.

Manton was born in New York City to Irish immigrants in 1932. Tom attended private Catholic schools, before entering St. John University, from which he earned his LL.B. Tom served in the United States Marine Corps and New York Police Department before being elected to the



Tom's wife Diane Manton proudly holds Street sign named after her late husband.



(L-R) Councilman Eric Gioia, Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, Rita Manton, Candidate for City Council Deirdre Feerick.

City Council. In 1984, he was elected to the Congressional seat occupied by then-Vice Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro.

Western Queens went through a sweeping change as Catherine Nolan became the new Assemblywoman and Walter McCaffrey was served as Councilmember when Tom vacated his seat.

Tom served in Washington for seven terms before retiring in 1998. In 1986 Congressman Manton was elected as the leader of the Queens County Democratic Party, a post he would hold until his death.

Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside Holds 61st Annual Dinner

Sunday April 26th, the Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside held their 61st Annual Dinner at Manetta's Restaurant in Long Island City. Everyone was welcomed to the dinner by President Pam Winters. The honorees for 2009 included Patricia Dorfman who was their Kiwanian of the Year, Daniel Dromm who was their Educator of the Year. Rita Manton was the Volunteer of the Year and John Vogt received the Henri X. Billharz Founders Award. Everyone enjoyed the event and was happy to be part of a celebration honoring fine community leaders.

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(L to R) Honorees Pat Dorfman, Danny Dromm, John Vogt and Rita Manton.

MAYOR'S CORNER

BY MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Leading the Way in Answering President Obama's National Call to Service

Since my days as an Eagle Scout, I've always found that giving back is one of life's greatest rewards and that civic service may be the most important thing we ever do. For those reasons, I've pledged that New York City will lead the way in answering President Obama's call for a new era of service in America.

Earlier this month, in fact on the eve of the President signing the 'Serve America Act,' which will triple the size of AmeriCorps, we launched NYC Service, an ambitious campaign to unleash an army of volunteers to tackle our city's greatest challenges.



NYC Service really aims to accomplish three things. The first is to make New York the easiest city in which to serve. And we'll achieve that by harnessing the power of 311 and the City's website to direct potential volunteers to the organizations that best fit their interests.

To support these efforts, we are also establishing the 'New York City Civic Corps.' This will be a group of 'expert' volunteers - the elite troops of our new volunteer army - who will be dispatched for one year of full-time work to non-profits and public agencies across the city.

There, they'll help their organizations to recruit more volunteers and to use them more strategically.

That brings us to the second goal of NYC Service: channeling the power of volunteers to address the biggest challenges of the current financial crisis. This is something completely unprecedented; never before has any city ever thoughtfully and deliberately connected the energy and idealism of volunteers to solving its greatest needs.

For instance, we'll enlist volunteers to help others pull through this recession by providing free financial counseling free legal assistance and by working at food pantries. We'll reinvigorate the NYPD's Block Watch program. And we'll encourage landlords to paint their dark roofs white, saving energy and reducing global warming.

The third goal of NYC Service is making civic service a core part of what it means to be a New Yorker. And we'll start with our youngest: Beginning this fall, every principal in every public school will create a service plan that teaches students the responsibility they have as citizens to participate and engage in our democracy.

We're all familiar with the words commonly used to describe New Yorkers: Creative, resilient, opinionated - well, now we hope to add 'civic-minded' to the top of that list. And why not? Just think back to how we came together and helped each other out

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Local Poet Makes a Splash

"Poetry is Good for Your Health!!!" reads a sign at Go Natural Health Food Store at 45-03 Queens Boulevard. Phil the owner is happy to let the community know that a local poet is alive and well in the Sunnyside and Woodside area.

Jack Lynch is a poet, who has lived in this community for over 30 years. He was a member of Community Board 2, and a liaison between LaGuardia Community College and the community. He also wrote for the Woodside Herald when Joe Sabba was the editor. Perhaps many of you know him from the Flag Day Parades.

He has spearheaded many cultural and literary associations throughout his many years as a professor of literature at LaGuardia Community College. He was chairperson of the College Senate for 2

terms and was advisor to LaGuardia's literary magazine and to its newspaper.

He has now released his first poetry book entitled Manhattan Man and Other Poems. In it he shares with us his experiences in an unusual and exciting way. Jack Lynch has traveled to many places and has lived overseas for extended periods of his life. He enlisted in the United States Navy and traveled around Central and South America; he then lived in Greece and India for a number of years. While in India he studied philosophy and literature at the University of Visva Bharati, founded by the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Manhattan Man and Other Poems, contain reader friendly lyrics about people, places, love, animals, and laughter. The poems will make you laugh, cry

and take you into other worlds. You'll be surprised by how you will be touched by these poems.

Phil Valenti will be forming a poetry club for the neighborhood, "We are starting this club in order to create a community of local poets, who can exchange their ideas and make connections with local people in our area. We wish to inspire the community to read and be active in poetry. That way we are all united. That is what the community is about." Jack Lynch will be a member of the group. If you would like to join, please contact Phil at (718) 482-0008.

Phil will also be hosting a Spring Poetry Reading with spoken word and Musicians on Saturday May 2 between 2pm and 4pm in front of his store. If you want to join the fun drop by Go Natural and sign up! "We hope to see you there"

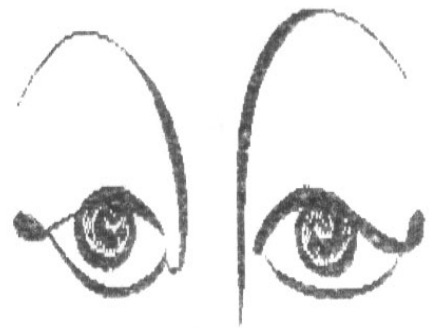
The Sunnyside Park Presents Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale

The sale will take place on Saturday May 9th, from 11:00-1:00pm, in front of the Park (39th Avenue at 49th Street).

This annual sale to benefit the Park includes blooming annuals for sun or shade, window boxes, perennial herbs, heirloom tomato and other vegetable seedlings, house plants, gardening crafts, composting starter-worms, and gardeners on hand to answer your gardening questions.



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Queens Library's Temporary Space at Sunnyside To Close

Book Bus will serve on Thursdays While New Space Preps to Open

Queens Library at Sunnyside will be closed for public service from May 7-13, 2009. Beginning May 14, limited service will be provided from a book bus on Thursdays, 10 am - 6 pm until the newly renovated library opens in mid-June.

Library customers may renew most books and videos on the library's website, www.queenslibrary.org/myaccount or by phoning 718-990-8508. Customers are also invited to use any of the other Queens Library locations. The closest to Sunnyside are Queens Library at Woodside, 54-22 Skillman Avenue and Queens

Library at Court Square, 25-01 Jackson Avenue.

Queens Library at Sunnyside has been operating out of small temporary space since November while the main library space was under construction. The construction is nearing completion. The temporary space is being closed to prepare the building for re-opening.

Customer service improvements include new self-check out kiosks, a full interior renovation and redecoration including new furniture. The entranceway has been redesigned. Skylights have been added to the children's reading room. There are more computers, a new teen area and

a new media area.

Queens Library is an independent, not-for-profit corporation and is not affiliated with any other library. The Queens Library serves a population of 2.2 million in the most ethnically diverse county in the U.S. With a record 22.8 million items in circulation for FY 2008, the Library has the highest circulation of any public library system in the U.S. and one of the highest circulations in the world. For more information about programs, services, locations, events and news, visit the Queens Library Web site at www.queenslibrary.org or phone 718-990-0700 Queens Library. Enrich Your Life.

Congratulations

Army National Guard Pvt. Kevin A. Maldonado has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Thelma Ruiz of 31st Drive, Long Island City, N.Y.

Maldonado graduated in 2006 from Long Island City High School.

108th Pct. VIN Etching

108th Precinct Crime Prevention Unit presents: **VIN ETCHING REGISTRATION DAY**

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Anoroc Democratic Club Meeting

The Anoroc Democratic Club will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Anoroc Democratic Club located at 45-23 47th St. between Greenpoint Ave. and 47th Ave. Public is welcome.

CB 2 Meeting

The next Community Board 2 meeting will be Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the Sunnyside Senior Center located at 43-31 39th Street, Ground Floor at 7:00 p.m.

LaGuardia Community College Offers Regents Boot Camp and SAT Test Prep Beginning May 4 Register Now

LaGuardia Community College's Teen Academy is offering regents boot camp and SAT test prep classes for middle and high school students who are preparing for the June exams. Classes begin May 4.

The test prep courses, which are held in the college's main building at 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, run through mid June. Classes are held either Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays depending on subject. The one-and-one-half hour classes begin at 3:30p.m.

Registration is now taking place. Those who are interested in attending may call (718) 482-7244 or register online at www.peopleware.net/ace.

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Community Board 2 Chairman Joe Conley greets Borough President Helen Marshall.



Lily Gavin greeted Tony Lana and the members of the Drum Corp.



Lily Gavin and former Councilmember Walter McCaffrey share a story about Tom.



(L-R) District Leader and Candidate for City Council Deirdre Feerick, Walter McCaffrey, Mary Butler, Former Borough President Claire Schulman, Marie Konecko, Fran Kraft and Lily Gavin.



(L-R) Assemblyman Michael Den Decker, Councilmember Eric Gioia, Roel Van Der Kooi, Rita Manton, Former Councilmember, Walter McCaffrey, Lily Gavin, Pat Dorfman and District Leader John Smyth.



St. Sebastian Catholic War Veterans show their support.



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan and her Ridgewood Co-Leader Tom Bornermann.



Senator Chuck Schumer greets Rita Manton.



(L-R) Michael Reich, executive secretary for the QCDP, Walter McCaffrey and Tom's former law partner and close friend Gerry Sweeney.



Gerry Sweeney, perhaps the man that knew Tom best, shares some stories with the crowd.



Congressman Anthony Weiner addresses crowd.



It would not be a big event unless the Sunnyside Drum Corp was there!

KIWANIS CLUB OF SUNNYSIDE 61ST ANNUAL DINNER



(L-R) Ira Greenberg, Kiwanian of the Year, Patricia Dorfman and Kiwanis President Pamela Winters.



(L-R) Long time volunteer Carol Masiello, Educator of the Year to Daniel Dromm and Jerrold Berkson.



Bob and Joanne Billharz



(L-R) Toni Dorfman, Richard Drake, Pat Dorfman and Rita Lowry.



(L-R) Christopher Kitson, Volunteer of the Year Rita Manton and Joanne Billharz.



(L-R) Bob Billharz, John Vogt, Jerry Lederman and Joanne Billharz.



John with his proud family Emily, Robert, Nichole and his lovely wife Candida.



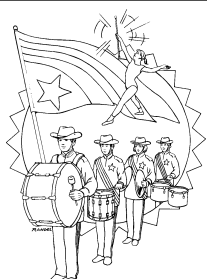
Top (L-R) Honoree Rita Manton, Don McCallian. Bottom (L-R) Deirdre Feerick and Honoree Pat Dorfman,

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

The 108th Precinct has received an increase in "ROBBERY" reports regarding Ipod's, Cellphones, and Sidekicks. A majority of the victims reporting the crimes are "STUDENTS". Please safeguard your property when in public. 108th Precinct Detectives can be contacted for any information regarding the recent thefts at (718) 784-5433. All calls will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions or would like to register these items with the Police Department contact the 108th Pct. Crime Prevention Officer at (718) 784-5404.

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Five Reasons to Be Bullish about Financial Markets

During a long downturn in the financial markets, it's hard for some people to be cheerful about their prospects for investment success. And that's not surprising, because a daily diet of bad news can take its toll on investors' outlooks. Yet if you look beyond the headlines, you can actually find some reasons to believe that brighter days lie ahead.

Here are five of these potential causes for optimism:

Recovery may be near. The financial markets obviously are connected to the overall U.S. economy, so it makes sense to keep an eye on how the economy is doing. As you know, we've been in the grip of a long and painful recession - but that may change fairly soon. In fact, the recession is likely to end in the second half of 2009, according to a majority of the economists surveyed by the influential National Association for Business Economics. And since the stock market has historically anticipated an economic recovery by about six months - and begun responding favorably - now may not be the time to abandon your long-term investment strategy.

Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Market rallies can happen quickly. No one can predict the exact moment a sustained market rally will begin - but history has shown that rallies can start quickly and take off sharply. Consider this: In the first year of a recovery, investors have recouped an average of 82 percent of what they lost in the entire prior bear market, according to Standard & Poor's. And since 1932, the S&P 500 has gained an average of 46 percent in the year after stocks have hit bottom. Keep in mind, though, that we have experienced a larger-than-usual drop in the market, so you shouldn't necessarily expect a rally to produce these results. Still, if you are out of the market when it does rally, you are likely to miss some of the strongest returns.

Low prices may mean good opportunities. By almost any traditional measure of value, investments are now very attractively priced. And when prices are low, returns over the long term tend to be higher. Keep looking for quality investments - like other invest-

ments, they've been hurt by the downturn, but if their fundamentals are still sound, they could offer the greatest potential for long-term rewards.

The Treasury and Fed are working overtime to support the U.S. financial system. While the problems of resuscitating our financial system are enormous, and the solutions are not clear-cut, the Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve are working hard to support the credit markets, boost liquidity, lower mortgage rates and take other steps that can ultimately benefit the economy and the investment markets.

Low inflation can help boost "real" returns. Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, is currently close to zero. As an investor, you have reason to welcome a low inflation rate, because when inflation is high, it can erode the "real" returns of your investments. Consequently, you may be rewarded by investing in vehicles that, for the moment, are producing only modest returns.

Keep the above factors in mind when you make investment decisions. Remember, if you're going to help achieve your long-term goals, you will likely need to keep investing in even the gloomiest of markets - and, as we've discussed, there might be more than a few rays of light ready to pierce the clouds.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones financial advisor Vincent Renda located at 47-01 Queens Blvd. Suite 203 Sunnyside NY 11104.

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CB 2 Sponsors Clothing/Toy Drive

Community Board 2 is sponsoring a clothing and toy drive this spring/summer for needy children in our district.

Spring/summer clothing for male and female ranging from infants to teenagers up to 18 years of age are needed. Summer toys such as hula hoops, beach balls, chalk, bubbles, books, etc. can provide hours of summer fun for the children. Please no bats, racquets, crayons or markers.

We will be accepting donations through Friday, June 19, 2009. As always thank you for your generosity. You may drop off your donation at the Community Board 2 office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Marc Crawford Run for Queens Borough President

Recently I have spoken on the telephone with Attorney Marc Crawford Leavitt, who decided to seek the Democratic nomination to become our next Borough President of Queens in the September 15th primary election.

Attorney Leavitt is a long time resident of Sunnyside and is well known in the community for his civic contributions to the Kiwanis Club, Kamp Kiwanis (upstate summer camp for disadvantaged youth), and Sunnyside Community Services. Currently he is helping to develop an interfaith study program between the members of The Reform Temple of Forest Hills and the Islamic Razi School in Woodside. Since 1974, his law firm in Sunnyside represented the Sunnyside Community Services (a non-profit civic organization that serves families, seniors and youth in need) with free legal counsel.

In the early 80's Attorney Leavitt served a 3-year term on the Community School Board 30, as the only parent of young daughter (now married) attending the local public school. Also, he served as a volunteer at P.S. 150 Learning Center. The Law Offices of Leavitt, Kerson & Duane in Sunnyside and Manhattan has hired many high school students to work as interns, in doing so; they gained valuable working experience. As Borough President he is hoping to promote a World of Work Program so every Queens business would hire high school students.

As a member of New York State Bar Association, he helped develop and lobbied in Albany for the Compact for Long-Term care for senior citizens. Currently he serves on the Dean's

Advisory Committee of Columbia College of Dental Medicine and has worked for improved dental care for seniors and children at Queens Hospital Center.

Attorney Marc Crawford Leavitt has represented a few clients as a member of the Queens Bar Association pro bono program (free legal service) and with the Queens Mortgages Foreclosure Pilot Project. The residents of Queens have lost thousands of homes due to mortgage (crisis) foreclosure on their homes.

In addition to all of his civic, community and professional duties, Attorney Leavitt is an accomplished actor (a performer with six Queens theatre groups), writer, lyricist, political satirist and commentator. Indeed, a remarkable man worthy to be our next Borough President!

As a Sunnyside resident and as a friend of Attorney Marc Crawford Leavitt, I urge the readers of the *Woodside Herald* to help support his candidacy for the Office of Borough President of Queens. The people of Queens deserve new leadership with fresh new ideas and bright future for our great borough!

For more information, write to PO Box 4300, Sunnyside, NY 11104, and (718) 229-4201 or www.poltunes.com The Law Offices of Leavitt, Kerson & Duane, 45-29 47th Street, Sunnyside, NY 11104 and 99 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

*Michael Matthews,
Sunnyside*

Dear Editor:

To me graffiti is pure vandalism. It makes our city look really bad and projects a lack of order and security in our streets. It takes time, money and effort to clean our gates and walls and all this is just a waste because as soon as we make our places clean the vandals come and do their act again.

*C. Ruiz
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Sunnyside Shines Annual Meeting a Huge Success

Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District held its Annual Meeting at Tangra restaurant on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 7 p.m. The event was attended by property owners, merchants and residents from within the Sunnyside Shines district and their guests.

The Chairman of the Board, John Vogt, opened the meeting with a brief history of Sunnyside Shines. A BID is a valuable opportunity to provide much needed funds for services to a commercial district and is mandated to provide sanitation, security, beautification and marketing services.

Sunnyside Shines' first great act was to bring back holiday lights to the area creating a joyful atmosphere for holiday shopping. The BID has also contracted for cleaning crews to sweep the sidewalks six days a week making a visible, positive change in the area.

City Councilman Eric Gioia, member of the BID Board of Directors, took time from his hectic schedule to give the keynote address. He stated he was happy to see the BID succeed. He was pleased that the Arch has beautiful new paint and thanked the BID for taking over the care of the Arch for future generations.

Sunnyside Shines Treasurer Arthur Weiner gave his report and explained how the BID is funded. He also introduced the BID's new accountant, Patricia Armstrong, who specializes in working for nonprofits.

Next Alyssa Bonilla, Sunnyside Shines Executive Director reviewed plans for the coming year including a graffiti removal campaign, a New York Mets tickets give-



Santiago Vargas, Community Liaison, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's office, Eddy Eng, Small Business Services, John Vogt and Joe Wessely, Dime Savings Bank, enjoy refreshments and discuss the state of business in Sunnyside. Photo Credit: ©Cristian Peña/CRISMA IMAGING

away promotion and a new website. She also officially unveiled Sunnyside Shines' new logo by graphic artist and Sunnyside resident Benjamin Perez. "We believe strongly that Ben's design captured the warmth, friendliness and diversity of Sunnyside." Ben was the first place winner in the BID's logo contest; second and third place designs were also shown. On hand to accept the third place prize was Jon Lyness, also of Sunnyside.

Ms. Bonilla then conducted the official voting for the evening. Board member nominees were unanimously approved by voting members. The Board was pleased to welcome its newest member Joseph Wessely, Managing Director of the Dime Savings Bank.

The evening concluded with an exciting round of door prizes. The Mets tickets giveaway promotion was officially kicked off. Jerry Lederman, of Triad Management, and Sue Fox of Sunnyside Community Services



Arthur Weiner, Treasurer, Sunnyside Shines.

each won a pair of tickets to a game at the new Citi Field. Anthony Lodati, owner of Lowery Wine Factory Outlet donated bottles of fine wine which went to Steve Fleischer, of Ownership Realty and Brent O'Leary, candidate for City Council. A 50/50 raffle went to Peter Lo, owner Tangra restaurant.

The Sunnyside Shines district is from 38th - 50th Street on Queens Blvd. 43rd - 48th Street on Greenpoint Ave. and on 46th Street between Greenpoint and Queens Blvd.



Alyssa Bonilla, Executive Director, Sunnyside Shines & City Councilman Eric Gioia.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Mrs. Sabba,

My condolences to you Marlene and to your family on the passing of your dear husband, Buster.

Thank you for carrying on his good works. One way you

• LEGAL NOTICE •

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CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT. TO: Marilyn Kilgore-Parshall, Joyce Smith, David Smith, Jason Smith, Mie Smith, Attorney General of the State of New York. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of **Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Smith**, 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. **David Smith, Jason Smith and Mie Smith**, if living and if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to 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 **Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Allen**, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident 166-01 Linden Boulevard, Jamaica, in the County of Queens, State of New York. **SEND GREETING:** Upon the petition of **LOIS M. ROSENBLATT**, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Marion Allen Smith a/k/a Marion Smith, 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 4th day of June, 2009 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

compensation to **GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.**, for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$945.66 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 each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of you 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 Apr. 6, 2009. **HON. ROBERT L. NAHMAN** Surrogate, Queens County **ALICEMARIE E. RICE** Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. **GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.** (718) 459-9000 95-25 Queens Boulevard Suite 626 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. 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/09

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on 04/23/2009, bearing Index Number NC-000267-08/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 (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) **MATTHEW** (Middle) **BINGDING** (Last) **WANG**. My present name is (First) **CHENGXIAO** (Last) **WANG**. My present address is 4114 68 ST APT. 3B, Woodside, NY 11377. My place of birth is CHINA. My date of birth is October 01, 1962.

are showing that is by continuing to publish the Woodside Herald. You are making a great contribution to our communities here in Western Queens.

On January 5, 2009 I sent Buster a letter thanking him for the Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah greetings he wished the community in the December 19, 2008 issue. I also thanked him for the very important con-

tribution he makes in keeping us together as a community. Buster published my letter in the January 9, 2009 issue. I am so glad I was able to thank him shortly before he died.

Sincerely,
Barbara J. Coleman

Dear Editor,
Woodside business owners
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REAL ESTATE FACTS
 by RITA LOWRY
WELCOME HOME REAL ESTATE



Guest Editorial
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The President has made it clear that he would prefer to move forward rather than dwell on the past. It's the right way to go. We know the previous administration engaged in torturing prisoners. We know that legal memos were created to give the use of torture a facade of legality.

Now, it's time to move on. It's time for Congress to enact the President's domestic legislative agenda. If Americans are really ticked off by the actions of the previous administration - and we suspect that they are - then they can hand out their own form of retribution in the mid-term 2010 elections. The *Woodside Herald* can't think of a better way to punish the torture deniers in the Republican Party than by taking away their seats in the next election.

A Portfolio of Commodities

Have you ever thought of a home as a commodity? A commodity can be defined as a raw material or product that can be bought and sold. A home is not a raw material, but it is certainly built out of many, like a box full of wood, steel, cement, glass and copper.

Over the long term, home prices usually rise along with the cost of the commodities it takes for construction. While high inventories of housing may be keeping prices lower right now, the cost of the raw materials that are intrinsically tied to a home's value are rising, and rapidly.

With increasingly higher construction costs on the horizon, buying now is an ideal investment, and a hedge against the rising cost of commodities. Every home is a store of value for all the materials, the land and the labor involved in its construction. So the long-term value of a home is tightly connected to the cost of its production, making it a very different type of investment from stocks or bonds.

Investing in commodities has always been a great way to make lemonade from the economy's lemons. And what better way to buy into the commodities market than by purchasing a home? Sooner or later, home prices will be pushed higher by the rising cost of raw materials, so make your move now!

Letters to the Editor

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and homeowners all agree graffiti tags are acts of vandalism and that the Woodside on the Move mural is art. Until City Council member Eric Gioia advised the community, it seems few Woodsiders were aware that New York City will remove graffiti free. And that the Mayor's Community Affairs office has a Graffiti Free NYC program.

Graffiti tags are a felony. Yet, few Woodsiders are aware that anyone can call or text 911 to report graffiti tagging in progress. Often there is a reward if the perpetrator is apprehended.

Tagging houses of worship, homes, business and foreign consular office is reprehensible. And it has to stop.

JOHN CAFFREY
 WOODSIDE, NY

MAYOR'S CORNER

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during the blackout in 2003. And it's not just during times of crisis - whether it's in the military, at a volunteer organization, in government, or through simple acts of kindness during the course of a day, we are surrounded by people who don't hesitate to help others in need.

I'm sure many people listening this morning volunteer their time and talents - and I want to thank you for that. But we can all do a little bit more - and to find out how, just call 311 or visit nyc.gov. Our city needs you now more than ever.



See the Woodside Herald on-line @ www.woodsideherald.com

QUEENS ART EXPRESS

May 29 - June 14, 2009

A World of Art in One Borough
 Want the inside track on great art?
 Get yours at the Queens Art Express!

This Spring, the City's most diverse borough will host six days of exhibitions, performances, and special events clustered around the No. 7 train highlighting the distinct venues that call Queens their home, from Crossing Art in Flushing to Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City, even alternative spaces like neighborhood sidewalks and train stations will be prime spots for curated shows. All locations are conveniently near No. 7 train stops.

But wait, what makes the Queens Art Express the quintessential art adventure for you to call your crew, gather your tribe, and bring your mom to? So glad you asked! As if unique art at twenty fabulous art spaces isn't enough, the Queens Art Express is the expression of a fistful of passionate people who,



by
DR. IRVING ROVIN, OPTOMETRIST

When Cataracts Impair Vision

The lens of your eye must be clear so it can allow light to pass through to the retina at the back of the eye. It is the retina that sends the image of what you see to the brain. When a cataract begins to form, this causes a blurring vision that progresses slowly in most people.

When a cataract impedes your ability to see objects clearly, surgery may be recommended to remove the lens. Corrective glasses, contact lenses and/or lens implants are then prescribed to compensate for the loss.

As you get older, the chance that a cataract may develop in one or both eyes becomes more likely. A cataract is any imperfection in the clarity of the lens of the eye. This condition usually comes on very gradually, so gradually that you may not know you have a problem until it begins to interfere with your ability to see clearly.

rather than allow the recession to bring their creative energies to a screeching halt, have chosen to link their unique art events along the No. 7 train as tightly-knit talkative artist community and proudly launch this exciting event. They are:

Crossing Art, Flushing Town Hall, Queens Botanical Garden, Queens Museum of Art, Y Gallery, Corona Plaza, Langston Hughes Library and Community Center, 33rd Street & Queens Boulevard, Topaz Arts, Dean Project, Dorsky Curatorial, Sculpture Center, Local Project, LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, Green Space, Thalia Spanish Theatre, The Noguchi Museum, Socrates Sculpture Garden, Gantry Plaza

State Park and The Creek.

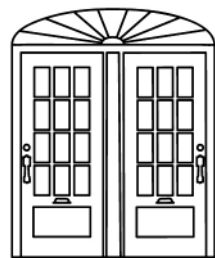
For 3 weekends between May 29th to June 14th 2009, ride the No. 7 to the Queens Art Express - very cool art at over twenty art spaces that define the quintessentially Queens cultural landscape- all on a MetroCard!

The mission of the Queens Council on the Arts is to foster and develop the arts in Queens County and to support arts organizations and individual artists in presenting their cultural diversity for the benefit of the community.



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The Woodside Herald

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This weeks pet is.....



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May

- 2 10:00 AM Sunnyside United Neighborhood Network (SUNN) anti-graffiti event- meet in front of the Sunnyside Reformed Church @ 48th & Skillman Avenue- 646-298-8669
- 2 1:00 PM St. Raphael's Monopoly Tournament- inside the Gym @ 48-25 37th Street- Admission is \$10, Ages 10 and above are welcome- Call Vincent Renda to sign up 347-870-8742
- 3 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM Shred Fest-FREE-ID Theft Protection-Call 311 or visit nyc.gov/consumers for locations and tips
- 3 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM Mini Fundraiser David Rosasco, City Council Candidate 2009 for District 26 @ the June Parodi Dance Studio- For more information email lbergendahl.cedr@gmail.com
- 7:00 PM- Community Board 2 meeting @ the Sunnyside Senior Center, 43-31 39th Street, Ground Floor, Sunnyside-Contact 718-533-8773 or gn02@cb.nyc.gov
- 12 12:30 PM- Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon meeting @ Dazie's Restaurant located @ 39-41 Queens Blvd, Sunnyside
- 14 7:00 PM- United Forties Civic Assoc monthly meeting @ St. Teresa's Parish Center, 50-22 45th Street, Woodside-Parking on 44th St is available
- 14 7:30 PM- Dutch Kills Civic organization monthly meeting @ St Patricks School Hall, 29-28 29th Street
- 15 11:00 AM ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY hosted by The Honorable Helen M. Marshall @ Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens in the Veterans Memorial Garden of Queens-Reception to Follow-Room 213 RSVP 718-286-2888
- 16 8:30 AM-5:30 PM- Livable Neighborhoods Program Training-FREE, located @ Hunter College, 695 Park Ave (breakfast & lunch provided). Registration Deadline is Friday May 8th. Call 212-935-3960 Ext. 249 or visit www.mas.org/lnp
- 16 10:00 AM-3:00 PM- It's My Park Day- Volunteer projects & event s in parks throughout the 5 boroughs – for more information, contact greenshoresnyc@yahoo.com
- 17 1:00 PM-5:00 PM- 1st Public Paddle of the Season in Halletts Cove- for more information, visit www.licboathouse.com (Weather Permitting)
- 23 11:00 AM-7:00 PM Sunnyside/ Woodside Lions Club Street Fair-Greenpoint Avenue between 44th Street & 46th Street (NO rain date)
- 25 Memorial Day- Community Board 2 Office- Closed
- 26 7:00 PM 108th Community Council Meeting given by Deputy Inspector Thomas Kavanagh @ the Sunnyside Community Services- 43-31 39th Street, Ground Floor
- 31 Bangladesh League of America Street Fair- 57th Street between 37th & 38th Avenues (NO rain date)

Street Cleaning is suspended due to holiday schedule on the following days:

May 21st, 25th, 29th & 30th

May 10th -May 18th - Asian Contemporary Art Week- For more information visit acaw.net

June

- 11 7:00 PM- United Forties Civic Assoc monthly meeting @ St. Teresa's Parish Center, 50-22 45th Street, Woodside-Parking on 44th St is available)
- 11 7:30 PM- Dutch Kills Civic organization monthly meeting @ St Patricks School Hall, 29-28 29th Street

Ongoing

12:30 PM-Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Dates-2nd Tuesday of every month, held at Dazie's Restaurant located @ 39-41 Queens Blvd, Sunnyside

CB 2 Sponsors Clothing/ Toy Drive for Needy Children in our District until June 19th – the office is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Borden Ave Shelter is in need donations of Men's clothing (can be slightly used), books & magazines- Contact Gilmore Hudson 718-784-5690 Ext. 7223 or ghudson@iclinc.com

Museum Nights

Free admission or pay as you wish at the following museums:

Brooklyn Museum of Art, 1st Saturday of the month 5:00 PM- 11 PM, 200 Eastern Pkwy at Washington Ave, Brooklyn 718-501-6131

Museum of Modern Art, Fridays 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, 11 West 53rd Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, NYC 212-708-9400

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Saturdays 5:45 PM- 7:45 PM, 1071 Fifth Avenue at 89th Street, NYC 212-423-3500



Michael and Angela DenDekker's 'Paw-fect' cat Autumn from East Elmhurst.

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The *Woodside Herald* would love to feature YOUR favorite recipes to welcome in the Summer.

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and we will print them in our upcoming issues.

This weeks recipe is.....

Cornmeal Oven-Fried Chicken

Bake Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients:

1/2 cup dry bread crumbs

1/2 cup cornmeal

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 cup minced fresh parsley or 4 teaspoons dried parsley flakes

3/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/2 cup buttermilk

1 broiler/fryer chicken (3 to 4 pounds), cut up and skin removed

1 tablespoon butter, melted

Directions:

In a large resealable plastic bag, combine the first nine ingredients. Place the buttermilk in a shallow bowl. Dip chicken in buttermilk, then add to bag, a few pieces at a time, and shake to coat.

Place in a 13-in. x 9 in. baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes; drizzle with butter. Bake 30-40 minutes longer or until juices run clear. Yield: 6 servings.



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