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Friedman denied overturn of sex abuse conviction

BY NATHAN DUKE

A panel of federal appeals judges ruled this week not to overturn a Great Neck, L.I., man's conviction made famous in the documentary "Capturing the Friedmans," but they called for the sexual abuse case against the son of a former Bayside HS teacher to be reopened.

Jesse Friedman and his father, Arnold Friedman, pleaded guilty in 1988 to sexually abusing children who were taking com-

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TOP DOGS

Cynthia Gurino of Jamaica Estates shows off her prized pups Zara (l.) and Giana, who are half-sisters and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Giana is the winner of America's Top Dog Model 2010 winner, and Zara is featured in the contest's calendar as the dog for June. Photo by Christina Santucci

New machine for voting comes to boro

Electeds want residents to know process

BY ANNA GUSTAFSON

Queens legislators gathered in front of the Alexander Graham Bell School in Bayside Sunday to urge residents to educate themselves on the new voting procedures they will encounter next month when they cast ballots in the primary.

Gone are the big, bulky voting machines with the red levers city voters have used for the past five decades. In their place will be paper ballots with fill-in ovals — something reminiscent of multiple choice tests — that will be fed into a scanner. The scanner records the voter's choice, but the physical evidence of the vote will remain.

"Voters who voted in the old school board elections, not a lot of us voted in those elections but I always did, and those who voted by absentee or the occasional absentee ballot might not be totally

thrown off by the new system, but the reality is that the overwhelming number of voters in a primary and certainly in a November election never touched a paper ballot," said state Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Little Neck).

David Weprin was joined Sunday by state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Whitestone), City Councilman Mark Weprin (D-Oakland Gardens) and a group of residents from northeast Queens Sunday at the Bayside school that is used as a voting site.

Legislators and residents stressed the importance of voters familiarizing themselves with the new process, which individuals may do at free demonstrations at sites throughout the city. Locations can be found online at <http://vote.nyc.us>.

City officials have also been mailing information about the new
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