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Congratulations to our analytic master, Steve Shore. He and his wife Janae welcomed their first child, Regina Grace Shore, on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. I wonder how handy Steve will find the use of analytics to child raising. All our best wishes to the three of them.

I am currently reading a book by Sally Denton, entitled "The Profiteers: Bechtel and the Men Who Built the World." The book covers the history of the construction giant from their meager beginnings to one of the largest and certainly the most influential construction companies in the world. Back in 1946, the world was in need of re-building and the Bechtel Company surged. Here is a quote from Steve Bechtel (CEO): "Size can work to your advantage if you THINK BIG. You just recognize it and move the decimal point over." Sounds like great advice to me.

Sean Stayduhar (Pittsburgh) reported, in his latest 5-15, on several positive construction projects in his region. They include a Hyatt Hotel, PNC apartments, as well as getting into weatherization and quoting on Roxul Acoustical Board.

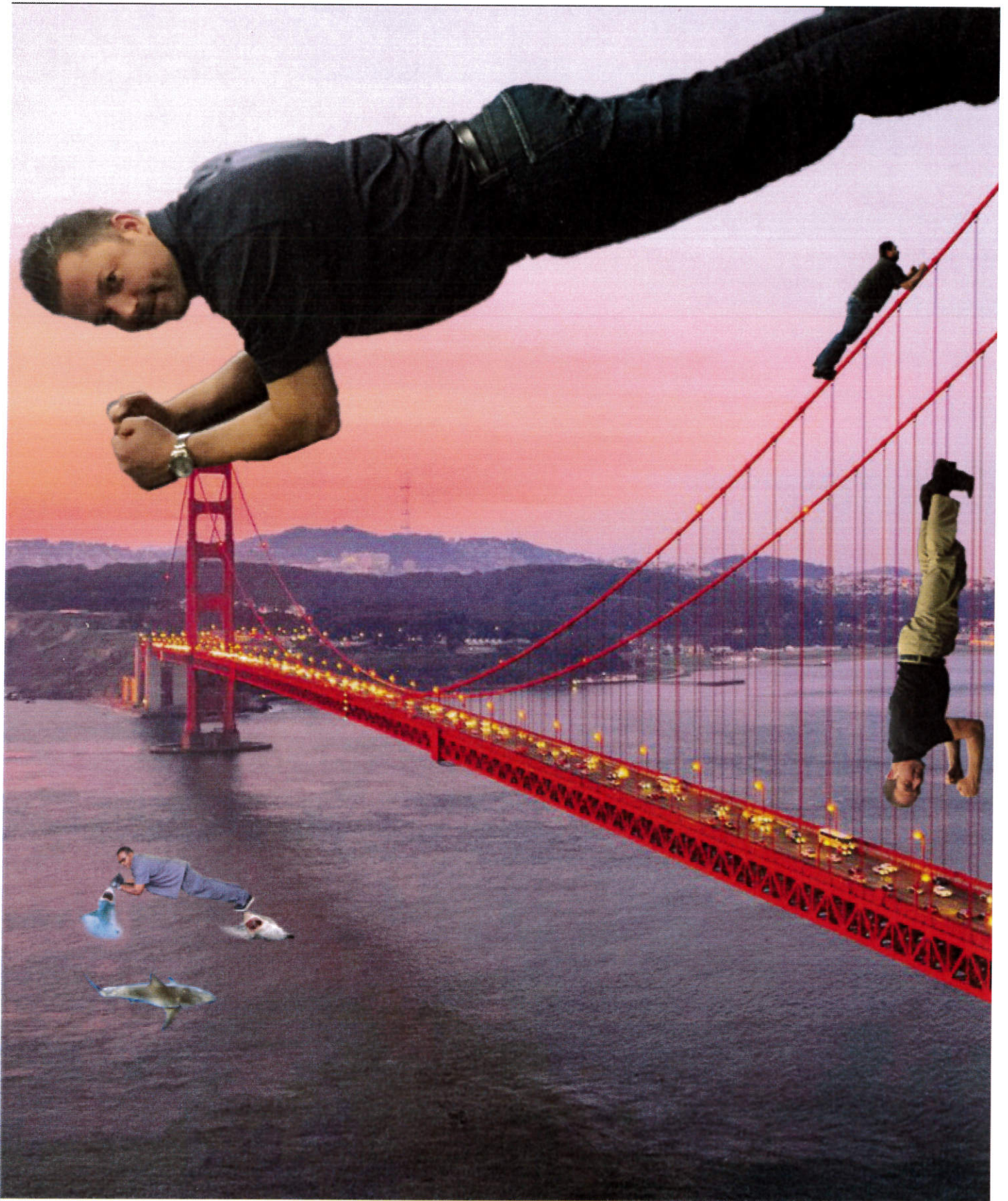
Many of you have sent pictures and noted your participation in GIC's 30-Day Plank Challenge. However, I believe the San Francisco location has taken the challenge to a greater height. See the attached picture with planks on the Golden Gate Bridge.

At the request of Trinity Industries, GIC recently attended a benefit for the American Heart Association in Dallas. Mark Snodgrass and his wife Kathy attended this black tie affair as the association is a charity that Trinity Industries sponsors. Don't they look very fashionable in the attached photo?

New York City is more than just the island of Manhattan. The New York YIMBY recently highlighted the transformation of Long Island City (see attached New York YIMBY article). Our branch in LIC is in the middle of a battle for space with more and more housing taking up what used to be a commercial/industrial real estate market. From 2006 to 2015, more than 8,600 new units have been built and 22,000 more are on the way. I am asking Brian Fabrizio to report, in his next 5-15, how this transformation affects the branch.

Theresa Scott (Dayton) highlights the building of a 250-million dollar project nearby. This project is undertaken by a Canadian Company called Golden Fresh Farms. The Dayton Daily News states, "Golden Fresh Farms technology allows the company to control their growing environment, achieve sustainability for the future, integrate pest management programs to eliminate the use of pesticides, recycle water to reduce their environmental footprint, grow all non-GMO varieties, create CO2 through waste heat." Great follow up to the 5-15 a couple of weeks ago on making money by going green. She also ends her 5-15 by stating "It sounds like insulation will be needed."

Frank



Regards,







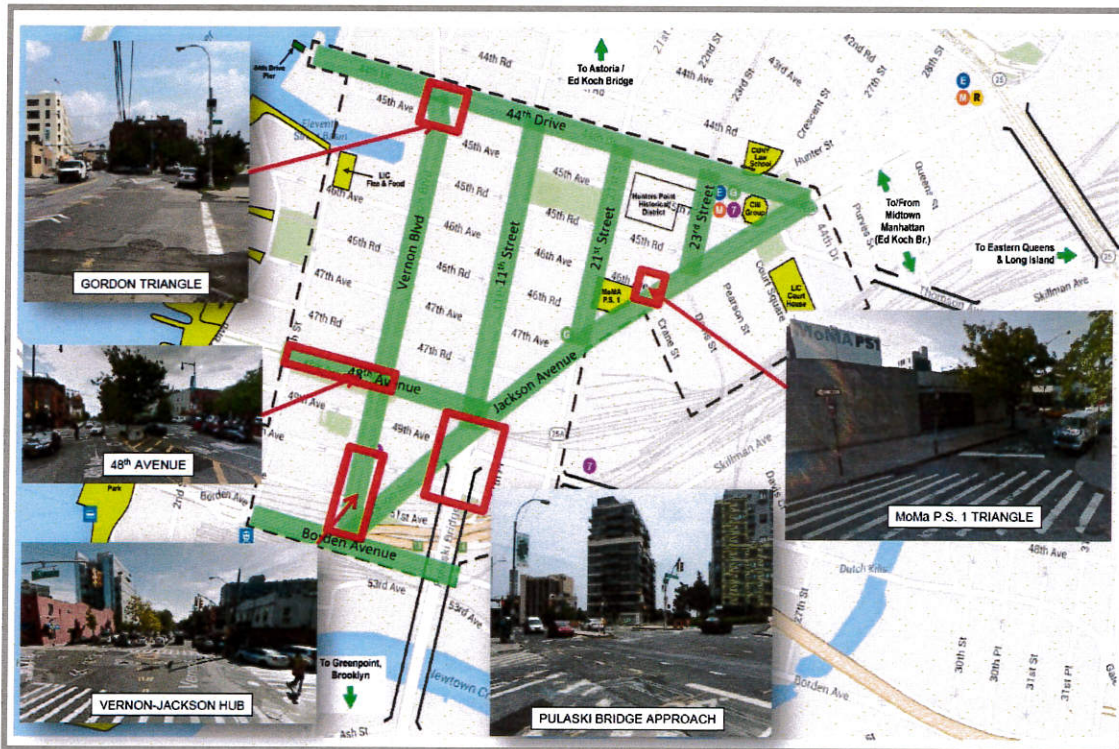
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# NEW YORK YIMBY



## Major Streetscape Improvements Proposed For Long Island City

The ongoing transformation of Long Island City is astounding. In the decade between 2006 and 2015, more than 8,600 housing units have been completed in the area, with well over 22,000 more on the way. Between 2012 and 2015, prices for prime development sites have jumped by 269 percent. As the neighborhood rapidly transitions from commercial/industrial to high-density residential, the local street grid, characterized by odd angles, must undergo a significant transformation. The city government began to address this need in 2010, when Jackson Avenue, the area's principal thoroughfare, was upgraded with a green median, while a small triangular park was created at the intersection of 27th Street, Hunter Street, and 43rd Avenue.

