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This City of Neighbors Fights For Human Rights



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On Sunday, hundreds participated in Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams' "Stroller March" in a collective cry of outrage against family separation at the United States-Mexican border, and in support of the more than 2300 immigrant children separated from their parents (now reportedly detained in various locations

throughout the United States since May).

Could the stroller – the world's most recognizable vehicle of child transport – be the symbol that carries America to justice? We are encouraged by leaders' recognition that paying attention to those with the least power is the path to take in pursuit of justice. Caring about our youngest and our

oldest is implicit in every issue that hurts neighborhoods, towns and cities across the nation.

Sunday's marchers shouted, "Love Not Hate." Responding to the call, Adams held a stroller above his head and roared, "This carriage is a symbol of protection... a symbol of nurturing ... a symbol of what children represent in America.

"When you take a baby out of this and remove them from their mother or their father, you're destroying the foundation of America and that cannot happen."

Other leaders joining parents and children at the rally included Public Advocate Letitia James, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, State Senators Velmanette Montgomery, Jesse Hamilton and Kevin Parker, and Brooklyn Council members Brad Lander and Laurie Cumbo.

"I am a mother," said a tearful Cumbo who attended with her ten-month-old son Prince Noah Oluwafemi. "We carry our children in our wombs. We go through extensive labor. We try our best to do our best for our babies, to bring them into this world so they can be the best they can be. We are here today to show that you cannot destroy the critical bond a mother has to her child, that this cannot happen.

"The administration has crossed a line in a way that there is no coming back. We are continuing to mobilize because they cannot tear apart families and strip their children away. I am a mother, and I am angry. And when you anger a mother, you anger the most powerful woman in the world. I am a mother."

The march started at D'Emic Playground on Third Avenue, wending through the Sunset Park neighborhood to the Metropolitan Detention Center – just one mile of the nationwide "Families Belong Together – Not in Cages" rallies planned for Saturday, June 30 in opposition to the president's "zero tolerance" immigration policies. Last Sunday, protestors amplified a conviction, "What Makes America Great? Love, Not Hate." (B. Green)

Stunning Results in Grassroots Places



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Going the Distance: This strategic, progressive Latina challenger shocked the Queens Democratic machine by pushing 10-term Congressman Joseph Crowley out of the running for primary victory! Page 6



Adem Bunkedekko came within inches of an upset victory in a run for Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's seat, garnering 48.1% of the total vote, with 13,729 votes to Clarke's 51.9% with 14,804 total votes.

Supreme Mess



Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, and more respond to Supreme Court seven-country travel ban decision in support of the President. Page 3

Shadow Studies in Crown Heights

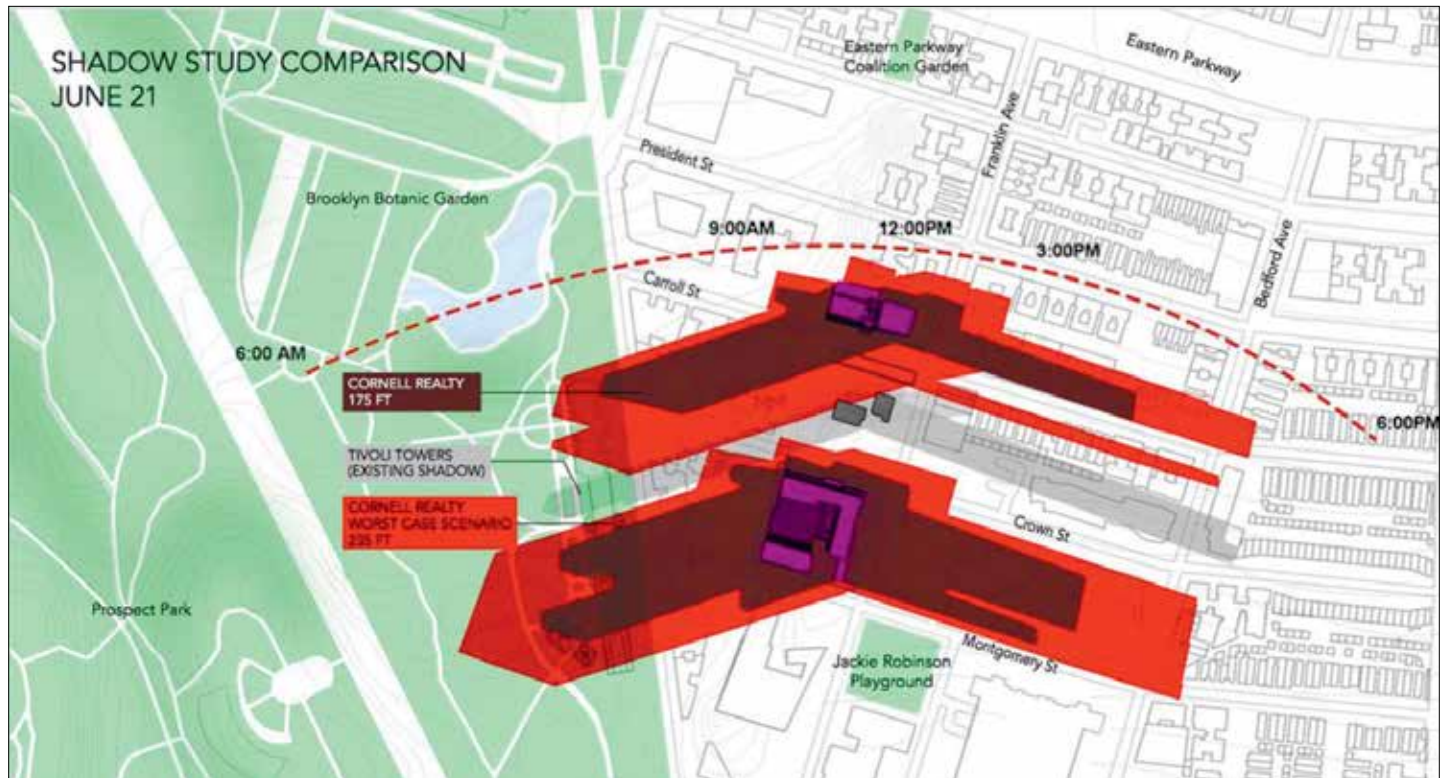
■ By Ellis Jordan Lewis

Crown Heights is a well-known neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY, and is a host to many citizens in Brooklyn's famous Bedford-Stuyvesant area. It could also potentially be a host for a new building from Cornell Realty, a property management company based in Brooklyn. However, there has been some concern and even backlash against this project from MTOPP (Movement To Protect People). The MTOPP is also not alone in this movement--there are members of the public who have concerns when it comes to their neighborhood. As a result, a public hearing was held at the school MS 61.

During the hearing, MTOPP handed out printed statements: "The Department of City Planning(DCP) has certified and approved the Cornell Realty application ... This is viewed as a continuation of the racist policies of DCP to allow negative environmental consequences to occur in low- to moderate-income communities of color, whereas the more affluent white middle-class communities are afforded the opportunity to be kept informed and to mitigate(decrease) negative environmental impacts in their neighborhoods. The statement also said that Cornell Realty lied on their EAS and did not perform an analysis on waste and sewage. This all comes from a printout provided by MTOPP at the hearing. For context, shadow studies help developers become more aware of the city area/grid."

However, Cornell Realty provided me with a statement of their own. "The need for mixed-income housing in Crown Heights is urgent, compelling and growing, and the plan to reactivate the underutilized Franklin Avenue properties will help meet it with nearly 150 income-targeted apartments. We appreciate the feedback we have received from the community so far and look forward to continuing this dialogue as the public review process unfolds." This statement is from Tom Corsillo of Cornell Realty Management and was provided to me by representative Mike Johnston on the record. Johnston also stated that, "Experts have studied the environmental factors with shadows included and no significant factor was found." According to Johnston, these experts were "purely objective and worked with city guidelines."

I also had the opportunity to speak



Carlos Torres, Scalar Architecture; Andrea Johnson, research director, TerreForm.

with Warren P. Berke of Community Board No. 9 who has been on the board for five years. Berke stated that this was a "Public hearing directed by the City Charter to hear from the public." No further comments were given due to this being a public meeting.

During the meeting statement assessments were provided. Andrea Johnson, a research director at TerreForm, and Carlos Torres from Scalar Architecture, provided their own. "This shadow assessment has primarily been focused on open spaces... It is recommended that once the proposed development building form and envelope have been finalized, there can be an EAS... such as this one."

Alicia Boyd, who is a prominent activist in the community said, "On EAS, Cornell decided they were going to lie on their EAS and then they were going to fabricate on the EAS... This gives us ground to challenge the EAS." Boyd then continued her statement that followed with, "What are we asking with this challenge? We're asking for Cornell Realty to go back to the table and come back and do an EAS...in Black communities, the city planning does not think Black communities are worthy of environmental impact statements but it constantly allows developers to come to our communities, then the development goes through... Now, when they go to white communities that's something different; they say there is a negative impact so how are we going to mitigate that?"

Speaking with Ms. Boyd (one on one) I asked what's the end game and she told me, "Stopping the project is the end game with the hope to do an EAS properly and lawfully. This will be done through political pressure. However, if worse comes to worse, a lawsuit is prepared called TRO (temporary restraining order). The goal is also to prove that [the developer] lied."

At the adjourning of the meeting, no official statement was given. However, hopefully, the wait won't be too long to



Alicia Boyd

figure out what will be happening within this community in Brooklyn.

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STATEMENTS ON THE SUPREME COURT’S DECISION ON MONDAY, JUNE 25th TO UPHOLD THE PRESIDENT’S MUSLIM TRAVEL BAN

The following statements were released following the U.S. Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision by a conservative majority to allow the Trump Administration to enforce its Muslim ban which restricts entry to America from seven countries in varying degrees: Iran, North Korea, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Somalia and Venezuela. The decision allows the government to continue enforcement against anyone from those places without a recognized relationship with another person or an institution in the United States. Excerpts from Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s dissenting opinion follow the statements.

Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President

“The Supreme Court upheld the racist, xenophobic and dangerous travel ban concocted by President Trump, but the struggle for justice is far from over. Families in Brooklyn and across America are counting on us to keep fighting. We must continue to fight against any Muslim travel ban, ever.”

Yvette D. Clarke, Congresswoman (NY-09)

“Donald Trump introduced the Muslim ban to discriminate based upon the religion of people entering the United States as he has stated on many occasions during and after his campaign for the presidency. That fact, by itself, should have rendered the Muslim ban unconstitutional. History will look back on this decision as one where the Supreme Court clearly endorsed religious



discrimination. This decision joins *Shelby County*, *Korematsu* and *Dred Scott* on the list of Supreme Court rulings our nation will look on with a sense of shame.

“Furthermore this decision puts the religious liberty of millions of Americans at risk. It says that even when an administration is clearly anti-Muslim, advertises and relishes in its attacks on Muslims, and puts a policy in place that specifically hurts Muslims – that this Supreme Court will let it stand. If this can happen to Muslims, ... it can happen to anyone.

Barbara D. Underwood, Acting Attorney General, State of New York

“President Trump’s travel bans are a stain on American history that were rooted in deep anti-Muslim animus and unleashed chaos on families, businesses, institutions

and communities throughout New York. Despite today’s ruling, New York will continue to serve as a beacon to the world, welcoming people of all faiths, races, nationalities and backgrounds.

I’m proud of our work to successfully beat back President Trump’s first two discriminatory bans. My office won’t hesitate to act to protect New York’s families and ensure that we live up to the values on which this state and this nation were built.

The New York Attorney General filed suit and led coalitions of state Attorneys General in filing multiple briefs on all three travel bans, detailing the numerous serious and irreparable harms the states have faced.”

Jumaane D. Williams, Council member, 45th District

“The Supreme Court’s ruling today

enables institutionalized bigotry, codified racism. The Muslim ban, or so-called travel ban, is unconscionable, a denial of rights and of humanity on the basis of a person’s faith. The policy is as vicious, illogical, racist and inexcusable today as when it was first enacted and protestors flooded airports across the country.

Just two weeks ago, the Supreme Court found a “hostility” towards religion in the *Masterpiece Cakeshop* case. Now, given the president’s past hate speech and hateful policies, they found none, and it seems clear that this depends on the religion in question.

The conservative takeover of this court is disastrous and dangerous. I suspect that today’s court would have ruled against *Oliver Brown* in 1954, *Homer Plessy* in 1896, or *Dred Scott* in 1857, when it was argued that Scott had “No rights which the white man was bound to respect,” enabling injustice against vulnerable populations as they have today.

Trump and his Republican cronies are determined to ostracize certain populations and create a scapegoat out of vulnerable communities, a transparent tactic used throughout history to justify atrocities. But as long as there have been bigots and the injustices they perpetuate, there have also been people pushing back and defending those under attack. I am committed to continuing this fight in New York and across the country.”

(For Excerpts of Sotomayor’s dissent, see page 6)



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WHAT'S GOING ON

■ By Victoria Horsford

THE YEAR IN POLITICS

According to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, recent polls have been encouraging. In Florida, Democrat Bill Nelson is trailing archconservative Governor Rick Scott by two points. In Texas, Democrat US Senatorial hopeful Beto O'Rourke is within a margin of error to defeat incumbent Senator Ted Cruz, a recipient of the Koch Brothers support and ducats. In Arizona, Democrat US Senate hopeful Kyrsten Senema is ahead of her GOP rivals.

There is a new sheriff in town and it's a Black woman! London Breed is the newly elected mayor of San Francisco, a first for a Black woman in that city. She served as acting mayor after the SF mayor died last year, but she was later ousted, some say because of racism. San Francisco is the largest American city with a female mayor. Blacks represent less than 5% of the SF population.

Former Nevada Democratic Congressman



London Breed

Steven Horsford (2013-2015) is back into electoral politics, running for his old seat. He promised to "stand up to the reckless agenda of Donald Trump."

For those interested in keeping their finger on the pulse of Democratic Party politics, I recommend reading the 6/25 New York magazine cover story,

"Barack Obama, WHERE ARE YOU?" by Gabriel DeBenedetti, which begs as many questions as it answers. While not engaged in midterm elections yet, Obama is interested in one battle, saving Obamacare. Obama maintains an uncomfortable distance from the Democratic Party, unlike Clinton when he left the White House. These are different times. Essay concludes, "Obama's relationship with



Barack Obama

his own party is complicated." Three Obama friends are considering a 2020 presidential run: former VP Joe Biden, former Massachusetts Governor Duval Patrick and former US Attorney General Eric Holder. However, the National Redistricting Committee, an Eric Holder creation, is one avenue of Obama's engagement with Democrats.

THE CLASS OF 2018--CONGRATS!

The Wadleigh Scholars Program, founded by educator Edouard E. Plummer in 1964, is a Harlem-based after-school enrichment program which prepares middle school students in NYC public schools for admission with scholarships to the nation's top boarding schools and special entrance high schools. The WSP boasts more than 550 African-American and Latino alumni. The following lists the WSP 2018 middle school grads and their HS destinations: Deyancy Gaston, St. Jean Baptiste, NY; Miranda McGeary, Miss Hall's School, MA; Jayden Neptune, Nazareth H.S., Brooklyn; Jalynn Perkins, Westtown School, PA; and Isaiah Schetelick, Brooklyn Friends.

The Wadleigh Scholars who graduated from Prep School include Dallis Alvarez, Westminster School to UNC/Chapel Hill; Arianel Cazeau, Deerfield Academy to Cornell University; Malay Doris, Christ Church School to Rutgers University; Kaliyah Mitchell, Grier School to St. Francis College; Britney Peart, Christ Church School to George Washington University; Asher Wen, Stuyvesant HS to SUNY-Stony Brook; Juwel William, Ethel Walker School to Thomas Jefferson University.

The WSP alum who graduated from college are Kenmar Darlington, Emory University; Carlos Espinal, Oneonta

University; Leslie Laurie, George Washington University; Tiffany Peart, Spelman College; Davendra Sassenarine, SUNY-Binghamton; and Daniel Zheng, SUNY-Buffalo.

Congratulations are in order for all NY graduates outside the Wadleigh Scholars orbit. They include: Ms. Dyllan McKenzie who graduated from the Cathedral Lower School; Lawrenceville HS senior Elijah Kaul-Emit Thiam graduated and will attend Middlebury College in Vermont as a physics major; Celestial Wills-Jackson earned a Ph.D. in education from the University of Central Florida; Shellie R. Simon earned a BS in criminal justice at John Jay College; and Elmont Memorial HS senior Jaylin Miller graduated and will attend Utica College.

ARTS & HISTORY

According to a Harvard magazine story, Khalil Muhammad started working on his second book, tentatively titled "ERASURE, The Decriminalization of White America," which is a sequel to his seminal work, "The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America." Former Schomburg Center Director, Dr. Muhammad is a History, Race and Public Policy Professor at Harvard's Kennedy School. "CONDEMNATION OF BLACKNESS" was published in 2010, three months after publication of "THE NEW JIM CROW: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color-blindness," a book by Michelle Alexander, a civil rights litigator and Ohio State University Law Professor. "The New Jim Crow," according to Fortune and Forbes, is a must-read tome for many Corporate America CEOs. Book argues that Jim Crow was replaced by mass incarceration of American Black and Brown



Khalil Muhammad

people. Professor Alexander joins the NY Times as an op-ed columnist in September.

Read the 6/19 New York Times item, "Photographing Ordinary Life in Passing," a photo essay about the works of LeRoy Henderson, Jr., a Brooklyn-based fine arts photographer. Henderson's works are part of a current group exhibit, "SERENADING SUMMER, Paintings and Photography," at the June Kelly Gallery, located at 166 Mercer Street, Manhattan, through July 31. [Visit



Anika Noni Rose

junekellygallery.com]

Anika Noni Rose stars in the title role of "Carmen Jones" at the Classic Stage Company, 136 East 13th Street, Manhattan, for a limited engagement from June 30 to July 29. Using the score by George Bizet's opera "CARMEN," this Oscar Hammerstein adaptation resets the story about a free-spirited woman and her tempestuous love life, with an entire African-American cast directed by John Doyle and choreographed by Bill T. Jones. This is the play's first NY revival since its debut on Broadway 75 years ago. For more info, call 917.334.6492.

SUMMER PLEASURES

The Essence Magazine Festival in New Orleans runs for four days from July 5-8. The "Show of Shows" is a marathon celebration of music, culture, empowerment and entertainment. Muckity mucks from the entire African Diaspora will be among the festival participants like Janet Jackson, Jill Scott, Erykah Badu, Mary J. Blige, Queen Latifah, Xscape, Idris Elba, Lester Holt, Dapper Dan, Rev. Al Sharpton, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Michael Eric Dyson, Snoop Dogg, Cheryl Wills and more.



Idris Elba

The Jazzmobile Summerfest 2018 tentacles are far-reaching, and it arrives in Brooklyn on July 14: A BROOKLYN BLOCK PARTY on July 14 at 4 pm with Antoinette Montague on MacDonough Street between Ralph and Patchen Avenues; A Bronx date on July 24 at 7 pm at CO-OP CITY, 140 Benchley Place, featuring the Bobby Sanabria Multi-Verse Big Band. For the 2018 JAZZMOBILE NYC calendar, visit jazzmobile.org.

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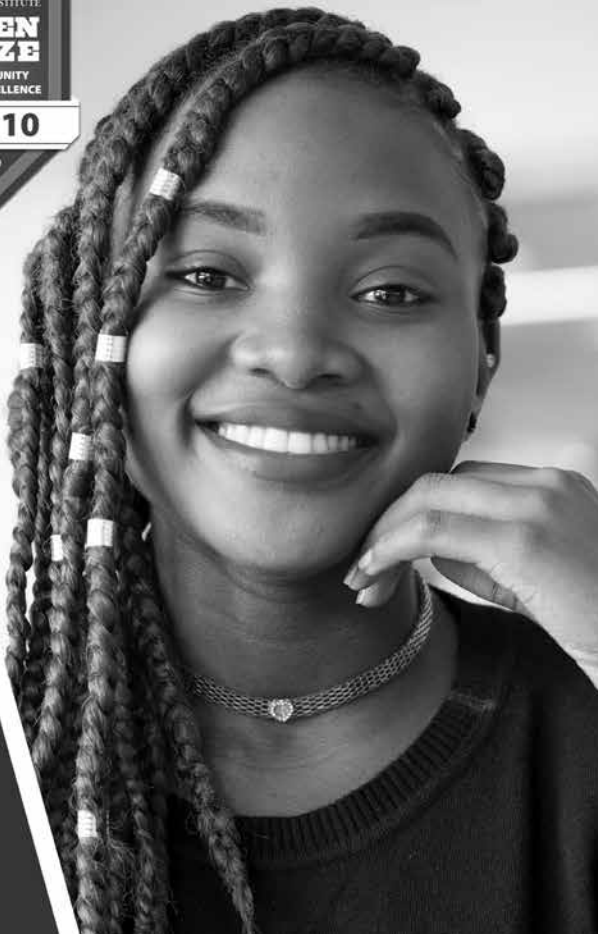
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THINKER'S NOTEBOOK

The Drama in District 16

By Marlon Rice

Brighter Choice Community School sits at the corner of Hart Street and Marcus Garvey Boulevard, at the northeastern end of Bedford-Stuyvesant. This part of Bed-Stuy isn't known for sprawling blocks of brownstones or for Spike Lee movies. Tenements anchor each block here, houses peppered sporadically between the large buildings making them easy to miss as you drive through. Roosevelt Houses, Sumner Houses, the projects make it difficult for gentrification to get a stronghold here, and yet fitting in perfectly like the right piece to the puzzle is Brighter Choice.

Fabayo McIntosh-Gordon launched the school in 2008. She had a goal to inspire the children of this community, her community. She wanted to start with love. Aside from building an institution that would enrich our children and challenge them to be their very best, she simply wanted to build an environment of love, upliftment, the kind of inspiration that causes those affected by it to jump higher, to reach further. When she first opened the school, she offered me the chance to run an after-school program. My partner and I created the EGOS program, which stood for Education, Growth, Opportunity and Success. We worked with the 1st- and 2nd-graders. It was an amazing experience of being able to open the eyes of our community's children to new things. Our end-of-semester project was an exchange project with the children of Masca City, Honduras. We designed T-shirts to send to them. They created small drums to send to us. From the very beginning, Fabayo's vision for the school was boundless. She was

determined to offer the best possible education for the children of this community.

Back in 2008, Brighter Choice replaced a failing school. In a matter of a few short years, the school was regularly posting the best language arts state exam scores in District 16. It became the first school in the district to provide dual Spanish and English language programs. The school's motto is a resounding one: *Every Child, Every Day, College-Bound*. The teachers buy in. The parents buy in. The students buy in. The parent community at Brighter Choice is tight-knit, constantly sharing their time and resources to help aid in the vision of the school. One such parent is Earl Silas. Earl has two daughters attending Brighter Choice. For nine weeks, Earl facilitated an anti-bullying and mentoring program in partnership with the 79th Precinct. The program was for the 25 graduating 5th-grade boys. I know Earl. His goal for the children of Brighter Choice is similar to Fabayo's. Starting from the perspective of love, investing time and resources in our community's children so that they may be prepared in every way to succeed. And, as far as the parents of the student body go, he isn't the exception. He is the rule.

Recently, Fabayo submitted her letter of resignation, transitioning into another role within the DOE. The DOE has a guideline for leadership transitions that District Superintendents are to follow, it's called the C-30 Process. Step Five of the Process is to create a Level 1 Interview Committee. That Committee is to include between 4-7 parents of the school. In following the



A.G. Underwood Files Lawsuit Challenging Trump Administration Family Separation Policy

18 Attorneys General File Multistate Suit Against Unconstitutional Policy

NEW YORK – Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood filed a lawsuit today challenging the Trump Administration’s policy of forced family separation on the U.S. southern border. The multistate lawsuit was filed by a coalition of 18 Attorneys General in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

“Keeping children separated from their parents is inhumane, unconscionable, and illegal – and we’re filing suit to stop it,” said **Attorney General Underwood**. “By tearing children away from their parents and sending them hundreds of miles away, the Trump administration has already caused unfathomable trauma to these children, while undermining New York’s fundamental

interests in protecting their health, safety, and wellbeing. This is not who we are as a country, and we won’t stand by as the Trump administration undermines the Constitution and our rights.”

The lawsuit filed by the Attorneys General argues that the Trump Administration has violated the constitutional due process rights of the parents and children by separating them as a matter of course and without any finding that the parent poses a threat to the children. The policy is also irrationally discriminatory, in violation of the constitutional guarantee of equal protection, because it targets only people crossing our southwestern border, the majority of whom are from Latin America, and not anyone crossing the northern border or entering the United States elsewhere. The

states also argue that this policy once again violates the Administrative Procedure Act, because it is arbitrary and capricious, and that the Administration has been violating U.S. asylum laws by turning people away at ports of entry without allowing them to request asylum.

New York has confirmed that at least 321 children who have been separated from their parents at the southwestern border are currently residing in New York State, in the care of 11 different provider agencies. Staff at one voluntary agency have informed local government officials that the ages of most children newly placed at their agency, many of whom were separated from family at the border, are between the ages of four and twelve. The youngest child so far was a nine-month-old

baby, in addition to multiple not-yet-verbal toddlers.

The children whom the Trump administration have separated from their parents and sent to New York are suffering extreme trauma. For example, a South American boy who was separated from his father at the Mexican border was rushed to the hospital because he was about to jump out of the second-story window of the group home where he was sent in early June after being forcibly separated from his family; the distraught child verbalized that he wanted to jump because he missed his parents. Twelve other young immigrant children who were separated from their parents at the border have been treated for physical and mental illnesses at New York Hospitals.

The View From Here

■ By David Mark Greaves

Good News / Bad News

The retirement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy means President Trump has another opportunity to solidify a conservative/corporate elite/white supremacist agenda while the historic win of 28-year-old Latina Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez over 10-term NY congressman Joe Crowley, shows why the Republicans are fighting so hard to cement their ideology into the system with lifetime appointments to the federal bench.

And while the nation is transfixed by Trump’s three-times-a-day assault on the constitution, the citizenry, their children and their children’s children, are being robbed and their way of life degraded.

Commenting on the 2018 Long-Term Budget Outlook by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Michael Peterson, Chairman of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation had this to say: “Today’s report confirms that our nation’s fiscal outlook is on a dangerous and unsustainable path. With substantial imbalances between spending and revenues projected well into the future, we are on course to burden America’s children with trillions more in debt and hurt their economic opportunities.”

Any claim we had to be the shining city on the hill has been lost, as the ruling elite, in tacit collusion with Russian oligarchs, work to control and use the citizenry of the United States, each to their own ends. The Russians want Trump, their useful idiot, to remain exactly where he is, effectively disrupting alliances and weakening the U.S. long term. Anything they can do to assist him and those who are with him in the midterm elections, they will do.

For the White supremacists, Trump is their Great White Hope come alive and giving them what may be their last taste of absolute power. Nothing will sway them from his side. And as for the rich, well, with the masses preoccupied with just surviving, the rich and their minion are able to romp through the tax laws and pillage like deed thieves, “all nice and legal-like,” and then retire to their estates to wallow in our money.

The interesting thing is that as big and bad as they are, the African American community has proven we can stop them, and stop them all coming at the same time. Did it before and can do it again. That is why they are so afraid of us and make us the targets of voter suppression tactic all across the country. Serious voter suppression tactics aided and abetted by a Republicanized Supreme Court.

And we can safely assume that overt voter suppression is only the visible part of the agenda. The other and potentially more deadly, is the hidden assault through social media and the internet. Based on public testimony by all of the U.S. intelligences agencies saying that the Russians worked to subvert our elections and will be back at it, we should expect they may already have in place a campaign, or series of campaigns, ready to be responsive in a divisive way to a crisis in the community, or just a general campaign to make the viewer less likely to vote. The only defense is to flood the digital space with positives vibes and actions, as a counterpoint to negative messaging. Stay alert out there and watch those hot buttons.

Cuomo / Cynthia Nixon

I remember growing up and my mother saying that when something political was happening, a Jewish person always asks, “What does this mean for the Jews?” And in looking at the contest for governor between incumbent Andrew Cuomo and challenger Cynthia Nixon, the question is, “What does it mean for African-Americans?”

One litmus test item would be ethics. Being anti-corruption is very pro-Black, because the corruption usually involves taking something away from Black people. Not only from the loss of tax revenue which hurts all, but from the real estate considerations and illicit deals that foster

gentrification and corrupt development in our neighborhoods.

Ethically, Governor Andrew Cuomo and President Donald Trump both have the same aspirations, to control any investigation of them and their associates. The difference is that Trump only wishes he could halt Special Counsel Robert Muller’s investigation as easily as Cuomo disbanded the Moreland Commission when investigators began to come too close to his office. Ethics reform is not coming from this governor.

One can imagine a second litmus test being education: Cynthia Nixon’s bold, aggressive and wholistic plan for education is not pie in the sky as the governor would portray it, but rather what must be done for Black children to achieve an equal shot at life, from birth to college. To call that wishful thinking, is to say our dreams are impossible and that is unacceptable.

Like former actors-turned-California-governors Ronald Reagan and Arnold Schwarzenegger, Cynthia Nixon is no lightweight and she is not beholden to good-old-boy political and financial relationships and understandings. She’s free to fight the progressive fight and she has nothing to lose, except probably some sleep.

There’s about 75 days between this week and the September primaries and there are things that can change in the blink of an eye. Cuomo can ask soon-to-be former Congressman Joe Crowley about that.

Sonia Maria Sotomayor, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States

Excerpts from her dissent

(joined by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

“The United States of America is a nation built upon the promise of religious liberty. Our Founders honored that core promise by embedding the principle of religious neutrality in the First Amendment. The Court’s decision today fails to safeguard that fundamental principle. It leaves undisturbed a policy first advertised openly and unequivocally as a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States” because the policy now masquerades behind a façade of national security concerns. But this re-packaging does little to cleanse Presidential Proclamation No. 9645 of the appearance of discrimination that the president’s words have created. Based on the evidence in the record, a reasonable observer would conclude that the Proclamation was motivated

by anti-Muslim animus. That alone suffices to show that plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the merits of their Establishment Clause claim. The majority holds otherwise by ignoring the facts, misconstruing our legal precedent and turning a blind eye to the pain and suffering the Proclamation inflicts upon countless families and individuals, many of whom are United States citizens ...

...*The First Amendment stands as a bulwark against official religious prejudice and embodies our nation’s deep commitment to religious plurality and tolerance. That constitutional promise is why, [F] or centuries now, people have come to this country from every corner of the world to share in the blessing of religious freedom.*’ *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, 572 U. S., at ___ (KAGAN, J., dissenting) (slip op., at 1).



Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Maria Sotomayor

Instead of vindicating those principles, today’s decision tosses them aside. In holding that the First Amendment gives way to an executive policy that a reasonable observer would view as motivated by animus against Muslims, the majority opinion upends this Court’s precedent, repeats tragic mistakes of the past and denies countless individuals the

fundamental right of religious liberty.

Our Constitution demands, and our country deserves, a judiciary willing to hold the coordinate branches to account when they defy our most sacred legal commitments. Because the Court’s decision today has failed in that respect, with profound regret, I dissent.”

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center Receives American Heart Association Award for Quality Stroke Care

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health; get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

"Kingsbrook is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative," said Enid Dillard, Director of Marketing & Public Affairs. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes."

Kingsbrook additionally received the association's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

"We are pleased to recognize Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center for their commitment to stroke care," said Eric E. Smith, M.D., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines Steering Committee and an associate professor of neurology at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. "Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates."

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On

average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

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About Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center:

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center is a 769-bed teaching Medical. Centers of Excellence Include: the Neurosciences Institute providing care in General Neurology, Rehab and Stroke Care and featuring the Neck & Back Center, Kingsbrook Rehabilitation Institute offering Physical & Rehabilitative Medicine, including Brooklyn's only New York State approved Traumatic Brain Injury & Coma Recovery Unit, the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center comprised of Inpatient Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry and Outpatient Psychiatry and the Bone & Joint Center providing care in Joint Replacement and Sports Medicine. Other specialty areas include: Emergency Services, Ambulatory Surgery and a Certified Non-Invasive Vascular Laboratory, as well as a 466-bed Adult and Pediatric long term care facility, Rutland Nursing Home. Kingsbrook and Rutland Nursing Home are JCAHO certified and not-for-profit members of the Greater New York Hospital Association and the Healthcare Association of New York State.

About Get With The Guidelines®

Get With The Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's hospital-based quality improvement program that provides hospitals with tools and resources to increase adherence to the latest research-based guidelines. Developed with the goal of saving lives and hastening recovery, Get With The Guidelines has touched the lives of more than 6 million patients since 2001. For more information, visit heart.org.



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The American Library Association's 2014 Public Library Data Service Statistical Report ranked BPL third in the nation among public libraries for public programs offered and program attendance.

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"Reading is the foundation for learning and academic success," said National Grid Foundation Board member Reverend Gary V. Simpson, pastor of Historic Concord Baptist Church of Christ.

To sign up and learn more about summer reading, visit: <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/summer-reading>.

Meet the Musically Inclined Kanneh-Mason Family



British cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason, 19, started playing cello at age six and came into the global spotlight last May when he performed at the Royal Wedding of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry. But the offstage story of this young musician who counts Bob Marley as an idol, is one to be spotlighted, too. His parents, Dr. Kadia Kanneh-Mason and Stuart Mason, spent "every penny of (their) money on music for the seven children," according to Ms. Kanneh-Mason in 2016. They used borrowed instruments until a wealthy donor stepped in. "What do other families do?" she asked a



Sheku Kanneh-Mason

Daily Mail writer, noting that one of Sheku's strings could cost as much as \$110. It appears the Kanneh-Mason family will not have

that worry moving forward. For more information, visit Sheku's official website: shekukannehmason.com.

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Dr. DEBBIE ALMONTASER
Educator & Activist
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International African Arts Festival Arrives June 30th 47th Annual Offers New Features and Familiar Pleasures

by Maitefa Angaza

“Dekawowo!” (Solidarity!) is the call to gather as the 47th Annual International African Arts Festival (IAAF) claims Saturday, June 30th – Wednesday, July 4th at beautiful Commodore Barry Park in Fort Greene as the place and dates during which it will once again steal hearts and lift spirits. From 10am till 9pm each day, rain or shine, those fortunate enough to make their way to the IAAF will take part in a cultural gathering that’s been at the forefront of summer fun since 1971, when it started out as a block party to commemorate the end of the school year for Uhuru Sasa Shule (Freedom Now School). The event, then named the African Street Carnival, was held on Claver Place, which just earlier this week was co-named “Jitu Weusi Way,” after the founder/leader of The EAST, a Black cultural nationalist organization that created the school for the children of its members and for families in the community. One might be tempted to call this first one a “humble little block party,” but it was never that. It was an inaugural event emerging brash and beautiful, with stellar live jazz, electrifying African dance, wildly creative African style, beautiful faces, delicious food and joyful people. It almost immediately outgrew its location, moving to Boys and Girls High School for decades, and eventually to its current location. This 47th year offers a great lineup, as always, this time with the inclusion of the First Annual African Documentary Film Festival, of which Weusi would surely be proud. Festivalgoers will enjoy a fantastic schedule of music and dance performances and workshops, an outdoor party

with a DJ, a traditional African worship ceremony, fashion and natural hair shows, childrens’ events, a symposium, and more. Not to mention the merchants from across the globe selling paintings and sculpture, musical instruments, crafts, jewelry, culturally-inspired clothing, food, and more. See more information in this issue of *OTP* and visit The Festival’s website for schedule details. (www.iaafestival.org, or call 718-638-6700). The Festival is open 10am to 9pm each day, rain or shine, with a \$5 suggested donation for adults and \$2 for children. As always, community support is critical for The Festival. Some people have assumed that the IAAF must have had deep funding to keep things going all these years. They see a continuing success in terms of attendance, programming and beautiful energy and assume that there is a secret pot of money somewhere. But that was not the case. The community’s financial support during the Boys and Girls High years allowed for high-profile entertainment in the eighties and nineties. Gil Scott-Heron, Eddie Palmieri, Sun Ra, Lauryn Hill, Hezekiah Walker’s Love Fellowship Choir, Roy Ayers, Black Star and India Arie were among the many who performed for The Festival crowd. And Fela, Burning Spear, The Mighty Sparrow, Third World and others were flown in from across the world to captivate audiences. Although The Festival still has fabulous entertainment, it can no longer afford the more expensive bookings it could at Boys and Girls High, when there was a low, but set, entrance fee. Each person who entered contributed to

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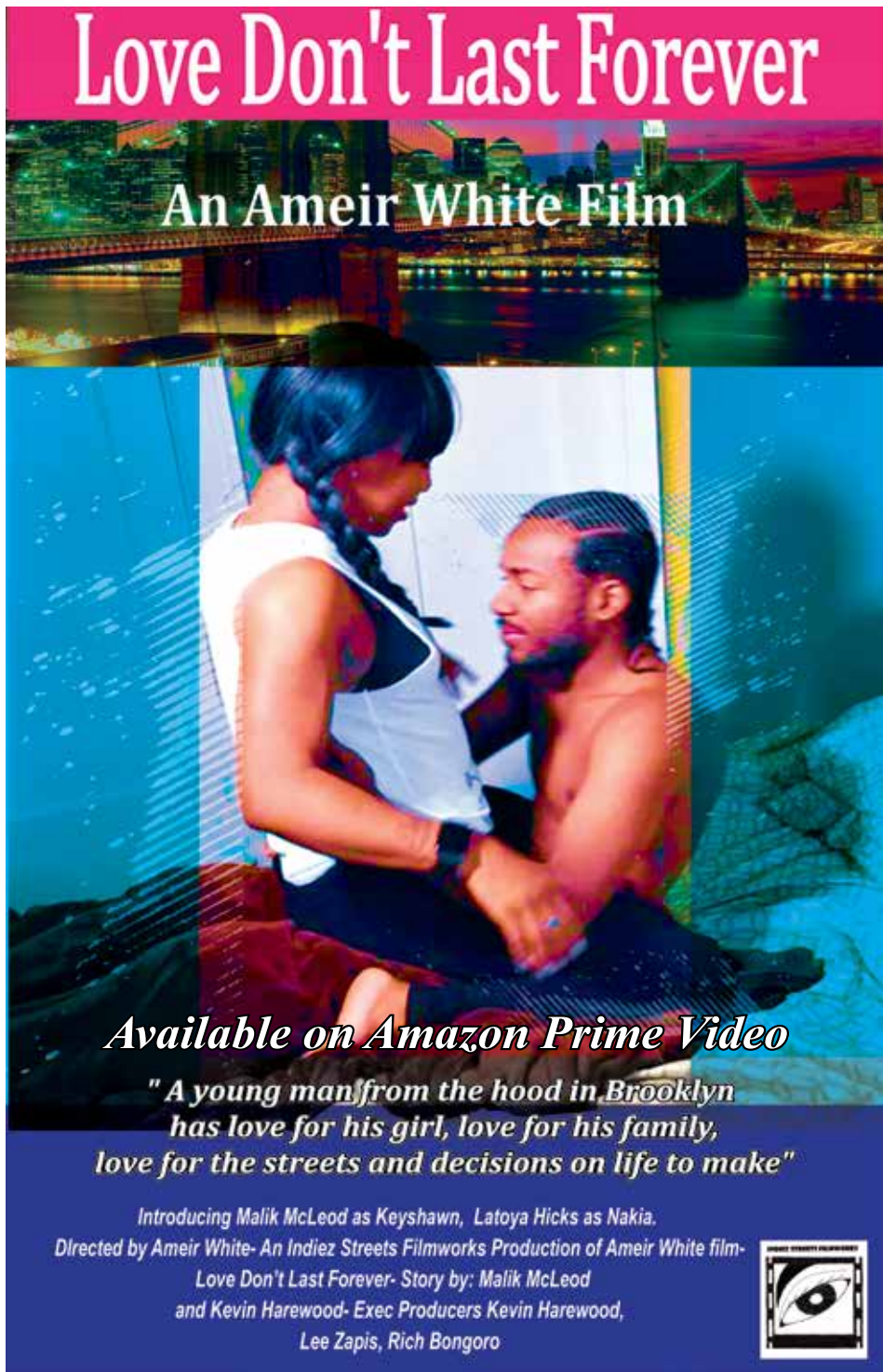
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NAACP Statement on the Retirement of Justice Kennedy

BALTIMORE (July 27, 2018)— NAACP, the nation’s foremost civil rights organization, issued the following statement regarding the announced retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Justice Kennedy played a pivotal role on the Supreme Court for thirty years. He was the deciding vote in many close cases involving civil rights and civil liberties. Without his moderating influence, the balance on the Court could shift dramatically to the right.

This court has already undermined basic rights we all believed we enjoy as Americans – the right to strong unions that bargain collectively, one person one vote principles, redistricting, and regarding the right of women to make their own health care decisions.

The stakes for nominating a replacement could not be higher at any moment in our history.

The Court serves as the guardian of our rights and liberties. The country desperately needs a fair-minded and independent jurist. Now is not the time for a divisive and biased appointment who will shake the public’s

faith in the justice system.

The constitutional process for appointing and confirming the next justice must be careful, deliberative and conducted with bipartisan support. The Senate should not consider a nominee until a new Senate is seated next year. Moreover, the new Senate should ensure that the nominee have a demonstrated commitment to equal justice and civil rights. The names identified on Trump’s shortlist do not fit that bill. For the good of the American people, we urge that the President and the Senate to carefully exercise their respective roles under the Constitution in light of the consequential impact of this nomination on our democracy.

The NAACP and its members are committed to protecting the gains won through the sacrifices of our ancestors and to protecting civil rights for generations to come.

Our Justice system -- and indeed the very peace and tranquility of our nation -- hang in the balance.

We will not go silently into the night. We can’t.



■ By Eddie Castro

The 2018 NBA Draft has passed and after this past year, the Nets do not have to worry about giving up crucial first round draft picks as they have done the past couple of years. The team’s general manager at the time (Billy King) struck a trade that brought the Nets Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Jason Terry. All three players were well past their prime. In fact, here’s a list of what the Nets could have had had they not traded away their top pick the past few years. Damian Lillard (original Nets pick), Collin Sexton (original Nets pick from this year, traded to Cleveland), Jaylen Brown (Nets pick that was traded to Boston), Kyle Kuzma and 3-time NBA Champion Draymond Green. I think it’s safe to say that that starting five lineup could have made quite the impact in Brooklyn. For now, let’s focus on this year’s draft picks.

The Nets had a late first round pick and they decided to select 19-year-old Dzanan Musa from Bosnia with the 29th overall pick. Dzanan has great upside and has a great scorer’s confidence. He has already been drawing comparisons to Denver Nuggets star player Nikola Jokic. He displayed just that when he was introduced to the media last Friday. The team decided to keep it

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international and selected Latvia’s Rodinas Kurcus. The 20-year-old Kurcus is already making headlines with his words when he was asked about competing against his fellow countryman New York Knicks player Kristaps Porzingis. Let’s just say his comments indicated he is ready for the challenge. There have been rumors that both Musa and Kurcus would either head to the team’s D League further to develop and prepare for the NBA, however, it seems that Nets General Manager Sean Marks is quite high on the two players the team was able to select in the draft and I would be surprised if they are not wearing the black and white come November.

Although the Nets are very well in the midst of rebuilding, the team is hoping it will be a 2-3-year window rather than a 4-5-year window. Before the draft, the team traded big man Timofey Mozgov to the Charlotte Hornets in exchange for former All-Star Dwight Howard. Howard will most likely not be suiting up for the Nets as he and the team are in talks of a buyout so Howard can pursue a championship opportunity. With the team trading Mozgov, the team will save roughly \$17 million dollars, leaving them in a great situation where they will have enough cap space to sign two max-contract players in the summer of 2019. Not to steal the infamous quotes of Joel Embiid, but for my fellow OTP Brooklyn fans, it’s all about trusting the process in hopes of building a winning culture here in Brooklyn.

Mayor Announces Registration of over 10,000 New Student Voters

NEW YORK—Mayor de Blasio yesterday announced that the City has registered over 10,000 first-time student voters as part of the Administration’s student voter registration drive. The over 10,000 students attend 294 schools across the five boroughs. The student registration effort is part of Mayor de Blasio’s 10-point democracy agenda known as DemocracyNYC, which aims to increase civic engagement and strengthen democracy locally and nationally.

“Our students are the future leaders of our country, and they should, at an early age, realize the power their voices hold in reshaping America,” said Mayor Bill de Blasio. “These 10,000 new student voters will help strengthen our democratic process for years to come. I encourage all students to continue registering to vote and show up at the polls – because this is your country and your voice matters.”

“Where young people lead, change follows,” said Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives Phil Thompson. “Our future depends on engaging more young people in the democratic process. Registering 10,000 students to vote is an important step forward. Now more than ever, we need to work together to make it easier for all New Yorkers to vote, become civically engaged and lead change in their communities and the nation.”

“I registered to vote because my voice matters,” said Chantelle Perez, first-time voter and student at the High School of Health Professions and Human Services. “Voting is one of the many ways I know I can address the issues that matter to me. I hope that all my classmates and all students in New York City realize this and become active in our democracy.”

“Young people are making their voices heard like never before and it’s up to us to help them connect the issues they care about most to voting. Student Voter Registration

Day was launched to make that connection and to take voter registration, the critical first step in democratic participation, directly to youth. The 10,000 students who registered to vote on this single day of action, demonstrate just how excited the next generation of voters is to participate in civic life and their democracy. We thank the community based organizations who committed volunteers to registering students on SVRD and starting thousands of young people on a path of lifelong engagement.” said Onida Coward Mayers, Director of Voter Assistance at the NYC Campaign Finance Board, which supported the SVRD effort through its voter engagement initiative, NYC Votes.

Other aspects of DemocracyNYC include increasing cybersecurity, reforming election laws at the State level, registering new voters and ensuring an accurate census count, among other initiatives.

“Young people have the greatest stake in the decisions government makes because the consequences will shape their world. That’s why I feel so strongly about including young people in the work of government through our Community Boards, and that’s why I believe efforts to register students to vote are so important,” said Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer. “I thank the mayor, the chancellor, and the many agencies and advocacy organizations that helped us reach this milestone.”

“Voter turnout in New York is a national embarrassment, and it’s the role of government to ensure that all New Yorkers have the opportunity to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote. Student registration is a pragmatic measure that helps, not only with voter turn-out, but a lifetime of civic engagement. I applaud Mayor Bill de Blasio for registering over 10,000 new student voters,” said State Senator Brad Hoylman.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Senator Montgomery Applauds Youthbuild Graduates’ Renovation Of Antioch’s Neighborhood House

Last week, Senator Montgomery congratulated DREAMS YouthBuild at their 10th anniversary and commencement ceremony at Antioch Baptist Church.

YouthBuild is a comprehensive program for unemployed, out-of-school youth ages 17-24, to obtain high school equivalency diplomas, job and leadership skills, secure employment, and go on to college or vocational school. It is also one of the most effective and successful youth diversion programs in New York State. Additionally, Youthbuild students deliver hundreds of hours of community service while producing and preserving affordable housing in their communities. Since 1994, 41,000 units of affordable housing have been produced or upgraded by 150,000 YouthBuild students across the US. Over 5,000 of those students have been New Yorkers.

“Raise the Age is more than a slogan, it’s about creating pathways for all of our young people to succeed. YouthBuild is a major part of that opportunity pipeline. Young men and women who are out of school and out of work are particularly susceptible to getting caught up in the criminal justice system, even though they have all the potential in the world,” said Senator Velmanette Montgomery. “We don’t do nearly enough in our state for young people. However, YouthBuild does it right. We need

this program, we need to talk about it and support it and expand it. This is why I introduced the New York State YouthBuild Act.”

After addressing YouthBuild graduates, Senator Montgomery joined Reverend Robert M. Waterman, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, for a walkthrough of the landmarked adjoining brownstone owned by the church. Under the supervision of Construction Supervisor Dathan Freeman, YouthBuild students honed their skills by renovating the aging brownstone from the ground floor up. This included deep fixes such as the gut renovation of bathrooms, the relocation of pipes and water lines, electrical upgrades and building cabinetry. They also skim coated and repainted the walls, retiled floors, installed hard wood floors and installed new windows.

“During the beginning not knowing how to do many things at first was extremely challenging, but the process and experience of learning the different trades became one of my biggest accomplishments” expressed Cailan Lee Riviears, a YouthBuild student who worked on the project.

“This project was instrumental in introducing YouthBuild students to the history of brownstones and the intricacies of renovation and restoration. As they restore this brownstone and give it a second chance, their lives are also being restored through the YouthBuild program,” said Reverend Robert

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Rev. Robert Waterman, State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Dathan Freeman

Around Town

Contributor Elizabeth Rankin-Fulcher attended the opening of a photo exhibit at JOLOFF’s restaurant and sent this note.

It was an amazing evening at Joloff’s -- very well attended and the photographs are oh, so wonderful. We loved the one of us, of course -- blown up and in black white,

In this photo, standing: Ermine Thomas, Elaine Lewis, Arlene Bascom (she is in my book club); seated, Elizabeth, Ms. Rogers

(99 years young) and Laura Pegram. Laura and Ms. Rogers were both accompanied by their “walkers” and both travelled from Manhattan to share the evening with me. Joloff’s Restaurant 1168 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216 Phone: (718) 230-0523



NEW BUSINESS FORMATIONS

BLACK MAGIC STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on May 24, 2018. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **BLACK MAGIC STUDIO LLC.,** c/o Bergstein Flynn & Knowlton PLLC, 142 W 57th Street, Suite 4A, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: To engage in any and all business activities.

22 ROUTE 6 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/29/2018. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **22 ROUTE 6 LLC.,** 47 N. Main Street - P.O. Box 186 Elenville, New York 12428. Purpose: To engage in any and all business activities.

Three Dog Design & Build, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/07/2018. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as

agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **The LLC,** c/o Eric Ruggieron, 23 Marconi Place Brooklyn, NY 11233

Best Buddys Dog Training, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/2018. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **Best Buddys Dog Training, LLC,** 176 S. 4th St. #5B, Brooklyn, NY 11211 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Express Databases LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/2018. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1035 Washington Avenue, Apt GR 9, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

HUMBOLDT 123 LLC. Arts. of Org.

filed with the SSNY on 04/09/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 619 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Avant Collaborations LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/20/2018. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, United States Corporation of Agents, Inc. 7014 13th avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Publication. Notice is hereby given that a license, number “Pending” for beer and wine has been applied for by **Cheri’s Bedstuy LLC** at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 216 Malcolm x Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11221 in Kings County for on premises consumption. Dated June 25, 2018 **Torri Clayton Business Name: Cheri’s Bedstuy LLC.** 216 Malcolm X Blvd BK NY 11221

Senator Montgomery Applauds Youthbuild Graduates’ Renovation Of Antioch’s Neighborhood House

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M. Waterman. “I was more than happy to turn over Antioch Baptist Church’s Neighborhood House to give them the opportunity they needed to be successful.”

“Rehabbing the Neighborhood House at the historic landmarked 100-year old Antioch Baptist Church of Brooklyn instills a sense of pride and accomplishment to the DREAMS YouthBuild students who reside in the Bedford Stuyvesant community,” shared Ditashiah Kohn, Director of YouthBuild Programs.

Nonprofit organizations who are interested in having DREAMS students take on a project in the community may contact the Director, Ditashiah Kohn at 718-455-4308 or dkohn@shfinc.org.

-Submitted by Shakti Robbins-Cubas

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Index No.: 45556/2007 GOSHEN MORTGAGE LLC, AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE FOR GDBT I TRUST 2011-1, Plaintiff, Against CARLTON EXILE A/K/A C. EXILE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 5/9/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 8/2/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 123 Montauk Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York; Block 3,992 and Lot 5. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$966,297.14 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 45556/2007. Nancy Schacher, Esq., Referee. **SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES** Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 06/14/2018 File Number: 25672 AA

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, on behalf of SASCO 2007-MLN1 Trust Fund, Plaintiff AGAINST Neville Romain a/k/a Neville Roman, David Cohan, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/7/2018 and entered on 5/24/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 26, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 2049 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1565, LOT: 44. Approximate amount of judgment is \$817,845.11 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506073/2014. Doron A. Leiby, Referee **FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP** 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HASCO 2007-WF1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WF1, Plaintiff AGAINST Corine

McLean, Paulette McLean, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/8/2014 and entered on 10/14/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 26, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 3110 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4902, LOT: 4. Approximate amount of judgment is \$771,210.52 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 8391/2008. Domenick Napoletano, Referee **FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP** 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, Plaintiff -against- Paulette Wellington a/k/a Paula Wellington a/k/a Paula R. Wellington, First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Rochester, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on November 29, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at **ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT,** 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 930 East 101st, Brooklyn, NY 11236 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 8208 Lot: 51 Approximate amount of lien \$608,011.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 502496/2015 Helene Blank, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED June 14, 2018 FILE #: SANTANDER 67255

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court Kings County **BH EMMENS LLC** (Plaintiff) v. **IRINA SHELIKHOVA** et. al. (Defendants) Index No.: 7491/2013. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 2, 2017, as amended, I

will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Courthouse located at 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 19, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., the Units known as 3149 Emmons Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11235, in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York (Block 8804, and Lot 1301, 1302, 1303). Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Building sold as one unit. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee. Roberts & Fidler, P.C, attorney for Plaintiff, 26 Court Street, 11th Floor, Brooklyn, New York. 347-721-9022.

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS VALLEY NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff -against- **IZIBO IZYAGUYEV,** et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 7, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on July 26, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known as Unit No. 101 in the building known as “Tara Condominium” together with an undivided 10.2752% interest as to Unit 101 in the common elements. Block: 5853 Lot: 1001. Said premises known as 231 68TH STREET, UNIT 101, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$229,373.43 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 519769/2016. **SHMUEL TAUB, ESQ.,** Referee **KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP** Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NAAC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST **SANDRA M. NEILS, DOREEN R. RIVERA,** et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 08, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on July 19, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 533 CHESTER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3614, LOT 19. Approximate amount of judgment

\$541,680.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 510518/2014. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 55022

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against **JYH WANG A/K/A JYH S. WANG A/K/A JS WONG,** et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 5, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 26th day of July, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 385 Legion Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11212. (Block: 3595, Lot: 18). Approximate amount of lien \$ 576,084.01 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 502407-15. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., d/b/a America’s Servicing Company, Plaintiff -against- Giselle Solomon, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Credit Suisse Financial Corporation, City of New York, Environmental Control Board, Andrea Faraday, Dashawn Cummings Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on February 2, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at **ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT,** 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1518 Ryder Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 7700 Lot: 49 Approximate amount of lien \$931,744.88 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 6319/2013 Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH,

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L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF
ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113
CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED:
June 14, 2018 FILE #: FWELLS 60927

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK, FSB, V. JEAN HULL, ET. AL. **NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 12, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK, FSB is the Plaintiff and JEAN HULL, ET. AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on July 19, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1485 EAST 55TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234: Block 7880, Lot 26: **ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK** Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 12275/2012. Philip Kamaras, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS INDEX NO. 506312/2015 Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 2194 DEAN STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11233 District: Section: Block: 1447 Lot: 27KENRICK PINNOCK, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK, HUGH PINNOCK JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK, JULIE PINNOCK, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK, WAYNE PINNOCK, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK, LESHAWN TAYLOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK, AARON TAYLOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK, STEVEN PINNOCK, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK, NICHOLAS PINNOCK, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK,; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF HUGH PINNOCK any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; ROLAND CUNNINGHAM;NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY

PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; LEXIET DUMAS, SR.; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;TIFFANY BRYANT, APRIL MORALES, JASON GIBSON; APRIL “DOE” (REFUSED NAME) “JOHN DOE #11” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff’s Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$420,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 16, 2007, at Instrument number 2007000142203, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York, covering premises known as 2194 DEAN STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11233. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. KINGS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: January 31, 2018 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: Matthew Rothstein, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO NATIONAL CITY REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. DOROTHY ALEXANDER, NICHOLE ALEXANDER, ET AL., Defendant(s).Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 24, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 420 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings

and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4170 and Lot 25. Approximate amount of judgment is \$465,190.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 512372/2015. Helene Blank, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Banc of America Mortgage 2007-4 Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-4., Plaintiff AGAINST Reynold Lavache; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 21, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1162 E 99TH Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8244 Lot 74. Approximate amount of judgment \$912,416.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 13593/08. Julie Clark, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 24, 2018 54708

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Kings Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 521420/2017 Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper, Plaintiff, vs Keila Hamilton If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated,Are Unknown To Plaintiff, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Environmental Control Board, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 100-02 Flatlands Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11236 BL #: 8208-36 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the

State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Kings. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO: KEILA HAMILTON Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Noach Dear of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Eleventh day of May, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, in the City of Brooklyn. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated November 16, 2007, executed by Keila Hamilton to secure the sum of \$532,800.00. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2007000609960 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County on December 12, 2007. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 12, 2011 and recorded on August 1, 2011, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County at CRFN 2011000270392. The mortgage was subsequently modified on August 23, 2014; The property in question is described as follows: 100-02 FLATLANDS AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11236 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: May 29, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 54855-2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (“FANNIE MAE”), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff against FRANK CASSATA, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered May 9, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 12, 2018 at 2:30 PM. remises known as 1406 Dahill Road, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Block 6556 Lot 37. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$393,409.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 513272/2016. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Steven J. Baker, Esq., Referee 2296-002853

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Community Calendar

Saturday, June 30th

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FREE CERTIFICATION

BROOKLYN QUEENS LAND TRUST SUMMER JAZZ
1pm-3pm: Summer Jazz Performance Series: Sharp Radway, in Greene Garden (corner of DeKalb/S. Portland Aves) www.cbjcjazz.org
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47TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN ARTS FESTIVAL-TODAY THRU 7/4

@ Commodore Barry Playground
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Commodore Barry Park at Navy St. (bet. Flushing & Park) Annual Opening Day Community Parade with Vocalist Elida Almeida of Cape Verde, Muntu Dance Theater of Chicago, The Reggie Workman

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Presentations include: *The Life & Times of Elizabeth Keckly*-Free Black seamstress from Petersburg, VA finds opportunities w/DC elite in 1860. (42mins., directed by T. Reid, USA) Showtime: 4PM, Discussion: 4:45PM; *The African Who Wanted to Fly* - Central African boy dreams of flying, becomes a major actor in Chinese film industry. (1hr. 10mins., directed by S. Bifot; Gabon, China) Showtime: 5:00PM, Discussion: 6:15PM; *The Honest Struggle* - Documentation of a middle-aged ex-Chicago gang chief who strives for successful readjustment “in the free” after spending most of his life behind bars. (58mins., directed by J. Mashouf, USA) Showtime: 6:30PM, Discussion: 7:30PM; *Land of Dance* - Dance practices in Guinea, West Africa and the meaning of “traditional” as it stands in terms of Western culture. (17mins., directed by I. Camara; Guinea, UK) Showtime: 7:45PM, Discussion: 8:10PM.



MOVIES UNDER THE STARS: BLACK PANTHER @ PARKSIDE PLAYGROUND,

8:30-10:30PM- Winthrop St./Parkside Ave./ Rogers Ave., Join NYC Parks and the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment for this free family film! Arrive early for a spot for your picnic blanket or chair. Food is OK. No alcohol or smoking permitted.

FRESH START HOME RESOURCE EXPO @ BOYS & GIRLS H.S.,

10:30AM-3:00PM - 1700 Fulton St. near Utica Ave. This FREE event is open to both homeowners and renters and will feature nonprofits, government agencies and housing resource professionals ready to provide attendees with information and opportunities to register for free services.

Repair grants, preserving your home, tenants’ rights, etc. Learn about: First-time Homebuying Grants, Keeping Your Home in the Family, Financial Management, Foreclosure Prevention, NYC Housing Connect & How it Works and Do-It-Yourself Repair. For info: 718-636-7596, Ext. 214.

Thursday, July 5th

BOOK TALK WITH DR. MARY FRANCES BERRY: HISTORY TEACHES US TO RESIST: HOW PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CHALLENGING TIMES @

Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street. Doors open at 6PM, Event is 6:30-8PM, \$5. Throughout American history, eras of political turmoil have presented obstacles to progressive ideologies. But even during the trying times, movements gain traction. Dr. Berry, Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, presents a history of mobilization against imbalanced power, from antiracist actions during WWII to protests against the Vietnam War, to recent demonstrations focusing on environmental justice, LGBTQ+ rights and more. Resistance is not new, and it is not going away. For info: 718-222-4111, Ext. 250.

Sat., July 21st

8TH ANNUAL TAMA SUMMERFEST

at Tompkins Ave. bet. Gates Ave. and Halsey St. Music, food and fun for all ages! Afrobeat Fitness Class, Rock-climbing wall, STEM Tent, Children’s Play Corner, dance party, Entertainment. For information: 718-636-7596, Ext. 218.

Sunday, August 5th

BOROUGH HALL’S 5TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

Afternoon fest celebrates the borough’s diversity with an array of cultural performances, tastes of international cuisine, and more. In Brooklyn: 47 percent of households speak a language other than English at home; and more than one-third of residents were born overseas.

Announcement of the Celebration of the Life of Ethlyn Fletcher-Coley

Ethlyn, our dear Mom, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend, was born in Dry Hill on the beautiful Isle of Jamaica, West Indies to Mary and William Fletcher. She passed this month in the borough of Brooklyn, New York with family near her. She is survived by her 8 children, 12 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, one sister, many nieces, nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

Sunrise: May 31, 1932

Sunset: June 12, 2018

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3619 Church Avenue,

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Friday, June 29, 2018

Viewing: 4:00-6:00pm

Service of Thanksgiving: 6:00-7:00pm

Repast: 7:30-9:00pm

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Viewing: 9:00-9:30am

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The Coley/Fletcher Family of Ethlyn Fletcher Coley

Is NYPD's Gang Database a More Invasive Stop-and-Frisk?

■ By Maitefa Angaza

Aproprietary stance toward the lives and liberty of Black and brown people is one of the many criticisms aimed at the NYPD in the operation of its secret and controversial Criminal Group Database, referred to commonly as “the gang database.”

As one example, people – largely young men committing no crime – have been added to the database as if they were: standing on a corner; sitting in a park; wearing a color; arrested at random in a sweep at a public event; conversing in a chat room, unaware that a “gang member” is participating, etc.

Following a scathing report by CUNY criminal law professor K. Babe Howell published recently in *The Intercept*, City Council Member Donovan Richards, head of the Committee on Public Safety, called a hearing on the NYPD’s “gang database” and cyber surveillance tactics.

“Over the last decade the use of social media by crews has exploded,” says NYPD Chief of Detectives Dermot Shea about the database – which he defines as a new “patrol,” with the cop on the beat sitting before a computer monitor. “Criminal groups routinely turn to computers and the Internet to coordinate and recruit new members. So public social media platforms are patrolled, in a sense.”

And, as a result, according to Howell’s report, numbers can be jacked up or down, easily. She stated that although gang-motivated incidents account for less than one percent of the city’s crime, there were 42,334 names in the database in February.

However, Shea initially declined to say whether there had previously been numbers approaching that height, then (??) he said the list had been reduced from 34,000 names to close to 17,441 over a period of four years of reviewing each person listed. Howell stood by her numbers and countered that it was possible the list was scrubbed before the hearing.

At the hearing, Shea read a litany of supposed justifications for the database and used oddly possessive language to refer to those listed. “Our gang members are responsible for the murders of over 500 people,” he said.

But despite Shea’s claims of competence, the NYPD does not notify people when they are placed in the *Our Time Press* asked the NYPD’s press office if, and how, names are removed from the database. A spokesperson said that individuals are either reactivated or deactivated when their names

come up automatically when they reach the ages of 23 and 28 or if they have had no police contact (arrests) in three years. “Individuals can also be removed at any time if an investigation reveals they did not belong in the criminal group during an investigation,” the spokesperson said.

According to the NYPD, close to 66 percent of those added to the database between December 2013 and February 2018 were Black, 33 percent Hispanic and 0.8 percent white. Mayor de Blasio, the father of a Black son, has not commented on the extreme racial characteristic of the database. The list includes hundreds of young people aged 13-16 and their parents are not notified. California law does require parents be notified and have the opportunity to contest the decision. Then again, a 2016 audit found that California’s database included children who were *a year old when their names were added!* One piece of good news is that Portland, Oregon shut its gang database down in order to rebuild trust in the local police department.

In New York City, where policing has long been seen to be tinged with racial bias, there are white gangs – particularly white supremacist gangs—on Long Island, and retired NYPD detective Graham Weatherspoon, in a phone interview with *Our Time Press*, pointed out that there is little mention of them.

“You hear nothing of white organized crime now such as the Russian gangs in Brighton Beach and Coney Island,” Detective Weatherspoon emphasized. “Everything is Black and Latino. That’s because they don’t identify white people as gang members.”

As recently as last year, however, the Joint Eurasian Organized Crime Task Force, an FBI investigative team, arrested members of Shulaya Enterprise for a massive chocolate-smuggling scheme.

Although the gang is not as active as it once was – in number or in criminal activity– it keeps close ties to Thieves in Law, an Eastern European crime syndicate. And Shulaya members have been charged in recent years, with murder-for-hire, narcotics trafficking, extortion, credit-card fraud, etc. But neither they, nor their children, are targeted or monitored as Black and brown people are in other parts of New York City.

Weatherspoon says he warns young people of the extent to which guilt by association can endanger them, though he is, of course, aware of the injustices. He maintains that a young man should not have his name placed in a database because he

was at a particular place or conversed with someone he may or may not have known is believed to be gang-affiliated.

“I tell kids that gangs are now categorized as domestic terrorists,” he said. “Once you get on that list, you may never get off.”

Weatherspoon says the NYPD finds ways to avoid upholding the rights of citizens, oftentimes because people don’t know about those rights. For example, he says, if you are charged with a crime and later cleared of those charges, you are legally authorized to go to the local and federal law enforcement and request to have your mug-shots and fingerprints returned to you.

Some in NYC call the gang database push “Stop-and-Frisk 2.0.” They believe its use mushroomed at the end of 2013 because that’s the year stop-and-frisk was ruled unconstitutional. The mayor, a strident critic of stop-and-frisk, cried victory and also took credit for declining crime rates, although nationwide numbers have fallen for 25 years, most sharply since the early 1990s.

The mayor has been silent, however, as the number of names added to the gang database increased 70 percent since he took office, while crime statistics fell to new lows. The stats on poor people going to prison have risen as well, and the impact is even more devastating, because of the regular use of RICO statutes to prosecute minor offenses such as the selling of marijuana. The 1970 federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act permits the prosecution of individuals based on their participation in an organized crime enterprise. Its use in these instances equates the teenager selling weed on the corner with a well-connected member of a crime syndicate.

Adding to the ruination of lives as a result of this draconian criminalization is the separation of families in public housing. One community advocate who spoke at the hearing put it plainly.

“Just because someone is falsely accused of gang allegations they can lose their housing,” said Karess Taylor-Hughes of the Black Youth Project 100. “Their families can lose their housing.”

The touted “precision policing” was called into question when Richards, asked Shea if he might be entered into a gang database, himself, if he stood on a corner wearing a red t-shirt, to which Shea replied, “It is possible.”

“I don’t think there’s a single color that exists on the color spectrum that would not

fit into one of those potential gangs,” said Mamie Lenox, an assistant counsel with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. According to the NYPD, the colors black, gold, yellow, red, purple, green, blue, white, brown, khaki, gray, orange, and lime green, are all affiliated with major gangs.

Sometimes it’s not about color at all (at least not clothing color). Lenox told those present about Patrick Littlejohn, wrongfully arrested along with 119 others during a drug sweep at the Eastchester Gardens housing project in the Bronx. He lost his jobs as a tutor and basketball coach and has not been able to find work two years later. Community members testified to other instances of abuse of civil liberties and basic human rights. Advocacy group representatives asked why agents from Customs and Immigration Enforcement have been arresting and deporting people on the database although the mayor has declared New York a Sanctuary City.

Protests were held outside One Police Plaza last fall and the Legal Aid Society was among the organizations encouraging citizens to file FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) requests to find out if they are on the database. Although close to 300 people have since filed, 95 percent of them were told that their information was “exempt from disclosure.” Some followed up an appeal and about 40 were told their names were not in the database.

Back in February, activists encouraged Richards to hold the City Council hearing, to no avail, but hurried to hold it 48 hours after Prof. Howell’s report was published.

Meanwhile, an assessment from a woman who works as an assistant at one of the City’s D’s offices, reveals the not-so-startling assessment that law enforcement might not have been strongly motivated to address the ills of the database system before the lawsuits and report. She attends the annual Middle Atlantic/Great Lakes Organized Crime Network gathering, but had never heard of the existence of the database.

(*Reporter’s Note: Professor K. Babe Howell’s scholarship focuses on the intersection of the criminal justice system and race. She is particularly interested in the effects of policing of minor offenses and alleged gang affiliations and the impact such policing has on the legitimacy of the criminal justice system and communities of color. Before joining academia, Professor Howell was a practicing trial lawyer in the area of criminal defense in New York City for eight years.*)

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keeping it thriving. But when the school grounds were no longer available, the financial picture changed dramatically.

Because the IAAF is now held at a public park, it cannot charge admission, but ask only for a suggested donation. Although that amount hasn’t changed in decades, many people still decline to contribute. Some will put a single dollar in the box. Many walk by without contributing at all, although the suggested donation allows access to the grounds for almost 12 hours. Meanwhile, if someone sees a show at the Blue Note, he or she may be charged \$65 and asked to leave when the first set is over. The Black consciousness movements at the time of The Festival’s inception were committed to supporting community

endeavors. It’s hoped that we can once again safeguard what’s important by being responsible cultural consumers.

The IAAF remains one of the safest places to go for entertainment. Children can freely play on the grounds and there has never been people running from gunfire or the threat of stampeding crowds in response to other forms of violence. Instead, The Festival is known for the great happenings, like a child being born there, a wedding taking place and Stevie Wonder touring the event. It’s occasions like these, along with the everyday goodness of the vibes that keep Mark Scott and his family returning each year.

“My wife and I have been coming for about 18 years,” said Scott. “Our son was probably a little older than one year when we first started vending our business KhemitKids

at the festival. We knew we needed the social, cultural and economic support that festival offered. It’s an incubator for all the things we need to grow our community. It provides safety for our ideas, nurtures our intergenerational relationships and continuity for our economy.” Shukuru Sanders was an early member of The EAST and remembers the early events. She’s lived in California for decades now, but comes back to enjoy The Festival whenever she can. And for her, The Festival is, first and foremost, the people.

“I just love the Festival!” Sanders said. “I love coming to see family and friends,” Sanders said. “One of the smartest moves Jitu ever made, was when it came time to characterize our group, he said it was gonna be a family. To me, that was so important, because it changed the dynamic of how we all related to each other. Even though organization is very important, as a family it was even stronger.”

Bro. Kahamu is a longtime volunteer at The Festival and once vended there, selling books and Mama Abimbola’s famous carrot cakes.

“This is an example of the great work Jitu Weusi did for the community and I try to do whatever I can to help keep it going,” he said. “I work at the gate, greet the people when they come in and ask them for their donations. I’ve worked various volunteer positions there for about 40 years, I also attend various events around the city leading up to The Festival where I think large crowds of Black people are likely to be, and I distribute flyers to help publicize.”

Those who know and love the IAAF can help to spread the word as well and perhaps bring someone who’s never been. Commodore Barry Park is located on Navy Street, downtown Brooklyn between Park and Flushing Avenues.



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