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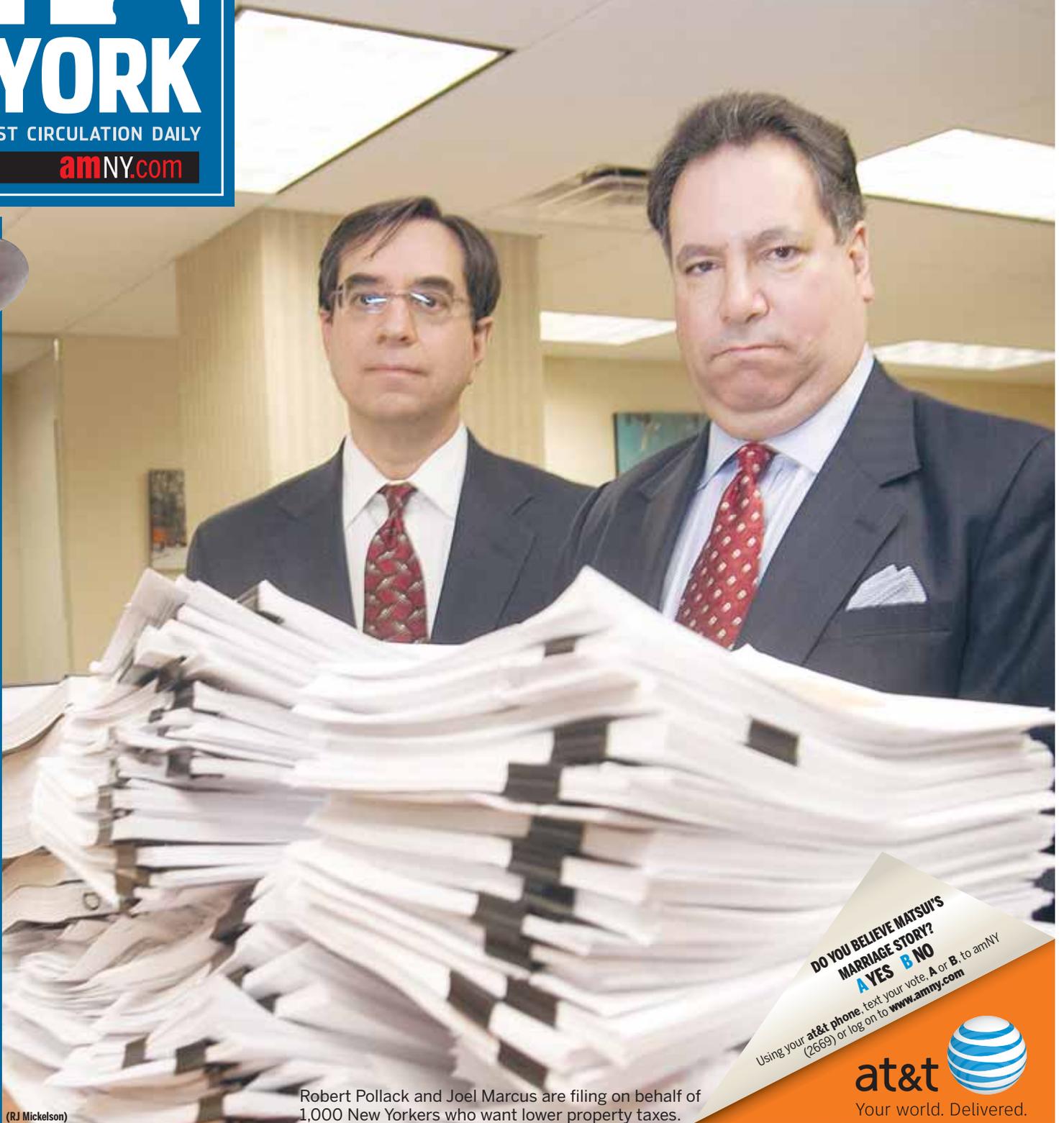
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# TAX WHACK

Outer boroughs footing big property bill **PAGE 3**



Robert Pollack and Joel Marcus are filing on behalf of 1,000 New Yorkers who want lower property taxes.

(RJ Mickelson)



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# MSG abandons plan for Penn move

The Associated Press

Madison Square Garden has backed out of an ambitious \$14 billion plan to move across the street into the landmarked main post office building that would have become part of a new Penn Station.

Garden spokesman Barry Watkins said Thursday that the sports arena has decided to renovate its existing location rather

than move into the building that the state wanted it to share in the Moynihan Station project.

The project would have paired the redevelopment of the station with development of new office buildings and shops around the drab neighborhood surrounding Penn Station.

News of the Garden's decision left many questioning whether the project would move forward and

angered some elected officials as well.

"Madison Square Garden's announcement demonstrates a callous disregard for both the future of the Moynihan Station project and the future of New York City, as well as disrespect for the legacy of Sen. Moynihan," said City Council Speaker Christine Quinn. "It also undermines the hard work of countless community leaders,

elected officials and other members of the development community, who have dedicated themselves to expediting this process and making the station a reality."

The developers of the Moynihan station project, meanwhile, remained hopeful that plans would move forward.

"While we understand the frustrations of Madison Square Garden after three lengthy years of pursu-

ing this grand but complex plan, we have every faith that our city, state and federal leadership will enable this project to become a reality for all New Yorkers," said Vishaan Chakrabarti, president of the Moynihan Station Venture, a partnership of developers Related and Vornado Realty Trust.

In recent months, the project has stalled with uncertain funding. (with amNY)

# Ray of hope for Queens church

By Lana Bortolot  
Special to amNewYork

St. Saviour's, a 19th-century wooden church in Queens that's on the cusp of demolition, may itself finally have a saviour.

Built by master architect Richard Upjohn, who also designed the landmark Trinity Church in lower Manhattan, the Maspeth church has been at the center of a desperate campaign to save it since 2005, when Maspeth Development LLC purchased the site for a housing development.

Since then, very little has gone right for the church. Promised funding for moving it never materialized, its parsonage was torn down, and old-growth trees on the property were cut. But now, the developer has set aside his housing plans and has given the Juniper Park Civic

Association, which has fought to save it, until late April to move the church off the property.

And in a heaven-sent development, a nearby cemetery, All Faiths in Middle Village, has agreed to give it a home. As the clock ticks, the biggest challenge now is who will pay to move it. The group had been counting on a \$1 million in city funding that never materialized.

"We can't find the money, and

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we can't wait," says Robert Holden, president of the Juniper Park group. "We just want to get [the church] out of harm's way."

Representatives from Juniper Park are to meet Friday with building movers to determine costs and tactics for moving the church.

The exterior vinyl siding was recently removed, revealing the church's original wooden decorative shingles and other Gothic Revival details. Holden hopes if all goes as planned, the church might qualify for landmark designation.

It's a welcome turn of events after a years-long campaign by politicians, community advocates and preservationists staved off the demolition.

Moving the church has always been a possible way out. And now, the offer by All Faiths Cemetery represents the best shot yet for the church's survival.

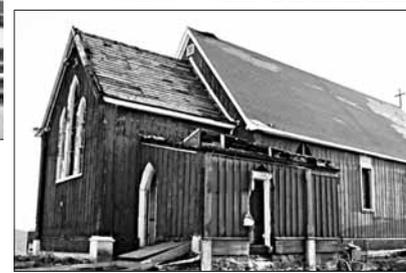
"I've been following this saga since it began, and they really ran out of options," said Dan Austin Sr., president and chairman of All Faiths Cemetery. "It just so happens I have a location, and I had the physical assets needed to accommodate the church."

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Juniper Park president Robert Holden



St. Saviour's Church in Maspeth, Queens, has been stripped to its original wood and may soon be moved.

(Photos: Robert Holden)



# Att'y can't represent mob dad

By Anthony M. DeStefano  
Special to amNewYork

In a decision that stunned both prosecutors and defense attorneys, a federal judge in Brooklyn abruptly ruled that embattled attorney Joseph Corozzo couldn't represent his reputed gangster father.

The decision Thursday by Judge Jack Weinstein ended what was expected to be several days of hearings in which Lewis Kasman, the self-styled "adopted son" of the late John Gotti, was waiting to testify.

After listening to the testimony of only one government witness, Salvatore Romano, Weinstein decided that lawyer Joseph Corozzo should be disqualified from representing his father, also named Joseph, 66, because the attorney had represented Romano some years ago.

"I make this ruling very reluctantly," said Weinstein, who extolled Corozzo as one of the "most brilliant lawyers in New York City."

But Weinstein said the conflict of interest was too strong to allow Corozzo to represent his father in a Gambino crime family racketeering case.

Anthony M. DeStefano is a Newsday staff writer.

# Lawsuit stalls calorie rule

Big chain restaurants in the city were supposed to begin listing the calorie counts of their dishes Monday, but a lawsuit in federal court may keep the numbers off menus until April 15.

The city Board of Health approved a regulation in January that requires chains with more than 15 outlets nationwide — resulting in about 10 percent of restau-

rants in the city — to post calories on menus and menu boards.

But the health department said Thursday that it would not enforce the menu postings until April 15 and would not seek fines for noncompliant establishments until late May because a lawsuit challenging the calorie counts is still pending.

A judge is expected to rule in the suit, filed by The New York State Restaurant Association, sometime during the first half of April. The restaurant group filed the suit last month, saying the calorie postings were unfair and that restaurants already list calories in other forms, like posters and tray liners.

(Marlene Naanes)

## On track

- 2** Uptown 5 replaces 2 from Chambers to 149 Sts, 12:01 a.m. Sat to 5 a.m. Mon.
- 3** No trains running. The M7, M102 and free shuttle buses replace the 3 between 148 and 135 sts, 12:01 a.m. Sat to 5 a.m. Mon.
- 4** Bronx-bound trains skip 161, 167, 170 sts,

Mt Eden Av and 176 St, 4 a.m. Sat to 10 p.m. Sun.

**7** Flushing-bound trains run express from Queensboro Plaza to Main St, 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**A** Queens-bound trains run express from Hoyt-Schermerhorn sts to Utica Ave, 12:01 a.m. Sat to 5 a.m. Mon.

**C** No trains between 168 and 145 sts, 12:01

a.m. Sat to 5 a.m. Mon.

**D** Manhattan-bound trains run on the N from Stillwell Av to 36 St, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sun.

**J** Queens-bound trains skip Hewes, Lorimer Sts and Flushing Ave, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat and Sun.

**N** Cortlandt St station remains closed until further notice.