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Home Away from Home

by Patricia Dorfman



Posing under the Sunnyside Arch en route on the #7 to Manhattans High Line, are, L to R, "Newsletter," Belfast, Philip Crossey, Citybeat 96.7, Barry Weir, NYC & Company rep in Ireland (nycgo.com), John Donohue, Continental Airlines, Dublin, Yvonne Muldoon, "Sunday Life," Belfast, Stephen Gordon, "Northern Woman," Belfast, Lyn Palmer, "Sunday World," Belfast, Richard Sullivan, NYC & Company, NY, Chris Heywood, Continental Airlines, England, Shelley Hinde, "Ulster Tatler," Belfast, Chris Sherry "Travel Weekly," NY, Nadine Godwin, Sunnyside host, Sidetracks Andrew Breslin.

The Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce welcomed distinguished Northern Irish travel and media representatives to one of our own Irish-identified establishments, Sidetracks, which generously hosted the lively August 14 luncheon. The Irish population of Sunnyside and Woodside ebbs and flows with the economy in Ireland, but we are known worldwide as a place the Irish can feel at home, with NYC area boasting the largest concentration of Irish-Americans in the US. Indeed, one can take in the

occasional feis, refresh with Guinness on tap every other block, and enjoy smoky Irish bacon and bread flown in from Ireland daily at the Butcher Block.

Andrew Breslin of Sidetracks, originally from County Meath his own self, offered a menu that the group that all diners acknowledged was a fine blend of old and new in Sidetracks sleek quarters on Queens Boulevard near 46th Street. Barry Weir of Belfasts Citybeat 96.7, endorsed and shared his thin crust pizza, and Belfasts *Sunday Lifes* Stephen

Gordon pronounced the shepherds pie as "excellent!"

Theresa Osborne, Director of Queens Tourism, welcomed the travelers and accompanied them to Sunnyside. Absent was Sunnyside Chamber's vacationing "ambassador," Luke Adams, but he had pre-prepared small gift bags.

Chamber President Ira Greenberg announced Chamber plans to offer mini-tours of the now landmarked Sunnyside Gardens, and Calvary Cemetery, for just such future occasions, for interested visitors from everywhere.

Gioia Outlines Need to Reframe the Debate on Schools

New York – Councilman Eric Gioia, Candidate for Public Advocate, today released the first of two white papers outlining his ideas to improve student performance.

"For too long, education reform has been hampered by an excessive focus on issues that don't move our schools forward," said Councilman Gioia. "With mayoral control rightfully restored, now is the time to return the focus to children and reframe the debate."

Substantial progress has been made in New York City schools, but with a dropout rate of 13.5%, and with only 56.4% of students graduating high school in four years – including 51.4% of African American and 48.7% of Latino students (versus 71.5% of Whites) – it's clear that much more needs to be done. Gioia outlined a five point plan to make schools work better for all students:

***Extracurricular Opportunities for All Students:** Ensuring that there are solid extracurricular activities available to all children after school – whether tutoring, academic instruction, supplemental arts and music programs, or sports – will both help parents and keep kids active and learning throughout the day. Every child should have a safe place to go after school, where they're not just being given something to do but are provided with the tools to learn and grow.

***Summer Learning Programs:** A legacy of farming days, when every able body was needed for the harvest, today's short school year results in a loss of educational gains every summer, particularly among lower-income students who do not have access to the same resources and enrichment opportunities as their higher-income peers. Providing free summer programming to New York City students will help make sure that the gains of the school year are not lost during the summer months.

***Every Child Should Begin School at Age 3:** Students' skill level when they begin kindergarten is a good predictor of their later educational performance. Preschool and pre-kindergarten should be accessible to every child, not just those whose families can afford it.

***Adopt a Holistic Approach:** Because what happens outside of the classroom can have such a dramatic impact on what happens inside it, every school should be a "community school," where support services, provided through government and/or nonprofit partnerships, keep families healthy, intact and stable.

***Learn from Our Successes:** Many charter schools and public schools around the city are using innovative educational practices and models to increase students' academic success. It's time the school system learned from these successes and took these innovations to scale.

"The truth is we know what to do to measurably improve our schools," Gioia said. "While many of these initiatives require dramatic changes to the school system, and a sizable financial investment, these challenges cannot stop discussion about the steps we should take to give our kids a better education. As a city, we need to have a frank conversation about priorities, and deciding what our children – and our city's future – are worth. These ideas are not new; in fact they've been successful on a smaller scale in schools across the country. Now is the time to consider bold action to move our schools forward."

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UNEMPLOYED NEW YORKERS, STATE SENATORS, AND ADVOCATES FOR JOBLESS CALL FOR REFORM OF NEW YORK STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM

Weekly Unemployment Benefits Not Raised Since 1998 & Lag Behind Neighboring States; Action Also Needed to Make Unemployment Trust Fund Solvent Again State Senator George Onorato (D-Queens), the chairman of the State Senate Labor Committee, today joined with unemployed New Yorkers from a variety of occupations and wage levels, other state senators, and advocates for the jobless in calling for action on legislation (S.2245) he sponsors to increase weekly unemployment benefits and begin the process of bringing New York's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund back from bankruptcy. "In today's difficult economy, the ranks of the unemployed in New York are growing daily, and people from all wage levels and occupations are facing or have already experienced job losses," said Senator Onorato. "While their jobs and their take-home pay may have differed while they were still in the work force, New York's unemployed share one common challenge: making ends meet on low weekly unemployment benefits that have not been raised in more than a decade and that now amount to poverty-level assistance." Right now, New York's maximum weekly benefit is \$405, although Congress temporarily increased the benefit by \$25 earlier this year. When that federal increase expires, the state's benefit will return to \$405 – which it has been since 1998. In contrast, the weekly benefit in New Jersey is \$584, while jobless workers in Connecticut can collect \$519 a week, and unemployed Massachusetts residents can receive up to \$628. At today's press conference, a number of unemployed New Yorkers, representing many different walks of life and occupations, told of their personal struggles to stay afloat while searching for new employment and subsisting on inadequate benefits. The number of unemployed New York State residents now stands at more than 854,000, and the unemployment rate is 8.7 percent – the highest rate in 17 years. In New York City, the overall unemployment rate is 9.5 percent. In addition to the workers, representatives of the National Employment Law Project (NELP) and Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI) spoke of both the need to raise benefits and the need to begin bringing New York's Un-

employment Insurance Trust Fund back to solvency. The Trust Fund, which is funded by employer contributions and is the source of benefits paid out to the unemployed, has been bankrupt since the early hours of 2009. In addition, the taxable wage base – upon which employer contributions to the fund are calculated – has not been raised in 11 years. Right now, employers only pay unemployment taxes on the first \$8,500 of wages in New York. In New Jersey, the taxable wage base is \$28,900, while Connecticut's stands at \$15,000 and Massachusetts at \$14,000. "New York's unemployed workers, in all industries and across the state, are being forced to scrape by with benefits far less than what many other states consider acceptable. In the last year alone, Albany's failure to raise unemployment benefits from \$405 to \$475 prevented \$267 million in additional benefits from reaching about 283,000 jobless New Yorkers – and turned away a crucial life line for workers and a jolt of economic stimulus for our state's economy," said Andrew Stettner, Deputy Director of the National Employment Law Project and co-author of NELP and FPI's recent report, *Casualty of Chaos: The Cost of Albany's Inaction on Jobless Benefit Increases*. James Parrott, the Deputy Director and Chief Economist of the Fiscal Policy Institute, said, "New York's leaders need to respond to the state's worsening unemployment crisis. Local businesses and communities all over the state, as well as jobless workers, will benefit when the state finally acts to bring benefits up to levels that exist in our neighboring states." Jack Ahern, President of the New York City Central Labor Council, said, "It's clear that the time is long overdue to bring the state's maximum weekly benefit into line with neighboring states and to help unemployed New Yorkers ride out this recession without losing everything they've worked for. Taking action to raise benefits and stabilize the Unemployment Trust Fund is not only the fiscally responsible thing to do, it's the right thing to do." In addition to Senator Onorato, who is the chief sponsor of the unemployment insurance reform bill, a number of other state senators who co-sponsor the legislation expressed their support for the

initiative. State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Queens) said, "The state set unemployment rates more than 10 years ago, allowing a maximum payment of \$405, which was then half the average weekly wage — and thanks to inflation, its spending power is now roughly \$330. New York's unemployment benefit is the second-lowest in the country, and puts many of the people receiving benefits at or below the poverty line. For example, an unemployed New Jersey resident could receive up to \$584 per week, which better allows him or her to meet financial obligations such as rent, food, student loans and continuation of health insurance." "We need to provide jobless New Yorkers with adequate resources to support themselves and their families while they struggle to get back on their feet," said Senator Suzi Oppenheimer (D-Mamaroneck). "This legislation, which provides a graduated increase in the maximum unemployment benefit rate while ensuring the solvency of the unemployment trust fund, is long overdue." "It is an outrage that a state with such a high cost of living would burden its unemployed like this," said State Senator Bill Perkins (D-30th Dist.). "In my district of Upper Manhattan, unemployment is particularly high. People here know how to stretch a dollar. Still they are hard pressed. We cannot sit idly by and allow this inequity in unemployment benefits to continue. This bill needs to pass now, and the Governor needs to sign it into law." State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D/WF-35th District) stated, "During these difficult economic times, working families are struggling to make ends meet. For the unemployed, the struggle is even greater. Therefore, I am pleased to support this important bill to provide a much needed increase in benefits that, in turn, is sure to help so many of New York's families." State Senator Eric Adams (D-Brooklyn), said, "S2245, which increases the maximum weekly benefit rate for unemployment insurance, has substantial legislative value: it assists individuals who have lost their jobs to maintain themselves and their families while they seek new work. It is an essential investment in our economy and in our citizenry. Losing one's job leaves both a financial and an

emotional toll. I am proud to support legislation to mitigate this damage, and I will continue to work assiduously in support of my constituents in Senate District #20 and my fellow New Yorkers across our great state." "New York's economic slowdown has had a devastating impact on New York's working families, and as legislators, it is our responsibility to provide New Yorkers with vital assistance during this difficult time," said Senator Hiram Monserrate (D-Queens). He added, "Our unemployment rolls are comprised of people who, often through no fault of their own, find themselves without a job. Senator Onorato's legislation, which I have co-sponsored, will provide a higher rate of unemployment benefits during this economic downturn." Other senators who currently co-sponsor the legislation are: Joseph Addabbo, Darrel Aubertine, Neil Breslin, Ruben Diaz, Martin Malave-Dilan, Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Andrew Lanza, Kevin Parker, Diane Savino, Eric Schneiderman, William Stachowski, and Antoine Thompson. In conclusion, Senator Onorato said, "The time to pass this legislation is upon us, and to make sure that the faces of the unemployed are seen and that the voices of the unemployed are heard. It is imperative that we take new action to help jobless New Yorkers keep roofs over their heads and take fiscally responsible steps to put our Unemployment Trust Fund back in the black."



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Candidate 'David' Vows to Fight on after Supreme Court Genuflects for 'Goliath'

David Rosasco, Conservative Democratic candidate for the 26th District City Council seat in Western Queens, represented by Attor-



ney Stephen H. Weiner, Esq. will press forward to the United States Court of Appeals after the New York State Supreme Court overturned the Board of Elections findings that David had more than the required minimum 900 valid signatures. The decision by the New York State Supreme Court to reduce David's signature totals denies democracy, ballot access and voter choice, and plays directly into the hands of the silent majority who believe that the system is stacked in favor of those in power.

Deirdre Feerick, the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate,

had filed specific objections (through Ms. Feerick's Co-District Leader, John Smyth) against David Rosasco as the only Conservative Democrat in the race. The array of attorneys utilized by the Democratic Party of Queens representing Ms. Feerick was able to reverse David's certified candidacy after being allowed by the judge to submit new and creative recounts to the court, and despite questions over David's right to due process and the fact that only one of the two major parties signed onto the new recounts, David and his supporters have been slapped in the face by this judgment.

"When we talk about the high-minded goals of our democracy, let us also remember that machine politics works aggressively to stack the deck against candidates whom they believe are threats to the way they do business. As the only conservative choice of any party in this election, and even after being certified by the Board of Elections, to have that all stripped away runs directly counter to our values, and while this pyrrhic victory for Ms. Feerick and the Democratic Party may give them false assurance and a strong sense of entitlement that their anointed candidate can eliminate opposition before there is ac-

tually an election, I, my lawyer and supporters are fully confident that a higher court will validate my right to appear on the ballot in September.

We must question what the purpose of having a Board of Elections is if their certification can be overturned using uncertified recounts made well after the Board of Elections Commissioners' Meeting and given the expressed refusal by even the Republican County Clerk to certify these recounts as being highly improper and unusual.

Being witness to these surreal court proceedings, the only conclusion one can reach is that diverse voices will be rooted out and eliminated at all cost by the machine. Given the nature of this assault on your right to choose your representative, how can anyone expect Ms. Feerick to be the model City Council Member for this community? Although Ms. Feerick and Mr. Smyth have neither the honor nor dignity to actually appear at any of these proceedings, I have engaged this battle on the frontlines, and I look forward to the next phase of the campaign with tremendous energy and enthusiasm." - David Rosasco

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COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM AT SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER PROVES TO BE A BENEFICIAL ASSET TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Photos & Story by Rebekah Singh



There are many teenagers in today's society attending high school that are unaware, or confused about the college admissions process. It is nothing to be shameful of, we all go through that stage at some point in our life if we choose to take part in the college experience. Although we may go through some hardships, it is definitely known that one should stay determined and never give up no matter how difficult the circumstances may be. Fortunately, there is some form of guidance available. A College Readiness Program has been set up in Sunnyside where students ranging from 9th-12th grade are welcomed to take extra SAT classes to enrich, and further their learning. The students also then get comfortable with the SAT's without being intimidated

by them. The program consists of students partaking in 3 mandatory SAT classes which are SAT writing, SAT math, and Critical Reading that are divided into levels 1-3 depending on the ability of the student and the result of a mock SAT that is taken at the beginning of the program so the work material isn't too challenging or facile. Also, there are reading and writing seminars where it is mandatory for the students to read books, write reflections, and discuss the readings in class. After the readings, the students then have to complete a 5-page essay pertaining to the books read. Also, many college trips are available and are encouraged for students to attend. Some of the schools that can be visited vary from Columbia University, to NYU, to

Queens College, to an extended, all-day trip to Trinity & Wesleyan in Connecticut. And finally, there are college workshops every Friday that inform students on various aspects such as admission essays, scholarships, financial-aid, and so on. Finally, after having an interview with the lead director of the College Readiness Program, Peter Wilson, some background information about the institution was revealed. The program was started about six and a half years ago because it was felt that there weren't enough services to help kids with college options. The primary purpose of the program is to educate high school students on the full college process and prepare them for the future. Some of the basic steps that were given by Mr. Wilson that a student should

take when entering the college process are to start visiting colleges, find out what kind of campus you are interested in, and what part of the country you want to continue your education at. Students should as well have a great academic record, and keep high GPA's, read many challenging books, and practice their writing skills to make them the best they can be. In conclusion, it can be said that the College Readiness Program is a worthy essential to every high school student planning on attending college. It is that extra boost that really helps and equips an individual about everything that is vital to be known. And as Peter Wilson states, you should always "get started right away," and "never doubt your ability to achieve greatness."

GUIDE FOR KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY AS THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

As children head back to school, parents face another season of fighting cold and flu germs. In an average year, children catch six to 10 colds. In families with children who are in school, the number of colds per child can be as high as 12 a year, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease.

"The change in weather during back-to-school season is the ideal environment for cold- and flu-causing viruses to thrive," says Lauren Feder, M.D., author of *Natural Baby and Childcare* (Hatherleigh Press, 2006). "And with crowded classrooms, your children are more likely to come in

contact with germs that could get them sick. That's why now is the best time to learn what you can do to reduce the chances of your family getting sick."

Here are some must-know tips from Feder to combat illness as kids head back to school:

1. Humidity and hydration are a must:

Dry nasal passages are more vulnerable to cold and flu viruses. When humidity levels are low, consider using a humidifier to add moisture to kids' bedrooms when sleeping and in other areas of the home. Drinking lots of fluids like water and juice is also a great way to stay healthy and hydrated.

2. Killing germs is easy:

Some viruses and bacteria can live from 20 minutes up to two hours or more on surfaces like cafeteria tables, playground equipment and desks, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The good news is that cold and flu viruses can easily be killed with hand washing. Insist kids wash their hands with plain soap and water around the house and while at school.

3. Catch symptoms at the onset:

To better chances of nipping symptoms in the bud, be prepared by updating your medicine cabinet with choices that address early symptoms. Also consider over-the-counter

options beyond antihistamines, decongestants or cough suppressants since the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have questioned the safety and effectiveness of these ingredients for children. Oscilloccinum (Oscillo), a homeopathic flu medicine used around the world for 65 years, now offers children cough, cold and flu medi-

cines. Children's Coldcalm Pellets and Children's Chestal cough syrup work safely and naturally without causing side effects or interacting with other medications. The sweet taste of the quick-dissolve pellets and honey-based syrup are kid-friendly and more appropriate for younger ages than most other drugs.

4. Pack some personals:

It's polite to share; it's not polite to share germs. Smart parents will pack a few items like a small personal crayon pack, an individual mini pencil sharpener or mechanical pencils to reduce kids sharing germs. Packing a travel size hand sanitizer and pocket packet of tissue in their backpack is also a good way to combat illness while they are at school.

According to the Mayo Clinic, the common cold is the No. 1 reason why children miss school. The CDC estimates that nearly 22 million school days are lost annually due to the common cold alone.

"Colds and the flu don't only affect children, adults need to take days off to care for their kids and can get sick themselves," says Feder. "That's why these simple tips are important. They can help any family combat sickness so they can live their lives the way they want to."

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A Mid-Summer Night's Dream in Early Evening

Photos & Story by Sandy Jimenez

On a gorgeous summer evening in Sunnyside Gardens Park, an audience of young and old was treated to Shakespeare's "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream." The performance on August 14th was part of Hip to Hip Theatre Company's third year of Shakespeare in the Park performances in Queens, but their first in Sunnyside Gardens. They performed the play several times this week at different sites in Queens.

The local nature and LIRR trains passing helped set the scene for the play, which according to the director, Jason Marr, was actually set near Athens where there actually was a train. Marr also provided the musical accompaniment/ special effects which consisted of a xylophone, a slide whistle, and a noise maker. There were many children present and, of course, many adults. Everyone was in stitches during this romantic comedy.



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Retirees Must Make (At Least) Five Key Financial Decisions

When you're working, you have a financial strategy that is largely based on one goal: saving money for a comfortable retirement. You'll likely have to make many adjustments over several decades to ensure that you stay on track saving and investing. But once you retire, a new goal arises — investing so you can remain retired. To help yourself achieve this goal, you will need to make a number of investment decisions. Which of these decisions are most important? Here are five to consider:

H o w much will you spend each year? Before you can pursue an appropriate investment strategy, you'll need to know about how much you'll spend each year. Estimate your costs for housing, food, travel, entertainment, insurance, gifts—everything. Keep in mind that your expenses will likely change annually, especially for items such as health care. Don't forget about inflation, which will likely cause your expenses to increase over the years.

H o w should you balance your investment portfolio to provide sufficient income and growth opportunities? Clearly, you'll need your investments to provide a source of income during your retirement

years. At the same time, you will need some growth potential to overcome the effects of inflation, which can erode your purchasing power. Consequently, you will need a mix of income- and growth-oriented investments, with the proportions depending on your risk tolerance and your lifestyle.

H o w much should you withdraw each year from your investment portfolio? The answer depends on several factors, including your retirement lifestyle, the size and performance of your investment portfolio, inflation, your estimated life expectancy and the size of the estate you'd like to leave. This decision is important, because the amount you withdraw each year will directly affect how long your money lasts. From which accounts should you begin taking withdrawals? You may have built three different types of accounts: taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free. It may be a good idea to take withdrawals from your taxable accounts first, thereby allowing your tax-deferred accounts, such as your Traditional IRA and your 401(k), more time to compound and potentially increase in value. If you have a

tax-free account, such as a Roth IRA, save it for last to maximize the compounding on money on which you will never pay taxes. (Roth IRA earnings grow tax-free if you've had your account at least five years and you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2.) That said, this is just a rule of thumb.

When should you take Social Security? You can begin taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly checks will be considerably larger if you wait until your "normal" retirement age, which is likely 65 or 66. But if you need the money, you may be better off by taking Social Security at 62 and giving your tax-deferred accounts more time to potentially grow. As you can see, you'll need a lot of expertise to successfully manage your financial and investment situations during retirement. If you don't already work with a financial advisor and a tax professional, now would be a good time to start. Once you've got your financial strategy in place, you'll be better prepared to enjoy an active, fulfilling retirement.

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CITATION File No. 2008-3818/ A THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Borghild Wick, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown, distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of **ALFRED WEIBY**, 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 **ALFRED WEIBY**, deceased who at the time of death was a resident of 19-16 Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11105, 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 **ALFRED WEIBY**, 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 1st day of October, 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 \$1,717.59 and 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 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 7 day of August 2009 HON. **ROBERT L. NAHMAN** Surrogate, Queens County **ALICEMARIE E. RICE** Clerk of the Surrogate's Court Gerard J. Sweeney, Esq. 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor, Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000. This citation is served

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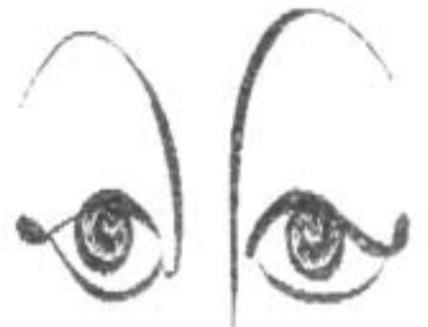
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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2008-3123/ SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of Good Free and Independent. To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributes KING SHEEN CHAN, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence and the Public Administrator of Queens County and NYS Attorney General. A petition having been duly filed by Sue Ling Lau who is domiciled at 1 Hopkinson Court,

Marlboro, NJ 07746. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, 6th Floor, in Jamaica, New York on the 1 day of October, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. why a decree should not be made in the estate of KING SHEEN LEE, lately domiciled at 88-17 51 Avenue, Elmhurst, NY 11373 admitting to probate a Will dated June 25, 1991 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of KING SHEEN CHAN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: SUELING LAU. August 12, 2009 HON. ROBERT L. NAHMAN Surrogate, Queens County, ALICEMARIE E. RICE Clerk of Surrogate's Court, GROSS & LEVIN LLP. Attorney for Petitioner, 86-26 Queens Blvd., Elmhurst, NY 11373. Telephone number 718-429-2021 (Note: 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

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2002-1249-D/ SURROGATE'S COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of Good Free and Independent. DENISE WATERS and DOUGLAS WATERS, if living and if dead, to his/her heirs at law, next of kin, and distributes whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if he/she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/her executors, administrators, legatees, devisees assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributes of ROY D. TYLER a/k/a/ ROY DOUGLAS TYLER, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained. A petition having been duly filed by JOY H. MACK who resides at 1651 Stuyvesant Street, Elmont, NY 11003, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, 6th Floor, in Jamaica, New York on the 22 day of October, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. why a decree should not be made in the estate of ROY D. TYLER a/k/a ROY DOUGLAS TYLER, lately domiciled at 187-09 Brinkerhoff Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433 in the County of Queens that Letters of Administration c.t.a issue to Joy H. Mack. Dated, Attested and Sealed, August 10, 2009 HON. ROBERT L. NAHMAN Surrogate, Queens County, ALICEMARIE E. RICE Clerk of Surrogate's Court, V.ROY CACCIATORE, ESQ. Attorney for Petitioner, 30 S. Ocean Avenue, #202, Freeport, New York 11520 Telephone (516) 868-1070. (Note: 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.) 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11/2009



by
DR. IRVING ROVIN, OPTOMETRIST

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Letters To The Editor



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

OUTRAGED

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because I am outraged at the election process. I am by no means am a political person. I am your average blue-collar worker who struggles everyday to make ends meet.

A friend of mine, David Rosasco, asked me a year ago to become active in his quest to make a change in our neighborhoods. Crime, garbage removal, illegal home conversions and a list of other problems were at the forefront of his campaign. He was tired, as we all are, of the deteriorating services that has affected us as a community. On August 14, the Rosasco campaign was derailed by a fellow candidate, Deirdre Feerick. You see she is the Democrats endorsed candidate, with which comes much political and monetary backing. We have a small grassroots campaign that is supported by many. Our contributions come from hard working people that can't afford to donate much. We appreciate what they do donate and are proud to be supported by the silent majority. My friend's dream has been derailed, even though the board of elections approved his petitions.

Ms. Feerick has decided to win this election through the courts instead of the ballot box (she already eliminated the only African American candidate, through the courts as well). As of now David has been eliminated by the judicial system that is supposed to protect the people's rights. I know it is a large mountain to climb against the machine but David Rosasco should have the right to run an election and let our citizen's decide. The board of elections believes so. Why then does a Democratic judge believe otherwise? This truly is David vs Goliath.

Best Regards,
Robert Sanchez

WHAT HAPPENED TO V-J DAY?

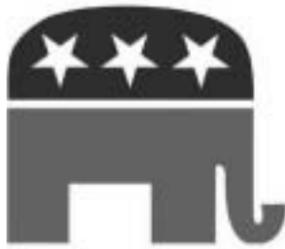
Dear Editor,

Did we forget our veterans? Woodside certainly has its share of WWII veterans and their families. But there was not to be found a memorial service, parade or even a banner here in Woodside commemorating one of the most significant days in our history. August 15, 1945, VJ Day.

One of our local Korean war vets, Ed Bergendahl, took time out to attend a memorial service in Times Square. Our own Mary Grace, a well known performer of choir music here at St. Sebastian's, sang the Star Spangled Banner at the function.

It's too bad we have mostly forgotten to honor the great sacrifice these men and women have made. Let's hope next year we can make it up to them.

William M. Hart
Woodside, NY



REPUBLICAN (GOP) MEETING

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