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Black Gold: Last Saturday, New Yorkers for Responsible Waste Management gave away free compost outside the Hattie Carthan Community Garden, as gardeners from around the city arrived to pick up plants from the site. Located at Marcy & Lafayette Avenues, the garden is equipped with a children's learning space, chicken coops, urban farmers' spaces, a farmer's market and more. Here, a young gardener blends compost -- black gold processed at an upstate Columbia County, New York farm -- into the soil of the local Bedford Stuyvesant garden.

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One of the most important things is to believe that we are powerful and that we can affect change. That power isn't about money; it is about the belief that each and every one of us can make a difference. That there are forces that we can't see but are helping, supporting and directing our actions and that wrongs will be righted. This is the force of love and by using this energy we can continue to protect the 200,000 people who live in our community.

Alicia Boyd

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City to Invest \$7M to Better Apprehend Domestic Violence Abusers and Ensure Support for Survivors

BP Adams: Mayor's move "ensures care of children who are often invisible victims".

What should be one of the warmest and most peaceful days of the year, Mother's Day, will be the extreme opposite for individuals trapped in abusive situations. Or locked in memories of them.

While crime has lowered in New York City, domestic violence has drastically risen, according to the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force. One in every five homicides—and two in every five reported assaults—city-wide is connected to domestic abuse.

It could be that more people are reporting it. It could be that the statistics are reflecting a horrible reality, but all across the country, small towns and big are reporting an increase. Here in New York, Mayor de Blasio and his wife First Lady Chirlane McCray and city officials, including the NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill and Borough President Eric Adams, are taking stands.

This week, the de Blasio Administration announced an investment of nearly \$7 million to better apprehend abusers as well as ensure support for survivors. It's a start.

The number of intimate partner homicides rose from 26 in 2015 to 37 in 2016, and the number of domestic violence incident reports rose from 74,684 in 2015 to 91,617 in 2016.

"Domestic violence is disturbingly common, and affects every neighborhood in NYC. It's only by confronting this crime that we will end the vicious cycle that perpetuates it," said Mayor Bill de Blasio. "This report sends a loud and clear message: 'We will not

tolerate domestic violence, survivors have the city's full support and abusers must be held accountable. We will do everything we can to ensure that New York City is safer for everyone, everywhere, at all times."

"There is no simple, one-size-fits-all solution to domestic violence but there are actions we can take to provide pathways to safety for survivors and hold abusers accountable," said First Lady Chirlane McCray, co-chair of the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Commission on Gender Equity. "The new investments we are announcing will help us leverage bold innovations that support families, help them heal and address root causes of abusive behavior."

"We believe that these investments will enable us to further reduce crime and violence, particularly with the victims of domestic violence," said NYPD Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill.

In 2007, 4.8% of all major crimes in the city were related to domestic violence, broadly defined to include offenses involving members of the same family or household as well as those related to intimate partners. By 2016, that percentage had reached 11.6%.

The Task Force conducted an in-depth review of current city programs and investments to enhance the delivery of social services to victims, evidence-gathering and other law enforcement tactics. The new approach focuses on intervening as early as possible, enhancing pathways to safety for survivors and ensuring swift, effective and lasting enforcement to hold abusers

accountable. Recommendations include:

Expanding the Child Trauma Response Teams: expanding the program to an additional location will provide immediate intervention for more victims of child trauma who have witnessed domestic violence in their homes, which has been shown to reduce the odds of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder by 65% for children who have witnessed violence.

Investing in enhanced evidence-gathering: purchasing state-of-the-art technology, including alternative light source cameras, which can reveal evidence of strangulation often missed by traditional cameras, and mobile evidence-gathering technology, which can be a critical source of information in stalking cases. Forensic evidence can help validate a victim's experience by substantiating abuse in a way that can be used to support criminal prosecution, inform victims of domestic violence of available options and increase the strength of a criminal case to hold the abuser accountable.

Expanding the Early Victim Engagement Program: expanding this early engagement program to an additional two locations will provide critical information to more victims at the time of an offender's arraignment enhancing safety, access to resources and prosecutions. An evaluation of the EVE program in Brooklyn found that it increased the conviction rate in cases of intimate partner violence prosecuted by 9%, from 23.6% vs. 32.6%.

Providing Immigrant Legal Services:



linking domestic violence services with immigration legal services to ensure that survivors can seek help without fear or immigration consequences.

Additionally, the strategy devotes resources to the continued work of the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force to improve data collection, integrate domestic violence reduction resources into the ThriveNYC network and develop additional strategies to prevent domestic violence.

Convened in November 2016, the Task Force was charged with developing a coordinated response to this persistent problem that included both criminal justice and social services intervention. Co-chaired by First Lady Chirlane McCray and NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill, the work of the Task Force is directed by the Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence Cecile Noel and Executive Director of the Task Force Bea Hanson. The Task Force is comprised of experts from inside and outside government as well as survivors.

Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer said, "In a city in which violent crime has fallen by 75 percent in 20 years, domestic violence remains a challenge, accounting for 40

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OUR READERS' COMMENTS

The Politicizing of a Community Park

It is with regret that I announce another play space where older children of color have been forced out of. I noticed last year that the playground at Mount Prospect Park was missing one of two tire swings. When I saw this, I was immediately reminded of a forum that I had attended several years ago at an elementary school in Park Slope on diversity. It was at this forum that one of the panelists spoke about the politicizing of playgrounds, where certain age-appropriate apparatus would disappear from public playgrounds as a means of limiting access to a certain age group in communities that were undergoing gentrification.

Well, the last tire swing has been removed from Mount Prospect Park, and with it the demise of a certain age group of children.

With Regrets,
Earline Mensah

Publisher's Note to Readers: Mount Prospect is the second-highest point in Brooklyn. Operated by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, it is located on Eastern Parkway near Underhill Avenue, close to Grand Army Plaza. It is situated across Flatbush Avenue from Prospect Park, and it is roughly the size of Herbert Von King Park.

It is not the same park as the much larger and better-known Prospect Park, which is across Flatbush Avenue from Mount Prospect Park, but it shares a common parcel with other Brooklyn landmarks - the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the Central Library of the Brooklyn Public Library.

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Despite Controversy, Bedford Union Armory developer & CAMBA, Partner to provide community sports programming

■ By Kings County Politics

BFC Partners, along with one of the borough's largest non-profits, CAMBA, today named five youth sports and educational organizations to provide community programming for the proposed redevelopment of the Bedford-Union Armory.

The mixed-use development will include a new 67,000-square-foot recreational space featuring basketball courts, multi-sport courts and a competitive-length swimming pool to serve local youth sports leagues, senior programs and others. creating much-needed recreational facilities.

As part of the partnership in development, CAMBA will oversee the rec space, which will include Team First, New Heights Youth, Central Brooklyn Soccer Club, Imagine Swimming and the Kings County Tennis League. Additionally, all programming will be free or discounted for Crown Heights residents. There will be more opportunities for other operators at the Armory's rec center and additional operators are expected to join in the near future.

"We are committed to creating much-needed recreational space at the Armory and providing free and low-cost youth sports programming to thousands of Crown Heights families," said Don Capoccia, principal of BFC Partners. "We are excited to continue working with CAMBA and other local stakeholders to make the Armory a win for the entire Crown Heights community."

"The Bedford-Union Armory represents an incredible opportunity to connect more Crown Heights families with affordable youth basketball, soccer, swimming and tennis programs," said Joanne M. Oplustil, president and CEO of CAMBA. "High-quality sports programming helps young people succeed in school and build important life skills, and CAMBA looks forward to making that a reality right here at the Armory."

Team First, Inc. is a Brooklyn-based non-profit that connects student, who love sports, with experts and mentors who help them achieve academic success and build career and life skills. By fostering these relationships between students and mentors, Team First Inc. helps close the academic achievement gap for young people of color – especially in low-income, underserved communities – and makes student better prepared for college and career pathways. Team First inc. was founded by first generation immigrant and former professional athlete Tyrone Grant.

"Our presence at the Bedford-Union Armory is about more than sports – it's about positively transforming the lives of young people in Brooklyn through education and mentorship," said Ty Grant, founder of Team First, Inc. "We're thrilled to take this opportunity to expand our programming and serve even more student athletes and create a brighter future for Brooklyn."

New Heights Youth educates and empowers inner-city youth to become leaders, champions and student-athletes by developing the skills necessary for success in high school, college and life. In addition to providing basketball clinics and camps in the Armory's rec center, New Heights will open new flagship offices on the second floor of the Armory's head house, where it will provide programs including youth basketball teams and leagues, academic support, a Summer Academy for honing both academic and basketball skills, and dedicated high school, college and career support programs.

"Basketball is a pathway to building real leadership skills for kids of all backgrounds," said Ted Smith, Executive Director of New Heights Youth. "We look forward to



utilizing our space at the Armory to help thousands of young people develop their talents and succeed in life."

Central Brooklyn Soccer Club helps young people reach their full potential on

the soccer field while also building critical thinking and real world skills. CBSC offers programs that include a Development Academy for young people new to the game of soccer, Elite Training for high-skill players

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WHAT'S GOING ON

■ By Victoria Horsford

TRUMP'S FIRST 100 DAYS

The USA is in “crisis mode”. No one could have predicted the sea changes that America and the world have undergone since Donald Trump was sworn in as US President on January 20, 2017. The POTUS 45 reign has been chaotic, depressing. It is like taking a few modern literary works - “Portrait of Dorian Gray”, Kurt Vonnegut’s “The Breakfast of Champions”, Machiavelli’s “The Prince” and Lewis Carroll’s “Through the Looking Glass – and cross-pollinating their plot twists and turns to make sense of the world, effective May 2017.

Whatever the Trump vision is for America, it is dark and scary. During his campaign stumping, he boasted about building a wall to separate Mexico and the US to curb foreigners from entering the US. He argued that they were taking American jobs. He promised to scuttle Obamacare, aka the Affordable Care Act, depriving 23 million of insurance coverage. He said that NATO and other alliances must be revisited or cancelled... ditto trade agreements like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). He would take a tough stance against the Chinese, who also were taking “our” jobs. Tax reform was high on the list of promises to the Trump faithful followers, who are willy-nilly akin to the Jim Jones followers.

Trump has nominated more than a handful of cabinet members who advocated for the extinction of the departments they now oversee, like Betsy DeVos(education) and Rick Perry(energy). There are no Latinos in the Trump cabinet. What America got in 100 days was a domestic terrorist war on undocumented residents, including prison detention and threats from POTUS to withhold monies to sanctuary cities which did not cooperate with immigration enforcement officers. Jeff Sessions, the new Attorney General, is rolling back agreements between his office and local police departments about criminal justice reforms that would benefit nonwhites.

During his first 100 days, the US initiated two military strikes, one in Syria, the other in Afghanistan. The Syrian act was stunning in that within 24 hours of his declaration of being an American first man and would ignore the use of chemical weapons there, he strikes a Syrian base. Before the public could come up for air, the US was bombing tunnels in Afghanistan. Donald’s executive orders banning travel to the US for citizens from 6 Muslim nations was disarming. And the Trump brinkmanship with North Korea’s Kim Jong-un is reminiscent of the good old



Cold War days. Please, no WWII, Mr. President!

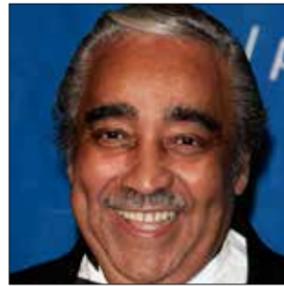
Trump can take credit for getting his US Supreme Court nominee, Judge Neil Gorsuch, confirmed, his sole victory. Since January 20, it seems like all of the latent racism in America has become more palpable. There have been excessive assaults on people of color like the white supremacist from Maryland who came to New York to kill Black people. He killed a Black man. There was the Vietnamese-American medical doctor who was manhandled on the United Airlines plane. More poor people are having hard times paying for their children’s lunch in public schools.

The \$1 billion Trump budget called for draconian cutbacks in domestic programs which would benefit most of the people who voted for him. Budget included a \$30 billion increase for the military. The budget, approved by the bipartisan Congress, included many corrections and protections for the 97%. His tax proposal would benefit America’s 2%, not the people who drank the Election Day Kool Aid! Trump promised the world and delivered on one promise, the Supreme Court confirmation. Trump’s first 100 Days would be graded D!

BLACK ENTERPRISE

Actor Don Cheadle, who brought the Miles Davis biopic to the big screen, has another Black biopic on his radar screen. It is about America’s first Black millionaire, Haitian-born Jeremiah Hamilton, who made his fortune on Wall Street. He arrived in the USA in 1928 and made his fortune in less than 10 years. Film will be adapted to screen from the 2015 biography, “Prince of Darkness: The Untold Story of Jeremiah G. Hamilton: Wall Street’s first Black Millionaire”. Hamilton’s net worth when he died in 1875 was \$2 million, which adjusted to today’s inflation, would be about \$42 million.

The Bradhurst Merchants Association will host its 3rd Annual Awards and Cocktail reception on June 10 at Mist Harlem, 46 West 116th Street, on June 22nd at 6-9 pm. Event honorees are the



Honorable Charles Rangel; Kenneth Morrison, Lemor Development Group; City National Bank; and Nina Saxon, Community Liaison, City of NY Comptroller.

AFRICA MATTERS

The Initiative for Global Development (IGD) convenes its Spring Frontier 100 Forum on May 5-6 in Durban, South Africa, on the heels of the World Economic Conference, which ends 5/5. Founded in 2003, the IGD is a Washington, DC- based nonprofit which engages the power of the private sector to create sustainable development and inclusive growth in Africa through business investment. [Visit: Igdleaders.org]



The United States has deployed a few dozen troops from the 101st Airborne Division to

Somalia for the first time in about 20 years. Somalia’s new president, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed (Farmajo), is a Somali-American who took office in February and has declared war on its insurgents, Al-Shabaab. Somalia, on the Horn of Africa, is one of the countries on President Trump’s “travel ban” list.

China is ready to set up its first overseas military naval base, which will be in Djibouti, another Horn of Africa nation. Is this move an expression of China’s military industrial complex? More than 1 million Chinese have relocated to Africa, the continent richest in natural resources.

ARTS/CULTURE

Congratulations to all of the theater people who earned Tony nominations. JITNEY: Best Revival of a Play, Santiago-Hudson, Best Director, and John Douglas Thompson, Best Featured Actor; SWEAT: Best Play by Lynn Nottage, who won 2017 Pulitzer for “Sweat”. Tonys will be presented on June 11. Additionally, Bed-Stuy Restoration Art; Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President and Our



Time Press will co-host a celebration of two-time Pulitzer winner Lynn Nottage on May 15 at the Skylight Gallery, Restoration

Corporation, Brooklyn.

A special theatrical reading of the Zora Neal Hurston classic, “The ir Eyes Were Watching God”, directed by Ruben Santiago-Hudson, will be presented at the newly renovated Billie Holiday Theatre, 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, on May 12/13. Marquee names like Leslie Uggams, Roslyn Ruff, Brandon Dirden, Ebony Jo-Ann are some cast members.

Shared Interest will host its Annual Fundraiser Benefit, CONVERSATIONS FOR CHANGE, on May 25, 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Columbia University Law Memorial Library Rotunda, Harlem, NY. Guest
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TELLERS OF STORIES

Amanda Gorman, 19, Named National Youth Poet Laureate

Amanda Gorman was named the first national youth poet laureate. According to Poets & Writers magazine, April 2017 issue, “The unprecedented title, to be awarded annually, honors a teen poet who demonstrates extraordinary literary talent and a proven record of community engagement and youth leadership”.

“For Gorman, poetry and civic outreach aren’t separate interests. The Harvard University freshman knows firsthand that creative writing can build confidence and a sense of community among young people whose voices are often underrepresented in mainstream dialogue. In 2016, she founded One Pen One Page, a nonprofit organization that provides an ‘online platform and creative

writing programs for student storytellers to change the world’. She continues to serve as the organization’s executive director.”

Gorman’s own writing often addresses the intersections of race, feminism and adolescence, as well as the changing landscape of her native Los Angeles. For both her poetry and her advocacy, Gorman has been recognized by Forbes, the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the YoungArts Foundation and the OZY Genius Awards. “For me, being able to stand on a stage as a spoken word poet, as someone who overcame a speech impediment, as the descendent of slaves who would have been prosecuted for reading and writing, I think it really symbolizes how--by pursuing a passion and never giving up--you



can go as far as your wildest dreams,” said Gorman at the ceremony (last month).

“This (award) represents such a significant moment because never (in my opinion) have the arts been more important than now.”

“I am so grateful to be part of this cohort

of young creatives who are taking up their pens to have a voice for what is right and what is just,” Gorman said in her acceptance speech. “I don’t just want to write—I want to do right as well.”



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Q & A at Congressman Hakeem Jeffries' Bed-Stuy Town Hall

This is part 2 of 2 parts accounting of the Town Hall meeting Congressman Jeffries held April 20, 2017.

We've run these extended excerpts because sometimes the voices of everyday people are not fully heard.

Drew Gale: Congressman, my name is Drew Gale. I'm a US Army combat veteran. [applause] I served in the United States Army [inaudible applause]. My brother, an infantry sergeant, is supposed to get out this month. Instead, I found out he's forced to deploy on a combat tour in Afghanistan [tears up] along with hundreds of other troops because of the "stop-loss" procedure. My community, this country, is sick and tired of an endless war.



C r o w d :
No more war!
[applause]

Drew Gale:
[i n a u d i b l e]
American lives,
hundreds of thousands of innocent

civilians. How do you plan on stopping that draft dodger of a president from dragging out America's longest war?

Hakeem Jeffries: Thank you for that heartfelt question. You know the problem that we confront, in terms of America's longest war as you know is the original authorization for the use of military force, which was voted on in 2001, was open ended. And as a result of that fact, it essentially has become a vehicle for (now) three presidents to prolong military engagement in a war that has clearly failed to make us safer as a country. And so twice, we've had the opportunity in four-plus years, twice to vote on the authorization of military force in the context of the 2001 initial legislation, and twice I voted for it to be rescinded.

And I will continue to do that moving forward and to make the case now in the aftermath of what clearly have been two failed wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that this president should not take us down this path again.

Pamela: Thank you, my name is Pamela Campos Palma. I'm the proud daughter of an Honduran immigrant and it was my mother who encouraged me to enlist in the Air Force where I served for 10 years. [applause] And I served as an intelligence analyst for the intelligence community. As former whip of the Congressional Black Caucus, I know you serve or actively focused on maintaining the CBC's historic role as the quote, "conscience" of the Congress. It's clear that this commander in chief means to manipulate law and order to oppress our communities, but doesn't even hold himself to the most basic standards of transparency or cooperation.

Crowd: Exactly!

Pamela: This man has corrupt ties to an adversarial foreign power. It's - alarming doesn't even cover it. It's a national security threat. He's an illegitimate leader. And so all of his actions are illegitimate until we understand what that means. As a basic airman, not even as a seasoned airman, one of the first things I had to do in the military was give up my personal contacts, my financial information, everything. I had to dedicate my life to the government to show that I was able to keep a secret clearance at minimum. And this commander in chief can't even do the basic standard. What sir, will you and your colleagues do to hold him accountable to the most basic standard of transparency? [applause]

Hakeem Jeffries: Now I could answer that question, but it'll take us all night.

Crowd: We got all night! We got all night!
[laughter]

Hakeem Jeffries: I don't know if the

principal agrees with that. [laughter] We wanna take as much time as we can here at Boys and Girls High School, but let me just take the tax piece of it and then maybe later on I'll address the Russian piece. Every president we know since Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George HW Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama have all released their tax returns to the American people. [applause] And you have a billionaire reality show host lie and cheat and holding himself to a different standard. If anyone needs to disclose their tax returns, it's Donald Trump. [applause] And so the five consecutive weeks prior to this recess each week Democrats came to the floor with a resolution designed to compel the House of Representatives, which has the power through the Ways and Means Committee, to force Trump to relinquish his tax returns. And we have a petition connected to legislation right now pending on the floor of the House of Representatives. Every Democrat supports it. We need to find 24 Republicans who will support it as well. And then we can get his taxes. Now, some of my colleagues are good men and women, some of them aren't profiles of courage. We don't know what's coming at them, but we have said, because we know that they need our support to do anything related to comprehensive tax reform, no tax returns, no tax reform. [applause]

Liotta: Hi, my name is Liotta [inaudible]. I am a public school elementary science teacher. [applause] And one thing we haven't talked about tonight is climate change. And the thought that when my students are grown up parts of New York City could be underwater or at the very least prone to like constant and severe flooding. So my question is, will you sign House Resolution 85, which was a commitment to support the Paris Agreement, a necessary step toward combatting climate change? [applause]

Crowd: Yes!

Hakeem Jeffries: [inaudible] I look forward to supporting that resolution. I'm on record supporting the Paris Agreement. I think it's unclear what the president is going to do. He's backed away a little bit from it. We have to keep the pressure on the administration as it relates to not rescinding America's participation. The other thing you may have realized is that according to the agreement it's going to take 3 years plus an additional 1, 3 years plus an additional 1 for America to rule themselves for the agreement. I can't say much about the political side of the equation, but there is an election in 2020.

Carey O'Bryan: Thank you very much, my name is Carey O'Bryan. I live in Clinton Hill and I am an Army veteran who served in Afghanistan. [applause] Everyone in the military community knows the cost of war and we understand that when it comes to conflicts like the terrible war in Syria, military force must always be our last resort. We need diplomatic, humanitarian services, yet it's these services Trump is so eager to gut. Congressman, as a leading voice in "The Resistance", what will you do to make sure that bombs and bullets are not our only tools of foreign policy? [applause]

Hakeem Jeffries: Great question. In Trump's so-called skinny budget that wants to add 54 billion dollars in additional military spending, yet if you take the 7 largest militaries after the United States of America combined, their spending doesn't match ours. And that includes China and North Korea and Russia and some tough militaries. But it doesn't match ours, so clearly we spend far too much on the military industrial complex. And we need to change that dynamic. You know I've had two opportunities to weigh in on these foreign policy issues, aside from the AUF that I referenced earlier in 2001 that has still extended itself for far too long; two opportunities to kinda weigh in on these foreign policy issues as a member

of Congress, one related to the Iran Nuclear Agreement, which I supported President Obama there and is working and the administration was supposed to acknowledge that just a few days ago that Iran has not violated that agreement. The other was when there was a request to authorize military spending and to arm the Syrian rebels. And I opposed the administration's effort to arm the Syrian rebels because I did not think that it was an effective way to resolve a tough challenge as it relates to the Assad Regime and we'll continue to push for the use of soft power, diplomacy over an increase in military spending.

Casey: Congressman Jeffries, thank you for joining us. My name is Casey [unintelligible last name]. I live in Fort Greene. I want to ask you about the role of disinformation over the course of the campaign and afterwards. How do you plan to take efforts to avoid something like what happened during the last campaign happen again? And I know that it's a situation that affected Republicans a lot more than the Democrats, but we've still seen disinformation and propaganda affect Democrats.

Hakeem Jeffries: Casey, I had a meeting, I think it was yesterday, with Facebook because we're trying to get a sense of how they can be more responsible. I think 60 percent of the American people get their news from Facebook, 60 percent. And so they're engaged in a process of trying to understand how fake news has been disseminated through their platform and to rein it in in ways that are consistent with the First Amendment. That's a challenge that we confront. You know one of the things that makes America a phenomenal country is that because of the First Amendment to some degree, people have the capacity in America, journalists have the capacity to print fake news. Can't be slanderous, but they do. In Russia, journalists get killed for publishing real news. That's the difference between America and Russia.

Katie: Hi, my name is Katie. I live in Fort Greene and I came here as a volunteer defender of Planned Parenthood, so I wanted to thank you very much for [inaudible, applause] protecting its funding. But I also came here as a mother. My daughter is 6. You've actually met her at the "state of the district" and she couldn't be here tonight because she's 6 and it's 9 o'clock, but she asked me to ask you one question, this is verbatim: Do we have enough evidence for impeachment? [cheers] Thank you.

Hakeem Jeffries: Regarding impeachment, I'll try to limit my response to it and I do have to say I sit on the Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee will ultimately be the committee that has to preside over any impeachment proceeding that takes place. And so let me respond in this way, the Constitution sets forth the grounds for impeachment: treason, bribery, high crimes and misdemeanors.

Crowd: All of those!

Hakeem Jeffries: You say all of the above. What is underway, what is underway right now, in part, is not just a national security investigation, but a criminal investigation and confirmed by [inaudible] to determine whether there was collusion between Russian operatives and Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump and his campaign. Here's what we know in the march toward uncovering the information necessary for there to be consequences for Trump and or anyone involved if it's proven to be the case, but here's what we know quickly. 17 different intelligence agencies have concluded that Vladimir Putin interfered with our election explicitly to help Donald Trump. That's the first thing we know.

The second thing that we know - the second thing that we know is that as early as December of 2015 there were Trump operatives who were in close contact with

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RestorationArt Inaugurates the Harry Belafonte Artist and Activist Achievement Award with First Honorees Marjorie Moon and Ruben Santiago-Hudson

The Harry Belafonte Artist and Activist Achievement Award, inaugurated by RestorationArt, will be launched this season, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Indira Etwaroo, Executive Director, the Billie Holiday Theatre and RestorationArt.

The new annual awards' 2017 honorees are two great legends of theater: Marjorie Moon, Executive Director Emeritus, Billie Holiday Theatre for over four decades and esteemed Tony and Obie Award-winning actor and director Ruben Santiago-Hudson, who just received a Tony nomination for his revival of August Wilson's "Jitney" play.

"The Billie Holiday Theatre stood at the



crossroads of art, social justice and community development for 45 years," said Dr. Etwaroo, "and I stand on the shoulders of American theater pioneers ... whose leadership ensures that there is a torch to carry forward."

"I offer my deepest gratitude to two leaders who have been in the ranks of those

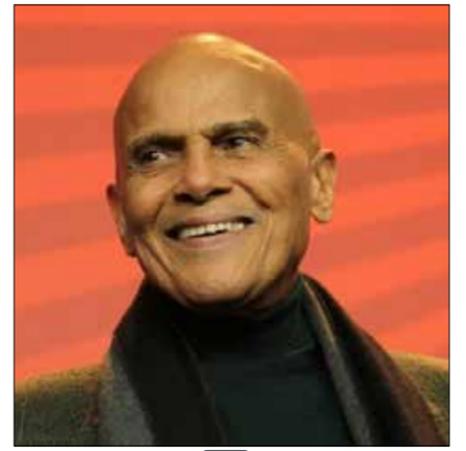


Marjorie Moon

of us who understood the critical importance of the prophetic voice of the artist in a global sea of injustice and inequity," said Harry Belafonte, global humanitarian, artist and activist, "voices needed to claim our individual freedom while helping others to claim theirs."

To honor the revolutionary ethos of its namesake, the Billie Holiday Theatre re-

launches with the voices of Black women at the forefront during its opening weekend of events from Friday, May 12 through Monday, May 15, 2017. Highlights include Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God", directed by Tony Award-winner Ruben Santiago-Hudson; monologues of 50 Black



women and girls between the ages of 6 and 83 years old from near and as far as Holland, Canada, Missouri and Georgia, curated by renowned playwright Dominique Morisseau; and a Brooklyn celebration of Lynn Nottage, the first woman to receive two Pulitzer Prizes in drama.

The newly completed renovation has equipped the 200-seat Billie Holiday Theatre with new lighting, stage-rigging, audio and visual equipment, an extended stage to accommodate dance performances and improved ADA accessibility. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit: www.restorationart.org.

The Community Council for Medgar Evers College Hosts Leadership Awards Luncheon

By Bessie Edwards

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Community Council for Medgar Evers College hosted its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon. It was a gathering of Brooklyn's leadership from all communities of Central Brooklyn. Leadership awardees and their supporters from all aspects of community governance included representatives from education, law enforcement,

judicial, business, ecumenical and Medgar scholars.

It was an annual spring event that attendees have supported for the past 14 years. They gather to pay tribute to those who have provided outstanding service in their profession and especially to support the scholarship program for Medgar Evers College students that is funded by the Community Council. Since 1980, the Council has provided more than \$250,000 for a variety of scholarships to students who attend the college.

2017 Leadership Awards were presented to Ashley Nurse, Youth Leadership; Ecumenical for Rev. Dr. Herbert D. Daughtry, Sr.; Community for Hon. Annette Robinson; FDNY Firefighter Regina Wilson; Business for Hon. Roger L. Green; Judicial for Hon. Yvonne Lewis, Hon. Bert A. Bunyan, Hon. Betty Staton and Hon. Betty Wilson. Medgar Evers College President Dr. Rudolf F. Crew was presented with the Medgar Wiley Evers Champion of Change Award.

The Community Council for Medgar Evers College was established to maintain community support and involvement with the college. It is comprised of representatives from the community including residents, organizations, students, faculty and all Central Brooklyn elected officials. President Katie Davis and Council members work tirelessly to support students who excel academically, but need the financial support to complete their studies at MEC.

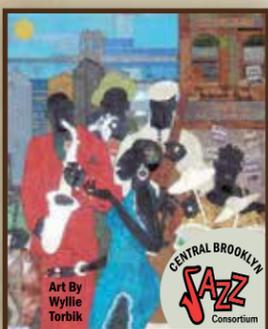
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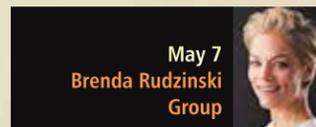
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Community Organizing Led by Love

■ By Akosua K Albritton

For years, it had become known that Brooklyn Community Board 9 (CB9) meetings could become contentious. Some board members and residents were dissatisfied with how District Manager Pearl Miles carried out her responsibilities. The struggle for control of the community board and the community itself came to a boiling point when an environmental assessment statement for the rezoning of Empire Boulevard was submitted to the community district office in December 2013 by 529 Empire Realty Corporation (prepared by Philip Habib and Associates and Sandstone Environmental Associates).

A number of high-rise residential buildings were being constructed on Flatbush Avenue. The future buildings would cast long shadows and would be priced for upper-income households; however, be considered affordable. Affordability is based on the Area Median Income. Rather than the AMI being based on the five boroughs, the AMI includes the five boroughs, Long Island and the lower five counties of upstate New York.

Community members had been opposed to the high-rise construction on Flatbush Avenue. This latest rezoning request suggested that Prospect-Lefferts Gardens and Prospect Park would experience higher population density, changes in architecture and changes in who lived in the area. Rather than acquiesce to the plan, the people of the community banded together to fight against Empire Boulevard's rezoning. One group, Movement to Protect the People (MTOPP), would emerge as a people's movement that city government would concede to. One tactic employed was taping CB9 committee and general meetings. The group also made an alliance with Tom Angotti, then-Chair of Hunter College's Urban Planning Department. The following are responses to written questions by Alicia Boyd, the face of MTOPP and one of its key leaders.

1) Who coined the name Movement to Protect the People and from what ought the people be protected?

A small group of us coined it. We began the fight to stop the rezoning of the community. We came together to create the name. We realized that it was going to take a movement to protect this community and by doing so we would be protecting the people, not just the physical land.

2) What event ignited your community preservation fire? It was the first out-of-scale development that was going up along the perimeter of Prospect Park. We wanted to stop this as-of-right development that had almost 100% funding from the state and federal governments. But we were very late in the game and almost all of the deals had been done by the time we even knew about it. I had wanted to protect Prospect Park from the visual intrusion and I knew that other developments would be coming.

However, during that fight I found out that a serious rezoning was being planned to change my actual backyard into a tall 20- or 30-story building along Empire Blvd. I knew this type of development would be detrimental not only to my home and my neighbors' but that we would lose the people through a massive amount of displacement. I couldn't imagine living in my community without black people around me, so I promised to protect the residents in this community, both tenants and homeowners.

3) What does it take to activate residents to do something about the displacement taking place in their communities? It takes a lot of effort and energy. It takes educating people, showing them that they have power to do something. And that organizing and resisting

can make a difference. Too often people say, "Oh, there is nothing you can do," but we have shown that it is not true. We are powerful; we just have to use that power in a focused and concentrated way!

4) What is your assessment of MTOPP's preservation efforts? What tactics does MTOPP use? We have been quite successful at preserving the community. We have stopped a major rezoning process from happening--where all of our avenues were being planned to have seriously tall skyscrapers and we have been able to protect the public assets such as the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Prospect Park from development. Since we began our fight, there has not been another major development executed.

We have several strategies that we employ. Education, research, calling out our local politicians, organizing people, attending and getting involved in the local community boards where rezoning requests are submitted, uncovering corruption at the local community board, filing lawsuits to stop illegal behavior, filing Freedom of Information Act requests to find out what is being planned behind closed doors, and working with other organizations and groups that are fighting gentrification and displacement.

5) Who do you point to as your mentor? Is there a school or institute that you enrolled in to learn housing rights, community preservation? No, I don't have a mentor. All of my work has been done as a hands-on activist. I have been very grateful to the information and knowledge that I have received from a lot of sources, such as Professor Angotti, who has schooled me in rezoning laws; former Councilman Charles Barron, who told me how to make local politicians accountable to the public; and, of course, my fellow activists in the field--learning from their successes and failures.

6) Will you please name the organizations that have joined with MTOPP? A list of organizations that MTOPP has worked with from time to time on different projects both in Brooklyn and citywide includes: BAN (Brooklyn Anti-gentrification Network), The Sullivan-Stoddard-Ludlum Block Association, FLAC (Flower Lovers Against Corruption), 320 Sterling St. Tenant Association, 300 Sterling St. Tenant Association, B&W Sterling St. Block Association, Washington Avenue Tenant Association, 901 Washington Avenue Tenant Association, Defend Public Libraries, Chinatown Working Group and more.

7) What is/are the current issues that MTOPP is dealing with? We just won a battle with a developer who wanted to rezone three blocks of a height-restricted zone along the perimeter of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The developers have promised to come back when they can get the support of the local politicians. In other words: when it is not an election year. So we need to stay on top of this issue and prepare for when they do come back.

We need to address the issue during an election year when it comes to our local Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo, because she is clearly pro-developer and is only considering not doing the Brooklyn Botanic Garden deal because of her desire to get reelected. She has stated she is not a career politician and so we are concerned that if she is reelected, she will use the last two years in office to line her pockets with donations to her MoCADA museum at the expense of the people.

We also have four lawsuits pending in the courts that need to be answered. We continue to face illegal behavior by the community board to help this community become rezoned and so we continue to focus on uncovering the corruption that still exists at Community Board 9 and fight in the courts for a more democratic process, where a community board acts like an



advocate of the community and not a rubber stamp for developers and politicians who are in bed with them.

8) MTOPP has 12 demands on a website. Have these demands been sent to any organization or government official? If yes, who received it and what is their response? Those demands actually come from BAN of which I am one of the main organizers. Yes, it has been sent to elected officials and in fact several of the demands have been met and thus, we are constantly updating it to reflect what we still need to do.

For the most part, the elected officials simply ignored the demands and a few agreed with some of them. For example, an assemblyman met with us just a few weeks ago about our demand to make the Area Median Income (AMI) that is used for the "affordable" category to be based upon the local AMI and not

the federal government's AMI which continues to be discriminatory to us. The assemblyman wants to propose a bill in Albany to use the AMI of the local area.

9) As the saying goes, "No woman is an island". Who do you count as your collaborators? My neighbors, my friends, even my enemies have been instrumental. In fact, some of my enemies have become my friends as the fight has gotten to other areas of the community and into their backyards. I count the people in my community, the people who thank me and give money to us, the people who do our research and who cheer us on. We have a lot of people, a lot of allies and we continue to be thankful to all of them, because without them, this would not be a movement. Most importantly are the members of my group, who have stayed strong and committed to this movement from day one.

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■ By Eddie Castro

The 2017 NFL Draft has passed and for both New York teams the goal is quite simple: get better! The Giants and the Jets came into the draft night in Phil-

Jets/Giants Post-Draft Special

adelphia headed in different directions. The “G-men” could very well be viewed as Super Bowl contenders, while the Jets are in the early stages of yet another rebuilding period.

The Giants drafted an impressive tight end in Evan Engram as their first-round pick. This was a solid pick for the Giants considering they just added former Jets wide receiver Brandan Marshall as a free agent signing. The move will also give the Giants another weapon on offense and could take some of the load off their top receiver in Odell Beckham, Jr. We all know quarterback Eli Manning loves his tight ends dating back

to the time where he and former NFL player Jeremy Shockey built chemistry together. Other tight ends that had worked well with Manning were Martellus Bennett and Larry Donell. The team added defensive tackle Dalvin Thompson in the 2nd round. One of the team’s needs was another offensive tackle to provide more protection for Manning. The team addressed that in the 6th round.

As for the New York Jets, the team addressed a huge hole in their defense by drafting back-to-back safeties with their first two picks. Gang Green probably got the best player in the draft with the number

six pick when they drafted LSU’s Jamal Adams. Adams is a big need for the team at the safety position and has been compared to the likes of former NFL players Ed Reed and current player Kam Chancellor, two of the best safeties to ever play the game. The Jets completed the holes to their secondary drafting Florida’s Marcus Maye.

Although it is obvious that both teams are going into the 2017-18 campaign with different expectations, you got to believe this year’s draft will benefit both teams long-term.

Sports Notes: (Boxing) Two of the biggest Mexican stars clash on Saturday night as Saul “Canelo” Alvarez takes on Julio Cesar Chavez, Jr.

Q & A at Congressman Hakeem Jeffries’ Bed-Stuy Town Hall

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Russian intelligence agents at the same time those Russian intelligence agents were hacking into our democracy. These were not simple run-of-the-mill Trump individuals. We’re talking about Paul Manafort, his campaign chairman; Carter Page, his top foreign policy advisor; Michael Cohen, his personal attorney; Jeff Sessions, his attorney general; Michael Flynn, his first national security advisor; Jared Kushner, his senior White House aid and his son-in-law; and Roger Stone, who was a close Trump operative who was in contact with Guccifer 2.0, who was known to be a Russian operative and responsible for many of the hacks that took place. We also know that Michael Flynn lied, right? Broke the law and his communication with the Russian ambassador, broke the law by communicating with the Russian Ambassador Kislyak in December of 2016, then lied about it to the Vice President, who then lied or misrepresented the facts to the American people, leading to the national security advisor to resign in disgrace. We know that Jeff Sessions either perjured himself or broke the law by misleading Congress. Either

way it’s a crime, either way it’s a crime and then failed to answer, initially misleading Congress, failed to clear up that false testimony slightly at every opportunity to do it. What was Jeff Sessions hiding? Congress has helped to uncover all of this information for the American people and we’re going to continue to do so. But we also cannot control the House of Representatives and we don’t control the Senate. So we are pushing as much as we can in order to get this information out to the American people. Right now, the vehicle is the House Intelligence Committee, which was a farce under Chairman Nunes. And now that Chairman Nunes has been run out of that chairmanship, we’re going to continue to do what we can do, but let’s be clear, you have to understand this all in the context of Democrats in the minority in the House and in the Senate. And we can’t trigger anything until we are in majority, but we are going to continue to push.

Nicholas: Hi, good evening everyone. My name is Nicholas. I’m a physician in Bed-Stuy and I wanted to know your position on school vouchers.

Hakeem Jeffries: Let me deal with that immediately. I do not support vouchers period.

Full stop. End of tape. [applause]

Caroline: Hi, I’m Caroline from Clinton Hill, now climate change. I wanted to bring it back to that. There’s still far too many climate deniers in Congress and the administration obviously; however, there is a small, tiny but growing bipartisan caucus in Congress and I was hoping that you might join them? [applause]

Hakeem Jeffries: When I get back to Washington I will be the newest member of the Climate Caucus.

Man: It’s amazing to live in a community like ours, but it’s also disenchanting when you see bigotry winning elections and driving public policy across the country. What can we do as citizens living in a progressive voting district to make a difference in resisting Trump?

Hakeem Jeffries: It’s a great question. Well, I think your presence here today, showing up and being involved in different organizational efforts that are moving forward, this is the beginning of continued and sustained community engagement. By no way is it the end until the resistance movement is ultimately successful and [inaudible] accomplished, we all have to stay on the case.

CDC Report: African-American Death Rate Drops 25 Percent

The death rate for African-Americans (blacks) declined 25 percent from 1999 to 2015, according to a new CDC Vital Signs report released today. But disparities still persist between blacks and whites. Although blacks as a group are living longer, their life expectancy is still 4 years less than that of whites.

Disparities in all age groups are narrowing because death rates are declining faster among blacks than among whites. The overall disparity in death rates between these two races for all causes of death in all age groups was 33 percent in 1999 but fell to 16 percent in 2015. The racial death rate gap closed completely for deaths from heart disease and for all causes of death among those 65 years and older.

Of concern, the study also found that blacks in their 20s, 30s, and 40s are more likely to live with or die from conditions that typically occur at older ages in whites, including heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Risk factors for some diseases, such as high blood pressure, may go unnoticed and untreated during these early years. Notably, the death rates for homicide among blacks did not change over the 17 years of the study.

The report also describes improvements in other causes of death, such as a dramatic decrease of about 80 percent in HIV deaths among 18- to 49-year-olds from 1999-2015. Dramatic drops in HIV deaths were also seen among whites. Still, a wide disparity remains with blacks seven to nine times more likely to die from HIV.

“We have seen some remarkable

improvements in death rates for the black population in these past 17 years. Important gaps are narrowing due to improvements in the health of the black population overall. However, we still have a long way to go,” said Leandro Liburd, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.A., associate director, CDC’s Office of Minority Health and Health Equity. “Early health interventions can lead to longer, healthier lives. In particular, diagnosing and treating the leading diseases that cause death at earlier stages is an important step for saving lives.”

Social and economic conditions, such as poverty, contribute to gaps in health differences between blacks and whites, according to the report. In all age groups, the analysis showed that blacks had lower educational attainment and home ownership and nearly twice the rate of poverty and unemployment as whites. These risk factors may limit blacks’ access to prevention and treatment of disease. Other risk factors that affect health outcomes for blacks include obesity and less physical activity.

CDC researchers analyzed data from the U.S. Census Bureau, National Vital Statistics System, and CDC’s Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to examine factors that may influence disparities across the life span.

Among the key findings from the report: Blacks ages 18 to 64 are at higher risk of early death than whites.

Disparities in the leading causes of death for blacks compared with whites are pronounced by early and middle adulthood, including homicide and chronic diseases

such as heart disease and diabetes.

Blacks ages 18-34 years and 35-49 years are nine times and five times, respectively, as likely to die from homicide as whites in the same age groups.

Blacks ages 35-64 are 50 percent more likely to have high blood pressure than whites.

Blacks ages 18-49 years, are two times as likely to die from heart disease than whites.

Blacks have the highest death rate for all cancers combined compared with whites.

“It is important that we continue to create opportunities for all Americans to pursue a healthy lifestyle,” said Timothy Cunningham, Sc.D., lead author and epidemiologist with the Division of Population Health, CDC. “Public health professionals must work across all sectors to promote health at early ages.”

Public health agencies and community organizations should continue to implement programs proven to reduce health disparities, and partner with other sectors, including education, business, transportation, and housing, to create social and economic conditions that promote health starting in childhood to continue to close the gap in health outcomes. Proven prevention measures such as healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco cessation, disease screenings, and medication adherence remain important to reduce disease and early death.

The Federal government collects data on prevention measures and risk factors that impact health through programs such as Healthy People 2020. For more information on CDC efforts to reduce disparities through prevention and removing barriers to health equity, visit www.cdc.gov/healthequity.

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Bedford-Union Armory Developer, CAMBA Partner Up Youth Sports Leagues

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and international competitions. CBSC’s experienced staff and coaches will use the Armory’s rec center to teach soccer and life skills in a family-focused atmosphere.

“As more and more young people in Central Brooklyn pursue soccer, we are proud to come to the Armory and keep that positive trend going for the Crown Heights community,” said Dario Trujillo, executive director of Central Brooklyn Soccer Club. “This is a great moment for soccer and youth development in Brooklyn – now let’s make it a reality.”

Imagine Swimming is New York City’s largest learn-to-swim school and currently serves more than 4,000 students ages four months and up each week. The organization will operate the Armory’s pool and will provide swimming lessons, competitive swim team opportunities, water polo, and synchronized swimming. Imagine will offer discounted lesson rates to local community members, with the organization estimating that it will provide around 5,000 discounted lessons per year.

“Swimming is a lifesaving skill that helps New Yorkers of all ages stay healthy. We look forward to sharing the joys of the pool with Crown Heights families,” said Brendan O’Melveny of Imagine Swimming. “We can’t wait to see local kids and adults enjoy this important new resource with us at the Armory.”

Kings County Tennis League uses tennis as an instrument for youth development and community building in Brooklyn’s underserved neighborhoods. By bringing tennis to kids right where they live, KCTL seeks to build a future in which every child in Brooklyn has regular access to an activity that is healthy, stimulates their personal growth, and exposes them to new concepts, cultures, people and possibilities. KCTL offers year-round tennis programming for kids of all ages, including lessons and educational field trips.

“Our goal is to create a better future in Brooklyn by introducing more young people to the joys and benefits of tennis,” said Michael McCasland of Kings County Tennis League. “New recreational facilities at the Armory will enable us to further that mission by exposing the youth of Crown Heights to new concepts, cultures, people and possibilities.”

The Armory will also include a 330-unit rental housing building with 50 percent affordable housing, as well as new condominiums, of which 20 percent will be affordable to middle-income homeowners. Additionally, the proposed redevelopment also includes new commercial office space offered at discounted rates for local small businesses and non-profits in need of affordable rents.

Malcolm's Struggle Documented

The landmark 1964 film *Malcolm X: Struggle for Freedom* documentary filmed by Elbert "Sandy" Bethune (right) will be screened at the 24th New York African Film Festival this Sunday, May 7 at 4:15pm at Lincoln Center's Elinor Bunin Munroe Film Center, 144 West 65th Street in Manhattan.

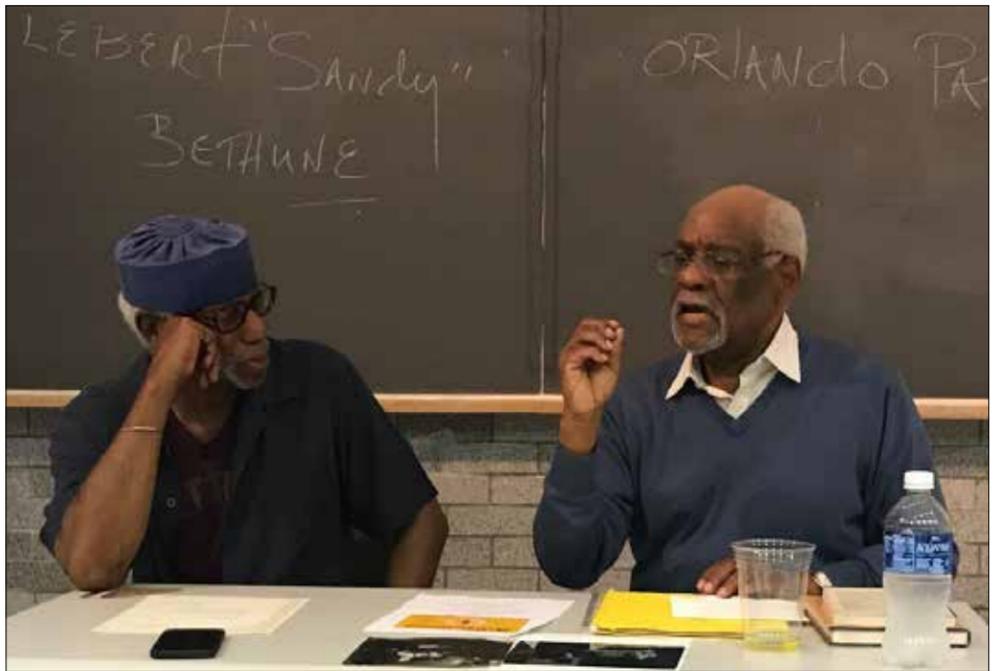
Recently, the Jamaican filmmaker, poet, author and scholar offered a talk to lucky CCNY students of journalist Herb Boyd (left), author of *The Diary of Malcolm X*. Bethune spotlighted Pan-African expats during the turbulent 1960s through his acclaimed milestone documentary filmed during Malcolm X's trip to Europe shortly before his assassination and *Jojolo*, a portrait of a young Haitian fashion model and actress living in cosmopolitan Paris.

Both films will be seen at Lincoln Center on Sunday with Bethune holding a Q&A discussion immediately after. *Jojolo* will

be shown at 6:15 pm with a Q&A period following the film.

In *Malcolm X: Struggle for Freedom*, Malcolm X is seen at a time when his views were evolving following worldwide travel. It features interviews filmed during Malcolm X's trip to Europe and Africa and is interspersed with scenes of African rebellion. Months after filming, Malcolm X would be assassinated in the United States.

One of his most treasured memories is Bethune's friendship and mentorship with Langston Hughes, which spanned Paris, New York and Africa's Tanzania. Hughes even penned a poem in dedication to him. Bethune's literary work as a writer has been featured in groundbreaking Black Arts Movement literature. He has written short stories that were included in



Herb Boys talks with noted filmmaker Elbert "Sandy" Bethune

Langston Hughes' anthology *The Best Short Stories by Negro Writers*; poetry in *Black Fire*, edited by Larry Neal and Amiri Baraka;

and an essay on Malcolm X in Europe in John Henrik Clarke's *Malcolm X: The Man and His Times*.

Nottage's SWEAT, Wilson's JITNEY Nominated for Combined Nine 2017 Tony Awards

James Earl Jones to Receive Special Tony for Lifetime Achievement in Theatre

Lynn Nottage's *SWEAT*, for Best Play, and August Wilson's *JITNEY*, Best Revival of a Play, have been nominated for the American Theatre Wing's 2017 Antoinette Perry "Tony" Awards®. Nominees were selected by an independent committee of 43 theatre professionals, which includes Brooklyn's own Mikki Shepard, appointed by the Tony Awards Administration Committee.

James Earl Jones will receive the 2017 Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the theatre. The special Isabelle Stevenson Tony Award will be

presented to director, actress, choreographer Baayork Lee.

JITNEY's other five nominations include: John Douglas Thompson for Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play; David Gallo for Best Scenic Design of a Play; Toni-Leslie James for Best Costume Design; Jane Cox for Best Lighting Design of a Play; Ruben Santiago-Hudson for Best Direction of a Play.

Also among *SWEAT*'s three nominations are actresses' Johanna Day and Michelle Wilson for separate performances for Best Actress in a Featured Role in a Play.

Marking 71 years of excellence on Broadway, the Tony Awards, hosted by Tony and Academy Award-winning actor Kevin Spacey, will be broadcast live from Radio City Music Hall on CBS, Sunday, June 11th, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Legitimate theatrical productions opening in any of the 41 eligible Broadway theatres during the current season may be considered for Tony nominations. The

2016/2017 eligibility season began April 30, 2016 and ended April 28, 2017. The Tony Awards are being voted in 24 competitive categories by 839 designated Tony voters within the theatre community.

The Broadway League and the American Theatre Wing are presenters of the 2017 Tony Awards.

For more information: www.TonyAwards.com.

City to Invest \$7M to Better Apprehend Domestic Violence Abusers and Ensure Support for Survivors

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percent of citywide assaults and 20 percent of homicides".

"Far too many individuals are the victims of domestic violence," said Public Advocate Letitia James. "A comprehensive strategy to hold domestic abusers culpable and provide increased safety to survivors and individuals in danger is absolutely vital to ensure all our residents are protected. I applaud the mayor for taking this important step to prioritize the safety and well-being of all New Yorkers."

"We need to ensure survivors of domestic violence are brought out of the shadows and thriving," said Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams. "I commend Mayor de Blasio, First Lady McCray and Commissioner O'Neill for taking a comprehensive approach to domestic violence including ensuring the care of children who are often invisible victims, along with making sure abusers are brought to justice. I am proud to have worked with Assembly members Amy Paulin and Jamie Williams, and survivors to introduce legislation in the state legislature to empower and strengthen the voices of those who have overcome abuse. Nobody should be allowed to silence these women and men."

Domestic violence, both in New York City and nationally, is a challenging and complex societal problem that is yet to be

solved. The crimes often occur behind closed doors, and victims face many barriers in coming forward to friends, family or to law enforcement, which complicates service provision as well as law enforcement's investigation and evidence-gathering. Domestic violence can happen in the context of familial or intimate partner relationships, threatening not only physical safety but housing, financial security and other family members.

In addition to being a criminal justice issue, domestic violence has far-reaching effects on families, communities and our city. 20 to 40% of chronically violent adolescents have been exposed to extreme parental conflict at home. Women who experience physical violence from an intimate partner report an average of 7.2 days of lost work-related productivity a year.

New York City currently has in place multiple programs and services to support survivors, including shelter programs, training programs for staff, educational and preventive programs for youth and extensive case management services at the Family Justice Centers through a network of on-site providers in each borough. These services were recently expanded to include on-site housing legal assistance. In addition, the Paid Safe Leave legislation will provide avenues to ensure protections for domestic violence survivors in the workplace.



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Christopher Palu New York LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/15/2017. 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 Christopher Palu, 93 Himrod Street, Brooklyn 11221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DEVOCION LIVINGSTON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/17. 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, 69 Grand Street, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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File No. 2017-1090 CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: any and all unknown persons whose names or parts of whose names, and whose place or places of residence are unknown, and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained, distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of said Lucille Clarke, deceased, and if any of the said distributees, heirs at law or next of kin of deceased, be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names and/or places of residence and post office addresses are unknown.

A petition having been duly filed by Clayton Harding, who is domiciled at 377 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on June 20, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of LUCILLE CLARKE lately domiciled at 859 Crown Street, Brooklyn, New York admitting to probate a Will dated May 24, 2010 as the Will of LUCILLE CLARKE deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to CLAYTON HARDING. Dated, Attested and Sealed, April 24, 2017. Hon. Margarita Lopez Torres, Surrogate, Doreen A. Quinn, Chief Clerk. Frank J. Gobes c/o Delbello, Donnellan, Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr Telephone Number 914-681-0200, One North Lexington Avenue, 11th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601 [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 that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

Re-Filed: 1/28/2016 Filed: 1/25/2016 Index No.: 500944/201 Plaintiff designates KINGS County as place of trial Venue is based upon County in which premises are being situate **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS**

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MORTGAGE WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-13BTT,

Plaintiff, -against- THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT MARY LOUISE LEWIS, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; COREY ROSS, AS GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON AND PROPERTY FOR KENNETH GRANT LEWIS; JEROLD LEWIS; TONYA LEWIS; DAVID A. ATKINSON, SR.; MARTIN W. LEWIS, JR.; METRO PORTFOLIOS, INC.; MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP.; CAPITAL ONE BANK; TARGET NATIONAL BANK; GREATER BAY HOTEL & CASINO INC.; LVNV FUNDING LLC A/P/O WELLS FARGO; MICHELLE M.B. TURNER; RAB PERFORMANCE RECOVERIES, LLC; NANCY T. SUNSHINE-COMMISSIONER OF JURORS; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; TYRONE SMITH AS "JOHN DOE" #1, "JOHN DOE" #2 through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants. -----X 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 upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the

date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED: Elmsford, New York April __, 2017 **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. **Help for Homeowners in Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Summons and Complaint You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. Sources of Information and Assistance The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at (800) 342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. Rights and Obligations YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. Foreclosure Rescue Scams**

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NEWSMAKERS

Congrats to Brooklyn City Council member Laurie Cumbo, 42, who is running for reelection this year and



who is pregnant. She joins the "mom list" with Janet Jackson at 50, Halle at 45, and Serena Williams.

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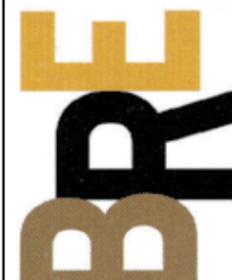
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MORTGAGED PREMISES: 583 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. BL #: 1619 – 72. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action. Plaintiff's principal place of business is c/o PHH Mortgage Corporation, One Mortgage Way, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- SPENCER MCFARLANE, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said Defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, ET AL., 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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this 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. 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. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$ 729,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on February 4, 2008, in CRFN 2008000046247, covering premises known as 583 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221 – BL #: 1619 – 72. 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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendant SPENCER MCFARLANE, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of Hon. Noach Dear JSC. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated March 7th 2017. Dated: New Rochelle, NY April 10, 2017 MCCABE, WEISBERG &

CONWAY, P.C. /s/ _____

SONIA J. BAEZ, Esquire Attorneys for Plaintiff, 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210, New Rochelle, New York 10801, 914-636-8900, File # 382-0808 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the department's website at <http://WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US> RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay your taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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 1st day of June, 2017 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

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 June 01, 2017 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

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS FHA QUALIFIED TRUSTEE FOR RESCAP LIQUIDATING TRUST, Plaintiff against JEAN LEON LOUIS, MARC LOUIS, 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 25th day of May, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 3324 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4950, Lot: 0010). Approximate amount of lien \$ 472,085.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2758-13. Judy S. Mock, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210, New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS FHA QUALIFIED TRUSTEE FOR RESCAP LIQUIDATING TRUST, Plaintiff against JEAN LEON LOUIS, MARC LOUIS, 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 25th day of May, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 3324 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4950, Lot: 0010). Approximate amount of lien \$ 472,085.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2758-13. Judy S. Mock, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS US BANK, N.A., V. SYED AHMED A/K/A A. SYED A/K/A AHMED SYED, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 29, 2015, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein US BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and SYED AHMED, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on May 18, 2017 at 2:30pm, premises known as 2298 ATLANTIC AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11233: Block 1435 Lot 29 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 Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21876/2012. Lee M. Huttner, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 May 18, 2017 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

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 627 VERMONT STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11207 Block: 3825 Lot: 7 Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property INDEX NO. 505401/2016 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. LEILA JOSEPH, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JOSEPH; EDMUND JOSEPH, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JOSEPH; CRAWFORD JOSEPH, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JOSEPH; NADINE WILLIAMS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JOSEPH; ALMA VERONICA JOSEPH, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JOSEPH; OLIVIA HARRIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JOSEPH; CARLITHIA HARRIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED JOSEPH, 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; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or

It's the end of the world and we know it: Scientists in many disciplines see apocalypse, soon

■ By Phil Torres

While apocalyptic beliefs about the end of the world have, historically, been the subject of religious speculation, they are increasingly common among some of the leading scientists today. This is a worrisome fact, given that science is based not on faith and private revelation, but on observation and empirical evidence.

Perhaps the most prominent figure with an anxious outlook on humanity's future is Stephen Hawking. Last year, he wrote the following in a Guardian article:

Now, more than at any time in our history, our species needs to work together. We face awesome environmental challenges: climate change, food production, overpopulation, the decimation of other species, epidemic disease, acidification of the oceans. Together, they are a reminder that we are at the most dangerous moment in the development of humanity. We now have the technology to destroy the planet on which we live, but have not yet developed the ability to escape it.

There is not a single point here that is inaccurate or hyperbolic. For example, consider that the hottest 17 years on record have all occurred since 2000, with a single exception (namely, 1998), and with 2016 being the hottest ever. Although 2017 probably won't break last year's record, the UK's Met Office projects that it "will still rank among the hottest years on record." Studies also emphasize that there is a rapidly closing window for meaningful action on climate change. As the authors of one peer-reviewed paper put it:

The next few decades offer a brief window of opportunity to minimize large-scale and potentially catastrophic climate change that will extend longer than the entire history of human civilization thus far. Policy decisions made during this window are likely to result in changes to Earth's climate system measured in millennia rather than human

lifespans, with associated socioeconomic and ecological impacts that will exacerbate the risks and damages to society and ecosystems that are projected for the twenty-first century and propagate into the future for many thousands of years.

Furthermore, studies suggest that civilization will have to produce more food in the next 50 years than in all of human history, which stretches back some 200,000 years into the Pleistocene epoch. This is partly due to the ongoing problem of overpopulation, where Pew projects approximately 9.3 billion people living on spaceship Earth by 2050. According to the 2016 Living Planet Report, humanity needs 1.6 Earths to sustain our current rate of (over)consumption — in other words, unless something significant changes with respect to anthropogenic resource depletion, nature will force life as we know it to end.

Along these lines, scientists largely agree that human activity has pushed the biosphere into the sixth mass extinction event in the entire 4.5 billion year history of Earth. This appears to be the case even on the most optimistic assumptions about current rates of species extinctions, which may be occurring 10,000 times faster than the normal "background rate" of extinction. Other studies have found that, for example, the global population of wild vertebrates — that is, mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians — has declined by a staggering 58 percent between 1970 and 2012. The biosphere is wilting in real time, and our own foolish actions are to blame.

As for disease, superbugs are a growing concern among researchers due to overuse of antibiotics among livestock and humans. These multi-drug-resistant bacteria are highly resistant to normal treatment routes, and already some 2 million people become sick from superbugs each year.

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Perhaps the greatest risk here is that, as

Brian Coombes puts it, "antibiotics are the foundation on which all modern medicine rests. Cancer chemotherapy, organ transplants, surgeries, and childbirth all rely on antibiotics to prevent infections. If you can't treat those, then we lose the medical advances we have made in the last 50 years." Indeed, this is why Margaret Chan, the director general of the World Health Organization, claims that "Antimicrobial resistance poses a fundamental threat to human health, development and security."

Making matters even worse, experts argue that the risk of a global pandemic is increasing. The reason is, in part, because of the growth of megacities. According to a United Nations estimate, "66 percent of the global population will live in urban centers by 2050." The closer proximity of people will make the propagation of pathogens much easier, not to mention the fact that deadly germs can travel from one location to another at literally the speed of a jetliner. Furthermore, climate change will produce heat waves and flooding events that will create "more opportunity for waterborne diseases such as cholera and for disease vectors such as mosquitoes in new regions." This is why some public health researchers conclude that "we are at greater risk than ever of experiencing large-scale outbreaks and global pandemics," and that "the next outbreak contender will most likely be a surprise."

Finally, the acidification of the world's oceans is a catastrophe that hardly gets the attention it deserves. What's happening is that the oceans are absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and this is causing their pH level to fall. One consequence is the destruction of coral reefs through a process called "bleaching." Today, about 60 percent of coral reefs are in danger of bleaching, and about 10 percent are already underwater ghost towns.

Even more alarming, though, is the fact

that the rate of ocean acidification is happening faster today than it occurred during the Permian-Triassic mass extinction. That event is called the "Great Dying" because it was the most devastating mass extinction ever, resulting in some 95 percent of all species kicking the bucket. As the science journalist Eric Hand points out, whereas 2.4 gigatons of carbon were injected into the atmosphere per year during the Great Dying, about 10 gigatons are being injected per year by contemporary industrial society. Thus, the sixth mass extinction mentioned above, also called the Anthropocene extinction, could turn out to be perhaps even worse than the Permian-Triassic die-off.

So Hawking's dire warning that we live in the most perilous period of our species' existence is quite robust. In fact, considerations like these have led a number of other notable scientists to suggest that the collapse of global society could occur in the foreseeable future. The late microbiologist Frank Fenner, for example, whose virological work helped eliminate smallpox, predicted in 2010 that "humans will probably be extinct within 100 years, because of overpopulation, environmental destruction, and climate change." Similarly, the Canadian biologist Neil Dawe reportedly "wouldn't be surprised if the generation after him witness the extinction of humanity." And the renowned ecologist Guy McPherson argues that humanity will follow the dodo into the evolutionary grave by 2026. (On the upside, maybe you don't need to worry so much about that retirement plan.)

Parts of this article draw from my forthcoming book "Morality, Foresight, and Human Flourishing: An Introduction to Existential Risks."

Phil Torres is the founder of the X-Risks Institute and author of *The End: What Science and Religion Tell Us About the Apocalypse*. He's on Twitter @xriskology.

LEGAL NOTICES

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corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, 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 \$656,250.00 and interest, recorded on May 14, 2009, at Instrument number 2009000143958, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York, covering premises known as 627 VERMONT STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11207. 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: November 10, 2016 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: COREY ROBSON, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS FHA QUALIFIED TRUSTEE FOR RESCAP LIQUIDATING TRUST, Plaintiff against JEAN LEON LOUIS, MARC LOUIS, 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 25th day of May, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 3324 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4950, Lot: 0010). Approximate amount of lien \$ 472,085.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2758-13. Judy S. Mock, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210, New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LIBERTY DABAR ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff -against- **JENNIFER MOHAMMED,** et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 13, 2015 and entered on October 19, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on May 18, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Liberty Avenue, distant 60 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Liberty Avenue with the westerly side of Autumn Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet. Block 4200 Lot 18. Said premises known as 1088 LIBERTY AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$438,954.67 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 500771/2013. AARON TYK, ESQ., Referee The Law Office of Jason Chang, Esq. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 252 West 37th Street, Suite 600, New York, NY 10018

May Day Protest

Monday, May 1, 2017, protesters armed with signs and their voices gathered at Foley Square to speak out about the ban on immigrants, the racism, fascism, government greed, capitalism, global warming, health care and Donald Trump's first 100 scandal-ridden days in office.

Trump supporters came to the demonstration shouting, "Make America Great!" Shouting matches, name-calling and verbal threats ensued.



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