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Women in Canarsie are Holding it Down, But at What Cost?

By Branda Ayo

When Mercedes Narcisse was elected to represent Brooklyn's 46th Council District in 2021, she was continuing a legacy of community leadership in Canarsie. A registered nurse, small business owner and community advocate, Narcisse's career has been built on service, a trait that defines many women throughout the world. Women here have always looked out for their families, their neighbors and their community. Like so many women in Canarsie, her work has centered around care and community, roles that often land on women's shoulders when support systems fail. With rising costs and economic strain, it's even more important to support the work that they do.

Women in our neighborhood have long been the backbone of our families and local economy. According to the New York City Comptroller's 2024 report on the state of the city's economy, the number of single-parent households

declined by 17.4% between 2020 and 2023, but this shift does not necessarily reflect improved economic security. Rising costs, stagnant wages and limited access to affordable childcare continue to create challenges for working women.

At the same time, the labor force participation rate among women in NYC increased from 52.8% in 2019 to 56.0% in 2024, according to the same report. This means more women are entering the workforce despite economic pressures. However, many of these jobs, particularly in healthcare and social assistance, which account for more than half of the city's job growth since 2019, continue to pay significantly less than other industries. Women remain the ones holding everything together, balancing work, childcare and household responsibilities, often without the support they need. And now, rising costs are making that balance even more difficult to sustain. Groceries, rent and everyday expenses continue to rise, making it harder for families to keep up.

For working mothers, these financial pressures add another layer of stress, forcing them to juggle rising costs, work and caregiving with little relief in sight. If we want to truly uplift the women who have always held this community together, we must focus on economic empowerment, affordable childcare and community support, essentials that allow women to thrive, not just get by. Canarsie has always been a place of resilience, but resilience alone isn't enough. It's time to take action, to ensure the women who have long cared for this community are seen, supported and given the resources they deserve.

This Women's History Month, let's move beyond celebration and work toward real, lasting change.

Branda Ayo is a Brooklyn-based freelance writer and content creator who has been volunteering with The Flossy Organization since 2021 as a core member of the team.

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Letter To The Editor

Looking for Info on a Centuries-old Canarsie Business

Dear Editor:

I would like to know whether any of your readers have any knowledge regarding Boch's, which was a bar, possibly with an attached beer garden. It was recently mentioned in a comment on Facebook and is believed to have been located somewhere on East 92nd Street. It may have been located closer to the Canarsie shore, where many hotels, saloons and beer gardens existed. I am trying to ascertain the exact location and any other information pertaining to it that anyone may be able to provide.

It possibly existed during the pre-Prohibition era. I have searched Newspapers.com and cannot find any reference to it, such as the legal notice that was required to be published when a beer or a wine and liquor license was issued, nor do I recall any reference to it ever having appeared in John Denton's local history column.

Thank you for publicizing this inquiry.

Sincerely, Ira M. Kluger President & CEO Canarsie Historical Society

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Flatlands

Parents Charged in Death of 4-Year-Old Son, Fentanyl Exposure Possible Cause

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

and charged in his mysterious death on Tuesday, March 4th, and possible exposure to fentanyl is not being ruled out.

The family lives at the Women in Need Shelter at 4612 Glenwood Road.

Police responded to the family shelter around 8:10 a.m. in response to a 911 call and were informed that the boy, Aron Sklar, had a medical episode and had been taken by EMS to Maimonides Medical Center in critical condition. EMS administered Narcan, but the boy was unresponsive and later pronounced dead at the hospital.

The following day, March 5th, Miriam Elkay-The parents of a 4-year-old boy were arrested am, 26, and Yitzchok Sklar, 32, the boy's parents, were arrested and charged with abandonment of a child and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

> Preliminary reports revealed that the boy may have had a viral infection, but police found a vial of heroin and fentanyl in a car parked nearby the shelter; the parents admitted it belonged to them.

> A spokesperson for the shelter said they are devastated and are working closely with the NYPD to support their ongoing investigation.

> The Medical Examiner will determine the cause of death.

> > Photo by Lloyd Mitchell



Flatlands

Police Investigate Shooting at Gas Station



By Lloyd Mitchell Police are searching for a suspect in-

volved in a shooting at a Shell gas station, located at 5808 Flatlands Avenue, on Thursday, March 6th.

Officers from the 63rd Precinct found 28-year-old male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the back around 4:55 p.m. Paramedics rushed him to Brookdale Hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

Unit cordoned off the area, including a strictly confidential.

Mercedes-Benz near a gas pump, while canvassing for shell casings.

No arrests have been made, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this shooting 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. Officers from the Emergency Service org/, or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are

East Flatbush

Teen Stabbed with Kitchen Knife at Tilden Playground

By Linda Steinmuller

A 16-year-old male was arrested for stabbing another teen at Tilden Playground on Monday, March 3rd.

Police arrived at the playground, located at 4802 Tilden Avenue, around 3:30 p.m. where they found the injured male, also 16, with a stab wound to the back left side of his shoulder. Police said the teens were involved in a dispute, and the suspect stabbed the victim with a kitchen knife.

The suspect was taken into custody and charged with assault, assault with intent to cause physical injury, criminal possession of a weapon and menacing.

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Georgetown

Seeing Green at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays

By Amanda Salazar

A giant light-up rainbow shines out of a pot of gold on a lush green lawn. A leprechaun dances a jig in the front bay window. Shamrocks adorn the façade of the house, mixing in with bright green lights.

This is St. Patrick's Day at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays, a private home in Georgetown adorned with decoration displays for every major holiday. Located at 1102 East 72nd Street, the display is up from the first week of March through the holiday on Monday, March 17th, and the lights are lit from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. every night, barring inclement weather.

Much of the decorations are custommade by hand by the master decorator and resident of the home, 24-year-old Austin Ferrazzano.

"It's almost like a copy-and-paste of Valentine's Day, just transitioned," he said. "Instead of hearts, it's all shamrocks. I used the same concepts, just translated



into St. Patrick's Day."

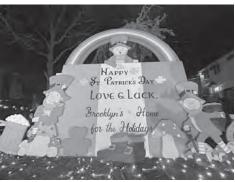
New this year are a giant hand-painted Irish flag on the left lawn wishing all a happy St. Patrick's Day, as well as shamrocks covering the exterior of the house, an Irish pub, animatronic Irish characters in the bay window and a shamrock tree — repurposed from a Valentine's Day tree Ferrazzano acquired this year.

Ferrazzano goes overboard like this for all holidays, saying it makes both him and the community happy to see the finished product – and it's become a seasonal expectation.

"St. Patrick's Day is not the biggest holiday, but I decide to go big with anything I do," he said. "I love to do it; the community likes it and at the end of the day it just makes myself very happy, as well as the people who come by."

The next display will be for Easter and is intended to be up around the first of April through the 24th.

Photos courtesy of Austin Ferrazzano



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Canarsie Takes Albany: Residents Experience Legislative Power and Cultural Celebration at Caucus Weekend

By Bristol Hendrix

Canarsie residents embarked on a memorable journey to the heart of New York State government, attending the 54th Annual New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislators Caucus in Albany. Thanks to the generosity and leadership of Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, a chartered bus full of eager participants from Canarsie joined the dynamic gathering on Saturday, February 15th.

The annual event, a highlight of the state's legislative calendar, provided a unique platform for community members to connect with lawmakers, explore pressing issues and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of New York. This year's caucus proved particularly impactful, offering a range of engaging seminars, a bustling career and business expo, and vibrant

cultural exhibitions and performances. The inclusion of a dedicated Youth Summit further enriched the experience, making it relevant and inspiring for attendees of all ages.

Chandler-Waterman, in collaboration with East Flatbush Village, Inc., sponsored the free bus trip, ensuring that Canarsie residents had the opportunity to be part of this important civic and cultural experience. Departing bright and early at 5:30 a.m. from Holy Family Church, the chartered bus offered a comfortable ride to Albany, complete with a light breakfast and lunch provided for all participants.

"I believe it's essential for our community to have a seat at the table," Chandler-Waterman shared. "This trip was about empowering Canarsie residents, giving them a chance to learn firsthand about the legislative process, engage with their representatives and



celebrate the beautiful tapestry of cultures that make up our state."

The caucus was packed with diverse programming, including thought-provoking forums on critical issues facing communities across New York. Canarsie residents had the opportunity to attend sessions like:

- Economic Empowerment: Building Generational Wealth: This seminar explored strategies for financial literacy, entrepreneurship and creating sustainable economic opportunities within communities.
- Education Equity: Closing the Achievement Gap: This panel discussion delved into the challenges and solutions for ensuring equitable access to quality education for all students, regardless of background.
- Criminal Justice Reform: Building Safer Communities: This forum addressed critical issues within the criminal justice system, focusing on reforms aimed at promoting fairness, reducing recidivism and enhancing community safety.

Attendees had the chance to hear from influential speakers, participate in discussions and gain valuable insights into the policy-making process. The event also featured a lively career and business expo, where participants could explore new opportunities, network with potential employers and gather resources for professional development.

A highlight of the day was a special luncheon hosted by Attorney General Letitia James. The luncheon provided a unique opportunity for Canarsie residents to connect with the AG in a more intimate setting, discuss concerns and learn about the important work being done by her office to protect the rights and interests of New Yorkers.

Beyond the legislative focus, the event was also a celebration of cultural heritage. Attendees were treated to captivating artistic performances, exhibitions showcasing the talents of diverse communities and opportunities to connect with individuals from across the state. The vibrant atmosphere fostered a sense of unity and shared pride in New York's rich cultural mosaic.

The return trip to Canarsie departed Albany at 6 p.m., allowing participants to fully immerse themselves in the day's activities. With limited seats available on the chartered bus, the response from the community was overwhelming, demonstrating a strong desire for civic engagement and cultural exploration.

This initiative spearheaded by Chandler-Waterman exemplifies her dedication to serving the Canarsie community and providing access to valuable experiences. The trip to Albany not only empowered residents with knowledge and connections, but also fostered a sense of community and shared purpose. It was a resounding success, leaving participants inspired and informed, with a deeper appreciation for the legislative process and the diverse cultural land-scape of New York State.



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Sniped By Pro-Abortion Media While Opening Two Offices in America's Largest Abortion Hubs

On Wednesday, March 5th, New York-based prolife medical network, CompassCare, celebrated the Grand Opening Press Conference and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony of a new state-of-the-art medical office at 1957 Flatbush Avenue (between Kings Highway and Lott Place in Flatlands), following the opening of another medical office in the Bronx the previous day. The new offices are the only medical alternative to abortion for women in each borough, the two largest abortion hubs in America. Through these offices, CompassCare is providing women millions of dollars' worth of free, lifesaving medical care.

Members of the community, political leaders, local church pastors, members of other pro-life partnering organizations, staff and volunteers attended both openings. Pro-abortion politicians which have attacked pro-life groups in New York like Com-

passCare, such as Governor Kathy Hochul; Attorney General Letitia James; Reps. Hakeem Jeffries, Yvette Clarke and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez; Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, were all invited but refused to attend or express gratitude for the hard work and generosity of the Church through CompassCare, providing their constituents with valued health care.

Meanwhile, after an interview with Real America's Voice, the left-leaning outlet, Jezebel, attacked Rev. Jim Harden for encouraging U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi to enforce the Comstock Act - a move that would halt the illegal shipment of chemical abortion nationally.

Pastor Ron George said at the Flatlands grand opening, "We have seen women in Brooklyn who have been broken by abandonment, loneliness and

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the cares of this life — the cares of this world — and without hope. And we know hope comes from Christ. I see the service — the love — the desire [Compass-Care] has to save babies and to help women, to truly help women. We are believing that broken women are going to come and find healing and restoration when

CompassCare CEO Rev. Harden credited humanitarian hero, Chris Slattery, with over 46,000 lives saved from abortion, presenting memorial plaques to be hung in each new office. At the time of Slattery's passing in 2023, Harden said, "It is never popular to take a public stand against systemic injustice ... I loved this about Chris. He was willing to offend in order to mend the gangrenous human wound of abortion. The truth is, either we believe all people are made in God's image and are therefore equally valuable without qualification or equality is just a farcical tune to which fools dance.'

cal alternative to abortion."

According to Harden, "Hochul and James would rather harass pro-life pregnancy centers providing women with millions of dollars' worth of free medical care and support rather than protect women from the serial malpractice of the abortion industry."

Hochul is leveraging the recently passed Shield Law to obstruct inter-state investigations into illegal acts of NY abortionists, one of which is accused of harming women in Los Angeles and Texas via illegal chemical abortions. This has effectively turned NY into an abortion sanctuary state — flouting the Federal Comstock Act and many States' laws. As LA Attorney General Murrill said of a young LA girl who was allegedly forced to take a chemical abortion provided by a NY abortionist, "This child was NOT this doctor's patient. She never met her, saw her or knew anything about her. The child is a victim. [Hochul] is protecting a drug dealer who victimized

According to NY Vital Statistics, abortions are up nearly 25% in NYC in 2022 (the most recently reported year), and Brooklyn and The Bronx have the highest number of abortions of any counties in the nation.



they come through these doors.'

Harden also noted the conspicuous absence of James and Hochul, saying, "Gov. Hochul and Attorney General James should adopt a 'see before you sue' policy. We invited them both to the reopening of CompassCare's firebombed medical office in Buffalo, Hochul's hometown. Neither responded. We invited them and others to both grand openings this week, and only Hochul's office responded, declining the invitation hours after the grand opening in The Bronx concluded. Yet both Hochul and James feel the need to attack CompassCare for providing free, lifesaving care to their own constituents. No matter. Women in the Bronx and Brooklyn now have an ethi-

Courtesy of CompassCare

Marine Park

Brooklyn Historic House to Open Museum to the Public

The Hendrick I. Lott House – a living time capsule of Gotham history – will begin renovations, enabling the home to open to the public as an operational museum

Brooklyn's historic Hendrick I. Lott House announced that interior renovations will commence to develop a living neighborhood museum within the storied home. In early 2026, structural renovations will begin to prepare the Lott House for a public opening as a fully operational museum. The museum will focus on the history of the surrounding neighborhood, the Lott family and those who lived and worked on the farm. As the first public museum in Brooklyn's serene marshland, this opening hallmarks Marine Park's entrance into cultural programming.

A centuries-long monument of the Marine Park community, the Lott House is one of the oldest Dutch colonial houses in Brooklyn. However, visitors have only been able to experience the home's events and festivities on the exterior property. The infrastructure renovations aim to preserve the home's historic details while modernizing and stabilizing its foundational elements. These changes will include updates to electricity, plumbing, air conditioning and accessibility, allowing guests to enter and engage with the home and its history.

"It's finally time; it has been over 10 years since the exterior work was completed, and we cannot wait for this next phase to start," said Alyssa Loorya, PhD, president of Friends of the Lott House and principal of Chrysalis Archeology. "We are eager to open the doors and invite the community in to share in the rich history – not only the history of the Lott family, but of the community and south Brooklyn; it's a New York City story."

Built in 1720, a direct Lott family descendant occupied the house until 1989. New York City purchased the house from her estate in 2002, and exterior and landscape renovations were completed in 2013. Following the upcoming interior work, the museum will open with an inaugural program calendar of interpretive programs and exhibitions.

Established before America's foundation, Lott House is one of the few locations to encapsulate the pre-colonial through modern 20th century history of New York City and Brooklyn.

About Friends of the Lott House

The Friends of the Lott House was founded by a group of architects and community members who were passionate about preserving the historic Lott House, which was unoccupied and in a state of disrepair in the early 1990s. Today, the Friends of the Lott



House continues to be composed of community volunteers who are working in collaboration with NYC Parks and Historic House Trust toward restoring the interior of the house and opening it to the public. Friends of the Lott House's mission is to preserve and interpret the history and material culture of the 1720s and 1800 Hendrick I. Lott farmhouse, located at 1940 East 36th Street, between Fillmore Avenue and Avenue S, in Marine Park. It aims to educate and engage the public about this historic structure, the Lott family, the farm, the community of enslaved, immigrant and native-born workers and the history of southern Brooklyn through interpretive programming.

Courtesy of Lott House Press Team Photos courtesy of Friends of the Lott House



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Captain Returns to 63rd Precinct Community Council with Good News, but at a Cost

By Loretta Chin

Crime is down in the 63rd Precinct, but so are the number of available Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs), Captain Ronald Perez reported at the 63rd Precinct Community Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, February 26th, at the John Malone Center, 2335 Bergen Avenue.

"NCOs are on patrol every single day — they're not even functioning as NCOs anymore," Perez said. He moved them to address tire and rental thefts in the lower half of Sector B. Although the precinct has 16 new cops, they were all assigned to the 67th Precinct to address the violence there.

"We've noticed the whole NCO program started to drift out," Council President Greg Borruso said. He acknowledged that there are 32 fewer officers this year. Unfortunately, cuts had to be made, but

he asked elected officials to help fight to restore Cop of the Month award to Police Officer Maximo

Among those officers remaining, Perez announced the Cop of the Month award to a deserving cop. He said that there was an individual selling stolen cars on Facebook Marketplace, victimizing members of the community. He did it four times within the precinct and 10 times within Brooklyn

Perez contacted field intelligence officers from the 63rd Precinct and asked them to reach out to the guy and try to get him to sell them a stolen car so they could make an arrest, which they were able

"And now, the Feds are looking at him because apparently he's done this across state lines, so it's a huge investigation," Perez said, as he awarded the

The captain, who had been out due to a shoulder injury he incurred in December 2023 in the line of duty, told everyone why he was out so long. He tried to put off surgery but finally took care of it in December 2024. He was out for six weeks in a cast and, during that time, caught the flu and was out for an additional two weeks.

He also spoke about training he's receiving to get his master's degree from Columbia University. He and 15 other police executives go away for one week a month for nine months to the university's upstate campus.

"It's good to be back," he said. "It's really, really good to be back." Everyone was glad to have him back and gave him a round of applause.

Perez reported that even with 32 fewer cops during his year in the command, the precinct ended the year with a 4.5% decrease in major crimes. All commands in Brooklyn South cumulatively also ended around 5% down in major crimes. Overall crime for 2025 was down 19.6% in major crimes, and retail theft was down 39%.

Problems with illegal cars, covered cars, double parked cars and vans were raised once again by residents. Perez said that they work with limited resources, and they are now only allowed to use one tow company -- at one time they were able to use more companies. He was able to call in a favor and got NYPD tow trucks for seven days in a row. From April 29th, when he began at the precinct, until January 1st of this year, they towed 658 cars that were unregistered or violation tows.

Another persistent car problem that was mentioned at the last meeting about the illegal parking by parishioners at the Salvation Church of God on Avenue N was raised again at the February meeting.

Perez said there were 22 summonses issued the previous Sunday. He paid officers overtime to address the problem, but people who were going to the nearby bakery were also summonsed. He said he can't treat one group differently from another if they are summonsing an area.

In other news, Community Liaison Donald Cranston gave updates on behalf of Assemblywoman Jaime Williams. He said that the assemblywoman was in Albany working on ending congestion pricing with others and, together, wrote a letter to President Donald Trump. He announced that they got a note from the transportation secretary telling them that New York State was told to cease and desist congestion pricing on March 21st.

In other work, they are also trying to close loopholes that allowed a lithium-ion battery storage company to begin building a lithium-ion storage plant by a residential area of Marine Park. He reminded everyone to attend the Community Board 18 (CB18) Special Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. on March 6th, at their headquarters located at 1097 Bergen Avenue.

"Tell your neighbors to come here," CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow said as she observed the low attendance at the meeting. "When something happens that affects them, they're the first ones down here to complain, but they should be here when things are relatively quiet or just to hear what's going on all around them."

Councilwoman Farah Louis; Irina Khlevner, representing Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse's office; and Miriam Khan, office manager for Rep. Yvette D. Clarke, gave community updates.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the 63rd Precinct Community Council will take place on Wednesday, March 26th, at the John Malone Center at 7 p.m.



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NCOs Say Vicious Crime Trending Downward in Sector C

By Brenda Cox

On Thursday, March 6th, 69th Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) Daniel Irving, Kyle McGoey, Courtney Williams and Melanie Lopez held their first quarterly meeting for Sector C, at Church @ the Rock, 1288 East 92nd Street.

Irving chaired the meeting and began by giving the prior 28-day crime report for Sector C, which encompasses Ralph Avenue to East 94 Street and Glenwood Road to Avenue L, including Paerdegat Ave North, from Paerdegat 1st Street to Paerdegat 7th Street.

First, Irving gave the good news. "We've taken zero murders. Zero rapes. Zero burglary. Zero robbery," he said. Unfortunately, he reported one grand larceny on East 82nd Street and Avenue J and two assaults. One occurred on East 82nd Street and Avenue J, where a female victim was struck with a garden tool. The perpetrator was arrested at the scene.

The second incident occurred on East 94th Street and Avenue K. This time the victim was struck with a hammer. That perpetrator was also taken into custody at the scene. Irving reported both cases are now closed.

He reported a decrease in grand larceny auto but an increase in the theft of tires and rims and warned about a gray sedan that cruises throughout the community late at night. It would stop near vehicles such as Hondas and Toyota SUVs and, within five minutes, a team of perpetrators would steal their pricey tires and rims.

He suggested using AirTags which have proven to be useful in tracking not only the stolen vehicle in which they are placed, but also potentially other emerging crimes. In response to a question about the use of wheel locks, such as those distributed at the "NYPD and Youth Against Violence" initiative held at I.S. 68 Bildersee, Irving agreed the extra deterrent couldn't hurt.

The NCO asked everyone to be extra attentive to individuals seen on the street at night, using their tablets in a seemingly innocent manner. He encouraged everyone to call authorities and report it. Irving explained that what's most likely happening is that those devices are being programmed to steal key fob information then used to steal the vehicles without breaking into them.

Irving also reported that over 30 illegally-parked vehicles had been towed. He advised property owners facing similar problems in areas where NYPD does not have jurisdiction (such as a private or community driveway) to contact 311.

They were also advised to call 311 or the Department of Sanitation for some quality of life issues, such as illegal dumping, which one meeting attendee reported observing on Avenue K, outside the Canarsie Cemetery. Irving warned that such crimes carry a fine of \$10,000.

Before the meeting adjourned, a representative from New York Peace Institute, a mediation agency that "gets in the middle" of conflict before things escalate, distributed flyers and invited everyone to avail themselves of the services they provide.



Officers Melanie Lopez, Courtney Williams, Daniel Irving and Kyle McGoey show map of Sector C.



Local Reporter and Resident Shares Her Disney College Program Experience

By Amanda Salazar

Editor's Note: Amanda Salazar is the editorial assistant and a reporter for the Canarsie Courier. She is writing this article as a first-person account. It is not sponsored or an advertisement.

Happy guests shriek as they plummet down a 52foot drop. Children excitedly interact with princesses and talking animals during a midday parade. Fireworks bloom in the sky every night, to an uplifting soundtrack that I passionately belt along to, even though I can't sing.

This was my experience at work every day for nine months in the most magical place on Earth as an attractions staff member.

From January 8 through September 19, 2024, I was

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gram open to all college students and recent graduates journalism job to start my career with, and I had heard 18 years and older.

It was one of the top best experiences of my life, and I'm here to tell you about it from my perspective as a 24-year-old lifelong resident of southeast Brooklyn (I was born and raised in Mill Basin, but now live in Homecrest).

Before working at Disney, I completed both undergrad and graduate school. I graduated summa cum laude from CUNY Baruch College in 2022 with a double major in journalism and political science and a double minor in communications studies and environmental sustainability. I graduated with a Master of Arts in journalism with a concentration in health and science reporting from the CUNY Craig Newmark about the Disney College Program from a friend.

The Disney College Program, or DCP as we call it, is an opportunity for young adults to gain real-world work experience in a fun environment as Disney "cast members," the term used for staff members.

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I worked attractions — which includes rides and shows — in the Magic Kingdom. I was lucky enough to get the exact role and location I wanted, even though my interviewer didn't ask me during our conversation.

My first work location was the Under the Sea ~ Journey of the Little Mermaid ride and Ariel's Grotto character meet-and-greet in the Fantasyland section of the park. With Ariel being my favorite princess for life, it was an absolutely ideal situation.

On the side, I also got to work some crowd control shifts during the daily nighttime fireworks show, "Happily Ever After" — a show that can make even grown men cry if they're big enough Disney fans.

I adored my time working at this attraction. I made new friends, some of whom I still keep in touch with, and learned so much about park operations.

It was a great time I never wanted to end — until it did suddenly.

Just a week before my birthday in May, I got a call from Magic Kingdom leadership telling me I was being transferred to the Frontierland section of the park in two weeks.

A new ride was opening up there in late June and staff was being moved all around to account for that.



My program was based in the Magic Kingdom, my favorite park.



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I was devastated. I didn't know where I'd end up, with who, and I only had about nine more shifts to say goodbye to my original work location and coworkers.

So upset, I even considered "self-terming" — the cast member term for quitting. But, I stayed, knowing it would be a shame to let an unexpected change send me packing from what was otherwise an amazing experience.

Two weeks later, in a new silly costume with knots in my stomach, I showed up for my first day of training at my new location.

Tiana's Bayou Adventure was the new ride opening there. Originally Splash Mountain, the 12-minute log flume ride was being rethemed from the racist *Song of the South* movie to *Princess and the Frog*, about Disney's first black princess.

The ride was much more complex operationally than my first ride was, and I was terrified I would never learn all that was needed to run the attraction. After a week of intensive studying and nervous training shifts, I passed my assessment. A few weeks later, the ride opened to the public.

I got to work opening night, a rainy, hectic day that made all the stress and anxiety and, yes, bitterness about the transfer feel worth it. People were loving the ride.

It took another month for me to fully acclimate and start really enjoying my time there, but I came to love Tiana's Bayou Adventure like I loved Journey of the Little Mermaid. Just like the leaders who broke the news of my transfer said, it was an opportunity: to have two different work experiences, to meet new people, to be on an opening team — a rarity for college programmers.

I also got to work crowd control shifts for the afternoon parade, Festival of Fantasy, on the side, which I ended up liking more than my fireworks shifts.

By the time I had to leave in late September, I was so attached to my job, friends and dorm room that leaving didn't feel like coming home, but like leaving home.

I could go on for pages writing about my college program, but for now I'll leave it here. Thank you for reading!

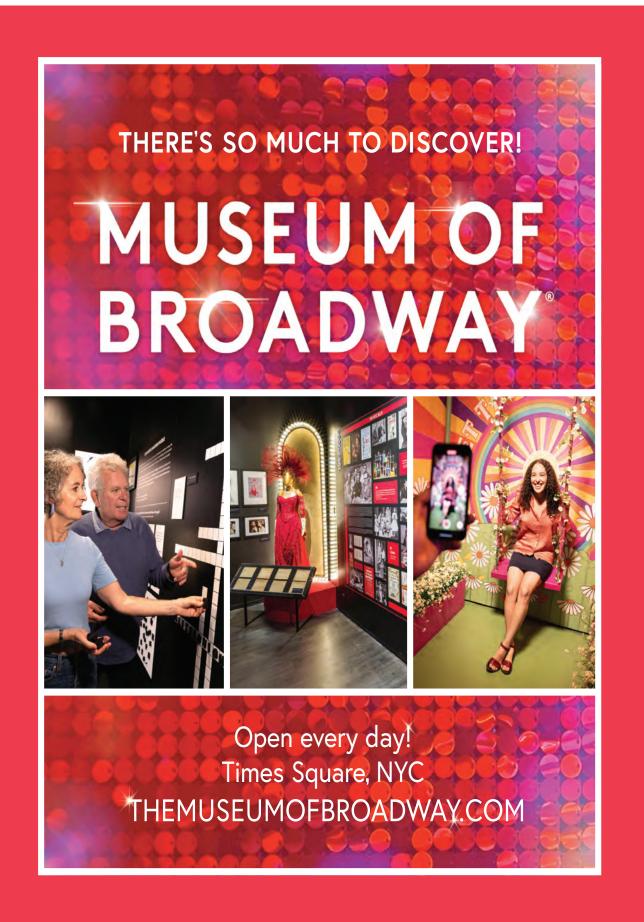
If you're interested in applying for the Disney College Program, check out this webpage: https://jobs.disneycareers.com/disney-programs.



At the end of my program, I was able to celebrate with Mickey Mouse himself.



The Disney College Program was a great experience.



Fire and Fury Over NineDot Energy's Lithium Battery Storage Plans at Explosive Town Hall

By Robert Pearl

A firestorm of outrage ignited at a Special Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 6th, as Brooklyn residents, civic leaders and elected officials gathered in opposition to NineDot Energy's controversial plans to install lithium-ion battery storage facilities in residential neighborhoods.

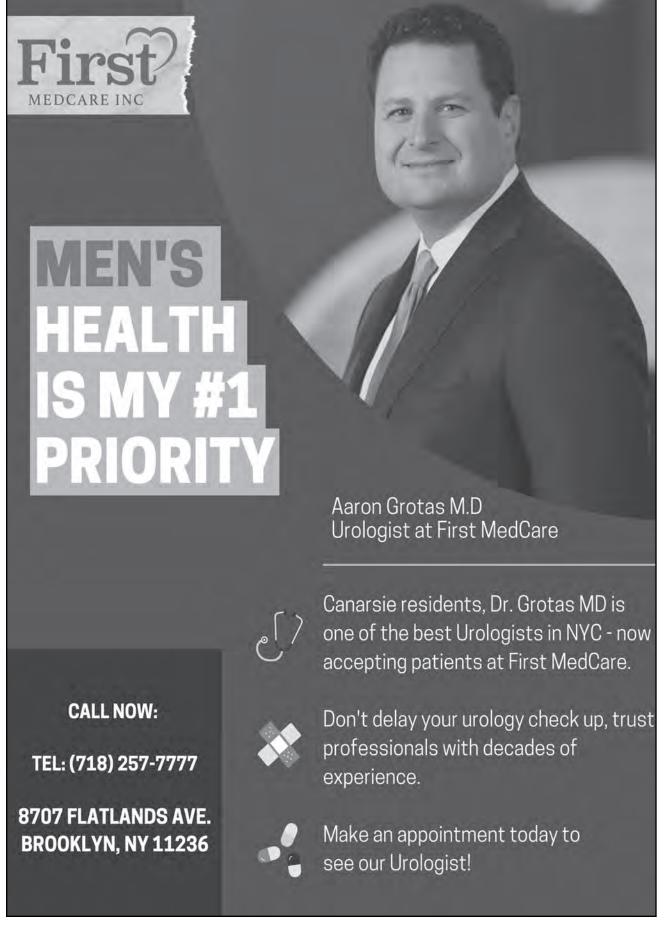
The high-tension event, held at the Community Board 18 (CB18) headquarters, at 1097 Bergen Avenue, was the latest flashpoint in an intensifying battle against the company's attempts to establish Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) on Flatbush Avenue at Quentin Road in Marine Park. Attendees from Queens also joined in solidarity.

The meeting followed a tumultuous encounter at the Oasis Diner on February 11th, where NineDot's hastily arranged community outreach effort fell apart under

fierce public scrutiny (see "Community Uproar Over NineDot Energy's Lithium Battery Storage Plants," Canarsie Courier, February 20, 2025). What transpired at the March 6th Town Hall was, by all accounts, even more incendiary.

Community Backlash: "We Don't Want This in Our Neighborhoods"

With tensions already at a boiling point, the revelation that NineDot had initially backed out of the meeting — only reversing course after public outcry — fueled suspicions that the company was attempting to sidestep accountability. CB18 Chairperson Naomi Hopkins minced no words in a scathing letter to NineDot, calling their refusal to engage "insulting" and a clear indication that they had "fundamentally misunderstood or disregarded" the community's role in such developments.





Curtis Sliwa meeting with concerned residents as they enter CB18.

In front of a packed room, Hopkins reaffirmed the board's position: "While you have made it clear that NineDot has the legal right to develop this project, rights come with responsibilities. When a development causes such widespread distress and concern, the very least you can do is listen."

CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, key organizer of the Town Hall, was also acknowledged in a letter from Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, who thanked both her and Hopkins for their unwavering dedication to the community.

The special meeting was a bipartisan battlefield, with political party lines erased in favor of a unified front against NineDot's plans. Among the notable attendees was Republican mayoral candidate and long-time Canarsie resident Curtis Sliwa, who spent nearly two hours listening before delivering a fiery rebuke of the project.

"Are you out of your freaking minds?" Sliwa bellowed, drawing thunderous applause, asking why would they put these sites in residential neighborhoods? "We remember the toxic waste dumps that poisoned generations in this borough. As a Canarsie resident, I stand in solidarity with the community against this."

NineDot Reps Scrutinized Over Safety Claims

Representatives from NineDot Energy — VP of Strategic Development Sam Brill and VP of Construction Anthony Santamaria — were present to give a presentation, attempting to reassure the crowd that the lithium battery storage facilities were safe. In a comparison that was met with immediate backlash, they likened the BESS units to the lithium batteries found in everyday cell phones. They also claimed the facilities would have built-in redundancy, 24/7 monitoring and surveillance — though they would remain unmanned.

Residents pushed back forcefully, arguing that these

assurances were insufficient. There was no outlined safety or evacuation plan in the event of an emergency, nor were there any guarantees of compensation for homeowners who could suffer damages due to potential fires or plummeting real estate values.

Fire Safety Concerns: No Clear Answers

Adding to the tension, fire chiefs in attendance were unable to provide clarity on how the FDNY would handle a potential lithium battery fire. Residents pointed out that local fire officials seemed to contradict some of NineDot's safety claims, including the fire officials in the room. The stark reality emerged: FDNY's official policy on lithium battery fires is to "let it burn," a statement that left the audience visibly alarmed.

"A Loophole to Avoid Oversight"

Another focal point of community outrage was the apparent effort to circumvent stricter regulatory oversight. Williams highlighted that NineDot's proposal strategically keeps each site's energy capacity just below the 25-megawatt threshold that would trigger heavier scrutiny.

"It's a loophole. Plain and simple," Williams charged. "If you exceed 25 megawatts, you face real regulation. By staying under, they're gaming the system and putting our safety at risk."

Williams further announced a key victory: NineDot had withdrawn its proposal for a battery storage site at 965 Remsen Avenue in Canarsie. While she noted this as proof that community voices could influence the process, she warned that continued vigilance was necessary to halt the Flatbush Avenue project.

A Project Too Close for Comfort

Local resident Claudia Greco and her husband, who have been featured in multiple news reports, voiced deep concerns that one of the proposed sites along Flatbush Avenue directly abuts their home. And a young mother, cradling her infant, shared that her house is located right next to the site, underscoring the risks posed to families living in immediate proximity.

Elected Officials and Community Leaders Stand United

Representatives from State Senator Roxanne Persaud's office, as well as newly elected Assemblyman Kalman Yeger's office, were present to observe and take part in the discussion. Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse made her stance clear: "We have to stand together. We don't want this in our community, and



NineDot representatives, Sam Brill and Anthony Santamaria, have a laugh while irate residents question the safety and wisdom of this BESS site in Marine Park.

we're going to continue to fight."

Frank Seddio, a longtime Brooklyn political leader, weighed in, stating: "This is about common sense. You don't put hazardous energy storage in the middle of a neighborhood where people live, where children play, where families go to school and worship."

Also in attendance were Ronny Canterino from New Yorkers First and Brenda Lee from New York Voices for Change, both of whom have been vocal in rallying opposition against NineDot's plans and advocating for increased community awareness.

Staten Island Joins the Fight

The resistance against NineDot has extended beyond Brooklyn's borders, with Staten Island activist and artist Scott LoBaido attending in solidarity. LoBaido, who has been spearheading opposition to a similar NineDot project in Staten Island, vowed to unite both boroughs in the fight.

"Brooklyn and Staten Island are coming together on this," he declared. "We will not allow this to happen in our neighborhoods."

A Movement Gains Momentum

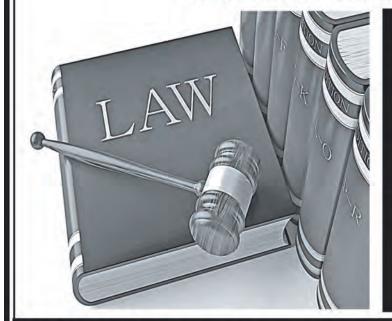
The Town Hall concluded with a renewed commitment from community members and elected officials to block the project. Plans are already underway for continued protests, legislative efforts and potential legal challenges.

"This is far from over," Hopkins assured the crowd. "We will not stop fighting until our neighborhoods are safe."

With tensions escalating and public resistance growing stronger, NineDot Energy now faces a community unwilling to back down. The battle over Brooklyn's BESS facilities is just beginning, but one message came through loud and clear: Southern Brooklyn refuses to be ignored.

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File No. 2015-2358/A - SURROGATE'S COURT- KINGS COUNTY - CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT,

TO: NYS Department of Taxation & Finance; Olga Nikishin, Esq.; Cartiga Consumer Funding, successor in interest of Law Cash Tracy Jean Paul by and through her guardian Erlande Jean Paul Roodson Brutus, whereabout unknown; and Marvens Brutus, whereabout unknown.

To Roodson Brutus and Marven Brutus if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Roodson Brutus and Marven Brutus, the decedents herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained.

Being persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributes or otherwise of the estate of the MILFORT BRUTUS, deceased, who at the time of death resided at 1323 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208.

A Petition having been duly filed by ERLANDE JEAN PAUL, who is domiciled at 1280 East 84th Street, 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, New York 11236.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.,

WHY the account of the proceedings of ErlandeJean Paul as administratrix of the estate of MILFORT BRUTUS, deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and

WHY the administratrix should not be empowered to compromise and settle a certain claim for the personal injury matter of the decedent, against defendants Joan Wilkinson, Ayanna Kashad, Carisma Marseille-Macker, ELRAC, Inc., ELRAC, Inc. a/k/a Enterprise Rent-A Car and Enterprise Rent-A-Car a/k/a Enterprise Holdings, Inc. and/or EAN Holdings, LLC, for the sum of \$125,000.00 and to discontinue any claim for conscious pain and suffering, and

WHY the entire recovery of \$125,000.000 should not be allocated to the cause of action for decedent's past pain and suffering, and

WHY the provisions in the limited Letters of Administration issued to the petitioner on December 15, 2015, restraining the compromise or collecting upon the aforesaid claim and cause of action, should not be modified to permit said compromise, and

WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with, and

WHY Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company and TriState-Consumer Insurance should not pay to Avanzino & Moreno, P.C. and Olga Nikishin, Esq. out of the proceeds of the settlement for the claim of personal injury, the sum of \$3,925.13 as and for legal disbursements, and

WHY the balance of the settlement, to wit the sum of \$121,074.87, should not be distributed as follows: a) Avanzino & Moreno, P.C. - Legal Fee \$20,179.15; b) Olga Nikishin, Esq. - Legal Fee \$20,179.14; c) Cartiga Consumer Funding - Funding; creditor \$22,575.00; d) NYS Dep't of Taxation & Finance \$0; e) Erlande Jean Paul-Petitioner \$54,070.79; f) Tracy Jean Paul - infant daughter \$1,356.93; g) Roodson Brutus - son \$1,356.93; h) Marvens Brutus - son \$1,356.93;

WHY the lien to Cartiga Consumer Funding of \$22,575.00 should not be satisfied, and

WHY the balance of the settlement, to wit the sum of \$58,141.58, should not be distributed pursuant to NYS EPTL § 4-1.1 as follows: \$54,070.79 (\$50,000 + \$4,070.79) to Erlande Jean Paul, widow of the decedent and administratrix of the estate, and \$1,356.93 equally to each of decedent's three surviving issues: Tracy Jean Paul, Roodson Brutus and Marvens Brutus, and

WHY upon payments as hereinbefore mentioned, the said administratrix should not be permitted to execute and deliver general releases and all other necessary papers to said defendants, or the defendants' insurance companies Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company and TriState-Consumer Insurance, releasing them from all claims arising out of the aforesaid action for past pain and suffering, together with any other papers necessary to effectuate the said compromise.

DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED February 26, 2025 HON. BERNARD J. GRAHAM, Kings County Surrogate, LISA FRATHIS, Chief Clerk

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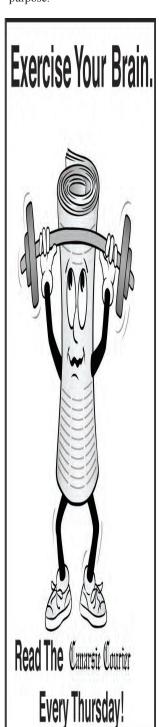


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P. S. 276 Rediscovers Black Excellence During Black History Month Celebration

By Brenda Cox

On Wednesday, March 5th, P. S. 276 The Louis Marshall School, located at 1070 East 83rd Street, hosted an encore performance of their Black History Month celebration, which was first showcased on Friday, February 28th, under the theme, "Rediscovering Excellence."

The auditorium was plastered with images of African-American trailblazers in areas of politics, music, sports, inventions; civil rights; activism and more. President Barack Obama, Shirley Chisholm, Whitney Houston, Beyonce, Kobe Bryant, Muhammad Ali, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman were among the dozens who were recognized

for their leadership.

A tribute to all the pioneers was on full display in the school's gymnasium, which had been converted to a museum. It showcased replicas of black inventions such as the helicopter by Paul E. Williams, wooden clocks by Benjamin Banneker, the ice cream scoop by Alfred L. Cralle and the fire extinguisher and sprinkler system by Thomas Marshall.

The students paid homage to the heroes, with poetry, such as, "And Still I Rise" and, "Phenomenal Woman" by Maya Angelou. They performed various dances (and the teams really stepped up) including a dramatization about World War II's 6888 (the Six Triple Eight), an

all-female, African-American Army Battalion, led by Colonel Charity Adams, the Army's first black female officer.

The celebration also included prizes for students who provided correct answers to trivia questions about black history.



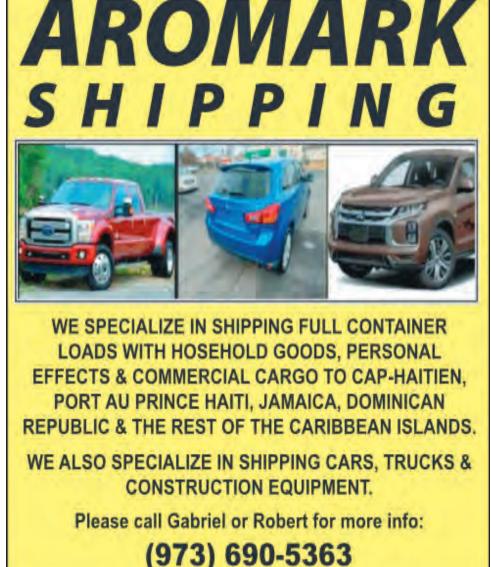
Students replicate 6888 WW II's (Six Triple Eight) all-female Army battalion.



Dates and details: jbrpc.org/events







Canarsie Lions Honor MLK at Black History Month Celebration

By Brenda Cox

The Brooklyn Canarsie Lions hosted their second Black History Month Celebration on Friday, February 28th, at P.S. 276 The Louis Marshall School, 1070 East 83rd Street. The theme for the occasion was, "From the Dream to Reality: Still Celebrating and Still Striving."

The group highlighted the sacrifices and contributions of pioneering African Americans, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and paid tribute to them with music, dance and dramatizations which celebrated African culture and history. Lion Hashim Muhammad-Graham paid homage to Dr. King by reciting a poem in his honor.

Civil Court Judges Lion Turquoise Haskin and Lion Sherveal Mimes participated in a panel discussion which was moderated by Lion Dr. Jenny Uguru and Lion Dr. Lisa Millsaps. One of the topics discussed was, "How do you continue striving toward this dream, turning it into reality, while remaining resilient in your daily professional life?"

Haskin referred to Dr. King's iconic, "I Have a Dream," speech where he mentioned "all men are created equal and that the Creator had endowed us with inalienable rights such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

She explained that that has not been the reality for most blacks, including the civil rights leader himself. She also stated, "Today, as a judge, I'm interested in continuing Dr. King's dream, by treating everyone who comes before me with dignity and respect, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to be heard and that the law is fairly applied, regardless of one's race, one's gender, one's national origin."

Mimes, who was born and raised in Memphis, Dr. King's hometown, agreed. She said, "I treat people the way I would like to be treated, and I maintain that disposition in my life, and it transforms to every aspect of my life." She suggested to everyone, "So long as you are breathing, you have another opportunity to wake up the next day and do better."

"It is important that people of all races and creeds learn about our contributions, our culture and our experiences," the club's president, Lion Dr. Jean Joseph, told the gathering. "However, as we celebrate, we cannot simply look at our past but also to our future."



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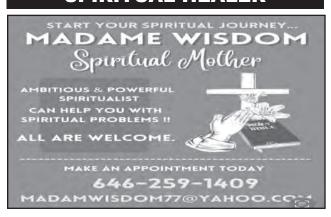
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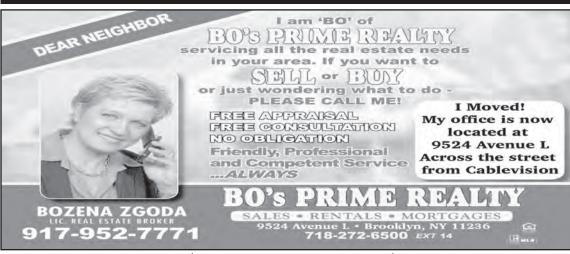
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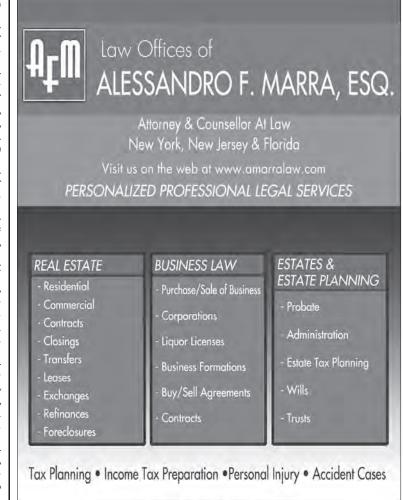
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