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Voting is one of the most powerful tools we have in a democratic society. It is not just a right; it is a responsibility that shapes the future of our communities and country. As we approach upcoming elections, it's essential to understand why participating in the electoral process is so important.

Voting is a way to express your beliefs and priorities. Every election—whether local, state or federal—gives you the chance to voice your opinion on crucial issues like education, healthcare and public safety. By voting, you help elect leaders who reflect your values and will advocate for policies that benefit your community.

Additionally, voting holds elected officials accountable. It reminds politi-

cians that their power comes from the people. By participating in elections, you can support candidates who demonstrate integrity and commitment to public service, while also signaling that those who fall short need to do better.

Moreover, voting is essential for creating change. Throughout history, voter turnout has driven progress in areas like civil rights and environmental protection. Each vote contributes to the ongoing effort to build a more just and equitable society.

Every vote counts, often deciding elections by a narrow margin. Choosing not to vote means forfeiting your voice in decisions that affect us all. Voting also honors those who fought for our right to participate in



democracy, ensuring their sacrifices were not in vain.

As the next election approaches, remember the power of your vote. By participating, you can help shape the future and create a society that reflects our collective values. Stand up, make your voice heard and work toward a better tomorrow for everyone.

The 69th Precinct and Community Bid Farewell to Beloved Officer**By Brenda Cox**

During their annual celebration of National Night Out Against Crime on August 15th, the 69th Precinct bade a fond farewell to one of their own, Officer Dennis Johnson. Officer Johnson joined the NYPD in July 1989 and has called the 69th Precinct home since 2004. He was honored for his hard work and dedication with a citation from State Senator Roxanne Persaud and Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman.

Officer Johnson was also thanked by Chief Charles McEvoy for his "three and a half decades of dedicated service to this great city and the people of Brooklyn." The Patrol Borough Commanding Officer, a former classmate of Johnson, added, "We are all grateful for his service and wish him and his beautiful family nothing but continued health and success in his retirement."



Officer Dennis Johnson (holding plaque) and family with NYPD and elected officials.

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Speeding in Sector C is a Large Concern for Residents

By Linda Steinmuller

Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) Daniel Irving and Carlos Delgado held their quarterly Build the Block meeting for the 69th Precinct's Sector C at Church @ the Rock, 1288 East 92nd Street, on Thursday, August 22nd, where residents shared quality of life issues affecting their community and received updates on crime within the sector.

Over the recent 28-day period, NCO Irving said that Sector C is doing well, with only two of the seven major crimes reported in Sector C, which covers Paerdegat Avenue North to East 94th Street, from Glenwood Road to Avenue L. There were six felony assaults, most of which were domestic violence cases; one case in the Paerdegats involved two knives, and that person was arrested, Irving said.

A car thief was arrested in June, and there haven't been any vehicle thefts since then. And catalytic converter thefts have also ceased since an individual responsible for stealing them was arrested in Sector B a while ago.

Although there were no shootings or robberies in Sector C, there were three grand larcenies that took place in common driveways around East 78th and East 79th Streets, near Flatlands Avenue. Irving said they all involved Facebook Marketplace. In one case, a person sold a stolen car for \$11,000. Crimes involving FB Marketplace are on the rise, and Irving warned residents to avoid using it to sell items, as buyers often grab the item and flee the scene, as is often the case when selling a laptop.

Irving also warned women to hold their handbags close and for men to never put their wallet in their back pockets. Recently, a woman was walking near East 82nd Street and Flatlands Avenue when a young kid grabbed her handbag and ran away.

With the start of the school year coming up soon, Irving said that 10 cops will be returning to the 69th Precinct after Labor Day – some of



Neighborhood Coordination Officers Daniel Irving and Carlos Delgado

them were being trained in other precincts. The NCOs and YCOs (Youth Coordination Officers) should be changing their tours to work from 2 to 10 p.m. to enforce school dismissals, and there is a post on East 82nd Street and Flatlands Avenue, an area known for juvenile violence and some gang activity.

Residents had the opportunity to share their grievances. One major issue is speeding cars on their block, specifically on East 92nd Street and Avenue J, a spot where frequent accidents occur, and East 91st Street, between Avenues K and L. A resident of that block said the cars are speeding to reach Avenue L. With a few new homes on the block, there are more small children, raising even more concern for everyone's safety.

NCO Delgado said that the NYPD is doing their part by writing tickets for speeding but suggested that residents contact the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study to improve traffic conditions. Acknowledging that accidents are a problem on East 92nd Street, he believes that a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Avenue J is needed there.

He told residents of both affected blocks to start a petition and have the entire block sign it. Chaplain Faith Williams suggested bringing their petitions to the next 69th Precinct Community Council meeting, which starts up again in September (meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month). She also expressed the importance of attending the Build the Block meetings where residents can receive more personal attention regarding their issues.

Another resident was concerned about dangerous conditions at Remsen and Flatlands Avenue and would like to see a left-hand turn signal (going northbound and turning westbound) installed there.

In good news, two illegal smoke shops in Canarsie have been shut down – one on East 98th Street and Avenue L, and the other on Rockaway Parkway.



Residents from Sector C at the August 22nd Build the Block meeting.

Flatlands

Second Stabbing Homicide in August



By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

A woman was brutally stabbed to death last week, marking the second stabbing homicide within the confines of the 63rd Precinct this month.

Police responded to a home on East 56th Street, between Avenue I and Flatlands Avenue, around 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20th, where they found Claudette Jones, 66, with multiple stab wounds to her body. When EMS arrived at the location, Jones was unconscious and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Two weeks earlier, on August 7th, a Flatlands man was stabbed to death about four blocks away from the latest stabbing (see "Suspect Arrested in Connection to Violent Stabbing in Precinct's First Homicide of 2024," Canarsie Courier, August 15th.)

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this stabbing is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/, or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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A Sound Affair performing in Marine Park.



Audience enjoying Oldies but Goodies performed by A Sound Affair

By Arthur De Gaeta

It was a cool August evening as concert-goers unfolded their chairs to get ready for a trip back in time – that’s music time. The band – A Sound Affair – went into tune-up mode to prepare for two hours of hits from the 50s to the 80s at the August 21st concert, one of nine concerts in the Marine Park Summer Concert Series, sponsored by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams.

A Sound Affair is a five-piece band consisting of a female singer, drummer, singer/saxophonist, and a bass and electric guitarist. The singers were in tip-top condition as they sang what the audience wanted – memories from way back – including favorites like “Goodnite, Sweetheart, Goodnite” (The Spaniels) and “Where the Boys Are” (Connie Francis), to name a few. Hit after hit filled the air with clapping and cheers from the audience. As always, the sound system was superb, making the melodies easy to identify.

The Marine Park concerts are sponsored by Marine Park Alliance, Kings Plaza and Nick’s Lobster House, among others, in coordination with State Senators Simcha Felder and Roxanne Persaud, and District Leader Frank Seddio, and in partnership with Millennium Development, NYC Parks and the Marine Park Community Association.



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Heartfelt Event Honors "Locksley's" Legacy with Free Books, Music and Food

By Claudy Vilme

On Saturday, August 17th, the community gathered outside 1186 Remsen Avenue for the Annual Gun Violence Speak Out, a touching event in remembrance of Carlton Locksley Bennett, whose life and dreams of becoming an engineer were tragically cut short by gun violence at the age of 16.

Hosted by the Carlton Locksley Bennett Foundation Inc. (CLBF), the gathering was a celebration of the young man's legacy, who was affectionately known as "Locksley," and an embodiment of the foundation's mission to save lives through education.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of delicious food and received free books, highlighting

the commitment of CLBF to support at-risk students affected by gun violence or other personal challenges.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, CLBF is dedicated to providing scholarships for tuition, books, clothing, school uniforms, school supplies and grocery vouchers to students in need. By ensuring that no student's educational dreams are thwarted by violence or financial hardship, the foundation continues to empower young minds to achieve their goals, thus keeping Locksley's spirit alive in each success story. The event in Canarsie was a testament to the enduring impact of Locksley's aspirations and the unwavering support of CLBF for the community.



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Someone Spectacular

By Bernard Carragher

In the summertime, Broadway seems crowded with musical fare. If you are looking for a play to see, you have to head off-Broadway.

Last week I saw a good one, *Someone Spectacular*, by Domenica Feraud at the Romulus Linney Courtyard Theater at the Pershing Square Signature Center, located at 480 West 42nd Street.

Feraud's topic is not exactly summer fare. It's about a young daughter dealing with the grief of her mother's death at age 51. At the matinee I attended, Feraud, who is also an actress, played the young daughter, Lily. She is trying to get over the bitterness she is feeling about her mother's demise. Lily hears about a local bereavement group made up of people who have lost family members. It's housed in a local office building in a bland conference room. The group assembled is made up of two men and four women, with their ages spanning from 22 to 56.

All are excellent actors. They are waiting around for their leader-guide



Bev to arrive. Bev never appears, but the group takes up her slack, and we get some truth about what these people have been through, like the losses of a mother, a sister, a wife and even one woman's miscarriage.

Feraud knows how to tell difficult stories in a diverting way. Her 2019 play, *Rinse, Repeat*, about a mother and her daughter's eating disorder recovery, won her a *New York Times* Critic's award. All the characters in *Someone Spectacular* want to get on with their lives and show courage and honesty and, finally, acceptance. Toward the end of the play, Feraud adds an ethereal touch -- sounds of voices and flashes of lighting effects -- creating an other-worldly effect to the drama's finale.

The production has been directed effortlessly by Tatiana Pandiani with particular attention to the actors' performances in this unusual and interesting drama, which has been extended until September 6th at the Signature Center.

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A Look Back at Canarsie's History – Part IV

After Season Dance Given by Volunteer Life Guards - 1932

Editor's Note:

A Canarsie native named Douglas Torborg, now living in Florida, mailed an original program for a dance that took place in Canarsie in 1932, and it is our honor to share this piece of history with our readers. The occasion was the "After Season Dance Given by Volunteer Life Guards of Canarsie Beach," and the event took place on October 1, 1932 at the Arcadia Inn at the Canarsie Shore.

Douglas tells us that his father, Harold, was the Secretary for the dance, and his brother, Albert, was the Crew Commodore. Harold was born in Canarsie in 1906 and lived there his entire life. He had polio and walked with a cane. Harold was nicknamed "Duck" because he was such a good swimmer. Duck was the manager of Heinrich's Bar and Restaurant, which was located at 135 Conklin Avenue until 1965.

A special thank you to Douglas Torborg for sharing this fascinating find with us, a 92-year-old pamphlet, which is in surprisingly good condition.

Ira Kluger, co-president of the Canarsie Historical Society, will be sharing historical facts about the advertisers in this pamphlet in a weekly column.

R.J. Lewis: Richard J. Lewis was both a real estate broker and a dealer in coal. Thus, I am surprised that only the coal business is mentioned in the advertisement. Prior to relocating to 9605 Glenwood Road, his office was located in a wooden building on Rockaway Parkway, which originally served as a train station. In the 1960s, the building was destroyed by a fire and was replaced by the brick building that currently serves as the station for the "L" subway line (Canarsie Line). Over time, in addition to R. J. Lewis, various real estate brokers including Valentine



Steuerwald, the well-known civic activist Frank Vaughn and the well-known Harkavy real estate firm occupied the old building. In 1921, when the building was occupied by the Harkavy real estate firm, the *Canarsie Courier* was established on that site, occupying a rented desk in the Harkavy office. In later years, the building was occupied by various entities, including a taxi service, Richard Nixon's presidential campaign office and possibly a driving school. I believe that the R. J. Lewis Real Estate agency is extant but is now located on Long Island.

Unfortunately, although I have been attempting to do so for many years, I have been unable to locate any information about the building at 9605 Glenwood Road.

Hans S. Wend: Hans S. Wend operated a German delicatessen on Avenue L. I find it surprising that the nature of his business is not stated in the advertisement. Although I believed that his first location was at 9507 Avenue L, I was never able to document this until the subject journal came to light. I believe that this store has been combined with several adjacent stores and is presently occupied by a Guyanese Chinese Restaurant.

Hans Wend later relocated to 9506 Avenue L, which was originally occupied by Frank Snell's barber shop and later by Louis Catalnotto's barber shop. Some older Canarsiens may remember this store as being occupied by the David Price Real Estate firm.

Hans Wend's delicatessen once again relocated to 9508 Avenue L, a smaller store that was once occupied by a barber shop and beauty salon that specialized in permanent waving. Although I have seen pictures of this store, I am unable to decipher the name on the beauty shop's sign. This store is presently occupied by Bonafide Opticians.

Hans Wend eventually sold the business, and it became known as Karl's Delicatessen. Following a major fire, Karl's Delicatessen relocated to the corner of Avenue L and East 92nd Street, occupying the former Canarsie Five and Ten Cent store.

I vaguely recall hearing or reading a story to the effect that Hans Wend was once accused of being a German spy. Unfortunately, I do not recall any of the details.

Neighborhood Pharmacy: This pharmacy was at one time known as Irving Rebarber's pharmacy. Irving Rebarber assumed the ownership of Alonzo F. Snelling's pharmacy at 1431 Rockaway Parkway and later relocated it to 1434 Rockaway Parkway. He maintained a second location at 1409 East 92nd Street. He later sold the Rockaway Parkway location to David Miller, who relocated it to 1432 Rockaway Parkway.

Regarding the East 92nd Street location, we do not know whether the Neighborhood Pharmacy occupied the store prior to or subsequent to Irving Rebarber's pharmacy. Subsequent to the closing of the pharmacy on East 92nd Street, the store was occupied by the well-known dry cleaner, Al Catty. (His surname was Cattobianco, but he shortened it to Catty.) He was involved in various charitable causes, was much loved by the community and unfortunately died at a relatively young age. Following the dry-cleaning establishment, the store was occupied by a succession of businesses, including a cactus company, a law office, a youth center, a beauty salon and a real estate brokerage, many of them short-lived. I do not know who or what currently occupies this storefront.

Ira Kluger
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National Night Out Against Crime Brings the Community Together

By Brenda Cox

On August 6th, police precincts across the city were forced to cancel their annual National Night Out Against Crime celebrations, due to violent rainstorms that dumped up to four inches of rain in many areas. But the 69th Precinct Community Council had a Plan B. A week later, on Thursday, August 15th, together with elected officials, clergy, community leaders and residents, they gathered behind the 69th Precinct, at 9720 Foster Avenue, for a belated celebration.

The weather was sunny and just ideal for outdoor dancing, barbecuing and kids frolicking. But first, there

were prayers "for this night that we could gather to say no to hate, to say no to crime, to say no to violence, but to welcome love." Following this, Community Council Vice President Melba Brown gave a reminder of how National Night Out came to be. The occasion was established in 1984 with funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August. Usually, police departments and communities come together peacefully, in a mutual show of unity, support, respect and community building.

In addition to NYPD, other anti-crime organizations such as Citywide Clergy



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Collective (C3), a group of Clergy funded by Mayor Eric Adams to combat gun violence in their communities, and East Flatbush Village Inc. (EFV) Anti Violence Initiative also participated in the event.

Brooklyn South Chief Charles McEvoy and Sashanna Wynter, executive officer of the 69th Precinct, commended the organizers and supporters of National Night Out. McEvoy noted, "It's great to see all the kids gathered together and having fun." He also acknowledged the auxiliary officers – the "sometimes forgotten heroes" who showed up in large numbers to support the event.

Gardy Brazela, president of the 69th Precinct Community Council, accepted a Citation conferred on the group by the NYS Senate and NYS Assembly. It stated in part, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Citations were also presented to 69th Precinct Officer Dennis Johnson (now retired) and Wayne Clarke, co-founder of My Time Inc.



Senator Roxanne Persaud, Chief Charles McEvoy, Captain Sashanna Wynter and Citywide Clergy Collective (C3) members at 69th Precinct National Night Out celebration.



Auxiliary Coordinator Dukens Riche (second from left) with Auxiliary team.



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Children playing and having fun at 69th Precinct National Night Out.



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TJ Club Meeting Has NY Leaders Sparring Over Migrant Crisis and Community Impact

By Robert Pearl

At the Thomas Jefferson Club (TJ Club) meeting on Thursday, August 15th, Ingrid Martin, chief advisor to Mayor Eric Adams, and Assemblywoman Jaime Williams engaged in a crucial discussion concerning the city's migrant crisis. The meeting, which was kicked off by Frank Seddio, included notable attendees such as State Senator Roxanne Persaud, former Councilman Alan Maisel, and Judges Sharen D. Hudson and Inga O'Neale.

District Leader, and Democrat party stalwart, Frank Seddio opened the meeting by defending the mayor, humorously remarking that Adams is often blamed for everything, joking that even a meteorite strike would be attributed to him. Martin, introduced by Seddio, spoke about her extensive experience working with Adams and her deep roots in Brooklyn, emphasizing

her critical role in managing some of the city's most pressing challenges.

Martin discussed the City Charter revisions, which will be on the ballot in the upcoming November election, including provisions related to public safety, sanitation and fiscal responsibility. She highlighted her work on sanitation improvements, including efforts to have sanitation trucks complete their pickups earlier in the morning to reduce traffic congestion. Martin also talked about the "City of Yes" housing initiative, which aims to support multi-generational families through the use of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), reassuring the audience that this would not lead to overdevelopment in residential neighborhoods. However, the community and its representatives have overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the City of Yes.

The meeting became contentious when the discussion shifted to the migrant crisis. Martin criticized the federal government for its failure to enact strong immigration policies, which she said had left New York City overwhelmed by over 217,000 migrants, with about 64,000 still under the city's care. She expressed frustration with the lack of federal financial support, noting that the city has received only a fraction of the funds necessary to manage the crisis.

"It [the federal government] has not given us any money, only one time of \$850 million secured by Senator Chuck Schumer, a drop in the bucket for \$1.4 billion spent – now estimated at \$5 billion and growing according to outside estimates," Martin said.

Williams entered the conversation, expressing her concerns about the placement of migrants at Floyd Bennett Field (FBF). While both Martin and Williams



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Ingrid Martin, chief advisor to Mayor Eric Adams; pictured with State Senator Roxanne Persaud and District Leader Frank Seddio.

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agreed that the federal government was primarily to blame for the crisis, Williams argued that the mayor should do more to prevent the flooding of local communities with migrants.

"The problem is when you want to take away the rights from the law-abiding citizens, and provide for the migrants before our people," Williams said to a smattering of applause, and many attendees nodding their head in agreement. Many of the questions from residents were centered around public safety and where to put the migrants.

She pointed out that FBF is an unsuitable location due to its lack of infrastructure and its position in a flood zone, making it an inhumane option for housing migrants. Williams also raised concerns about the impact on local communities, where residents are

reportedly scared and deeply concerned about their presence, panhandling and door-knocking, creating a sense of unease among the public.

The assemblywoman emphasized that the responsibility for the crisis should be spread across the state, rather than being concentrated in New York City, and argued that the state should open up other areas to accommodate migrants, rather than overwhelming the five boroughs. She also highlighted the need to address the concerns of local residents, particularly those who feel unsafe due to the large numbers of migrants in their neighborhoods.

After Martin departed, Williams delivered a stern warning to the attendees, urging them to "open your eyes" to the reality of the situation. She criticized the city's focus on accommodating migrants while neglecting other vulnerable populations, such as homeless veterans and those with mental health

issues. Williams called for a more balanced approach, arguing that the city should prioritize the needs of its residents and taxpaying citizens.

State Senator Roxanne Persaud also spoke at the meeting, echoing the need for stronger immigration policies but urging compassion for migrants. She emphasized the importance of Christian values such as love, charity and caring for fellow human beings, defending day laborers in need of work. She acknowledged the challenges posed by the migrant crisis but argued that it is essential to treat all people with dignity and respect.

The TJ Club meeting underscored the deep divisions among city leaders and residents over how to address the migrant crisis. While there was consensus on the failure of the federal government, there were sharp disagreements over the local handling of the situation and the impact on the city's communities.



Assemblywoman Jaime Williams spars with Ingrid Martin over the migrant crisis.

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Rumors of Migrant Shelter at New Brooklyn Hotel Stir Community Concerns

By Robert Pearl

The development of a new Ramada Inn at 2249 Nostrand Avenue, between Avenues H and I, has sparked a wave of community concern amid circulating rumors that the hotel may be converted into a migrant shelter. These rumors, though largely discredited by officials, have created significant unrest among residents, triggering debate within the community. Despite denials from multiple official sources, anxieties have prompted a deeper investigation into the matter. In recent weeks, rumors have circulated about the new hotel under construction.

The property, located at 2251 Nostrand Avenue and connected to 2249 Nostrand Avenue, was sold in July 2020 for \$6.15 million. The buyer, Ratanji Hotels, represented by Mahesh Ratanji, acquired the 28,000-square-foot development site with plans to establish a hotel. Ratanji Hotels is known for its involvement in several other New York City hotel projects, including the Days Inn by Wyndham in Long Island City and the Ramada by Wyndham Bronx Terminal.

Community board and officials responded to these rumors. Despite the escalating concerns, Brooklyn Community Board 14, where the hotel will be located, has confirmed that there are no current plans for a migrant shelter at the site. The board's chairperson stated, "Brooklyn CB14 did not speak with the hotel and the developer, but we reached out to numerous agencies, and as of this moment, those agencies confirmed that there are no plans for a shelter at 2249 Nostrand Avenue."

Local elected officials echoed these assurances. According to Daniel Heredia, Legislative and Communications Liaison from Councilwoman Farah Louis' office, noted, "The rumor was spread by a community member affiliated with the Bensonhurst shelter. There are no credible plans that this is going to be a shelter. The Mayor's office has confirmed that they are not entering into any agreements for a shelter on this site."

A pattern of mistrust has become prevalent among the residents, and groups advocating against hotels being used for migrants, emphasizing the need to take care of citizens first, including our homeless and veterans. While these official statements have helped to alleviate some concerns, local community groups, such as New Yorkers First and the STOP FLOYD BENNETT FIELD ILLEGAL MIGRANTS Facebook group, continue to monitor the situation closely. Their skepticism is fueled by past instances in which city officials have seemingly downplayed or denied plans for shelters, only for those projects to materialize later.

Despite these reassurances, community members remain skeptical. Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa, the outspoken leader of the Guardian Angels and a frequent critic of the city's migrant policies, has voiced concerns about the potential for a shelter in the area. Sliwa, known for his controversial yet often accurate predictions, told the *Canarsie Courier*, "The mayor himself is on record saying that New Yorkers can expect a shelter in every neighborhood due to the influx of migrants to the five boroughs. The community needs to be proactive because, by the time the shelters are announced, it's often too late to resist."

Sliwa highlighted a pattern of what he describes as "bait and switch" tactics by the city, where properties are initially proposed for different uses—such as housing for veterans or seniors—only to be converted into migrant shelters later. He pointed to similar situations in other parts of the city, such as the Roosevelt Hotel in Manhattan and various boutique hotels in Long Island City, which were ultimately converted into shelters despite initial assurances to the contrary.

Many folks have gone further to find the nexus to

all these hotels popping up across the city, in efforts to uncover the developer's role here. The involvement of Ratanji Hotels and its owner has also drawn scrutiny. Ratanji Hotels is linked to several other hotel developments across the city, some of which have been the subject of speculation regarding potential shelter use. While there is no direct evidence linking Ratanji Hotels to any shelter agreements at the Nostrand Avenue site, the company's broader portfolio and the frequent use of hotels for migrant housing have fueled suspicions.

Sliwa further speculated that absentee landlords and property developers, who do not live in the communities where their properties are located, might be incentivized to accept city contracts for shelters. He warned, "The city will double their dollars, give them a lease

for a year with a potential renewal—guaranteed money, whether every room is filled or not."

As the situation develops, the community remains on edge, caught between official denials and the fear of a shelter being established without adequate notice or consultation. While no plans for a migrant shelter at the new Ramada Inn have been confirmed, the persistence of these rumors reflects broader anxieties about the city's handling of the ongoing migrant crisis and the transparency of its plans.

Residents are urged to stay informed and involved, as local officials continue to monitor the situation. Community Board 14 has pledged to listen to concerns as they arise and to keep the public updated on any developments.

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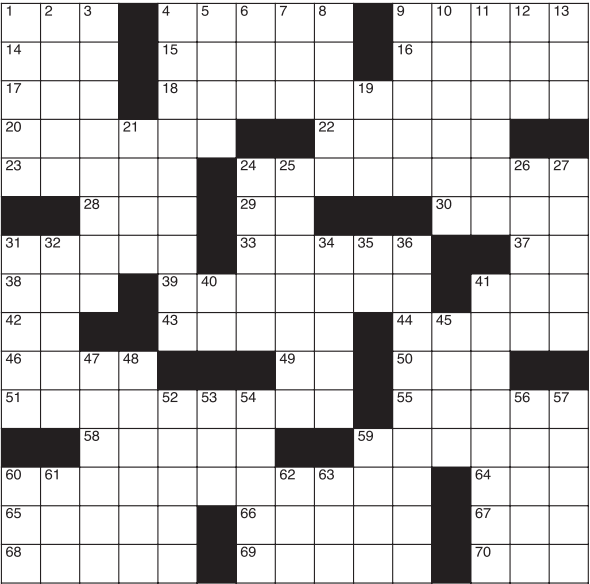
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18. Popular Philly sandwich

20. Northern Ireland county

22. Performing artist

23. S S S

24. Lacks flavor

28. Commercials

29. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

30. Qatar's capital

31. Indigenous peoples of Alberta

33. Popular footwear

37. Indicates position
38. Anglican cathedral

39. Aircraft part

41. Before

42. Blood group

43. Secretary organ

44. Fencing swords

46. The small projection of a mammary gland

49. Technological advancement

50. Male parent

51. Dissociable

55. More cold

58. Cape Verde Islands capital

59. Blood disorder

60. Creative

64. Sun up in New York

65. Made angry

66. Relieves

67. Brooklyn hoopster

68. Seasonings

69. Movable barriers

70. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Occur as a result of

2. Spiritual essences

3. Representative

4. Entering

5. Nobel Prize-winning physicist

6. Midway between northeast and east

7. Consumed

8. Tablelands

9. Kids' craft accessory

10. Not known

11. Sound directed through two or more speakers

12. A major division of geological time

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35. One hundredth of a liter

36. Shabbiness

40. TV personality Roker

41. Triangular upper part of a building

45. Speed at which you move

47. Offend

48. A reference point to shoot at

52. Forays

53. Biblical city

54. Blatted

56. Northern sea duck

57. Shabby (slang)

59. Allege

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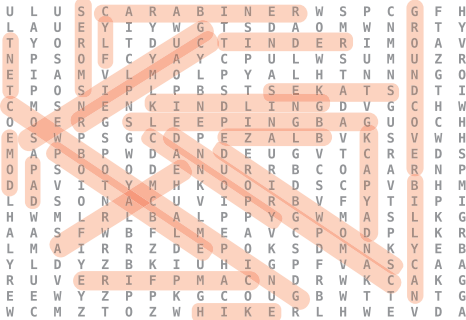
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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to camping.

HITPC



Answer: Pitch

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to camping.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 9 = T)

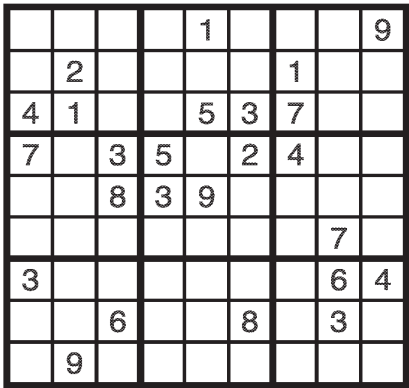
- A. 9 6 7 9
Clue: Camping shelter

B. 8 24 23 2 9 5 24 7
Clue: Spot on map

C. 1 6 2 14
Clue: Equipment

D. 24 13 6 14 7 5 1 3 9
Clue: Lasting one evening

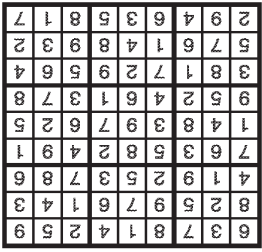
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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