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NOVEMBER 8!**

Housing Justice Leaders Stand with Tish James in Calling Out 100 Worst Landlords

■ By Akosua K. Albritton

NYC Public Advocate Letitia “Tish” James held a press conference in the company of long-standing housing rights nonprofits at City Hall on Thursday, October 13, 2016. Tish James presented the “2016 100 Worst Landlords in New York City” list. The top 5 “Worst” include Harry D. Silverstein (8 buildings), Allan Goldman (25 buildings), Efstlathios Valiotis (8 buildings), Martin Kirzner (11 buildings), and in fifth place, Ved Parkash (4 buildings).

In between chants of “Tenants United Will Never Be Defeated” and “Fight! Fight! Fight! Housing is a Right”, various elected officials and housing justice leaders came to the podium to talk about the issues of basic livable conditions and demands, deferred maintenance, increasing rent and gentrification.



Public Advocate Letitia James calling out 100 worst landlords outside City Hall.

Some groups represented particular boroughs or neighborhoods, while

others were citywide service providers. From Brooklyn came the Fifth Avenue Committee, Crown Heights Tenant Union, CAMBA, IMPACCT and representing the Bronx was Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association (Banana Kelly). Citywide housing justice groups attending the rally included Association of Neighborhood Housing Developer (ANHD, with a membership of 95 nonprofits), HASA (HIV/AIDS Services Administration), CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children), Asian-Americans for Equality and Make the Road New York.

Crown Heights Tenant Union, created in 2013, is a relatively new housing body; however, it counts 14 multiple dwelling buildings in Brooklyn Community District 8 and 19 buildings in Brooklyn Community District 9 as part of the union of tenants who take their landlords to task to provide habitable units immediately. Donna Mossman, one of the group’s founding members, came to the podium to applaud the groups who were present at the rally and to encourage the body in their tenant advocacy.

In addition to the landlord list, the Public Advocate demanded such essential housing needs as “no vermin and no holes within a building or an apartment; all housing units being free of lead paint; no illegal evictions and landlords ensuring the warranty of habitability is in place”. James also advised renters to “know your rights about a cash buyout”.

Tom DiRienza, President of Banana Kelly, added his voice by stating: “Banana Kelly has worked over these past 40 years to preserve and create affordable housing in the South Bronx. We work hard to maintain affordability – our average rent is about \$900 a month, compared to \$1,950 for the Bronx as a whole. But now that we have redeveloped areas like the South Bronx, we are seeing speculators and owners looking to take advantage of profit-making opportunities.”

DiRienza explains the speculators use “tactics to push out tenants”. These tactics range from “owners, directly or through their agents, making life so uncomfortable, creating such a nuisance, and generally making life so unbearable for tenants that they either leave on their own or are willing to take “buyouts” to leave voluntarily to doing other things to skirt the building code rules while using the excuse of “making improvements” that are never fully completed until tenants move out”.

James added the demand to alter the calculation of the Area Median Income (AMI) from using areas within the New York City MSA to calculating it based on the zip codes that cover the five boroughs.

This rally was indeed rousing and a time for groups across New York City to coalesce. But what is the reality of dispensing housing services back in the neighborhoods? How are neighborhood preservationists fairing financially and tactically?

On October 9 and 11, 2016 this reporter contacted (via e-mail) the Executive Directors for ANHD, Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association, Erasmus Neighborhood Federation, Make the Road New York, North East Brooklyn Housing Development Corp., FUREE’s Program Coordinator and Pamoja House’s Program Director to inquire about the state of community/building organizing as well as moving the homeless into permanent housing. Two leaders responded.

Yves Vilus is the Executive Director of Erasmus Neighborhood Federation (ENF). For 30 years, ENF has served the Flatbush and East Flatbush communities by organizing buildings and tenant patrols, mediating landlord-tenant disputes, providing housing workshops, supporting commercial revitalization and managing a child care network. Mr. Vilus stated public funding from such agencies as NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development and NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal “has totally decreased. Most groups are forced to merge or go out of business completely. The private pools are getting smaller; only the well-connected get private

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This meeting will give residents the opportunity to gain more insight, find meaningful action and procure resolutions to address the future of the Bedford-Union

Armory, which is at the center of discussion for mixed-use.

I look forward to seeing you at this important community event to discuss the armory, which could directly impact you. If you have any questions, ideas, comments or suggestions feel free to reach out to my office at the following number: 718 - 771-3105. [Diana C. Richardson]

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Funeral for District Attorney Kenneth Thompson Held at the Christian Cultural Center



Mourners at Ken Thompson's casket, (Pool photo)

Brooklyn came out to the Christian Cultural Center in East New York on a sunny Saturday to celebrate the life and mourn the passing of Brooklyn District Attorney Kenneth Thompson, taken too soon at age 50 of colorectal cancer.

Inspired to go into criminal justice by his mother Clara Thompson, one of the first female officers to serve in the NYPD, Thompson became an exemplary District

Attorney, not just interested in proving guilt, as Governor Andrew Cuomo put it, but in proving innocence as well. "In just 33 months, his office proved that 21 men and women—mostly black, Hispanic and poor—were all falsely found guilty by our criminal justice system."

That he was a role model for justice, was attested to by Attorney General Loretta Lynch who oversaw his work on the Abner

Louima police brutality case. "We in law enforcement have lost one of our brightest lights, one of our stars who had such promise in the future," said Attorney General Lynch. "Justice was real for Ken, it was not an abstract principle. It was about making the promise of this country real for everyone," she said in her eulogy. A former professor, Ronald K. Noble, Secretary General of Interpol, remembered that it was at 7:30am on a Saturday morning when there was a "firm" knock on the door. Entered Ken as a serious young man in a suit, white shirt,

tie with a double Windsor knot and shined shoes. Noble said he was surprised when Thompson said he was a student of his, he asked why the suit and tie on a Saturday morning. Thompson replied, "It was to show you the respect".

Ken Thompson was serious then and remained so throughout a career that included cases as a federal prosecutor and in private practice that rocked the city on his way to becoming the first African-American District Attorney of Kings County.

"Ken literally changed the face of justice in Brooklyn. He changed what justice looked like. He changed what justice meant for so many people," said Lynch. That thought was reiterated many times. "He wanted the office to deliver equal justice for all," said Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez. "We pledge to nurture the garden you have planted – the seeds of integrity, fairness and equal justice for all. These will continue to grow in Brooklyn and they will flourish. They are your legacy. God bless you."

Thompson leaves behind his wife Lu-Shawn, daughter Kennedy and son Kenny.



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Study Confirms What We Already Know: When it comes to Social Media, Mobile-Tech Black Millennials Rule

Black millennials are tech-savvy, socially aware and engaged, and they're changing the game with their use of mobile technology and social media, a recent report finds.



■ BY: BREANNA EDWARDS, theroot.com
Black millennials are killing the game.

In the 2016 Nielsen African-American report, black millennials are being described as tech-savvy, socially and civically engaged, with a growing population and growing buying power.

Indeed, the report, “Young, Connected and Black: African-American Millennials are Driving Social Change and Leading Digital Advancement”, indicates that black millennials are very optimistic about what the future holds and are considered catalysts for change.

Nielsen reports that African-Americans are closing the mobile digital divide, with 91 percent having access to the Internet via a smartphone or broadband in 2015. That is

up from 86 percent the year prior.

The use of mobile devices, the report notes, has been key to bringing a heightened awareness to social issues via social media ... think #BankBlack, #OscarsSoWhite, #BlackLivesMatter and other viral hashtags started by black people.

In addition, black excellence has just been proliferating as we continue to make progress in education—where the high school dropout rate for the total black population has declined from 21 percent in 2004 to 16 percent in 2014, according to most recent data.

Almost 71 percent of African-American recent high school graduates enrolled in college in 2014, a huge spike from the 59.3 percent who did so in 2013, and exceeding the college enrollment rate of their white counterparts (67.3 percent).

Black businesses are also growing, particularly in new businesses founded and



led by black women. According to Nielsen, the 2014 U.S. Census Survey of Business Owners showed that between 2007 and 2012, the number of majority-black-owned businesses grew 34 percent, although black businesses still represent only 9 percent of all U.S. businesses.

African-Americans have also shown some income growth over the past decade, with the percentage of households with incomes under \$25,000 decreasing from 43 percent in 2004 to 37 percent in 2014. The share of households with annual incomes from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and \$75,000 to \$100,000 increased from 15 percent to 16 percent, and from 7 percent to 9 percent, respectively.

Probably the most shocking statistic given in the intensive breakdown is that somehow, despite all the killings of unarmed

African-Americans by the police, despite nationwide protests and massive amounts of blatant racism in the past few years, African-Americans are more optimistic than any other group about the future of the country.

Nielsen cites a March 2016 Harris Poll Survey that indicates that 49 percent of African-Americans believe that the country is headed in the right direction, while only 45 percent of Hispanics, 42 percent of Asian-Americans and 23 percent of whites said the same.

“African-Americans are exuberant and reflective—optimistic about present-day advances in income, education, entrepreneurship and health care,” the report reads. “And determined to forge a better future as influential leaders and catalysts of social awareness against discrimination and social injustice.”

Steps on the Path to Improved Financial Health

■ By Wayne Vaughn

You must know where you are regarding your finances in order to know what you can realistically achieve. By this I mean you need to look at how much money you have in the bank, what other investments you have, what you have in retirement plans and how much debt you have. If you are truly interested in improving your current financial situation the next step you need to take is to plan and prepare a budget for the year.

When preparing the budget you should think about your family's sources of income. Calculate the total “take home” pay expected for the coming year, along with other sources of income such as rental income, alimony received, child support received, interest earned, tax refunds, etc. Every year I prepare a budget for the next year, and once a new year starts I track the expenses I incur on a daily basis (that's right, on a daily basis). At the end of each month I enter the information in a spreadsheet and look at how I compare to my budget. You may feel this is hard to do but it really takes about 1 minute a day to write down how much you spent. Don't skip this step or else you won't have the information you need.

I recommend categorizing expenses into 6 areas: 1) must-haves, 2) should-haves (items

that are not required that would cause problems if not budgeted for), 3) better life (things you want to budget for in order to have a more enjoyable life), 4) helping others (examples are charitable contributions and loans to family/friends), 5) debt obligations and 6) other (unexpected or miscellaneous). A detailed breakdown of common family expenses can be found in chapter 7 of my book, *Keeping Your Church Alive: Advice for Pastors, Leaders and Active Members*.

Additionally, credit management is extremely important. Choose credit cards that meet your needs. Pay off the card balance in full each month whenever possible. Don't live beyond your means; i.e., don't buy things just because you want them. Do you have the funds to pay for them and achieve the goals you want to reach? For those credit cards that you carry a balance on, pay off those with the highest interest rate first.

Finally, look at your insurance policies. Do you have the coverage needed? Are there changes to deductibles that would make sense to you? Has your situation changed so that you need more, less or a different kind of insurance?

If you put all of these things together you will be on your way to a much-improved financial life. God bless you on your journey.

ACLU Sues Georgia Over Failure to Extend Voter Registration Deadline after Hurricane Matthew

ATLANTA — The American Civil Liberties Union today sued Georgia for refusing to extend the voter registration deadline in the wake of Hurricane Matthew.

“The state's failure to extend the voter registration deadline, despite the massive disruptions caused by Hurricane Matthew, means that thousands of Georgians will be prevented from participating in the November election. This is unethical and illegal,” said Kathleen Burch, interim counsel for the ACLU of Georgia.

Just last week, the ACLU and other groups successfully sued Florida to secure an extension of the voter registration deadline there. Both Florida and Georgia were pummeled by Hurricane Matthew, with mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders affecting millions. In Georgia alone, more than 1 million people were under evacuation orders and government offices were closed and services disrupted due to storm conditions.

“These huge disruptions occurred during the busiest time for voter registration. Gov. Deal's

refusal to extend the deadline is an affront to the democratic process and to voter participation in this critical election,” said Julie Ebenstein, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Voting Rights Project.

Racial minorities and younger people tend to register at disproportionately higher rates during the last few days of a voter registration period.

Georgia's voter registration deadline was October 11. The lawsuit seeks to extend the deadline in the affected counties — Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty and McIntosh — by six days from the court's order. The case was filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. It names Gov. Nathan Deal and Secretary of State Brian Kemp as defendants, and cites violations of the Constitution, Voting Rights Act and National Voter Registration Act.



In Savannah, GA, a car is stranded in waist-deep water near Ogeechee Road and Stiles Avenue on Saturday morning, October 8. Image credit: Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

By Victoria Horsford

2016/US PRESIDENCY

November 8, 2016 will go down as an important date in American history. To Be Or Not To Be! Will America elect its first woman president, Hillary Clinton, who will work towards that more perfect union or will America elect Donald Trump, who promised to make America great again. Will he invoke Jim Crow? I cannot remember a more polarizing presidential aspirant than Trump, who has managed to alienate all non-European Americans. November 8 will be the first election where the Democrats will enjoy a victory sweep of votes from all of America's non-Euro electorate: Asian-Americans, Latino-Americans, African-Americans. Trump has dissolved the Republican Party. I dread thinking of a Hillary Clinton loss on November 8, roughly 20 days away. Trump's dystopian America will be a hard pill to swallow.

This is the 11th hour of his presidency and Barack Obama's popularity numbers soar despite the joy, tragedies and craziness which is unfolding in America 24/7. Media is lining up for swan song sessions with President Obama. The 10/3 issue of NY magazine's cover reads EIGHT YEARS IN AMERICA: HOPE, WHAT CAME AFTER by Barack Obama and 60 other protagonists and observers. It is exhaustively researched, well-written, a good POTUS handbook. Vanity Fair magazine includes The Big Obama Exit Interview by revered American history writer Doris Kearns Goodwin, another must-read piece. Book companies are involved in bidding wars for the Obama Presidency memoir. In the post-Obama era, America returns to white power in the White House, which will alter the consciousness of white America.

NEW YORK CITY

TRUMP's children, Donald, Jr. and Ivanka, are considering a NYC mayoral run. According to a WSJ/NBC-4 poll, 8 out of 10 NY voters are horrified by the speculation.

HARLEM: Councilwoman Inez Dickens, a NYS Assembly hopeful, debates her GOP rival Heather Tarrant, at the Friendly Baptist Church, located at 144 West 131st Street, on Thursday, October 20, 6-7 pm. On October 27th, Charlie Rangel and David Dinkins have blocked seats for the hit musical THE COLOR PURPLE when they co-host a fundraiser for her Assembly race. [Call 212.862.4990]



Senator Bill Perkins

Who is Republican Jon Girodes? He is running against NYS Senator Bill Perkins. Hmm.

Girodes, 38, has lots of street creds, a rap sheet which includes two prison visits. Last weekend, he was arraigned on charges related to fraud, taking large deposits for his midtown apartment, then going AWOL before victims begin occupancy. Moreover, he is a deadbeat dad. The NY GOP is distancing itself from him saying that he should withdraw from the race immediately. He is on the Donald Trump ticket. Why is he eligible to represent Harlem?

African-American lawyer Tony Evans, the Republican contender for the 13th Congressional District, appeared recently on NY1 Cable Television with Errol Louis. He opposes NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat and has unsuccessfully tried to debate Espaillat.

NYS Republicans seldom invest adequate monies for Black candidates to run as victors.

BROOKLYN: For a nanosecond, rumors proliferated that the Black Brooklyn establishment was lobbying NYS Governor Cuomo to name NYC Public Advocate Letitia James to succeed the late Brooklyn District Attorney Kenneth Thompson. On 10/17, Cuomo said that he would allow Acting Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez, handpicked by Thompson, to succeed him until Thompson's term expires at the end of 2017.



Eric Gonzalez

HAITI: AFTER THE STORM

Hurricane Matthew wreaked havoc throughout Haiti with a death toll of almost 900. More than 1.5 million Haitians were affected by the storm who are homeless, hungry and battling cholera anew. Haiti is a humanitarian crisis, close to Florida, which Americans need to address and help abate. But for the NYTimes, the crisis is off the media radar. Items such as clothing, food, hygienic products are needed. The following is a list of Haitian-managed nonprofits and websites to contact for guidance about a donation.

Madre, madre.org; Haitian-American Caucus—Haiti, hacus.org; sowaseedonline.org; Haiti.communitere.org; Sakala-haiti.org; SOIL Haiti, oursoil.org; Konbitsoleyev.com; Volontariat Pour Le Developpement d'Haiti, vdhhaiti.org; Capracare.org. For updates visit thehaitianroundtable.org. Hashtag info #HurricaneMatthew, #HelpHaiti. Check with your churches about drop-off centers.

BLACK ENTERPRISE

The latest CNNMoney report about American's wealthiest, the top 1%. Report indicates that people who made the list have a minimum net worth of \$6 million. African-Americans represent 1.7% of the coveted 1% super American wealthy. Two members of the 1.7% elitists include 1) Sheila Johnson, co-founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET) and founder



Eddie and Sylvia Brown

of Salamander Hotels and Resorts, and the first African-American woman to attain a net worth of at least \$1 billion and 2) Eddie and Sylvia Brown, Brown Capital Management, which boasts \$8 billion in assets under management.

Forbes magazine's 400 RICHEST

PEOPLE IN AMERICA list identifies two African-Americans. They are philanthropists Oprah Winfrey, media mogul and OWN Channel CEO and Robert Smith, the IT mogul, founder of Vista Equity Partners and Chairman of Carnegie Hall. Different media researches different sources. Sheila Johnson, Eddie and Sylvia Brown should be on the Forbes 400 Richest list, me thinks.

Crain's NY Business magazine profiles



Alvin Lee Smalls

South Carolina-born Alvin Lee Smalls, who is labeled "Harlem's Last Old-Style rugelach baker. Rugelach is an almost-peerless, rich fruit filled with Jewish dessert confections. Located in an off-the-beaten-path area of West 118th Street, off of Frederick Douglass Boulevard, Lee Lee's Bakery opened in 2001 and is a popular, arguably the city's finest bakery. Smalls' cake matches his rugelach to perfection. Smalls is a "neighborhood institution whose bakery crosses South and Jewish cultures". My favorite is the apricot and chocolate rugelach!

UPTOWN FRIDAY NIGHT

This summer, the Peg Alston Gallery started hosting Friday evening open-house exhibits, showcasing the works of emerging and master fine artists. The Friday gallery caught on and is an autumn staple. Gallery is located at 407 Central Park West, Manhattan..... Caterer/ restaurantuse Norma Darden's Miss Mamie Spoonbread Too offers live entertainment on Friday nights from 8-10 pm. Josh Givens is the resident Friday DJ at 364 West 110th Street, Harlem.....Jazz, blues, R&B vocalist JaRon Eames performs at the Sugar Bar, 254 West 72nd Street on Friday, October 21 and 10/28. He will have copies of his newly published book HISTORICAL JAZZ CONVERSATIONS.

NEWSMAKERS

Belated greetings to Dr. Lorraine Williams



Dr. Lorraine Williams Monroe

Monroe, living legend and educator extraordinaire who celebrated her 82nd birthday on October 10. Education was not only her calling but her ministry. She started as an English teacher at Wadleigh JHS in Harlem. Then she wore a variety of hats - principal, NYC Board of Ed hierarchy, college professor at Bank Street College and Columbia University public speaker and author of the "Monroe Doctrine". She founded the Frederick Douglass Academy, two in Harlem, and the Lorraine Monroe Leadership Institute.

A Harlem-based entrepreneur, Victoria Horsford can be reached at victoria.horsford@gmail.com

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The Billie Holiday Theater Presents the New York Premiere of AUTUMN The Political Drama of Election Season 2016

BROOKLYN, NY, October 11, 2016: As the country gears up for an intense presidential election, issues like race, gender, class and age creep into the national conversation. This fall, Brooklyn— a renowned epicenter of New York's politics— becomes a stage for these issues with Richard Wesley's political drama **AUTUMN**. The Billie Holiday Theatre (BHT) at The Center for Arts & Culture of Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation presents the New York Premiere of **AUTUMN** in-residence at the Kumble Theater at LIU in Brooklyn, 1 University Plaza from Friday, October 21 through Sunday, November 6, 2016.

Tapping the genius of **Richard Wesley** and the vision of acclaimed director **Walter Dallas**, **AUTUMN** explores the conflicts that arise when aspirations collide across



Pauletta Pearson Washington and Count Stovall
Photo Credit: Walter Dallas

generational, racial and gender divides marking sharply different political agendas

against the needs of the people. **AUTUMN** rips the band-aid off of political posturing and shows just how sinister campaigns can get when ambition supersedes service.

Helping to bring **AUTUMN** to life is a cast of stage, TV & film heavy-weights: **Jerome Preston Bates** (*Seven Guitars, Stickfly, Peeples*), **Terria Joseph** (*Empire, Cornerstone*), **Brent Langdon** (*House of Cards, The Program*), **Dorian Missick** (*Southland, Deliver Me From Evil, Zoe Ever After*), **Count Stovall** (*A Streetcar Named Desire, Driving Miss Daisy, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*) and **Pauletta Washington** (*Beloved, The Watsons Go to Birmingham*). Rounding out the cast is newcomer playwright and actor, **Lekethia Dalcoe**.



(L to R) Brent Langdon, Dorian Crossmond Missick and Lekethia Dalcoe
Photo Credit: Walter Dallas

According to director Walter Dallas, "This cast is a director's dream. They all bring a wealth of experience to the table and I am excited to see how each of them tell this critical and crucial story."

Creative Team includes **Devin Cameron** (Lighting Design), **Ntokozo Kunene** (Costume Design), **Gaines Legare** (Sound Design), **Frankie Oliva** (Scenic Design and Props), and **Carolyn Reich** (Stage Manager).

A **pre-show panel discussion** will be held on the Opening Night of the New York Premier of **AUTUMN** on **Saturday, October 22nd, 6:30pm – 7:30pm**, providing audiences with a platform for discussion during this unprecedented election season. Panelist will include: **Colvin Grannum**, President of Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration, **Letitia James**, New York City Public Advocate, and **Richard Wesley**, Playwright. This conversation will not only encourage participants to vote but to all see beyond the Presidential Election focusing on leadership and issues on the local level.



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Michael Eric Dyson at Bridge Street AWME Church

“Waiting for the Real Trump”

“Waiting for the Real Trump”, was the title of Michael Eric Dyson’s presentation at the historic Bridge Street AWME Church and he did a riff on sound that ran through the last trumpet of First Corinthians, recognized echoes of the lash, and the sounds of Jay Z, and Notorious B.I.G. (Chris Wallace) and he spoke about the sounds we are hearing in America today.

Dyson told the congregation, pastored by Rev. David Cousin, that Black folks recognized, in their bones, the sound now pulsating across America and asked why did it take so long for whites to hear it?

In the same way you know the difference between the saxophones of John Coltrane and Cannonball Adderly said Dyson, you should have heard the difference between civility and the sound of the darkness that hid the attacks on people of color and women. And what was hidden has become a cacophony and has “metastasized across



the body politic and is now destroying the American body,” and caused to rise up the embodiment of the disease that is threatening us all.

The real Trump says Dyson is the sound made when we vibrate with the ultimate trumpet maker’s purpose. The sound of goodness and love is what we were tuned

for and not the sound we hear today of hate, “nasty, evil and full of retribution.”

We must turn to another source of sound said, “The ultimate sound that moves death to life.” “The sound you make when you are in contact with the maker of your instrument, will be something that will bless us.”

By David Mark Greaves



Photo: Mark Stewart
Susan Taylor speaks with young admirers after service.



Michael Eric Dyson with Rev. Valerie Cousin and Rev. David Cousin, Pastor

Mixed Messages Abound On Proposed Bed-Stuy Drop-In Homeless Shelter

■ By Kings County News Service

Despite a Bedford-Stuyvesant source with inside knowledge saying the city has decided to not put in a controversial homeless drop-in center at 1217 Bedford Avenue, both the City’s Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the non-profit organization slated to run the center say the site is still being evaluated.

Either way, the lack of transparency and mixed messages on the issue is continuing as the neighborhood is already struggling with having 14 homeless shelters and the most homeless students of any school district in the borough.

Under the plan, the non-profit organization Breaking Ground would to run the transitional residence and drop -in center at the site, and If approved, it would hold 30 beds for transitional residence and a drop-in center capacity for 75 homeless adults.

Drop-in centers provide an alternative to traditional shelters for street homeless

individuals and offer temporary respite where individuals can shower, eat a meal, see a doctor and rest. Case management and housing placement services are also available for clients at the centers.

But one well-placed source said the city will not be putting in a shelter at that site, and that the decision was made near the very top of the de Blasio Administration.

To which DHS Spokesperson Lauren Gray insisted the shelter is still on the table. “We are currently in the process of evaluating this location,” she said, not adding any further details about when a decision will be made.

Another well-placed Bed-Stuy source said the city was angry at Breaking Ground for jumping the gun by letting Community Board 3 know of their intentions before they even submitted plans to the city’s Request for Proposals (RFP) to run the drop-in center. The source said they weren’t even sure if Breaking Ground even submitted their RFP yet.

But Breaking Ground Spokesperson Jeff Scheuer said the organization responded to the RFP several months ago and is still

pursuing to run it. “DHS can hopefully provide any additional information you may need for your coverage,” said Scheuer, also refusing to add any details.

The lack of transparency comes just two months after both Breaking Ground and DHS held a “listening session” before an overflow crowd of Bed-Stuy residents, and elected officials at Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street.

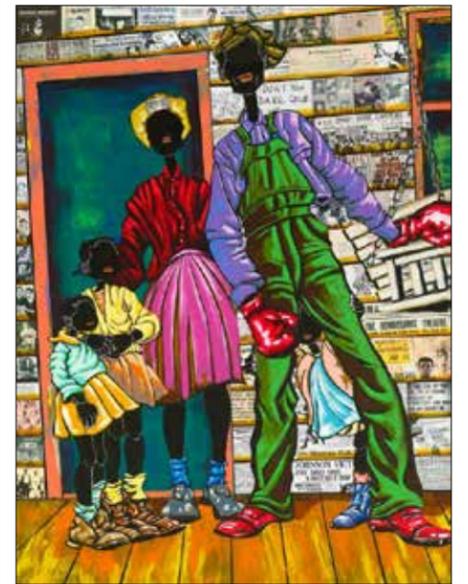
A great majority of residents at that meeting voiced concerns about the proposed drop-in center including business leaders such as Michael Lambert, executive director for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Gateway BID (Business Improvement District), who noted the center’s close proximity to the neighborhoods bustling business center along Fulton Street.

Others, such as Community Board 3 District Manager Henry Butler, said the drop in center would add more burden in an area already saturated with homeless shelters. He noted how the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter for emotionally disturbed homeless men on Myrtle Avenue between Throop Avenue and Marcus Garvey Boulevard has caused a number of continuing problems in the neighborhood.

But the main issue with residents was that putting yet another shelter in Bed-Stuy goes directly against the city charter that states all neighborhoods would share in the burden of remedying the social ills of society on an equal basis.

LEROY CAMPBELL presents “The Fight Continues...”

Celebrate the fighting spirit of Muhammad Ali that lives in you and me at Richard Beavers Gallery



Brooklyn, New York - Muhammad Ali is an iconic legend whose athleticism and vocal fight against injustice gave him the title of “The Greatest”. On Saturday November 5th, we celebrate his fighting spirit of being unapologetic and unafraid, with an exclusive exhibition by artistic storyteller, Leroy Campbell.

Richard Beavers Gallery, in the heart of Bedstuy (408 Marcus Garvey Blvd.), will feature Campbell’s collection of work entitled, “The Fight Continues...”. This body of work symbolizes the long line of fighting spirits within the African diaspora - igniting awareness that our spirit defines us. Ideology, family, political affiliations, or race does not have a right to disrupt or bring disharmony to it. The concept for this collection is that our spirit itself fights for that right ...

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“We are unafraid, determined to be our authentic self, unapologetically black and committed to the salvation of ourselves. It is in our natural spirit to be willing and ready to contribute to the greater good of humanity. Our souls are interconnected and we feel each other’s pain whether we ignore it or not. This is why we have to fight this battle together. When we combine our spiritual powers, only then will God’s force help us. Until then, the fight continues...” - Leroy Campbell

“I know I got it made while the masses of black people are catchin’ hell, but as long as they ain’t free, I ain’t free.” - Muhammad Ali

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COACHES CORNER

Boys Varsity Soccer

Brooklyn International Buckeyes 1
Fort Hamilton Tigers 4

Photos and Interview. Nathaniel Adams

Coach Paul Allen: The kids played fantastic today. We practically had a really tough season, and this is probably the best team in our division, one of the best in the city.

We held at one to nothing at halftime, we tied them at thirty minutes in. At fifty minutes into the game, we were tied one to one, and we just couldn't hold them off.

Fort Hamilton played very good ball. He has a very good team. I am happy with the

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Playing For Bruce

■ By Eddie Castro

With sports comes success and, of course, there's the spotty parts during the course of the season where a team has to deal with adversity. Then you have those controversial decisions that completely takes everyone

by surprise. For example, that time when the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers started out the gates with a win-loss record of 30-11, which put them first in the entire Eastern Conference. Then, in a shocking event, the organization decided to fire then-Head Coach David Blatt, with rumors surrounding the team that many in the locker room and organization had lost faith in him. It's sort of the same situation that had unfolded with the Grand Street Campus football team. The program decided to fire the player-favorite coach Bruce Eugene. After many "why's" surfaced the Grand Street community with parents wanting an explanation in what went into the coach's dismissal, it has been reported that Eugene was relieved of his duties for letting a Long Island football player use his Brooklyn address to attend the school.

It was just last winter, where Eugene led the Wolves to a City Championship at Yankee

Stadium with a hard-fought 28-26 victory over the Dutchmen of Erasmus Hall. In his four-year tenure with the school, Eugene's coaching style and love for the kids helped him turned the program upside down from a program with no identity to undefeated championship darlings. This is just a few of the many disputes that have put a temporary eclipse upon the program involving race, identity and funding which applies with high school football. Shortly after the news broke out after the firing, current Grand Street quarterback Chris Mattocks has gone on record saying, "At this point, we're just lost".

Despite all that has gone on this season, the team has managed to stay together as a unit and continues to perform at a high level. After a tough 30-12 loss against Curtis High School, the Wolves stormed right back last Saturday with an impressive 31-0 shutout win over Dewitt Clinton High School. The

team has another big game coming up at home against Lincoln. With a record of 4-2, the football club has done a sensational job of deleting all the distractions that have come along this year, with the goal being to repeat as champs. What better motivation to have for a group of young kids to be able to capture a title for their beloved coach, mentor and friend.

Sports Notes: (Basketball) It is just 6 more days till the return of the NBA. (Football) On behalf of myself and everyone here at Our Time Press, we would like to recognize the tragic passing of former New York Jet Dennis Byrd. Byrd, 50, was killed in a car crash this past Saturday outside of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He played four seasons for the New York Jets before an on-field injury left him paralyzed and ended his career in 1992. Our deepest condolences go out to the Jets family and to his family as well.

Tragedy Hits World of Track and Field Tyson Gay's Daughter Killed in Street Shooting

Kentucky high school track star Trinity Gay, the daughter of Olympian Tyson Gay, died early Sunday morning after a shooting at a Lexington restaurant, according to media reports.

Trinity Gay, 15, a sprinter for Lafayette High who placed multiple times at the state meet, was taken to the hospital with a gunshot wound to her neck. Lexington Police had responded to a call at the Cook Out restaurant, not far from the University of Kentucky campus, before 4 a.m.

According to the Fayette County coroner, Trinity was pronounced dead at 4:41 a.m.

Police say two cars exchanged fire and then drove away. Gay was not in either car, police said.

Tyson Gay told WLEX on Sunday

morning that he was on his way to Lexington from his home outside Orlando.

"She didn't make it," Tyson Gay said. "I'm so confused. She was just here last week for fall break. It's so crazy. I have no idea what happened."

Her mother, Shoshana Boyd, told the New York Daily News that her daughter wanted to become a surgeon and hoped to follow in her father's Olympic footsteps. Her goal was to become the fastest woman in the world.

"She was so innocent, she was so innocent," her mother, Shoshana Boyd, told the New York Daily News. "I just want people to stop shooting and realize who they're hurting. It's just random. They don't understand, they don't understand who they're hurting. I should never have to bury my child."



Tyson Gay with his daughter, Trinity. (Twitter Photo)

Trinity Gay tweeted about the restaurant shortly after 2 a.m. and then "Of course they start shootin".

According to MileSplit, Trinity was a

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Housing Justice Leaders Stand with Tish James in Calling Out 100 Worst Landlords

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funding". In terms of the activism of residents, Vilus opined that "block associations and tenant associations are not like they used to be. We have mostly new tenants who [are] not too caring about attending meetings and the old ones either died or moved out of the buildings or [were] forced out by their landlords".

His response to whether he sees a distinction between the terms "gentrification" and "displacement" is that "they are both the same. When you are displaced, the new tenants are paying higher rents. The old tenants either have to move out of the

community or put their belongings into storage--which they are building constantly in our community". He recognizes "the Executive Directors of BNIA, Fifth Avenue Committee, [IMPACCT], Carroll Gardens and some organizations in Manhattan" as people who strongly exemplify agents of neighborhood preservation". However, he believes that "we are losing the battle regarding so-called affordable housing. The old tenants, especially those on fixed incomes, cannot afford Brooklyn".

Jeffrey Dunston is the Executive Director of North East Brooklyn Housing Development Corp. (NEBHDCo). He explained that NEBHDCo chose housing

construction early in its life because the organization spotted the decline in funding for housing organizing. Dunston stated NEBHDCo has been in the trenches of community development:

Over the past thirty-one years, we believe our work toward combating displacement has evolved through the creation of affordable housing--both rental and homeownership. Based on today's housing policies, homelessness continues to be the main topic as an issue of concern. As a result, the demand for more affordable housing has surpassed the [supply] of new units being developed in Brooklyn. Much of the displacement advocacy work today focuses on tenant evictions.

With regards to "gentrification", we view this as a by-product of our earlier work to rehabilitate and create new units

of affordable housing. We also believe that housing and social policies, as well as market forces, have led to increased real estate values in part due to the deregulation of the mortgage markets in the 2000's. While, yes, we have gone through a downturn in the market, values for New York City was minimal at best because high-end development in the city insulated market values throughout [the] five boroughs. The end result [for] rents meant that market rents would continue to increase. With regards to stabilized housing markets, rents also increased historically due to RGB increases over more than a decade. Independent of the rent increase freezes or lower percentage increases, these housing units, for some, have become unaffordable to those at the 30 to 40 percent of AMI because of reduced housing subsidies.

COACHES CORNER

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way they played, we have been getting destroyed in the last few games, we lost like in foot-ball games, so I am really proud of the team today. The kids did a good job today.

Our marking was good with these guys today, but the problem we have (logistically) is that Brooklyn International HS doesn't have a field, and this was our home game today. A lot of times the team will meet at a different location. Then the team may not be able to practice. During the summer time, sometimes the students are out of the country, and the team can't meet

up at the same time. The team had a good defense, but it is hard for us to have a good defense without consistency.

Boys Varsity Soccer 10/16/2016

Fort Hamilton Tigers

Coach Boris Khodorkousky: I thought the guys played pretty well in the first half.

We dominated the possession of the ball, but couldn't finish. The second half we started taking advantage of the opportunities. We had put a few away. Our defense was pretty solid. We are not playing with a starting, holding midfielder, but Nika Botchorishvili did a great job stepping in. Overall, I feel the team did a good job.

Tragedy Hits World of Track

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state runner-up in middle school in the 100 meters. More recently, she placed fourth at the state 3A meet in the 100 meters, fifth in the 200 meters and was part of the fourth-place 4x200 meter relay team.

"Our hearts are broken this morning over the loss of Trinity to this tragic and senseless act of violence," Fayette County Superintendent Manny Caulk said in a statement. "Please join us in keeping the Gay family close in thought and prayer and supporting the students, staff, and families at Lafayette High during this unspeakably difficult time."

Lafayette High School Principal Bryne Jacobs said in a statement on Twitter, "We are devastated to lose Trinity. Our Lafayette family will come together to provide love and support for our students and one another during this tragic time."

Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Julian Tackett offered his condolences via Twitter. Tyson Gay also attended Lafayette High before making the Summer Olympics three times.

Condolences poured in from Lexington and the track community.



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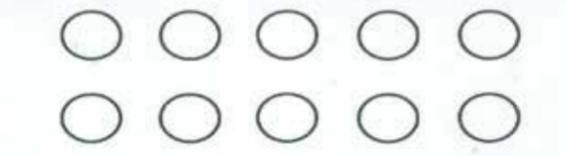
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Black Undergraduates' research exposes institutional racism of standardized testing

UW-Madison undergraduates research shows that institutions limit the number of qualified black students that can attend their schools by requiring high test scores from underfunded schools.

■ By Sammy Gibbons | dailycardinal.com

Three UW-Madison undergraduates have attempted to uncover through research that standardized testing exemplifies systematic racism and makes it challenging for young black students to attend college.

UW-Madison juniors Tyriek Mack and Marquise Mays, along with sophomore Tashiana Lipscomb, presented their research on this topic through their project titled "Standardized Testing: The Social Warfare Against Black Men." They traveled to Bermuda and shared their findings with other researchers, including numerous Ph.D.

holders, at the International Colloquium on Black Males in Education in early October.

The group joined UW-Madison's Chief Diversity Officer Patrick Sims to speak about black students and faculty as leaders on campus in a panel discussion called "Setting the Table for Sustained Engagement: Student Movements, Backlash Experiences and Interventions." They explained their findings on the correlation of standardized testing and academic performance among black individuals in college.

The group compiled research to create a narrative for how standardized testing came to be and found that the tests corroborated white supremacist tendencies of the creators. They sent a survey to students which asked



participants to report their high school and college GPAs, list scholarships they have, among other questions.

"We found from our data that there was no correlation between how well someone does in college compared to their standardized test score," Mack said. "For us, that

was very showing and telling of how these institutions give access to certain groups of people. I'd say that the biggest goal of our research is to challenge that."

The group's research, which is in the

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2004-J5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-J5, Plaintiff AGAINST Anissa Moodie, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/12/2016 and entered on 4/26/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360

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Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP, 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706.

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Central Upreal LLC, a foreign LLC, filed with the SSNY on 8/14/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 308 Malcolm X Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11233. General purpose.

Loughlin Joseph LLC

Loughlin Joseph LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 09/07/16. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O The LLC, 213 Taffe Place #517 Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

Metropolitan Brookland LLC

Metropolitan Brookland LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/7/14. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 308

Malcolm X Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11233. General purpose.

DRAGON PROPERTY LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 06/24/16. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O The LLC, 49 East Broadway, #5B, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of RECALL STUDIO LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/26/16. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of REYNOLDS SECURITY SOLUTIONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/17/16. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 9538 Avenue A, Apt # 1, Brooklyn NY 11235. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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These premises are also known as 901 East 98th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. WOODS OVIATT GILMAN LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State Street, Rochester, NY 14614

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY Amos Financial, LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. WAYNE RAMJIT; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301 Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 31, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On November 17, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 400 LINWOOD ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-Block: 3986 Lot: 22 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$842,827.17 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 7352-13 Beverly Benjamin-George, Esq., Referee

NOTICE OF Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF11, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-FF11, Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony Hoyte, Peggy Hoyte, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 7/28/2016 and entered on 8/25/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 17, 2016 at 02:30 PM premises known as 238 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4896, LOT: 131. Approximate amount of judgment

is \$425,482.37 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 503543/2015.

Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

Legal Notice File No. 2012-2755/A PA. No. 141207 CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Marie Brady, Steven Frieson, Simon McClain, Amelia Redwood, Acquetta Daniels, Vermella Nelson, Annette S. Daniels, Avis R. Daniels, Debra Smith, Waddell Daniels, Linda Kelly, Henry Eaddy, Horrace Daniels, Jr., Robert Daniels, Charles Sinkler, Antonio L Daniels, Keisha B Stoney, Leslie Moncur, John Daniels, Jr. Winston Redwood, Jr., Delores Barnes, Kalr Lee Daniels, Karen Richberg, Felicia E. Daniels, Quintin M. Daniels, Debra Smith WARDEN- Lieber Correctional Institution, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Human Resources Administration, Marie Bardy as Administrator of the Estate of Edith Daniels

The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of VERA DANIELS a/k/a VERA PEARL DANIELS, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of VERA DANIELS a/k/a VERA PEARL DANIELS, the decedent herein, whose names and/or places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on November

15, 2016, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day why: (a) The account of proceedings of the. Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of VERA DANIELS a/k/a VERA PEARL DANIELS, a summary of which has been served herewith, be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 in the amount of \$13,288.46, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and I of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$3,096.15 as set forth in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$18,576.93 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$48.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claim of Marie Brady in the amount of \$2,495.75 for reimbursement of funeral expenses, as set forth in Schedule D, should not be allowed; (g) The claims of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, if any, be fixed and determined; (h) The down payment of Debra Smith in the amount of \$22,000.00, as set forth in Schedule J hereof, should not be paid over to the New York State Office of Unclaimed Funds. (i) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (i) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; Dated, Attested, and Sealed, September 22, 2016, HON. Margarita Lopez Torres, Surrogate, Doreen A. Quinn, Chief Clerk; Joseph J. Borges, Esq., Cullen & Dykman

LLP, 44 Wall Street, NY, NY 10005-2407, 212-701-4175. NOTE: This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Barbara Wasserman; Antoinette Raia; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 25, 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 November 10, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2129 West 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. 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 7117 Lot 65. Approximate amount of judgment \$347,035.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502857/2014. Roy A. McKenzie, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: September 26, 2016

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court of King County on the 16th day of September, 2016, bearing Index number 4828/16, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the county clerk, located at 360 Adams Street, Room 189, Brooklyn, New York, grants me the right to assume the name of JADA ISIDORA JOHNSON. The city and state of my present address are Brooklyn, NY; the month and year of my birth are January 1962; The place of my birth is San Fernando, Trinidad; my present name is ISIDORA JOHNSON.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 507856 Date Filed: 9/20/16 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff, -against- Nigel

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Mohammed, if he be living or if he be dead, his spouse, heirs devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Gargi Sumasar; New York City Environmental Control Board; New York City Parking Violations Bureau; New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, State of New York and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 166 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 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 a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty(30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Noach Dear, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, entered Sept. 16, 2016 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$527,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Kings County Office of the City Register on May 4, 2007, in CRFN 2007000232700 covering premises known as 166 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 a/k/a Block 4120, Lot 30. 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. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. 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: June 30, 2015 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 Our File No. 14-033896

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against GEORGE LABATO; LINDA LABATO; TYSHAEIKA LABATO, et

al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 28, 2016. 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 3rd day of November, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 640 Miller Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207. Tax account number: SBL # : 3827-36. Approximate amount of lien \$ 257,847.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 503447/2013. Sean R. Smith, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 507856 Date Filed: 9/20/16 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,

-against-Nigel Mohammed, if he be living or if he be dead, his spouse, heirs devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Gargi Sumasar; New York City Environmental Control Board; New York City Parking Violations Bureau; New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, State of New York and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 166 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 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 a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Noach Dear, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, entered Sept. 16, 2016 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$527,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Kings County Office of the City Register on May 4, 2007, in CRFN 2007000232700 covering premises known as 166 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 a/k/a Block 4120, Lot 30. 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. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. 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: June 30, 2015 Frank M. Cassara, Esq., SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14624, (585) 247-9000, Fax: (585) 247-7380, Our File No. 14-033896

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST KAVETRI DHANAI, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 09, 2016 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 November 10, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 3084 FULTON STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. 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 3958, LOT 29. Approximate amount of judgment \$780,797.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 927/2014. DORON AVIRAM LEIBY, ESQ., Referee, Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Ramon Burgos, Myrna Burgos, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/10/2016 and entered on 6/3/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 27, 2016 at 02:30 PM premises known as 120 Bradford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3673, LOT: 33. Approximate amount of judgment is \$449,586.97 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504574/2013. Angelicque M. Moreno, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2014-B, MORTGAGE BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2014-B, Plaintiff, -against- QUINCINE EVANS; FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CREDIT SUSSE FINANCIAL CORPORATION; NASH PROPERTIES, LLC; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION

BUREAU; KAREN NICHOLAS, Index No. 18556/2007. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, August 17, 2016 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on August 25, 2016, Robert A. Grey, Esq., the Referee, will sell the premises known as 1166 East 42nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11210 at public auction at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on October 27, 2016 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York known as Block: 7789; Lot: 57 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 18556/2007. The approximate amount of judgment is \$775,077.49 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 950 Third Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10022, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. FABRICE ARMAND, IRENE EDMOND, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 12, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 03, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 662 Riverdale 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 3842 and Lot 16. Approximate amount of judgment is \$547,117.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507303/13. Janet Brown, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF AEGIS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-5, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 13730/11 JOAN THOMAS MCGILL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 1/6/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 11/3/2016 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1227 East 80th Street, Unit #174, Brooklyn, NY 11236, 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, and known as Unit No. 174, together with a .5512% undivided interest in the Common Elements of the Condominium and Garage Unit No. 87, together with a .0643% undivided interest in the Common Elements, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 8060 and Lots 1218 and 1071. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$341,000.91 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 13730/11. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Robert E. Johnson, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 8/24/2016 GNS

Reel Sisters Kicks Off Film Fest in Harlem with Awards Ceremony And Brings 40 Films by Women of Color From Across the Globe to Brooklyn!

Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival & Lecture Series will present more than 40 films that are guaranteed to inspire, uplift and spark conversations among family and friends. The festival will be held October 22-23, 2016 at LIU's Brooklyn campus, at Flatbush and DeKalb Aves. Screenings will take place in the Salena Gallery's screening rooms. For schedule and tickets, visit reelsisters.org or call 347-534-3304/212-865-2982.

Reel Sisters kicked off the festival last Friday at the Schomburg Center in Harlem



Actress Naturi Naughton accepting the Reel Sisters Trailblazers Award at an awards ceremony held at the Schomburg Center on Oct. 14. Photo: Jon Hall.

with a moving tribute to media pioneer Cathy Hughes, founder of Radio One/TV One, and Naturi Naughton, award-winning actress noted for her role as Tasha St. Patrick in the hit Starz drama Power. Kim Coles, the Mistress of Ceremonies, performed an excerpt from her one-woman show in tribute to the honorees. Vocalists Kimberly Nichole (The Voice) and Meli'sa Morgan gave stirring performances. The festival continues this weekend in Brooklyn where 40 films will be showcased! For schedule visit: reelsisters.org or call 347-534-3304/212-865-2982.

Kevin John Goff, Hattie McDaniel's great-grandnephew, joined Council Member Jumaane Williams, TV One contributor and On-air Personality Dyana Williams in presenting the Reel Sisters Hattie McDaniel Award to Ms. Hughes. The Reel Sisters Trailblazer Award was presented to Naturi Naughton by fashion designer Kyemah McEntyre.

"There would have been no liberation had it not been for Black media. Black media is unifying force. It is an informational force. It is a motivational force but more importantly than anything else it is the only vehicle we have that can tell our story from our perspective and get it right," said

Ms. Hughes. "It is not any other culture's responsibility to tell our story."

The celebration was attended by actress Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, flutist Bobbi Humphrey, Nana Camille Yarbrough, former Essence editor-in-chief Susan Taylor, beloved author/public relations agent Terrie Williams and other notable guests who attended an invitation-only red carpet before the awards ceremony.

Film lovers can join the festivities this weekend in Brooklyn where a wide range of exciting and powerful films will be showcased!

On Oct. 22, 8 pm in the Spike Lee Screening Room, New Voices in Black Cinema will join Reel Sisters in screening Chapter & Verse (Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/138367942>) starring actress Loretta Devine. Produced by Cheryl Hill and directed by Jamal Joseph, Chapter & Verse tells the story of reformed gang leader Lance Ingram who returns home to Harlem after spending eight years in prison. Lance befriends Ms. Maddy (Loretta Devine), a 60-year-old strong spirited grandmother. He assumes responsibility for her 15-year-old grandson, a promising artist who has become involved in a Harlem street gang.

Film lovers can take a break from a day of film viewing to enjoy the festival's lecture series panel. On Sat., Oct. 22,



Photo: Jon Hall

Reel Sisters volunteers, staff, performers and honorees stop for a fun selfie snapped by Council member Jumaane Williams who presented proclamations to honorees Cathy Hughes and Naturi Naughton at an awards ceremony held at the Schomburg Center on Oct. 14. The film festival kicked off in Harlem with an event honoring media pioneer Cathy Hughes and award-winning actress Naturi Naughton. The festival will be held Oct. 22-23 in Brooklyn at LIU.

3:45 pm, Moikgantsi Kgama, founder of Imagination Cinema Foundation, will moderate "Women Owned Production Panels," a conversation with industry professionals who are producing their own film and media content. From Oprah to Viola Davis, women of color are taking their destiny in their own hands by launching production companies. Guests are Tracey Baker-Simmons, CEO of HWY58MEDIA; Rochelle Brown, Executive Producer/Principal of Powerhouse Productions; and Barbara Bullard, founder of B-Bullard, LLC.

On Sunday, Oct. 23 at 2:06 pm, Reel Sisters will host #FilmAFeatureIn8Days:

Microbudget Filmmaking with Nicole Franklin, the director of TITLE VII. Fresh off her first narrative feature, TITLE VII, a microbudget film shot in eight days. The award-winning filmmaker is a career documentarian who also produced a number of narrative shorts after the feature documentary that launched her career. She will share the essentials of producing and directing an affordable feature film heading into distribution. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Reel Sisters Film Festival offers affordable ticket prices. A one-day pass is \$20 and a section pass is \$10. Purchase tickets at the website www.reelsisters.org.



Photo: Jon Hall

Reel Sisters Trailblazer honoree actress Naturi Naughton (center) with (l. to r.) author/publicist Terrie Williams, former Essence editor-in-chief Susan Taylor, Reel Sisters Film Curator Lisa Durden and Reel Sisters Founder Carolyn A. Butts at an awards ceremony held at the Schomburg Center on Oct. 14. The film festival kicked off in Harlem with an event honoring media pioneer Cathy Hughes and award-winning actress Naturi Naughton. The festival will be held Oct. 22-23 in Brooklyn at LIU (DeKalb & Flatbush Aves.). For information visit www.reelsisters.org.

Institutional Racism Exposed

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preliminary stages, aims to prove that high schools with predominantly black student students do not receive the same preparation for standardized tests as their private, mostly white counterparts. They found that economic class of the schools and individuals plays a role in this as well;

schools that are not well funded are commonly attended by black students. These students receive low test scores, which inhibits them from attending institutions such as UW-Madison.

Mack and Mays said they wanted to bring this topic to the attention of individuals at the colloquium to make academic institutions aware of the issue

and hold them accountable. "I feel like when people think of racism they think of it as discriminatory action and things that happen, like feelings and actual prejudice, more than an actual system," Mays said. "At the end of the day, with standardized testing you are limiting the number of black people that can actually come to this school, that can benefit from these research opportunities."

The group wants students to take action, educate themselves and speak

up about this issue, especially those that are more privileged. They want people, particularly academic institutions, to acknowledge that standardized testing is racist.

"Our role on this campus is to be able to use this, standardized testing, as a way to challenge those people who are saying they aren't racist to act," Mack said. "And when they don't I think it's clear that they are actually racist, because they continue to benefit from this institutional structure."

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