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Honoring Black History

By Jibreel Jalloh

Each February, we celebrate Black History Month, a time to reflect on the resilience, achievements and contributions of Black Americans. But this month is more than just a look at the past — it's a call to action for our present and future.

For Canarsie, a neighborhood rich with Black culture and history, this month holds special significance. We are a community built on the labor and legacy of those who came before us — those who fought for civil rights, equity and opportunities for future generations. From grassroots activists to educators, from local business owners to community leaders, Black history is being made here every single day.

While we honor the giants — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Shirley Chisholm — we must also uplift the unsung heroes of Canarsie who continue this work. Those who advocate for public safety, who empower youth through mentorship, who fight for environmental justice and who ensure that marginalized voices are heard in policy discussions. The struggle for equity is not confined to the past; it is an ongoing movement that we all play a role in shaping.

It's easy to relegate Black history to textbooks and documentaries, but the truth is, we are making history in real time. Right here in Canarsie, we've seen community-led efforts secure funding for gun violence prevention, fight for transit equity and advocate for better mental health resources. These victories are our Black history in action — proof that grassroots power, civic engagement and community organizing are forces of change.



Black history is not just about recognizing past struggles but about leveraging that knowledge to demand better for our future. How can we ensure that Black voices continue to shape Canarsie's policies and development? How do we create more pathways for young Black leaders to thrive? These are questions we must answer, not just in February, but all year long.

Honoring Black history means supporting Black futures. It means investing in Black-led organizations, patronizing Black-owned businesses and strengthening the institutions that serve our communities. That includes supporting local Black-owned businesses and nonprofits, which play a vital role in economic empowerment and social change. It also means staying informed — shout-out to those who read and support the *Canarsie Courier* and other local news sources that keep us connected and engaged

with what's happening in our community.

As we celebrate this month, let's not just reflect — let's act. Black history is alive in Canarsie, and it's up to us to make sure it continues to be written in ways that honor our past and build a stronger future.

Jibreel Jalloh is an award-winning organizer with experience working at the highest levels of government. He is the Founder and Executive Director of The Flossy Organization, a nonprofit dedicated to closing the advocacy gap through education and activism. Over the past few years, they have worked to end gun violence, increase transit options and secure investments in local green spaces. Jibreel recently won the prestigious Obama Foundation Scholar award at Columbia University. You can learn more at theflossy.org and follow @theflossyorg.

Letter To The Editor

Please Help a Third-Grade Student from VA with her School Project!

Dear People of the Great State of New York:

Hello! I am a third-grade student in Northern Virginia. Our class is learning about the United States, and I will be teaching our school about the state of New York. In late May, I will create a display for our State Fair that I hope will make you proud.

Although I have gathered facts about your state from books and websites, I think that I can receive the best information from the people who live there. This is why I am writing to you. I am hoping that you would be willing to send me some items to help me learn

more about the best things in your state. You might consider sending items such as postcards, pictures, souvenirs, this newspaper article or any other unique items that would be useful or show your state's pride. Here are a few questions:

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- How do you make money?/What is your job?
- What does your state look like?
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does your state have?

- What type of music is native to your state?
- Do you have a state athletic team?

What geographic features are unique to your state?

I will need to gather all of my information by the second week of May. You can mail items to the address below. I really appreciate your help!

Sincerely,
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East Flatbush

Man Stabbed Inside Deli

By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

When a 30-year-old man intervened in a dispute between two individuals inside a deli, he was stabbed multiple times.

The incident took place around 5:20 a.m. on Friday, February 7th, at the Church Ave. Mini Mart, at 3013 Church Avenue, between Nostrand Avenue and East 31st Street, within the confines of the 67th Precinct.

Police said the 30-year-old was stabbed in the face, chest and left arm by one of the individuals involved in the dispute. The victim was taken by EMS to Kings

County Hospital in stable condition.

No arrests have been made, 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.

Photos by Baqir Ahmad



Firefighters Quickly Knock Down Apartment Fire



By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters took down an apartment fire at 1177 East 98th Street, near Avenue J, on Tuesday, February 4th.

Units responded to heavy smoke coming from a second floor apartment around 4:35 p.m. Members also broke windows to ventilate the heavy smoke conditions. About 60 firefighters used two hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. There were no reported injuries, and the blaze was placed under control at 5 p.m.

Sheepshead Bay

Two Alarm Fire Breaks out in Restaurant

By Lloyd Mitchell

Over 100 firefighters worked a two alarm fire at Kavkazkiy Dvorik, a restaurant in Sheepshead Bay, on Monday, February 10th.

Members arrived at 2715 Avenue U around 12:45 p.m., where they found heavy smoke showing from the rear of the two-story, mixed-use building.

The fire was located in the ductwork of the building, and firefighters had to cut several holes in the roof. Over 100 firefighters used four hose lines to battle the blaze. Searches throughout the building were negative.

The fire is under investigation by the FDNY Fire Marshal's office.



East New York

Firefighters Contain Bus Fire



By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters from Engine Company 290 and Ladder 103 extinguished a minibus fire near Flatlands and Louisiana Avenues on Wednesday, February 5th.

Upon arrival, units found the bus, parked and unoccupied, ablaze around 1:15 p.m. Members quickly deployed one hose line to knock down the main body of fire. It's believed that the bus has been parked at that location for a while. The fire did not seem to be of a suspicious nature, but the cause is under investigation.

Flatlands

Firefighters Douse Flames at Troy Avenue House Fire

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters quickly knocked out a house fire at 1787 Troy Avenue on Friday evening, February 7th.

Engine Company 255 and Tower Ladder 157 arrived to find heavy smoke coming from the first floor of the two-story, flat roof private residence, located between Avenues I and J, around 8:10 p.m. About 60 firefighters from 12 units used two hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. There were no injuries, and the fire was placed under control at 8:55 p.m.

The FDNY Fire Marshal's office will determine the cause and origin of the blaze.



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P. S. 115 Art Showcase on the Bridge

By Brenda Cox

The second-floor walkway of P. S. 115 The Daniel Mucatel School, at 1500 East 92nd Street, was transformed into a gallery where works of art created by the school's 5th-graders were put on show for parents, staff and other students to enjoy.

At the "unveiling," which occurred on Monday, February 3rd, various genres of art were exhibited. The masterpieces were displayed on the bright red ledges and also in the adjacent showcases that adorn the walls. One displayed paintings of abstract expressions that conveyed various emotions such as angry, calm, happy, sad, wild and crazy cool.

In another were the students' cave art hand paintings that mimicked those fashioned by prehistoric Argentinians. A third showcase exhibited their Huichol yarn paintings, a pattern that is indigenous to

Mexican culture. There was also a collection of clay pottery that included unique bowls and other objects.

Each craft told a special story and reflected the students' use of the common elements of art -- space, shape, line, color, texture, value and form -- which they learned during the months they worked on their pieces.

Julia Magid, the school's art instructor, told the Canarsie Courier, "The semester was focused on how our students could use the tools of art to express themselves through art-making."

"A lot of the projects were abstract in order to take the pressure of making something realistic off of them, so they could really focus on finding their own voice, putting their feelings into their work and really sharing who they are with their classmates," Magid added.



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Georgetown

Biggest Ever Valentine's Day Display at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays

By Amanda Salazar

A giant wicker candy basket sits on the main lawn, overflowing with jumbo pieces of candy. Colorful light-up flowers popping up out of the soil in front of real bushes. And a massive "L-O-V-E" sign created out of PVC pipes and string lights.

This is what the Valentine's Day display looks like at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays, a private home in Georgetown that creates magical holiday displays for every major holiday.

But, this year, there are more decorations than ever before for this holiday, including many handmade pieces created by the mastermind behind the display, Austin Ferrazzano, the 23-year-old resident of the home.

"It's always a labor of love — and no pun intended there," he said. "It's become a habit, both for me to do it and for the neighborhood to come appreciate it."

This year, the left side of the lawn is incorporated into the design with a love letter scene that is made up of 15 hand-cut, hand-painted and hand-lettered envelopes, each with a unique design. The idea came from former First Lady Jill Biden's 2024 Valentine's Day decorations on the White House lawn.

Back on the center lawn is a new gnome kissing booth, something Ferrazzano said he'd been thinking of making for a long time. A pink clad garden gnome sits atop the tabletop of the wooden booth, waiting for a customer, flanked by pink tinsel on each side.

Moving farther right, the home's bay window is decked out in Valentine's décor for the first time. Three animatronic people spread messages of love, surrounded by candy hearts.

Additionally, a white Christzas tree was donated to Ferrazzano by a neighbor. Being that his annual Christmas display is already chock-full of decorations, he decided to repurpose it for other holidays, with it currently decorated with red hearts on the main lawn.

"If I could spread the love of this holiday and make people feel the true meaning behind what Valentine's Day is, then I think those cold days and stressful evenings of hand-painting and lettering, all the stuff that goes into this, it just makes it worth doing," he said.

The Valentine's Day display will be up at 1102 East 72nd Street through Sunday, February 16th, and will be lit every night from 6 to 10 p.m. The next display, for St. Patrick's Day, will be up in early March.



Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays decorates for all major holidays.



Love letters abound on the left lawn.

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A little gnome mans his kissing booth.



The decor travels up the front exterior of the house.

Marine Park Alliance Executive Director Testifies at City Council Hearing

By Amanda Salazar

The New York City Council’s Parks and Recreation Committee and Fire and Emergency Management Committee held a hearing about wildfires, at which Marine Park Alliance Executive Director Scott Middleton testified about southeast Brooklyn’s brush fires this past fall.

The Thursday, January 30th hearing addressed the 271 formal wildfires citywide this past season and was led by Parks Committee Chair Shekar Krishnan of central Queens and Fire Committee Chair Joann Ariola of southern Queens.

The aim of the meeting was to explore ideas to prevent and address wildfires this coming year, especially in times of drought, a large factor in the recent fires.

“Shockingly, the idea that wildfires can occur in our backyard is no longer a foreign concept, but an actual lived experience for many in the city and the extended region,” Krishnan said. “But now we are faced with having to find solutions to a new and increasingly urgent challenge.”

The key point of the meeting was the discussion of a preconsidered wildfire bill, sponsored by Krishnan. The bill would require NYC Parks, in consultation with the FDNY, to develop a specific plan that would mitigate the occurrences of wildfires in parks; improve enforcement against activities in parks that start fires; and analyze how to better prevent and quickly contain brush fires, to increase response times, to increase fire prevention training for city workers and to conduct better surveillance over fire prone areas of parkland.

Middleton spoke during the public testimony part of the meeting about the rash of small fires that had occurred throughout the salt marsh and golf course sections of Marine Park (see “Salt Marsh Fires and a Pickleball Death Discussed at Mill Basin Civic,” Canarsie Courier, November 21, 2024).

He explained that much of marsh’s uplands have been colonized by invasive mugwort and phragmites that become very flammable when dry, like during a drought. After small fires started in these phragmites, the wind spread them throughout the native plants in the park’s coastal forests, resulting in individual burns of up to six acres from October through Thanksgiving.

“Our efforts aim to curb future fires and vandalism by demonstrating positive, community stewardship of natural areas in response to a high-profile crisis for NYC Parks, and we are strongly supportive of efforts to restore the budget so that Natural Areas expert technicians can return to Brooklyn’s largest park,” Middleton said.

FDNY Chief of Department John Esposito also spoke at the hearing. He pointed out that October to November 2023 saw 120 brush fires, as compared to 500 brush fires in October to November 2024.

Esposito said the FDNY has been using innovative methods to handle the recent fires, including fire boats that draft water from bodies of water like rivers and drones that provide real-time information on fires and preventatively identify fire risk locations.

“We were fortunate to avoid any loss of life or any residential or commercial property damage, but these fires destroyed parkland and endangered the firefighters who responded to them,” he said. “We cannot afford to underestimate the threat of brush fires and the possibility they could become more dangerous for people and property in the future.”



The Marine Park Salt Marsh was the site of many brush fires in fall 2024.



Marine Park Alliance Executive Director Scott Middleton speaking at the January 20th hearing. Photo Credit: New York City Council.

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NPS Ranger Tells the Story of Jacob Riis – with a Surprise Ending of his Own

By Loretta Chin



On Sunday, February 2nd, visitors convened at the Ryan Visitor Center in Floyd Bennett Field to enjoy a National Park Service (NPS) ranger presentation about the life and career of photojournalist, park advocate and social reformer, Jacob Riis, and how he came to have one of the most visited parks within Gateway National Recreation Area named in his honor.

“Most useful citizen, that’s a heck of a nickname, isn’t it?” said NPS Ranger Lincoln Hallowell of Theodore Roosevelt’s nickname for Jacob Riis, for whom Jacob Riis Park is named.

He said that Riis would write about immigrants and the problems that people were having when he and his family arrived in New York from Denmark in 1849. Riis later worked for the New York Sun as a journalist and eventually bought a house in Richmond Hill, Queens.

After the event, Park Ranger Joene Boyle, Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy Executive Director Terri Carta, Park Ranger Lincoln Hallowell, Breezy Point residents, Jacqueline Chou and Park Ranger Zach Bailey gather for a photo.

Hallowell painted a picture of the immigration experience from the mid- to late-19th century in New York from a historical perspective and through images portrayed in slides of Riis’ photographs.

The photos depicted the squalid living conditions in crowded tenements that accommodated the large influx of immigrants arriving in droves at that time. Many found lodging in places like the basement of a bar, backyard tenement shacks and in free police lodging houses with inhumane and filthy conditions for people who had nowhere else to go; Riis even stayed there for a while when he couldn’t find a job.

Other pictures were of sweatshop workers, suffocating conditions within the tenements where children would work at night on garments brought home from work, children in street gangs and other destitute living conditions in the tenements and on the streets.

“His photos captured the essence of the reality of the times,” Hallowell said.

Riis used the photos in a book he authored, titled, *How the Other Half Lives* (1890), aimed at upper tier New Yorkers to expose them to the horrendous living conditions of immigrants in the slums of New York.

It got the attention of then Police Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt who went with Riis at night to witness what went on in police lodging houses and in raids on illegal gambling dens to get ideas about how to reform the police department.

Another of Riis’ books, *The Battle With the Slum* (1902), influenced rich real estate investors and architects to design and build new housing that would include more windows and a shared park in the booming construction era as immigrants spread out across the city.

“One of the things that Riis was quoted as saying was that ‘the children must have a place to play,’” Hallowell said. This led to the construction of Columbus Park in Chinatown, New York and a stretch of beach in Rockaway that became known as Seaside Park in 1914, the year Riis passed away.

In 1932, the Jacob Riis Park Bathing Pavilion was erected by the City of New York for the recreation of its citizens.

“This was one of Riis’ pet projects so that the people of the city would have a place to go where they could get to the ocean, go for a swim, not have to worry about all the tawdriness of Coney Island and actually engage in healthy activity in the summer by the ocean,” Hallowell said.

Today, Jacob Riis Park is a popular beach and recreational destination in the Rockaways in Queens. It is part of the Gateway National Recreational Area, which also encompasses shoreline recreation areas across Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and New Jersey.

Visitors thanked Hallowell, who led the History Program at Floyd Bennett Field for 25 years, for the enjoyable and informative presentation.

The Canarsie Courier asked him about future talks and many were surprised to learn from his reply that upcoming presentations might have to be discontinued because he, along with other federal employees, was given a notice by email on January 28th by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) under the direction of the Trump Administration that may jeopardize future programming.

The email, posted on the OPM website, asked federal workers to either choose to resign by February 6th and get paid through September or remain under a stringent reformed federal workforce with a focus on merit, performance culture, a streamlined and flexible workforce, and enhanced standards of conduct, leaving many federal employees uncertain about future job security. Hallowell was eligible for retirement but had not planned on retiring at the time of the announcement.

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Sixty-Ninth Precinct Community Affairs Jazz it up at Annual Valentines Day Celebration

By Brenda Cox

The cold weather and forecast of impending snowfall did nothing to dampen the spirits of, or in any way, dissuade the older adults in the community from attending the 3rd Annual Valentine's Day celebration hosted by the 69th Precinct's Community Affairs Unit.

Community Affairs Officers Samuel Maria and Nicole Rostant got a jump on this year's celebration, by hosting the annual shindig one week early, on Saturday, February 8th. They decorated the gymnasium at Holy Family Ascend, 9719 Flatlands Avenue, in delicate hues of pink and white with just a wisp of purple – enough to create the perfect ambience for a very entertaining evening.

The event, which is an appreciation dinner for the community, opened with a prayer by Reverend Gesner Sagesse. "Tonight, we come before You with grateful hearts to thank You for the gift of love that You show us through Your Son, Jesus Christ," he prayed. "Thank you for giving us the opportunity to join together on this special night to celebrate love on Valentine's Day."

Sagesse also gave thanks for Maria and Rostant, as well as the community and "the love that we all share."

State Senator Roxanne Persaud (SD 19), Assemblywomen Jaime Williams (AD 59) and Monique Chandler-Waterman (AD 58), Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse (D 46) and Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow were all in attendance and gave brief remarks regarding community and love.

The officers recognized the 69th Precinct Community Council for their contributions to the community. Rostant presented Council President Gardy Brazela with a beautiful crystal plaque with an engraving that read, "This award is in recognition for your ongoing commitment and dedicated service to the community of Canarsie."

With a DJ, steelpan player and live brass band, there was no lack of musical entertainment. The performance of the NYPD Jazz Band was superb and the renditions of "oldies but goodies" really resonated with the guests who, it seemed, couldn't get enough. They danced and sang along with the band members who took them on trip after trip down memory lane.

A delectable, lavish dinner, blessed by The Very Rev. Edward Kane, was served, followed by an assortment of sumptuous desserts.

The evening ended with a raffle from which winners received attractive prizes. Additionally, there were giveaways of several bags stuffed with goodies.

One guest commented, "Next year can't come soon enough."



Officer Rostant draws a raffle.



69th Precinct Community Council President Gardy Brazela (center) poses with members, elected officials and officers.

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P.S. 115 Family Paint Night

On Friday, January 31st, P.S. 115 The Daniel Mucatel School, at 1500 East 92nd Street, hosted a Family Paint Night where students, families and friends had an amazing, creative evening.

Everyone followed along as Julia Magid, the school's art teacher, guided the students step-by-step to make a painting of a hibernating bear. The bear painting was inspired by the imaginative storytelling in the second grade art

classroom where the students invented a story about an art bear. Everyone was encouraged to add their own creative style to the painting, and the results were an amazing variety of colorful masterpieces.

It was a great way to spend time together, get creative and have a blast as a school community!

Courtesy of Julia Magid, Art Teacher at P.S. 115



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P.S./I.S. 66 Puts the 'Lit' in Literacy

On Monday, January 27th, P.S./I.S. 66 hosted its annual *Lit in Literacy* Night, bringing together families, students and staff for an evening filled with engaging activities to celebrate literacy. The event, which ran from 6 to 7:30 p.m., offered a variety of interactive experiences designed to foster a love for reading and learning, while also providing valuable resources for families to continue supporting literacy at home.

The night featured a range of exciting activities including *Art is Lit*, led by Ms. Paul and Ms. Sudler, where students combined their love for art with literature, and *Poetry Cafe* with Ms. O'Brien, where families shared and enjoyed poetry. *Let's Talk Lit!* hosted by Ms. Antoine, invited participants to discuss their favorite books, while *Scavenger Hunt* with Ms. Williams and Ms. Foucault challenged families to solve literary clues.

Other highlights included *Make a Bookmark* with Ms. Krieger and Ms. Nocco, where students created their own personalized bookmarks, and *What Great Readers Do!* led by Ms. Villavicencio and Ms. Demchak, to showcase effective reading strategies. *Engage your Reader!* hosted by Ms. Spielberg, provided parents with tips to encourage reading at home, while *Science Magic* with Dr. Malasarte blended literature and science for an educational hands-on experience.

A standout feature of the evening was the district literacy panel, where families had the opportunity to hear directly from P.S./I.S. 66 staff, as well as District 18 representatives, including Valerie Paul from the District Office. The panel discussed strategies for fostering literacy at home and highlighted the importance of reading in student success.

Additionally, the Brooklyn Public Library was on-site to register families for library cards, ensuring that all students have access to the wealth of resources available to them.

Principal Krystle Charlemagne expressed her enthusiasm, saying, "It was inspiring to see our community come together for *Lit in Literacy* Night. From the interactive activities to the insightful panel discussion, the event truly reflected our commitment to making literacy an exciting and essential part of every student's life."

P.S./I.S. 66 remains dedicated to providing enriching opportunities that support literacy and foster a love for learning, preparing students for success in the classroom and beyond.

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First Anniversary of the Little Free Library

On Wednesday, January 29th, at 6:30 p.m., we gathered outside the Sylk Cove Lounge, at 1370 Rockaway Parkway, to celebrate the first anniversary of the Little Free Library, which was launched last January.

It was built by Girl Scout Naomi B. from the P. S. 276 Girl Scouts. We are truly grateful to them for providing us with this wonderful resource, which has played a key role in supporting our efforts to improve literacy in the community. We aim to inspire young people to develop a love for reading.

In recent years, we have seen a decrease in reading levels among schoolchildren, which made us determined to bring change. We are always looking for new ways to include literacy in our events and make educational resources available to everyone, especially since the Canarsie Library will be closing in the spring. Our goal is to improve reading skills and encourage a love of learning beyond the classroom.

The Little Free Library is available 24/7, providing free books with a weekly restock. We have seen people come from all over to receive a book or give a book back to the community. For our celebration, we provided light refreshments, CMA bags, and connected with families and individuals. Jathea J., who has performed at our holiday events in the past, and her

family donated books to the library. She emphasized the importance of donating books instead of throwing them away. As we continue to build the Little Free Library, we are currently searching for a name for it.

We would like to thank the Hebrew Educational Society, P. S. 276 Girl Scouts, Brooklyn Book Bodega, Canarsie Community Development Inc., Acts of Random Kindness and Hands of Excellence for their generous donation of books and their support.

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A Wonderful World — The Louis Armstrong Musical

By Bernard Carragher

The Louis Armstrong Musical is playing at Studio 54 on Broadway until February 23rd. Armstrong (1901-1971) lived a life that overflowed with hardships but also met with a lot of luck.

He was a self-taught exponent of American jazz, a nightclub performer and familiar face on TV and in movies. “Satchmo,” (also “Satch” and “Pops”) as he was affectionately known, made his trumpet soar at home and abroad. Many admirers, including the great James Agee, have described him as a musical genius. So, here’s the question: How do you make a two-act musical that does justice to all that talent?

Originally, the idea was to focus on Armstrong’s four wives, but when Andrew Delaplaine died in 2023, *A Wonderful World* got a rewrite with a new book by Auren Squire and a collaborator, Renee Delaplaine Rodgers, and the focus shifted to Armstrong himself.

One of the show’s producers found just the right man to play Armstrong: James Monroe Iglehart, best remembered for his Tony-winning performance as Ge-

nie in *Disney’s Aladdin*. Iglehart captures Armstrong’s physicality, his wide smile and his rolling eyes when he hits that note just right. He even lowers his natural baritone a few decibels to capture his signature gravelly sound, especially in three of his most popular songs – “Kiss of Fire,” “It Don’t Mean a Thing” and Irving Berlin’s “Cheek to Cheek,” three of the 18 songs in his nightly repertory.

The singers/actresses who play his four wives were all first class and have solos or duo musical numbers. First is Daisy Parker (Dionne Figgins) a local prostitute who becomes Armstrong’s first wife. The second is “Lil” (Jennie Harney-Fleming), a Chicago-based jazz expert. Next was a Hollywood beauty movie star, Alpha Smith (Kim Exum), and the last, Lucille Wilson, the clever one who rescues him when trouble comes calling – played by the superb Darlesia Cearcy. From the poverty row of New Orleans to the high society of Ol’ Blue Eyes, Armstrong saw it all firsthand.

It was quite an entertaining ride, as it is for the audience at Studio 54.

See *A Wonderful World — The Louis Armstrong Musical* at Studio 54, located at 254 West 54th Street. Visit louisarmstrongmusical.com for more information.

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A nonprofit organization in Westchester County, NY is seeking sealed bids for the sale and installation of security related enhancements. This project includes the installation of Access control and related equipment, open door notifications, anti ramming barriers, security booths, blast resistant windows and film, door hardening, CCTV and security training.

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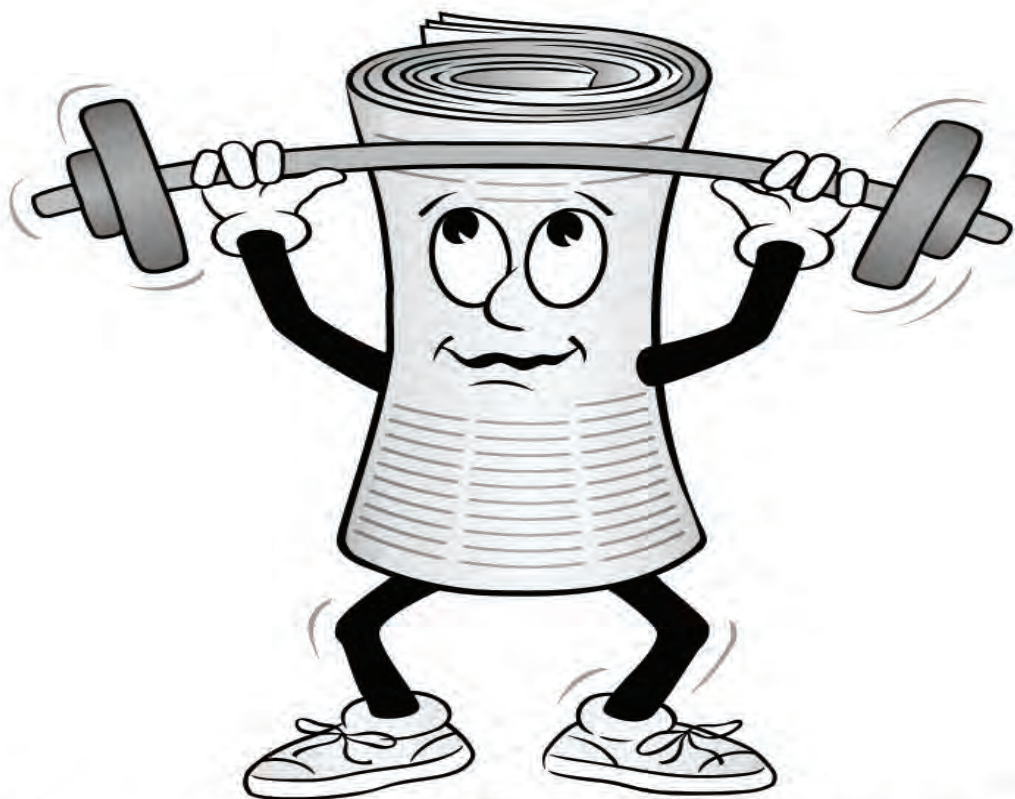
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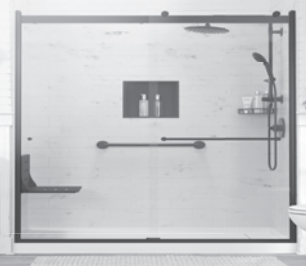
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