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## Deirdre Feerick Announces Endorsement of Borough President Helen Marshall and Congressman Joseph Crowley

Deirdre Feerick, candidate for the 26th Council District, has received the endorsement of Borough President Helen Marshall, Congressman and Queens County Democratic Leader Joseph Crowley, and the Queens County Democratic Organization in her run for office.

In response to the endorsements Deirdre said: "Having the support of Borough President Marshall, Congressman Crowley, and the Queens County Democratic Organization is a great show of support as I run for City Council. The Borough President and Congressman Crowley are both phenomenal public servants and leaders in the borough of Queens and I am proud to have their support."

Deirdre has announced her candidacy to succeed current Council Member Eric Gioia who is vacating the office to run for Public Advocate. As a lifelong resident of the 26th district, Deirdre's decision to run for City Council stems from her steadfast commitment to public service and her willingness and ability to fight for the communities of Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, Astoria and Maspeth. Deirdre received the first endorsement of the race in February 2009, from the Detectives' Endowment Association of New York City, followed by the endorsements of the Captains Endowment Association of the NYPD and the Assistant Wardens/Deputy Wardens Association. For more information visit: <http://www.FeerickForCouncil.com/> (<http://www.feerickforcouncil.com/>)

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## Community Goodbye to Fr. Vincent Daly

Fr. Vincent Daly, Pastor of Queen of Angels R.C. Church for ten years, will become Pastor of the larger parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in South Ozone Park, Queens. A new pastor, Fr. Brian Dowd, begins July 1, with Fr. Michael Mulvihill remaining at Queen of Angels. Numerous get-togethers have occurred in the past weeks celebrating Fr. Daly's tenure at Queen of Angels, but this past weekend were the occasion of final farewell parties to thank him for his service here, and wish him well in his new post.

Manny Gomez, of the Young Adult group, made the beautiful, professional level video about Father Daly's ten years at the parish which was screened to the enthusiastic audience both June 20 and June 21.

The two day event was supervised by the Parish Council, and organized by parishioner Conrado Gomez, who was assisted by Carmen Cruz and Tess Chand.

Daphne Noviello handled the food arrangements and seating, and everyone enjoyed wine and cheese on Saturday, and cake and coffee on Sunday, served by Helen Kroski, Beth Sexton, Frances Schmidt and Regina Jarosh. To design the decorations and banner, Conrado called upon Patricia Dorfman, who was helped by Charles George.



Roel van der Kooi, representing Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Fr. Daly and member Frances Schmidt presented a tribute from the Sunnyside Woodside Lions Club.



Manny Gomez, Patricia Dorfman, Conrado Gomez, Daphne Noviello, Father Daly and Carmen Cruz.

Photos by Luke Adams

Father Daly was presented with heartfelt tributes from the heads of all the church associations. Father Daly thanked ev-

everyone who attended, and said he was "grateful to be a part of Queen of Angels and for all the support over the years."



Job seekers line up outside Queens Borough Hall to attend Job Fair, sponsored by Borough President Helen Marshall and the Council for Airport Opportunities, Friday, June 19th. At bottom, Marshall meets with employees of JetBlue, one of the employers at the fair. A total of 978 individuals showed up for the event.

Photo by Dominick Totino



## Borough President Helen Marshall Sponsors Job Fair

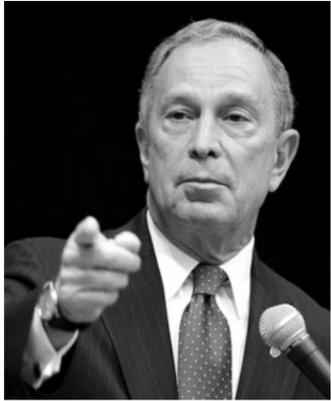
# MAYOR'S CORNER

BY MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

## Safer School Environments Lead to Improved Learning

New York City's 1.1 million public school children will close their textbooks, clean out their desks and lockers, and officially welcome summer. Based on the gains our students made this year, we have every reason to feel proud of them. And I expect that pride to be on display in the days ahead as schools across the city hold their graduation ceremonies.

Over the past few years, our public school system has become a model of progress for the nation – and it's easy to see why. Math and reading test scores continue to rise; the achievement gap between students of different races is narrowing and, our graduation rates are the highest they've been in more than 20 years.



Our gains in student achievement have also been matched by gains in school safety. That's because in 2004, we launched the Impact School initiative, a new program that focused more resources and new management strategies on the handful of schools where disorder was threatening to get out of hand. The strategy worked. We cut disruptive behavior – and crime declined dramatically, while classroom learning improved.

New crime statistics released last week show just how successful our school safety program has been. Since 2001, major crime in schools is down by nearly 45 percent, while violent crime has decreased by nearly a third. And just this past year alone, we drove major crime in our schools down nearly 10 percent, with some of the biggest reductions coming within 'Impact Schools.' For instance, at Beach Channel High School in Queens, which entered the Impact program in the last school year, we've driven major crime down by 50 percent. Similar drops occurred at schools throughout the city, from Sheephead Bay High School in Brooklyn to John F. Kennedy High School in the Bronx.

If there's one idea that's been key to the success we're seeing today, it's accountability. When the State passed a law in 2002 giving the City control over its own schools, that meant that for the first time, the schools and the police answered to the same person: the mayor. That's the foundation on which we've built our safety gains – and today accountability flows throughout the entire system. There's accountability in the classroom, and at the school level, and also accountability to parents through school progress reports.

The decision to give the City control of its schools ushered in a new era of progress, and I'd like to thank our leaders in Albany for voting to keep the progress going. The Assembly has already passed a bill to renew the school governance law – and we feel confident that the Senate will soon follow.

Of course, the great strides we're making in our schools are also the result of great teamwork among principals, teachers, and school safety officers. So I'd also like to thank all the hard-working City employees who have made this school year one of the best on record.

## Pack 390 Conducts Their Annual Awards Ceremony



(L-R) Front Row Seated: Joe, Joe Mennicucci, Daniel Carlson, Ryan Lopez, Eric Moy, Xavier Fernandez. Second Row Standing: Xavier Morales, Joe Nero, Javier Enriquez, Nathaniel Tortorelli, Tom Callahan, Tony Jeffcoat. Back Row Standing: William (Guadalcanal Bill) Clausman, PPC, Marvin R. Jeffcoat.

Cubs from Pack 390 received various awards from special guest speaker William (Guadalcanal Bill) Clausman, PPC, of the John V. Daniels Jr. VFW Post No. 2813 their sponsoring organization. The boys received Bob Cat Badges, Tiger Cub Badges, Webelos Badges, Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblems, Bicycle Belt Loops, Basketball Belt Loops, Physical Fitness Belt Loops, and Astronomy Belt Loops.

William (Guadalcanal Bill) Clausman, PPC addresses Cubs and Parents just prior to presenting the Cubs their awards. PPC Clausman shared his experience as a Cub and Boy Scout growing up in New York. He explained how his Scout train-

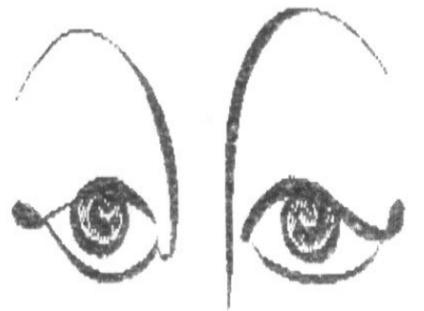
ing prepared him for his experience as a 17-year-old Marine during the Guadalcanal landing and numerous other Pacific Campaigns during WWII. His parting advice in keeping with the Marine Corps spirit was "remember no one can make

you do anything, but they can sure make you wish you had. So pay attention to your parents and leaders" After the ceremony everyone enjoyed pizza and soda courtesy of their sponsors from the John V. Daniels Jr. VFW Post No. 2813.



(L-R) Marvin R. Jeffcoat and William (Guadalcanal Bill) Clausman, PPC.

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## LaGuardia Community College Nursing Graduates Celebrate their Passage into the Profession

Seventy-two graduates of LaGuardia Community College's registered nursing program received the pins symbolizing their professional accomplishment in a ceremony on June 18.

Dressed in traditional white nursing uniforms, the graduates sat on the stage before an audience of family, friends, faculty and staff as speakers extolled their diligence and dedication, and dispensed advice for the future.

Addressing the graduates, Professor Patricia Dillon of the nursing programs, said, "In a few short years your dreams have been realized, and now you are embarking of a wonderful profession where you will be helping others."

Professor Ann Feibel, chairperson of the Natural and Applied Sciences Department,

noted that the class of 2009 was the program's second largest graduating class. The class also had the distinction of graduating the largest number of men—10. In addition, 29 students who enrolled in the College's licensed practical nurse to registered nurse pathway program were among the graduates.

"I hope that our blossoming nursing careers will reflect well on our professors, on our school and on ourselves," said graduate nurse Steven Borowsky.

Keynote speaker Lisa McEvelley, a nurse educator from Mount Sinai Hospital, told the graduates that the pinning ceremony, which is the Right of passage into the nursing profession, is one of the most important days of your life. "Today you are leaving the role of student and becoming a nurse

practitioner."

She went on to tell the graduates that "as you begin your long journey strive to achieve the highest level of service and greater responsibility. You are our future nurse leaders, nurse educators and researchers."

Following the awards presentation the graduates processed across the stage to receive their pins from LaGuardia's nursing faculty, then took the International Pledge for Nurses.

LaGuardia's highly competitive nursing program is one of its most popular programs. It turns away three times the amount of applicants it receives each semester. In 2007, 97.5% of LaGuardia's nursing graduates passed the national licensure exams—the highest rate of all the colleges in New York State.

## Crowley Salutes Expansion of GI Education Benefits to Children of Fallen Service Members

Congressman Joseph Crowley (D-the Bronx, Queens) saluted the U.S. House of Representatives for expanding the GI education benefits to the children of fallen service members. The House passed this critical legislation last night, as part of the Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Conference Report. Once signed into law, this legislation will allow children of members of the armed forces who die while on active duty to access 21st Century GI

Bill of Rights education benefits, including tuition and other expenses for a four-year college education.

"Expanding education benefits to the children of fallen service members is the right thing to do," said Congressman Crowley. "The loss of an active duty parent can have a devastating effect on a family and this amendment assures that the children of service members who have given the ultimate

sacrifice on behalf of our nation will have access to higher education no matter what. The Democratic-led Congress has made expanding and enhancing veterans and military benefits a top priority, and this is one more critical initiative that pays tribute to our men and women in uniform."

This legislation will allow the extension of 21st Century GI Bill of Rights education benefits (covering tuition and other expenses for a four-year college education) to children of members of the armed forces who die while on active duty. The 21st Century GI Bill was enacted last year by the Democratic-led Congress as the "Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008." This bill addressed many issues related to the Vietnam GI Bill. Congressman Crowley has worked with the National Congress of Puerto Rican Veterans Association to expand this education benefit, and ensure the maximum flexibility and transferability for service members to pass this benefit onto their dependent children.

## "City Council Candidate David Rosasco Meets Jolliebee"

David Rosasco (D) candidate for New York City Council in District 26 visited the first annual Bayanihan Festival sponsored by the Bayanihan Filipino Community Center, Philippine Forum and Jolliebee fast food restaurant.

"The Filipino Community has consistently supported my campaign from the very beginning. Many on my campaign team, including my campaign manager and health care advisor, are Filipino Americans, and as I move forward in the campaign, our shared faith in God, Community and Family is the driving force of my conservative 'blue dog' democratic message, and I look forward to serving the Filipino Community to the utmost of my ability."

On a side note, just like former President Richard Nixon meeting Elvis, David met the Jolliebee mascot.

## Navy News

Navy Reserve Seaman Apprentice Jerry S. Pring, son of Soledad Pring of Woodside, N. Y., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Pring completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot

camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Pring is a 1991 graduate of William C. Bryant High School of Long Island City, N. Y.

"There is no consolation for the loss of a loved one, but all parents want a better future for their children and this provision will do exactly that. Thank you to my good friend Richard Soto, National President of the National Congress of Puerto Rican Veterans Association, for his work on this issue. His life-long commitment to improving the lives of our nation's veterans is commendable, and I look forward to continuing our work together to improve services for all veterans, service members and their families," said Congressman Crowley.

The FY09 Supplemental Appropriations bill now goes to the Senate for consideration, and is expected to be signed into law by President Obama once the Senate passes the measure. Congressman Crowley is a member of the exclusive House Committee on Ways and Means.

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# Ridgewood Democratic Club Celebrates 101st Anniversary



On June 10th the Ridgewood Democratic Club celebrated 101 years of service at the Douglaston Manor. Unfortunately, their leader Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan was stuck in Albany working on the Mayoral Control Bill. RDC President Jim Grayshaw and wife Susan welcomed Borough President Helen Marshall and her husband Donald to the dance.



District Leader Deirdre Feerick stops be to greet and say hello to Cathy Nolan's son Nicholas Marsicano.



Ridgewood Democratic District Leader Tom Bornemann was on hand to present the Woman of the Year award to City Council member Elizabeth Crowley.



Top - Deirdre Feerick, Roel Van der kooi, BP Marshall, seated Alan Ballek Diane Ballek and Doris Nowello Suda. The Borough President wanted to visit the lively Sunnyside table.



(L-R) Lily Gavin, Kate Brennan, BP Helen Marshall. Lily and Borough President Marshall congratulates Sunnyside's Kate Brennan on winning the Community Service award.

**WOODSIDE ON THE MOVE** →

For many community residents, the Woodside on the Move *Performances in the Park Series* is one of the best parts of the summer. Every Thursday night from July 4<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>, the neighborhood will be treated to free performances ranging from the big band sound of the 30's to popular rock of the 90's. Performances include such favorites as the *Phil Costa and Something Special Big Band*, *Plastic Sole's Hits of the 60's & 70's*, the World Music Theater presents *Cinderella*, Shakespeare in the Park presents a *Midsummer Nights Dream*, the NYPD Jazz Band, Bomba Yo's Afro-Puerto Rican Music and Dance, the soulful bluesy sound of *The Huck'l Berry'z*, and *Cady Finlayson's Irish Music and Dance*.

All of these great shows, performed in the new Windmuller Park Bandshell, are made possible through the generosity and support of our funders: New York State Assemblymembers Marge Markey and Michael DenDekker, New York City Council member Eric Gioia, the NYS Department of the Parks, The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, The NYPD 108<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, and by our special Co-Sponsor, Con Edison.

**Leaving Home? Inform A Neighbor!**

In order to help yourself and your neighbors, if one plans to leave home for any period of time including a summer vacation or even one day, it would be a good idea to inform your neighbors.

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## 529 Plan Can Help You Cope With College Costs

In a few weeks, the school year will be coming to an end. If you have young children, you're that much closer to the day when they head off to college. And if you want to help them pay for their schooling, the time to start saving is now, because college costs are moving in only one direction - up.

Just how high are the costs of higher education? Consider these figures from the College Board: In 2003-2004, the average annual total charges (tuition, fees, room and board) at a four-year public institution is \$10,636, while the corresponding figure for a four-year private school is \$26,854. And if college expenses continue to rise faster than the general inflation rate, you can expect much higher costs in the future.

Fortunately, you've got some attractive college savings vehicles available - and one of the best of these is the Section 529 plan, named after that part of the Internal Revenue Code authorizing these accounts.

You can choose from two types of Section 529 plans: a pre-paid tuition program or a savings plan.

In a pre-paid tuition plan, you buy future tuition credit - at today's prices - at an in-state, public school. If your child or grandchild decides not to attend your state college, you can trans-

fer the value of your contract to private and out-of-state schools.

In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you've named - typically, your child or grandchild. (However, the money will appear as income on the child's tax return.) Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. This tax benefit is effective through 2010, unless extended by the U.S. Congress.

### SECTION 529

#### PLAN BENEFITS

Of the two types of 529 plans, the savings plan is far more popular. In many ways, it offers more freedom than the pre-paid tuition plan, and, of course, it has tax advantages. But the 529 savings plan also offers other key benefits, including the following:

- High contribution limits - Section 529 plan contribution limits are typically quite high - more than \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans. Special gifting provisions apply. As with many investments, before investing in a 529, you should consult your tax professional.

- No residency requirements

- You can generally contribute to the Section 529 plan of any state you choose, even if you don't live there. However, if you participate in your own state's plan, you may receive additional tax benefits.

- Investment flexibility - If you want to move your investment around, you can generally change to a different option in a 529 savings plan once a year. You can also transfer your account to a different state's program as often as once every 12 months.

- Estate planning advantages - If you're a grandparent, you may be especially interested in the 529 savings plan. Because you can contribute large amounts of money to the plan, you'll be

able to reduce the size of your taxable estate. Plus, even though the assets are out of your estate, you retain control of them. You decide who will get the money and when they'll get it. You can even change the beneficiary to another family member.

So, there you have it - some reasons to consider investing in a Section 529 plan. If this plan is appropriate for your individual needs, it can be a great way to help boost your college savings. As for your child's grades - well, that's up to them.

This article is a courtesy from your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor Vincent Renda located at 47-01 Queens Blvd. Suite 203 Sunnyside NY 11104. Phone him at 718-361-1306.

## Mayor Bloomberg Announces City's \$100 Million Acquisition

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg today announced the \$100 million acquisition of 30 acres at Hunter's Point South in Long Island City. The site was acquired from the Empire State Development Corporation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and will become the largest middle income housing development since the 1970's. This largely vacant land will accommodate 5,000 new units of housing, 60 percent of which will be reserved for moderate- and middle-income families. The project will also include more than 11 acres of landscaped waterfront parkland, new retail shops, community facility space and a new 1,100 seat high school. Expected to catalyze more than \$2 billion in private investment and create more than 4,600 jobs, the first phase of the \$175 million infrastructure and park design work will begin this fall. Joining the Mayor in Long Island City were Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, City Councilman Eric Gioia, Deputy Mayor Robert C. Lieber, Department

of Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Rafael Cestero, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Adrian Benepe, Economic Development Corporation President Seth Pinsky and School Construction Authority Executive Director Lorraine Grillo.

"Creating jobs and affordable housing for the City's middle income families is a critical component of our Five Borough Economic Opportunity Plan and today's announcement allow us to make great progress on both those fronts," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg, "With the acquisition of the site and the start of the design work, we are setting the stage for the largest investment in permanently affordable housing for our police officers, nurses, teachers and public employees and other middle income New Yorkers."

At the announcement, the Mayor unveiled concept designs for the open space which are available at [www.nycdc.com/hunterspointsouth](http://www.nycdc.com/hunterspointsouth) <<http://www.nycdc.com/Projects/Opportunities/CurrentProjects/Queens/Hunt>

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## Two LaGuardia Community College Students Shine Bright as 2009 Kaplan Scholars

Former High School Dropouts Bring LaGuardia's Total of Winners to Six Since Program's Start in 2004.

Jonathan Chavez and Kaire Colwell, two high school dropouts who turned to LaGuardia Community College to help them chart a course for a new direction in their lives, were selected as 2009 Kaplan Educational Foundation Scholars for their outstanding academic records.

The two LaGuardian scholars were among seven community college students in New York City to receive this highly competitive scholarship, which attracted 149 applicants. Since the program was established four years ago, six LaGuardia students have been selected.

The program identifies community college students who have high academic and leadership potential but who might not realize these strengths due to limited resources, support and guidance. As Kaplan Scholars, Jonathan and Kaire will receive financial support throughout their college experience as well as academic support in the form of mentoring and individual and group tutoring through the completion of the bachelor's degree. Leadership development training and cultural enrichment are also provided.

"LaGuardia has provided Jonathan and Kaire with a nurturing and supportive environment where they have been able to flourish academically," says President Gail O. Mellow. "The Kaplan Scholarship program will continue to provide that valuable support network and will eliminate the financial burdens that limit the college choices of many of our students."

## GRADUATION IS NO TIME TO LEARN YOU HAVEN'T SAVED ENOUGH FOR COLLEGE.

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# Letters To The Editor



The following letters are the opinions of its author and not necessarily those of the Woodside Herald.

## Petition Invite

Dear Friends:

With the petitioning for my candidacy for New York City Council in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 now proceeding, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your steadfast support and tremendous work in the petition drive.

For those of you I have not met up to now, I invite you to join me this coming Friday, June 26 at Engeline's Restaurant in Woodside for my next campaign event. Here, you will get a chance to meet me, hear about the campaign I am conducting for District 26 (Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, Astoria, Maspeth, Dutch Kills) and about what you can do to be part of the campaign as we approach the deadline to submit petitions and fundraising along with spreading the word.

Please see below for more information on this upcoming event.

Remember to visit my campaign website at [www.davidrosas.com](http://www.davidrosas.com) for more information about the issues and me.

If you have any questions, inquire at [contact@davidrosasco.com](mailto:contact@davidrosasco.com).

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
David Rosasco

## Public Advocate

Dear Friend,

I'm running for Public Advocate because we need someone at City Hall who does more than talk - someone who lis-

tens, and works for real solutions to the problems that face everyday New Yorkers.

I want to have a conversation all over New York about making city government work for you. And I'd like to start by telling you a little bit about me, and why I care so much about our city.

Please take a moment to click on the video to hear my story.

<http://www.ericgioia.com/multimedia/videos?id=0004>

New York is the greatest city in the world. Where else can you go from working in the back of the family flower shop and attending public schools in Woodside, Queens to a job in the White House - and then later to representing the neighborhood where you grew up in the City Council? It's the city where my wife, Lisa Hernandez Gioia, and I are proud to be raising our daughter Amelia.

But we need change. We need someone at City Hall who understands what real New Yorkers are going through. Someone who will stand up for the middle class, and all those who are working so hard to get there, and get results for them. That's what I've done in the City Council, and what I'll do as your Public Advocate. But I can't do it without your support.

You can contact me at [ericgioia@ericgioia.com](mailto:ericgioia@ericgioia.com). I look forward to hearing from you about ways we can work together to improve our city.

Sincerely,  
Eric Gioia

P.S. I also want to thank all of the people who have supported me in this race. This is a grassroots campaign. There have been over 5,500 contributions, and our most common amount is \$10 - from regular, hard working people who want change. Please know that my family and I are deeply grateful for your support and trust. Please visit <http://www.ericgioia.com/volunteer> if you want to help too.

## Health Care

Dear Editor:

Western Queens Independent Democrats, Sunnyside Woodside Peace, and West Queens Greens hosted a talk by Martha Livingston, Ph.D. on single payer health care. The event was at All Saints Church's basement and was packed with rapt listeners.

Livingston, of Physicians for a National Health Program, began with some startling statistics. The United States spends over 2.4 trillion per year on health care. This amounts to 16% or one sixth of the nation's gross domestic production and is more than any other industrialized nation. Even with all that spending, at any given time 50 million Americans are uninsured. Millions more are

underinsured. One million people declare bankruptcy every year due to health care costs, 75% of which are people who had health coverage at the start of their illness. The United States is the only developed nation that does not have some kind of national health care system.

The single payer health care was explained. It is a system where people would go to private providers but the payment would come from a national fund. It would do away with private insurance companies. It would help businesses that currently provide benefits by re-

ducing their labor costs. "Coverage does not equal care," said Livingston. Insurance companies find ways to deny care as a way to keep more health care dollars for themselves in the form of profits. "The only thing a doctor should ask you when you come in is, 'Where does it hurt.'"

After the presentation audience members were able to ask questions and were encouraged to contact their local elected officials to support single payer health care. For more information visit: [www.pnhp.org](http://www.pnhp.org)

Sincerely,  
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## Marist College Graduates

The following graduated on May 23 from Marist College. Tiana C. Steward of Long Island City received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications/Journalism.

Theodore G. Psahos of Woodside received a Masters in Public Administration.

Cathryn A. Sullivan of Woodside received a Masters in Public Administration.

Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4,300 full-time undergraduate students from 39 states and 7 countries. Founded in 1929, Marist offers 32 major fields of undergraduate study and 11 graduate degree programs. Marist is included in The Princeton Review's guide to the top colleges and universities in the U.S., The Best 368 Colleges, placing Marist in the top ten percent of all institutions of higher education in the United States.

## Hotel Trades Council Endorses Jimmy Van Bramer for City Council

### Continues Impressive Momentum Among Organized Labor

The New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council, AFL-CIO (HTC), which represents 26,000 New Yorkers working in the hospitality industry, has announced its endorsement of Jimmy Van Bramer for City Council in the 26th District.

HTC represents over 12,000 members in the borough of Queens, and is the second largest union in terms of membership in the 26th District. HTC plans a comprehensive program to communicate its endorsement of Van Bramer to its members, and will be recruiting volunteers for the campaign through an intensive canvassing effort.

"Jimmy Van Bramer is a true grassroots candidate, who will fight for quality jobs, affordable housing, responsible development, and raising the quality of life in his neighborhood and throughout Queens," said Peter Ward, President of the Hotel Trades Council and Executive Vice President of UNITE HERE. "We are going to do whatever it takes for him, because he has shown a dedication in his community that is worthy of our endorsement."

In response to the endorsement, Jimmy Van Bramer said: "Helping working people is one of my top priorities, especially

during these challenging economic times. I am honored to have the support of the New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council, and I look forward to working alongside HTC and its membership for good jobs with good benefits, and for a City Council that works for working people."

Jimmy Van Bramer is seeking election in the 26th Council District of Western Queens, which includes Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, Astoria and Maspeth. The Democratic Primary is September 15th.

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## REAL ESTATE FACTS



by RITA LOWRY  
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### "First Time" Appeal!

Regardless of conditions in the real estate market, first-time buyers will always be a driving force for home sales. As a seller, there are a few steps you can take to make your home (especially an older one) more appealing to this demographic.

First understand that most young consumers have been turned off to carpeting. If you have wood floors beneath your existing carpet, give strong consideration to ripping up your floor covering to polish and expose the hardwood flooring beneath.

Another "fashion" consideration: furnishings from the sixties and seventies. Antiques are great, but sets of "look-alike" furniture could be another turn-off when showing your home. If possible, put such sets into storage, or at least a couple pieces, to create more space and a more contemporary feel in your rooms. Elaborate and heavy window treatments fall into this category as well.

Finally, the walls: First-time home buyers hate wallpaper, and hate the idea of having to rip it down, so make your rooms more appealing by removing any wallpaper and painting the walls with neutral and natural colors.

It sounds like a lot of work, but it can all be done "in-house" for fairly low cost. If young buyers feel they have to invest too much work into making your home into their home, they may present a low offer, or no offer at all.

### Mayor Bloomberg Announces City's \$100 Million Acquisition

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ersPointSouth/Pages/HuntersPointSouth.aspx> . The 1,100 seat high school is in design and fully funded as part of the budget passed by the City Council. Hunters Point South is an integral part of the City's \$7.5 billion New Housing Marketplace Plan which calls for the preservation and creation of 165,000 affordable housing units. Sixty-eight percent of those - over 112,000 units - will serve low-income New Yorkers. At least 3,000 permanently low-income units will be built in Queens over the next 10 years. The Hunter's Point South Plan also includes the re-zoning of an adjacent, privately-owned 7.5-acre site, Site B, to allow for compatible development, including at least 330 units of low-income housing.

The project will serve moderate- and middle-income New Yorkers with a range of incomes. It is expected that of the 3,000 total affordable units at Hunter's Point South, 1,000 will be for households with incomes at 80% of the HUD income limit, another 1,000 will be for families with incomes at 130%

of the HUD income limit, and the remaining 1,000 units will be for households with incomes at 165% of the HUD limit. This translates to 3,000 units available to households with incomes between \$55,000 and \$158,000 for a family of four.

"Today's announcement moves the Hunters Point South development forward with a giant step," said Queens Borough President Helen Marshall. "Infrastructure improvements, a new school, housing construction and a timetable for work to begin this fall will transform this underutilized property in southwest Queens into an attractive, mixed use development that will continue to transform the waterfront in southwest Queens into one of the most desirable places to live in our city. I thank Mayor Michael Bloomberg and all our partners for their vision and support for this project, which will eventually become one of the largest middle-income housing developments in our great city. I am delighted to be here today and to support Hunters Point South."

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"Today we're not just talking about how to keep New York affordable, we're taking a concrete step forward in creating thousands of units of housing for moderate and middle-income New Yorkers," said Councilman Eric Gioia. "A cop married to a school teacher ought to be able to live in New York City, and so should a maintenance worker or a crossing guard. We need affordable neighborhoods where families can put down roots, with options for homeownership. Hunters Point South should be a model in revitalizing the waterfront and rebuilding the middle class."

"This City sorely needs moderate- and middle-income housing - ask any police officer, firefighter, sanitation worker, teacher or nurse that you know," said HPD Commissioner Cestero. "This is our opportunity to create 3,000 new, permanently affordable homes for moderate- and middle-income New Yorkers. Another 2,000 units will be market-rate, and support the affordable element of this project. This is housing for our city's firefighters, police officers, teachers and other municipal workers and their families, its nurses and healthcare workers - middle-class New Yorkers who are leaving the city due to rising housing costs. Without them, it's hard to imagine a workable, livable New York City."

"Today marks another great milestone in the Bloomberg Administration's commitment to



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### What is Proper Lighting

Many people consider proper lighting to be an essential element in preventive eye care. Mothers have been haranguing children for decades, if not centuries, about not reading in poor light. Their intentions are admirable, but the fact is that you cannot harm your eyes by reading or doing any kind of seeing in less than "good" light. This does not mean you should read in the dark. There is a proper level and location of light for reading that will help you see better and cut down on eyestrain. However, this is a matter of comfort, not medical health.

The best light setup for reading is when the light source is located behind you and is directed onto the page. In this way, what you are looking at will be light, but you will not have light glaring off the white page into your eyes. Within reasonable bounds, the brighter the light, the better, since it will provide more contrast and make the words easier to read.

making neighborhoods in all five boroughs of New York City more inviting, livable and affordable to New Yorkers of all incomes and professions," said New York Economic Development Corporation President Seth W. Pinsky. "Investing in critical infrastructure and creating the next great New York new, affordable neighborhoods, like Hunter's Point South, for those who make the City work is yet another example of how an important part of the City's Five Borough Economic Opportunity Plan is quickly being turned from goal to reality."

According to the agreement with ESDC and the Port Authority, the City now controls the title of the 30-acre site in exchange for an obligation to pay \$100 million in Queens' capital projects that were the responsibility of the Port Authority. The details of those capital projects are being finalized.

"I have long been a supporter of this project and am happy to see this new community here at Hunters Point South," said Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan. "I am

hopeful that the long time residents of Vernon Boulevard area, the new City Lights residents and together with the new residents of Hunters Point South can all benefit from a vibrant arts community, a new middle and high school, adequate police and fire protection facilities, a library in close proximity and accessible bus lines."

In the late 1980s, the Hunter's Point South site was slated to become the third and fourth phase of New York State's Queens West Development which called for 2,200 apartments and more than two million square feet of office space. Later the site was envisioned as the location for the Olympic Village in the City's 2012 Olympic bid. On the heels of the sale of Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village in 2006, Mayor Bloomberg announced the City's intention to acquire the site from ESDC and the Port Authority to create the City's first large-scale moderate and middle income housing in decades. Since then, multiple City agencies have worked with the community to develop the Hunter's Point South Plan.

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## The Imperfect Man

By Brad Manzo

### "Eating Us Out of House and Home"

Back in college, my friends and I would hang out in the student union and eat lunch. If someone had French fries they would soon be communal French fries. However, one friend, in particular, hated sharing his fries. To prevent others from taking them, he would spit on them. Needless to say it worked (and he was dateless in college). Though it's a classless move, I wish I had thought of doing that. I'm not a big fan of sharing food, either, as my son can attest.

"Dad, can I have some?"

"No."

"Just a bite?"

"Absolutely not."

He reached for my plate of macaroni.

"Don't even think about it. That's why lions eat their young," I snarled.

"Because they eat their macaroni?"

"Exactly."

Maybe I'm exaggerating and did share some macaroni with my son, however, my dinner plate is not what they crave. For some reason, they gravitate to my wife's meal every time.

"Mom, what are you eating?" my son asks.

"The same thing you're eating. Why does everyone have to eat my food? Eat your Father's food!"

However, it's too late for that. Realizing my kids' penchant for eating my wife's dinner, I'm al-

ready done and washing my dishes.

Despite my wife's loud protests, the kids forge ahead and continue to eat her food as well as their own food. After polishing off my wife's dinner plate, they head to Grandma's and eat a full meal, further agitating my wife.

My mother-in-law then calls my wife to say, "You don't feed your kids?" which now has her at her boiling point.

How do you answer that? No, we don't feed our kids. It's part of our master plan-that also includes coffee and cigarettes-to stunt their growth.

In reality, not only do we feed our kids three square meals a day but we also seemingly provide them snacks around the clock. Every time my wife or I sit down to relax, they're hungry and we're back in the kitchen readying a snack. Waffles, pancakes, cookies, bananas, cereal, chips, candy, a lemon, a sugar packet-you name it, they'll eat it.

Despite all their snacks, there's always room for ice cream in their bottomless pits. But not just any ice cream, ice cream from the ice cream man.

I have no problem with the ice cream man per se, except that he's everywhere. In fact, a few weeks ago, we took the kids to Toys R Us and there were THREE ice cream trucks in the parking lot. Admittedly, it's a shrewd business move. But as we had

already bought ice cream twice that day for the kids, I wanted to wing an over-priced cup of ice cream at each ice cream man's head.

I managed to dodge the ice cream trucks, but at that 9:30 that night, the ice cream man's music blared through our block. The kids, who were half asleep, were now miraculously wide awake. And five minutes later, not surprisingly, I was buying ice cream for my wife and the kids.

Despite the fact that I waited on line behind some guy who purchased ice cream for a family that seemed to number 50, no one even offered me a taste. I didn't want a cone or a cup, but a taste would have been nice. However, that ice cream was like gold to the kids. If it had fallen on the floor, been sneezed on and stepped on, they still would have eaten it. So I wasn't surprised at my son's reaction when I asked my son for a lick of his ice cream cone.

"Can I have some?"

"No."

"Just a lick, c'mon."

"No." He then ran away.

Like Father, like son.

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## HERALD'S KITCHEN

~Local Food From Local Friends~

The *Herald* would love to feature YOUR favorite recipes for Summer.

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*This weeks recipe is.....*

### B-B-Q Beef Short Ribs

10 pounds short ribs of beef, 2 inches thick

2 tablespoons salt

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 tablespoon garlic

1 teaspoon thyme leaves

1 tablespoon ancho powder

#### Directions:

Mix all seasoning in a large bowl. Add short ribs and toss to coat evenly. Allow to sit for one hour before smoking. Build a hickory fire in grill on one side only. Place the beef ribs on the grill on the opposite side of the fire and close off the air so the fire goes down. Maintain a temperature of 275 degrees for 3 hours, basting with mop every 15 minutes for the last 45 minutes.

#### Short Rib Mop:

3 tablespoons French's mustard

3 tablespoons ketchup

1 teaspoon garlic powder

2 cup apple cider

Mix all ingredients together.

## Pet of the Week

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